



City of Takoma Park

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### City Clerk's Office:

- A reminder that City Council is recruiting for members to boards and commissions. Current vacancies include:
  - Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs
  - Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - Ethics Commission
  - Grants Review Committee
  - Recreation Committee
  - Sustainable Maryland Committee
  - Tree Commission

The deadline for applications is less than two weeks away on June 3rd.

- Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/>
- Additionally, recruitment for next year's Youth Council will begin shortly. The application deadline for the Youth Council will be June 28th.
  - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/takoma-park-youth-council-tpk-i-voted-stickerdesign-contest-now-open/>

More information and application forms for both are available on the City website.

### HCD Department:

- On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the Community Center Auditorium, please join us for The Capitol Hillbillies. They will raise the roof with their rousing mix of barrelhouse blues and jug band music from the 1920s and 30s. Don't miss it! This is a free event.

### Library:

- As Mayor Searcy just referenced, Library "Topping Off" Ceremony took place yesterday afternoon and included many who made this project possible. Projects like these take the dreamer, the supporters, the financiers, the architect, and the construction team to bring it to fruition. It was wonderful to celebrate with everyone as we look forward to our new, welcoming, modern space. Thank you to everyone who has made this dream a reality!

### Police:

- Last Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> was the 2023 Police Awards Banquet where the following awards were given out:
  - Officer of the Year 2023: Corporal Thomas Sims
  - Investigator of the Year 2023: Sergeant Maxim Glushkov
  - Supervisor of the Year 2023: Sergeant Mark Elfadl
  - Civilian of the Year 2023: Mr. Ron Hardy



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### Public Works:

- The Public Works department is please to announce the birth of Lillian Chamberlain, born last Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to Deputy Public Works Director Ian Chamberlain and his partner Caitlin.

### City Manager's Office:

- If you didn't see it, The Washington Post included a nice article about living in Takoma Park and interviewed local residents as well as Brendan Smith, our Arts and Humanities Coordinator. A link will be included in the posted Comments.
  - Link: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2024/05/22/where-we-live-takoma-park-maryland/>
- We are looking forward to the Senior Leadership Team's all-day working "Retreat" this Friday, as it will be a great opportunity to strengthen us as a team and find ways to better serve the Mayor and Council, and our residents.
- Staff Shout-out -

While this space is meant to ensure that the Council and the Community get to know the great work of our staff whose names you may not recognize, today we give the Shout-Out to a name you do know. Donna Wright, our Communications Director, who went above and beyond coordinating the Library "Topping Off" Ceremony yesterday. Staff from multiple departments asked us to celebrate her today.

Jumping into this assignment with her patented "can-do" attitude, Donna's leadership made it possible for our Library and Public Works staff to remain focused directly on the project while also ensuring that the Community had this opportunity to celebrate and reflect on this long-awaited milestone.

By empowering those around her, Donna was able to include the creativity of many people in the overall event, all the while ensuring that it united seamlessly. Her adaptability made it possible for thoughtful, last-minute suggestions and additions to be included as though they had been planned all along. Then, almost before the last reception goodie was enjoyed, she uplifted her team, praising each for the skills they brought to the celebration. We are so fortunate to have Donna Wright as a member of our team. Thank you for all you do, Donna!

That concludes my report this evening, I am happy to answer any questions. Thank You.