



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

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### City Clerk's Office:

- The deadline to apply for appointment to City Boards and Committees has been extended to Monday, June 10th. Please check the website for complete information about vacancies and how to apply.
  - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/>
- The Youth Council's "I Voted" sticker design contest has also been extended. The deadline for submissions is now Wednesday, June 5th. Residents 18 and younger are welcome to submit designs for an "I Voted" sticker to be used for the City's 2024 Election for mayor and city council. Instructions for the design and the application form are available on the City website.
  - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/takoma-park-youth-council-tkpk-i-voted-stickerdesign-contest-now-open/>

### Communications Department:

- The Hometown Media Awards, organized annually by the Alliance for Community Media (ACM), celebrate and promote community media, community radio, and local cable programs distributed on Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access cable television channels.

We are thrilled to announce that CityTV has been awarded first place in the 2024 Hometown Media Awards Competition. CityTV received the prestigious "Overall Excellence in Governmental Access" award from ACM in the \$300,000 - \$650,000 budget division. This award recognizes the outstanding operational activities and programming efforts of access organizations. This year, CityTV's submission featured over 20 projects and programs.

The Hometown Media Awards honor and promote creative programs that address community needs, foster diverse community involvement, and reflect the lives of residents from various backgrounds. These awards also aim to offer viewers a unique television experience.

Alvaro Calabia, CityTV Production Manager said, "We produce programs that represent the events and activities of the City, showcasing the character of Takoma Park. We are not just Takoma Park Television; we are Takoma Park on Television."

In addition to the Overall Excellence award, CityTV was recognized for its outstanding Children's Programming with our submission of the Takoma Park Children's Business Fair. We are so honored to be recognized in this category as we love to showcase our children as a vital resource of our community.

### HCD Department:

- We are proud to announce that Kaysi-Ann Webley and Ma'isah Bateman have been named to the America Walks 2024 National Walking College fellowship class. The Walking College is an online educational program geared toward early-to-middle-stage advocates eager to organize in communities to expand access to walkable, vibrant, safe, and accessible places. In its ninth year, the Walking College welcomes 25 impressive candidates. A link to this website will be included in tomorrow's Comments with posted biographies of all of the participants.
  - Link: <https://americawalks.org/2024-walking-college-fellows-amp-mentors/>



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- This 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.

### **City Manager's Office:**

- Staff Shout-out –
  - The Housing and Community Development Department would like to shout out Jean Kerr and Mariama Koroma for their tireless work promoting the May 21<sup>st</sup> Tenant Forum. They spent the week leading up to the event ensuring that fliers reached our 4-6-unit buildings in Wards 5 and 6. Mariama then did a terrific job helping with set up, directing residents, and presenting on the resources available in the City and County. And Jean's presentation was such a wealth of information, supported by her many years of work for the City, that there were few questions left to ask during the question and answer time!

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