



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

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### City Clerk:

- On Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00- 8:30 pm, via Zoom, we have planned an informative session for all Candidates and Prospective Candidates for this year's elections. It will cover the city election calendar and important dates, campaign finance, financial disclosures, rules for campaign signs, how to get your name on the ballot, and more. Members of the City's Board of Elections, Ethics Commission, and the City Clerk will present the material and be available to respond to questions.

Link to register for the session:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NwkZh22CRWSBHfECAIdacA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NwkZh22CRWSBHfECAIdacA#/registration)

### Housing & Community Development:

- Takoma Park Arts Series received over 300 responses to our Call for Performances which closed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Series, hosted in the Takoma Park Auditorium, offers a wide range of free performances including concerts, theater, dance, and special events. Housing and Community Development's Arts & Humanities Division will work with the Arts & Humanities Committee to select a final performance lineup for the 2024-25 season.

### Library:

- Next Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, is the second annual book giveaway (Rain Date: July 24<sup>th</sup>) at the Crossroads Farmers Market, located at Anne Street and University Boulevard. We will give away over 250 books in English, Spanish, and bilingual for children and young adults. Stop by and grab a book to take home!

### Public Works:

- The Low Impact Development Center, known as the "LIDC", has completed their Stormwater Resiliency Study evaluation and recommendations. The report is posted on the City's website on the Stormwater Resiliency webpage. LIDC will present an overview of their report and recommendations on a Zoom meeting scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Zoom registration link can be accessed on the Stormwater Resiliency page.

Full information about the LIDC report, including recordings of previous meetings, copies of report findings and the Rainplan Stormwater Run-off Calculator, can be found on the Stormwater Resiliency webpage.

Registration Link:

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Report Link: [https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/stormwater-projects/Takoma\\_Park\\_Resiliency\\_Study\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/stormwater-projects/Takoma_Park_Resiliency_Study_Final_Report.pdf)

### Recreation:

- July is National Park & Recreation Month! This year's theme, "Where You Belong," celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in



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their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections. Check out the Recreation Department's list of fun, daily activities happening throughout the month by visiting the City's website.

### City Manager's Office:

- Staff Shout-Out from the Recreation Department  
Chelsea Nunez from the Recreation Department always does an amazing job! Preparing the Department for summer, which includes coordinating hiring, marketing and preservice is no small feat, yet she consistently handles it with ease. Camp Takoma has been operating smoothly this summer and we have received numerous positive comments from parents/guardians. Chelsea was also able to adjust her program on the fly during the unexpected power outage on Monday, moving campers to Takoma Park Elementary School for the remainder of the day and having staff call parents.

Thank you, Chelsea, for your passion, professionalism and dedication to the youth in Takoma Park!

- We also want to acknowledge our amazing Fourth of July Celebration. The 2024 Takoma Park 4th of July Parade and Evening Street Party, themed "Harmony in Takoma Park", was a resounding success. Grand Marshal Gene Herman, the outgoing president of the Committee and a long-time community leader who has enriched the city's musical and cultural scene for the past fifty years, led the parade.

The 4th of July in Takoma Park has always been a significant celebration, bringing the entire community together. The day's events are planned, directed, and financed mainly by the efforts of the all-volunteer Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, with the cooperation of the Departments of the City of Takoma Park and the Mayor and Council.

Thank you, and a shout-out to Tara Egan, President, Duncan Robinson, Vice President, and the entire Takoma Park Independence Day Committee for organizing the event. Many residents and visitors lined the streets, and the Committee members and volunteers ensured safety was a priority despite the intense heat.

Special thanks to the City Staff for their assistance and work on the holiday to make the event grand. The following departments played crucial roles:

- Takoma Park Police Department
- Public Works
- Recreation (Part-time staff)
- Communications (CityTV and Newsletter Editor - Photographer)

An unexpected highlight was a horse that escaped its handlers, adding an unplanned but memorable attraction to the festivities.

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