



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

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### City Clerk's Office:

- The City Council is recruiting for the Fiscal Year 24-25 Youth Council. The Youth Council was formed by the City Council to encourage youth participation in local government. Nine members are appointed annually.

The Youth Council:

- Informs the City Council and staff about the needs and interests of young people in the community;
- Organizes events and service projects;
- Provides leadership opportunities for youth;
- Promotes community pride; and
- Encourages youth civic engagement.

Youth Council members must be Takoma Park residents in grades 7-12. They serve for one year but are eligible to apply for reappointment. Members must attend meetings regularly, maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, and set a positive example for youth in the community. Youth Council members are eligible for SSL hours OR stipends.

The City Council will make appointments to the Youth Council in September. If interested, apply by Friday, August 16.

Link to application: [https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/24\\_25\\_YC\\_Application](https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/24_25_YC_Application)

### Housing & Community Development:

- Many thanks to the Old Takoma Business Association and several of our elected officials, who joined our Housing and Community Development Office and the City Manager's Office in welcoming 6 businesses to the Old Takoma commercial corridor last Thursday, July 18th. Of the businesses, three are recipients of Takoma Park small business support grants in the past year. HCD would specifically like to thank our Communications Department, including Donna Wright, who created business certificates, and Eric Bond, who took photos at the event. The six new or relocated businesses are:
  - - Muoi Tieu (“mooney-tew”)
  - - Takoma Music School
  - - Red Hound Pizza
  - - San Pancho
  - - Cielo Rojo
  - - Takoma Bicycle



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### Police:

- **Save the Date!**- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm at the Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Ave. There will be food, games, bounce houses, a dunk tank, music, Maryland National Park Police horses, and Police vehicles on display. Be sure to stop by and get to know your local Police Department!
- The Back to School Backpack Donation Drive has begun! From July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> bring your donation of new school supplies to the donation box in the Police Department lobby at 7500 Maple Avenue. Items needed include: binders, loose-leaf paper, scissors, pencils, pens, tissues, glue sticks, and much more! Help us make the first day of school exciting for all of our students. Don't forget that Montgomery County Tax-Free week is August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/back-to-school-backpack-donation-drive/>

### City Manager's Office:

- Staff Shout-Out from the Housing and Community Development Department:

HCD would like to thank Assistant City Clerk Irma Nalvarte for going above and beyond to assist the Department with posting information for both our work sessions this evening. Thank you, Irma, for working with our team to ensure that residents get good information on Council items.

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