



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

Police:

- Save the Date! On Saturday, October 12th from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, join us for the National Faith and Blue Community “Block” Party! Come for a day filled with fun Lego creations of your own making, there will also be giveaways, refreshments, and raffle prizes! Bring family and friends for an afternoon of fun and community bonding!

Recreation:

- The voters have spoken and the Recreation Department will be showing Jumanji (1995) at the outdoor movie! Please join us at Ed Wilhelm Field on Saturday September 7th at 7:30pm for a fun filled night! Bring your friends and family, blankets and chairs, and come enjoy a movie under the stars. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

City Manager’s Office:

- Thursday, September 5th- the City will release an RFP for professional firms to assist the City in an expansion of it’s Performance Management Program, to further enable the assessment of government effectiveness and service delivery. The scope of services includes:
 - assisting City departments with identifying the critical metrics that are key indicators of performance for each department,
 - identifying internal process improvements, applications, and other resources necessary for the City and each department to collect, store, manage, evaluate, and report data to the public,
 - identify any department and/or City operations and resource barriers to collecting, storing, or managing data, and
 - recommending ways to address such barriers in order to achieve the City’s performance measurement program goals. The RFP will close on Monday, September 30th. The anticipated project completion date is Spring 2025.
- Last but not least, we dedicate this week’s staff shout-out to former director of Housing and Community Development, Ira Kowler. Mr. Kowler joined the City in November 2021 as the City’s Economic Development Manager, responsible for the oversight of a number of initiatives and projects including the City’s Small Business Grants and Property Development. He was later called upon because of his dedication and leadership into the role of Acting Director of Housing and Community Development and eventually the permanent position where he helped stabilize and restructure the department and navigate some critical housing, zoning, and enforcement challenges facing the City. Ira’s knowledge, intuition, and steadfastness have been invaluable. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

This concludes the City Manager’s Report. Thank you.