



City of Takoma Park

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Housing and Community Development:

- There's a Building Ribbon Cutting for the Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building at Montgomery College taking place on Thursday, September 19th at 2:00 p.m. A large tent will be placed in the parking lot on Takoma Avenue for the program, followed by a ribbon cutting, and a reception and tours inside the building. Guests have been asked to park in the West Campus garage and East Campus Garage.
- Takoma ARTery Opening Reception is on Friday, September 20th from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Artwork by 20 local artists from the Takoma ARTery group will be featured in a group exhibition in the gallery space in the Takoma Park Community Center. The artwork includes painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media.

Police:

- September is National Preparedness Month, so we encourage you to review your emergency plans including:
 - Update Emergency Contacts
 - Review Emergency Kits
 - Practice Household Emergency Drills- fire, severe weather, evacuation
 - Ensure Communication- know how to reach family members and where to meet if separated.
 - Local Resources- familiarize yourself with local emergency services, shelters, and resources in your area.
- On Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, the Takoma Park Police Department is participating in a special Tile Mate (Air Tag) Giveaway. Free Tile Mate tracking tags will be given to residents of Takoma Park as a way to track items of high importance, such as your car or bike, in case of theft. The Tile Mate company was chosen because it is compatible with both iPhone and Android devices. Distribution is first-come, first-served while supplies last. More information can be found on the City website.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/tile-mate-air-tag-giveaway-to-help-track-vehicles/>

Public Works:

- The Community Center will be closed for required construction work on Sunday, September 22nd. Please note, during the facility closure, the Police Department will continue to provide service. No impacts are expected beyond the site.



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Recreation:

- The Recreation Department Game room and Dance studio will shut down Thursday, September 19th and will remain closed during the duration of the Library/Community Center renovations. A few game room activities will be moved to the teen lounge, while senior (55+) classes and programs have been relocated to the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center.
- The Recreation Department is looking for businesses and nonprofits that would like to participate in a Trunk-or-Treat event as part of Monster Bash. Decorate the trunk of your vehicle or a table and hand out treats to the kids as they walk by. Set up by 12:30pm as the event starts at 1pm. To reserve your space email ChelseaN@takomaparkmd.gov

City Manager's Office:

- This week's shout out is from our Recreation Department:

A full bus of Seniors (14 in total) recently visited the Prince George's County Materials Recycling Center in Capitol Heights to learn what happens to their recyclables. With single-stream recycling, all recyclable materials are placed in the same container and this trip was an opportunity to see what happens after those items leave your curb. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about recycling. Dory Estrada, Sustainability Manager, suggested the trip and Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, coordinated it. Thank you to both for their hard work on this program! We are very appreciative of this partnership.

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