



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

Police:

- Winter Coat Drive- Do you have coats, gloves or scarves that you don't need anymore? Donate them! The Takoma Park Police Department, in partnership with Adventist Church, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, and others, will be collecting clean, gently used warm coats in any size from infant to adult. The coats will be donated to people in need. This coat drive can make a difference in the lives of others by simply donating coats and jackets that are no longer needed. We will also accept clean, gently used gloves, mittens, and scarves.

A large box will be in the lobby of the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, beginning Monday, November 4th and will remain in the lobby until Friday, December 27th. The Takoma Park Police Department will ensure that they are given to those in need during and after the drive. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF BEFORE THE COLLECTION DATE STARTS. Contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Public Works:

- The Public Works Department is scheduled to begin paving streets the week of November 4th through November 15th. This will include:
 - Wabash Avenue between Flower Avenue and Eastridge Avenue,
 - the 8100 and 8200 blocks of Roanoke Avenue,
 - the 600 block of Houston Avenue,
 - Jackson Avenue from MD 410 Ethan Allen Ave to Sligo Creek Parkway,
 - the 7000 block of Aspen Avenue,
 - the New Hampshire Service Road from Holton Lane to Glenside Drive,
 - Erskine Street from MD 650 New Hampshire Avenue to the City line

Recreation:

- This past Saturday, the Takoma Park Recreation Department had its annual Monster Bash program where a crowd of approximately 1500+ attended. Attendees were entertained by a DJ, face painters, balloon twisters, numerous roving entertainment and a band (Grandsons, Jr).

The Trunk or Treat, held at the Takoma Park Middle School, was also a success with 10 vendors handing out candy to all of the kids. A thank you to those vendors: Takoma Park Police Department, Small Things Matter, FedEx, Takoma Park Lions Club, Bright Light Baptist Church, CareFirst, Discover Fun Camp, Friends of the Library, Maryland Physicians Care, UMD's Water Emergency Team, and the Girl Scouts (Troop #1165).

The most fun part of the day was the parade where everyone walked in costume from Takoma Park Middle School to Maple Avenue in front of Piney Branch Elementary School. As everyone was walking onto Maple Avenue, Grandsons, Jr, band had the crowd rocking to a litany of tunes. Also, on Maple was a 40-foot inflatable obstacle course which everyone really enjoyed. Participants had a spooktacular time!! A huge thank you to the Recreation Department, Public Works, Takoma Park Police Department for making this event such a success!



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City Manager's Office:

- I would like to invite our residents to attend the City's Budget Public Forum on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Community Center. The City is offering this opportunity early in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget development process. Staff will describe the financial challenges before us, and try to have a true dialogue with our residents, including encouraging them to share with City staff their ideas, suggestions, questions, and comments. This open forum will supplement the budget survey for the community that can be found online at the City's website, as well as a paper version in the new November edition of the Takoma Park newsletter.

- This week's Staff Shout-Out is from our Recreation Department:

I would like to extend KUDOS to All Recreation Staff for the excellent Monster Bash this past Saturday! Each of you are commended for the effort that you put into organizing this event. A special KUDOS goes to John Webster for leading the way and organizing such a worthwhile event and to Chelsea Nunez for going above and beyond and arriving at 7am (3hrs before the scheduled time) to assist John in setting up.

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