



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

### Police Department:

- There are many upcoming events with our Police Department. Details can be found on the City website and links with more information will be included tomorrow in the posted City Manager's Comments. Events include:
  - Blood Drive on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Community Center- please note you must reserve a time online.
    - Link to reserve a time: [bit.ly/3NSheh8](https://bit.ly/3NSheh8)
  - Toy Drive Collection from November 7<sup>th</sup> until December 13<sup>th</sup>. New, unopened toys can be dropped off at the Takoma Park Police and Fire Departments.
    - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/2021-toy-drive/>
  - Game night with Santa on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00- 7:00 pm, have fun with Santa at the Chuck E. Cheese at 1127 University Blvd. There will be pizza, drinks, family fun, and photos with bilingual (English and Spanish) Santa. Please note that the Chuck E. Cheese games will not be paid for by Takoma Park Police Department.
    - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/game-night-with-santa/>
  - Winter Coat Drive from now until Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Clean, gently used coats, scarves, and gloves can be left in the large box in the lobby of the Police Department.
  - And finally, there are openings on the Chief's Advisory Board for Residents and Business Owners in the city. The Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please consider applying!
    - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/police-chiefs-advisory-board/>

### Public Works:

- Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Public Works Department had a public tree planting at the Stuart Armstrong Pollinator Arboretum, following one year of dedicated removal of invasive plant species. City staff and about 11 volunteers planted 30 trees and 40 shrubs. All newly-planted trees are labeled with permanent arboretum grade labels, as are significant existing trees. The public is encouraged to explore the site.
- Local small and mid-sized business owners in Takoma Park who are seeking information on ways to be more sustainable, and take advantage of energy incentives, are highly encouraged to join a Green Business Information Session on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm via Zoom. Sector partners from Pepco, BlueWhale EV, Solar United Neighbors, and the Montgomery County Green Business Certification program will explain how you can take advantage of many incentive programs, tax credits, and free technical assistance to help your business make the clean energy transition and reduce your carbon footprint. Registration is free and the link can be found on the green flyers posted just outside the auditorium, as well as on the City's website. It will also be included in tomorrow's posted City Manager Comments.
  - Link to register: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkceqqpz0tHNCbY8ewIY-tL4xNtuO\\_g6RM#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkceqqpz0tHNCbY8ewIY-tL4xNtuO_g6RM#/registration)



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### **Library:**

- The Library welcomes our new City Council members! We look forward to working with you in a term that will see the completion, relocation, and reopening of the Library at the Community Center site. Until then, we would like to invite anyone who does not yet have a library card to come in and register for one, meet our staff, and maybe even find your next good book.

### **City Manager's Office:**

- This week's Staff Shout-Out is from our Housing and Community Development Department:

Jean Kerr has worked tirelessly over the past 30 years to review rent reports and ensure that residents pay the correct rent. Last year, Jean secured over \$26,000 in refunds to residents who had been overcharged, and has been working this year to ensure the nearly 1,600 rent stabilized units to help make sure residents have the stability to remain in their homes.

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