



City of Takoma Park

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Library:

- The Library invites everyone to join them on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. for their annual Solstice Celebration. Our program will kick off with juggler Daniel Riker, then the Rock Creek Morris Women will offer up some traditional dances who will bring the Just in Time step dancers for some interactive fun. In between, we'll learn why this day is special. There will be warm beverages and tasty snacks for everyone.

Police Department:

- A quick reminder of the 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:
 - There are only a few days left in our Toy Drive Collection which ends this Friday, December 13th. New, unopened toys can be dropped off at the Takoma Park Police and Volunteer Fire Departments.
 - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/2021-toy-drive/>
 - Game night with Santa on December 17th 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 27th. Clean, gently used coats, scarves, and gloves can be left in the large box in the lobby of the Police Department.
- Also, please note that residents and visitors can find detailed information about the Automated Red-Light Camera Enforcement Program on the police department webpage, including:
 - Camera Locations: A complete list of intersections equipped with red-light cameras.
 - Fine Payment Information: Instructions on how to pay a fine if you receive a red-light camera violation notice.
 - Frequently Asked Questions: Answers to common questions about the program and its enforcement process.

City Manager's Office:

- I had the pleasure to attend a retirement send-off for one of our longtime Recreation Department employees, Paula Lisowski Who has served as the Seniors Programmer for the past 17 years. She is retiring as a full-time employee, but we hope to coax her back at some point in the future as a part-time employee.



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- This week we would like to send our condolences to the family of former employee Nelson Matchett. Mr. Matchett worked as a mechanic for our Public Works department for 35 years, beginning in 1984 until he retired in 2019. What an incredible commitment of his talents and life to this community, this organization, and to his teammates at work! Mr. Matchett provided professional service to the City and many were dependent upon his knowledge and mechanical skills for keeping vehicles in good working order. Upon learning of his passing, many staff spoke very highly of him, so we honor Nelson for all he did and convey our sincere sympathies to his family.

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