



City of Takoma Park

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Housing and Community Development:

- Thank you to everyone who submitted proposals for the City's Sidewalk and Traffic Calming funding for the next fiscal year. We will be holding a Public Meeting January 23rd, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Community Center Auditorium to hear your comments on the proposed projects. Spanish and Amharic Translation will be available and we look forward to hearing from you.
- For residents who are renting, this is a reminder that your landlord is required to ensure that your apartment has proper heating. If your heating goes out, your landlord is required to provide a temporary solution (space heaters, etc.) while they fix the issue. Please call 311 and report if your heat is out ASAP.
- Baroque chamber orchestra Relic explores the beginning of time in five evocative chapters in a free concert at the Takoma Park Community Center, Friday, January 24th at 7:30pm. The chapters include the emergence of the elements, separation of earth and the heavens, formation of storms and seas, creation of birds and beasts, and finally the birth of humankind. Inspired by ancient creation stories from across the world, this dramatic program features music by multiple composers. No tickets or reservations are required for this free Takoma Park Arts event, and seating is first come first served.

Library:

- Mock Caldecott: Join Sylvie Shaffer and Dave Burbank for this intergenerational program. Vote for your favorite contender for the best illustrated book published in the United States in the past year. Our last meeting in this year's series will be on Sunday, January 12th in the library at 3 p.m. Join us! We'll have refreshments and lively discussion.
- A Cat's Life Rescue is coming with adoptable kittens to the Library January 26th, Sunday, from 12-3pm. Join us for a post-holiday pick-me-up!

Police Department:

- Takoma Park Police are collecting new/gently used bath towels, beach towels, bathroom rugs, hand towels, washcloths, blankets, beds, toys & unopened food to help the Montgomery County Animal Shelters. We will be collecting through Friday, February 7. Please bring your donations to the Takoma Park Police Department lobby, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD and we will get them to the animal shelters. ****NOTE: For the safety of the animals, NO fitted sheets, items with zippers or snaps, and/or other fabrics with rips or frayed edges.****

Thank you for your generosity!

- The 2025 Community Police Academy will begin on March 4, 2025.

The Community Police Academy is a 12-week program consisting of one class a week on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. The classes cover patrol, traffic enforcement, use of force, criminal investigations, firearms, community policing, and more. The presentations are slide show/lecture style and will be presented by officers, detectives, and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips, and ride-a-longs with patrol officers.



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The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full 12 weeks to get the most out of the program.

If you are interested in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, you are 16 or older and live or work in Takoma Park; you may apply. The applicants will be accessing sensitive areas of the police department during the class. The applicants will be required to fill out a background check waiver to attend the class. The applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or felony offenses.

Applications for the Community Police Academy are available at the Takoma Park Police Department, located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Please complete both the application and the background waiver form.

Application link: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/yjaf0g1k4ki5>

Background check waiver: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/zh0j3ihtqrej>

These forms can also be found on our web page.

The deadline to submit a completed application and background waiver form is Friday, February 14, 2025.

City Manager's Office:

- Our Staff Shout-Out this week is from the Public Works Department:

We are pleased to share the exciting news that Dory Estrada, our Sustainability Manager gave birth to a baby boy, Nicolas (Nico) Riyahi, on January 1st. A little New Year's Day surprise while visiting her family in Maine. Both baby and Dory are doing well.

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