



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of April 18, 2018

Information to Share

Dockless Bikeshare Update

Staff met yesterday with County officials – including the Special Assistant to the Director of Montgomery County Department of Transportation and the Director of the Montgomery County Silver Spring Regional Services Center – to learn more about and discuss the County’s plan to evaluate the dockless bikeshare pilot. Because the initial six months of the pilot spanned late fall and the full winter, the County plans to conduct their formal evaluation after a couple months of warmer weather so that they have better data about usage trends that include some of the warmer months. They are enlisting the services of an outside consultant to review and analyze the dockless bikeshare data and complaints and feedback provided through the County’s 311 system, and draft a report with recommendations for what should be included in any agreements made after the conclusion of the pilot. We have been told we can expect to see the report in June or July.

Dog Park News

The Dog Park will be closed on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 for replacement of the gates. The Dog Park will reopen on Wednesday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. The new gates require new poles which will be set in concrete. The concrete must set before the gates can be used.

Takoma Junction – “Pop-Up”

There will be a “pop-up” held on Sunday, April 22, at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., between Healy Surgeons (7211 Carroll Avenue) and Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op (201 Ethan Allen Avenue). This will be an opportunity for those interested in the project to walk the site and get a sense of where the building will be located and how it will be situated, including setbacks and height.

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Sanitation Driver, Recreation Program Leader, and Contract CDL Driver.