



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of May 23, 2018

Information to Share

Unexpected Increase in Recycling Tipping Fees

On Monday, we were informed that the Prince George's County Material Processing facility (the recycling center) will be increasing their tipping fee from \$34 per ton to \$54 per ton, a 59 percent increase, effective July 1. This will require a budget amendment for the FY19 budget in the amount of \$26,000.

Library Project Update

The flood delineation survey has been completed, including aerial photography, delineation of contributing drainage areas, and analysis of drainage pipes around the site. Over the next four weeks, the engineering consultant will be running various rain event models and preparing their preliminary report on the site.

Ed Wilhelm Field – Temporary Closure

Ed Wilhelm Field will be closing for the summer to repair the worn turf and bare spots. The field will be closed approximately June 14th through August 24th.

Larch Avenue Sidewalk

The process to determine whether to install sidewalks on Larch Avenue began in 2016 and recently concluded with a majority of residents in favor of installation of the sidewalk. While there were some questions raised about the process and votes, the results were independently reviewed and verified by both the City Manager and Councilmember Dyballa. Other new sidewalk projects in the queue for work are awaiting State approvals or additional design work. Property owners along the impacted streets have been notified and construction is scheduled to begin this week, weather permitting.

Dorothy's Woods Update

On May 17, the bankruptcy court granted Fairview's motion to lift the automatic bankruptcy stay on without a hearing. The court granted the request without a hearing because opposition had not been filed (there were no grounds for the City to do so). We will be monitoring the foreclosure proceedings and responding as appropriate. For background information about the current litigation and the Dorothy's Woods property in general, please see the City's project page [here](#).

Kudos

Kudos to the many staff members involved in preparing for and pulling off another great Celebrate Takoma event! Despite the weather not cooperating, the event was well attended. A special shout out to **John Webster** for leading the team for the event.

Kudos to **Detective Joseph Butler**, who received a Chief's Commendation on Monday for remarkable investigative work that closed a 15-year old cold case relating to a sexual assault of a minor. His work was greatly appreciated by the State's Attorney's Office and the victim.

Kudos to **Chief Tony DeVaul** who received his Master of Organizational Leadership degree from Johns Hopkins University today. Well done Chief!

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Community Development Manager for Housing and Community Services, IT Intern, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Sanitation Tech, Recreation Program Leader, and Contract CDL Driver.

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