

# Report for City Council Meeting of July 18, 2018

## Information to Share

### #TkPkTweet Along

Last Friday evening, the City kicked off the #TkPkTweetAlong initiative. The initiative provides residents with an opportunity to follow, learn, and engage with their local government in an exciting new way by bringing them "along" to see what it's like to work for Takoma Park. For the first installment, the Tweet Along followed Officer Atwell of the Takoma Park Police Department. It began with the evening's roll call, and involved some vehicle stops, calls to a potential break-in and civil disturbances, and feeding a stray cat who has become well known to the officer during his time with the City. A snapshot of the Tweet Along is available at the following link: https://twitter.com/i/moments/1018844271959592960

Future Tweet Alongs will feature staff from Public Works, the Library, Housing and Community Development, and more!

To follow along, follow the City on Twitter: @TakomaParkMD. Non-Twitter users can still follow along by going to Twitter.com during the scheduled time and search #TkPkTweetAlong.

Kudos to **Jeremy Dickey**, Media Specialist, for developing the City initiative and participating in the Tweet Along (on a Friday night no less!), and to **Cathy Plevy**, Police Public Information Officer, and **Officer Atwell**, for lending their expertise and support!

### **Emergency Assistance Report**

I wanted to bring your attention to a really cool, new interactive report on the City's website pertaining to emergency assistance. The report shows the distribution of grants by year, type, ward, and reason. The report is available here: <u>https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/emergency-assistance/</u>

Kudos to Chen "Trenton" Jin, HCD Intern, for his work on developing the report!

### Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Contract CDL Driver (a great opportunity for someone in the community who has a CDL and is looking to make some extra money on an as-needed basis!), Police Officer, Recreation Program Assistant, Recreation Program Leader, Senior Accounting Assistant, HR Intern, HR Coordinator, and Planning Intern.

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