



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of September 26, 2018

Information to Share

County Legislative Advocate – Update

We recently learned that there were some unexpected personnel changes at Alexander & Cleaver – the firm that provides the City's legislative advocacy services at the County level – and that the person assigned to the City was no longer with the firm. Our current contract with Alexander & Cleaver is up in October. For the time being, we plan to enter into a month-to-month contract with the current firm, but also have a request for proposals out to see what other options may be available. Of course, we've encouraged Alexander & Cleaver to prepare a response so that they can be compared to other firms submitting bids. The request for proposals is available on the City's website.

Appreciation for Donation

Rev. Karen Rasmussen of the non-profit organization "No Child Goes Hungry" recently donated \$2,600 to our Police Department's youth outreach programming. Our Police Chaplain, Gayle Fisher-Stewart, has been an instrumental figure in the No Child Goes Hungry organization and its partnership with the City. In addition to other forms of thanks to Rev. Rasmussen, we will be recognizing her with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation at our annual awards ceremony.

Kudos

Kudos to Deputy City Manager Jason Damweber for his work helping the Maryland City County Management Association (MCCMA) host the International City County Management Association Convention in Baltimore. He was one of the key members of the Committee, keeping the balls in the air for our small association's big responsibilities. Besides his Treasurer duties, he helped arrange for the highly popular tours of Camden Yards. Despite the rain this week, the visitors to the convention seemed very pleased.

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Deputy Police Chief, Communications Specialist (formerly Media Specialist), Economic Development Manager, Grants Coordinator, 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, Senior Accounting Assistant (Part-time), Sanitation Technician, Recreation Program Assistant, Recreation Program Leader, HR Intern, and Planning Intern.