



2019 - CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES



1. A Livable Community For All

- Ensure we have a range of safe, quality, and stable housing options that are affordable for residents of varying incomes and all races and ethnicities.
- Identify programming needs in the community and develop approaches to meet those needs, emphasizing youth, families, seniors, and our more vulnerable residents, such as those with lower incomes, immigrants, and people with developmental disabilities.
- Defend status as a Sanctuary City and continue to be a welcoming and inclusive community for all residents.
- Improve transportation planning and outreach to create a safer and more racially equitable community for all residents, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicle occupants.
- Further efforts related to racial equity.

2. Fiscally Sustainable Government

- Increase funding from County and State to address tax duplication and other City needs.
- Minimize adverse impacts of changes to the federal tax system.
- Adopt sustainable investment and banking policy and practices.

3. Environmentally Sustainable Community

- Prioritize actions, policies, innovations, and new opportunities that mitigate and adapt to the causes and effects of climate change.
- Protect, plan for, and improve Takoma Park's natural resources including urban forest health and water quality, and continue to be a leader in community sustainability programs and policies.

4. Engaged, Responsive, Service-oriented Government

- Improve policies and processes related to the tree ordinance; traffic calming; sidewalk requests, repair and maintenance; and residential/commercial boundary conflicts.
- Improve and formalize systems for Council-appointed committees and external committees on which Councilmembers serve (e.g. MWCOG).
- Identify policing priorities and explore options for enhanced police/community relations.
- Explore alternative approaches to enhance public engagement and two-way communication.

5. Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

- Plan and prepare for development in the City and region while maintaining the special character and diversity of Takoma Park.
- Redevelopment of Takoma Park Recreation Center.

