



# CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

## City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of March 6, 2019

### *Information to Share*

#### **FY20 Community Grants Program – Quick Update**

The application process for the Fiscal Year 2020 Grants Program is currently underway. We were very pleased to receive 22 Letters of Interest this year, over a 40 percent increase from last year. And seven organizations are first-time applicants. We attribute the increase to both outreach efforts and the fact that this year, for the first time, we are utilizing a new online application system. Full applications will be due in mid-April, at which point they will be submitted to the Grants Review Committee for consideration.

#### **Bus Shelter to be Impacted by Purple Line Construction**

We received word from Montgomery County Ride On that the bus shelter located at University Boulevard and Merrimac (eastbound) will need to be temporarily removed to accommodate Purple Line construction. Purple Line representatives currently are unable to commit to a timeline as to when they will get to this location as they are still awaiting various approvals required for construction. This is not a City shelter, but it is one used by our residents.

#### **Takoma Junction Vision Study (SHA)**

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration is beginning its vision study of transportation needs at Takoma Junction. A mailing has gone out to Takoma Park area residents announcing the project. The announcement includes an invitation to be considered for a seat on the Study Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), which will meet up to five times to advise SHA on community engagement regarding the project. SHA will choose the members of the SAG from the people who apply. To apply, go to: <http://bit.ly/TakJctSAG>. Ways to share opinions about transportation and safety improvements will be announced soon.

#### **Takoma Junction Development Update**

Last week, the City had its first weekly update call with representatives of NDC. Notes from each call will be made available on the City's website. The notes from last week have been posted: [https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/Takoma-Junction/2019-NDC-Updates/20190301-Council-Staff\\_Questions-final.pdf](https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/Takoma-Junction/2019-NDC-Updates/20190301-Council-Staff_Questions-final.pdf)

### *Hiring Update*

We are currently advertising and/or interviewing for a number of positions including Records Specialist/Office Assistant, Arts & Humanities Intern, Housing & Community Services Intern, Recreation Program Leaders, Contract CDL Driver, Police Officer-Lateral.

### *My Schedule*

I will be out of town from Friday, March 8 through Sunday, March 10.