



# CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

## City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of December 14, 2015

### ***Holiday Schedule***

**December Holiday Schedule** –City offices and facilities will be closed at 12:30 pm on Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27 for the Christmas holiday. They will close at 6 pm on Thursday, December 31 through Saturday, January 2 in recognition of the New Year's Day holiday. The Police Department is always open for emergency services.

### ***Information Requested***

#### **Blowing Leaves into Grant Avenue; Early Trash Pickup at Maple Avenue Market**

Councilmember Seamens notified staff that landscaping crews at Piney Branch Elementary School were seen blowing leaves into Grant Avenue. He also notified staff that he had received noise complaints associated with commercial garbage collection at Maple Avenue Market occurring very early in the morning. Staff contacted Montgomery County Public Schools and the property manager of Maple Avenue Market to alert the appropriate people about each of these issues.

### ***Items of Interest***

**Maryland Health Care Commission Meeting:** The Maryland Health Care Commission will hold its hearing on Thursday, December 17 at 1 pm in Baltimore regarding the Certificate of Need Application of Washington Adventist Hospital to move from Takoma Park. It is likely that the decision will be made on Thursday after the hearing. The hearing will be held in Conference Room 100 at 4160 Patterson Ave, Baltimore.

**Takoma Junction Development Update:** Discussions continue between the City's specialized legal counsel and Neighborhood Development Corporation on a development agreement. We anticipate that discussions should be finalized soon. Residents that wish to keep up to date may follow the project information on the City's website. This is one part of the process that is not public. Once the development agreement is finalized, information on when and how public discussions will take place will be publicized.

*Final Week of Leaf Collection:* This is the final week of leaf collection. Please encourage your constituents to rake your leaves out early so that our crews can get them all. Residents of Carroll, Ethan Allen and Piney Branch Road will have their final leaf collection on Monday, December 21.

*PEPCO Work:* PEPCO has several projects underway across the City that may affect traffic. Work includes preparing for the pedestrian signal upgrade at each of the signalized intersections in the City and relocation of the power lines for the Carroll Avenue bridge deck replacement project.

*Library News:* The Library's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party will be held Wednesday at 7 pm, immediately preceding the public meeting on the Library renovation project that will begin at 7:30 pm. This past Saturday, the Friends of the Takoma Park Library holiday book sale raised just over \$1,000.

*Police/Community Relations Request for Proposal:* Staff will be modifying and reissuing the Request for Proposal on this subject based on the one response we received and the comments of the City Attorney's office.

### ***My Schedule***

In December, I plan to be on vacation December 15 through December 22, with the exception of Thursday, December 17, when I will be attending the meeting of the Maryland Health Care Commission. Deputy City Manager Jason Damweber will be in charge when I am on vacation.

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