

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of November 3 - November 7, 2008**

1. **Mayor's Office Hours:** Due to Veteran's Day holiday on Tuesday, November 11, Mayor Williams will not be holding citizens office hours next week. He will resume his regular schedule on Tuesday, November 18. *(Executive Assistant)*
  
2. **Leaf Collection:** The annual vacuum leaf collection begins Monday, November 10. The program will continue through December 31. Residents can rake leaves to the curb at their convenience, with the exception of those homes located on State Highways, which will have 2 posted collection dates. The City is divided into 6 zones and a collection truck and crew are assigned to each zone. The goal is to collect the leaves within 2 weeks of their appearance at the curb. The City also offers a leaf collection hotline for residents to report their leaf piles: 301-891-7627. Collection will not occur on holidays including Veteran's Day, November 11; Thanksgiving, November 27 & 28; and, Christmas, December 25. *(Public Works)*
  
3. **Takoma Park Elementary School (City-wide):** Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has bid out the construction project and all the alternative items were accepted by the bidders. The alternative items included the new daycare area of the building and the community requested staircase at the entrance to the library parking lot connecting the Philadelphia Avenue sidewalk to the TPES playing field. This construction contract is scheduled for approval by the Board of Education on the November 11, 2008 consent agenda. MCPS will most likely initiate deconstruction of the building currently occupied by Morgan Daycare in late winter. For more information, please contact Ray Marhamati at [Ray\\_Marhamati@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ray_Marhamati@mcpsmd.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*
  
4. **Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan Community Meeting Tonight! (Ward 6):** Planning Board Staff from Montgomery County and Prince George's County will present the final urban design concept plan and the traffic model analysis of the proposed urban design and density as well as the market study for the area. The Open House will be at the Langley Park Community Center, 1500 Merrimac Drive from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with presentations at 5:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. *(Housing and Community Development)*
  
5. **Public Hearings on the Purple Line:** At Monday evening's Council meeting, the Takoma Park City Council will consider a resolution in support of construction of the Purple Line transit way as a light rail system connecting Bethesda, Silver Spring, Long Branch, Takoma/Langley Crossroads, College Park and New Carrollton. Public comment is welcome at the Council meeting, which begins at 7:30 pm. The Maryland Transit Administration will be holding public hearings throughout November. Go to [www.purplelinemd.com](http://www.purplelinemd.com) for information on the Purple Line and the public hearings. Mayor Bruce Williams will testify on behalf of the City of Takoma Park at the hearing on Saturday, November 22 at 1 pm in Falcon Hall on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus of Montgomery College. For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow, [SuzanneL@takomagov.org](mailto:SuzanneL@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7229. *(Deputy City Manager)*
  
6. **Safe Routes to School - Maple/Hilltop/Sligo Intersection Improvements Meeting on Thursday, November 13 (Wards 4 and 5):** A pre-construction meeting will be held for parents and residents to view proposed improvements to the sidewalk and intersection at Maple Avenue, Sligo Creek Parkway and Hilltop Road, Thursday

November 13, at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Ilona Blanchard at (301) 891-7205 or [ilonab@takomagov.org](mailto:ilonab@takomagov.org). (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. **Used Book Sale:** The Friends of the Library semi annual used book sale, held November 1st on the Library lawn, netted \$2,200. All proceeds are donated to the Library in the form of gifts, through the Friends. A total of 27 volunteers and wonderful weather helped to make the event a great success! (*Library*)

8. **Scary Tales:** On October 27, Takoma Park story-teller Candace Wolf gave a program of scary Halloween tales to children ages 5 and up. The program was funded through the Friends of the Library. (*Library*)

9. **Graphic Novels:** On October 31, Karen McPherson and Dave Burbank gave a presentation on graphic novels to about 200 students at St. Alban's school. Though a nationally flourishing genre, graphic novels are a new addition to the collection at St. Albans, and Librarian Tina Hudak reports that they are flying off the shelves. (*Library*)

10. **Native Americans Program:** On November 3, Tomas Eaglebear returned to the library with his son for a family program of native American stories, songs and dances. The Friends of the Library funded the program. (*Library*)

11. **Bedtime Story Hour:** The popular Bedtime Story Hour returns to the Library Monday November 10. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups are invited to attend in their p.j.s, bring a favorite stuffed animal, sing some songs and rhymes, and listen to stories. Program is from 7:00 to 7:30. (*Library*)

12. **The Reading Group:** The Friends Reading Group convenes on Thursday, November 13, in the Atrium Meeting Room in the Community Center. They will discuss "Journey Round My Skull" by Frigyes Karinthy at 7:30 pm, in conjunction with the 3rd floor art exhibit by Tom Roberts and Amy Kincaid. A preview of the exhibit with Tom Patti Mallin will be held prior to the discussion at 7:00. (*Library*)

13. **Sound Bites:** City TV has been having intermittent issues with sound all week, probably relating to the Comcast-provided fiber transmitter. Engineers are on the case. (*City TV*)

14. **Digital Transition:** We have arranged for the FCC to ship 12,000 donated flyers in English and Spanish to our newsletter printer for inclusion with the January Newsletter. The digital transition, which begins on February 17, 2009, will affect households which have analog TV sets and are not subscribers to cable or satellite television services. Much information is available online at [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov) ( <http://www.dtv.gov/> ), including downloadable coupons for \$40 discounts on converter boxes. (*City TV*)

15. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On November 5, in collaboration with Safe and Drug Free Schools and Linkages to Learning, CSAFE led a workshop about "Effective Communication Strategies With Your Children" as a means to gang prevention at Rolling Terrace Elementary School; CSAFE staff facilitated the regular HEAT Team meeting; also, CSAFE held their first official "Neighborhood Safety Team (NST)"meeting. The NST consists of various community stakeholders, including police, community-based organizations, school representatives

and residents and will meet monthly to discuss and implement community safety strategies in the Maryland International Corridor.

- On November 6, Chief Ricucci, Lt. Bowers and Sgt. Skibicki met with Dan Side of ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc., to discuss speed camera installation; and, Pfc. Gaskin and Ms. Plevy met with Safe Takoma at the Metro to hand out Safety Bulletins and whistles.

- On November 7, CSAFE is holding a planning meeting for the upcoming Holiday Pedestrian Safety Activity. The meeting will be at 1:00 pm at 7676 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park in Suite 303. All those interested in being involved in the planning are invited to attend.

- On November 8, it is the Governor's Crime Prevention Summit in Sykesville. Mary Kendall, CSAFE Program Director, will be representing the Department. More information about the summit is available at <http://www.goccp.org/events/crime-summit-2008.php>. (Police)

#### **16. Officers in Training:**

- On November 3 to 5, Sgt. Poole attended the International Latino Gang Investigators Association Fall Training Seminar in Annapolis;

- On November 5 to 6, D/Pfc. Mitchell and D/Pfc. Magnaye attended Basic Investigators Training in Rockville. This training covered case management, report writing, search warrants, law review, interview and interrogation, forensics, DNA, electronic surveillance, show ups and crime analysis;

- On November 6 to 7, Pvt. Villegas, Pvt. Godlewski and Pvt. Mathew attended training entitled "It All Starts with a Traffic Stop" in Greenbelt. (Police)

**17. Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 59 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, and one (1) vehicle impound.

#### ***During October 29 - November 5, 2008, the following details were completed:***

##### October 29, 2008

- 7000 - 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a half (1/2) hour detail and issued two (2) state citations.

- 7000 block of Woodland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- 7000 - 7200 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one and a half (1 ½) hour detail and issued six (6) state citations and one (1) other state citation.

##### October 30, 2008

- 7000 - 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one and a half (1 ½) hour detail and issued four (4) state citations and two (2) warnings.

- Maple Avenue and Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued two (2) warnings.

- 7000 - 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued three (3) state citations and one (1) other state citation.

- 7000 block of Woodland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a half (1/2) hour detail and issued no citations or warnings.

##### October 31, 2008

- 7000 block of Woodland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued no citations or warnings.

November 5, 2008

- Lockney Avenue & Hammond Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued four (4) state citations. (*Police*)