

Safe Takoma

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Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures:	\$18,813.54
Washington DC, current month expenditures:	\$2,564.23
Washington DC, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities):	\$24.00
Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures:	\$14,313.51
Takoma Park MD, current month expenditures:	\$2,564.23
Takoma Park MD, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities):	\$16.00

Funding Balances (October 31, 2008)

Washington DC contribution:	\$75,000.00
Washington DC funding balance:	\$53,598.23
Takoma Park MD contribution:	\$30,876.86
Takoma Park MD funding balance:	\$13,983.12
Takoma Park MD pending contribution:	\$44,123.14

Status

The Safe Takoma program undertook the following organizational and programming steps in October 2008.

- Operations Manager Ronnie Miller created weekly management status reports covering summary, accomplishments, plans, and hours, and sent each report to Safe Takoma board members and Chief Ricucci.
- Provided material for TP-PD distribution at the October 5 Street Festival.
- Held Advisory Committee/Programming meeting on October 7 at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.
- Finalized Safe Takoma's FY09 budget, covering the fiscal year October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, and submitted it to grant monitors Chief Ron Ricucci and Cmdr. Linda Brown for approval.

- Continued attendance and participation in CTC Ward 4 Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Coolidge Truancy Task Force.
- Submitted an application for DC sales tax exemption.
- Continued efforts to develop and implement youth development programs. Began draft of Rites of Passage program to be conducted at TPMD and TPDC Community Centers.
- Planned a November 6 safety-whistle distribution event at the Takoma Metro station. Obtained WMATA permission to hold the event at the station and agreement to send a Metro police representative. Ordered whistles.
- Asked individuals who received safety whistles in August to respond to a survey. Responses (20) are available at http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=GLohoRN5_2boIHZ8Blc6CwQWqLZ7ihS9SOP7xVWL9uVzE_3d.
- Conducted two of three planned neighborhood safety assessments reviews, of the west side of Takoma DC on October 21 with Officer Christopher Lilly participating and of Takoma Park MD on October 22 with Cpl. Tina Smith participating. Begain preparing review findings. Follow-up to request action on a few of the most significant issues: Pedestrian signals out at 5th & Dahlia; police call box not functioning at Maple & Tulip; street lights out (5) in Takoma Park, MD.
- Met with Chief Ricucci for monthly status meeting on October 28.
 - The chief had provided Safe Takoma's FY09 budget to City Manager Barb Matthews for review. He expects that the city will respond following the November 10 council meeting.
 - The TP-PD will prepare material for distribution door-to-door in Old Takoma neighborhoods and at the November 6 whistle program.
 - The TP-PD will send representatives to the November 6 whistle program.
- Continued meeting with Alexandria Wilson of Takoma Park Maryland Recreation Center, and interviewed Ohin Gaston as the facilitator of the Rites of Passage program for boys.
- Continued meeting with Al Cook of the Takoma Park DC Recreation Center on to discuss youth programming.
- Continued meeting with Christopher King of the Takoma Park Community Action Group (October 23) concerning design of youth-programming in advance of pre-apprenticeship training.

November 2008 Plans

- Continue planning meetings with DPR staff to develop and implement fall programming.
- Conduct a second whistle distribution, at the Takoma Metro station, November 6, 2008.
- Complete third planned neighborhood safety assessment review, of the east side of Takoma DC, and conduct Takoma DC lighting reviews. Finish preparing review findings and follow-up to request action where appropriate.

- The November board meeting will take place on November 6 immediately following the whistle event.
- Ronnie Miller will attend the (Maryland) Governor's Community Crime Prevention Summit on November 8, 2008.
- Present a progress report to the Takoma Park City Council on November 10, 2008.
- Apply for grant funding (\$3,000) from the (Maryland) Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP).
- Begin delivery of Rites of Passage programming at the Takoma Park MD and Takoma DC Community Centers.
- Develop additional neighborhood safety programming.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.