

Takoma Park city guide

Winter 2016

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**Join the Neighborhood Energy
Challenge Team**

- ✓ Claim your rebates \$\$
- ✓ Help Takoma Park win \$5 MILLION
- ✓ Help our neighborhood win \$2,000

www.takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability



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2015-16 Holiday Closure Calendar

New Years

December 31, Noon
- January 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17 - 18

President's Day

February 14 - 15

About the Cover

Takoma Park Ward 5 resident Chris Eng, who is pictured in front of his home with his son Jon, is working towards his Green Home Certification. So he can save money on his energy bills because he cares about his environmental footprint and wants to help Takoma Park win the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize. See pg. 4 for more information.

Visit us online!



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ADA



The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings and programs. For auxiliary aids or services at a City of Takoma Park event, contact Emily Cohen at 301-891-7226 (EmilyC@takomaparkmd.gov) or Maryland Relay Service at 800-735-2258 TTY/Voice. Two weeks advance notice is requested.

TAKOMAPARK ALERT

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. **Learn more at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert**



Mayor Kate Stewart



Peter Kovar



Tim Male



Rizzy Qureshi



Terry J. Seamens



Jarrett Smith



Fred Schultz

City Council

All legislative powers of the City are vested in a body designated as the Council of the City of Takoma Park, consisting of seven members. Six of these members are elected by ward and are called Councilmembers, and one is elected at large and is called the Mayor. The regular term of the Councilmembers and the Mayor is two years or until their successors have been elected and duly sworn. Newly elected Councilmembers and the Mayor take office on the second Monday following their election.

Mayor: Kate Stewart

KateS@takomaparkmd.gov
Office hours are by appointment.
Call Peggy Washington at
301-891-7230
or email PeggyW@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 1: Peter Kovar

202-853-5481
PeterK@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 2: Tim Male

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TimM@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 3: Rizzy Qureshi

202-689-2794
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Ward 4: Terry J. Seamens

301-565-0190
TerryS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 5: Jarrett Smith

301-960-7462
JarrettS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 6: Fred Schultz

301-434-7090
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City Manager

301-891-7229
SuzanneL@takomaparkmd.gov

Day-to-day management of the Takoma Park government is overseen by the City Manager. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, implements the policies passed by the City Council, and proposes an annual budget to the City Council.

To make an appointment with City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, please contact Executive Assistant Peggy Washington at PeggyW@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.



**City Manager
Suzanne Ludlow**

City Meetings & Events

City Council Meetings

The Takoma Park City Council meets in the Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue. Meetings are held on Mondays, unless the City Council is on recess or a Monday falls on a holiday; meetings then move to the next available calendar day. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in August and December. City Council meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise.

City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live or as archives.

Open Meetings

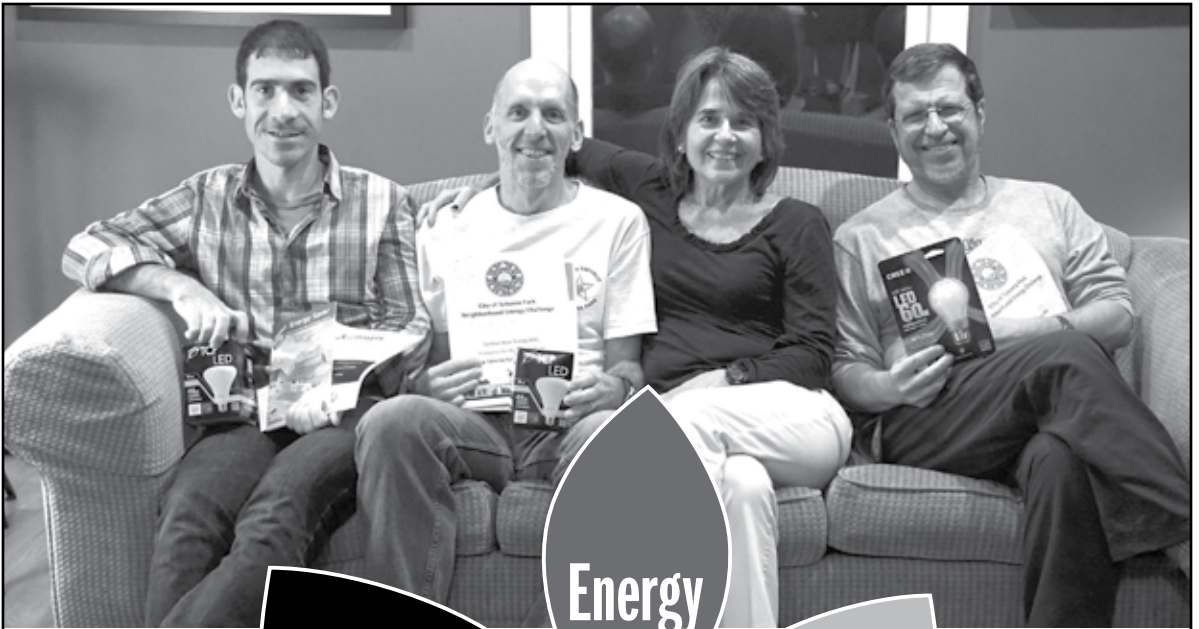
All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions, and task forces are open to the public unless noted otherwise. All are subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Notice of meetings is provided on the City Calendar and on the City Council rolling agenda.

Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, committee or task force is one way to be involved and provide a service to the community. These groups are advisory to the City Council, and some have specific roles related to conducting hearings or carrying out certain activities.

Members are appointed by the City Council. Check the City website for each to see membership requirements and to find out the specifics of each group's mandate. Residents are free to sit in on a meeting or two before applying to see if it is a good fit with interests and skills. See the City website for the calendar of scheduled meetings.

To learn more and apply, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc.



Energy

Neighborhood

Challenge!

The City of Takoma Park is challenging residents to save energy at home to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help the City compete for the **\$5 Million** Georgetown University Energy Prize, and help you control your energy bills!

The neighborhood and the multifamily building (12 units or more) that has the most points and biggest reductions in energy use by March 31, 2016 will win \$2,000 towards a sustainability-related project of their choice.

To earn points for your team complete one of three checklists to earn Green Home Certification. There are three levels – Light Green, Medium Green, and

Dark Green. The darker green you go, the more points your team will earn and the more energy savings you will gain.

There are **REBATES** and **RESOURCES** to help you! In addition to the thousands of dollars available in Pepco rebates; Takoma Park is offering \$100 rebates on Comprehensive Energy Audits, and 25% up to \$500 for qualified energy efficiency improvements. You can also get some free Energy Coaching from the City's Sustainability Manager. Contact us to learn more.

301-891-7623

GinaM@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.com/sustainability/neighborhood-energy-challenge

TO PARTICIPATE



Join your Neighborhood Energy Challenge team:

www.takomaparkmd.com/sustainability/neighborhood-energy-challenge



Take steps at home to save energy

For more info about Energy Efficiency Rebates: takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates



Submit your Green Home Certification to earn points (tip: start with light green and get some quick points for your team before starting on Medium or Dark Certification)



For more info about Takoma Park's other sustainability projects, initiatives, and laws:

www.takomapark.md/sustainability

Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

**7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7100**

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Art Studio

- The art room, kiln, and easels are available to students enrolled in classes
- Not available for rentals

Auditorium

- 154 fixed chairs
- Room for six wheelchairs
- Row of seven fixed chairs can be removed
- Food and beverage not permitted

Computer Center

- Two rooms, 25 workstations equipped with ports for flash drives and headphones, and work space for laptop users
- Internet, word processing, graphics software and more
- Color printer
- Low conversation, working in pairs, cell phone use allowed in Room A
- Absolute quiet in Room B
- Valid Takoma Park Library card or purchased guest pass required for computer use of up to two hours per day

- Four additional stations with 20 minute limits available in library, additional four available in Senior Room for those 55+
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|-----------------|----------------|
| Monday - Friday | 12:00 - 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12:00 - 6 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12:00 - 5 p.m. |

Dance Studio

- Large studio with mirrors and wood floor
- No street shoes on dance floor

Game Room

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games

Hours:

Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)

Monday - Friday	2:30 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 - 5 p.m.

Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)

Monday - Friday	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Active Adult (55+)

Monday - Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Wednesday	12:00 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	12:00 - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Multimedia Lab

Our educational studio features state-of-the-art video and recording equipment and instructional courses designed to accommodate aspiring audio/video engineers and intermediate level students who want to hone their skills. Lab is for class use only.

Notary Public

Notary service is available by appointment only. The service is free for City residents. Call 301-891-7100 to set up an appointment.

Passport Service

Passport service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center. No appointment necessary. Please call Sofia Visurraga, Customer Service Representative, at 301-891-7204 for information. Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí. No necesita hacer una cita para presentar aplicación. Por favor llame al 301-891-7204 para obtener información para aplicar por su pasaporte americano.

Lunes a jueves de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Senior Room (55+ yrs)

- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
 - Four computers and printer available
 - Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more
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|-----------------|----------------|
| Monday - Friday | 12:00 - 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12:00 - 6 p.m. |

Teen Lounge (13 - 17 yrs)

- Hours vary by time of year
- X-box, large screen TVs
- Area for socializing
- Daily activities

Library

Cards are free for City residents and those who work or go to school in Takoma Park.

Sunday	12:00 - 5 p.m.
Monday	12:00 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Book Your Next Event with Us!



Go online: Request a room or park shelter with a credit card from our website at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation. See Page 40, Registration and Policies for instructions for online registration. * Rentals within 10 business days must be requested in person. Payment is due after request has been approved.

Policies

Please visit us online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-and-athletic-fields and click on Administrative Regulation No. 2011-1 (PDF) for regulations governing public use, facilities rentals and general responsibilities of the user. The renter is responsible for set-up and clean-up.

Rental Hours

Takoma Park Community Center

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **
 Sunday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. **

Heffner Park Community Center

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

** Rental spaces in the Community and Recreation Centers are for community meetings. Business meetings are charged at the commercial rate.*

*** Hours for auditorium rentals may be until 11:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and until 12:00 a.m. Friday - Sunday.*

Auditorium

capacity: 154

The Auditorium, located in the Takoma Park Community Center, is LEED-CI Silver Certified and has 154 fixed seats with two aisles and room for six wheel chairs. The floating wood stage is approximately 18 inches off the floor, 30 feet wide and 19 feet deep at the center.

This environmentally friendly space has a state of the art lighting system with colored LED washes, sound system with two wireless microphones and connections for up to 10 wired microphones. The presentation system has a 6' x 11' projection screen in the center of the stage and two small screens on either side of stage.

Extra fees apply for staffing outside of normal hours of operation, specialized AV services, extraordinary maintenance demands, or required security. Insurance is required.

Fees: \$110/hour, nonprofit
 \$180/hour, regular

Minimum 4 hour rental

For more information about renting the Auditorium contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or email JohnW@takomaparkmd.gov

Small Meeting Rooms

Rose Room

Capacity 10 with tables
 15 without tables

Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables
 25 without tables

Hydrangea Room

Capacity 25 with table

Fees

T.P. resident \$15/hour
 Non-resident \$40/hour
 Commercial \$60/hour

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

Capacity 55 with tables
 65 without tables

Heffner Park Community Center**

**42 Oswego Avenue
 Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Capacity 40 with tables
 50 without tables

Fees

T.P. resident \$25/hour
 Non-resident \$50/hour
 Commercial \$70/hour

** \$50 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

**7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7289**

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	2:30 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday*	12:00 - 9 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

* Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only.

The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, fitness room, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!

Time to Get in Shape!

The Takoma Park Recreation Center has a great fitness room featuring:

- Dumbbells (5-45 lbs.)
- Leg curl
- Leg extension
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Treadmills
- Lat pulldown
- Chest press

Membership Fees

Recreation Center General

(1 year; does not include fitness room)

Adult (18+ yrs)	\$35
Teen (13 - 17 yrs)	\$10
Youth (5 - 12 yrs)	\$5

Fitness Room

(open same hours as building*)

Adult (6 months)	\$65
Adult (1 year)	\$100
Senior (55+)	Free

Adult Open Gym (18+ yrs)

- Wednesdays 8:15 - 9 p.m.
- Membership required

For more information on these programs look through this guide ...

- Suto Dance
- Ladies Boot Camp
- Jazzercise
- Go-Go Fitness
- Karate Self-Defense Club
- Pilates
- Multiple Youth Classes
- and much more

Hourly Rental Information

Gym* (capacity 294)

General	\$30/hour
Commercial	\$70/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)

General	\$15 per hour
Commercial	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)

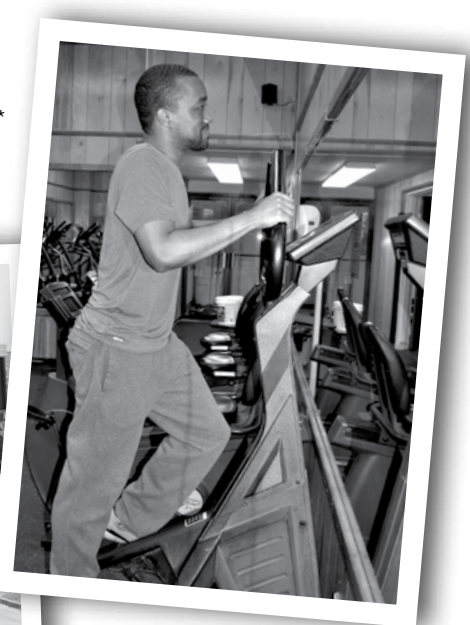
General	\$15 per hour
Commercial	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Call 301-891-7289 for availability

* \$50 security deposit required.

Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

All program days and times are subject to change.



Know Your Parks!



Belle Ziegler Park

Belle Ziegler Park

(Takoma Avenue & Albany Avenue)
7350 Takoma Avenue

- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Multiuse sports field
- Half basketball court
- Water fountain
- Port-a-john
- No grill
- On street parking only

Ed Wilhelm Field

(Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
2 Darwin Avenue

- Football field with softball field overlay
 - Located in Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park
- Takoma-Piney Branch shelter is rented through M-NCPPC Parks at 301-495-2525.**



Forest Park

Forest Park

(Prince Georges Avenue & Elm Avenue)
598 Elm Avenue

- Pavilion with 2 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- 2 half basketball courts
- T-ball backstop
- Water fountain
- On street parking only

Heffner Park*

(Behind Heffner Park Community Center)
42 Oswego Avenue

- Playground equipment
- Half basketball court
- Pavilion and BBQ grill
- Water fountain

***Not individually permitted.** Incorporated in the rental of the community center only. **See Page 4, Large Meeting Rooms, for rental hours and rates.**



Spring Park

Lee Jordan Field

(Behind Takoma Park Middle School)
7611 Piney Branch Road

- Football field with soccer fields overlay
- 4 baseball/softball diamonds
- Walking track (¼ mile)
- Port-a-john

Spring Park

(Poplar Avenue & Elm Avenue)
6999 Poplar Avenue

- Playground equipment
- T-ball field
- Water fountain
- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Port-a-john
- Running spring
- Basketball court
- BBQ grill
- On street parking only

Parks and Permits

It is highly recommended to secure permits for various events and activities held in public parks throughout the City. Permits only guarantee space and time of a location. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 before conducting business on park property.

Park Usage Fees

Shelter

\$85 per day	T.P. resident
\$105 per day	Non-resident/ Commercial

Field (in person reservations only)

\$20 per hr.	T.P. resident
\$35 per hr.	Non-resident/ Commercial

Event Permits

Frequently asked questions for special events in parks:

- Q:** Do I need to apply for a park permit for my event?
A: In order to secure a space and time of a public park, it is highly recommended to have a permit.
- Q:** Are moonbounces permitted?
A: No, moonbounces are not permitted on public City property.
- Q:** What do I do in the event of inclement weather?
A: Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.
- Q:** How do I rent a park pavilion and/or field?
A: See "Book Your Next Event with Us"

on page 6. Field reservations are in-person only and not available for Ed Wilhelm Field or Lee Jordan Field.

- Q:** Can I have a yard sale?
A: Sales of merchandise is prohibited on all City property outside of scheduled City events.
- Q:** Can I serve alcohol?
A: The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/shelter.
- Q:** Are buildings and parks available for rental on holidays?
A: No, buildings, fields, and parks are not available on City holidays.

Rental Hours

Daily from 9 a.m. to dusk

Finance

301-891-7212

finance@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/finance

The Finance Office oversees the City's financial resources, processes payroll, pays bills, collects certain fees, and safeguards and invests City funds. The Office prepares an annual report and facilitates the annual audit of the City's financial management.

Payment of City Fees

Online Payment

Payments associated with a City-issued invoice may be made online by Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A convenience fee of 2.9% or \$1.50, whichever is greater, will be charged. E-check

transaction users will have a \$1.00 convenience fee charged.

The following fees can be paid online:

- Landlord registration and licensing
- Parking fines
- Recreation programs
- Stormwater

For information on other permitting fees, please contact the appropriate department.

By Mail or In-Person Payment

Finance Department, City of Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue, 3rd Floor Takoma Park, MD 20912

Human Resources

301-891-7203

hr@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr

gov/hr

For an up to date listing of current vacancies and employment opportunities with the City of Takoma Park, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers.



Lifelong Takoma

301-891-7232

lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/lifelongtakoma

Office Hours: Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Response to requests and inquiries will be made during office days/hours

The Lifelong Takoma Program works with residents, who are 55+ and those of all ages who may have disabilities. It identifies residents' needs and interests, links residents to resources or opportunities as requested, and advocates for residents at county and state levels. The program creates community partnerships that lead to new or expanded resources for residents.

Featured Winter Program

Snow Angels

Physically unable to remove snow from your steps, walkway or drive? The Snow Angels program provides snow removal assistance with walkways, steps, sidewalks and driveways. Snow removal service is for the entire winter season. Contact us to request help.

Seeking Snow Angels for this winter season!

Do you love the fluffy white stuff and all things cold? Do you enjoy outdoor exercise and feel good helping others? Now you don't have to suffer cabin fever when it snows.

We are accepting new volunteers into the Snow Angels program for the winter season.

Contact kmaricheau@takomaparkmd.gov to sign up.

The Snow Angels Program is a collaborative volunteer snow removal program. It provides assistance to City of Takoma



Park residents who are physically unable to clear snow from steps, walkways, sidewalks and driveways. Residents register between Oct. 31 and Dec. 1. Volunteers, "Snow Angels," come to their houses to remove snow for the whole winter. Residents making requests after Dec. 1 may be assisted if there are enough volunteer to help. Otherwise alternate snow removal resources will be shared. Please contact lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

Police

911 (emergency)

301-270-1100 (non-emergency)

police@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/police

Whether online, in person or phone, the Police Department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park. Here is a sampling of the services we provide:

Community Police Academy

The Community Police Academy is a program in which members of the community are educated in different functions and components of the Takoma Park Police Department.

Prescription Drug Take Back

Residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby,

Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

Liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and thermometers are not accepted.

Vacant House Check Program

If you are planning on going on a vacation, and no one will be staying at your house, you are eligible to request a vacant house check on your home. In this program, a Takoma Park Police Officer will visit your home once a day during your absence and inspect the premises for any signs of suspicious activity. Call the Police Dispatcher at 301-270-1100 to register.



301-891-7118

cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Takoma Park City TV is a government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park. Watch City TV online or on Comcast and RCN channel 13 or on Verizon channel 28.

www.takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Also find us on ...



@TakomaParkTV

Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, the "We Are Takoma" series and other community events on City TV!

¡Tenemos programación en Español!

¡Visítenos!

Somos Takoma y El Barrio También Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.



Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, code enforcement, neighborhood revitalization, and cultural programming. The following is a sampling of the services we provide:

Financial Assistance

for income qualified residents

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Exterior Home Repair Program

Property Maintenance

- Property Maintenance Inspections
- Rental Housing Inspections

Rental Housing

- Landlord-Tenant Counseling
- Rent Stabilization Program
- Owner Occupied Group House Registrations
- Rental Housing Licensing
- Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Support/Help Forming Tenant Associations

Buildings, Bikes and Businesses

- Permit Letters (required for all building, sign and fencing permits)

New Hampshire Ave. (www.TheNewAve.com)

- Explore international shopping, dining, and professional services on the New Hampshire Avenue corridor and at the Crossroads

Tenant Capacity Building Program

Would you like to form a tenant association in your building? The Takoma Park Tenant Capacity Building Program is ready to assist you! Since 2003, community organizers Rozanne Look and Mario Cristaldo have helped tenants form their own tenant associations. These tenants may have landlords selling their rental properties, may suffer with poor

building maintenance and lack of security, or may simply want to know their neighbors better.

A group speaks louder than a single voice! Let our capacity builders help you become proactive. To request assistance or more information, call 301-891-7222.



Mario Cristaldo (second row left) and Rozanne Look (same row, second from right), pictured with the Hillwood Manor Tenant Association.

Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

SEE
REMINDERS
ON PG. 20

Services

Snow Season

The City's Public Works staff will be working hard this winter to clear snow from the City's streets. You can help make this effort work better by following these suggestions:

- Park your car off the street during snow.
- If you must park on the street, make sure to pull your car as close to the curb as possible and at least 25 feet from an intersection.
- Clear your sidewalk of snow and debris.

For more information on snow removal, please visit:

www.takomaparkmd.gov/snow.

Holiday Trash Schedule

- Friday January 1, New Year's Day
Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, January 2.
- Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King's Birthday
Yard waste collection is cancelled.
- Monday, February 15, President's Day
Yard waste collection is cancelled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business Recycling

The City law mandating that all businesses within Takoma Park recycle goes in effect beginning January 1, 2016. The law requires businesses or their commercial property owners to utilize a licensed collector to collect recyclable materials.

Food Waste Collection Program

The City's curbside food waste collection program is available to all the households within the City of Takoma Park. Single family and multi-family properties with City collection and recycling pickup are eligible to participate in the food waste collection program. Please register at www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection.

Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment and computer components to be recycled to the Public Works facility. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale, a 96-gallon trash cart for \$62.54 and 64-gallon for \$55.12. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works Yard for pick up.

Large Item Pick-Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$10 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call to schedule a pickup.

Polystyrene Ban

Food service businesses in Takoma Park are prohibited from using polystyrene-composed packaging or food-service ware when providing



prepared foods for on-site or take-away consumption. Please report violations by phone at 301-891-7633 or via email at publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov.

For detailed information on the ban, please visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/polystyrene-ban.



**For information
about the
Neighborhood
Energy
Challenge,
see pg. 4.**

Public Infrastructure Initiatives

301-891-7633

pw@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

Carroll Avenue Bridge

The MD 195 (Carroll Avenue) bridge over Sligo Creek will be closed as it undergoes replacement starting in the summer of 2016. The closure is expected to last 12 months. The rehabilitation of the bridge will include replacing the deck, beams, and columns above the arches, the sidewalks, railings, and the ornamental lights. The overall project limits extend from the intersection at Jefferson Avenue to the entrance for the Washington Adventist Hospital.

In addition to rehabilitating the bridge, the project includes constructing a new sidewalk along the east side of Carroll Avenue between Old Carroll Avenue and the bridge, upgrading existing sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA standards, and improving roadway drainage. In order to complete the necessary work safely, the bridge will be closed, and traffic will be detoured during construction. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be installed to allow foot and bike travel over Sligo Creek.

For more information:

apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO2402115

Flower Avenue Green Street

The Flower Avenue Green Street project will incorporate pedestrian safety, traffic

calming and innovative storm-water management, as well as improvements to bus stops and lighting. A few components of the project are scheduled to begin in 2016; Washington Gas will be replacing the gas mains, and a bid package for construction of the project is anticipated to be advertised by the summer of 2016.

For more information:

floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov

New Sidewalk Design and Construction

ADA Sidewalk Compliance Project

Since 2010, the City has embarked on a program to replace and repair all existing sidewalks to better comply with Federal regulations related to accessibility. Development of new sidewalks has been requested for:

- 400 and 500 blocks of Lincoln Ave.
- 6900 block of Cherry Ave.
- Glenside Dr.
- Maple Ave. between Sligo Creek Parkway and Maplewood Dr.

Requests move to the design stage if 50 percent of the residents in the affected neighborhood support the proposed sidewalk. Once final designs are developed, affected residents have an opportunity to vote for construction. If 50 percent of the responses are positive, construction is scheduled based on funding.

Dog Park

Takoma Park's first City-owned dog park will be built on City-owned property behind Takoma Park Middle School, accessible via Darwin Avenue. The design for the park has been finalized and submitted to M-NCPPC for permits. The City has worked closely with Takoma Dogs on site selection and design of the park.

For more information:

takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/dog-park

Traffic Calming Installations

Flower Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff has agreed to an initial design concept. The City's design engineering firm is expected to finalize the design in preparation for community review and MNCPPC approval in 2016. A public meeting will be held to update the residents on the project. Action on the project will be delayed until the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission completes a sewer line project in the area. The goal of the intersection redesign is to slow traffic entering the neighborhood, reduce the amount of paved surface and improve water quality by treating storm-water run-off from the pavement.

Playground Development

Sligo Mill Playground

Creation of a new playground in a portion of the lot the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission owns is under development.

Colby Avenue Playground Renovation

The design for Colby Playground has been finalized. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2016.

For more information:

www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/current-project/sligo-mills-overlook-park-playground-plan



Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

www.takomaparkmd.gov/library

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The Takoma Park Maryland Library is one of only two municipal public libraries in Maryland. With a Takoma Park Maryland Library card, you can:

- Borrow print books and magazines, audiobooks and music CDs.
- Access our extensive digital resources, including college and career information, language learning programs, test preparation, and both e-books and digital audiobooks.
- Use our public computers for up to two hours each day with assistance from on-site staff.

Free public Wi-Fi is available in the Library and Community Center.

Programs

The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children and adults. To keep up with the latest schedule of library programs, please check our website, www.takomapark.info/library, where you also can find our five blogs: News, Books, The Children's Room, Teen Book Buzz, and Comics. You also will find a section labeled "programs" with a calendar showing specific program dates. We also post library news and program updates on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Registration is encouraged or required for some programs (as noted). **To register for programs, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.**

Many library programs are underwritten by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. The Friends offer two reading groups and hold two to three book sales annually, among other events. More information about the Friends and their activities can be found on their website, www.ftpml.org, or their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FTPML). In addition to support from the Friends, the library's partnership with Politics & Prose Bookstore allows us to offer programs featuring top-notch authors and illustrators for children and adults.

Library Hours

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday
12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Computer Center Hours

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.



ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Photo by Maurice Belanger

Weekly Library Programs

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. **AND** 11:00 a.m.

A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teaches early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.

Scribblers Cabal

Fridays, 4:00 p.m.

Kids are invited to draw with Library Assistant Dave Burbank, our library staff artist. To keep updated about the schedule, please register.

MOOC Discussions

Sunday afternoons

MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses – offer a free way for older teens and adults to keep up lifelong learning. For information on how to register for these free online classes, and for specifics on the dates and times of our discussions, please check our website and Facebook page.

Monthly Library Programs

Lego Club

One Sunday a month, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Ages 5-12

Each program will have a building theme, and then free play. All LEGOs are provided courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Registration is required.

Sunday Crafts

One Sunday a month, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Make special crafts with children's librarian Kati Nolfi. All materials are provided – kids just bring their creativity.

Caldecott Club

One Monday a month, 7:00 p.m.

Come join our popular family book club, where we read books – via the big screen – that are possible contenders for the Caldecott Medal given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for kids ages birth-14. Lemonade and cookies are served at each program!

Comics Jam

Second Tuesday of each month, 4:00 p.m.

September through June

Join Dave Burbank, the library's graphic novel guru, in reading comics together on the big screen. The program concludes with Dave taking "drawing requests" from the audience.

Bedtime Stories

First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Children's librarian Kati Nolfi leads our pre-bedtime program of songs and stories, plus a craft. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Petites Chansons

One Saturday a month, 10:30 a.m.

September through June

Madame Marie teaches basic French language concepts through songs and rhymes. To learn specific dates for Petites Chansons, please register and we will keep you updated.



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All events take place in the auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center unless otherwise noted.

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

Writing a Village

January 25, February 22, March 21
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words, led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park. All levels of experience welcome. Contact annebeck48@gmail.com for more information. January meeting is in the Rose Room. All others meetings are in the Hydrangea Room. Free.

Photo Salon

January 25, February 29, March 28
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. Contact Rob Rudick at robrudick@yahoo.com or at 301-270-2323 for more information. Hydrangea Room. Free.



chaplain in the U.S. Regular Army. After his "dishonorable" discharge in 1894, his story was almost forgotten. Today, Ryan and Fowler show that Chaplain Plummer is worth remembering.

The Politics of the Kitchen: Reading Women's Food Memoirs

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Caroline Smith, deputy director of George Washington University's writing program, explores the work of contemporary women food writers and their struggles to reconcile their love of cooking with the kitchen's perceived negative associations.



HUMANITIES LECTURES

1st Thursday of the month. In this brand new series, experts share their insights on history, pop-culture, Americana, and world cultures with Takoma Park. Suggested \$10 donation.

Friends in Deed: American Quakers and Refugees from Nazi Europe, 1938-1941

Thursday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.

Ron Coleman, a research librarian for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, interprets the American response to refugees who fled Nazi persecution during the Holocaust. Coleman shares recently re-discovered stories of Quaker families who aided these refugees before, during, and after the crisis.

Under his Voice: the Life and Local Legacy of Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer

Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

Lecturers Dr. Leigh Ryan and Rev. L Jerome Fowler uncover the life story of local man Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer, the first African American



FILM

2nd Thursday of the month. Events include screenings of completed documentaries, documentaries in progress, and experimental films. Q&A sessions with filmmakers usually follow screenings.



Doeville

We Are Takoma

Vintage Classroom Movies

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.

A screening of short, educational films from the 40s, 50s, and 60s that range in tone from funny and ridiculous, to surprisingly frank and honest. These clips are a window into life in post-WWII America. Free.

DOEVILLE

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

Docs-in-Progress presents the uplifting tale of a reluctant farmer who never imagined she'd spend her 60s wrangling 100 deer in the Shenandoah Valley. After her deer farmer husband dies, Gail Rose must confront the uncertain fate of their farm and uphold her promise to keep it going no matter what. Q&A with filmmaker Kathryn Pasternak will follow the screening. Free.

Crossroads Community Documentaries

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Food Network presents a series of short documentaries that explore how food fulfills and unites a



community. Crossroads is a local nonprofit that sponsors food access programs, including the popular Crossroads Farmers Market at the Langley Park/Takoma Park crossroads. Suggested \$10 donation.



POETRY: 3RD THURSDAY SERIES

The popular series, now in its 11th year, features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Free.

Thursday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.
Readings by Doritt Carroll, Ellen Cole, and Susan Okie

Thursday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.
Readings by Stuart Hickman, E. Laura Goldberg, and Beth Konkoski

Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.



GALLERY EXHIBITS

Personal Panoramas

An exhibit featuring artwork by Allan Akman, Alex Keto, Kristine DeNinno, Jacqueline Lee, Julia Bloom, and Marcie Wolf-Hubbard. Exhibit opens with a reception in the community center Atrium Gallery on Thursday, January 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Gallery – New Gallery Opening

An exhibit featuring artwork by Emalie Lorens, Gladys C. Lipton, Mike Guy, and Afrika Abney. Exhibit opens with a reception in the community center Atrium Gallery on Thursday, March 10, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS

For kids and adults, these events showcase the diverse cultures and talents in our community. Suggested \$10 donation.

PB and Jam Session

Saturday, January 30, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Takoma Ensemble and kindermusik educator Becky Linafelt present an afternoon of music that incorporates kindermusik teaching concepts with illustrative musical excerpts from the Takoma Ensemble. For children ages 2-7.

Afro House Presents Scott Patterson

Saturday, February 6, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.



Scott Patterson

Critically acclaimed pianist and composer Scott Patterson presents piano music from his debut album. His concert will also feature his award winning compositions for choreographer Camille A. Brown's

“Mr. TOL E. RANCE and BLACK GIRL: Linguistic Play”

The Quiet Play

Saturday, February 27, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Good Egg Community Theatre presents The Quiet Play, a new performance for children that incorporates movement, stories, and lullabies, and encourages the audience to “playback” with the performers. Sometimes noisy games seem like the most fun, but The Quiet Play encourages its audience to listen to the world around us.

Fiddle-Folk-Fusion

Saturday, March 19, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Maelstrom, a fiddle ensemble of three DC teens, plays music that experiments with the intersections of multiple folk traditions. Fiddle-Folk-Fusion takes the audience on a musical journey that starts in Ireland and travels through England,

Scotland, France, and Canada on its way to America.

Hyperballad

Saturday, March 19, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

House of Tap combines elements of jazz, tap, and modern dance in a performance that's as musically beautiful as it is spectacular. During Hyperballad, House of Tap will also invite audience members on stage to learn a quick tap routine.



Recreation Department

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Roscoe the Rooster

Roscoe the Rooster made Takoma Park his home for 10 years, roaming the city and staking his territory on the lawn in front of and behind the apartment houses near Mark's Kitchen on Carroll Avenue. Roscoe died in a hit and run in February 1999.

A life-sized statue of Roscoe the Rooster, crafted by local artist Normon Greene, stands on a pedestal in front of the clock tower in the center of downtown Takoma Park.

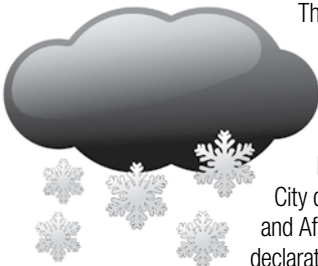
Roscoe makes special appearances throughout the City Guide.

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages! The department's facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate residents, improve health and connect

families and the community. Staff are continually working to improve our offerings while adding new and innovative programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs of our residents and community.

Rental Requests
For more information about local parks and room rentals, see pages 6-7.

Is my class canceled due to weather?



The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (301-891-7101 x5605). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information.

In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.



Recreation Committee

Jay Keller
Chair

Members

Carolyn Leary Bobb	Cherwanda Oliver
Rochelle Coleman	Rachel Riknye
Cindy Dyballa	Pat Rumbaugh
Howard Kohn	Ray Scannell
Priscilla Lebovitz	Jen Wofford

Takoma Park residents scholarships available for Recreation Dept programs

Scholarship program

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.

Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- Scholarships are for youth, teens, and seniors. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Lunch,' he/she is eligible for a scholarship.

How to apply

1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Administrative Office, 7500 Maple Ave.
2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application by the deadline along with additional forms to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Ave.).
3. It may take up to 10 business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will be contacted by our office with an updated status.
4. Scholarship applications and supplemental documentation must be submitted at least **three weeks prior** to the start of the program.



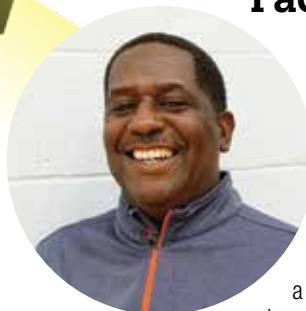
Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers assist with coaching, special events, class instruction and much more.

Volunteering is a rewarding and fun way to give back to the community. Volunteers of all ages needed.

For more information please call 301-891-7290 or visit montgomeryserves.org

Meet the New Takoma Park Recreation Center Facility Director



Vince Cain has

joined the Takoma Park Recreation Department team! His first day as the new Facility Director of the Takoma Park Recreation Center was Monday, November 30. He may look familiar if you are a regular at the Recreation Center; Vince has worked there part-time since June 2013. So, when you see Vince, be sure to congratulate him!

Vince has 20+ years of experience in the field of recreation. His entire career as a leisure service professional has been with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation where he began as a site manager,

opened a multi-million dollar facility and rose through the ranks to become one of the department's youngest ward managers. Vince will bring a wealth of knowledge to the department.

Vince attended Virginia State University where he received a degree in Computer Science. He has a passion for sports, particularly golf and softball. He also enjoys a good game of chess. Vince looks forward to providing leisure service opportunities to all residents of Takoma Park. He said, "I'm very excited for the opportunity to work with the Takoma Park community to provide quality programs and assist with the overall quality of life for our residents." Vince can be reached at VinceC@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7289.

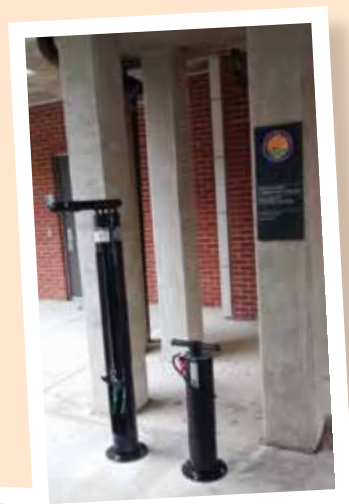
Biking Gets Better in Takoma Park

You may have noticed a few new additions around the Takoma Park Community Center, like new bike racks at the entrance to the library, computer center, recreation department, and auditorium, as well as a bicycle repair facility outside the Police Station entrance (with another coming soon to Sligo Creek Trail!).

Did you hear? Two new Capital Bikeshare stations are coming to the New Hampshire Avenue corridor next year! One will be near the new Takoma/Langley Transit Center and one will be at the Takoma Park Recreation Center at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

Montgomery County is working on a new Bike Plan, learn more about it here: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/bikeways/bicycle_master_plan.shtm

Wondering about the best time to get back on two wheels to take advantage of expanding bike opportunities in Takoma Park? Join thousands of area bike commuters on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 20, 2016. Registration for this fun, free event opens in March: www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

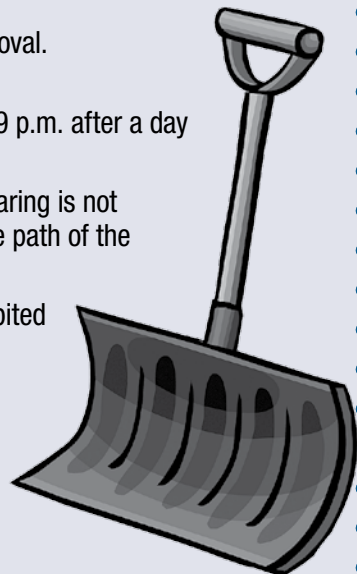


Snow Removal Reminders – Be a Good Neighbor This Winter!

The City recently changed some of its regulations regarding snow removal. Please remember that:

- Residents now have until noon after a night of snowfall, and until 9 p.m. after a day of snowfall, to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks.
- The full width of your sidewalk must be clear unless full-width clearing is not feasible, in which case at a minimum a continuous three-foot wide path of the paved sidewalk must be cleared.
- To protect our sidewalks and trees, the use of salt is strictly prohibited on sidewalks or within 10 feet of any trees.
- Maple Avenue is no longer a designated Snow Emergency Route.

Help keep Takoma Park safe this winter by being a good neighbor. If you have any questions before or during a winter event, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-891-7633.





TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Tots

Newborn-5

DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. Suto offers professional, well organized dance programs as well as producing spectacular annual dance performances. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students at any level of training. Students are encouraged to participate for the entire 33-week program and also the two annual dance performances. **For more information and to register call 301-871-1000 or visit www.sutodance.com.** Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3 - 4 years
Ongoing Saturdays
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
\$176
Register through Suto Dance

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

This program is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to enjoy open playtime, read stories, sing songs, work on craft projects, enjoy a wonderful outdoor playground, and socialize. Community Playtime provides toys, craft items, a story time, and a snack. Community Playtime is not open when Montgomery County Schools and Takoma Park City offices are

closed. Visit www.takomaplaytime.org for more information.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue

English: Ongoing Mondays

Spanish: Ongoing Fridays

Newborn - 5 years

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Based on a German model, Kindermusik was developed in the United States over 30 years ago. It is taught worldwide and incorporates the early childhood musical foundations of Kodaly, Suzuki, Orff, and more. Becky Linafelt received her Kindermusik teaching license in 2003 and is proud to be part of the Takoma Park community as a mom and educator. She is a member of the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association (ECMMA), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and the Maryland Music Teachers Association (MMTA). Busy and curious toddlers also love Kindermusik® classes that are offered through the Takoma Park Recreation Department. **To register for all Kindermusik® classes, please visit: www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net**

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Kindermusik: Cuddle and Bounce

With age-appropriate activities for newborns, infants, and crawlers, this parent-child music and movement class will help you strengthen those early parent-child bonds, understand your baby's development, and heavily focus on child development and communication with your baby. You and your baby will enjoy instrument play, dance, exploration time, and together time with others.

Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue

Newborn - 1 year

8 Week Session

Tuesdays, January 5 – February 23

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Sing and Play

Get ready to sing, play, and move with your little one in this high-energy music class designed to be just right for very young children. This new Kindermusik curriculum focuses on your child's beginning movement, helping to build the muscles your young toddler needs to walk, run, and climb; and on vocal development, helping your child's speaking and singing voice. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue

Recreation: Tots (cont.)

TOTS



1 - 2 years
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 6 – February 24
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Wiggle and Grow

This music-filled class celebrates the unique joys of your growing child. Each week your child will love singing, dancing, and playing instruments, and you'll love helping him/her practice a wide variety of abilities such as gross and fine motor skills, turn-taking, social skills, and active listening. In class, we'll also share tips and ideas for using music throughout the week. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
2 - 3 years
8 Week Sessions

Wednesday Session:
January 6 – February 24
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Thursday Session:
January 7 – February 25
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Saturday Session:
January 9 – February 27
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Family Time

Family Time is Kindermusik's version of the one-room schoolhouse. Bringing children of all ages together provides a dynamic and integrated learning experience for everyone. Families with one child or multiple children are welcome to attend. Sibling discount offered. One \$30 home materials fee per family included in registration fee. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn - 6 years
8 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session:
January 5 - February 23
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Thursday Session:
January 7 – February 25
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Session:
January 9 - February 27
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Move and Groove

In class, your child will be engaged in music and movement activities that also promote language, social and emotional skills, early math and early literacy, physical coordination, creativity, and more. Plus, your child will learn basic music vocabulary and notation – all setting the stage for future school success and formal music lessons. Parents/caregivers/siblings join the fun for the final 10 minutes of class. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
4 - 6 years
8 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session:
September 8 – October 27
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Thursday Session:
September 10 – October 29
4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$136 / Non-resident: \$166

Spanish for Tots

This class is a mix of high-energy games, projects, music, movement, treasure hunts, and other fun activities. Children will learn the Spanish vocabulary needed to express themselves and their needs through complete language immersion. There will be a \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of the class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
3 - 6 years

6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: January 19 – February 23
Session 2: March 8 – April 19
(No class 3/29)
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

MARTIAL ARTS



See Kung Fu and Taekwondo classes on page 25 (in Youth)

SPORTS



See T-Ball on page 26 (in Youth)

Rookie Sports

Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports, such as soccer, football, T-ball/softball, basketball, kickball, dodgeball, and other sports and group games. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture his/her growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3 - 5 years
8 Week Session
Saturdays, January 9 – February 27
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
\$50



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AFTER THE BELL

Come join us after school for games, projects, arts & crafts, sports and other fun activities. Spaces are still available! Parents must arrange transportation through MCPS transportation. Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5 - 12 years Monday – Friday 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. \$125/month



historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8 - 11 years
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays

Session 1: January 7 – February 11
Session 2: February 25 – April 14
4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
11 - 13 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: January 12 – February 16
Session 2: March 13 – April 12
(No class 3/29)
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their holiday break while playing holiday games with group activities and crafts. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee (see below). Please pack a nonperishable lunch and snacks for your child. Please inquire about necessary paperwork needed. *There will be no camp on Friday, January 1, 2016.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Ave
5 - 12 years
4 Days
Monday – Thursday
December 28 – December 31
(No camp 1/1/16)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Spring Break Camp: Animal Antics

Life is truly a zoo during this program all about animals. Participants will have fun learning about all kinds of animals, including their similarities and differences, what they eat, how they move, and much more. Stomping like elephants, shuffling like penguins, and hopping like kangaroos are all part of the antics in store. Must pack a lunch. Trips, activities, and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room

ART



Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 - 8 years
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays

Session 1: January 13 – February 17
Session 2: March 2 – April 6
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

MAKE/Shift Studio I: Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two- and three-dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media — every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and

TOTS

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SEE
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TEEN CAMP
INFO!

General Recreation Summer Camps & Specialty Camps

Find the perfect camp for your child here!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories.

Here's a sneak peek at Youth and Tots Summer Camps 2016:
A full listing of our summer camps will be available at both the

Community Center and Recreation Center. Stop by to pick up a summer camp brochure or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

***Scholarship applications must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the start of the camp.**

CAMP	AGE
Rookie Sports Camp	3 – 4 yrs.
On Stage: Footlights Camp	5 – 8 yrs.
Dribble, Pass and Shoot (Basketball Camp)	5 – 12 yrs.
Camp Recess	5 – 12 yrs.
Camp Takoma	5 – 12 yrs.
Dance Camp	5 – 12 yrs.
On Stage: Spotlights Camp	8 – 12 yrs.
Girls Basketball Camp	8 – 14 yrs.
Enrichment (STEM) Camp	8 – 12 yrs.
Visual Arts Camp	11 – 14 yrs.



**Come to the Summer Camp Expo
on Saturday, January 30,
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. to receive a
20% discount off your entire bill.**

The early bird catches the worm! Receive a 10% discount per child, per camp when you register for any Takoma Park Recreation Department summer camp February 1-29.

7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years
1 Week Session
Monday – Friday, March 28 – April 1
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

Spring Break Camp - Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5 - 12 years
1 Week Session
Monday – Friday, March 28 – April 1
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$200

**CAMPS
EXTENDED CARE**

Winter Break Camp Before and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities may include outdoor play, game room, and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years
4 Days
Monday – Thursday
December 28 – December 31 (No camp on 1/1/16)
Before Care: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
After Care: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$25 Each / Non-resident \$35 Each

Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Camp Before Care and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

regular camp hours. Activities may include outdoor play, game room, and sports.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5 - 12 years
1 Week Session
Monday – Friday, March 28 – April 1
Before Care: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
After Care: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
\$35 Each

Spring Break Camp Before Care and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities may include outdoor play, game room, and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years
1 Week Session
Monday – Friday, March 28 – April 1
Before Care: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
After Care: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$35 Each / Non-resident \$45 Each

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5 - 12 years
Ongoing Saturdays
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$176
Register through Suto Dance

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.” Taught by the library’s own Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
9 - 18 years
4 Week Sessions
Thursdays
Session 1: January 7 – January 28
Session 2: February 4 – February 25
Session 3: March 3 – March 24
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

DROP-IN

Kid’s Night Out

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center’s Kid’s Night Out. This will be a fun-filled night for children with games, arts & crafts, movies, and theme nights. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 - 12 years
Ongoing First and Third Fridays, Beginning January 15
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with a Recreation Center membership card

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting Class

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include CPR, fire safety, First Aid, infant and child care, and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all five classes and exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. All classes will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House. Instructor: Chief Jarboe.

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
7201 Carroll Avenue
11 - 13 years
5 Week Session
Mondays, February 22 – March 21
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

Step Team

Stepping is a form of dance in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping, and words or chanting. Stepping is popular among college fraternities and sororities. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline, and teamwork. The team will consist of approximately 10-12 girls and boys between the ages of 6-12 years old. Practice will take place 2 days per week, 1 hour per day. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn. Instructor: Cathy Gayle.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 - 12 years
Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which helps the students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor on the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 - 16 years
10 Week Sessions
Saturdays, January 23 – March 26
Beginners: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

TOYS

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Recreation: Youth (cont.)

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. "Tae" means "foot," "leg," or "to step on;" "Kwon" means "fist" or "fight;" and "Do" means the "way" or "discipline." It can mean the way or discipline of foot and fist. Martial arts are studied for combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development, and self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform (\$40 children, \$50 adults). Instructor: Felix Lindeire.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
5 years and older
12 Week Session
Mondays, January 4 – April 4
(No class 2/15)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

SPORTS

Flag Football League

Takoma Park Recreation Department brings you the Takoma Park Flag Football League 2016 season! This league is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Don't be left out! Practice begins the week of March 21. First games are on April 9.

Ed Wilhelm Field
6 – 8 years
9 – 11 years
12 – 14 years
6 Week Season
Saturdays, April 9 – May 14
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

T-Ball

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases, and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome.

Participants must bring their own baseball gloves. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Belle Ziegler Park, Ed Wilhelm Field or Lee Jordan Field. Games are

played on Saturday mornings. Volunteer coaches are a key element of this programs success. Games are played on Saturday mornings. (Game start times vary between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.).

Kindergarten – 1st grade
Saturdays, June 4 – July 23
8 Week Season
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Tennis Skills: Mixed Ages

This class is for athletes with little to no prior tennis experience. For beginners we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. For the more advanced and quick learners, we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
6 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Saturdays, January 30 – March 5
Beginners: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Intermediate: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Residents: \$100 / Non-residents: \$120

FEW SPACES LEFT!

Registration began on August 15 and is currently underway. There are still a few spaces left in:

Futsal and Winter Basketball League

DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



Tennis Skills: Intermediate (5 -12)

This class is for more advanced students who have learned how to keep the ball going and are interested in trying to refine their skills, consistency, and power. We will be using primarily orange and green balls. Competitive games, match play

instruction, and practice (serving, scoring, volley, and strategy) will also be included. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
5 - 12 years
6 Week Session
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
January 26 – March 3
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

ART OF THE GAME BASKETBALL FUN FEST

This is a one-day fun fest for youth to show their athletic ability on the court and artistic skills off the court. All youth in the fun fest will not only play in an exciting youth basketball fun fest, but also have the special opportunity to screen print their very own t-shirt for the game. **Register at: <http://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org> or call 301-608-9101.**

Piney Branch Elementary School
Gymnasium
Grades 1 - 8
1 Day
Monday, February 15, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
\$10

TRIPS

Fun Day: College Park Aviation Museum

Learn what it was like in the early life of pilots at one of the first locations for flight. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Must pack a lunch. Trips, activities, and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of program.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 -12 years
1 Day
Monday, January 25, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$40 each child /
Non-resident: \$50 each child

Recreation: Youth

WORKSHOPS



On Stage: Spring Break Workshop

Students get on the stage and get to work acting, singing, and dancing! We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination, and focus building warm-ups. Then we'll work on creating and developing characters, learning dance combinations, learning songs, choreographing/blocking musical numbers, engaging in drama games, and getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology. We will work on group scene work and two numbers from the classic Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Matchmaker" and "Tradition," as well as the fancy footwork that goes with them. We'll have loads of fun learning music and choreography. On Stage: Spring Break Workshop will end with a performance, so parents can see what we've been working on! Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! Paperwork needs to be submitted prior to first day of the workshop. \$10 materials fee includes tracks/CDs, lyrics, and prop supplies. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
7 - 12 years
3 Days
Tuesday – Thursday,
March 29 – March 31
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Resident: \$130/ Non-resident: \$150

Recreation: Teens



Teens

13-17

ART

See Art programs
on pages 23 (from
Youth) and pages 30
(from Adult)



CAMPS

Spring Break Career Week

Hey Teens! Schools out for Spring Break so what are you going to do with all of this valuable spare time? Ever wonder what type of profession will fit your future? Well, you're in the right place. During Career Week a few professionals will stop by and guide participants in exploring some of today's hottest careers. Participants will also receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. This week you will be able to explore multiple options for your future. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away trips like bowling, laser tag, roller skating, and more. Limited Spaces are available. Sign up today for this price. We are sure this will fill fast!

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Ave



13 - 17 years
1 Week Session
Monday - Friday, March 28 – April 1
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Resident: \$25/Day, \$100/Week
Non-resident: \$30/Day, \$120/Week

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Recreation: Teens (cont.)

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S'MORES S'MONDAY

JOIN US FOR S'MORES,
HOT CHOCOLATE AND A MOVIE!

Teens Ages 13 - 17
2nd Monday of the month
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FREE



DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. Suto offers professional, well organized dance programs as well as producing spectacular annual dance performances. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students at any level of training. Students are encouraged to participate for the entire 33-week program and also the two annual dance performances. For more information visit www.sutodance.com or call 301-871-1000. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12 - 17 years
Ongoing Saturdays
12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
\$176
Register through Suto Dance

HOMEWORK POWER HOUR

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. Staff is available to assist and review assignments.

Teens Ages 13 - 17
Tuesdays, ongoing
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

FREE



DRAMA

See Dungeons & Dragons on page 25 (in Youth)



DROP-IN

M.A.N.U.P. Making A New United People

M.A.N.U.P. is developing the next generation of successful leaders by impacting the lives of youth in underserved communities. This is accomplished by utilizing proven principles of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment, and economic awareness. Making A New United People (M.A.N.U.P.) is dedicated to creating sustainable communities that people want to thrive in, contribute to and be proud of. M.A.N.U.P. has a number of programs across four main principles: education, social responsibility, self-empowerment, and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in cooperation with the

Takoma Park Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
12 - 19 years
Ongoing Tuesdays
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Free

Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS ONLY. Ages 13 - 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to two 50 inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. A parent/legal guardian must give consent for children to participate by signing a permission form, complete with rules and regulations. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13 - 17 years
Ongoing
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on Friday night? Come on out for a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12 - 16 years
Ongoing Second and Fourth Fridays
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card



Xpression Thursdays

Allow your imagination and creative juices to come alive on Thursdays in the Teen Lounge. Join Ms. Leicia as you express

Recreation: Teens (cont.)

yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home. We are always looking for more ideas of ways to create and express ourselves.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Ave
13 - 17 years
Ongoing Thursdays
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

See Babysitting
Class on page 25
(in Youth)



Modeling School

Discover your potential for a modeling career or hobby. Learn runway secrets. Develop poise and gracefulness to distinguish your style. This class will help talent prepare for pageantry and the modeling industry with the same techniques used by today's top models and industry pros. The instructor has partnered with high end retailers to produce classy and elegant fashion events, promotions, grand openings, and worthy cause fundraiser programs for nonprofit organizations in the past. Instructor: Charminque Vogue.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Ave
13 - 17 years
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 20 – March 9
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

FITNESS

See Fitness
Classes on page
32 (in Adults)



MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and
Taekwondo on
page 25 (in Youth)
and Karate
Self-Defense
on page 33 (in Adults)



6 Week Season
Saturdays, April 9 – May 14
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

TRIPS

Laser Tagging

Grab your friends and join the Takoma Park Teen Program for a trip to Castle Laser Tag. Form teams to develop strategies to take down the opposing team. No experience necessary. Space is limited so register now! This is a MCPS early release day.

Meet at Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
12 - 17 years
Tuesday, February 26
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
\$10

Teen Snow Tubing Trip

Grab your hat, scarf, and gloves and join us for an evening in the snow as we head to Liberty Mountain in Pennsylvania to go snow tubing. Race down one of ten tubing lanes solo or link up with a friend. During a break from snow tubing, hang inside the lodge and have a hot cup of cocoa. It's your day, so have fun the way you like. No experience necessary. Space is limited so register now.

Meet at Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13 - 17 years
Monday, January 25
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$20 / Non-resident: \$30

MULTI MEDIA

See Multi Media
Class on page 34
(in Adult)



SPORTS

See 2015 Adult
Softball League on
page 34 (in Adult)



Flag Football League

Takoma Park Recreation Department brings you the Takoma Park Flag Football League 2016 season! This is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Don't be left out! Practice begins on March 21. First game is on April 9.

Ed Wilhelm Field
12 - 14 years

Expos & Festivals

Mark Your Calendar!

And join us for these upcoming expos and festivals!

SUMMER CAMP EXPO

Saturday, January 30
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come discover all of the camps that the Recreation Department will be offering this year for tots, youth and teens. Meet the instructors and learn what your child(ren) will be participating in. You will receive a 20% discount if you register in person during the expo. All other forms of registration will begin Monday, February 1 at 8:30am. Registrants throughout the Early Bird Special registration period (February 1-29) will receive a 10% discount.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Free



MONTGOMERY COUNTY GREENFEST

Saturday, April 30
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GreenFest will include educational, entertaining activities for people of all ages. Attendees can hear from national and local environmental experts, participate in informational panels and how-to sessions, and enjoy music, food, and outdoor entertainment. For more information, visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue



CELEBRATE TAKOMA FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 14
Starting at 4 p.m.

The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will host the Annual Celebrate Takoma Festival and Azalea Awards. We are looking for vendors and committee members to help celebrate Takoma Park's cultural diversity with food, merchandise, entertainment and games from around the world. For more information on how to become a vendor or to join the Celebrate Takoma Committee, please email CelebrateTakoma@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7290.



Adults

16+ years



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ART

Ceramics: Hand Building

Come learn hand building and make bowls, soap dishes, trays and whatever else you think of. Hand building is pottery made from clay slabs and plaster molds. There will be wheel throwing available at this time for those who have used the wheel before. There is a \$15 material fee for clay and glazes. All glazes are food safe. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, February 1 – March 14
(No class 2/15)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Ceramics: Sculpture

Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals, and more. Your imagination is your only limit! All glazes are food safe. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Fridays, February 5 – March 11
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls, and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Monday Session:
February 1 – March 14
(No class 2/15)
Wednesday Session:
February 3 – March 9
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased, and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two and three dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: January 12 – February 16
Session 2: March 1 – April 12
11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

Encaustic Collage Weekend Workshop (2/20 – 2/21)

Encaustic collage is a collage medium that uses bees wax as an adhesive and allows for layering of papers and lightweight found materials as a base for over painting with oil and encaustic paint. This workshop will cover collage layering processes using translucent and opaque papers and sculptural effects that can be created with the wax with stencils, stamps and incising. Ways to enhance your collage with encaustic paint will be introduced, as well as principles of layering wax and wax based paint over absorbent surfaces such as wood, cloth, canvas and watercolor paper. All materials will be provided for the \$40 materials fee, including all substrates, medium, brushes, and paint. A letter outlining optional collage materials to bring will be sent out after you register. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
2-Day Session
Saturday, February 20 – Sunday, February 21
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Resident: \$245 / Non-resident: \$275

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DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing Saturdays
1:15 - 3:30 p.m.
\$176
Register through Suto Dance

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Just For Dads: Parenting Tools, Techniques & Tips

What can we, as fathers, do to add depth to our relationships with our children? How can we help them tap into their own sense of motivation to learn and enhance their development? What can we do differently to avoid conflicts and power struggles? Join Takoma Park dads and early childhood education professional, Scott Mitchell to discuss tools, techniques, and resources that answer these questions. Free, but registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
One-day Sessions
Thursdays
Session 1: January 21
Session 2: February 18
Session 3: March 17
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Free



FITNESS



Go-Go Fitness

Go-Go Fitness is a comprehensive 60-minute high cardio, dance fitness workout that incorporates various dance styles and toning moves as well as the classic call and response of a live Go-Go music workout set.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
4 Week Sessions
Saturdays
Session 1: January 9 – January 30
Session 2: February 6 – February 27
Session 3: March 5 – March 26
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Drop-in: \$5

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70-minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises, all to the beat of great music. The music ranges from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes. **For more information and to register, contact 301-351-4575.** Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Jazzercise.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ongoing Saturdays
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
EFT Pass \$45 month /12 month minimum
OR
\$120/8 Weeks OR
Drop-in: \$15
Register through Jazzercise

Ladies Boot Camp: Beginner

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches, and weight training. Get a challenging workout within a quick hour. Students are required to bring their own mats. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: (8 Weeks):
January 5 –February 25
Session 2: (4 Weeks): March 8 – March 31
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
8 Week Session: \$85
4 Week Session: \$45
Drop-in: \$10

Pilates: Beginner

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core" – abdomen, back, and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment, and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign their body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mats and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays
Session 1: January 6 – February 10
Session 2: February 24 – March 30
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
\$60

Recreation: Adults (cont.)

Tai Chi Chuan: Tai Chi Basics

In this introductory class, the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible, and more efficient. Section One of the form is introduced. Instructor: Andy Unger.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, January 14 – March 17
6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

Tai Chi Chuan: The Tai Chi Form

This class continues the work on Tai Chi fundamentals, while focusing on learning the remainder of the 37-posture Yang Short Form. Instructor: Andy Unger.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, January 14 – March 17
7:15 - 8:10 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

Tai Chi Chuan: Continuing with Tai Chi

This class is for students who have gained some confidence with the 37-posture Yang Short Form and want to continue refining their Tai Chi skills. The focus remains the understanding and execution of the form. Instructor: Andy Unger.



Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, January 14 – March 17
8:15 - 9:10 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

Yoga Iyengar: Beginners

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable

clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 20 – March 23
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145
Drop-in: \$15 (credit card only)



Yoga Iyengar: Intermediate

For the intermediate student, Iyengar Yoga takes one deeper into the poses. As one gains strength and stability one moves towards the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (Beginner's class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 20 – March 23
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145
Drop-in: \$15 (credit card only)

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 25-26 (in Youth)



Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership, and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means one heart way). This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club.



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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing
Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MULTI MEDIA

Intro to Logic Pro

This class focuses on opening Logic, exploring the interface, starting a project with Apple Loops, navigating the project, building an arrangement, mixing the song, and exporting the mix. Instructor: Isaac Aare.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Sessions
Thursdays, January 28 – March 17
Beginners: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120
Advanced: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro: Beginners

Introduction to video editing using Apple's latest version of Final Cut Pro. Participants

will learn the general interface, keyboard shortcuts, and all pertinent terminology. Learn how to create and organize projects, log and capture video, add transitions and effects, basic text manipulation, and timeline-based storytelling. Instructor: Issac Asare.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 27 – March 16
6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro: Advanced

This course involves a brief review of some Final Cut Pro interface basics and will cover some of the more advanced concepts in Final Cut Pro, such as keyframing, motion effects, color correction, composition, filters, slow motion, and graphic manipulation. Instructor: Isaac Asare.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 28-March 18
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

SPORTS

2016 Adult Softball League: Team Fee

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50% of T.P. residents to qualify for the Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit 25. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. All games are double headers.

16 years and older
9 Week Season
Sundays, April 10 – June 19
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$545 / Non-resident: \$645

2016 Adult Softball League: Free Agent Waitlist

Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team, you will be responsible for paying your registration and any other associated fees to that team.

16 years and older
9 Week Season
Sundays, April 10– June 19
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

55+



ART



See Art programs on page 23 (from Youth) and pages 31-32 (from Adult)

Expressive Portraits: Painting and Drawing

Inspired by a diverse range of portrait artists including Singer Sargent, Norman Rockwell, and Chuck Close, students will learn to draw and paint using charcoal, pastel, oil, and acrylic to turn family photos into brilliant works of art in this exciting portraiture class. This class is ideal for beginners and experienced students interested in bringing an extra level of personality to their artwork. This course is through Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute, Montgomery College course #LL183. **Registration and payment to Montgomery College Workforce and Continuing Education, Rockville, Maryland or <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu>. For more information and registration assistance, please call 240-567-5188.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
6 Week Session
Thursdays, March 3 – April 14
(No class 3/17)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Tuition waiver applies; Adults 60 and older: \$89 / Adults 55-59: \$171
Register through Montgomery College

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration required.

Takoma Park Community Center

301-891-7100

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 31-34 (from Adults).

Ask us about senior scholarships



Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Days
Thursdays, January 28, February 25, and March 24
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

The Game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to "hang out" before, in-between and after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free

Needlework Get-together

Work on your knitting and crochet with other needlework enthusiasts. Join us for fun, conversation, and support with your projects. This is not an instructional class. Drop-in. No registration required. The group will not meet during inclement weather.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
11 Week Session
Mondays, January 4 – March 28
(No class on 1/18 and 2/15)
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free

Recreation: 55+ (cont.)

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class

Learn how to use the internet and e-mail. Use a word processing program to make lists and type letters. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Instructors: Patti Mallin and Jim Mueller.

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
6 Week Sessions

Session 1: Wednesdays, January 6 – February 10

Session 2: Wednesdays, February 24 – March 30
10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$10

FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Days

Thursdays, January 28, February 25, and March 24
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free

Cardio Groove

High-energy and fast-paced, low-impact aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly. Followed by a cool down and stretch. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session

Thursdays, January 7 – March 10
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Free

Full Body Fusion

Active adults will enjoy this low-impact full-body workout to music. Elements of balance, movement, strengthening, and

yoga blend to create a fun, functional, and energetic workout. Bring an exercise mat to class. Instructor: Jaylene Sarracino.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, January 5 – March 8
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Gentle Yoga

Yoga can help increase flexibility, strength, and balance, using a series of seated and standing poses. Learn breathing and relaxation techniques. Beginners and experienced students welcome. Work at your own level. You must bring a yoga mat to class. Instructor: Carol Mermey.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
6 Week Session
Alternate Fridays, January 8 – March 18
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Free

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility, and stress reduction are just some of the benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Due to the popularity of the line dance classes, you may register for one class per week only. Instructor: Barbara Brown.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
13 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, January 6 – March 30
(No class 1/27 and 2/3)
Early Session: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Later Session: 11:45 - 12:45 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants

with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility, and cardiovascular strength. Due to the popularity of the Zumba classes, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Denny Pruitt.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
10 Week Sessions

Tuesday Early Session: January 12 – March 15, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday Later Session: January 12 – March 15, 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday Session: January 16 – March 19, 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Table Tennis Skills (Ping Pong)

Great fun! Led by Donn Olsen, coach and instructor, this class provides enjoyable physical exercise and requires no prior experience. Students will learn game rules and practice skills.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, January 14 – March 17
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun & Fitness Skills Class

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, January 14 – March 3
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Free

Pets



NEW! REGISTER WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT ONLINE OR IN PERSON!



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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Basic Dog Manners

It is never too late to start training with your dog. This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs in the real world, on a leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 1 year and older
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays

Session 1: January 7 – February 4
Session 2: February 18 – March 17
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Doggie Tricks and Games

Want to show off for the relatives or post cute online videos of your dog? Join us for Tricks and Games, a great way to train with your dog and have fun at the same time. We'll cover tricks

such as shake, crawling, spin in a circle, putting toys away, and pushing objects. You can work at you and your dog's pace and decide which tricks you want to teach. Dogs should have some basic training on manners. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 6 months and older
5 Week Session
Thursdays, February 18 – March 17
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Puppy Kindergarten

If you have a puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten! Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised off leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. Most of all, we'll have fun! No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Puppies 8 weeks - 5 months
5 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: January 5 – February 2
Session 2: February 16 – March 15
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Puppy II: For the Adolescent Puppy

Puppies in adolescence (between of 6-18 months of age) tend to get bolder, less focused, and develop selective listening. This class will teach and build upon basic skills with a focus on impulse control, not jumping, and polite behavior around other dogs and people. Whether you've been through puppy class or just adopted your puppy, this class will teach the manners your pup needs. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Puppies 6 - 12 months
5 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: January 5 – February 2
Session 2: February 16 – March 15
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140



CHECK OUT MORE ACTIVITIES IN TAKOMA PARK



Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

Lane swimming, water aerobics, kayak classes, and much more. Located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. Park behind the Community Center, use side entrance to school on Grant Ave. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, or JoyceS@acsgw.org, or visit www.acsgw.org.



Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

The Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club is a non-profit organization that has operated in the Takoma Park community for over 50 years. The Club focuses on academics, the fundamentals of football and cheer, and most importantly, building the team concept. For more information, visit www.takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com.

Takoma Park Community Band

Founded in 1975, the band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. The band is looking for musicians at all levels of expertise who would enjoy being a part of a musical group. Practice held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or Gene511@aol.com.



PARTNERSHIPS

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and not-for-profit organizations. These partnerships allow our department to leverage resources and generate citywide interest and support for our facilities, programs and events. We appreciate your support!



Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program whose goal is to provide local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. Takoma Soccer strives to teach children the value and fun of teamwork, cooperation, practice and sportsmanship. For more information, contact Howard Kohn at 301-270-8187 or kohn@erols.com.





Special Events

2016 SUMMER CAMP EXPO



Come discover all of the camps that the Recreation Department will be offering this year for tots, youth and teens. Meet the instructors and learn what your child(ren) will be participating in. You will receive a 20% discount if you register in person during the expo. All other forms of registration will begin Monday, February 1 at 8:30am.

Registrants throughout the Early Bird Special registration period (February 1-29) will receive a 10% discount.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday, January 30
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free

6TH ANNUAL MID-WINTER PLAY DAY

Attention! Attention? Yes, that's right Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the Sixth Annual Mid-Year Play Day! Come join Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes, and get ready to PLAY! To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit www.takomaplays.org. See you there!! Also, this year there will be transportation for the seniors to and from Play Day.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
All Ages
Sunday, February 14
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Free

EGG HUNT

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg"citing time!

There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. The hunt begins at 11:00 a.m. SHARP! Don't miss out. Don't forget to bring your basket! Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you.



Ed Wilhelm Field
(behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Saturday, March 26, 2016
11:00 a.m. Sharp
Rain date: March 28 at 4:00 p.m.
Free

SAVE THE DATE!

**Celebrate Takoma Festival
Saturday, May 14 • Starting at 4 p.m.**

The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will host the Annual Celebrate Takoma Festival and Azalea Awards. We are looking for vendors and committee members to help celebrate Takoma Park's cultural diversity with food, merchandise, entertainment and games from around the world. For more information on how to become a vendor or to join the Celebrate Takoma Committee, please email CelebrateTakoma@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7290.



**HIRING NOW FOR FLAG FOOTBALL OFFICIALS and
SUMMER CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES**

Opens February 1

**Teach Sports and games • Outdoor activities
Arts and crafts • and more**

**For job openings and application information, visit
www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers**

**REGISTRATION
BEGINS
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 15
AT 8:30 A.M.**

visit us online @

<http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>



**With ActiveNet®
you can use a credit
card to:**

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Request a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.

Instructions for creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

1. Access apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.

4. Click **Create Account** or enter other family members into the system at this time.
5. Click **Intro** and search for a course or facility.

Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in:
Takoma Park Recreation Department
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning classes, please call **301-891-7290** or e-mail us at recreation@takomaparkmd.gov.

Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

Registration policies

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to

weather emergencies.

- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.8 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/council and review the street listing.
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.
- Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program. Credits **must** be used by **June 30**. After that time, the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exceptions**). No refund after the program has ended.



WE DON'T SPAM

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that you have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.



REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.