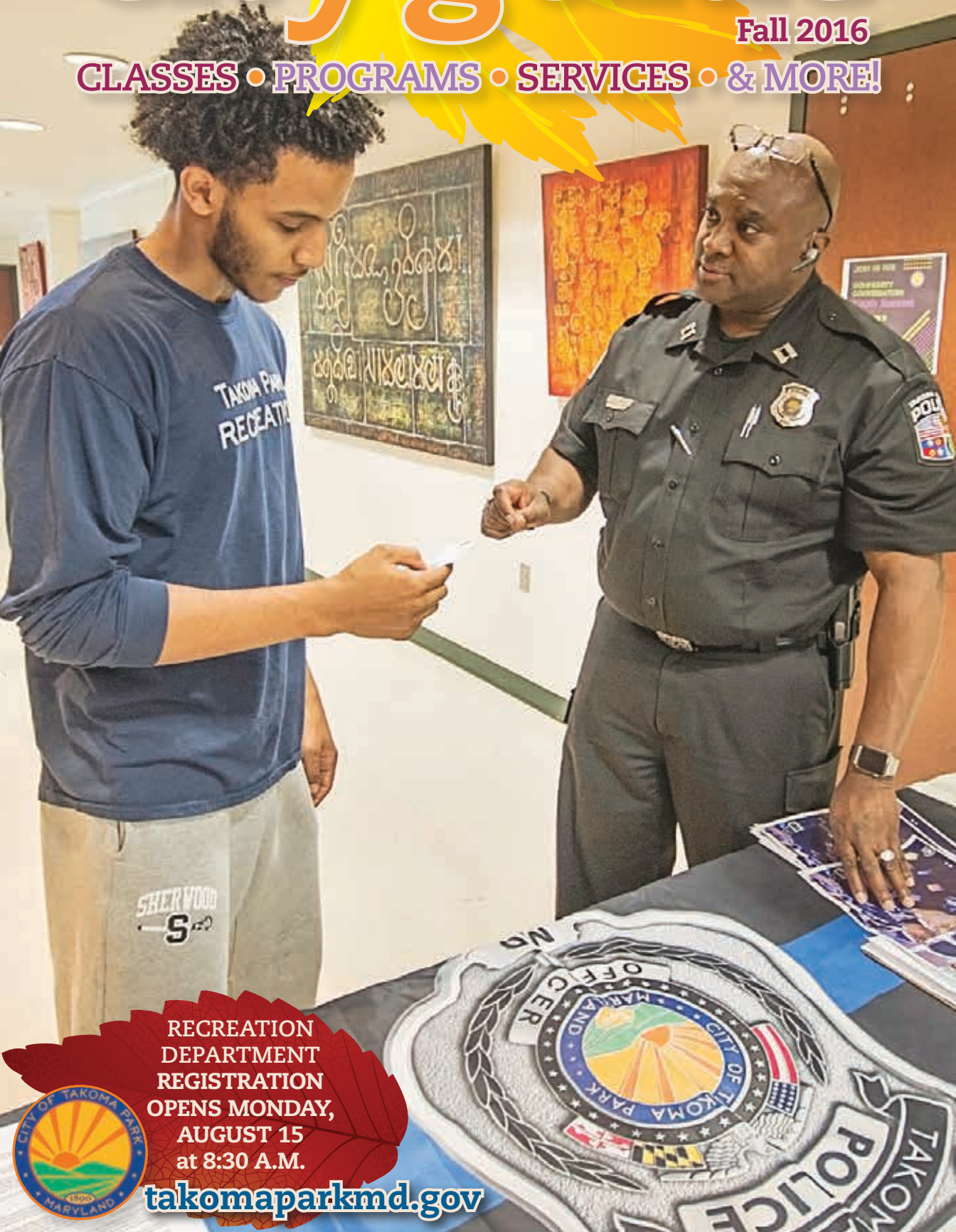


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Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24-
Sunday, November 27

Christmas

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p.m. - Monday, December 26

About the Cover

Recreation Program Assistant Abel Asafere, 21, talks with Takoma Park Police Captain Tyrone Collington during the Community Conversation on Youth Success. To learn more about the police department's programs and services for the community, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police.



Look for this icon throughout the guide, which identifies the City's green initiatives.

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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 Jason Damweber, Deputy City Manager, at jasond@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 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 takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)



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 Peggye Washington at
 301-891-7230 or email
 PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 1: Peter Kovar
 202-853-5481
 PeterK@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 2: Tim Male
 240-274-0341
 TimM@takomaparkmd.gov

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 Peggye Washington at PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.

Ward 3: Rizzy Qureshi
 202-689-2794
 RizzyQ@takomaparkmd.gov

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 TerryS@takomaparkmd.gov

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Ward 6: Fred Schultz
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 FredS@takomaparkmd.gov



**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 Wednesdays, unless the City Council is on recess or a Wednesday 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.

Active Boards, Commissions & Committees

Arts & Humanities Commission, Board of Elections, Commemoration Commission, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), Committee on the Environment, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Facade Advisory Board, Grants Review Committee Noise Control Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Personnel Appeal Board Recreation Committee, Safe Roadways Committee, Tree Commission

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 takomaparkmd.gov/bcc.

The City of Takoma Park is challenging residents to save energy at home to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Homeowners and renters can earn a Green Home Certification in Energy Efficiency by taking steps at home to save energy. There are three levels:

- Light Green
- Medium Green
- Dark Green

Each corresponds to increasing measures to save energy. Saving energy at home has some great benefits, including reduced utility bills and a more comfortable, healthy home!

It also helps the City compete for the Georgetown University Energy Prize, which has a \$5 million award to benefit Takoma Park residents.

Benefits of Green Home Certification include thousands of dollars available in Pepco rebates, and Takoma Park is offering added incentives for qualified energy efficiency improvements.

The City's sustainability manager is available for advice, second-opinions on contractor recommendations, help with selecting energy auditors, and assistance with identifying rebates and financing options available to you.

Substitutions, previous home improvements, and alternatives will be considered on Green Home Certification applications. Everyone who achieves Green Home Certification receives a Green Home Certified yard sign

and certificate. Those who earn Dark Green certifications also receive a sustainably grown, locally made wood wall plaque.

For more information about Energy Efficiency Rebates, go to takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates.

Contact the Sustainability Manager:
Gina Mathias
301-891-7623
ginam@takomaparkmd.gov



TO PARTICIPATE

-  **Download a Green Home Certification booklet at takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability**
-  **Take steps at home to save energy**
-  **Submit your Green Home Certification application**

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.	Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Sunday 12 - 5 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+

Monday - Friday	12 - 8 p.m.
Saturday	12 - 6 p.m.
Sunday	12 - 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

Fall Hours:

Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)
 Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5 p.m.
 Saturday 12 - 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)
 Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Active Adult (55+)
 Monday - Saturday
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesday	12 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	12 - 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
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Monday - Friday | 12 - 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12 - 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 - 5 p.m.
Monday	12 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Book Your Next Event with Us!

**12 & Under Parties
Bridal Showers
Baby Showers
Community Meetings***

Go online: Request a room or park shelter with a credit card from our website at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation. See Page 38, 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 tables

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 - 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)

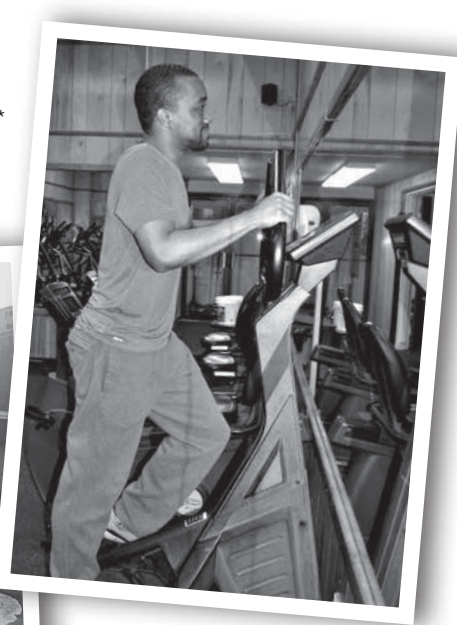
General	\$15 per hour
Commercial	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

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!

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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.*



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

takomaparkmd.gov/finance

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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:

- Rental 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

takomaparkmd.gov/hr

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

Lifelong Takoma

301-891-7232

lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/lifelongtakoma

Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Lifelong Takoma Program:

- Helps residents age 55+ and residents with disabilities, of all ages, to identify areas where they may need help
- Connects residents to resources, programs and opportunities
- Creates partnerships that may result in new or additional resources for residents

Lifelong Takoma's program manager serves as an advocate for resident needs with state and county agencies. The program operates part-time.

Aging Well Network

Hosted by the Lifelong Takoma Program and the Village of Takoma Park

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Azalea Room at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Past meeting topics have included "Planning Ahead, Advanced Directives" and "Food For Thought." Come prepared to have a good time, grab a bite to eat, make a new friend and join in the conversation! These events are free.

Event Cancellation: Lifelong Takoma Day will not take place this year.



During the Celebration of Takoma Park Elders event (Feb. 23), 45 residents danced to infectious beats and made new friends.

Police

911 (fire and rescue)
301-270-1100 (emergency)
301-270-1100 (non-emergency)
police@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/police
Open 24/7

Whether online, in person or phone, the Police Department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park. Here are two important programs we provide:

Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Takoma Park Police Department will once again participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in September. This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your prescriptions to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Collection boxes are set up in the first floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications will be accepted.



Note:

Permanent drop off location available in the Police Lobby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Items that CANNOT be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers. The Takoma Park Police Department safely disposes of these items through environmentally accepted practices. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Community Police Academy (November through January)

The Community Police Academy is a 10-week program consisting of one class a week on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The classes cover topics such

as patrol, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations and so forth. Officers, detectives and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department will give slide show/lecture style presentations. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-alongs with patrol officers.

Educating the community will result in gaining its understanding and support. Through implementation of the Community Police Academy, citizens get new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the citizens it serves.

The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and will be filled based on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to commit to the full 10 weeks to get the most out of the program.

Any community member with an interest



Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg talks with Andy Kelemen, who serves on the Chief's Advisory Board, during National Night Out. Don't forget to join us for this year's event on Tuesday, August 2.



Participants in the Community Police Academy visit a county correctional facility.

in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, who is 18 years of age or older and lives or works in Takoma Park, may apply. Applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or felony offenses.

Any questions about the Community Police Academy can be directed to the public information officer, Catherine Plevy, at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.



TAKOMA PARK CITY TV

301-891-7118

cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov
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.

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!
 ¡Visitenos! Somos Takoma y El Barrio
 También Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.*



Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization and cultural programming.

What's happening in Takoma Park?

The City website is a source of information and links to answer questions about specific projects as well as the processes required to get things done in the City.

Project Directory

The project directory on the City website lists current projects that City staff is working on or monitoring, including regular updates and links to additional information. If you're wondering about the Vacant and Blighted Properties Initiative, the Parking Management Study or other activities, check the Project Directory: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory.

Renovating Property in Takoma Park

To find out about a building renovation or construction, check the City webpage with links to information from Montgomery County: takomaparkmd.gov/development-review. This page includes guidance on permit requirements and how to apply, including permits for work in the Historic District. Most improvement projects require Montgomery County permits for construction, renovation or demolition as well as a municipality letter from the City of Takoma Park. You can also find links to the records of permitted development activities. Development review is administered by the County in coordination with Takoma Park and may be reviewed by City staff and City Council.



*Above, facade improvements;
Right, cityscape;
Bottom, parking management study*

Photo: Sam Kittner

Public Works

301-891-7633
publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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Many of the City's green initiatives are managed by the Public Works Department.

Services

Mulch

Leaf mulch, made by grinding the annual collection of leaves, is available for pickup and delivery. The mulch pile is accessible for self-loading every day of the week. Loading of trucks and mulch delivery is done for a fee. To schedule a delivery, call 301-891-7633. Charges are \$45 for a three-yard load and \$65 for a seven- or 10-yard load for City residents.

Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment 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. Purchase 96-gallon trash carts 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 packaging or food service ware when providing prepared foods for on-site or take-away consumption. For detail information on the ban please visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/polystyrene-ban. Violations can be reported to the City at 301-891-7633 or via email at publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov.

Food Waste Collection Program

All single family and multifamily properties with City trash and recycling collection are eligible to participate in the City's food waste collection program. Please register at takomaparkmd.gov/services/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection.

Business and Multi Family Recycling

As of Jan. 1, 2016, all business and multifamily properties within Takoma Park must provide tenants with the opportunity to recycle. Multifamily facilities with 12 or fewer units can opt into the City recycling collection program or use a private hauler. Businesses and multifamily buildings with 13 or more units must recycle through a private hauler. For more information, please contact the special projects coordinator at 301-891-7621.

Holiday Trash Schedule

- **September 5, Monday, Labor Day**
Yard Waste collection is canceled.
- **November 11, Friday, Veterans Day**
Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, November 12.
- **November 24, Thursday, Thanksgiving**
Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Wednesday, November 23.
- **November 25, Friday, Day after Thanksgiving**
Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, November 26.
- **December 26, Monday, Day After Christmas**
Yard Waste collection is canceled.

Upcoming Events

Bulk Buy Tree Sale

August 1 to October 15

Receive a \$100 subsidy towards the cost of the first tree purchased. Contact the City Arborist at 301-891-7612 for program details.

Fall Leaf Collection

November 14 through December 16

The department will notify residents in advance about the collection. Details can be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/fall-leaf-collection-program.

Compost Giveaway

September 1 to September 30

Households participating in the Food Waste Collection program will each receive five buckets of free compost. A notification will be sent in advance.



FOR INFORMATION ABOUT GREEN HOME CERTIFICATION, SEE PAGE 4.

Public Infrastructure Initiatives

301-891-7633
 pw@takomaparkmd.gov
 takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks



Carroll Avenue Bridge rehab.

Carroll Avenue Bridge

The MD 195 (Carroll Avenue) bridge over Sligo Creek is undergoing replacement. Construction began this spring, and will continue 12 to 18 months through 2017. The rehabilitation of the bridge will include:

- replacing the deck beams
- replacing columns above the arches
- replacing the sidewalks
- replacing railings
- replacing 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 to extend from Old Carroll Avenue to the bridge, upgrading existing sidewalks and ramps on the bridge to meet ADA standards, and roadway drainage improvements. 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 stormwater management as well as improvements to

bus stops and lighting. Additionally, replacement of the old water mains and faulty house connections will also be completed during this project. The overhead streetlights on the west side of Flower Avenue were replaced with energy efficient LED lights last summer. The final design plans for the roadway and

sidewalk improvements are expected to be completed this fall. The City expects to advertise the project for construction by early 2017. Construction is expected to begin by summer 2017 and be completed in 12 to 18 months.

For more information:
floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov



Flower Avenue Green Street Project.

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 State and Federal regulations related to accessibility. To date over 15 miles of sidewalk on City streets have been repaired at a cost of over 2 million dollars. The effort is expected to be complete by 2019 for sidewalks on City streets. Repairs to sidewalks located along State Highways is expected to begin in 2017

New Sidewalk Design and Construction Locations/Status

Location	Status
Kansas Lane Allegheny to Cockerille	In community review/design phase
Maple Ave., 7900 Block	Request received
Lincoln Ave., 400 & 500 Block	In community review/design phase
Larch Ave. (from Glazewood to Elm)	Request received
Glenside Ave. (from Carroll to Wildwood)	Request received

Once final designs are developed, affected residents will have an opportunity to vote on whether to support construction. If 50 percent of the responses are positive, the sidewalk will be scheduled for construction as funding allows.

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

takomaparkmd.gov/library

[facebook.com/takomaparklibrary](https://www.facebook.com/takomaparklibrary)

@takoma

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, 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 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, ftpml.org, or their Facebook page ([facebook.com/FTPML](https://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 - 5 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday
12 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Computer Center Hours

Sunday
12 - 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday
12 - 8 p.m.

Saturday
12 - 6 p.m.



Photo by Maurice Belanger

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Weekly Library Programs

Circle Time

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



Kid's Art

One Sunday a month, 2 -3 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 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 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 & A Craft

First Tuesday of the month, 7 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.

Fall Special Programs

Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m.

End of Summer Quest 2016 Party

Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m.

Author/illustrator Aaron Becker presents *Return*, the final book in his picture book trilogy that began with the Caldecott Honor-winning *Journey*.

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Author/illustrator Juana Medina introduces the first volume in her easy chapter book series, *Juana & Lucas*.



October Friends of the Library Book Sale

On a Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Check at the Library for the date.

Monday, October 24

Master storyteller Candace Wolf tells "Scary Stories"
Two times: 7-7:45 p.m. for 5-7 year-olds and 7:50-8:50 p.m. for 8-13 year-olds

November and December



Friends Big Book Club

The club will gather in November and December



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Maurice
Belanger

(dates to be determined) to discuss *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, which was written in 97-400 A.D. and is considered the first Western autobiography ever written.



Friends Bi-Monthly Book Club

The club will discuss *The Silver Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. Date to be determined.

Monday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Two mega-stars of the children's book world – Eoin Colfer and Jonathan Stroud – team up to spotlight their new books. Colfer, known for his *Artemis Fowl* books will be discussing *Iron Man: The Gauntlet* while Stroud, author of the *Bartimaeus Trilogy*, showcases the latest in his *Lockwood & Co.* series, *The Creeping Shadow*.

Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Eaglebear, a.k.a. Tomas Shash, helps us celebrate American Indian Month with songs, stories and dances from his Xicano and Apache cultures.

Thursday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.

Musician Bill Jenkins and the Foggy Bottom Morris Men lead our annual Winter Solstice celebration.

Arts & Humanities



301-891-7119
arts@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/arts

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

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HUMANITIES LECTURES

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

Tokyo Jazz: Decentering "America's Classical Music"

Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m.

Though Jazz is often viewed as distinctly American, this lecture looks outside our national borders to a thriving scene in Tokyo, Japan. With the help of a series of musical demonstrations, recordings and videos, this lecture will introduce the contemporary jazz scene in Tokyo. Presented by William Scally, a PhD student in ethnomusicology.

Muhammad ibn Dāwud al-Isfahani, a Poet of Male Friendship and Love in 9th Century Baghdad

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

This lecture is an introduction to Muhammad ibn Dāwud al-Isfahāni (868-909 C.E.), a Muslim judge, poet and literary critic in Baghdad during the 'Abbāsīd era, a time and place known for its cultural diversity and its vibrant intellectual life. It will include details on Ibn Dāwud's life, poetic style and themes and literary influences. It will conclude with a reading of several of his poems in Arabic along with an English translation. Presented by Dr. Jennifer Tobkin, an Arabic professor at George Washington University.

Highlights from the Collection of Italian Renaissance Sculpture at the National Gallery of Art

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

Lara Langer, a recent PhD in Art History from the University of Maryland, will highlight Italian Renaissance sculptures featured at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. This virtual tour will introduce some of the most renowned

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS



Writing a Village

September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words. All levels of experience welcome. Contact annebeck48@gmail.com for more information. September and October workshops meet in the Lilac Room. November and December workshops meet in the Hydrangea Room. Free.



Photo Salon

September 26, October 24, November 28, December 19 from 7 – 9 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](mailto:robrudick@yahoo.com) or 301-270-2323 for more information. September, October and November meetings are in the Hydrangea Room. The December workshop will be in the Lilac Room. Free.



artists of that era: Andrea del Verrocchio, Lucca della Robbia, and more. Plus, learn about one of the Gallery's most treasured items, the famous painting of Ginevra de' Benci by Leonardo da Vinci. Find out how this astonishing work and its maker connect to sculpture.

Inventing Food Traditions for D.C.

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

As food activists push Washington, DC to be a model of local, seasonal, sustainable food production and consumption, it is worth asking why the nation's capital has taken so long to establish a distinctive

food identity. In this talk University of Maryland professor emeritus Warren Belasco looks at the historical, political, ideological and environmental obstacles to the development of a local food identity in the nation's capital.



FILM

2nd Thursday of the month. Events include screenings of completed documentaries, documentaries in progress, and experimental films.



Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan, presented by Docs In Progress

Thursday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.

Northern Maine is home to the biggest undeveloped forest land east of the Mississippi. Most of the state's forest land has historically been owned by the timber industry, but the loss of paper mills has forced new ideas of how the land can be used. This film explores what happens when one company proposes two resorts and 1,000 houses in the middle of pristine wilderness. Following the screening, there will be a Q & A with filmmaker Sarah Katz.



Fairness Rising, Late Show and Raise to Rise, presented by Street Sense
Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

DC's first homeless filmmaking cooperative, based at the non-profit Street Sense, presents three short films about homelessness in the nation's capital made by people experiencing homelessness.



Community Stories Festival, presented by Docs In Progress
Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate our local community

through documentary at this annual film festival which spotlights short documentaries about local people, places and things. Watch the films, meet the filmmakers and people in the films, and learn more about what is happening right here in our neck of the woods.

Vintage Movie Night with Richard Hall
Thursday, December 8

A continuation of our seasonal series with C-SPAN's Richard Hall, we'll be presenting 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.

 **Poetry – 3rd Thursday Series**

The popular series, entering its 12th year, features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Free.

Thursday, September 15, 7:30 pm
Featuring Grace Cavaliere, Megan Kuyatt, Charles Wright and David Salner with host Merrill Leffler

Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Jean Nordhaus, Martin Fitzpatrick, Renee Gherity with host Merrill Leffler

 **PERFORMING ARTS**



For kids and adults, these events showcase the diverse cultures and talents in our community and beyond.

El Grito! A Mexican Dance Celebration
Saturday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Dancers from a variety of *ballet folklórico* traditions perform in honor of Mexican Independence Day (16 de Septiembre).

Lilt'n'Dance
Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

Accompanied by traditional Irish music on flute, banjo, bouzouki, whistle and drum, Kate Bole and the Culkin School of Irish Dance show off their fancy footwork.

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All Stars
Saturday, November 12, 4 p.m.

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All-Stars (acoustic guitar, electric bass and violin) perform a highly interactive mix of children's songs from a variety of cultural traditions, family-friendly folk and pop songs and Mr. Gabe originals. Performances are appropriate for all ages and aimed specifically at children ages 0 to 6.

Staging Hope
Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.

Staging Hope is a theatre troupe made up entirely of homeless individuals. They create performances of original monologues, poetry, improvisations and songs as a means to spark conversations between housed and unhoused communities.

 **GALLERY EXHIBITS**

Traditions
September 8 – November 6

Featuring artwork by Susana Garten, Lauren Kingsland and Marsha Stein. This exhibit explores various cultural traditions via quilting, enamel and acrylic paint.

Man/Made
November 10 – December 29

Featuring artwork by Jessica Beels, Alexis Cohen, Allan Leventhal and Dilip Sheth.

Thursday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.
A multi-lingual evening of poetry curated and hosted by Anne Becker and featuring Zeina Azzam, Donuta Kosk-Kosicka, Konstantin Kulakov, Martha Sanchez-Lowery and Yermiyahu Ahron Taub

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.
Open reading! Bring a favorite poem you've written to share.

Community Coffees and Conversations

After a successful series of events over the past several months, the City Council will resume Community Coffees and Community Conversations this fall.

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated. We look forward to seeing you at future events. Stay tuned to the City website and e-news bulletins for more information about upcoming events this fall!



“Even though I was familiar with the issues, the presentations at the Community Conversation on Affordable Housing were compelling and contributed to the dialogue about how we can move forward with addressing them in Takoma Park.”

*—City Manager
Suzanne Ludlow*



Above, Mayor Kate Stewart joins a break out group, facilitated by Erkin Ozberk, Senior Planner for the City, during the Community Conversation on Affordable Housing.



Recreation Department Director Gregory Clark, Children’s and Young Adult Manager for the City of Takoma Park Library Karen MacPherson, and Community Volunteer Howard Kohn listen intently during the Community Conversation on Youth Success.

Below, residents enjoy coffee and conversation with Mayor Kate Stewart, City Councilmembers Peter Kovar and Rizzy Qureshi and City Manager Suzanne Ludlow.



All photos by Selena Malott



“Starting Friday mornings with coffee and conversations with residents is the best way to get things done in Takoma Park!”

—Mayor Kate Stewart






STAY CONNECTED!



The City of Takoma Parks strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the new City website, public safety notifications via email and text, and this newsletter, to name a few. Here are some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.

- Visit takomaparkmd.gov, where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects

- Like the City of Takoma Park on  or follow us on  at @TakomaParkMD and on 

- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert

- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at takomaparkmd.gov/news



- Make a service request or report an issue using “My TkPk,” an online and application based reporting tool: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk



Recreation Department

7500 Maple Avenue
 Takoma Park, MD 20912
 p: 301-891-7290
 f: 301-270-4094
 recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
 takomaparkmd.gov/recreation
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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 6-8.



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**

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Jay Keller
Chair

Members

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| Cindy Dyballa | Ray Scannell |
| Howard Kohn | Ryan Scully |
| Priscilla Labovitz | Jen Wofford |
| Cherwanda Oliver | Jon Worley |
| Rachna Rikhye | |

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 all ages. 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 before 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.

Instructor Spotlight



Fabulous Fall Fitness for the 55+ Community

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is delighted to welcome two enthusiastic fitness instructors to the Forever Young 55 plus program this fall. Both instructors are anxious to bring their training and experience to the expanding 55 plus program at the Recreation Center on 7315 New Hampshire Avenue. Their classes are designed to increase strength, stamina and flexibility while having fun.

Master Sifu Robert Thompson began learning and practicing forms of Martial Art fitness beginning with "Bungo Fu," a unique combination of Chinese

and African martial art, when he was only five years old. During the past 20 years, he has used Bungo Fu and Tai Chi to improve the physical and mental health of adults ages 50 to 100 at various senior facilities throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Master Thompson says, "I'm very excited about this fall. Teaching seniors is my favorite thing to do. As a result of a lifetime of practicing Bungo Fu and Tai Chi, Master Thompson says, "Today I'm 52 years-old, and I'm the strongest I have been in my life. I'm looking forward to spreading good health and balance to the Takoma Park senior community."

During the past four years, Adriene Buist has been focusing on senior fitness and finds working with seniors mutually rewarding and enjoyable. Since January 2015, she has been part of the DC-based YMCA Senior Fit & Well program. Ms. Buist's mission

is "to teach, motivate, encourage, and assist seniors towards a more healthy and fit lifestyle. The adage is true. If you don't use it, you'll lose it!" She hopes to see you this fall in the Enhanced Fitness Training class where you will experience an enjoyable hour focused on improving flexibility, strength and balance. Look for Tai Chi Strength and Enhanced Fitness Training at the Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, September 6.

Registration for these classes and more begins on Monday, August 15 at 8:30 a.m. both online or at the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.).





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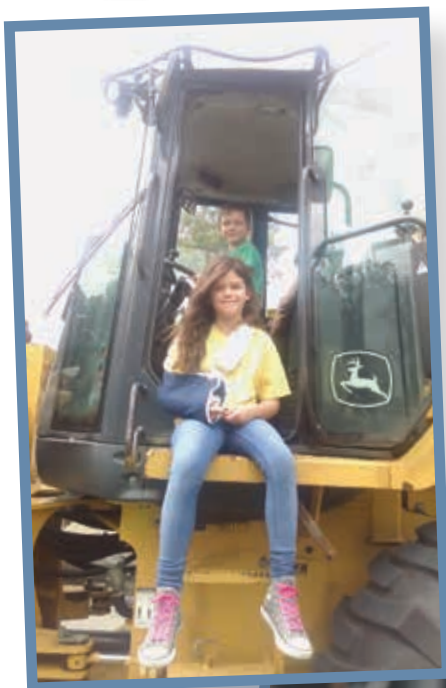
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Takoma Plays 8th Annual Play Day

Attention! Attention! Everyone, everywhere! It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to PLAY! Yes, that's right Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the 8th Annual "Play Day!" (Rain or Shine). This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit letsplayamerica.org. See you there! Also, this year there will be transportation for the seniors to and from Play Day from selected locations.

Takoma Park Middle School Parking Lot
7611 Piney Branch Road
Saturday, September 24
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Free



Monster Bash 2016

With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 29, Monster Bash 2016 will kick off at 1 p.m. We

will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact John Webster at johnw@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7290. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

Starting in front of the TPSS Co-op and walking down Carroll Avenue to Old Town.

Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 29
1 – 6 p.m.
Free



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 program and also the two annual dance performances. **For more information or to register, call 301-871-1000 or visit www.sutodance.com.** Prices vary, and drop-in prices are available. Additional purchases for costumes may be required. This program runs through the entire 2016-2017 school year. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3-5 years
10 months
Saturdays, beginning September 10
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
\$176



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, or to find out about drop-in classes, please visit: www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net.**

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 focus heavily 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
12 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session:
September 6-December 6
(No class 10/11 & 11/22)
11 – 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday Session:
September 7-December 7
(No class 10/12 & 11/23)
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230

Kindermusik: Move & Groove

In class, we engage your child 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 are welcome to stay for full class or join at the end for the last 15 minutes. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Recreation: Tots (cont.)

To register for all Kindermusik® classes, please visit: kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net

TOTS

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
4-5 years
12 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session:

September 6-December 6
(No class 10/11 & 11/22)
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Thursday Session:

September 8-December 8
(No class 10/11 & 11/22)
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230

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. Required \$20 home materials fee is included in registration. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-1 year
12 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session:

September 6-December 6

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

(No class 10/11 & 11/22)
10 – 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Session:

September 7-December 7
(No class 10/12 & 11/23)
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Saturday Session:

September 10-December 10
(No class 10/15 & 11/26)
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230

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
12 Week Sessions

Wednesday Session:

September 7-December 7
(No class 10/12 & 11/23)
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Thursday Session:

September 8-December 8
(No class 10/13 & 11/24)
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Saturday Session:

September 10-December 10
(No class 10/15 & 11/26)
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230

will be a \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of the class. Instructor: Maria Rhoe.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
3-6 years
6 Week Session
Saturdays, September 10-October 15
2 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

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. Program does not operate when City offices are closed.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue

English: Mondays, ongoing

Spanish: Fridays, ongoing

Newborn-5 years

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Free

SPORTS

Tennis Skills for Tots: Parent and Me

This 1/2 hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small racquets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and eye racquet ball coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation is required. (No experience needed.) Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts

7611 Piney Branch Road

3-6 years

8 Week Session

Sundays, September 18-November 6

Session 1: 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Session 2: 12:30 – 1 p.m.

Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60



Spanish for Tots – Saturdays

This class is composed of 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

Youth

5-12



TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

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

Mondays Session 1:

September 12-October 17
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **OR** 4 – 5 p.m.

Mondays Session 2:

October 24-November 28
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **OR** 4 – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays Session 1:

September 14-October 19
4 – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays Session 2:

November 2-December 7
4 – 5 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 has 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 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: September 15-October 20

Session 2: October 27-December 15
4 – 5:45 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and color 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
11-14 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: September 13-October 18

Session 2: November 1-December 13
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. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of holiday fun. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. *There will be no camp on Monday, December 26, 2016. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years

1 Week Session

Tuesday-Friday,
December 27-December 30

(No camp on 12/26)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

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

1 Week Session

Tuesday-Friday, December
27-December 30

Before Care: 7 – 9 a.m.

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

After Care: 4 – 6 p.m.
Resident: \$25 each / Non-resident:
\$35 each

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 program and also the two annual dance performances. **For more information or to register, call 301-871-1000 or visit www.sutodance.com.** Prices vary, and drop-in prices are available. Additional purchases for costumes may be required. This program runs through the entire 2016-2017 school year. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
10 months
Saturdays, beginning September 10
Ages 6-8: 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
\$198
Ages 9-12: 12 – 1:45 p.m.
\$258

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

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
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays
Session 1: September 8-October 6
Session 2: October 13-November 10
Session 3: November 17-December 22
4 – 6 p.m.
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

On Stage: Scene Study

This is an in-depth acting class comprised of scene work as well as acting warm-ups and theatre games. It focuses on Stanislavski-based acting techniques (objective/obstacle/tactics, subtext, script scoring, etc.) used to build a character and create believable scenes. Students will pair up and work on a scene throughout class, which will culminate in a performance. Material is provided, or students may bring their own scenes to be approved. Provided materials include scenes from Lillian Hellman, Neil Simon, Carson McCullers and Shakespeare as well as material from hit plays, television series and films, such as *Peter & the Starcatchers*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Antigone* and more!
Instructor: Gretchen Weigel.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

11-14 years
8 Week Session
Mondays, September 12 – October 31
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

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. Max. 15, Min. 10. 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, September 12-October 10
7 – 9 p.m.
Free

ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about how to grow food as you work alongside

EXTENDED CARE

School Year Child Care Programs

Registration began in March

Don't wait; spaces always fill!

- There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into eight (8) monthly payments. The next payment will be due October 1.
- Once you are registered and payment has been made, the Participant Information Form must be completed BEFORE your child can attend the program. This form can be found online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.
- On half days of school, the After School Programs will begin at 1 p.m. *The Recreation Department provides Fun Day Programs on full days and some holidays for an additional fee.*
- These programs will not operate on the days schools are closed; holidays or other school closings (including inclement weather, professional days, winter or spring breaks or school emergency closings).



- Participants who attend the After the Bell Program must provide their own transportation. Please contact MCPS Transportation at 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers.
- Scholarship applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the program.

****At this time both Morning and Afternoon Addition at the Community Center are full. We are placing names on a waitlist, and if a space becomes available, we will contact you.***

After the Bell 2016-17

This after school childcare program for MCPS 2016-2017 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Dept., please contact MCPS Transportation 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers and we will meet them at the bus stop. The "After the Bell" Program will not operate on days MCPS is closed. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten–5th Grade
Monday-Friday, August 29, 2016-
June 16, 2017
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$1,250

Morning Addition Childcare 2016-17

This before-school program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort participants to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School. Children will also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or to prepare for their day at school. ***This program is currently full, but a waitlist is being accepted.**
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten–5th Grade
Monday-Friday, August 29, 2016-
June 16, 2017
7 – 9 a.m.
Resident: \$1,300 /
Non-resident: \$1,600

Afternoon Addition Childcare 2016-17

Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include, but not limited to, the computer center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. We have some exciting activities planned this year including: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations. ***This program is currently full, but a waitlist is being accepted.**
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten–5th Grade
Monday-Friday, August 29, 2016-
June 16, 2017
3 – 6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$2,100 /
Non-resident: \$2,600

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

TOTS

garden veterans. Our team of volunteers from the neighborhood community, environmental change-makers and other area organizations tend, harvest, seed and water the garden together (and have a great social time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-14 years
Saturdays, September 5, September 26,
October 3 and October 24
8 – 9:30 a.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. Presently, stepping is popular among college fraternities and sororities. The goal for the Step Team is to teach a co-ed group the art of stepping. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. The team will consist of approximately 10-12 youth between the ages of 6-12 years old. Practice will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

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

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids: Beginners

Kung Fu helps with our health and mental state of mind. Students will partake in meditation, stretching, strengthening and forms. There is

a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-12 years
10 Week Sessions
Saturdays, September 10-November 12
Session 1: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Session 2: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

Taekwondo

Taekwondo, it 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. Martial arts are studied for various reasons, including combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable, \$40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 years and older
15 Week Session
Mondays, September 12-December 19
6 – 7 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPORTS

Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Greg Harris.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
Saturdays
Session 1 (8 Weeks): September 10-October 29
Session 2 (6 Weeks): November 5-December 17 (No class on 11/26)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
8 Week Session: \$80
6 Week Session: \$60

Registration
Begins 9/10

Futsal League 2017

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come, first serve, and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches.

Takoma Park Recreation Center



YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
7-10 years
6 Week Season
Sundays, January 8, 2017-March 12,
2017 (No games on 1/15 & 2/12)
1 – 4 p.m.
\$60



Tennis Clinic

This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
6-12 years
5 Week Sessions
Tuesdays, September 13-October 18
Ages 6-9: 4:05 – 5:05 p.m.
Ages 10 and older: 5:05 – 6:05 p.m.
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Tennis Skills for Beginners

This is a mixed class for students with a variety of 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
6-12 years
8 Week Sessions
Sundays, September 18-November 6
Session 1: 1 – 2 p.m.
Session 2: 4 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Registration
Begins 9/10

Winter Basketball League

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball - emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings



NEW! 7-8
grade girl's
division!

or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun - provide comparable playing time for all participants - meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times vary throughout the week at various local schools.

Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed, and training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department at 301-891-7282 if interested.

Team Assignments: Coed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Team Requests: Requests must be made at the time of registration.

Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten-8th Grade
8 Week Season
Saturdays, January 14, 2017-March 11,
2017
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

TRIPS

Fun Day

The Fun Day Program offers exciting field trips on scheduled whole day school closings. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Participants must pack a lunch. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Additional paperwork is required prior to the start of the program.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Day Sessions

Monday, September 12:

Amped Up

Monday, October 3: Wild

Things/Amazing Vick

Wednesday, October 12: Sky
Zone

Monday, November 7:

McFadden Glass Art

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Resident: \$40 each day / Non-
resident: \$50 each day

Teens

13-17



ART

See Art programs on pages 25 (from Youth) and pages 32 (from Adult)



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.** Prices vary, and drop-in prices are available. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-17 years
10 months
Saturdays, beginning September 10
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
\$253

DRAMA

See Dungeons & Dragons and On Stage: Scene Study on page 26 (in Youth)



DROP-IN

M.A.N.U.P.

MANUP is dedicated to developing the next generation of successful leaders by teaching the importance of 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. This is a drop-in program, and permission slips are required for trips.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13-21 years
Ongoing Tuesdays
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Free

Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS only (Ages 13 - 17). You are welcome 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. 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
Grades 6th-12th
Monday-Friday
3 – 7 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

See Babysitting Class on page 26 (in Youth)



First of Many

There's something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of workshops to help you discover colleges that care about first-generation students, find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to college.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 10th-12th
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 7-November 9
4 – 5 p.m.
Free



Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics

Recreation: Teens (cont.)

and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6th-12th
Ongoing Tuesdays
4 – 5 p.m.
Free

ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about how to grow food as you work alongside garden veterans. Our team of volunteers from the neighborhood community, environmental change-makers and other area organizations tend, harvest, seed and water the garden together (and have a great social time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-14 years
Saturdays, September 5, September 26, October 3 and October 24
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

See Fitness
Classes on page
27 (in Youth)



Teen Fitness

It does not matter your fitness level. We will show you how to do a workout appropriate for your ability level. You will be able to concentrate on your cardio and strength. These two healthy and energizing routines will help you burn calories and strength while building muscles to help you build a lean, healthy

body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.
Instructor: ----.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fitness Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-16 years
16 Week Session
Mondays, September 7-December 21
7 – 8 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and
Taekwondo on page
27 (in Youth) and
Karate Self-Defense
on page 34 (in Adults)



MULTI MEDIA

Multi Media Lab

NEW!

Multi Media Lab Drop-in
Hours TBD

See Multimedia
on page 34
(in Adult)



SPORTS

See Winter
Basketball League
on page 29 (in Youth)



Tennis Skills: Beginners

This class is for teens and adults 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. Then 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
12 years and older

8 Week Session
Sundays, September
18-November 6
2 – 3 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident:
\$120

Tennis Skills: Intermediate/ Advanced

This class is for teens and adults who have learned how to keep the ball going and is interested in refining their skills, consistency and power. We will primarily use the green and yellow balls for instruction. Competitive games and match play (serving, scoring, volley

and strategy) will be used as needed. Advanced serving techniques, shot selection and strategy will be available for those students that are ready.
Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
12 years and older

8 Week Session
Sundays, September 18-November 6
3 – 4 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Adults

16+ years



TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

ART

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 and older
8 Week Sessions
Mondays, October 5-November 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

Come learn how to use clay without the wheel. Bowls, soap dishes, vases and plates can be made by many methods, including plaster molds to create large bowls and plates. Sculpture students can make clay animals, figures or portrait heads. Glazes are food safe. There is a \$15 materials fee for clay, glazes and tools due the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Mondays, October 3-November 21
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130



Ceramics: Parent and Child

This is a fun ceramics class for parents and children. Students will be able to make art together on the wheel and learn about throwing pots. The pieces will be fired and glazed and will be food safe. Only one child per paying adult. Children must be at least 8 years old. There will be a \$20 materials fee per family due the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, October 6-December 1
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

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 and older
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: September 13-October 18
Session 2: November 1-December 13
(No class 11/8)
11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

Encaustic Collage Weekend Workshop

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 \$45 materials

Recreation: Adults (cont.)

fee, including all substrates, medium, brushes and paint. A letter about optional collage materials to bring will be sent out after you register. Minimum of 7 participants required. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
2 Day Workshop
Saturday, October 29-Sunday, October 30
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Resident: \$245 / Non-resident: \$275

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share memorable stories and experiences with others? Or are you simply looking for a creative focus for your writing? This class will help you to jump-start your memory and organize your ideas. We use writing prompts, sensory activities and interview techniques. Prepare to have fun! Bring a notebook or laptop to class. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 7-November 16
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about how to grow food as you work alongside garden veterans. Our team of volunteers from the neighborhood community, environmental change-makers and other area organizations tend, harvest, seed and water the garden together (and have a great social time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

301-891-7100

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 year and older
Saturdays, September 5, September 26,
October 3 and October 24
8 – 9:30 a.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. Drop-in.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing Saturdays
12 – 1 p.m.
Drop-in: \$5

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-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. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. **For more information or to register, contact 240-426-2032.** Instructor: Jazzercise.

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
17 Week Session
September 7-December 21
Monday and Wednesdays: 7 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays: 8 – 9 a.m.
12 months: \$45/month plus joining fee
6 months: \$50/month plus joining fee
Drop-in:\$10

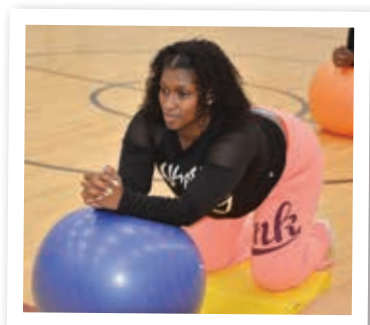
Ladies Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: September 6-October 27
Session 2: November 1-December 22
(No class 11/8 and 11/24)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

Pilates

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



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by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
Wednesdays

Session 1 (6 Weeks): September 7-October 12

Session 2 (6 Weeks): October 19-November 23

Session 3 (4 Weeks): November 30-December 21
6 – 7 p.m.
6 Weeks: \$60
4 Weeks: \$40

Qi Gong: Energize Your Life

Bring a new level of calm, peace and concentration to each day with these simple Qi Gong exercises. Open energy channels in body and mind blocked by work, health issues or any type of stress. Increase your agility, mobility, flexibility and general peace of mind. Develop a daily routine of exercise and snackerises you can use throughout your day. You will notice the difference! No experience necessary. Instructors: Joann Malone and Patrick Smith.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, August 30-October 4
7 – 8 p.m.

Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)

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
16 and older
11 Week Session

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Thursdays, September 8-December 8
6:15 – 7:10 p.m.
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. In this class you will start with the foundation poses, spread your awareness throughout the body and develop the connection between the body and the breath and the body and 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 do not eat at least two hours prior to class. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 7-December 21
6 – 7:15 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Persistence and practice brings transformation! In this class you will learn how to correctly enter into poses and to build endurance. As students of Yoga, our path leads towards the harmony of the body and the breath with 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 of 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
16 and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 7-December 21
7:30 – 9 p.m.

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Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 27 (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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
17 Week Session
Monday and Wednesdays
September 7-December 28
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Free with Recreation Center membership

MULTI MEDIA

Video Production and Audio Recording

Do you have a video or audio project that you are working on or want to create? This class will allow participants to receive hands on assistance from a professional and award winning producer. Instructor: Isaac Asare.
Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays, September 8-October 13
Session 1: 3 – 6 p.m.
Session 2: 6 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

55+

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 32-34 (from Adults).

*Ask us about scholarship opportunities



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De-stress and Self-Express

When was the last time you took time away from carpools, work deadlines, emails and phones? Hectic days got you down? Come relax and color your stress away. Think you are too old to color? Think again! Coloring is not just for kids, and this activity has been proven to reduce stress and anxiety while exercising fine motor skills and mental focus. Treat yourself to some free time to color, socialize with friends and neighbors and listen to relaxing music. Give it a try and join us after work. All supplies provided. No rules here — you may color outside the lines! Limited space. Online or in-person registration is required prior to activity.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Free



Holiday Crafting with Alice Sims

Holiday craft project for adults ages 55 and older. All supplies provided. Enjoy healthy snacks and door prizes. This is a free workshop; however, online or in-person registration is required with the Recreation Department. For information, call 301-891-7280.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day
Monday, December 5, 2016
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free

DROP-IN

Bingo

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
4 Days
Thursdays, September 22, October 27,
November 17 and December 15
12 – 2 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. Fall hours schedule.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Mondays-Fridays,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ongoing Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 12 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
15 Weeks
Mondays, September 12-December 19
(No program 10/17-11/7)
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

The AARP Driver Safety Program, the nation's largest classroom refresher course for drivers 55 and older, is designed to help tune up driving skills, explain safe driving strategies, cover the latest rules of the road and defensive driving techniques. Some insurance companies in Maryland may offer auto premium discounts to drivers who take this course. Check with your agency. **Make your check payable to AARP. Bring your check, AARP card and driver's license to class.** Registration

Recreation: 55+

with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Mr. Jerry Hulman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older

1 Day
Friday, October 14, 2016
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
AARP members: \$15
Non-members: \$20

Payment for the class will be collected by the AARP instructor on the day of class.

Computer Basics

This three-week course will introduce people with little or no previous experience to basic skills, such as sending and receiving email, internet searching and using a word processor to compose letters, etc. **You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers.** Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Sessions
Wednesdays
Session 1: September 7-September 21
Session 2: October 19-November 2
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)



Computer Extras

In these three classes, experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps and learn what to do with all those pictures in your mailbox. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

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

Wednesdays

Session 1: September 28-October 12
Session 2: November 9-November 23
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10

Crochet

Review basic crochet stitches or learn new techniques and stitches. Materials provided for students who are learning the basic stitches only. All others who already know basic stitches must bring all materials needed to complete their projects. Online or in-person registration with the Recreation Department is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
4 Week Session
Mondays, October 17-November 7
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free



Healthy Living with Hypertension

Healthy Living with Hypertension presented by Holy Cross Hospital and MAC Inc. (Maintaining Active Citizens) is a free interactive 2 hour and 30 minute workshop to assist you to better manage your high blood pressure in a supportive environment. Online or in-person registration with the Recreation Department is required. Presenter: Linda Nunes-Schragg.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
1 – 3:30 p.m.
Free



Nature on Wheels, Birds of Prey

Watkins Nature Center presents "Nature on Wheels," a traveling nature program about Birds of Prey. Meet several live residents from Watkins Nature Center, including hawks, owls or vultures. Learn how these animals are

classified according to their diet, the interdependence of living things within an ecosystem and the behavior and physical adaptations of birds. Online or in-person registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day
Friday, September 16, 2016
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free

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
4 Days
Thursdays, September 22, October 27,
November 17 and December 15
11:30 a.m. – 12 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, September 8-November 10
1:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Free



Enhanced Fitness Training

This well-rounded hour of fitness focusses on increasing flexibility, strength and balance through stretching, breathing, aerobic movement, core training and proper posture alignment. Students will use resistance bands. Please bring mat, towel and water. Instructor: Adriene Buist.

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesday, September 6-November 15
(No class 11/8)
1:15 – 2:15 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, September 6-November 15
(No class 11/8)
2 – 3 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
8 Week Session
Alternate Fridays
September 9, September 23, October 7,
October 21, November 4, November 18,
December 2 and December 16
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is a 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. Instructor: Barbara Brown.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
15 Week Session
Wednesday, September 7-December 14
(No class 9/21 and 9/28)
Early Session: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Late Session: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Free



Tai Chi Strength

This class begins with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance and ends with cool down exercises. Instructor: Robert Thompson.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 6-November 15
(No class 11/8)
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

Don't worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
14 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 6-December 13
(No class 11/8)
12 – 1 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. This is a free class; however, registration is required to participate in this program. 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: Yesika Flores.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
13 Week Sessions
Thursday Session: September 8-December 8 (No class on 11/24)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday Session: September 10-December 10 (No class on 11/26)
2:30 – 3:30 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, September 8-November 10
1 – 2 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun & Fitness

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 S.J. Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, September 8-November 10
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

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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!



CHECK OUT MORE ACTIVITIES IN TAKOMA PARK



Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Monday - Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 4 - 8 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 4 - 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pool hours subject to change.

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 jkseamens@aol.com.

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 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.

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.

Let's Play America

Let's Play America is a nonprofit organization that strives to encourage people of all ages to play and helps them create playful events in their own communities. Play can improve physical health, mental health and a sense of well-being, as well as bring together diverse community members. Let's Play America works to create communities where people of all ages can safely enjoy outdoor and indoor play as a regular part of their lives. With many play events scheduled throughout the year, please visit letsplayamerica.org for more information.



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Register with the Recreation Dept.
online or in person.



EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Adult Dog Basic Manners

It's 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 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
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays

Session 1: September 8-October 13
Session 2: November 3-December 15
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

games, play, and training as confidence boosters; create positive associations with things your dog is afraid of. Dogs of all ages welcome. Dogs should be able to walk on a leash and see people and dogs without continuous barking. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars allowed in the classroom. Unsure if this is the right class? Email rewardsdogtraining@gmail.com before enrolling. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs of all ages
6 Week Session
Thursdays, September 8-October 13
8 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

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. Class is for puppies 8 weeks - 6 months. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 8 weeks-6 months
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: September 6-October 11
Session 2: November 1-December 6
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Puppy II: For the Adolescent Dog

Puppies in adolescence (between of 6-12 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
Dogs 6-12 months
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: September 6-October 11
Session 2: November 1-December 6
8 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165



Confidence Building for Shy Dogs

This class is designed for the shy or slightly fearful dog to help increase their confidence in the world. Learn how to read your dog's body language; use



REGISTRATION
BEGINS
August 15,
2016
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 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.

Fall 2016

Special Events



THIRD THURSDAY POETRY SERIES

This popular series, entering its 12th year, features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. All readings are free to attend.

The following poets will be featured September through November:



Takoma Park Poet Laureate and Series Host Merrill Leffler

Grace Cavalieri, Megan Kuyatt, Charles Wright, David Salner, Jean Nordhaus, Martin Fitzpatrick, Renee Gherity, Zeina Azzam, Donuta Kosk-Kosicka, Konstantin Kulakov, Martha Sanchez-Lowery and Yermiyahu Ahron Taub

In December there will be an open reading, so bring a favorite poem you've written to share.

See p. 17 for more information.



MONSTER BASH 2016

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 29, Monster Bash 2016 will kick off at 1 p.m. We will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park.

Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 29
1 – 6 p.m.

Free
See p. 22 for more information.

CHILDREN'S AUTHORS MEGA EVENT

Two mega-stars of the children's book world – Eoin Colfer and Jonathan Stroud – team up to spotlight their new books.

Takoma Park Community Center
Monday, November 7
7:30 p.m.

See p. 15 for more information.



Eoin Colfer



Jonathan Stroud



HOLIDAY ART SALE

The 11th annual sale features work from local makers, artists and craftspeople just in time for the holidays. This is a juried sale, and only original, hand-made work is sold.

Takoma Park Community Center
Saturday, December 10
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.