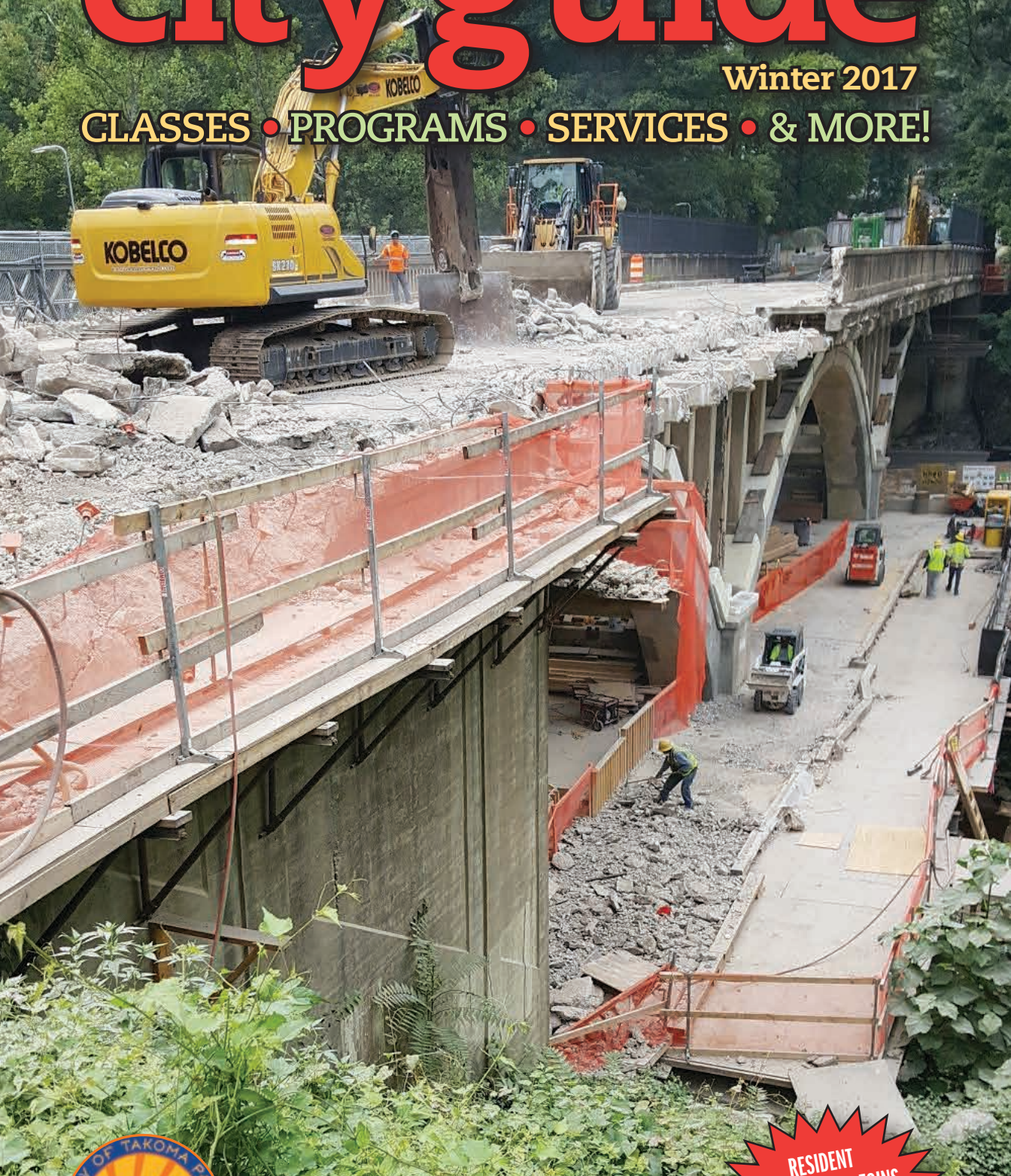


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AT 8:30 A.M.

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Monday, January 2

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Sunday, January 15 -
Monday, January 16

President's Day
Sunday, February 19 -
Monday, February 20

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The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) began a major rehabilitation of the MD 195 (Carroll Avenue) Bridge over Sligo Creek and Sligo Creek Parkway in fall 2015. Work includes the complete replacement of the bridge deck (driving surface), beams, columns above the arches, sidewalks, railings, and ornamental lighting. The road is slated to be reopened in July 2017.



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



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)

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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.



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 they adopt, and proposes an annual budget to the City Council.

To make an appointment with City Manager Suzanne Ludlow or invite her to a community meeting, please contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.

Ward 3: Rizzy Qureshi

202-689-2794
RizzyQ@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 4: Terry J. Seamens

301-565-0190
TerryS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 5: Jarrett Smith

301-960-7462
JarrettS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 6: Fred Schultz

301-434-7090
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.

City Departments

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.

Payment of City Fees

Online Payment
Payments associated with a City-issued invoices 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
- Recreation programs
- Parking fines
- 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

Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119
housing@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization and cultural programming, including We Are Takoma (arts@takomaparkmd.gov; takomaparkmd.gov/arts).

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.

STAY CONNECTED!



The City of Takoma Parks strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the City website, and public safety notifications via email and text, 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



We Want You!

SUMMER CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Opens February 6

- Teach sports and games •
- Outdoor activities •
- Arts and crafts • and more

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



Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

takomaparkmd.gov/library

facebook.com/takomaparklibrary

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.

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is an independent municipal public library. Library cards are free to anyone living, working or attending school in Takoma Park. Others must pay an annual non-resident fee.

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.

Public Works/ Infrastructure

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

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

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of City-owned roads, buildings, stormwater management systems, gardens, parks, vehicles, and equipment. The department also provides solid waste collection and recycling services to single-family residential properties in the City and in the various business districts.

Recreation Department

301-891-7290

recreation@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The City of Takoma Park's Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages. Our facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate our residents, improve our health and connect us as families and as a community.



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.

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Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.



City Facilities

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7290

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday,
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The Heffner Park Community Center features a multi-purpose room with a small kitchenette, restrooms and a water fountain. Rentals will also have access to 30 chairs and 10 tables. Tot music classes, arts, crafts, self-improvement, games, hobbies, and dog obedience courses are among the activities offered.

**NOTE: Heffner Park Community Center is open for Recreation Department classes and private rentals only.*

Public Works

31 Oswego Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-891-7633
publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Food Waste Collection Program

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

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.



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.

Takoma Park Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

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

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!

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

Snow Removal Reminders – Be a Good Neighbor This Winter!

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

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

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



How to Use the Takoma Park Project Directory

What is going on in Takoma Park? The Project Directory can fill you in! The Project Directory lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide and includes need to know information for each one.

takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory

To access the Project Directory from the City of Takoma Park website, on the home page under initiatives, select "Project Directory" as shown at right.

GOVERNMENT	SERVICES	INITIATIVES	NEWS	ABOUT TAKOMA PARK	EVENTS & MEETINGS
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About the Project Directory

This page lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide. Projects are grouped by the following classifications based on the

Crime & Safety

Customer Service / Community Engagement

Economic Development

Internal Projects

Public Infrastructure

Regional

Sustainability

Project titles link to more information specific to the individual project. Information is updated by project leads as developments occur.

Project Directory

Project Title & Link	Project Classification	Target Completion Date
6450 New Hampshire Avenue Site Improvements	Economic Development	2017-06
ADA Sidewalk Compliance Program	Public Infrastructure - Transportation	Ongoing

You'll be taken to the "Project Directory" page, which lists all major projects being worked on or planned citywide. Projects are organized by title, classification, target completion date, and ward.

Then click on the name of the project that interests you. In this example, a resident wanted more information about the 6450 New Hampshire Avenue Site Improvements.

About the 6450 New Hampshire Avenue Site Improvements

Using Maryland DHCD Community Legacy Program funds as an incentive, the City has partnered with the property owner of 6450 New Hampshire Avenue to incorporate green site features as part of the development of a two-story commercial building. The project includes a new sidewalk connecting New Hampshire Avenue to Sligo Mill Road, permeable pavers in the parking lot, and solar panels on the roof.

Current Project Status

A grant agreement between the City and property owner has been finalized. Execution of the agreement is pending construction permit approvals by Montgomery County DPS.

Project Lead & Contact Info

Rox Grigsby
Community Development Manager

Project Info & Timeline

Current target completion date: 2017 - June
Project initiation date: 2015 - July
Original project completion date: 2017 - June
Takoma Park's role in project: Participant
Departments involved: Housing & Community Development

Budget & Funding Source

Budget: \$100,000.00
Funding Source: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program

Links & Notes

Grant funded improvements include: 1) Installation of 5' wide concrete ADA compliant sidewalk; 2) Installation of stormwater management facilities, including permeable pavers in the parking area and driving

In general each project page contains the following information: project status, lead contact information, timelines, budget/ funding source, and links and notes. If residents have questions or need additional information about a specific project, they should contact the project lead person listed. Below is a partial list of the projects included in the directory.

- Colby Avenue Playground Renovation
- Election Synchronization
- Police Community Relations
- Cultural Plan
- Library Renovation Project
- Takoma Junction Redevelopment
- Dog Park
- Parking Management Study
- Pool/Aquatic Center in Takoma Park

Another option for finding information on a particular project is to simply type what you are looking for in the search engine on the City's homepage.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES INITIATIVES NEWS ABOUT TAKOMA PARK EVENTS & MEETINGS

Select Language

What can we help you find?



The City has undertaken projects, such as the Circle Woods Stream Project, that decrease the amount of contaminants and stormwater that enter local waterways.

Construction in Our Community

Lately it seems that we are surrounded by construction projects affecting local streets, from the rebuilding of the Carroll Avenue Bridge to installation of new utility poles. Here are some updates about City and State projects in our area along with contact information for the City and/or State departments involved as well as area utility companies.

Utility Work

The pace of utility work taking place in Takoma Park has increased significantly in the past several years. Much of the City’s utility infrastructure dates back to the 1920s and 1950s and requires replacement. These improvements are accomplished through large, planned system replacement projects. In addition, there are new service connections and emergency work. Below is a listing of contact information for the major utility companies, many of which are currently doing work in the City or will be in

Utilities	Service	Contact Information
Comcast/Xfinity	Internet and Cable	800-934-6489
PEPCO	Electricity	202-833-7500
PEPCO	Streetlights	Pepco.com
Verizon	Phone and internet	800-837-4966
Washington Gas	Natural Gas	703-750-1400
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	Water and Sewer	301-206-4002
RCN DC Metro	Internet and Cable	800-746-4726

Sidewalk Improvements

Since 2010, the City has embarked on a program to replace and repair existing sidewalks to provide safe accessible pathways and comply with Federal regulations. The City also established a process in 2012 for the community to request new sidewalks. Since then, the City has constructed more than 10,000 linear feet of new sidewalk. Current requests include the following:

- 400 & 500 blocks of Lincoln
- Kansas Lane (from Allegheny to Cockerille)
- Glenside Drive
- Maple Avenue between Sligo Creek Parkway and Maplewood Drive
- 900 block of Larch Avenue

For more information about the process for requesting new sidewalks, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sidewalk-design-and-construction.

Staff contact: Daryl Braithwaite, 301-891-7615, DarylB@takomaparkmd.gov

the near future.

You may have seen dashed painted lines along a street, sidewalk or grassy area and wondered what they were for. Those are “Miss Utility” markings. Underground utility infrastructure is noted by a specific color spray-painted mark on the ground. Red represents electricity, green is for sewer, blue is for water, yellow is for natural gas, and orange is for communication lines. State law requires that Miss Utility be contacted prior to any excava-

tion, so the underground infrastructure can be marked to avoid impact.

The Department of Public Works issues permits for non-emergency utility projects that take place within the public right of way. Utility companies are required to provide at least 48 hours advance notice to the residents that are affected by their projects. As part of the permit, the City may require a traffic control plan, tree protection measures, or street resurfacing following the project. The time frame from permit approval to the start of construction can vary greatly depending on the utility.

Also, most utility projects are done in phases – by first installing the main line and then working on individual service connects. This can make it appear as though work is being duplicated as the process doubles back. Most of the final restoration is completed by a different contractor than the one doing the initial line replacement. This adds time to the completion of a project and can also cause confusion on the part of residents who experience periods of no activity on the unfinished work. For larger projects, the City has established a Utility Work page on the City's Project Directory that provides more detailed information: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/utility-work.

Takoma Park Roadway Projects

Takoma Park has approximately 42 miles of road within its City limits, 35 miles of which are owned and maintained by the City. The Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance and management of all City roadways and projects.

Carroll Avenue, Ethan Allen Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue and Piney Branch Road are owned and maintained by the State Highway Administration. Sligo Creek Parkway is a Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission roadway, and its maintenance is performed by Montgomery County.

In addition to scheduled road resurfacing projects, the City has a number of large improvement projects currently in design or preparing for construction.

Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue: As a key recommendation implementing the City's New Hampshire Avenue Initiative, the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project will provide a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians

and bicyclists. The project will take place at the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue/East-West Highway and New Hampshire Avenue. The project includes crosswalk improvements, bike lane addition, sidewalk improvements and bio-retention facilities to treat stormwater. Construction is expected to start in 2017. More information is available at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape.

Staff contact: Nima Upadhyay, 301-891-7621, NimaU@takomaparkmd.gov

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. Streetlight upgrades, new benches and refuse containers on the west side of Flower Avenue have been completed. Washington Gas began replacing the gas main in the beginning of November. The remaining work is expected to start in the summer of 2017. More information is available at floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov.

Staff contact: Nima Upadhyay, 301-891-7621, NimaU@takomaparkmd.gov

Flower Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway Traffic Calming: This intersection has long been a source of concern for the adjacent Longbranch Sligo neighborhood due to the speed of traffic entering the neighborhood from Sligo Creek Parkway. City Council authorized staff to develop a concept plan and request permission from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the owners of the Parkway, to initiate an intersection redesign. An initial design concept has been developed that establishes a "T" intersection while providing treatment facilities in the existing roadway shoulder to treat surface water prior to entering Sligo Creek.

The project must go through detailed design and Park and Planning review and approval, followed by permitting. A public meeting will be held to review the design. Construction may begin in the spring or summer of 2017. WSSC recently completed sewer line relocation across Sligo Creek in this location and removed a section of the pavement during their project.

Staff contact: Ian Chamberlain, 301-891-7611, IanC@takomaparkmd.gov

State Highway Administration Projects

Carroll Avenue Bridge Replacement Project: The Carroll Avenue bridge replacement project began this summer and is anticipated to be completed by summer 2017. The rehabilitation of the bridge includes replacing the deck, beams and columns above the arches, the sidewalks, railings, and the ornamental lights. The overall project limits extend from the intersection at Jefferson Avenue to the entrance of the Washington Adventist Hospital. In addition to rehabilitating the bridge, the project includes constructing a new sidewalk along the east side of Carroll Avenue between Old Carroll Avenue and the bridge, upgrading existing sidewalks and ramps in the work zone, and making roadway drainage improvements. Information about the project and project manager contact information can be found on the SHA website: apps.roads.maryland.gov/Web-ProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO2402115. The Project Directory on the City's website is also updated regularly: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/carroll-ave-bridge-construction.

Pedestrian Signal Upgrades along Carroll Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue: Pedestrian signals and curb ramps are being improved in 15 locations along Carroll and Philadelphia Avenue. These improvements will bring the pedestrian signals up to current standards. The intersections along Philadelphia Avenue where work will take place include Takoma Avenue, Piney Branch Road, Maple Avenue, and Carroll Avenue. Intersections along Carroll Avenue include Grant Avenue, Laurel Avenue, and Tulip Avenue. The Maryland State Highway Administration is overseeing the project.

Project contact: Richard Baker, 410-787-7645, RBaker@sha.state.md.us

City Services

Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

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



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

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.

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.

Snow Season

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

- During snow events, please park your car off the street if possible.
- If you must park on the street, make sure to pull your car as close to the curb as possible, and at least 25 feet from an intersection.
- Please clear your sidewalk of snow and debris.

For more information on snow removal, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/snow.



Holiday Trash Schedule

January 2, Monday, New Year's Day
Yard waste collection is canceled.

January 16, Monday, Martin Luther King's Birthday
Yard waste collection is canceled.

February 20, Monday, President's Day
Yard waste collection is canceled.

Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

City Discourages Neglect of Vacant Properties with New Ordinance

To create better awareness around vacant properties in Takoma Park, the City Council enacted Takoma Park Code Chapter 6.38 in order to formalize a process for tracking vacant properties and buildings on its legacy as a progressive city. This new vacant property ordinance will afford Takoma Park and its residents the opportunity for advanced dialogue around long-standing unoccupied properties and to plan for the creation of more sustainable neighborhoods going forward. With the City's proactive approach to the management of vacant properties, the Council intends

to stamp out related crime and grime before it starts.

The ordinance officially went into effect July 1. It requires that properties that have been vacant for 30 days or more be registered with the City and remit a \$200 fee unless they are furnished and have working utilities. Properties being actively

sold or renovated are exempt from this process. All vacant properties must be secured and maintained satisfactorily.

If you wish to read the Code in more detail, it can be found on the City's website by searching "vacant property registry" in the site's search field. To register a property, or if you have additional questions, please contact Housing and Community Development's Housing and Community Services Division at 301-891-7119.



Police

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

Whether online, in person, or by phone, the Police Department serves the people of Takoma Park. Here is a sample of the programs and services we provide.



Community Police Academy

Members of the community are educated in different functions and components of the Takoma Park Police Department, i.e., Communications, Gang Investigations and Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Identification/Narcotics, Arrest Procedures, Victim/Witness Rights and Overview of the Criminal Justice System, Criminal Law/Search & Seizure, Traffic Law, Driving Under the Influence, Use of Force/Tasers, Crime Analysis, Bicycle Patrol/Laws, Canine, Firearms, Speed Camera Program Crime Prevention, Media Relations, Emergency Preparedness, Patrol Procedures and Recruiting. The classes include practical exercises and a trip to the local correctional facility/jail. The program will run for 10 weeks between December 2016 and February 2017. For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE)

This program is directed at the residents of Takoma Park who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day. Residents who need to be checked on register with the Police Department. They call the department each day 12 – 5 p.m. at 301-270-1100. If they don't call, they will be called. If they do not answer, a patrol officer will

be sent to check on their welfare. This program is to protect those in need and bring a sense of peace to those friends and relatives who care, but who are not close enough to check themselves. CARE is another way we can give back to the community and take care of those in need. For more information or to register for the program, contact

Pfc. Jessica Garrison at jessicag@takomaparkmd.gov.

DUI Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

During the upcoming holiday season, Takoma Park Police will partner with Montgomery County Police on a multi-jurisdictional task force where municipal, county, and state law enforcement officers participate in a collective “Driving Under the Influence” (DUI) enforcement campaign. The main purpose and goal is to enhance the enforcement efforts and to prevent many of the senseless tragedies caused by alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers. The Task Force will be from Wednesday, November 16, 2016, through Saturday, January 7, 2017. It will be operational from Wednesday through Saturday nights, generally from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.



Stay Informed

To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at www.takomaparkmd.gov/police. Notifications include, but are not limited to crime alerts, traffic, weather, missing persons, lost pets, etc. For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Community Cam Program

Members of the community who live in the City of Takoma Park can register any residential or commercial video surveillance system with the Police Department free of charge. If and when a crime occurs in an area of a registered camera system, detectives will have immediate access to the location of any registered cameras on their mobile devices. This will allow them to quickly obtain valuable video evidence to enhance apprehension capabilities. Working in partnership with the owner of the system is just one more tool in the police-community partnership to make Takoma Park a safe community. The registration information is confidential and can only be accessed by detectives and the police department's crime analyst. Participation is voluntary and the system owner may withdraw at any time. The registration process is a 3-step process and takes about five minutes to complete. The Community Cam website can be found at communitycam.takomaparkmd.gov. For more information, contact Capt. Dan Frishkorn at danf@takomaparkmd.gov.

Library

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

takomaparkmd.gov/libraryfacebook.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). 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 HoursSunday
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, 10:15 a.m. **AND** 11 a.m.

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

Scribblers Cabal

Most 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 3-10
Each program will have a building theme, and then free play. All LEGO is 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 Wednesday 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.



Winter Special Programs



Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.

T.P. resident author Yudhijit Bhattacharjee will discuss his new book, *The Spy Who Couldn't Spell: A Dyslexic Traitor, an Unbreakable Code, and the FBI's Hunt for America's Stolen Secrets*.

Saturday, December 10, 1 - 4 p.m.

Our 3rd Annual Mock Caldecott for Adults

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

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



December Friends of the Library Book Sale

On Saturday,
December 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Friends Bi-Monthly Book Club

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.
Selection: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler



Photos by
Maurice
Belanger



Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday	Saturday
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday	Sunday
8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	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

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

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

Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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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. Hours:
Monday – Wednesday 3 - 8 p.m.
Friday 3 - 8 p.m.
Saturday 12 - 5 p.m.

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 (Grades 6-12)

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



Book Your Next Event with Us!

12 & Under Parties
Bridal Showers
Baby Showers
Community Meetings*

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WE ARE TAKOMA

RECREATION

Go online: Request a room or park shelter with a credit card from our website at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation. See Page 39, 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.*

Small Meeting Rooms

Rose Room

Capacity	10 with tables 15 without tables
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Lilac Room

Capacity	20 with tables 25 without tables
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Hydrangea Room

Capacity	25 with tables
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Fees

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

*Commercial rate includes businesses and non-profits.

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

Capacity	55 with tables 65 without tables
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Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Capacity	40 with tables 50 without tables
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Fees

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

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

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

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)*

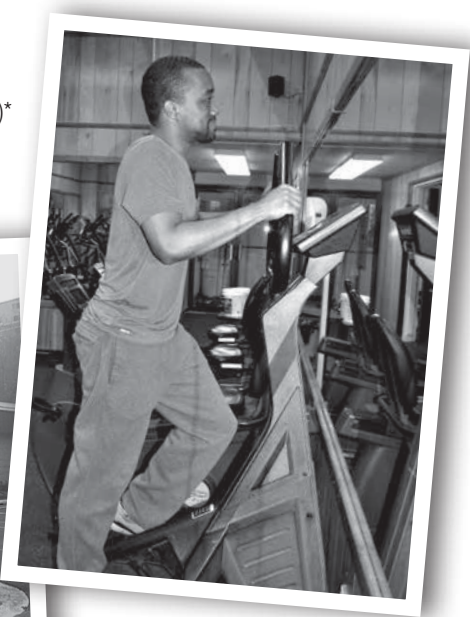
Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)	
General	\$15 per hour
Commercial	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

**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!



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

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.

HUMANITIES
LECTURES

First 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.

Inventing Food Traditions for DC
Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

As food activities 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. 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.

Psychic Hold of Slavery: Why Slavery Still Matters
Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.

This lecture examines contemporary moments in American culture, including the Black Lives Matter Movement, police brutality, economic (dis)empowerment, and political enfranchisement, to analyze

both the material and psychic legacies that American chattel slavery has imprinted on our society. Presented by Robert J. Patterson, PhD, associate professor of African American studies and English and director of the African American Studies Program at Georgetown University; and Soyica Diggs Colbert, PhD, associate professor of African American Studies and Theater and Performance Studies at Georgetown University.

Feminist and Progressive "Doctor Who"
Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

The British television series *Doctor Who* focuses on a time-travelling wanderer and his stereotypical companion who's young, female, attractive, and not very smart. Heather McHale, PhD in literature from University of Maryland, addresses this stereotype and finds that it has almost never been accurate, and that the show has, with a few notable exceptions, depicted strong, varied companions. Focusing mostly on the revived series beginning in 2005, McHale discusses how the show has made progressive statements about LGBTQ issues, disability, race, and economic class.

GALLERY
EXHIBITS



"Dodecamer300" by Jessica Beels

Man/Made
November 10 – December 29

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



"Keep My Secret" by Maria Simonsson

Human Element
January 5 – March 5

Featuring artwork by Cynthia Farrell Johnson, Maria Simonsson, and Suzheila Reyes-Bunnag.

Four
March 9 – April 30

Featuring works by Aishwariya Chandrasekar, Cedric Baker, Norma Brooks, and Pam Eichner.

Special Events

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, handmade work is sold.

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

Snowman and Capitol;
Photo: Rob Rudick





FILM

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

Vintage Movie Night with Richard Hall
Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

C-SPAN's Richard Hall returns with a new selection of short, educational films from the 40s, 50s, and 60s that range in tone from funny and ridiculous to surprisingly frank and funny.

Docs in Progress Film
Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

Encore Screening of Community Stories Student Showcase featuring films by 13 film makers.

Docs in Progress Film
Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS



Writing a Village

December 19, January 23, February 13, and March 20 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. This workshop will meet in the Lilac Room. Free.



Photo Salon

December 19, January 23, February 27, March 27, and April 24 from 7 - 9 p.m.

A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. This workshop will meet in the Hydrangea Room. Free.



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

Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Donald Illich, Gray Jacobik, Chris

Llewellyn, and Patric Pepper with host Merrill Leffler.

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Mary Ann Larkin, Gary Stein, and Barnardine (Dine) Watson with host Merrill Leffler.

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring works by a variety of exceptional poets from the region.



PERFORMING ARTS

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

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.



Street Sense; Photo: Courtesy Street Sense



U-Liners; Photo: www.uliners.com

U-Liners
Saturday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.

U-Liners perform a wide repertoire of original and classic Americana and roots-rock music. The band favors songs that have something to say about the world we live in and how to make it a better place.

Takoma Ensemble: Peanut Butter & Jam Session
Saturday, February 18, 4 p.m.

Peanut Butter & Jam Session is designed for children ages 1.5 to 7 and their accompanying adults. These informal concerts encourage kids to become active and enthusiastic listeners through music, movement, and games.

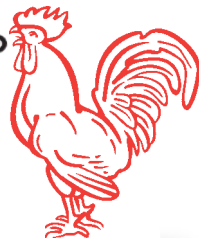
Recreation

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.

*City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15
at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22
at 8:30 a.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 15-17.

Is my class canceled due to weather?



The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (301-891-7101 x5605). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information. In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.

Takoma Park resident scholarships available for Recreation Dept. programs

Scholarship program

The benefits of recreation are too numerous to list, and often low-income families stand to gain the most. Recreation promotes physical, mental and social well-being. Recreation programs serve as settings in which friendships bloom and wholesome connections and community pride are forged. The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents (youth, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities) 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 Meals,' 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.



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**



Residents register first



Beginning with registration for winter recreation department classes on **Thursday, Dec. 15**, Takoma Park residents won't have to worry as much about spaces filling up in some of the more popular programs, such as the ones for seniors. They will register a full week earlier than non-residents, who will be eligible to register for classes on **Thursday, Dec. 22**.

"We started looking at implementing this policy about a year ago based on the popularity of our programs and classes, which increasingly are full and have waiting lists," said Takoma Park Recreation Director Gregory Clark. "There needed to be a mechanism in

place so that residents would have the first opportunity to participate since we are supported by City tax dollars."

Before coming to Takoma Park ten years ago, Clark worked in Prince George's County where early or preferred registration for residents was already in place. "This practice is used in other jurisdictions in our area and around the country," he said.

Residents can take advantage of preferred registration both online and in person. Residency is based on having an address within the City limits. To confirm whether you are a City resident, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/ward-map-street-directory.



Expos & Special Events

SUMMER CAMP EXPO

Come discover all of the camps that the Recreation Department will be offering this year for tots, youth and teens. Meet the instructors and learn what your child(ren) will be participating in. **You will receive a 20 percent discount if you register in person during the expo.** All other forms of registration will begin Monday, January 30, 2017.



Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday, January 28
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day

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



Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
All ages
Sunday, February 12
1 – 4 p.m.
Free

Fitness Expo 2017

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our 5th Annual Fitness Expo Saturday April 1, 2017 at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from our local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 8 a.m. with our first 20 minute demonstration. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.



Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All ages
Saturday, April 1, 2017
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free

Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg" citing time! There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. **The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Sharp! Don't miss out.** Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you.



Ed Wilhelm Field
(behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Saturday, April 15, 2017
10:30 a.m.
Rain Date: Monday, April 17, 2017 at 4 p.m.
Free

NEW FOR WINTER

City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15
at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22
at 8:30 a.m.



Tots

Newborn-5

ART

See Clay for Kids
on page 25
(in Youth)



CAMP

See page 26 (in
Youth) for more
information about
our Camp Expo



DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. 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 January 7
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. Busy and curious toddlers also love the 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 heavily focus on child development and communication with your baby. You and your baby will enjoy instrument play, dance, exploration time, and together time with others. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-1 year
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 4-March 1
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

Kindermusik: Laugh & Learn

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.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
3-4 years
8 Week Session

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

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



Thursdays: January 12-March 2
11:30 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

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 \$30 home materials fee is included in registration. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
1-2 years
8 Week Sessions
Wednesday Session: January 11-March 1
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Thursday Session: January 12-March 2
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

Kindermusik: Wiggle and Grow

This music-filled class celebrates the unique joys of your growing child. Each week your child will love singing,

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

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
2-3 years
8 Week Sessions
Wednesday Session: January 11-March 1
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Thursday Session: January 12-March 2
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Saturday Session: January 14-March 4
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

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

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 28 (in Youth) and Karate Self-Defense on page 35 (in Adults)

A black and white line drawing of a rooster, facing left, with its tail feathers fanned out.

Youth

5-12

NEW FOR WINTER

*City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m.*



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 for children 4-5 years old. 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:

January 23-February 27
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. or 4 – 5 p.m.

Mondays Session 2: March 6-April 10

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. or 4 – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays Session 1:

January 25-March 1
4 – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays Session 2: March 8-April 12

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 a different subject and medium. 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

2016-2017 AFTER THE BELL

Come join us after school for games, projects, arts & crafts, sports and other fun activities. Spaces are still available! Transportation must be arranged with MCPS by parents. The program does not run on half days and when MCPS are closed.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5 – 12 years
Monday – Friday
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$125/month

7500 Maple Avenue

8-11 years

6 Week Sessions

Thursdays

Session 1: January 12-February 16

Session 2: March 2-April 6

3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

11-14 years

6 Week Sessions

Tuesdays

Session 1: January 10-February 14

Session 2: March 7 - April 18

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

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Spring Camp

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday
April 10-April 14
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
\$200

Spring Break Camp: Heroes & Villains

Do you pretend that you are a superhero saving the galaxy against a villain? Well, join us for our Heroes & Villains themed week. Must pack a lunch. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday
April 10-April 14
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

Camps Extended Care

Winter Break and Spring 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 Sessions

Winter Break: Tuesday-Friday, December 27-December 30
(No class on 12/26)
Resident: \$25 each / Non-resident: \$35 each
Spring Break: Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14
Before Care: 7 – 9 a.m.
After Care: 4 – 6 p.m.
Resident: \$35 each/Non-resident: \$45 each



General Recreation Summer Camps & Specialty Camps

FIND THE PERFECT CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD HERE!

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

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 10 A.M. DURING OUR CAMP EXPO.

Receive a 20% discount only during the Camp Expo, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., in person registration only.
**Scholarship applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the camp.*

HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK OF YOUTH AND TOTS SUMMER CAMPS 2017:

Camp	Age
Rookie Sports Camp	3 – 4 yrs.
Tots Nature Camp	3 – 4 yrs.
On Stage: Footlights Camp	5 – 8 yrs.
Dribble, Pass & Shoot (Basketball Camp)	5 – 12 yrs.
Camp Recess	5 – 12 yrs.
Camp Takoma	5 – 12 yrs.
Dance Camp	5 – 13 yrs.
Intro. to Wilderness Survival Camp (NEW)	6 – 9 yrs.
On Stage: Spotlights Camp	8 – 12 yrs.
Enrichment (STEM) Camp	8 – 12 yrs.
Girls Basketball Camp	8 – 14 yrs.
Advanced Wilderness Survival Camp (NEW)	9 – 13 yrs.
Visual Arts Camp	11 – 14 yrs.

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball 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 Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday
April 10-April 14

Before Care: 7 – 9 a.m.

After Care: 4 – 6 p.m.

\$35 each

DANCE

Suto Dance

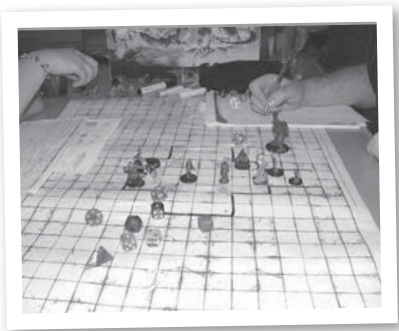
The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students at any level of training. Students are encouraged to participate for the entire program and also the two annual dance performances. **For 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
10 months
Saturdays, beginning January 7
6-12 years: 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
\$198
9-12 years: 12 – 1:45 p.m.
\$258

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

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: January 5-February 2

Session 2: February 9-March 9

Session 3: March 16-April 13

4 – 6 p.m.

Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
Ongoing 1st and 3rd Fridays
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting Class

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include: CPR, Fire Safety, First-Aid, infant and child care and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon

completion of all five classes and exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. All classes will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House. Instructor Chief Jarboe.

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
7201 Carroll Avenue
11-13 years
5 Week Session
Mondays, February 13-March 20
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 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!). We welcome your help with the garden on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-14 years
1 Day a month
Saturdays
January 28, February 25, and March 25
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. 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 one hour each day. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

TOTS

are willing to learn. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Recreation Department staff.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6–16 years
Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Free with a Recreation Center membership

YOUTH

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 uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-12 years
10 Week Sessions
Saturdays
January 14-March 18
Session 1: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Session 2: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

TEENS

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is composed of three parts in the English spelling, which loosely mean the way or discipline of foot and fist. 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.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 years and older
14 Week Session
Mondays
January 9-April 17
6 – 7 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Don't wait any longer! Few spaces left in Futsal and the Winter Basketball League!



SPORTS

Flag Football League



This is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Registration opens on January 15! Join the fun!

Practice begins: Week of March 20-25, 2017
First game is on Saturday, April 8, 2017
Ed Wilhelm Field
Divisions: 6-8 years and 9-11 years
6 Week Season – No games on April 15
Saturdays, April 8 – May 20
12 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

TRIPS

Fun Day: Pump It Up

Participants will get to jump and bounce on inflatable moon bounces. Lunch included (pizza) at Pump It Up in Silver Spring. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed



prior to the first day of program. No Before Care or After Care for this program.
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Day Trip
Friday, January 27
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

WORKSHOPS

On Stage: Spring Break Workshop, "The Wiz"

In the On Stage: Workshop, students get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing! We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination and focus building warm-ups. Then we'll work on learning dance combinations as well as creating and developing characters while learning songs, choreographing/blocking musical numbers, engaging in drama games, and getting to know the theatre space and terminology.
On Stage: Spring Break Workshop will end with a performance, so parents can see what we've been working on. Paperwork needs to be submitted prior to first day of the workshop. \$10 materials fee includes tracks/CDs, lyrics and prop supplies. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
7-13 years
3 Day Session
Tuesday-Thursday, April 11-April 13
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

Teens

13-17

NEW FOR WINTER

City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m.



ART

See Art programs
on pages 25 (from
Youth) and pages 33
(from Adult)



CAMPS

See Camp
Expo on page
26 (in Youth) for
information about
Teens on the Move.



Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. Week

Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch!

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 12-17
1 Week Session

Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100/week / Non-resident:
\$120/week

DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. 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
12-17 years
10 months
Saturdays, beginning January 7
12 – 1:45 p.m.
\$176

DRAMA

See Dungeons &
Dragons on page
27 (in Youth)



DROP-IN

M.A.N.U.P.

The programs for M.A.N.U.P. focus on development through the principles 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
Ages 13-17
Ongoing Tuesdays
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Free

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

TOTS

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TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS only (Middle School and High School students)! You are welcome to watch two 50 inch and one 70 inch LED SMART TVs. 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 6-12
Ongoing
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
3 – 7 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3 – 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come out for a night of games, activities and more. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

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

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

First of Many

First of Many is a series of informative workshops to help you discover and take advantage of the possibilities offered for first-generation college students. Find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to applying and getting the most out of college.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 9-12
8 Week Session

Are You a Business Looking for Summer Help?

The Recreation Department is looking for businesses to partner with for their Summer Youth Employment Program! We will train Takoma Park youth, and they will spend eight weeks with you in the summer learning on the job training. Often times this is their first job. For more information, please email recreation@takomaparkmd.gov. Business commitment is needed by February 6, 2017.



Wednesdays, January 11-March 1
4 – 5 p.m.
Free

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to 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. Free for residents and non-residents.

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

area organizations tend, harvest, seed, and water the garden together. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
1 Day a month
Saturdays, January 28, February 25, and March 25
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

See Fitness Classes on page 34(in Adults)



Teen Fitness

We will show you how to do a workout appropriate for your ability level. You will be able to concentrate on both cardio and strength. These two healthy and energizing routines will help you burn calories and gain strength while building muscles. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fitness Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-17 years
Ongoing Mondays
7 – 8 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

ENVIRONMENT

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



MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 28 (in Youth) and Karate on page 35 (in Adults)



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). Beginners welcome. 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
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MULTI MEDIA

NEW!

Multi Media Lab Open Hours:
Monday - Wednesday, and Friday
3 – 8 p.m.
Saturday 12 – 5 p.m.

The Media Lab will be closed on
Thursdays and Sundays.

See Multimedia on page 35 (in Adult)



SPORTS

See 2017 Adult Softball League on page 35 (in Adult)



Don't wait any longer! Few spaces left in the Winter Basketball League!

Flag Football League

Takoma Park Recreation Department brings you the Takoma Park Flag Football League 2017 season! This league is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The

goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Registration opens January 15! Join in on the fun!

Practice begins: Week of March 20-25, 2017
First game is Saturday April 8, 2017

Ed Wilhelm Field
12 – 14 years
6 Week Season – No Games on April 15
Saturdays, April 8 – May 20
12 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

Tennis Skills: Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for teens and adults who have learned how to keep the ball going and are interested in refining their skills, consistency and power. We will primarily use the green and yellow balls for instruction. Advanced serving techniques, shot selection and strategy will be available for those students that are ready. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
12 years and older
6 Week Session
Sunday, January 8-February 12
3 – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

WORKSHOPS

Wisdom in Minutes 102: Spring Forward

Participants will be able to clarify their dreams and take action toward them. We will help you to identify your skills, talents, and goals while making the most of your resources and education by laying the foundation for a great launch in life! Spring Forward will teach you how to go from ordinary to extraordinary.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
8 Week Session
Thursdays, January 12-March 2
3 – 5 p.m.
Free

Adults

16+ years



NEW FOR WINTER

City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m.

ART

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. Sculpture students can make clay animals, figures or portrait heads. Glazes are food safe. There is a \$15 materials fee due the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Mondays, February 6-March 27
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

Ceramics: Parent and Child

Parents and children 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 eight 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 years and older
8 Week Session
Mondays, February 9-March 30
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, February 1-March 22
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

Collage

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 will be available. A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays

Session 1: January 10-February 14

Session 2: March 7 - April 18

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

Encaustic Collage Weekend Workshop

Encaustic collage 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. All materials will be provided for the \$50 materials fee, including all substrates, medium, brushes and paint. A letter outlining optional collage materials to bring will be sent out after you register. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
2 Day Session
Saturday, February 25-Sunday, February 26
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285

DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students at any level of training. Students are encouraged

Recreation: Adults

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
16 and older
10 months
Saturdays, beginning January 7
2 – 3:45 p.m.
\$176

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Just For Dads: Parenting Tools, Techniques & Tips

What can fathers do to add depth to our relationships with our children? How can we help them tap into their own sense of motivation to learn and enhance their development? Join Takoma Park dad and Early Childhood Education Professional Scott Mitchell to discuss tools, techniques and resources that answer these questions. Free, but registration is suggested.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
One Day
Thursday, February 9
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Free

ENVIRONMENT

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. We



welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
1 Day a month
Saturdays, January 28-March 25
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

Jazzercise

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m.
EFT Pass \$45 month /12 month minimum + Joining Fee OR
\$50 month / 6 months + Joining Fee OR
Drop-in: \$15
Register through Jazzercise

Ladies Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mats. Co-

sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1 (8 Weeks): January 10-March 2
Session 2 (4 Weeks): March 7-March 30
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
8 Week Session: \$85
4 Week Session: \$45
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. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mats and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays
Session 1: January 4-February 8
Session 2: February 15-March 22
6 – 7 p.m.
\$60

Qi Gong Moonlight

Moonlight Qi Gong enhances the quiet, gentle, peaceful yin side of our energy in the fall months, balancing the warm, active, bright sunligh yang energy. These six beautiful movement forms strengthen and align the body, focus the mind, reducing stress and tension while bringing body and mind together in the breath. No experience necessary. Instructor: Patrick Smith.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, January 10-March 7

TOTS

7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85
Drop-in: \$15 (credit card only)

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.

YOUTH

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
14 Week Session
Thursdays, January 5-April 6
6:15 – 7:10 p.m.
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Yoga Iyengar: Beginners

Yoga 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.

TEENS

ADULTS

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 4-April 12
6 – 7:15 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$15 (credit card only)

Yoga Iyengar: Intermediate

In this class you will learn how to correctly enter into poses and to build endurance. 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: Tehseen Chettri.

PETS

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 4-April 12
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$15 (credit card only)

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 28 (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
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing
Mondays and Wednesdays
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

MULTI MEDIA

NEW!

Multi Media Open Hours:

Monday - Wednesday, and Friday
3 – 8 p.m.

Saturday 12 – 5 p.m.

The Media Lab will be closed on
Thursdays and Sundays.

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 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays, January 12-February 16
Session 1: 3 – 6 p.m.
Session 2: 6 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

SPORTS

2017 Adult Softball League: Team Fee

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50% of TP residents to qualify for resident team entry fee. Roster limit is 15. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. All games are double headers. *Spaces not guaranteed.

16 years and older
6 Week Regular Season: No Games
4/16, 5/14 and 5/29
Playoffs and Championship Games on 6/11
Sundays, April 9-June 11
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$545 / Non-resident: \$645

2017 Adult Softball League: Free Agent Waitlist

Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team, you will be responsible for paying your registration and any other associated fees to that team. *Spaces not guaranteed.

16 years and older
6 Week Regular Season:
No Games 4/16, 5/14 and 5/29
Playoffs and Championship Games on 6/11
Sundays, April 9-June 11
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

55+

NEW FOR WINTER

City resident registration: Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.
Non-resident registration: Thursday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m.



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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.



ART

See Art programs on pages 25 (from Youth) and pages 33 (from Adult)



DROP-IN

Bingo

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Days
Thursdays, January 26, February 23 and March 23
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.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room

301-891-7100

7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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
10 Week Session
Mondays, January 9-March 27
(No meeting on 1/2, 1/16 and 2/20)
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free



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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Adventist Healthcare Diabetes Self-Management

Six-week workshop for those who want to learn to better manage and maintain an active life with Type 2 Diabetes, Type 1 Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes. This is a free workshop; however, registration is required directly with Adventist Healthcare. **For more information and to register, please call Michele McBride at 301-315-3129.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
6 Week Session
Wednesdays, March 1-April 5
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free

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. Please bring your library card, cell phone (if you have one), and your email address and password to class. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Recreation: 55+

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

Session 1: January 18-February 1

Session 2: March 15-March 29

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$10

Computer Extras

Take your computer skills to the next level. 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. Bring your questions! You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Please bring your library card, cell phone (if you have one), and your email address and password to class. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, February 15-March 1
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10

Resources for Family Caregivers and Older Adults

Learn about online resources for locating reliable health information relevant to family caregivers and older adults. Online or in-person registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructors: Joelle Mornini and Michael Honch from the National Library of Medicine.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Sessions
Thursdays, March 2-March 16
5 – 6 p.m.
Free



Environmental

See Community
Garden on pages
33 (in Adults)



FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Days
Thursdays, January 26, February 23 and March 23
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Cardio Groove

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, January 5-March 9

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Free

Enhanced Fitness Training

This well-rounded hour of fitness focuses 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, January 3-March 7
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, January 3-March 7
2 – 3 p.m.
Free

Recreation: 55+

Gentle Yoga

Yoga can help increase flexibility, strength, and balance, using a series of seated and standing poses. Beginners and experienced students welcome. You must bring a yoga mat to class. Instructor: Carol Mermey.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
6 Week Session
Alternate Fridays, January 13-March 24
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. 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
12 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 11-March 29
(No class 1/4)
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, January 3-March 7
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
13 Week Session
Tuesdays, January 3-March 28
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

A Latin-inspired dance fitness program designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Due to the popularity of the Zumba classes, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Sessions
Thursday Session: January 12-March 16
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Saturday Session: January 14-March 18
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
12 Week Session
Thursdays, January 5-March 23
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, January 5-March 9
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Pets

NEW FOR WINTER
City resident registration:
Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.
Non-resident registration:
Thursday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m.



For all classes, dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please.

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Adult Dog: Basic Manners

This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs on leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners, polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

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

Session 1: January 5-February 2

Session 2: February 16-March 16
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

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. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom. Class is for puppies eight weeks - six months old. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 2-6 months
5 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: January 3-January 31
Session 2: February 21-March 21
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

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. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

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

Session 1: January 3-January 31
Session 2: February 21-March 21
8 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

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!

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. With many play events scheduled throughout the year, please visit letsplayamerica.org for more information.

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.
Lane swimming, water aerobics, kayak classes and much more. Located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, or JoyceS@ascgw.org, or visit www.acsgw.org.

Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

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

Takoma Park Community Band

Founded in 1975, the band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. The band is looking for musicians at all levels of expertise who would enjoy being a part of a musical group. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com.

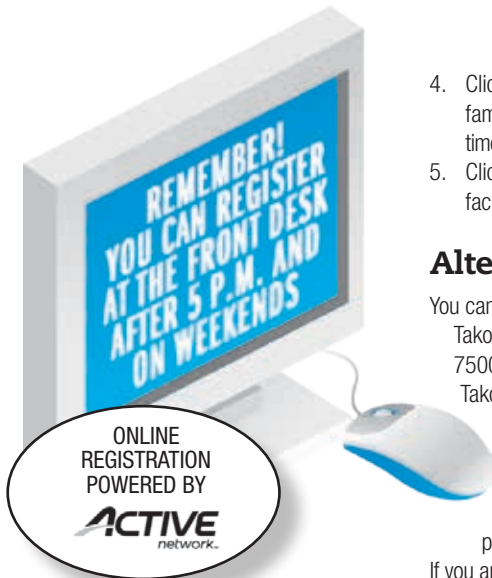
Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program that provides 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 via email at kohn@erols.com.



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.

Winter 2017

Special Events



SUMMER CAMP EXPO

Come discover all of the camps that the Recreation Department will be offering this year for tots, youth and teens. Meet the instructors and learn what your child(ren) will be participating in. **You will receive a 20 percent discount if you register in person during the expo.** All other forms of registration will begin Monday, January 30, 2017.



Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday, January 28
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Community Coffee

Friday, Dec. 9, 8 a.m.
Deauville Apartments
7520 Maple Avenue

Join the Mayor and other
City leaders for coffee and conversation.



SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate Takoma Festival
Saturday, May 20, 2017 • 4 - 7 p.m.

On Maple Avenue
In front of Piney Branch Elementary School
Event held rain or shine

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Join us for food vendors, entertainment, games and crafts from around the world. Most vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees for food vendor stands. Due to limited parking we encourage your family to walk to this great event! For more information on how to become a vendor or to join the Celebrate Takoma Committee, e-mail celebratetakoma@takomaparkmd.gov.



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 11TH ANNUAL

HOLIDAY ART SALE



Handmade gifts by local artists, artisans, and craftspeople

**Glass, jewelry, textiles, painting, wood, metal, sculpture,
pottery, photography, and MORE**

Saturday, December 10, 2016

10 am to 4 pm

Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park

