

# Takoma Park city guide

Fall 2023

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## KNITTING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

*City programs continue during renovation  
of the library and community center*



[takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov)

## Holidays/Community Events

### Holiday Closure Calendar

#### Labor Day

Monday, September 4

#### Observed Veterans Day

Friday, November 10

#### Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

#### Christmas

Monday, December 25

### About the Cover

Crocheters, knitters, and other yarn enthusiasts meet at the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. to create sweaters, scarves, booties, you name it—and listen to a good mystery. The Takoma Park Maryland Library will be undergoing renovation this fall, so activities will continue in the temporary location at 7505 New Hampshire Ave., Suite 205. Renovations are planned for the Community Center adjoining the library as well, but City activities will continue! Watch the Takoma Park website ([takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov)) and the City Newsletter for updates. You will find plenty of activities on the following pages.



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

## Community Events

### Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, year-round, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
6931 Laurel Ave.

Come out every Sunday behind the shops on Laurel Ave. for a mix of 25 vendors with seasonal produce, pasture-raised meat and eggs, artisan cheese, grains, bread, baked goods, and more. Find breakfast and lunch at the market, including empanadas, egg sandwiches, burgers, pastries, and more. More information at [takomaparkmarket.com](http://takomaparkmarket.com)

### Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays through November, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Anne St. at University Blvd. East

Crossroads Farmers Market offers the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, as well as free-range eggs, honey, locally roasted coffee, healthy snacks, and fresh-cut flowers, all from no more than 50 miles away. All federal nutrition benefits (SNAP, WIC, Senior/WIC FMNP) are accepted and matched dollar for dollar with Crossroads' Fresh Checks—up to \$50 each week. More information at [crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org](http://crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org).

### Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, September 10,  
10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Takoma Park Middle School  
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

The Takoma Park Folk Festival features six music stages, crafts, food, community nonprofit tables, and games and activities for children. Free shuttle buses with wheelchair accessibility are available from the Takoma Metro station. More information at [tpff.org](http://tpff.org).

### Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Old Takoma on Carroll Ave.

The Takoma Park Street Festival returns for its 42nd year of music, vendors, food and fun. Festival-goers will enjoy the day exploring over 150 vendors booths, live music from 18 local bands, food trucks and more. Takoma's unique shops, restaurants and cafes are all open and welcoming visitors. More information at [mainstreettakoma.org](http://mainstreettakoma.org).

### Monster Bash

Saturday, October 28, 1 - 6 p.m.  
Takoma Park Middle School  
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is holding a Halloween party designed for the entire family. Monster Bash 2023 will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, fun activities, and the annual costume contest followed by the costume parade, and ending with the costume award ceremony and celebration. More information at [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov).

### Pajamarama and Holiday Market

Sunday, December 3  
Old Takoma on Carroll Ave.

Roscoe the Rooster crows early at this annual holiday shopping event. Pajama-wearing patrons are rewarded with early morning discounts at participating Takoma businesses (8 - 11 a.m.). Shopping is fueled with coffee, donuts, breakfast sandwiches, and huevos rancheros at local restaurants. Holiday shopping continues into the afternoon at the Holiday Market at the Takoma Theater on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Takoma, D.C. (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Local artists, makers, and collectors set up outdoors with unique, handmade holiday gifts. More information at [mainstreettakoma.org](http://mainstreettakoma.org).

*Check the City of Takoma Park website and the monthly Newsletter for more events.*

# TAKOMAPARK ALERT

## WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

[www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. **Learn more at [takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://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 Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267 or Maryland Relay Service at 800-735-2258 TTY/Voice. Two weeks advance notice is requested.



# City Council

## 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. Elections take place in November of every even numbered year.



**Mayor: Talisha Searcy**  
talishas@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council - Ward 1:**  
**Shana Fulcher**  
shanaf@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council -Ward 2:**  
**Cindy Dyballa**  
cindydy@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council -Ward 3:**  
**Randy Gibson**  
randallg@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council -Ward 4:**  
**Terry J. Seamens**  
terrrys@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council -Ward 5:**  
**Cara Honzak**  
carah@takomaparkmd.gov



**Council -Ward 6:**  
**Jason Small**  
jasons@takomaparkmd.gov

## City Manager

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.

## City Public Meetings, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

### City Council Meetings

Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., unless the City Council is on recess. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in December. City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live. You can also watch the archives at the City of Takoma Park Youtube channel. The Wednesday meetings include a public comment period.

The City Council meets in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Meetings are conducted in a hybrid (in-person and remote) format. Public comments may be provided over Zoom with advance registration. Of course, members of the public can testify in person as well.

### Open Meetings

All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions 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.

Many board and committee meetings continue to be held on Zoom or in a hybrid format. For the most current information, visit [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov) and click on "Events and Meetings." Information on any meetings taking place will be published there along with information on how the public can observe.

### Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, or committee is one way to be involved while providing 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: Arts and Humanities Committee, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Grants Review Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, Noise Control Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Recreation and Community Engagement Committee, Tree Commission, and Youth Council.

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



# SAFE GROW ZONE

**NO PESTICIDES.  
IT'S THE LAW!**



**SIN PESTICIDAS.  
¡ES LA LEY!**



<https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safegrow/>

# City Departments

## Administration

**Takoma Park Community Center**

**Third Floor**

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

**City Manager:** 301-891-7229

**City Clerk:** 301-891-7267

The Administration Office includes the City Manager, City Clerk, City TV, Communications, and Information Systems.

## Communications Department

**301-891-7236**

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

Communications employees manage all aspects of Takoma Park's outreach efforts to residents, the media and other stakeholders. Communications staff manage official social media channels, City's website: [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov), the Takoma Park Newsletter, The Takoma Insider- digital news, and partner with City TV and Radio.

## City TV

**301-891-7118**

**City TV hours and availability are dependent on production schedules.**

Takoma Park City TV is an award-winning government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park.

## Finance

**301-891-7212**

**[finance@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:finance@takomaparkmd.gov)**

**[takomaparkmd.gov/finance](http://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

The Finance Department collects payments for the following fees:

- Landlord Registration and Licensing
- Parking Fines
- Recreation Programs

#### Online Payment

Payments associated with a City-issued invoice may be made online or by phone by Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. A convenience fee of approximately 3% or \$1.50, whichever is greater, will be charged. E-check transaction users will have a \$1.50 convenience fee charged.

Takoma Park residents have the option to pay the following fees online:

- Landlord Registration and Licensing
- Parking Fines
- Recreation Programs

#### Phone Payment

Please call 301-891-7212 to talk to one of the finance staff if you wish to make a payment by credit card.

#### By Mail

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

## Passport Services

Passport Services are available by appointment only Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 301-891-7100. Passport service hours are subject to change without notice. Whenever possible, office closures will be announced on Facebook, Twitter, and the City's website. Please note the following:

- The City of Takoma Park does not process the DS-82 Renewal Application, which is a mail-in only application.
- Effective with reopening post-COVID, we now only process passports via appointments.
- All forms must be written clearly with no mark outs, scratch outs, etc.

### Questions?

Call the State Department at 1-877-487-2778



## City Department Directory

### Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

[econdev@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:econdev@takomaparkmd.gov)

[housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)

[planning@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:planning@takomaparkmd.gov)

[codeenforcement@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@takomaparkmd.gov)

[arts@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:arts@takomaparkmd.gov)

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

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization, economic development and cultural programming, including Code Enforcement and Takoma Park Arts.

### Human Resources

301-891-7203

[hr@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:hr@takomaparkmd.gov)

[takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources)

For an up-to-date listing of current vacancies and employment opportunities with the City of Takoma Park, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/careers](http://takomaparkmd.gov/careers).

### Police

911 (fire and rescue)

301-270-1100 (non-emergency)

[police@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:police@takomaparkmd.gov)

[takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://takomaparkmd.gov/police)

Open 24/7

Whether online, in person, or on the phone, the Police Department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park.

### Public Works

31 Oswego Ave.

Takoma Park, MD 20912

301-891-7633

[publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov)

[takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks](http://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.



#### Food Waste Collection Program

The City's curbside food waste collection program is available to single family and multi-family properties

with City collection and recycling pickup. Please register at [takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection](http://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 \$15 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call 301-891-7633 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 a 96-gallon trash carts for \$61.41 and 64-gallon for \$53.31. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works facility for pick up during office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



#### Battery Recycling Drop-Off Now Available

The City has partnered with Call2Recycle to provide battery recycling. Residents can now bring many types of used batteries to the Public Works Department, located at 31 Oswego Avenue, during office hours, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Acceptable batteries include, AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, lithium ion, small- sealed lead acid, nickel cadmium, button cell, nickel metal hydride, and nickel zinc. See the City website for more information about what battery types can and cannot be accepted.

### Recreation Department

301-891-7290

[recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov)

[takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)

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

### Takoma Park Maryland Library

7505 New Hampshire Ave.

Takoma Park, MD 20912

301-891-7259

[www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library)

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

**Library Hours:** Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday - Sunday 12 - 6 p.m.

**Computer Center Hours:** Monday - Thursday 12 - 8 p.m.

Friday - Sunday 12 - 6 p.m.



**Takoma Park Community  
Center/Sam Abbott  
Citizens' Center**

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

**Standard Hours:** 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**

**See page 16 for more information.**

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



**301-891-7118  
cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/citytv**

Watch City TV online or in HD on RCN channel 1060, Comcast's Municipal Broadcast Network 997, or in SD, on channels 13 (RCN Comcast) and 28 (Verizon).

Also find us on ...



Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, Takoma Park Arts and other community events on City TV.

*¡Tenemos programación en Español!  
¡Visítenos! Somos Takoma y El Barrio También  
Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.*



**Important City Department  
Phone Numbers**



City Information .....	301-891-7100
City Clerk .....	301-891-7267
City Manager .....	301-891-7229
Communications.....	301-891-7236
Finance .....	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development.....	301-891-7119
Library .....	301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services.....	301-891-7113
Police .....	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works .....	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental.....	301-891-7290

# Takoma Park City TV

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Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7118**

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Takoma Park City TV is an award-winning government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park. Other entities in Montgomery County, such as Montgomery College, the Montgomery County Government, the Public Schools, and the City of Rockville, also operate PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) Access channels, which comprise of the Connect Montgomery Alliance (CMA). These channels offer cable subscribers the ultimate in local programming, with shows featuring local government, schools, teachers, soccer games, performances, hearings, classes, and events that the major broadcast programmers tend not to cover in a central metropolitan area like this.

### Watch City TV

- Takoma Park City TV is available via local cable television providers.

### Watch City TV on Cable

- RCN | Channel 13, HD Channel 1060
- Comcast/Xfinity | Channel 13
- Verizon Fios | Channel 28

### City Council Meetings

- City TV now offers a hybrid format with City Council meetings.
- Video – Live and Archives (since September 5, 2018)
- Video Archive (through July 25, 2018)

### City TV Schedule

- For the latest schedule, check out the City TV two-week program schedule. The City TV schedule is subject to change without notice.

### Watch the Municipal Broadcast Network

- Takoma Park City TV, Rockville 11, and Montgomery Municipal Cable share an HD channel, the Municipal Broadcast Network.

### Municipal Broadcast Network Channels:

- Comcast/xfinity | Channel 997

Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, the Takoma Arts series and other community events on City TV.

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*City TV interviewing Bike to School Day participants.*

# TAKOMA PARK ARTS

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

## Make Art or Take Art at the Free Little Art Gallery

Takoma Park's one and only Free Little Art Gallery is a one-stop spot for free art supplies and a mini gallery space to display your work or to take home artwork that you like.

In a concept similar to little free libraries, the Free Little Art Gallery (FLAG for short) is a large colorful box located at 7667 Maple Ave. near the Lincoln Ave. intersection where anyone can donate small pieces of art or take art that they like home with them. The box, which is stocked with art supplies, has two small galleries for displaying artwork, complete with easels and small figures admiring the art.

The interactive public art project was co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's



Arts and Humanities division and the Operation ARTS Foundation.

"We're very excited about our Free Little Art Gallery," said Brendan Smith, the City's Arts and Humanities coordinator. "It provides motivation for people of all ages to create artwork and a public space where they can share it. The design also celebrates our local Ethiopian community."

The walls of the Free Little Art Gallery feature paintings of traditional Ethiopian woven reed bowls, burlap sections to highlight Ethiopia's centuries-old connections to coffee, and a font inspired by the Amharic language. Many Ethiopian residents live in the nearby apartment buildings so aspects of their culture are featured.

Chyna Mae, Operation ARTS' president and creative director, painted the designs and her team built and installed the Free Little Art Gallery, which is the fourth location in their ART MAGNET (Mini Art Gallery Neighborhood Entertainment Tour) project.

"We hope by fostering the *make art, take art* movement, we can help bring people closer together by providing an arena where their stories can be heard and where they can experience the stories of their neighbors," she said. "This project brings beauty, community creativity, collaboration, education, culture, and tourism to Takoma Park."

An opening party was held in October 2022, when kids and adults created art on tiny canvases to fill the little galleries. The FLAG is regularly restocked with art supplies, and local residents can drop off crayons or colored pencils in small bags if they want to support the effort.

"I've been surprised by the level of creativity and skill of the artwork on dis-





## Takoma Park Arts



play in the Free Little Art Gallery, including colorful abstract paintings, crocheted creations, and even a painted rock,” Smith said. “We hope more people will share their creativity with the community.”

The project was inspired by artist Stacy Milrany, who created a little art gallery outside her home in Seattle to share art when many public spaces were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Little art gal-



leries have sprouted up across the nation, including three in Washington, D.C. You can find more locations at [findafreelit-artgallery.com](http://findafreelit-artgallery.com).

## Takoma Park Is Art City!

The Arts and Humanities Division has organized a wide range of public art projects across Takoma Park. Visit [takomaparkmd.gov/arts](http://takomaparkmd.gov/arts) to learn more about our public art program and find a map of public art projects. You will also find out about upcoming exhibits, poetry readings, film screenings, and more. Below are some Public Art initiatives.

### Sidewalk Poetry Online Map

In addition to the public art map, the City site provides a looping 5-mile walking or biking route to see 10 poems by local residents which have been stamped into concrete sidewalks. The

map includes photos and locations of the poems on a route that includes many popular destinations, including Sligo Creek Trail, Adventist University, the Takoma Park Community Center, and Old Takoma.

### Takoma ArTery Directory

The Takoma ARtery arts group has launched an online artist directory featuring artwork and info. about local artists. The directory, which was supported by a City grant, is a great place to find original art and crafts and support our arts community!



*Graham Gould with sidewalk poem on Larch Ave.*



*Mural panels depicting local volunteers working in the Hillwood Manor Community Garden.*

### Bird Calls Phone

Artists David Shulman and Howard Connelly collaborated on an interactive installation titled Bird Calls, which reprogrammed a pay phone so it plays bird calls from local bird species along with information about the birds. Push button 5 and you hear a rooster in homage to Takoma Park’s legendary Roscoe. Dial a 7 and you’ll hear a pileated woodpecker. The phone is located at the corner of Flower and Erie Aves.

# Takoma Park Maryland Library

**Website:** [takomapark.info/library](http://takomapark.info/library)  
**Phone:** 301-891-7259  
**Email:** [library@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:library@takomaparkmd.gov)

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is now in its interim space at 7505 New Hampshire Ave., in the Hampshire Place shopping center. This is for the duration of construction on our new library building. You can keep up to date with our progress and interim location in a variety of ways:

- subscribe to the Takoma *Insider*, an email with fortnightly news about all the City departments;
- check the Takoma Park Newsletter, sent monthly to all residents;
- check our website at [takomapark.info/library](http://takomapark.info/library) and read our blogs and events pages; and
- follow us on Facebook (search Takoma Park Maryland Library) and Twitter (@takoma)

Our phone number is 301-891-7259.

The hours are the same for both the Library and Computer Center:

Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday through Sunday: noon to 6 p.m.

The Library and Computer Center will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

- Labor Day, September 3 and 4
- Veterans Day, November 10
- Thanksgiving, November 23 - 26
- Christmas, December 23 - 25

Books-to-Go (curbside pickup) and Books-to-You (delivery for City of Takoma Park residents only) are still available. Email [librarytakomapark@gmail.com](mailto:librarytakomapark@gmail.com) to make a request.

**The Computer Center** offers free, ongoing drop in help, or you can call ahead. Computer Center staff offers one-on-one coaching in computer skills for everyone. If you are interested in learning the basics of using the internet, setting up email, editing photos, or even creating a website or sharing videos, call the Library and ask for a member of the Computer Center staff to set up a time to come in and learn. The Computer Center has the same hours as the Library, Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Sunday noon – 6 p.m.

We have regular programs for both adults and children.

## Regular children's programs

Neighborhood Circle Time - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. On the first Tuesday of each month, we welcome Jumpstart for the Arts to Neighborhood Circle Time.

Canta Juego - (Spanish Circle Time) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - now in-person at the interim library!

Sketch Club - Thursdays 4 - 5:30 p.m.

El Cuento - September 2, 16, and 30; October 14 and 28; November 11

Chess for Kids - Sundays 11 a.m.

Kids Art, Lego Fun - once a month on Sundays - check the calendar!



*Children plot strategies during Chess for Kids on Sunday mornings. Photo by Anne Leveque*

## Regular adult programs



Crochet and Cozies - Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

MOOC - Adult enrichment courses, Sundays at noon - check the Library calendar for the current topic!

Check our website for our regular children's and young adults programs.





Young readers search for new favorite books at the FTPML Book Sale. Photo courtesy FTPML

# Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) News

**Book Sale** - Look for information about our semi-annual book sale in October: [ftpml.org](http://ftpml.org). The proceeds go toward programs and events.

**Book Groups** - FTPML has two book groups: the Big Book Club and the Friends Book Group. Check the City Newsletter and the Insider for details on each of these, or email [ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com) to receive up-to-date announcements.

FTPML sponsors many Library activities and author events, including our SummerQuest and WinterQuest reading programs, our annual Winter Solstice celebration, and many author and illustrator events.

**Yard Dramas Library Receiving Ceremony** - The 2023 season of Yard Dramas at the Crossroads Farmers Market will culminate in a ceremony



A Yard Drama at the Crossroads Farmers Market.

Saturday, September 16. During this event, participants will give collected treasures and stories to the Library for safekeeping. In-person, Saturday,

September 16, at 1 p.m. at the Library's interim location (7505 New Hampshire Ave.).



# Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

Open During  
Library  
Construction!

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

**Standard Hours:**

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.

**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
- \* Unavailable for rental during construction*

**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

**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. Appointments are required.

Please email Sofia Visurraga, Customer Service Representative, at [sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov) for information and appointments. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

*Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí, solo con cita. Solicite la cita enviando un correo electrónico [sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov)*

**Teen Lounge (Grades 6–12)**

Comfortable, safe space for teens to socialize and enjoy a snack after school. Teens can also participate in daily activities and work on homework.

Library  
construction  
may limit room  
availability.



# Book Your Next Event with Us!

**To reserve an indoor space:** Go online or come in person to our office at 7500 Maple Ave. We are open on weekdays 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Rentals can be made three months in advance, but no less than 10 days before the event. Full payment is due at the time of reservation.

## Policies

Please visit us online at [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-pavilions-and-athletic-fields](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-pavilions-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. This time should be included in the rental. Nothing can be affixed to the walls.

## Standard 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.

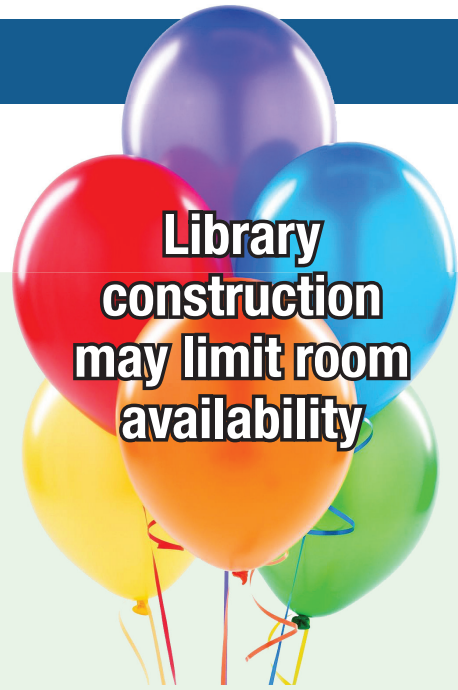
### Heffner Park Community Center

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

### Takoma Park Recreation Center

- Call for availability: 301-891-7286
- See page 16 for prices

*\* Business rate applies to all organizations, nonprofits, for-profit entities, or community groups.*



City of Takoma Park rental policy and procedures are guided by the Council approved Administrative Regulations for Facilities that can be found on the City's website ([takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/rental-requests/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/rental-requests/)). Updates to the Administrative Regulations are expected in late Fall 2023. For parties over 20 people, please contact Recreation staff prior to making your request.

## Small Meeting Rooms

### Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables  
25 without tables

### Hydrangea Room

Capacity 20 with tables

### Fees

T.P. resident	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business*	\$80/hour

## Large Meeting Rooms

### Azalea Room

Capacity Maximum 15 during construction

### Heffner Park Community Center 42 Oswego Ave.

**Takoma Park, MD 20912**  
Capacity 40 with tables  
50 without tables

### Fees

T.P. resident	\$45/hour
Non-resident	\$70/hour
Business*	\$90/hour

\$75 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

**Auditorium  
unavailable for  
rentals during  
construction.**



# Takoma Park Recreation Center

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

## Standard Hours

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

## Membership Fees

### Recreation Center General

*(1 year; does not include Fitness Room)*

	Resident	Non-resident
Youth (5 - 12 years)	\$5	\$15
Teen (13 - 17 years)	\$10	\$20
Adult (18+ years)	\$55	\$65

### Fitness Room *(Closes 30 minutes ahead of building)*

*(Membership includes General Membership benefits)*

	Resident	Non-resident
Adult (6 months)	\$85	\$95
Adult (1 year)	\$120	\$140
Senior, 55+	Free	Free

## Hourly Rental Information

### Gym\* *(capacity 294)*

TP Resident	\$50/hour
Non-resident	\$75/hour
Business	\$95/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

### Meeting Room FRONT *(capacity 30)*

### Meeting Room BACK *(capacity 40)*

TP Resident	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business	\$80/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

### Call 301-891-7289 for availability.

*\* \$75 security deposit required.*

Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

## Join Us For:






















































- Before & After school programs
- Classes for all ages
- Summer camps
- Senior programs
- Kids & Teen nights

**All programs and classes at the Takoma Park Recreation Center are co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. We thank them for the continued support.**





# What's in our parks?

	Reserve Through Rec. Dept.	On Street Parking Available	Public Transportation Accessible	Bike Station Within Walking Distance	Water Fountain	Picnic Tables	Playground	Pavilion	Grill	Half Basketball Court	Restroom Facility
<b>Belle Ziegler Park</b> 7350 Takoma Ave. Ward 1											
<b>Colby Avenue Park</b> Cherry & Colby Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Forest Park</b> 598 Elm Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Heffner Park</b> 42 Oswego Ave. Ward 4											
<b>Jackson-Boyd Park</b> 7398 Jackson Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Spring Park</b> 6999 Poplar Ave. Ward 3											
<b>Toatley-Fraser Park</b> Eastridge Ave. Ward 5											

## In addition to the parks above, the city maintains:

<b>B.Y. Morrison Park</b> Carroll & Ethan Allen Ave. Ward 3	<b>Dorothy's Woods</b> Woodland & Cirle Ave. Ward 3	<b>Ed Wilhelm Field</b> 2 Darwin Ave. Ward 4	<b>Lee Jordan Field</b> 7611 Piney Branch Rd Ward 4	<b>Takoma Park Dog Park</b> Darwin Ave. Ward 4
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For information about other parks in our city, please visit [montgomeryparks.org](http://montgomeryparks.org) or call 301-495-2525.

## Parks and Permits

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

## Pavilion Rental Fees

\$105 per day	T.P. resident
\$125 per day	Non-resident/Business

## FAQs

- In order to secure a park pavilion, it is highly recommended to have a permit. (See page 15).
- Moon bounces are not permitted on City property.
- Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.
- To reserve a pavilion, see "Book Your Next Event with Us" on page 15.
- Sale of merchandise is prohibited on City property outside of scheduled City events.
- The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/pavilion.
- Buildings and parks are not available on City holidays.
- Reserving a pavilion does not guarantee use of an adjacent field if applicable.



## Recreation Department

7500 Maple Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7290  
[recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)

*Fall Registration  
Opens:  
8/15 for City Residents  
8/8 for those with a  
current scholarship*



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. Availability is limited during construction.



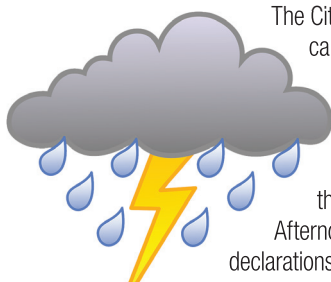
### Roscoe the Rooster

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 (now closed) Mark's Kitchen on Carroll Ave. 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 this section of the City Guide.

### 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 ([takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://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 for Recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, updates, and/or any with other activity that may be canceled. In general, if the federal government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.

## Recreation: Tots

NOTE: Due to Library and Community Center renovations, some of our classes have changed locations; please be sure to review the descriptions for updated information.

Fall  
Registration Opens:  
Scholarship Awardees: 8/8  
TP Residents: 8/15

# Tots

## Newborn-5



### DANCE

#### Combo Tot Dance

Fun and energizing class for your little ones. This is the introductory foundational class consisting of rhythmic movements, basic tumbling, and various styles of dance. This class is so jam-packed with games and toys that your little ones won't even realize they are learning to dance!  
Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 3-5

8-week session

Sundays, 12:15 - 1 p.m.

September 10 - October 29

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

## INSTRUCTORS OF UNIQUE CLASSES WANTED!

Search "suggest a class"  
on our site to share your info.



### SPORTS

#### Tot Sports

Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports such as soccer and basketball. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture their growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Ages 3 - 5

6-week session

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

September 23 - October 28

Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70



# Youth

## 5-12 years

Fall  
Registration Opens:  
Scholarship Awardees: 8/8  
TP Residents: 8/15



### ART

#### Ceramics - Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Choose which day of the week works best for your schedule. There is a non-refundable \$30 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 Ave.  
Ages 7-12

6-week session

**Mondays**, 4 - 5 p.m.

Session 1: September 11 - October 30  
(No class 9/25, 10/9)

Session 2: November 6 - December 18  
(No class 11/20)

**Wednesdays**, 4 - 5 p.m.

Session 1: September 13 - October 25  
Session 2: November 8 - December 20  
(No class 11/1, 11/22)

**Fridays**, 4 - 5 p.m.

Session 1: September 15 - October 27  
(No class 10/22)  
Session 2: November 10 - December 15  
(No class 11/24)

Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190

Materials Fee: \$30



### CAMPS

#### Winter Break Camp: Winter Wonderland

Come enjoy Winter Wonderland at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.). Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities, and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun! Kids must bring a lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Registration is required. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. There will be no program on Monday, December 25. Morning and afternoon care is available for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Ave.

Grades K - 5, minimum 6 years old  
Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

December 26 - December 29  
(No Camp 12/25)

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

Before care: 7 - 9 a.m.

After care: 4 - 6 p.m.

Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

### DANCE

#### Dance With Me

A class that provides fun and excitement to everyone. This class allows for everyone to bring a friend or family member to learn fun dances and games in a safe, entertaining, and supportive environment. Dance with me caters to youth with differing abilities. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 8 - 11

8-week session

Sundays, 1:15 - 2 p.m.

September 10 - October 29

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

### DROP-IN

#### Kid Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides affordable, safe, and FUN activities for kids, on the first and third Friday nights of the month. Come out to a night of games and other activities. Bring your friends and meet new ones. Free with Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Ages 5-12

First & Third Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

September 1, September 15,

October 6, October 20,

November 3, November 17,

December 1, December 5

Free with membership

## Recreation: Youth

### EXTENDED CARE

#### Fun Days

Fun Day is offered on specific days when Montgomery County Public Schools are not in session. The program is designed to provide recreational activities for children enrolled in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Through structured activities, crafts and presenters, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Participants must bring a lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change. Registration is required per day, select all four dates or just the one that fits your schedule. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of the program.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Grades K - 5  
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday, September 25  
Monday, October 9  
Wednesday, November 1  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

### MARTIAL ARTS

#### Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu, is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self defense, improved flexibility, and self awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance. Students will gain physical fitness and mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee, payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 4 - 16  
9-week session  
Saturdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
September 9 - November 4  
Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190  
Uniform Fee: \$70

### SPORTS

#### Basketball Skills Clinic

This skills clinic emphasizes individual improvement as one of the guiding philosophies of. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. This is a basketball class, not league play. Takoma Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 6 - 12  
Saturdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

**Session 1** (8 weeks): September 9 - October 28

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

**Session 2** (6 weeks): November 4 - December 16

Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

#### Futsal League

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape, and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first-come-first-serve. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. This is an eight-game season. Practices will be once a week, beginning in January. Games are on Sundays and begin January 21st. Game times are subject to change based on gym availability and number of teams in a division.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

8-game season

Games on Sundays

January 21 - March 10

Ages 7 - 8 division, 12-2 p.m.

Ages 9 - 10 division, 2-4 p.m.

Ages 11 - 12 division, 4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

**Registration opens:** 10/9 for residents, 10/2 for families with approved scholarships, and 10/16 for non-residents



#### Winter Basketball League

The Winter Basketball League is a developmental, community league. The program will introduce children to the fundamentals of basketball and emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning. The coaches in this league will focus on personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun.

**Practice times** (1 hour per week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays, times vary. Specific details regarding each league will be available on: [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league/)

**Coaching Information:** Volunteer coaches are always needed. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested (240-687-2202).

**Team Assignments:** K - 2 Grade divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

**Special Requests:** Requests must be made in writing and submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration, though requests are not guaranteed.

**Registration opens:** 10/9 for residents, 10/2 for families with approved scholarships, and 10/16 for non-residents

Various Local School Gyms

Grades K - 8

8-week season

Practices: weekday evenings

Games: Saturdays, January 20 - March 9

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

**Volunteer Futsal Coaches Needed**  
email [tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov)



# Teens

## 13-17 years

Fall  
Registration Opens:  
Scholarship Awardees: 8/8  
TP Residents: 8/15



### ART

#### Ceramics - Clay for Teens

In this class, teens 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. There is a non-refundable \$30 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
11-14 years  
6-week sessions  
Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m.

**Session 1:** September 13 - October 25  
**Session 2:** November 8 - December 20  
(No class 11/1, 11/22)  
Resident: \$160 / Non-resident: \$180  
Materials Fee: \$30

#### 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, self portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students are welcome. The skills 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 \$20 paid directly to the instructor must be made on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 11 - 14



6-week sessions  
**Tuesdays**, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Session 1: September 12 - October 17  
Session 2: November 4 - December 19  
(No class 11/21)  
**Thursdays**, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Session 1: September 14 - October 19  
Session 2: November 2 - December 14  
(No class 11/23)  
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200  
Materials Fee: \$20

### DANCE

#### Afterschool Hip Hop Dance

Hip-hop dance began during the late 1960's and early 1970's, originally inspired by the movements of African dancing, and flourished as a new style of dance performed on the street for the people. Hip-hop incorporates aspects of modern dance, tap, and swing, integrating music and complex movements to form artistry. Come and learn the fundamentals

Class  
at TPMS

of hip-hop dance by learning fun routines! Teens will also have the opportunity to explore other types of dance, such as stepping. Instructor: Kokoe Abas

Takoma Park Middle School  
(Gymnasium)  
7611 Piney Branch Rd.  
Grades 6-8  
8-week session  
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:40 p.m.  
October 4 - November 22  
Free

### DRAMA & THEATER

#### Dungeons and Dragons

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

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Auditorium)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 10-17  
4-week sessions  
Fridays, 4-6 p.m.

**Session 1:** September 15 - October 6  
**Session 2:** October 13 - November 3  
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

#### On-stage Acting: Scene Study

Jump into a different world by learning how to transform into a different character in a scene. Students will learn and apply acting concepts from Konstantin Stanislavski and Uta Hagen in order to build a believable



## Recreation: Teens

character in scene work. In each class, we will warm up together, play some theatre games, experiment with acting techniques, and rehearse scenes that are chosen from provided materials. All scenes are from Broadway and off-Broadway plays, as well as from films and television shows. Students will perform their scenes in the final class—family is invited to attend. Acting concepts learned in class nurture imagination and go hand-in-hand with literary analysis and writing skills. Class culminates with a showcase performance on the last class. \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Auditorium)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 10-14  
9-week session  
Mondays, 4 - 5:15 p.m.  
September 18 - November 13  
Resident: \$225 / Non-resident: \$255



### Teen Playwrights

Are you interested in theater and/or Broadway? Have you ever wondered how such a beautiful, large production such as *Lion King*, *Romeo and Juliet*, or *Hamilton* are made? Journey into playwriting to learn all about how these productions come to life. Students will be led by a professional theater artist through an interactive playwriting process, including but not limited to developing conflict, creating characters, revision, and production. Classes are facilitated by Young Playwright's Theater.

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Hydrangea Room)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
8-week session  
Grades 6-12  
Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.  
October 3-November 21  
Free

## DROP-IN

### Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides quality, affordable, safe, and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second and fourth Friday of the month? Come on out to a night of games and other activities. Bring your friends for a night out of the house. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 12-17  
5-week session  
Second and fourth Fridays, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.  
September 8, September 22, October 13,  
October 27, December 8  
Free with a membership

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Teen Money Management

Money talks! Want to learn the language? This financial literacy program specifically focuses on basic finance skills that are relevant to the lives of teens. By learning the concepts listed below and putting them into practice, participants will be much better prepared when they begin building their own credit history and managing their own money. Topics include Long Term Saving Goals, Credit Cards, Credit Reports, Opening a Bank Account, Student Loans, Budgeting. A Zoom link will be included on the receipt. Instructor: Tyronda Boone of Zoey & Zander

Virtual  
Grades 6-12  
8-week session  
Mondays, 6 - 7 p.m.  
September 18 - November 6  
Free

## TRIPS



### Teen Trip - Field of Screams

Join the Teen Program for a spooky trip to the Field of Screams! Voted the #1 best scream park in Maryland, teens will have a frighteningly fun time taking part in the haunted house and trail experiences. No food or drink is allowed into the venue, but concession stands will be available onsite, offering pizza, burgers, etc., so please bring money if you would like to take advantage of this. Additionally, there will be carnival games with tickets available onsite. Participants will meet in the Teen Lounge at 5 p.m. The bus will be departing at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE be on time, as refunds will not be provided if you miss the bus. Parent discretion is advised! Space is limited, so register today.

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Meet in Teen Lounge at 5 p.m.)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Grades 7-12  
Friday, October 20  
Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

### Teen Winter Break Trip: Snowtubing

Join the Teen Program for a day of snowtubing fun at Liberty Mountain Resort in Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania! Teens will be able to enjoy various tubing courses throughout the park for a few hours. Please dress warmly; water-resistant outer layers are strongly encouraged. Must bring a bagged lunch and/or spending money. Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge at the Takoma Park Community Center at 11:30 a.m. The bus will be departing at 11:45 a.m. so be sure to be on time!

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Meet in Teen Lounge at 11:30 a.m.)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Grades 6-12  
Wednesday, December 27  
Bus leaves at 11:45 a.m.  
Resident: \$20 / Non-resident: \$30

# Adults

## 16+ years

Fall  
Registration Opens:  
Scholarship Awardees: 8/8  
TP Residents: 8/15



### ART

#### Ceramics - Clay in the Studio

A great class for homeschoolers, preschoolers (with caregiver present), and people with flexible schedules. This class focuses on hand-building techniques including pinch, coil, and slab construction, as well as surface treatment and glazing. Students can create functional items as well as sculptures. Dream something up and try it out in the studio. Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. Registration in Wednesday class includes studio time on some Fridays, 12:30 - 1 p.m. A \$35 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)

7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 4 and up

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Session 1** (7 Weeks): September 13 - October 25

**Session 2** (6 Weeks): November 8 - December 20

(No class 11/22)

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

Materials Fee: \$35

#### Ceramics - Hand Building & Sculpture

In this class students will use hand-building skills—like pinch, slab, and coil—to create their own imaginative projects out of clay. Students are also encouraged to try out a variety of surface treatments on their one-of-a-kind vessels

and sculptures. This course is great for both beginners and more seasoned ceramicists. Experienced wheel throwers are welcome to use the electric wheels. Dream something up and try it out in the studio! There is a \$35 materials fee for the instructor due on the first day of class. Registration in Monday's class includes studio time on some Fridays, 1-1:30 p.m. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)

7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 16 and up

6-week sessions

Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Session 1:** September 11 - October 30  
(No class 9/25, 10/9)

**Session 2:** November 6 - December 18  
(No class 11/20)

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

Materials Fee: \$35



#### Ceramics - Wheel Throwing

In this class, we will learn the basic skills involved in creating functional forms on the potter's wheel. Centering, pulling, collaring, trimming, and glazing will all be covered. While our focus is on the basic forms, cups, bowls, and plates an experimental and lively approach to the work is encouraged. No experience is required, students at an intermediate level are also welcome. A materials fee will cover one bag of clay, glazes, and firing. A materials fee of \$40 is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor Name: Leslie Milofsky

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)

7500 Maple Ave.

16 and up

6-week session

Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m.

September 27-November 1

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

Materials Fee: \$40



## Recreation: Adults

### Crafting Polymer Jewelry

Polymer clay is a versatile artistic material that offers amazing possibilities for creating personalized jewelry. In this introduction to polymer clay, you'll learn a variety of surface techniques using texture, highlights, simple canes, and veneers. You'll then learn to apply these to create earrings, pendants, and brooches. Most work will be done by hand, but I'll have a pasta machine (yes, pasta machine!) and other tools and supplies for you to experiment with. Unlike ceramics, polymer clay can be cured in a home oven. So you will be able to apply your new skills to create a wide range of unique jewelry at home without special equipment. There is a materials fee of \$23 due to the instructor at the start of class, it includes the polymer clay and jewelry findings. Instructor: Sharyn Neuwirth

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 12 and up  
1-day workshop  
Saturday, September 9, 1 - 5 p.m.  
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100  
Materials Fee: \$23

### Evening Drawing

The practice of drawing can be both relaxing and enriching. Participants in this class will draw with black and white and color media, such as charcoal, oil and chalk, pastels, pen and ink, and colored pencils. Students will be supported by weekly lessons with demos involving proportion and perspective, ongoing feedback and critique. Creative cropping, expressive mark-making, exploration into limited value or color key, and other techniques will be discussed. Personal creativity will be encouraged. Come join the fun and camaraderie of drawing together and develop a practice that will enhance your life. Beginning to advanced students are welcome. Paper and drawing materials will be available for the \$20 materials fee due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 18 and up  
6-week session  
Thursdays, 6:30 - 9 p.m.  
**Session 1:** September 14 - October 19  
**Session 2:** November 2 - December 14  
(No class 11/23)  
Resident: \$230 / Non-resident: \$250  
Materials Fee: \$20



### Fall into Art

Have fun and paint on paper, canvas, and tiles—even your iPhone. You can try out the computer program Photoshop elements too. Look at leaves, photos, shells, and other nature-oriented material. In a supportive atmosphere, share your appreciation of nature and get ready for fall's beautiful colors. Most materials will be provided. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Art Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
4-week session  
Saturdays, 10 - 11 a.m.  
September 16 - October 7  
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

with the instructor, you will learn (through lively theater exercises) the fundamentals of acting and stage technique, script analysis, and character development that will heighten your performance and provide a dependable process for continued growth. In addition, the class will prepare you with the essential tools for auditioning, including techniques for cold-readings and scene call-backs. The class will culminate with a public presentation of the monologues for an invited audience. No materials needed. Instructor: W. Allen Taylor

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Auditorium)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
10-week session  
Tuesdays, 7 - 9 p.m.  
September 12- November 14  
Resident: \$230 / Non-resident: \$260

## DRAMA & THEATER



### Acting Technique for the Stage

"HOW did you learn all those lines?" Learning to create a believable three-dimensional character for the stage is an extraordinary process. The lines are only the beginning for developing a successful performance. After selecting a monologue

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing and during class discussion? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. This class will help you to jumpstart your memories, organize your ideas, and edit your work. Come and share your life experiences. This class is held virtually. Prepare to have fun! Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt





## Recreation: Adults

Virtual

Ages 16 and up

9-week session

Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

September 6 - November 1

Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

### FITNESS

#### Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Ages 16 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Session 1** (7 weeks): September 12 - October 26

**Session 2** (8 weeks): October 31 - December 19

Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Drop-in \$10

#### Foundation Fitness II

Foundation Fitness



II (FFII) is a group

exercise program that is appropriate for all age and skill levels, but especially for those who are new to fitness training. FFII is designed to improve health and skill-related fitness components with focus on muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, agility, balance, coordination, speed variance, and power. The exercises and movements can be modified to challenge all levels of fitness. This class utilizes a high back chair, light hand weights (1, 2, or 3 lb. weights depending on fitness level) and/or a resistance tube. Each participant should have their own equipment, a towel and water bottle ready. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual

Ages 18 and up

12-week session

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

September 9 - December 2

Resident: \$6 / Non-resident: \$16

#### Iyengar Yoga for Beginners

This class will introduce you to yoga as taught by the Iyengar Method. This method opens up the practice of yoga for everyone. The use of props and a step-



by-step approach teaches alignment and brings strength and flexibility. The basic postures are introduced, and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt, energy is generated, and the breath is engaged. The aim is to bring into alignment the different parts of the body to associate the breath and mind and release tension and stress. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center (Dance Studio)

7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 18 and up

15 Week Session

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

September 6-December 20

(No class 11/22)

Resident: \$270 / Non-resident: \$300

Drop-in: \$20

#### Ker De Zuri DanXercise Class-Afro Beat

Zuri Sana'a DanXercise's mission is to bring you joy and memories through the art of dance. Zuri Sana'a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall,



contemporary, and African dance moves within our choreography to create a memorable workout experience. Our moves are feasible and suitable for all ages. Participants will be able to shred calories and learn fun choreography all in one class. Instructor: Khady N'Diaye

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)

7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 16 and up

11-week session

Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

September 7 - November 16

Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Drop-in: \$10

#### Moonlight Qi Gong



This class enhances the quiet, gentle, peaceful yin side of our energy in the fall months, balancing the warm, active, bright sunlight 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. All classes will be offered with Zoom and recording of the classes available to practice with or if the timing of the class does not work for you. Join today—your health is in your hands! No experience needed. The instructor will provide the Zoom link for the class. Instructors: Patrick Smith & Joann Malone

Virtual

Ages 18 and up

8-week session

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8 p.m.

October 3 - November 28

(No class 10/31)

Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

## Recreation: Adults

### Zumba - New Ave

This class is a total body workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout, by mixing low and high intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
6-week session  
Saturdays, 9 - 10 a.m.  
September 9 - October 14  
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70  
Drop-in: \$12

### Zumba - Maple Ave

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness. No equipment needed for this class. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
10-week session  
Saturdays, 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

September 16 - November 18  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110  
Drop-in: \$10

## MARTIAL ARTS

### 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 class will consist of warm-ups, stretching, and learning and practicing Isshinryu Karate upper and lower body basics. Free with Recreation membership

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Back Room)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
17-week session  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
September 6 - December 27  
Free with membership

### Kung Fu

Bungo Fu, the Jamaican style of Kung Fu! Come learn meditation, self defense, improved flexibility, and self awareness! This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of

balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness and mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Dance Studio)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
8-week session  
Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
September 11 - October 30  
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200  
Uniform Fee: \$70

## SPORTS

### Takoma Park Volleyball Club

Join the Takoma Park Volleyball Club! Grab a friend or make a new one on the court. The club will meet weekly at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for pick-up games of volleyball. Registration is required to participate. All skill levels are welcome.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 16 and up  
8-week session  
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
September 20 - November 8  
Resident: \$20 / Non-resident: \$30





# 55+

**Fall  
Registration Opens:  
Scholarship Awardees: 8/8  
TP Residents: 8/15**



## ART

### Arts and Crafts with Alice

Brighten the Fall days and get creative. The class meets once a month to learn a new skill and create different projects. Enjoy the supportive and positive atmosphere. This class will meet Wednesdays, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People  
Takoma Park Community Center (Lilac Room)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
6-week session  
Third Wednesdays, 10 - 11 a.m.  
Monthly, September 20 - December 13  
\$6

## DANCE

### Line Dance

Line Dancing is an enjoyable social activity that provides great physical and mental exercise. It helps to strengthen bones and muscles. It also increases stamina and flexibility as well as supports weight loss and stress reduction. No experience necessary. Choose which day of the week you would like to attend class. If the option you would like is full, select the waiting list. Instructor: Barbara Brown  
Takoma Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week sessions

## SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

**Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 24-27 for more options.**

**\*Ask us about scholarship opportunities.**

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
September 13 - December 13  
\$6

### Zumba Gold

Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Choose which day of the week you would like to attend in-person class. If the option you would like is full, select the waiting list. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
14-week session  
September 13 - December 13  
Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. (in-person or virtual)  
12-week session  
September 15 - December 15  
\$6

## DROP-IN

### Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. Drop-in. No registration required. Host: Paula Lisowski  
Takoma Park Community Center





# Recreation: 55+

(Lilac Room)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
Tuesday, 12 - 2 p.m.  
September 26 and October 24  
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 practice your ping pong skills!

Takoma Park Community Center  
(Game Room)  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Free



Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
\$6

## Foundational Fitness 55+



This class is designed to improve health with focus on muscular strength, endurance, flexibility, balance, and coordination utilizing a high back chair, light hand weights and/or resistance tubes. Have a towel and water nearby. Equipment is not provided. Registration is required for this virtual zoom class. Link provided in registration receipt. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week session  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m.  
September 12 - December 14  
\$6

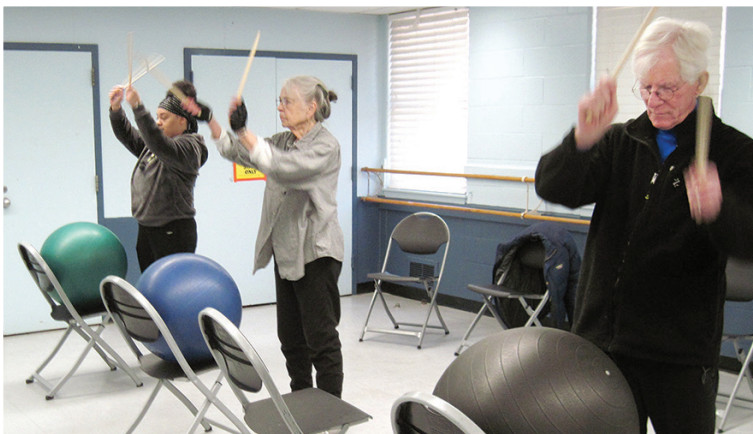
## FITNESS

### Enhance Your Fitness

A great total body workout using low-impact aerobic movement and gentle resistance training. This class focuses on increasing strength, balance, and flexibility through stretching, breathing, core training and proper posture alignment using standing and seated exercises including warm up and cool down routines. Registration is required for this virtual zoom class. The virtual class link will be sent with your email receipt. Instructor: Adriene Buist



Virtual  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week session



## Qigong 55+

Qigong is meditation via movement, standing and/or seated, that can benefit participants by lowering stress and anxiety, increasing focus, and improving balance and flexibility. It combines breathing, gentle movement, and meditation to improve good mental, physical, and spiritual health. Instructor: Anne Harrison

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Back Room)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
13-week session  
Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m.  
September 14 - December 14  
\$6

## Rhythmic Drumming 55+

Cardio fitness drumming lets the rhythmic beat move you through tapping and drumstick clapping while standing and/or sitting to exercise your mind and body. No drumming experience required. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Back Room)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week session  
Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
\$6

## Recreation: 55+

### Tai Chi Strength

Begin with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance. End with cool-down exercises. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Back Room)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week Session  
Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
\$6

### Walking Group

Don't worry about the heat or cold outside—join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in, no registration is required, however a free fitness pass is required to use the Gym.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week session  
Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2 p.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
Free

### Yoga for 55+

This yoga class is about the gentle flow of yoga poses, modified to an individual's needs depending on their balance level. Improve balance, flexibility, posture, and stamina, and energize mind and spirit for better health and well-being. No experience needed. Students must bring their own yoga mat. Instructor: Sarita Lama

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
14-week session  
Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
September 12 - December 12  
\$6

### Yoga for Healthy Aging

This class helps build strength and endurance, increase flexibility and range of motion, improve posture and balance, and create a general sense of well-being. Special attention is paid to bone health. Work at your own pace in a series of seated, standing, and floor poses and incorporates breathing and relaxation techniques. Students need to provide their own yoga sticky mat, a yoga belt (or equivalent, e.g., a necktie), a tennis ball,

and preferably a yoga block and blanket. Instructor: Carol Mermey

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Back Room)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
12-week session  
Fridays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
September 15 - December 15  
\$6

## SPORTS

### Pickleball Open Play 55+

Join other *new* players for pickleball practice and play in the gymnasium. This activity is geared toward beginners. Two courts and limited paddles available. This is a drop-in program, registration is no longer required, however a free 55 and up Recreation Center membership is required. Sign up for a membership in person at 7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
(Gymnasium)  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Ages 55 and up  
Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m.  
September 14 - December 14  
Free





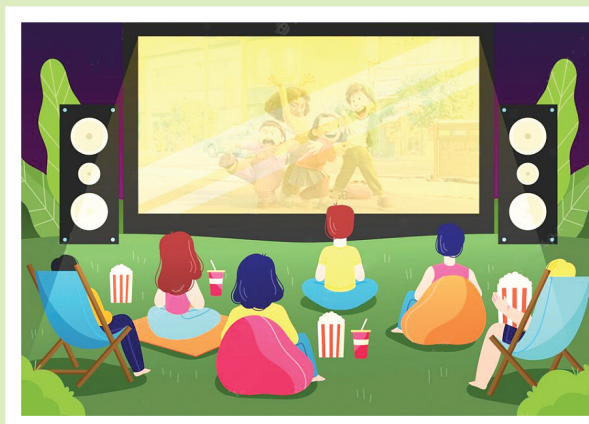
# Special Events



## Family Outdoor Movie Night

Pack your blanket and some snacks, it's time for another outdoor movie night! It starts at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly G or PG rated hit, vote on the City website for your favorite. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
2 Darwin Ave.  
All ages  
Saturday, September 9  
Movie starts at dusk  
Free



## Monster Bash

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 28, Monster Bash 2023 will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, fun activities, and the annual costume contest followed by the costume parade, and ending with the costume award ceremony and celebration. Categories include Most Original, Funniest, and Scariest. Categories: Ages 4 and under, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, teen and adult, and overall group.

For additional information or if you would like to volunteer, especially to be a judge, for this event, please contact Chris Parker at christopherp@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7290. To receive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101 ext. 5605. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

Takoma Park Middle School parking lot  
7611 Piney Branch Rd.  
All ages  
Saturday, October 28  
Starting at 1 p.m.  
Free





# Takoma Park Spotlight

## Q&A with Appie Abrams, growing up with TPRD

Let's get to know Appie, who has been attending programs with Takoma Park Recreation Department since 2015 and now will be part of our summer camp staff as a Counselor in Training this summer!

## How long have you lived in Takoma Park?

I moved here with my family 8 years ago, from Texas. I was 6 years old then.

## What has been your favorite program at TPRD?

Camp Takoma! That was the first program I attended here after moving to the area and I made lots of meaningful friends there.

## What is your favorite memory while attending a TPRD program?

Going to the pool with summer camp. A few friends and myself would pretend to be mermaids, each with our own lore and powers.

## Who was your favorite TPRD counselor/instructor?

My favorite staff member was Ms. Leicia, two summers ago I was able to connect with her personally and she made camp really fun and engaging.

## Tell us about yourself - your hobbies and interests lately

I am 14 years old, music is my main interest, I like listening to multiple genres and really enjoy playing bass in orchestra, and I am learning electric bass guitar - I am hoping to be in a band one day! I also like to draw, and reading fantasy novels.

## If you could create your own TPRD program or activity, what would it be?

I would love to create a nature oriented camp for kids who really want to be outside and engaged with nature in the summer. I feel like young people of this generation should be encouraged to have an appreciation for the outdoors and the world around them, since many are raised constantly around screens and electronics. It would be a good change of scenery.

## How did you decide to join the CIT program?

I had heard about the CIT program for a while, but I wasn't old enough to join until this summer. I am excited since it will be my first job and I hope to make a great camp experience for the kids like I had when I was their age!



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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](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).

### 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.
- Service fee applies online.

### 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](http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation)
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.

- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.4 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/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/) and search "ward map."
- 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/email ([recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov)) 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.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exceptions**). No refund after the program has ended.
- Membership passes are not eligible for a refund.
- The online processing fee will not be included in refunds.

### 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.



#### 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.



## 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!



*Credit: Selena Malott*

Pat Rumbaugh, *The Play Lady*, is joined by the volunteers who helped with the Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day on February 12, 2017.

### Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

The pool is located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Ave. Park behind the Community Center, and use side entrance to school on Grant Ave. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, [tjseamens@aol.com](mailto:tjseamens@aol.com), or visit [acsgw.org](http://acsgw.org).

#### Pool Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 6:30-8:30 a.m. & 4-7:30 p.m.

Sat: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### Let's Play America

Let's Play America is a nonprofit that encourages people of all ages to play. Let's Play America and the Recreation Department co-sponsor four play events a year: a pool party and three play days. The dates are on the Let's Play America website under events. Residents who want to close their street for play: to help with the independent play events or would like to find more information are welcome to contact Let's Play America at [info@letsplayamerica.org](mailto:info@letsplayamerica.org) or 301-928-9962 or visit [letsplayamerica.org](http://letsplayamerica.org).

### Takoma Park Community Band

Join! Check out the Band's website: [tkpkcommunityband.wordpress.com](http://tkpkcommunityband.wordpress.com)

Musicians at all levels of expertise are welcome. No audition necessary. The only requirements are the ability to read music and to have fun!

For more information, email [takomaparkcommunityband@gmail.com](mailto:takomaparkcommunityband@gmail.com) OR call Marcia Diehl, Conductor, at 240-424-2349.



### Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program, the goal of which is to provide local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. Takoma Soccer strives to teach children the value and fun of teamwork, cooperation, practice, and sportsmanship. For more information, go to [takomasoccer.org](http://takomasoccer.org) or contact Howard Kohn at [kohn@erols.com](mailto:kohn@erols.com).



*Credit: [www.takomasoccer.org](http://www.takomasoccer.org)*

*Children as young as 3 years old can play with Takoma Soccer.*



## Housing and Community Development

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planning@takomaparkmd.gov



Takoma Park Elementary School students walk to school during a previous year's Safe Routes to School event.

## Safe Routes to School Combines Health and Safety



Safe Routes to School is meant to promote physical fitness, street safety and sustainability.

By Sean Gossard

To encourage local students and their families to walk to school and teach them about some of the benefits of walking to school, the city of Takoma Park's Safe Routes to School program plans to continue its partnership with local schools to hold the annual Walk & Roll to School Day in October.

This year on Wednesday, Oct. 4, the city will celebrate Walk to School Day. Students as well as their families are encouraged to forgo the routine drive to school and instead lace up their kicks for a stroll to class.

"The simple act of choosing to walk to school instead of driving contributes so much to our City's goals of reducing traffic congestion and emissions and providing built in exercise for the students and parents," says Takoma Park Special Projects Coordinator Kaysi-Ann Webley. "The simple luxury of walking to school with a child, holding hands, talking about the day or the surroundings is an added benefit."

In the past the event has brought together elected officials and members of the community to push for action to make walking—

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# Housing and Community Development

**Economic Development Division • 301-891-7119**  
**[econdev@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:econdev@takomaparkmd.gov)**

## Community Feedback Opportunities

The City's Planning Division has a number of big projects in the works, and we will need your input! The following projects will have community meetings, workshops, and/or city council hearings this fall. They will have impacts on public space, pedestrian and bike safety, economic development, and more! To learn about each project and get details on how to get involved, search for following web pages on the City's website:

- Public Space Management Plan
- Minor Master Plan (County-led project)
- Maple Avenue Connectivity Project

### Housing Division

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The Housing Division is responsible for monitoring Takoma Park's rental housing stock, ensuring compliance with the City's landlord tenant laws, and administering a variety of grant opportunities designed to further its goals to create and maintain a more fiscally and environmentally sustainable community and improve the quality of life for all residents. To find out more about the services and grant programs listed, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development).



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or rolling—safer for everyone.

"It's something we want the community to be involved in and we want drivers to become more alert to pedestrians, especially students," says Webley. "It's harder to see children as they walk along our streets and we want drivers to be more aware of them on the roads."

This year marks a return to the larger programs that were scaled back during the pandemic's height. Each year over 5,000 schools from 50 states participate, including five area schools. Each school will have its own starting point for students and families to meet at before trekking to class. The day promises to be a fun and educational one. More details will be shared

within the school communities as the day approaches.

"Over the years, there has been partnerships with the police department and crossing guards as well as parent teacher associations, so quite a number of stakeholders take part," says Webley. "We want to encourage parents to educate their children on safe road practices while walking and to get involved as well."

According to the National Safe Routes to School website, the benefits of walking to class are many. In addition to the obvious health benefits that come with daily exercise, there are also advantages when it comes to safety and transportation costs along with a reduction in student absences and tardiness.

To share your Safe Routes ideas, or if you'd like to volunteer for a Safe Routes to School program, email [kaysiw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:kaysiw@takomaparkmd.gov). You can also visit [saferoutesinfo.org](http://saferoutesinfo.org) for more information on the benefits of walking to school.



# Public Works

301-891-7633

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[takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks](http://takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks)

## SERVICES

### Mulch

Leaf mulch, made by grinding the leaves collected annually, is available for pickup and delivery. The mulch pile is accessible for self-loading every day of the week. Loading of trucks and mulch delivery is done for a fee. Deliveries are available from March through October on Fridays by appointment. To schedule a delivery, call 301-891-7633. Our prices have increased: Charges are \$55 for a 3-yard load and \$75 for a 7- or 10-yard load for City residents.

### Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-off

Bring old or unwanted electronic equipment to be refurbished or recycled to the Public Works facility, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. The drop-off location is on the right side of the front parking lot, under a shed roof.

### Battery Drop-off

Batteries are accepted for recycling at Public Works during office hours 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Each battery must be in a plastic bag or the positive end taped to avoid fire hazard. Acceptable batteries include AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, lithium-ion, small sealed-lead-acid, nickel cadmium, button cell, nickel metal hydride, and nickel zinc. The following CANNOT be accepted: wet cell batteries, car batteries, rechargeable lithium-ion greater than 300 Wh, lithium-primary greater than 25g LI

### Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale. Purchase a 64-gallon trash carts for \$53.30 and a 96- gallon cart for \$61.42. Carts have



## Holiday Trash Schedule

### Monday, September 4: Labor Day

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

### Friday, November 10: Observed Veterans Day

Friday's trash, recycling and food waste routes will be collected on Thursday, November 9.

### Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will take place on Wednesday, November 22.

### Friday, November 24: Day After Thanksgiving

Trash, recycling, and food waste collection will take place on Saturday, November 25.

### Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

Yard trimming collection is canceled.



lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works facility for pick-up during office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Large Item Pick-up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses, and furniture are picked up by appointment only. The fee is \$15 for the collection of up to three items. Call to schedule a pickup at 301-891-7633.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fall Leaf Collection

**November 13 - December 15**

The Fall vacuum leaf collection program will take place over a 5-week period from November 13 through December 15. All streets will receive at least two collections over the course of the program. State Highway streets will be posted for specific collection days. Notices will be mailed out to residents in advance of the collection. Details can be found at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection/).

### Food Waste Collection Program

#### Compost Available for Program Participants

Any City resident that receives City trash collection service is eligible to participate in the food waste collection program. Program registration is available on the City's website: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection/)

Households that are currently participating in the City's Food Waste Collection program can receive up to five buckets of compost from the program. The compost is stored at the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Ave.



# Police

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



## September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. If you or someone you know is struggling or needs support, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org/chat. You are not alone!

## September Is National Preparedness Month

You never know when a disaster will occur; are you ready? Visit [ready.gov](https://ready.gov) for information on items to have in your emergency kit.

## Labor Day Closure

The Takoma Park Police Department offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. However, please remember that police are available 24/7 for emergency services.

## Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day October 2023

The Takoma Park Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in October (date to be determined by the DEA). This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your prescriptions to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912. Collection boxes will be set up in the first floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medications will be accepted. In addition, vape pens and other e-cigarette devices are now accepted BUT only after the batteries are removed from such devices.

Although we continue to participate in this nationwide event, as a reminder, residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Ave., 1st Floor Lobby, Takoma Park, MD 20912. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. Items that CANNOT be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers. The Takoma Park Police Department will collect and store all items and then safely dispose of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events.

## Stay Informed

To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at [takomaparkmd.gov/police](https://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](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov).

## School Children and Crossing Guard Safety

Montgomery County Public Schools are back in session on Monday, August 28.

Takoma Park Police remind drivers and residents to be extra vigilant to ensure the safety of our school children and school crossing guards during the school year. Our crossing guards' primary responsibility is to facilitate the safe crossing of students to and from school each day—in all weather conditions. These crossing guards are trained and certified in traffic and pedestrian safety. Each one wears a highly visible bright yellow reflective safety vest.

Takoma Park Police remind drivers that it is very important to obey the posted speed limit and to pay close attention to their surroundings at all times. Within a school zone, it is especially important to be alert, drive carefully, and follow the directions of the crossing guards.

## Safety Tips for Parents, Motorists, and Children

- Expect delays near schools. Know your route, start early, and drive the posted speed limit.
- Motorists not involved in dropping off or picking up students should consider adjusting their route or schedule to avoid arrival and dismissal traffic in front of schools.
- Park only in lawful areas. Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk is against the law and can obstruct visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.
- Unload school children onto the sidewalk or right side of the vehicle. Unloading school children into a traffic lane could put a child in harm's way.
- Instruct children to remain alert and look left, right, and then left again before crossing the street.
- Pedestrians, do not use a cell phone to talk or text when crossing the street; do not wear headphones or earpods when crossing the street.

The Takoma Park Police Department wishes everyone a successful, happy, and safe school year!

## Emergency Care Packages Drive for Victims and Families of Domestic Violence

In October, in partnership with the Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation, Takoma Park Police will begin collecting care packages and/or items to be donated to meet the immediate, critical needs that directly impact the safety, wellness, and/or healing of a victim of domestic violence and/or their children. Emergency care packages provide brand new toiletries and personal care items for each survivor of domestic violence and their children who walk through the doors of the Family Justice Center to receive services. Brand new stuffed animals, games, toys and books are also provided to every child who goes to the Family Justice Center. Please note that items donated should be new and unopened, if applicable.

### Care Package Ideas

- Kits for Men/Teen Boys: men's grooming products, toiletry items, and comb/brush
- Kits for Women/Teen Girls: feminine products, toiletry items, and comb/brush
- Make-up Kit: small compact mirror, make-up, and comb/brush
- Kits for Kids: toiletry items, stuffed animal, book, comb/brush, coloring book and crayons
- Kits for Babies: baby wipes, toiletry items for babies, stuffed animal, children's book, baby blanket, onesie,

Items Needed	
For Babies and Toddlers (Newborn – 3)	For Kids and Adults (4 and older)
Diapers and Pull-ups (all sizes)	Stuffed Animals, Games or Toys
Baby Wipes	School Supplies
Baby Shampoo (no tears)	Soap (bar or body wash)
Ivory Soap	Shampoo
Hairbrush for Infants	Lotions
Baby Blankets	Combs/Brushes
Stuffed Animals	Shampoos and Conditioners
Onesies and Pajamas	Feminine Products
Non-scented Lotion	Boys and Men Grooming Products
Diaper Rash Salve	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Children's Toothpaste	Small Compact Mirror
Toothbrushes	Comb and Brush
School Supplies	Books
Children's Books	Coloring Book and Crayons
Coloring Book and Crayons	Make-up
Winter Coats and Accessories	Winter Coats and Accessories

and hairbrush for infants

- Kits for Toddlers: toiletry items for young children, stuffed animal, book, coloring book and crayons, and comb/brush
- School Supplies Kits: backpack and school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, coloring pencils, markers,

lined loose leaf paper, binders, ruler, calculator, pen/pencil bag, etc).

- Winter Kits: coat, hat, scarf, gloves, pack of tissues and Chapstick

For questions, please email [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov)

Be on the lookout for information on where to donate!

### National Faith & Blue

In October, we will hold our 3rd Faith & Blue Weekend, which is a national event with activities in communities across the country that brings together law enforcement and residents to build connections, create mutual understanding, and enhance justice and reconciliation.

**WHAT IS IT?** National Faith & Blue is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through events, activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

**WHY?** National Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based organizations are key pillars of the community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

**HOW?** National Faith & Blue is an extension of the One Congregation One Precinct initiative (OneCOP), a program of

Movement Forward, Inc., which is a solution-focused, human & civil rights organization based in Atlanta, GA. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, Faith & Blue is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations and the community.

**WHO?** Faith & Blue organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America. The effort is being co-convened by OneCOP and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to organize the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent American history.

**WHEN/WHERE?** Be on the lookout for our plans for this event!

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Plevy at [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7142.

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