

**April 20, 2017**  
**Takoma Park Recreation Committee Meeting**

**To:** Howard Kohn; Priscilla Labovitz; Pat Rumbaugh; Rachna Rikhye; Jay Keller; Jon Worley; Ryan Scully; Jen Wofford; Cindy Dyballa; Ray Scannell; Carolyn Leary Bobb; Cherwanda Oliver

RSVP yes: Jay, Howard, Pat, Jon, Ryan, Cindy, Ray, Carolyn, Rachna. Staff: Greg

Cherwanda Oliver, Jen Wofford

RSVP no: Priscilla

**AGENDA:**

**Play Day Report:** LPA won the Genius of Play Award. We will be closing a street for play hopefully on Sunday, April 30 from 2-4pm. Pat is working to set-up on Sligo Creek next to Maple Avenue on the New Hampshire Avenue side. She is in contact with Montgomery Parks. Suggest everyone go to the LPA website and click on press. Have they seen the April 2017 Newsletter? We are on the front page, the teens, Cherwanda and Alison and me on the sea-saw.

<http://letsplayamerica.org/press/> and Magazine coverage:

<https://www.playgroundprofessionals.com/playground/playstructures/what-play-benefits-do-playgrounds-bring-children103>

I would love if everyone would share my article & column electronically with their listserve. At least let people know about the article and upcoming events.

**Help needed:** We need a **band** for the Schools Out, come Play Event Friday, June 16 at the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center. WI think 5-8pm would be a great time. There is money in the budget for a cookout. Who can provide **grills**? Who can **help**? The **4th Annual Adult Play Day**, June 10 from 7-10pm at the VFW we have a band and will have Line Dancing with instruction. This will be a Pot Luck. Who can come? Who can help? Let' Pat know theplaylady@gmail.com

**New Hampshire Rec Center Beautification Day**, This Saturday, April 22 8 am to noon

**Celebrate Takoma: May 20<sup>th</sup> 4- 7 pm with Volunteers needed from 3- 8 pm**

**Gardening: This Coming Saturday at the Library Garden Saturday, 2:30**

Fitness Expo: Kudos to Vince- Post event evaluation-How did it go?

**Pool: Any updates**

**Recreations Budget.**

**June Meeting with city council at the Rec Center-** We will be live on Takoma TV

Rec Committee and the Council on Thursday, June 15, 7 pm - 8:30 pm at the New Hampshire Ave Rec Center. It is on the Council's schedule, will be televised . . . the whole routine. Questions for the City Council. What would we like them to know about our work?

RSVP: YES Jay, Priscilla, Jon, Ryan, Pat, Cindy( but just returning from France on the 14<sup>th</sup>)

NO: Howard

?? Rachna, Carolyn Cherwanda, Jen, Ryan

Other Items

## CLASSES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**\*Don't Miss\*** Summer Youth Employment Program Interest Meeting, Friday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Parents and teens, come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this 8-week program which will begin June 26 and will end August 18, 2017. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the return of the City's Youth Summer Employment program. The purpose of the Youth Summer Employment Program is to provide young TP residents, ages 16-21, with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, and also a true learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. See the attached flyer for more info. To register for the Interest Workshop or to find out more information, please call Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283.

Redskins Draft Day Dash 5K, (Grades 6-12), April 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE THE FIELD! It's time to lace up for the Draft Day Dash – a Redskins-themed 5k race that finishes on the 50-yard line at FedEx Field. Following the race, 5k participants are invited to the Redskins Draft Day Party for exclusive tours of the Redskins locker room, meet the 2017 Redskins cheerleaders, enjoy appearances and autograph session by your favorite Redskins players and alumni and watch the NFL Draft on the HD video boards including LIVE NFL draft picks right from the stage. Post-race activities also include special giveaways for race participants, food and drink and live entertainment. Resident: \$10/Non-resident: \$20. Register soon, limited space available!

**\*New\*** Video Production Class for Teens, (Grades 6-12), May 4 - June 9, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Sign up today to learn the basics of Video Production in the Media Lab at the Community Center. Try your hand at creating, filming, editing and more. Instruction will be given by Gandhi Brigade Youth Media. Gandhi Brigade Youth Media is an award winning pioneering after-school program that empowers young people in Montgomery County to use multimedia as tools to promote community building, multicultural understanding and the common good. Free for both residents and non-residents.

Teen Modeling School, (Grades 6-12), May 4 - June 15, 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.: Discover your potential for modeling. Learn runway secrets. Develop poise and grace to distinguish your style. This 8-week class will help participants prepare for pageantry and the modeling industry with the same techniques used by today's top models and industry pros. The instructor has partnered with high-end retailers to produce classy and elegant fashion events, promotions, grand openings, and fundraising programs for non-profit organizations in the past. Instructor: Charmique Vogue. Free for both residents and non-residents.

Teen Ultimate Fitness Challenge Trip, (Grades 6 - 12), Sunday, June 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: The Ultimate Fitness Challenge is the nation's largest mobile fitness event traveling from coast-to-coast. At the Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge, kids of all ages get the opportunity to flex their physical fitness by participating in a time-based obstacle course that includes sprinting, jump roping, wall crawls, hurdles, jumping jacks, sit ups, and tunnel crawls, before finishing off the course with a 20 foot confidence climb and 60 meter dash to the finish. The event also includes Xtreme gaming fun like: Zipline, Bumperball, and Sky jump! The bus will depart the Takoma Park Community Center at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Free, however, due to limited seating, advanced registration is required.

Old School vs. New School Basketball Game, Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m.: It is NOT a GAME! Old School (age 26+) and New School (ages 14-25) will battle it out in a basketball game for a plaque and bragging rights for the entire year. Come and enjoy a great basketball game where the rivalry never dies. You don't wanna miss it! Raffle giveaways and DJ Beezy on the 1's and 2's! Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Takoma Park Middle School. The BATTLE begins at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event! "Whose Side Are You On?" For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at [LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov) or (301) 891-7283.

Visual Arts Camp, Ages 11-14, July 17 - July 21 (Session 3), 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center: Have fun and express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design! Each session includes a new art related theme and group of art processes and activities. Sharpen your drawing skills, explore new materials and exercise your imagination with inspiring art projects. Two hours of drawing in the morning using graphite, pen and ink, colored pencils, charcoal pencils, pastels, oil pastels or conte crayon, etc., followed by two or more hours of painting and/or collage and assemblage in the afternoon. Media such as watercolor painting, sumi-e, mixed media painting, texture and found-object assemblage will be explored. Art related movies, access to the game room during the day, and outdoor art adventures are all included in what will certainly be a memorable summer experience. All materials included. Each session cost is \$295 for residents and \$325 for non-residents. Before and After Care are available for this camp for an additional fee. You can register in-person or online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation). For more information, contact Michael Kurland at 301-891-7285 or [MichaelK@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:MichaelK@takomaparkmd.gov).

Girls Basketball Camp, Ages 7-14, July 24 - July 28, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center: Participants will learn basketball fundamentals which include but are not limited to: ball handling, shooting skills, foot work, and overall

knowledge of the game. Campers will also improve communication skills and teamwork all while having fun. This girls-only camp is operated by Sonia Chase, a former collegiate of the University of Maryland, and WNBA basketball player, Charlotte Sting. Please bring a non-perishable lunch every day. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Cost is \$175 for residents and \$195 for non-residents. Before and After Care are available for this camp for an additional fee. You can register in-person or online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation). For more information, contact Michael Kurland at 301-891-7285 or [MichaelK@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:MichaelK@takomaparkmd.gov)

## **ONGOING**

Power Hour, (Grades 6-12), Tuesdays, Ongoing, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required. Free for residents and non-residents.

Teen Lounge, (Grades 6-12), Monday - Friday, Ongoing, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Grades 6-12 are welcome to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: closed.

Teen Night, Ages 12 - 17, Second and Fourth Friday 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Takoma Park Recreation Center: Teen night is a great way for teens to meet their need for social interaction. The Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Teen night is held every second and fourth Friday of the month from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. This program is free with a membership card. For more information contact Vince Cain at 301-891-7289 or [Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov)