

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. . ."   
 Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

# Takoma Park

## NEWSLETTER

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## Condos Considered for the Heart of Old Town

By Virginia Myers Kelly  
Editor

The neighborhood is beginning to get wind of a big project at the corner of Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues, and reactions have been mixed. In its earliest stages, a proposal for development of an oddly shaped parcel of land, currently occupied by Taliano's restaurant, off-beat retail shops like Takoma Underground and Sangha, and a steep parking lot, looks like it could become 75 to 80 residential units and significantly reduced retail space, with parking underground.

Aware that Takoma Park residents are typically vocal about projects in their neighborhoods, developers Bruce Levin and Infrastructure Capital Group (ICG), who have partnered to work with the parcel, have already begun meetings with community groups at an early planning stage. No plans have yet been submitted to the county planning board, which would eventually have to approve the project.

Partners of ICG have met with repre-

sentatives of Historic Takoma as well as interested residents from the Westmoreland Avenue Community Organization (WACO) and Victory Tower, on Carroll Avenue. They've spoken with some council members and city staff as well, will confer with Takoma Old Town Business Association, and plan to continue to meet with small neighborhood groups before creating more specific plans for the site.

Stylios Christofides, one of the principals in ICG, says he is sensitive to the community's needs and if the plan proves to be too problematic — i.e. if neighbors put up too much of a fuss — it will be tabled. But he is enthusiastic about how it could fit into the character of the town, and envisions it as a cornerstone to complement what already exists. ICG specializes, to some extent, in historic restoration projects, and has properties in downtown Washington and Kalorama with both façade restoration and "volumetric restoration," which goes deeper into the site. Christofides has pledged



Photo by Virginia Myers Kelly

**This building, at the corner of Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues, may be transformed into a mix of residential condos and commercial space, plus parking. Developers have begun to talk to the community about the project's possible impact.**

ICG will restore the façade of the property, but research is still needed to discover how deep the restoration would reach back in the site.

Also of interest are the green roof on rear units, to help control stormwater runoff, and the concept of "mews," townhomes which would accommodate small businesses on the first floor and residential space for the business owners above.

Concerns among neighbors, who numbered about 50 at a neighborhood meeting called to address the project, and who have been discussing the development on the neighborhood list-serve, focus primarily on the impact some 100 more residents would

have on the block, and on traffic. Because of geographic limitations, Christofides says it would be difficult if not impossible to have any vehicular access but one from Westmoreland, and the corner of Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues is already difficult.

Other concerns include the reduction in commercial enterprise in old town, which might threaten the critical mass required to support a thriving business community; reducing the tax base by replacing commercial property with residential; and the transience inherent in smaller, one-bedroom residential units, which might be rented. By Montgomery County law, 12.5 percent of the units must be affordable housing, which will please many in the community mindful of the need for such a resource, but other units could be priced at the discretion of the developer and to whatever the market would support.

Much work remains before this project moves forward, and it is likely there will be more opportunity for public comment. Meanwhile, all leases in the building have been renewed for a year, through August 2006.

### Street Fest Mixes It Up in Takoma Park

Once again the streets of Takoma Park will be filled with music, art, food, information, and the people that make this community a vibrant place to celebrate diversity. The 24th Annual Takoma Park Street Festival will come alive in the city's main streets, Sunday October 2, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

This year's music features three stages for 18 bands, including acoustic roots-rock bands Chopteeth, the Melanie Mason Band, the Grandsons, Robert Lighthouse, and Ruthie and the Wranglers. More than 150 craft artists, community groups, and a variety of ethnic and American foods will line the festival route. Moon bounces, jugglers, balloon artists, and more will captivate the kids.

The Festival starts two blocks from Takoma Metro, runs down Eastern to the Sunday Farmers' Market and down Carroll Avenue toward the fire house. "It has been a wonderful community event for nearly a quarter of a century and a way to celebrate our local arts, foods, and culture," says



Photo by City Communications Office

Old Takoma Business Association president Penny Jones-Napier; the organization is presenting the fest this year with co-sponsors Columbia Union College, RCN, SGA Architects, Washington Adventist Hospital, Ameriprise Financial, Ameritech Construction, Citibank, Universal Energy Home Remodeling and Willow Street Yoga Center as well as Centex Homes and Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Co-op. For more information and a performance schedule visit [www.TakomaFestival.com](http://www.TakomaFestival.com).

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## CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005** – Council Meeting postponed due to Rosh Hashanah. The Council will meet Thursday, October 6.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005** (*Rosh Hashanah*) – **CITY NOMINATING CAUCUS**, 7:30 p.m. (Municipal Building Council Chambers) Charter-mandated date for the City Nominating Caucus – proposed motion and vote to adjourn and continue the Nominating Caucus to Wednesday, October 5 (Municipal Building Council Chambers).

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005 – NOMINATING CAUCUS RECONVENED**, 7:30 p.m. (Municipal Building Council Chambers) Proposed date for reconvening the Nominating Caucus to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmembers.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005 – PRESENTATION, SPECIAL SESSION AND WORKSESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005** – Voter Registration cut-off date. All new registrations and changes of address must have been received by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections (or post-marked by this date). Voter Registration applications for non-U.S. Citizens must have been received by the City Clerk's Office by this time. There will be no exceptions. Takoma Park residency must be met by this date (30 days prior to the election) in order to vote in the election.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 – PRESENTATION, REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005** – Meeting of the Facade Advisory Board, 7 p.m. (Location TBA)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005** – Meeting of the Safe Roadways Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Municipal Building Council Chambers)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005 – PRESENTATION AND WORKSESSION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005** – Meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission, 7:30 p.m. (Municipal Building)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005** – Community Center Grand Opening Celebration, 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005 – PRESENTATION, REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSESSION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005** – Meeting of the Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee, 6 p.m. (Montgomery College Provost's Conference Room, Takoma and New York Avenues)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005** – Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m. (Municipal Building – TBA)

For updated schedule information, check the City's web page at <http://www.cityoftakomapark.org> or contact the City Clerk. If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail of the City Council agenda, or if you would like to receive a weekly agenda by U.S. Mail, contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267.



For further information, or to receive a copy of the legislation, contact the City Clerk's office, 301-891-7267 or e-mail [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

**September 6, 2005 – Special Session**

Resolution 2005-65 was adopted, expressing appreciation to Public Works Director Alfred D. Lott (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Ritzo, Seamens, Williams).

Resolution 2005-66 was adopted, expressing the City of Takoma Park's support of Montgomery County's purchase of Hampshire Towers, 7333 and 7401 New Hampshire Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Ritzo, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2005-25 was accepted at first reading, authorizing FY05 Budget Amendment No. 3 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Ritzo, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2005-26 was accepted at first reading, accepting the bid of TRG Construction for the Community Level Phase of the Community Center Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Ritzo, Seamens, Williams).

## City Offices Move

City staff will be relocating from trailers and various parts of City Hall (7500 Maple Avenue) into new offices on the first and third floors of the expanded building beginning the end of September and continuing through the first weeks of October.

Every effort will be made to continue serving the public throughout this disruptive time. Residents are asked for patience as desks, computers, phones, police communication systems, and internet access connections are moved. Up-to-date information will be posted on the City's Web page, [www.cityoftakomapark.org](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org).

The move into the first and third floor office space opens the main floor to community center use, the first phase of which opens in October.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and look forward to serving you in our new office space.



Empleados de la Ciudad de Takoma Park serán reubicados a nuevas oficinas en el primer y tercer piso del edificio municipal (7500 Maple Avenue). La mudanza empezará la última semana de septiembre y continuará durante la primera semana de octubre.

Durante este tiempo, se hará todo lo posible para continuar sirviendo al público. Se les pide paciencia a los residentes mientras escritorios, computadoras, teléfonos, sistema de comunicación del departamento de policía, y conexiones para acceso a la internet sean reubicados. Mayor información será anunciado en la página internet de la Ciudad de Takoma Park – [www.cityoftakomapark.org](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org)

Nos disculpamos con anticipación por cualquier inconveniencia y esperamos servirles pronto en nuestras oficinas nuevas.

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Date:** Thursday, October 6, 2005

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Takoma Park Municipal Building  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park

The City of Takoma Park is seeking public input on the needs of the community's low and moderate income residents and CDBG eligible projects which address identified needs. The information gathered during this process will assist in the allocation of CDBG funds. For more information contact Sara Anne Daines, HCD Director (301-891-7224).

## Committee Vacancies

**Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA).**

The seven to 12 member commission is empowered to adjudicate and mediate complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations, to rule on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance, and to decide appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses. (One vacancy.)

**Emergency Preparedness Committee.** The committee was established to provide community input to and assist in the City's planning and preparations for emergency operations and to involve residents in providing appropriate assistance during emergency operations. Applicants should have some professional background in emergency preparedness or operations and be available to perform committee duties during the day when required. (Two vacancies.)

**Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee.** The 12-member committee is charged with providing input and advice to the Council and the City's public safety agencies about how the City can better meet the ongoing needs and concerns of residents in the area of police services and public safety. (Up to four vacancies.)

**Safe Roadways Committee.** The Safe Roadways

Committee advises the City on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic, and transit services. (One vacancy.)

**Noise Control Board.** The seven-member board is charged with assisting and advising the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance, and adjudicating noise disturbance complaints. (One vacancy.)

Interested applicants are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume or statement of qualifications to the City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 or via e-mail to [Clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:Clerk@takomagov.org). Further information is available by contacting the City Clerk Office at 301-891-7267.

**Citizens Liaison Committee for the Community Center.**

City residents are invited to participate in the Citizens Liaison Committee for the Community Center. The committee serves to foster communication among interested parties and the Council in the ongoing process for the development of a community center. Information about the committee is available on the City web page. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact your City Councilmember (or the City Clerk's Office) to request appointment.

**Director of Public Works** – Takoma Park, MD (Pop. 17,299) Culturally and ethnically diverse community with residents who pride themselves on their political and civic activism; small town feel but yet ideally located near Washington, D.C. Position oversees street and park maintenance, refuse collection, fleet maintenance, urban forestry, and storm water management, with annual departmental operating budget of approximately \$3.4 million, plus FY06 capital budget of \$1.5 million. Supervises staff of 33 FTE. Requires Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in engineering or related field and six years of progressively responsible public works management experience. PE certification desirable. Strong interpersonal, communication, and analytical skills essential. Starting salary low to mid-\$80s, depending on qualifications with excellent benefits. The City of Takoma Park embraces cultural diversity. Women and ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Position open until filled. First review as of October 19, 2005. Submit cover letter, resume, and five references to Human Resources, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Alternatively, fax to 301-270-8794 or e-mail to [karenh@takomagov.org](mailto:karenh@takomagov.org). EOE



## Montgomery County Housing Fair and Consumer Protection Day

Saturday, October 2, 2005  
10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm  
(Next to Gaithersburg High School)  
506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

### You will learn about:

- Managing Money & Credit
- Home Safety, Utility Assistance & Conservation
- Medicare Changes & Housing Options for Seniors
- Avoiding Consumer Scams
- Buying Your First Home

### FREE CREDIT REPORTS!

Entertainment, food, prizes and activities  
for children!  
(Six drawings for a \$500 prize towards  
your rent or mortgage.)

~FREE ADMISSION~

Ride-On bus #55 or #59 from points north and from  
Shady Grove Metro Red Line

## Feria de la Vivienda y Día de Protección al Consumidor

Sábado, 1º de Octubre, 2005  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm  
(Al lado de Gaithersburg High School)  
506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

### Aprenderá sobre:

- Manejo de Dinero y Crédito
- Seguridad de su Casa, Asistencia y Conservación de Energía
- Cambios en Medicare y Opciones de Vivienda para Ancianos
- Como Evitar Engaños al Consumidor
- Compra de su Primera Casa

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pago de su alquiler o hipoteca)

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Desde el Norte y de la línea roja del Metro, tomar el  
bus Ride-On #55 o #59

## Housing Mailbox

Moses A. Wilds, Jr.  
Landlord-Tenant Coordinator

A tenant wants to know if she has a right to challenge a two-month notice to vacate that she received in September 1, 2005. She had a one-year lease that started on August 1, 2004 but her landlord did not offer her a renewal of the lease prior to August 2005.

In accordance with the revision of the Landlord-Tenant Relations law adopted in April 2003, Section 6.16.090 (Lease Term and Renewal Requirements) allows tenants who have an initial one-year lease that started after April 2003 to have one-year lease renewals each year unless the landlord can show a "reasonable cause" for not renewing the one-year lease. Reasonable cause could include the following: The landlord is selling the rental property, or wants the apartment for his own use, or does not want to renew the one-year lease term because the terms of the lease were broken by the tenant (e.g rent payments in the previous year were not paid on time). If a landlord does not officially re-new a one-year lease two months prior to the end of the lease term, the lease is presumed to be extended for an additional year, unless the tenant decides to give a one month notice to vacate which can be given at any time.

Tenants having initial one-year leases that commenced prior to April 2003 (prior to the passing of revised Landlord-Tenant Law in 2003) are by law only entitled to an extension of one additional year after the initial lease term unless the landlord chooses to extend it for additional one-year terms beyond the second year. Tenants who signed one-year leases prior to April 2003 and have not received a yearly renewal at the end of the second year lease period are deemed month-to-month tenants.

This tenant would therefore be presumed ( in the absence of having received a written reasonable cause letter from her landlord two months prior to the end of her original one-year lease term) to have a one-year lease commencing from August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006. She can contest the two-month notice to vacate.

Please contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. Landlord-Tenant Coordinator at 301-891-7215 or at his city on-line address MosesW@takomagov.org if you have questions regarding the Takoma Park Landlord-tenant Law.

## COLTA's Corner & Decisions



By Jean Kerr  
Housing Specialist

The Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs (COLTA) recently approved several capital improvement petitions for rental properties in Takoma Park. COLTA also decided on an illegal increase in rent complaint filed by a tenant. They appear in order of their petition numbers:

### Capital Improvement Petitions 8320 Roanoke Avenue (2005-36L)

On August 17, 2005, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$2.01 to \$4.97 on three units at the property. The improvements included new thermostat, circulating pump, and rebuilding walls. Some improvements were disallowed because they are under the \$200 threshold.

### 610-612 Kennebec Avenue (2005-37L)

On August 17, 2005, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$12.15 to \$80.62 on four units at the property. The improvements included new smoke detector, locks, kitchen & closet floors, carpeting, toilet repairs, bedroom, living room and kitchen ceilings, new refrigerators, new range, light

fixtures, closet door, new vanity and medicine chest, and painting. Two improvements were disallowed because they were under the \$200 threshold.

### 702 Chaney Drive (2005-38L)

On September 2, 2005, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$3.18 to \$98.72 on eight units at the property. The improvements included repairing bathroom walls and bedroom pipe leak, new kitchen faucet, showerhead, tub, ceiling fan, refrigerator, counter top, blinds, floors, smoke detector, plastering living and dining rooms, and painting. Some improvements were disallowed because they were under the \$200 threshold.

### 7523 Maple Avenue (2005-40L)

On August 25, 2005, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$18.61 to \$398.61 on all six units at the property. The improvements included new roof, furnace, boiler pump, hallway painting, landscape, new kitchen tiles and cabinets, hardwood floors, carpentry, painting, new stoves and refrigerators, plumbing upgrades, new dishwashers, micro hoods, tiles, and electrical upgrades. Some improvements were disallowed because (1) the cost per item were under \$200 or \$2,500 for the rental facility, and (2) the improvements were requested more than six months after completion of work that did not appear to require emergency repairs.

### 12 Grant Avenue (2005-53L)

On August 31, 2005, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$7.63 to \$12.69 on four units at the property. The improvements

included new air conditioning and a new refrigerator.

All increases are in addition to the annual Rent Stabilization Allowance in effect at the time the increases are taken.

## Landlord-Tenant Complaints

By Moses A. Wilds, Jr.  
Landlord-Tenant Coordinator

### Lal v. Denchfield (2005-51T)

On September 6, 2005, COLTA issued a decision on a tenant's complaint that the landlord illegally increased the rent. COLTA found that the landlord imposed an illegal rent increase above the maximum allowable rent for the tenant's apartment. COLTA ordered that the landlord reimburse the tenant \$3,696 for illegal rents.

### Jackson/Gilbert v. Estate of Anthony Pounders

On August 9 in a case involving two tenants alleging retaliatory eviction in conjunction with their receiving notices to vacate, COLTA issued a decision declaring the notices in violation of Section 8-208.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Code holds that retaliation is found where there is proximity between the date of a Commission Order determining the existence of a defective tenancy and the issuance of the notices to vacate.

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# RECREATION

## Learning Together

**Ages 1 ½ - 3**

While children participate in sensory, art, language, manipulative, and other fun activities, parents and care givers will cover topics such as setting limits, communicating with your young child, success in toileting and healthy eating. There is a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructor the first day of class. Six Weeks.

**When:** Tues., Oct. 4 – Nov. 15, 2005  
**Time:** 6:15 – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**When:** Fri., Oct. 7 – Nov. 18, 2005  
**Time:** 10 – 10:45 a.m.  
**Location:** Azalea Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$75  
 Non-Res. \$85

## Museums and Young Children

**Ages 1 ½ - 3**

In this class, an educator with several years experience in museum-based early childhood classrooms will guide you and your child through fun, hands-on museum related activities in class and accompany the group on two museum trips. There is a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructor the first day of class. Six weeks.

**When:** Mon., Oct. 3 – Nov. 7, 2005  
**Time:** 10 – 10:45 a.m.  
**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$65  
 Non-Res. \$70

## Montessori Morning

**Ages 1 ½ - 3**

This class is designed as an introduction to the Montessori environment. A certified Montessori teacher with several years experience will guide exploration of sensory, fine motor, pre-reading, pre-writing, and pre-math Montessori materials and activities.

There is a \$20 materials fee paid to the instructor the first day of class. Eight weeks.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 13 – Dec. 8, 2005  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – noon  
**Location:** Azalea Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$80  
 Non-Res. \$90

## Time For Parents

**For parents of 1 ½ - 3**

*(Children do not participate in this class.)*

This bimonthly class will be led by an experienced Early Childhood Educator and parent who will guide you through several issues relevant to your family: healthy eating, sleeping, toilet learning, socialization, limit setting, and communicating with the young child. There is a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructor the first day of class. Six weeks.

**When:** Tues., Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 13.  
**Time:** 7–8 p.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$65  
 Non-Res. \$70

## Fun Day Program

**Grades 1 - 5**

On half days only students attending Takoma Park Elementary will be picked up in the cafeteria and children attending Piney Branch Elementary will be picked up in the gym by a Recreation staff member. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Children may bring a snack on half days and must bring a lunch on all-day Fun Day Trips.

**Tuesday, October 4**  
**Udvar– Hazy Air and Space Museum, Dulles, VA**  
 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Res. \$20 • Non-Res. \$25**

**Thursday, October 13**  
**Mini Golf in Laurel & Rollingcrest Pool in Chillum**  
 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Res. \$20 • Non-Res. \$25**

**Friday, October 21 • North Run Farm, pumpkin patch, corn maze, pick your own pumpkin**  
 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Res. \$20 • Non-Res. \$25**

## Infant and Child CPR

**16 and up**

Six total hours of class time are required for this course. Upon successful completion of a written and skills exam, you will earn an American Red Cross Infant and Child CPR Certificate, good for one year. Instructor: Steve Cavallo.

**Session I: Wed., Oct. 5, Noon – 3 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 6 – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Session II: Sat., Oct. 22, 2005**  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$25/session  
 Non-Res. \$30/session

## Freedom From Smoking

This eight-week group session combines support group meetings with a positive behavior-change approach to guide you on your way to becoming a non-smoker and have fun while doing it. Co-sponsored by Washington Adventist Hospital.

**When:** Tues., Oct. 11 – Nov. 29, 2005 and Thurs., Nov. 3, 2005  
**Time:** 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$60  
 Non-Res. \$65



## Physical Theater Creation and Performance

**Ages 16 - Adult**

Expand your ability to effectively communicate thoughts, feelings, and ideas on stage through body and imagination, while enhancing your capacity to collaborate within an ensemble. We will experiment with various ways of organizing our ideas into solo, duo, and group theater pieces; then we will co-create an original Physical Theater play and perform it together at the end of the nine-week course. Maximum of 12, minimum of 7. Instructor: Leslie Sapp.

**When:** Wed., Oct. 12 – Dec. 14, 2005  
**Location:** Auditorium T. P. Com. Center  
**Time:** 7 – 9:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$225  
 Non-Res. \$230

## Line up for Ballroom

**16 and up**

The line dances have been choreographed to rhythms using traditional ballroom patterns modified for solo dancing. You can sign up alone or with a partner. Wear leather or smooth-soled shoes; no sneakers. Maximum of 24, minimum of 8. Six sessions.

**Session 1: Wed., Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 2005**  
 7 – 7:55 p.m.

**Session 2: Sat., Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 2005**  
 2 – 2:55 p.m.

**Location:** Azalea Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$40/session  
 Non-Res. \$45/session

## Rockin' Oldies Line Dancing

**16 and up**

If you love the oldies, this class is for you! A just-for-fun class to enjoy the music and express yourself in dance! Wear leather or smooth-soled shoes; no sneakers. Maximum of 24, minimum of 8. Six sessions.

**Session 1: Wed., Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 2005**  
 8 – 8:55 p.m.

**Session 2: Sat., Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 2005**  
 1 – 1:55 p.m.

**Location:** Azalea Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$40  
 Non-Res. \$45

## Belly Dancing

**Ages 11 and up**

Come learn the foundations of this ancient Middle Eastern art form. No previous dance experience necessary. Dancers should wear comfortable, form-fitting attire that permits instructor's viewing of their torso (to ensure correct movement). This dance may be performed barefoot, or with soft dance shoes, if desired. Taught by director of a local dance troupe and Takoma Park Resident, Maya Taahira. Maximum 25, minimum 6. Eight weeks.

**When:** Tues., Oct. 11 – Dec. 6, 2005

**Ages 11 – 17 • 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 18 and up • 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Auditorium – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$80  
 Non-Res. \$90

## Twoosy Doodler

**Ages 20-36 months**

This is a special art class just for toddlers and a parent or care giver. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, printing, and creating, while developing fine motor, language and self-help skills. There is an \$18 materials fee to be paid to the instructor the first day of class.

**Session 1: Tues., Oct. 4 – Nov 15, 2005**  
 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

**Session 2: Fri. Oct. 7 – Nov. 11, 2005**  
 10:15 – 11 a.m.

**Session 3: Sat., Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 2005**  
 9 – 9:45 a.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$58/session  
 Non-Res. \$68/session

## School Age Doodlers

Fun, hands-on classes create a safe learning space for children as they experiment with paints and pastels, collage, origami, bamboo brushes, modeling compounds and more to create their own masterpieces using the artist's style covered in each class! There is an \$18 materials fee to be paid to the instructor the first day of class.

## Mini Doodler Doodlers

**Ages 3-5**

**Session 1: Tues, Oct 4 – Nov 15, 2005**  
 4 – 4:45 p.m.

**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Session 2: Sat, Oct 8 – Nov 12, 2005**  
 10 – 10:45 a.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$58/session  
 Non-Res. \$68/session

## Doodler Doodlers

**Grades 1-5**

**Session 1: Tues., Oct. 4 – Nov. 15, 2005**  
 5 – 6 p.m.

**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Session 2: Sat., Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 2005**  
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$58/session  
 Non-Res. \$68/session

## Drawing

### Beginner to Intermediate

**Ages 14 and up**

If you ever had the desire to draw but are hesitant to try, this will be a safe and fun environment. Instructor: Joan Samworth. Bring sketch book (approximately 9" x 12") and pencil/pen to first class. Maximum of 12, minimum of 5 students. Six weeks.

**When:** Mon., Oct. 17 – Nov. 21, 2005  
**Time:** 7 – 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$175  
 Non-Res. \$195

### Painting for Beginner to Intermediate

**Ages 18 and up**

Acrylics, oils, pastels, watercolor are all possible mediums for this class. Emphasis will be given to mixing colors but all elements of art will be covered. Instructor: Joan Samworth. Students provide own materials. Maximum of 12, minimum of 5. Six weeks.

**When:** Wed., Oct. 12 – Nov. 16, 2005  
**Time:** 7 – 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$175  
 Non-Res. \$195

## Collage

**Ages 18 and up**

Students will be introduced to a variety of techniques including hand altered papers, found materials, and creative two and three dimensional assembly. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials will be provided (some personal or found collage elements may be required in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Maximum 12, minimum 7. Six weeks. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

**When:** Wed., Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 2005  
**Time:** Noon – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Community  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$200  
 Non-Res. \$220

### Drawing and Portfolio Development

**Ages 16 - 18**

Landscape, portrait, self portrait, figure, and interior will be offered on a rotating basis. Katie Dell Kaufman will give demonstra-



Photos by Debra Haidtven

## Golfers Honor Morrissey, Benefit Library

Mike Morrissey was a lucky guy. He had a multitude of loyal friends, who for the past several years have celebrated his life and his affection for libraries by holding a golf tournament in his memory. More than \$10,000 from these tournaments have been donated to the Takoma Park Library through the Friends of the Library. They have been used to fund learning materials for ESL classes, to purchase four public Internet workstations and bilingual childrens' books, and to strengthen our after-

school Homework Helper program with additional resources.

Though Mike lived in Takoma Park, most of his friends do not. The tournaments, and the auctions and festivities afterwards, are happy gatherings of his buddies and family members (who fly in for the occasion from all over the country) which seem solely to be opportunities for sharing warmth, good times, remembering Mike, and raising money for a neighborhood library that many of them will never visit. Last summer my col-

league Liz and I attended their 'after party' at Rumors in Bethesda. We were presented with bottles of wine, greeted effusively by sunburnt, happy golfers, and watched as the pledges mounted until they surpassed \$4,000. The annual tournament has now become the largest single fundraiser on behalf of the Library.

This year's tournament will be held on October 3. If you would like additional information, or to be a participant or sponsor, contact Ellen Robbins at the Library.

## LIBRARY



These two happy kids just got their first library cards. Maxwell Salzman, 8 years old and in 3rd grade, and his sister Eliza Salzman, 5 years old, who has just started kindergarten, got red lanyards with their cards, given by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library to all first card holders.

## Civil Discourse with Chris Phillips

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, with so many Americans seeing up close the effects of decisions made by our politicians, it is ever more evident that there is a burning need for citizens to talk with one another about what affects our lives and our souls, in an honest way that asks real questions and listens to the ponderings of others.

Chris Phillips, the peripatetic teacher of philosophy for children, returns to the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. Phillips will lead adults and children ages 8 and up in an evening of philosophical discussion using the elenctic, or indirect mode of inquiry, that Socrates used.

Chris and his wife Cecilia have visited the Takoma Park Maryland Library on

many occasions to lead these discussions. Each time there has been a new crowd with no way to anticipate which way the discussion will go! But each adventure into philosophical inquiry has been fascinating.

Information about the Society for Philosophical Inquiry (SPI), founded by Chris and Cecilia Phillips, and the associated gatherings for philosophical discussions, can be found at [www.philosopher.org](http://www.philosopher.org).

Phillips' most recent book, *Six Questions of Socrates*, has joined his previous books, *Socrates Café* and the children's book *The Philosophers' Club* in the collection of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. He is hard at work reworking a draft of his newest book.

Please join us! Call 301-891-7259.

## The Ombudsman Reports

Jordan Dewar's picture was in September's Newsletter as a Summer Quest winner. The smiling picture was lovely and the nice things written about her were all true. The mistakes were: she is only 7 years old, not 8! And she is now in the third grade at St. Bernadette's

School. She technically finished Summer Quest on July 25, but of course kept on reading all summer long. Jordan was reading everything from *Tin Tin to Cam Jenson*, but she said she particularly loves *Robin Hood*.

## Library Programs in October

### Programs for College Bound

Various subjects, see article. Thursdays Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

### Neighborhood Circle Time

Open to all preschoolers & their adults each Tuesday at 10 a.m. Informal sing-alongs, poetry, finger games, and nursery tales, with participant-leadership welcomed. All ages; no preregistration required!

### Civil Discourse

with Chris Phillips  
Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 pm (see story)

### Lost Souls, Unsafe Places

Haunted Stories for Halloween with Candace Wolf  
Thursday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. (see story)

Call 301-891-7259 to preregister for programs or for more information.



## Lost Souls, Unsafe Places: Haunted Stories for Halloween

Candace Wolf returns to the Takoma Park Maryland Library to spin some deliciously frightful tales for Halloween on Thursday, October 27, at 7:30pm..

Candace Wolf's Halloween programs have become a tradition at the Library, this year's being at least her eighth. Some years she has featured the "kinder, gentler" stories, and other years have born a warning flag for parents. This year's program will require parental discretion and will not be suitable for little ones.

Please call us at 301-891-7259 to let us know you will attend.

## Book Sale Returns

Despite wind, rain, flood, and construction, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library will return to hold another amazing used book sale in front of the Library.

Please join us on **Saturday, October 15**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friends and Library staff select the best of the past year's donations and there is always a wondrous array of literary, popular, and unusual fiction, timely and useful nonfiction, children's books, and a few surprises - all at bargain prices. Each book you buy helps the Friends purchase gifts for the Library in the form of programs, materials, and equipment.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering to help at the sale, call 301-891-7259.



## Programs for College Bound Continue at the Library

It's not too late to pre-register for our popular speakers' series for college-bound students and their parents. The following scheduled programs are free and open to the public:

**Thursday September 29, 7:30 PM** - Educational consultant Dr. Lori Potts Dupre helps students get started on the college selection process. Which schools might provide the right fit for you? Potts-Dupre has visited over 300 colleges nationwide.

**Thursday October 6, 7:30 PM** - Dr. Herm Davis, author of *Financial Aid for Dummies*, will discuss the financial aid timetable, scholarships, loans, work-study, college savings plans, the FAFSA application, and more.

**Thursday October 20, 7 PM** - Ms. Ilhan Cagri and her son Yahya Mokhtarzada are expert in preparing students for the new SATs. Cagri is a linguist who has taught and designed SAT preparation classes in a variety of settings.

**Thursday October 27, 7:30 PM** - Educator and college consultant Judith Bass will discuss with families the types of college support services available for students with learning disabilities and AD/HD.

Call the Library 301-891-7259 to pre-register or for more information.

# ELECTION 2005

## 2005 Election Timetable

**Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (Rosh Hashanah)**  
Charter-mandated date for the City Nominating Caucus - proposed motion and vote to adjourn and continue the Nominating Caucus to Wednesday, October 5.

**Wednesday, October 5, 2005, 7:30 p.m.**

Continuation of Nominating Caucus to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmembers.

**Monday, October 10, 2005**

Deadline for candidates nominated at Caucus to withdraw. Declination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk's office within three days of nomination.

**Monday, October 10, 2005**

Voter registration cut-off date. All new registrations and changes of address must have been received by Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections (or postmarked by this date). Voter registration applications for non-U.S. Citizens must have been received by the City Clerk's Office by this time. There will be no exceptions. Takoma Park residency must be met by this date (30 days prior to the election) in order to vote in the election.

**Friday, October 14, 5 p.m.**

Candidates' Financial Disclosure Statements (Ethics Code) due to City Clerk

**Friday, October 28, 5 p.m. (or 10/29/05 post-mark)**

Candidates' Initial Campaign Contribution Reports due to City Clerk - to include contributions received since November 4, 2003.

**Tuesday, November 1, 4 p.m.**

Last day to make application for regular Absentee Ballot.

**Wednesday, November 2**

Emergency absentee balloting begins.

**Friday, November 4, 5 p.m.**

Any write-in candidate for Mayor or Councilmember who wishes to be pre-registered as a write-in candidate and to have his/her name posted in the voting booth for the purpose of identifying him/her as a candidate for office, must file his/her name with the City Clerk by this deadline.

**Tuesday, November 8, ELECTION DAY, Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the official closing of the polls on election day or postmarked **on or before** November 7.

**Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Special meeting of the Mayor and Council to receive the certification of the election results.

**Friday, November 11, 5 p.m.**

Deadline for contesting the results of the election and validity of absentee ballot voting.

**Monday, November 14, 4 p.m.**

Final Campaign Contribution Report due to City Clerk

**Monday, November 21**

Inauguration - Mayor and Councilmembers take office.

**On or before Friday, December 23, 2005**

Deadline for holding a run-off election - in event of a tie vote.

**February 8, 2005**

Deadline for keeping ballots, punch cards, voting machine records, absentee ballots.

## Calendario Electoral 2005

**Martes, 4 de octubre, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (Rosh Hashanah)**

Fecha obligatoria para el Grupo de Nominaciones - moción propuesta y voto para pasar a receso hasta el miércoles, 5 de octubre.

**Miércoles, 5 de octubre 2005, 7:30 p.m.** (sujeta al voto realizado en la reunión del Grupo de Nominaciones del 4 de octubre)

Continuación del Grupo de Nominaciones para aceptar las nominaciones de los candidatos para Alcalde o miembros del Consejo.

**Lunes, 10 de octubre, 2005**

Fecha límite para que los candidatos nominados retiren su candidatura. La declinación debe presentarse por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Municipal durante los tres días siguientes a su nominación.

**Lunes, 10 de octubre, 2005**

Fecha límite para recibir inscripciones. Toda nueva inscripción y cambio de dirección debe haberse recibido en las oficinas de la Junta de Supervisores Electorales del Condado de Montgomery para esta fecha (o con sello postal de esa fecha). Las solicitudes de inscripción electoral para los que no son ciudadanos estadounidenses deben haberse recibido en la Oficina del Secretario Municipal para esta fecha. No se harán excepciones. El requisito de residencia de la ciudad de Takoma Park debe cumplirse para esta fecha (30 días antes de la elección) para que pueda votar en la elección.

**Viernes, 14 de octubre, 5 p.m.**

Entrega de los informes financieros de los candidatos (Código Ético) al Secretario Municipal.

**Viernes, 28 de octubre, 5 p.m. (o con sello postal del 29 de octubre de 2005)**

Fecha de entrega de los informes iniciales sobre contribuciones electorales al Secretario Municipal - que incluyan todas las contribuciones recibidas desde el 4 de noviembre de 2003.

**Martes, 1 de noviembre, 4 p.m.**

Último día para solicitar una boleta regular de Votación en Ausencia.

**Miércoles, 2 de noviembre**

Fecha en que se inicia la votación en ausencia de emergencia.

**Viernes, 4 de noviembre, 5 p.m.**

Cualquier candidato autonominado (solicitud por escrito presentada después de la fecha límite de nominaciones) para la Alcaldía o para el consejo que desee estar pre-inscrito como candidato autonominado y tener su nombre publicado en la cabina electoral para identificarse como candidato, debe registrar su nombre en la Oficina del Secretario Municipal para esta fecha.

**Martes, 8 de noviembre, ELECCIONES, las urnas abren de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.**

Los votos en ausencia deben haberse recibido en la oficina del Secretario Municipal antes que cierren las urnas el día de las elecciones o tener el sello postal con fecha del o anterior al 7 de noviembre.

**Miércoles, 9 de noviembre, 7:30 p.m.**

Reunión especial del Alcalde y el Consejo para recibir la certificación de los resultados electorales.

**Viernes, 11 de noviembre, 5 p.m.**

Fecha límite para objetar los resultados de la elección y la validez de la votación en ausencia.

**Lunes, 14 de noviembre, 4 p.m.**

Fecha límite para la entrega de los informes de contribución electoral al Secretario Municipal.

**Lunes, 21 de noviembre**

Toma de posesión - El Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo toman posesión del cargo.

**Viernes, 23 de diciembre, 2005 (en esta fecha o antes)**

Fecha límite para una elección de desempate - en caso de empate en la votación. **Miércoles, 8 de febrero, 2006**

Fecha límite para guardar las boletas, tarjetas perforadas, registros de máquinas electorales y boletas de votos en ausencia.

## CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND NOTICE OF 2005 NOMINATING CAUCUS AND CITY ELECTION

### NOMINATING CAUCUS

The City's Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, per Section 604 of the City Charter. This year, the date of the Nominating Caucus falls on Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year which, in 2005, runs from sunset October 3 to sunset October 5). At the Caucus, a motion will be made to adjourn and continue the Nominating Caucus to Wednesday, October 5, out of courtesy for those who will not be able to participate for religious reasons. If the motion is adopted by those present and eligible to vote, then the Caucus will reconvene on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m., to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmember. The Nominating Caucus will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue. Only qualified voters of the City present at the Nominating Caucus may make or second a motion, nominate or second the nomination of a candidate, or vote on a motion.

### Nominations of Candidates for Mayor and Councilmember

At the Caucus, nominations of candidates for Mayor can be made on motion of any voter of the City, and if such nomination is seconded, the person nominated will be considered a candidate. Nomination of each candidate for Councilmember can be made on motion of any voter of her/his ward, and if such nomination is seconded, the person so nominated will be considered a candidate. Ward nominations shall be accepted in the following order: Ward 5, Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 6, Ward 4, Ward 3. Nominations for Mayor shall immediately follow all ward nominations. A nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the Nominating Caucus. A person may only accept a nomination for one City office. The name of each person nominated for the office of Mayor and Councilmember will be placed upon the official ballot for the November 8 City Election unless the person files a declination with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. within three days after his/her nomination.

### Write-In Candidates in the Election

Any write-in candidate for Mayor or Councilmember who wishes to be pre-registered as a write-in candidate and to have her/his name posted in the voting booth for the purpose of identifying her/him as a candidate for office, must file her/his name with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election.

Any person nominated or presenting herself/himself as a write-in candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which s/he is nominated. A person whose name appears on the ballot may not register as a write-in candidate, and a person may only register as a write-in candidate for one office in any election.

### CITY ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2005, is Election Day. The single polling place, located in the Municipal Building, will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Each of the six wards will have separate voting booths. The ballot for each ward will contain the names of all candidates for Mayor and the names of City Council candidates for each ward, respectively. Legally qualified City voters registered with either the Montgomery County Board of Elections, or Non-U.S. Citizens registered with the Takoma Park City Clerk's Office will have the opportunity to vote for Mayoral and Councilmember candidates. City elections are nonpartisan, and no party labels will be displayed.

### Voter Registration Deadlines

You can't vote or participate in the Nominating Caucus if you are not registered! This means that your registration or change of address form must be in the hands of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, or for non-U.S. Citizens, voter registration applications must be received by the City Clerk's Office, by the close of day (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, October 3, in order to participate in the Nominating Caucus, and by close of day on Monday, October 10, in order to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, contact City Clerk Jessie Carpenter at (301) 891-7267.

### ELECTION BY WARDS

There are six wards and Councilmembers are elected by the voters of their respective wards.

This means that only those persons registered at an address in a particular ward may vote for a Councilmember who is to represent that ward.

If a person is registered at an address in one ward and has moved to a different ward without notifying the Montgomery County Board of Elections (U.S. citizens) or the City Clerk (Non-U.S. Citizens) she/he must vote in the ward in which she/he is registered. **It will not be possible to transfer your registration from one ward to another after the registration cut-off date on Monday, October 10.** On election day, you will be required to vote according to the address which is reflected on the certified voter roll. If you have questions about your registration, please contact the appropriate registration authority.

### ELECCIONES POR DISTRITO

Hay seis distritos y los Consejales son electos por los votantes en sus respectivos distritos.

Esto quiere decir que sólo aquellas personas registradas con una dirección en un distrito particular pueden votar por un Consejal quién representará a ese distrito.

Si una persona está inscrita con una dirección de un distrito y se ha mudado a otro sin dar aviso al Consejo Electoral del Condado Montgomery (ciudadanos de Estados Unidos), o a la Secretaría de la Municipalidad (personas que no son ciudadanas de Estados Unidos), según corresponda, tiene que votar en el distrito donde esté registrado. **No será posible transferir su inscripción en un distrito a otro después de la fecha de cierre del día lunes, 10 de octubre.** El día de las elecciones, usted tendrá que votar de acuerdo al domicilio que figure en el padrón de votantes certificados. Si tuviese alguna otra pregunta sobre su inscripción, por favor comuníquese con la agencia de registro idónea.

## Council to Consider Change to Instant Runoff Voting

The City Council is considering a change to the City Charter which would allow instant runoff voting in future city elections. The following description of instant runoff voting (IRV) is posted on the website of FairVote ([www.fairvote.org](http://www.fairvote.org)), an organization that promotes the system:

"How Instant Runoff Voting Works: IRV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference (i.e. first choice, second choice, third, fourth, and so on). Voters have the option to rank as many or as few candidates as they wish, but can vote without fear that ranking less favored candidates will harm the chances of their most preferred candidates. First choices are then tabulated, and if a candidate receives a majority of first choices, he or she is elected. If nobody has a clear majority of votes on the first count, a series of runoffs are simulated, using each voter's preferences indicated on the ballot. The candidate who received the fewest first place choices is eliminated. All ballots are then retabulated, with each ballot counting as one vote for each voter's highest ranked candidate who has not been eliminated. Specifically, voters who chose the now-eliminated candidate will now have their ballots counted for their second choice candidate - just as if they were voting in a traditional two-round runoff election - but all other voters get to continue supporting their top candidate. The weakest candidates are successively eliminated and their voters' ballots are redistributed to next choices until a candidate crosses a majority of votes."

## CIUDAD DE TAKOMA PARK ANUNCIO DE REUNIÓN ELECTORAL Y ELECCIÓN DEL 2005

### GRUPO DE NOMINACIONES

El Grupo de Nominaciones se reunirá el martes, 4 de octubre, 2005 a las 7:30 p.m., según lo estipulado por la Sección 604 del Estatuto Municipal. Este año, la fecha de reunión del Grupo de Nominaciones coincide con la celebración de Rosh Hashanah (el Año Nuevo Judío que, en el 2005, comienza el 3 de octubre al anochecer y termina el 5 de octubre al anochecer). El Consejo municipal insta a los participantes del Grupo de Nominaciones a presentar una moción para hacer un receso hasta el miércoles 5 de octubre, como una cortesía hacia los participantes que no podrán estar presentes por motivos religiosos. Si después de haber sido secundada, la moción es adoptada por los presentes, elegibles para votar, el Grupo volverá a reunirse las 7:30 p.m. del 5 de octubre para aceptar las nominaciones de candidatos para Alcalde y miembro del Consejo. La reunión del Grupo de Nominaciones se llevará a cabo en el Despacho del Consejo del Edificio Municipal, 7500 Maple Avenue. Sólo los votantes municipales presentes que reúnan los requisitos, podrán presentar o aprobar una moción, nominar o aprobar la nominación de un candidato o votar una moción.

### Nominación de candidatos para Alcalde y miembro del Consejo

Durante la reunión, las nominaciones de candidatos para Alcalde pueden realizarse a moción de cualquier votante de la ciudad y, si la misma es aprobada, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. La nominación de cada candidato para miembro del Consejo puede realizarse a moción de cualquier votante de su distrito y si la misma es secundada, la persona nominada será considerada candidato. Nominaciones para miembro de Consejo de cada distrito serán aceptadas en la orden que sigue: Distrito 5, Distrito 1, Distrito 6, Distrito 4, y Distrito 3. La nominación de Alcalde seguirá inmediatamente después de las Nominaciones de Consejo. Cualquier candidato nominado puede declinar su nominación durante la reunión del Grupo de Nominaciones. Solamente se puede aceptar la nominación para una sola oficina municipal. El nombre de cada persona nominada para la Alcaldía o el Consejo será colocado en la boleta oficial para la elección municipal del 8 de noviembre a menos que él/ella se presente ante el Secretario Municipal para declinar su candidatura hasta las 5:00 p.m. dentro de los 3 días de su nominación.

Currently, the City Charter, Section 606 - Election of Mayor and Councilmembers, specifies:

(b) *The candidate receiving the largest number of votes for Mayor shall be declared elected. The candidate for Council receiving the largest number of votes in each ward shall be declared elected.*

(c) *In the event of a tie vote resulting in the declaration of no elected candidate, a run-off election between the tied candidates shall be held.*

In order to assess the interest of Takoma Park voters in changing to an instant runoff voting system, the Council proposes to place an advisory referendum question on the ballot in the November 2005 election. If the results of the proposed advisory referendum favor instant runoff voting, then the City Charter would still need to be amended by the Council in order to provide for instant runoff voting in City Elections. Any change to the voting system would not take place until the 2007 election.

At a Special Session of the City Council on Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Council will consider adoption of a resolution to place the advisory referendum question on the ballot in the November election. The resolution will include the exact wording of the proposed question. There will be an opportunity for public comments before the Council vote. For further information, contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267. Comments may be mailed to: City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; or e-mail to [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

### Candidatos autonominados para la Elección

Cualquier persona que se presente como candidato autonominado para la Alcaldía o miembro del Consejo que desee estar pre-inscrito como candidato autonominado y que su nombre aparezca en la cabina electoral para que se lo identifique como candidato, debe registrarse en la oficina del Secretario Municipal para las 5:00 p.m. del viernes anterior a la elección.

Cualquier persona nominada o que se presente como candidato autonominado deber cumplir los requisitos del distrito para el que está nominado. Un candidato cuyo nombre aparece en una boleta electoral, no puede registrarse como candidato autonominado, y la persona que se registra como candidato autonominado sólo puede hacerlo para una sola oficina municipal en cualquier elección.

### ELECCIÓN DE LA CIUDAD

Las elecciones se llevarán a cabo el martes 8 de noviembre de 2005. El único lugar para votar, localizado en la Municipalidad, estará habilitado desde las 7:00 de la mañana, hasta las 8:00 de la noche. El uso del ascensor estará restringido a personas con impedimentos físicos y otras que puedan necesitarlo.

Cada uno de los seis distritos tendrán sus propias cabinas para votar. La balota para cada distrito tendrá los nombres de todos los candidatos para Alcalde y Consejales para cada uno de los distritos. Los votantes del Municipio que estén legalmente habilitados y registrados en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery, o personas que no tengan la ciudadanía de Estados Unidos y que estén registrados en la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad de Takoma Park, tendrán la oportunidad de votar por candidatos a Alcalde o Consejal. Las elecciones Municipales no son partidistas y no se permite colocar propaganda de partidos políticos en las cabinas electorales.

### Fecha límite para registrarse para las elecciones municipales

¡Usted no podrá votar o participar en la reunión para proponer candidatos si no está registrado! Esto quiere decir que su registro o formulario de cambio de dirección deberá estar en la Oficina de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery - en el caso de aquellas personas que no sean ciudadanas de Estados Unidos, la solicitud de registro de votante deberá ser enviada a la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Municipalidad - a más tardar el lunes 3 de octubre al finalizar el día (5:00 de la tarde) para poder participar en la reunión para proponer candidatos, y al final día lunes 10 de octubre para poder votar el 8 de noviembre.

Para mayor información en español, por favor comuníquese a la oficina de la Secretaría de la Municipalidad, al teléfono (301) 891-7204.

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# THE CRIME REPORT

*This blotter is not intended to be inclusive of all crime and arrests reported to the Takoma Park Police Department*

## Robbery

**On September 11 at 5:50 p.m. in the 1100 block of University Blvd.,** an armed robbery occurred. An adult male was putting groceries into the trunk of his car when he was approached by a subject who displayed a handgun and demanded money. When the victim refused, the subject struck the victim and removed the victim's wallet from his pocket. The subject fled on foot. No physical injuries were reported.

**On September 7 at 6:50 a.m. at the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue and Woodland Avenue,** a strong armed robbery was attempted. The victim, an adult male, was walking alone when he was approached by four subjects. One subject asked the victim a question then struck the victim repeatedly while he searched the victim's pockets and the other subjects held him down. The subjects fled when they could not find anything in the victim's pockets. The victim suffered minor injuries.

**On August 23 at 8:20 p.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd.,** an armed robbery occurred. The victim, an adult male, left a store after making a purchase and was approached by two subjects. One placed a knife to the victim's side and demanded his money. After the victim handed over his property, he fled on foot.

**On August 24 at 12:25 a.m. in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue,** an armed robbery/car jacking occurred. An adult male pulled over to the side of the road to check his vehicle for a problem when he was approached by a subject who pointed a gun at him and demanded his car. The victim complied and the subject fled in the victim's 1995 gray and black, 4-door Mercedes S-320, also taking the victim's wallet. No physical injuries were reported.

## Auto and related theft

**Between September 11 at 8 p.m. and September 12 at 9:55 a.m. in the unit block of Columbia Avenue,** a 1995 Honda Civic was stolen.

**Between September 5 at 9 p.m. and**

**September 6 at 8 a.m. in the 400 block of Lincoln Avenue,** an auto theft was attempted. A window and the ignition of the 2005 Chrysler minivan were damaged in the attempt.

**Between August 25 at 11 p.m. and August 26 at 5:30 a.m. in the 6700 block of Allegheny Avenue,** a 1999 Dodge Caravan was stolen.

**Between August 30 at 4 p.m. and August 31 at 7:30 a.m. in the unit block of Columbia Avenue,** an auto theft was attempted. A window and the ignition of the 1999 Dodge van were damaged. Property was taken.

**Between August 30 at 6 p.m. and August 31 at 10:30 p.m. in the 6700 block of New Hampshire Avenue,** a 1989 Toyota Camry was stolen.

**Between August 18 at 7 p.m. and August 20 at 4 p.m. in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue,** a 1991 Volvo GS was stolen.

**On August 20, between 12 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the 7600 block of Carroll Avenue,** an auto theft occurred. The victim's keys were stolen from a locker and used to steal the 2003 Honda Civic.

**On August 21, between 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the 600 block of Houston Avenue,** a 1990 Honda Accord was stolen.

**On August 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the 7400 block of Holly Avenue,** an auto theft was attempted. The ignition on the 1996 Honda Civic was damaged. Property was taken from the vehicle.

**Between August 24 at 10 p.m. and August 25 at 9 a.m. in the 7100 block of 13th Avenue,** an auto theft was attempted. A window of the car was broken.

**Between August 24 at 7 p.m. and August 25 at 8:40 a.m. in the unit block of Valleyview Avenue,** a 1993 Honda Civic was stolen.

## Burglary

**On September 10, between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the 8300 block of Eastridge Avenue,** a residential burglary occurred. En-

try to the apartment was gained through an unlocked window. Property was taken.

**On September 12, between 8:05 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue,** a residential burglary occurred. Entry was gained through an unlocked door. Property was taken.

**Between September 12 at 4:10 p.m. and September 13 at 6 a.m. in the 7600 block of Wildwood Drive,** a residential burglary occurred. Entry was gained through an unlocked window on the ground floor of the home. Property was taken.

**On September 15, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the 400 block of Ethan Allen Avenue,** a residential burglary occurred. Entry was gained through an open basement window. Property was taken.

**On September 4, between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. in the 7300 block of Maple Avenue,** a burglary occurred. The lock of a detached shed was cut off to gain entry. Property was taken.

**On September 7, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the 500 block of Philadelphia Avenue,** a residential burglary occurred. The front door of the home was forced open. Property was taken.

**On August 30 at 3:45 p.m. in the 400 block of Circle Avenue,** a burglary occurred. It is unknown what method was used to enter the detached shed. Property was taken.

**Between August 18 at 4:45 p.m. and August 19 at 7 a.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Avenue,** a commercial burglary occurred. It is unknown how entry was gained. Property was taken.

**Between August 20 at 6:00 p.m. and August 21 at 1 p.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Avenue,** a commercial burglary occurred. A window was broken to gain entry. Property was taken.

**Between August 23 at 10 p.m. and August 24 at 9 a.m. in the 100 block of Sherman Avenue,** a burglary occurred. An unsecured shed was entered. Property was taken.

## ARRESTS

**On September 9 at 10:06 p.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd.,** a juvenile male was charged with Theft Under \$500.

**On September 11 at 10:40 p.m. in the 1000 block of Larch Avenue,** an adult male was arrested on an open warrant for 2nd Degree Assault stemming from a domestic assault that occurred on September 9 at the same location.

**On September 10 at 12:33 a.m. in the 6900 block of Westmoreland Avenue,** a juvenile male was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and Violating a License Restriction.

**On September 11 at 3:01 p.m. in the 7200 block of New Hampshire Avenue,** an adult male was arrested and charged with driving on a revoked license, failure to yield to oncoming traffic, failure to control speed to avoid collision, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving while impaired by alcohol.

**On September 14 at 2:50 p.m. in the 7600 block of Takoma Avenue,** an adult male was charged with Visual Surveillance with Prurient Intent after he was seen photographing a woman in a public bathroom.

**On September 2 at 4:35 a.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd.,** a criminal citation for Possession of CDS Paraphernalia was issued to an adult male.

**On September 5 at 11:15 p.m. in the 7800 block of Lockney Avenue,** an adult male was arrested on an outstanding Prince George's County warrant for 1st Degree Assault, Armed Robbery and 2nd Degree Assault.

**On August 26 at 10:20 a.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd.,** an adult male was charged with Trespassing, Public Intoxication, and Open Alcohol Container.

**On August 28 at 9:50 a.m. in the 6700 block of Eastern Avenue,** an adult male was arrested and charged with 1st Degree Burglary, Destruction of Property, Resisting Arrest, Theft, and Possession of Stolen Property after officers responded to an alarm and found the suspect exiting the home with property. The suspect had forced a ground level window open to gain entry.

**On August 29 at 9:25 a.m. in the 1100 block of University Blvd.,** a criminal citation for Theft under \$100 was issued to an adult male.

**On August 29 at 10:38 a.m. in the 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue,** an adult male was charged with Destruction of Property.

## A Farewell to Deputy Chief Charles K. Prince, Jr.

On behalf of the entire Takoma Park VFD, we want to thank Deputy Chief Charles K. Prince, Jr. for a job well done throughout his 50 years with the department. Chief Prince passed away on August 28, 2005. Chief Prince has given thousands of volunteer hours via of responding to emergencies in Takoma Park. He will truly be missed by all of us at TPVFD.

## The Firehouse Report

As of August 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the Takoma Park station have responded 729 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 1,726 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,474 incidents this year. Totals for 2004 were 717 and 1,726, respectively, for a total of 2,443, representing an increase of 31 incidents.

## Staffing the Telephones

On Sunday, September 4, the following members of Takoma Park VFD, Stan Herrmann, Dave Hooker, Steve Novik and Jim Jarboe answered the telephones at the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon in Washington, D.C.

## A Fire Safety Tip

In the event of a power outage in your home, it is not advised to use a candle. Your fire department recommends using a flashlight. But if you do use a candle, NEVER leave it unattended!

## TPLC Assist With Vision and Hearing Screening

On August 21, 2005, the following members of the Takoma Park Lions Club, Mike Bigler, Paul McGarvey, and Jim Jarboe assisted with checking over 100 people for vision and hearing during the Health Fair at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. The Lions Club again asks for your help with donations to the club to assist with on going projects. Your donations will help provide residents with free eye exams and eyeglasses. Anyone desiring to make a financial donation, please send to Takoma Park Lions Club, P.O. Box 11226, Takoma Park, MD 20913. Thank you.



## TPVFD's Annual Fill-the-Boot

On Friday, September 2, in three hours, members collected \$3,100 in front of the fire station. With the disaster in the south, caused by Hurricane Katrina, we decided to split the amount. Half went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the other to the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund. Thanks to all the people that donated, and a special thanks to the following members of Takoma Park VFD for their assistance with collecting: Tom Horne, Dave Hooker, Deanna Stewart, Ntshiuwa Sato, Sherry Novik, Jim Jarboe, Tina, Ashlee and Andrew Willey. Also to Bruce Allen, Steve Novik, and Rusty Willey for counting the money.

## State Highway Selects Takoma for Walkable Communities Workshops

The State Highway Office of Safety is sponsoring four Walkable Communities Workshops in Takoma Park October 24 and 25. Pedestrian Expert Bob Chauncy of the National Center for Bicycling and Walking will lead the workshops, which include presentations and on-site observation of pedestrian conditions in selected areas. The four areas, selected because of high pedestrian use, are Piney Branch between Philadelphia and Ritchie Avenue, Takoma/Langley Park, Takoma Junction, and Flower Avenue.

This series will determine ways to further promote walking in the city while highlighting the existing safety issues with a focus on children, elderly, and the physically disabled.

"Takoma Park's walkability has always been an integral part of the city's character and a reason for the success of its small businesses," says Mayor Kathy Porter. "We want to enhance this advantage of our com-

munity, and prevent pedestrian injuries."

The series begins with Chauncy's presentation of working examples of pedestrian programs, facilities, and policies from communities around the world. Each workshop features a trainer-led 'walkabout' where participants go on site to identify satisfactory and unsatisfactory pedestrian conditions. The workshops conclude with a determination of what changes might be needed and specific guidance on how to implement them.

Chauncy is Director of Policy Analysis at the National Center for Bicycling and Walking and he has co-authored a number of studies on state and city planning practices involving cyclists and pedestrians. Previously, he was the first paid executive director for Maryland's statewide advocacy group for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Location TBA. For more information and to RSVP please contact David Suls at (301) 891-7219 or DavidS@takomagov.org.

**Police Administrative Specialist Carolyn Pinkard, a TPPD member for more than 30 years, demonstrates traffic control techniques during the 2005 School Crossing Guard In-service Training.**



**Lakya Cole, the parking enforcement coordinator, practices her new-learned technique as part of the Department's cross-training for civilian staff, to provide back-up for crossing guards.**

## Facility Threat Investigated

A note threatening the Washington Adventist Hospital was discovered in a stairwell early on Labor Day, Sept. 5. Following security routines, admission to the hospital was restricted. A preliminary search by Takoma Park officers and hospital security did not reveal any danger, but explosive-detection canines were requested from other agencies.

Two units each from Montgomery County, National Institutes of Health, and Metro Transit police responded to search the 318-bed facility. An okay to resume normal operations was issued about three and a half hours after the note's discovery.

Takoma Park detectives are conducting an investigation into the threat.



**Errin Smith, nursing administrative supervisor, relaxes with a canine and handlers after the search.**

## POLICE NEWS

### Resident Call Leads to Two Car Theft Arrests

**Carol A. Bannerman**  
*Police Affairs Specialist*

On a night that called out Takoma Park police officers 33 times, one resident's call to the station made one of those incidents stand out: it led to the pursuit and arrest of two individuals suspected of car theft on Hickory Avenue, and may have helped stem one of the most prevalent crimes in the city – theft from auto.

Officers have always encourage residents to be alert for suspicious activity around autos. "The chances of the police catching someone in the act of committing a crime are pretty slim for many reasons," says Capt. Ed Coursey, commander of patrol units. "There are many more citizens out there than police and they have a better chance of seeing something as it happens. If residents call, call quickly, and with some detail, it can make the difference in catching a suspect in the act or shortly thereafter. It's the help that makes a real difference and we can't express enough appreciation."

At 2:48 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 6, while patrolling in Old Town, Ofc. E. Mueller was dispatched to Hickory Avenue. A resident reported he had been awakened by a noise and had seen two men exit his neighbor's van, climb into a silver minivan and drive towards Elm Avenue.

#### Where Were the Police?

At 2:41 a.m., Cpl R. Rodriguez and Ofc. D. Palmer, W-Sector officers, had just cleared a call about rowdy teenagers in the 600 block of Houston Avenue. At 2:43 a.m., Cpl. R. Cannatella and Ofc. N. Carter, X-Sector officers, had just finished interviewing a suspicious suspect in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Ave., writing him a citation for trespassing. Cannatella had already invested two hours in the arrest and transport of a resident wanted for armed robbery and assault. Their supervisor, Sgt. Rick Bowers, had been on patrol earlier, backing up officers in a pending fight call on Maple and then at a New Hampshire Ave. traffic stop and towing. He heard the call while calculating the previous month's statistics at his desk in the station and headed out.

When Mueller broadcast the lookout for the vehicle and suspects, all five officers responded, converging on the neighborhoods between Eastern, New Hampshire, Carroll, and Ethan Allen. Mueller reported the car he was looking at had a door and the ignition punched out.

Within 15 minutes of the resident's call, the corporals announced they had located a

vehicle matching the suspect van at First and Cockerille, about four blocks away. One officer said at first it was being driven so normally, he wasn't sure it was the suspects, until a driver and two passengers bailed out. Two suspects headed into a wooded hill along a park, a third through yards in different direction. Two of the fleeing suspects bore a striking resemblance to the resident's description of one very tall, heavy-set male and another very short male.

While officers established a perimeter and began hunting, Cpl. Cannatella searched the van, discovering it too had the door and ignition punched, a sure sign of a stolen vehicle. When the requested canine arrived on scene a half-hour later, two suspects gave themselves up within minutes.

The 17- and 14-year-old residents of nearby Northwest Washington, D.C., were arrested. (One is 6'3", 260 pounds, the other just 5'4".) They were interviewed by juvenile services who recommended the juvenile detention facility. Ofc. Mueller cleared this call at 11:30 a.m., with an on-coming day-shift officer assisting in the transport.

Other squad members "cleared" the call between 3:30 and 9:45 a.m., in between other calls they handled in the early morning hours. Some were stops looking for the third suspect in this case and others were unrelated. At about 6:30 a.m., Cpl Rodriguez responded for the report of a stolen auto on Kennebec, which was later declared unfounded. The car had been repossessed. This was just one of 33 calls recorded on the night shift, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. – the first being a tenant attempting to grill food in the lobby of an apartment building.

The first two calls for the on-coming day shift were for attempted stolen auto and theft from auto. The window of a van in the 400 block of Lincoln had been broken, with an attempt to punch the ignition. In the unit block of Manor Circle, a van was entered, cash taken from a wallet in it, and the steering column and DVD damaged in attempts to take them. Latent fingerprints were recovered. Whether these will be tied to the arrested suspects is pending additional investigation.

An alert resident provided a detailed description of the suspects, suspect vehicle, and direction of travel. The squad, ready on patrol, responded in a coordinated effort to locate and detain the suspects. This partnership between a resident and police was able to take two suspects off the streets, for at least a while.

## HOMEOWNERS AT HALLOWEEN

**Make sure your yard is clear of hazards that can trip youth: ladders, hoses, dog tethers, and flower pots.**

**Pets can easily be frightened by the hectic evening events; control them for their own protection.**

# Is Realigning Our Police Coverage A Safe Bet?

## Members of TASDI

**Editor's Note:** In April, the 21-member Residents' Committee on Tax and Service Duplication Issues (TASDI) found that rebates paid to Takoma Park by Montgomery County in compensation for city services fall at least \$1.1 million and perhaps up to \$4.8 million short each year. The TASDI report raises profound questions about whether Takoma Park should realign its service delivery structure or demand fairer County payments, or both. This article is the third in a series to inform residents about tax duplication issues confronting the City. Next month's article will focus on housing and community development service duplication. To view the entire TASDI report, please visit: <http://www.takomagov.org/admin/tax/index.html>.

This year Montgomery County will return to the City of Takoma Park \$3.1 million in reimbursement for police, crossing guard, road maintenance, and park maintenance services that the City provided in lieu of the County. The County's rebate for police operations — \$2.5 million in FY05 — is a significant part of that County payment. It represents only about half of what the City spends on police services, in large measure because the County contends it would not, in the absence of a municipal police force, provide the same level of protection and

services that the City currently provides.

In light of the more than \$2 million payment shortfall by the County to Takoma Park, the Residents' Committee on Tax and Service Duplication Issues presented recommendations to the City Council that focused on better assuring a fair, accurate rebate, as well as reducing police costs. In short, the Committee recommended that the City redouble its effort to obtain higher rebates to cover costs, and at the same time, identify options that could bring cost-savings to the City through the alternative delivery of police services. Here's more specifically what the committee recommended:

**Takoma Park should seek a higher rebate** — The Committee urged the City to seek a higher rebate from the County for costs currently not fully recognized by the County, including those associated with police patrol and follow-up, administration and facilities, supervisory and command personnel, communications, and span of control, which alone may generate about \$1 million annually. The Committee recognized that even if the County paid the City the full rebate owed, however, that amount is not likely to offset all of the City's police costs.

**Takoma Park should alter police services** — The Committee recommended that the City investigate several approaches to reducing the City's police costs, including:

- A reduction in response to certain kinds of calls for service currently satisfied by the City;
- A "shared patrol" police force, modeled on the arrangements currently existing in Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Chevy Chase Village, in which city officers handle patrol and community policing while the County handles some major crimes and fatal accidents;
- The transfer of all or some of the City's duties for "911" communications and dispatch to the County; and
- The transfer of a portion of the City's criminal investigation responsibility to the County.

The Committee recognized that turning over some of the functions now provided by the Takoma Park Police Department to the County will raise personnel alignment challenges, some of which may not necessarily produce cost savings, but believed the overall transfer was worth exploring.

The Committee considered but declined to recommend the transfer of all police services to the County, producing a savings of possibly as much as \$2 million annually, believing it would result in a reduction in personalized services and loss of local control. This is underscored by the County's position that it would not, in the absence of a

municipal police force, provide the same level of protection and services that the City currently provides. The current average response time for emergency calls received by the Takoma Park Police Department, for example, is three minutes while the Montgomery County Police Department patrol deployment design standard is seven to ten minutes.

The Committee recognized that the balance between costs, the City's policing philosophy, and the potential reduction in police services will require careful study. Since April, when the Committee presented its report to the Council, the City has taken steps to investigate some of the report recommendations. The City has recommended that the Maryland Municipal League propose to the Legislature changes in the rebate determination process to provide for third party review by a court or arbitrator. In addition, there have been initial discussions between City and County police staff about shared patrol with the county police, transferring dispatch to the county, and transferring some of the criminal investigations to the county.

Barbara Matthews, City Manager, expects to bring her recommendations regarding police service options to the City Council in the spring. Public hearings and extensive public discussions will precede any final decisions.

## RECREATION

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tions, critiques, and individual instruction appropriate to each student's level. All materials will be provided for students and a materials/model fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Maximum 12, minimum 7. Six weeks.

**When:** Wed., Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 2005  
**Time:** 3 – 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$165  
 Non-Res. \$185

### Drawing

**Ages 18 and up**  
 Figure, portrait, self portrait, still life, and interior. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Katie Dell Kaufman will provide demonstrations, individualized instruction, group critiques, and all drawing materials. Materials/model fee of \$35, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Maximum 12, minimum 7. Six weeks.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 6 – Nov. 17, 2005  
**Time:** noon – 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$200  
 Non-Res. \$220

### Drawing, Painting, and Collage

Instruction in black and white and color drawing from observation, watercolor painting, and collage using hand painted papers. Materials/model fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Maximum 12, minimum 7. Six weeks. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 6 – Nov. 17, 2005  
**Time:** 3 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$120  
 Non-Res. \$130

### Basket Weaving Level I Round Basket

**Ages 7 and up**  
 The round basket is an excellent beginning base for all future weavers. You will use round reed weaving on a drilled wooden base to create a beautiful decorative basket. A materials fee of \$15 is due to the instructor.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 13, 2005  
**Time:** 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$15  
 Non-Res. \$25

### Basket Weaving Level II Market Basket

**Ages 12 and up**  
 Emphasis will be on basket shaping. Combining smoked flat and natural round reed in a technique known as ribbon weaves, create a beautiful, useful 8X12 market basket. Class is broken up into two 3-hr sessions. A materials fee of \$35 is due to the instructor.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 2005  
**Time:** 6 – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$35  
 Non-Res. \$45

### Instructional English for Speakers of Other Languages

Beginning I. No previous English study required, but students should be able to read and write in their native language and be familiar with the English alphabet and numbers. Additional fee of \$15.50 for text book.

**Session 1: Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 4 – Nov. 15, 2005**  
**Time:** 9 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room, – T. P. Com. Center  
**Session 2: Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 4 – Nov. 15, 2005**  
**Time:** 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Rose Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$60/session  
 Non-Res. \$65/session

### Beginning II

At least one year of English study required. The student should be able to write personal information on simple forms and answer simple questions about him/her self.

**Session 1**  
**When:** Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 4 – Nov. 15, 2005  
**Time:** 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room – T. P. Com. Center

**Session 2**  
**When:** Mon. & Wed., Oct. 3 – Nov. 9, 2005  
**Time:** 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room – T. P. Com. Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$60/session  
 Non-Res. \$65/session

### Cardio Kickboxing

A workout similar to shadow boxing; there is no contact involved during class. Different punches and kicks will be demonstrated throughout the program. All levels of fitness are welcomed, this is a great cross training program for everyone.

**When:** Tues. & Thurs. Oct. 4 – Nov. 10, 2005  
**Time:** 6 – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Takoma Park Recreation Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$70  
 Non-Res. \$75

### CardioSculpt

This workout will include both low impact aerobics as well as body sculpting exercises. Designed for all fitness levels. We will be using both exercise bands and hand weights for this program.

**When:** Tues. & Thurs. Oct. 4 – Nov. 10, 2005  
**Time:** 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Takoma Park Recreation Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$70  
 Non-Res. \$75

## Second Town Hall Meeting on Gang Activity Thursday, October 27 7:30 PM

A second Town Hall meeting regarding gang activity in the area, is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 pm in the Takoma Park City Council Chambers.

The next program will be devoted to intervention and prevention focusing on the role of parents, schools, youth programs, the faith community, and others.

Please come and share your ideas and concerns with the Takoma Park City Council!

# Council Opposes Federal Cable Legislation

The Takoma Park City Council joined a nationwide effort to oppose pending legislation which threatens local control of its public rights-of-way and the regulation of cable and telecommunication providers.

On Monday, September 12, 2005, the Council unanimously passed a Resolution opposing three bills currently pending in Congress. Companion bills HR3146 and S1349, the so-called "Video Choice Act of 2005," introduced in June by Maryland Rep. Albert Wynn (D) and Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), would grant national franchises to "Competitive Video Service Providers," such as telephone and utility companies. Another bill, S-1504, "The Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act," introduced by U.S. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., would abrogate all existing cable television franchises.

Currently cable services are regulated by local governments with detailed Franchise Agreements or contracts. These bills would take away local regulation and give it to the federal government. In Takoma Park and Montgomery County, the franchise agreements define a variety of technical, financial, and customer service standards as well as enforcement mechanisms. Federal control would eliminate local government as an arbiter of residents' complaints. Takoma Park Cable staff feels that local community needs would not be met, and public, educational and government channels and facilities would be jeopardized.

Community access channels, such as City TV-13, operated by the City of Takoma Park, would be threatened due to major decreases or complete elimination of funding from franchise fees and cable grants. Staff estimated for Council that in the worst case scenario, the City could stand to lose in excess of \$1.7 million over the next seven years, money which currently goes to support equipment and operating expenses for City TV.

Many local government and public interest media organizations are mobilizing opposition to these bills. NATOA, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the Alliance for Community Media, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Association of Counties are among the leaders opposing these bills on the Hill.

"These bills would dismantle the ability of local government to protect the public interest within our borders," says Mayor Kathy Porter. "The entire basis for regulation of cable and broadcasting is that these are public resources." The Council directed staff to distribute the resolution to Congress and other elected officials such as members of the Maryland Municipal League and the Council of Governments. Residents are also urged to communicate with their representatives. More information is available on the City web site at [www.cityoftakomapark.org](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org).

# Film Fest Kicks Off Pre-Festival Events

The Takoma Park Film Festival Committee has devised a series of activities that will climax with the November's film festival.

On Saturday, October 22, film buffs can sample snippets of this year's Takoma Park Film Festival offerings at the grand opening of the Takoma Park Community Center, the host site of this year's highly anticipated film festival. The film screening will take place in the center's auditorium after the 2 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In homage to the close ties between cinema and radio, the Takoma Park Film Festival will host an evening of radio features presented by people who create the programs you listen to daily on NPR. Learn how producers create radio magic out of their imaginations and hard work. This event will be held the evening of November 16 - location to be announced.

The 2005 Takoma Park Film Festival received double the number of film submissions compared to its previous, best year, guaranteeing programs that will appeal to everyone. One returning event will be a program of student films crafted by home schoolers to high schoolers.

Mark Nov. 18-20 on your calendars and plan to attend the annual Takoma Park Film Festival.

The Film Festival Committee is comprised of a small dedicated group who are making the film festival happen on the very thinnest of shoe strings. This core group could really use your help either by donating funds (small amounts appreciated too) or by volunteering (small discreet tasks are available) to support this showcase of local talent. Contact us today at [filminfo@takomaparkfilmfestival.org](mailto:filminfo@takomaparkfilmfestival.org).

# Trashing Old Electronics Just Doesn't Compute Recycle Them Instead!

Takoma Park will host an Electronic Equipment Recycling Event on Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Library at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues. Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment for refurbishment or recycling. Recycling electronic equipment keeps hazardous metals out of the environment.

We will accept the following items: computers and all their related equipment (CPU, monitor, printer, keyboard, modem, mouse, speaker), cameras, TVs, electric typewriters, fax machines, answering machines, telephones, VCRs, radios, stereos, CD and tape players, scanners, copiers, fax machines, and other small electronic equipment.

Most electronic equipment contains potentially hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. These materials need to be handled properly and not released into the environment.

For questions or additional information call (301) 891-7615 or visit [www.cityoftakomapark.org](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org).

# Takoma Park City TV Events in October 2005

The Election Season will begin in Takoma Park the first week of October, with the Nominating Caucus Wednesday October 5. This will be aired live on City TV, and replayed throughout the month. Additional election coverage will be provided at the *Takoma Voice* Candidate's Forum, scheduled for October 16 at 7 p.m. The election will be held on Tuesday November 8, and City TV will air results as soon as they are available.

Look to City TV Special Events for replays of two other important community meetings held in September - The Town Hall on Gang Violence held September 14, and the Community Presentation on Metro Development held September 15. The event will also be replayed over the next month; please see the City website for specific times and dates.

Replays continuing throughout October include the Independence Day Parade and the Basketball Championships from the Recreation Department's YES League.

City TV covered most of the stages at the 28th Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival on September 11 so we look forward to bringing you fresh musical performances this month. City TV crews will also be taping at the Old Town Street Festival on October 2, and those performances should appear starting next month.

Takoma Snapshots in October includes:

- Community Oriented Policing: Crime Prevention
- Takoma Park Folk Festival Highlights

Visit our Web site at [www.cityoftakomapark.org/cable](http://www.cityoftakomapark.org/cable) to access show listings and times and other specific programming information.

Community and neighborhood groups may submit non-commercial notices regarding meetings or special events to City TV for inclusion on the bulletin board.

All Council meetings and Snapshots episodes are available for patron check out at the Takoma Park Maryland Library. VHS Tapes of these shows, as well as other Takoma Park City TV events, may be purchased for \$15 (pick up) or \$18 (mail). Some programs are now available in DVD. Call 301-891-7118 or send an email to: [cabletv@takomagov.org](mailto:cabletv@takomagov.org) for more information.

|                | Monday                           | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                        | Thursday                           | Friday                           | Saturday                         | Sunday                           |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7:00 AM        | Community Bulletin Board         | The Road to Recovery             | Takoma Park City TV Local Events | Community Bulletin Board           | Takoma Snapshots                 | Community Bulletin Board         | Community Bulletin Board         |
| 8:00 AM        | Takoma Park Snapshots            | PreSchool Power!                 |                                  | Takoma Park Snapshots              | Community Bulletin Board         | Takoma Park Folk Festival        | Takoma Park Snapshots            |
| 9:00 AM        | Takoma Park Folk Festival        | Takoma Park Snapshots            | National Gallery of Art          | Coffeehouse                        | NASA Programming                 |                                  | Haiti a Suivre                   |
| 10:00 AM       |                                  | Coffeehouse                      | City Council Meeting (REPLAY)    | Music da camera                    | Government Focus                 | Takoma Park Snapshots            | Coffeehouse                      |
| 11:00 AM       | Takoma Park City TV Local Events | CaribNation                      |                                  | Takoma Park Folk Festival          | National Gallery of Art          | Takoma Park City TV Local Events | Media Watch on Hunger            |
| NOON           |                                  | Community Bulletin Board         |                                  |                                    | City Council Meeting (REPLAY)    |                                  |                                  |
| 1:00 PM        | The Road to Recovery             | Takoma Park City TV Local Events |                                  | Takoma Park City TV Local Events   |                                  |                                  | Takoma Park Folk Festival        |
| 2:00 PM        | Media Watch on Hunger            |                                  | Takoma Park Folk Festival        |                                    |                                  | Media Watch on Hunger            |                                  |
| 3:00 PM        | Takoma Park Snapshots            | NASA Programming                 |                                  | Music da camera                    |                                  |                                  | Takoma Park City TV Local Events |
| 4:00 PM        | PreSchool Power                  |                                  | Takoma Park Snapshots            | Coffeehouse                        | Takoma Park Folk Festival        | Haiti a Suivre                   |                                  |
| 5:00 PM        | Music da camera                  | Takoma Park Snapshots            | Government Focus                 | Haiti a Suivre                     |                                  | Takoma Snapshots                 |                                  |
| 5:30 PM        | Chinese News                     |                                  |                                  |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| 6:00 PM        |                                  | Community Bulletin Board         | Chinese News                     | Community Bulletin Board           | Takoma Park Snapshots            | Community Bulletin Board         | Community Bulletin Board         |
| 7:00 PM        |                                  | National Gallery of Art          |                                  | Takoma Park Snapshots              | Takoma Park City TV Local Events | Coffeehouse                      | Takoma Park Snapshots            |
| 7:30 PM        | City Council Meeting (LIVE)      |                                  |                                  |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| 8:00 PM        |                                  | Coffeehouse                      | City Council Meeting (REPLAY)    | Takoma Park Folk Festival          |                                  | Takoma Park City TV Local Events | Takoma Park Folk Festival        |
| 9:00 PM        |                                  | Takoma Park City TV Local Events |                                  |                                    | Takoma Park Folk Festival        |                                  |                                  |
| 10:00 PM       |                                  |                                  |                                  | Haiti a Suivre                     |                                  | Haiti a Suivre                   | Coffeehouse                      |
| 11:00 PM       |                                  | CaribNation                      |                                  | Takoma Park City TV Special Events | Coffeehouse                      |                                  |                                  |
| 12:00 Midnight | Takoma Park Snapshots            | NASA Programming                 | Takoma Park Snapshots            |                                    | Haiti a Suivre                   | Takoma Park Folk Festival        | Takoma Park City TV Local Events |
| 1:00 AM        | Road to Recovery                 |                                  | Community Bulletin Board         |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                  |

Programming subject to change without notice.

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# Halloween Events

## Costume Contest

The FREAKS come out in the afternoon. Get all decked out and strut your stuff. Categories include most original, funniest, and scariest. Ages 2 and under; 3 - 4; 5 - 7; 8 - 10; 11 - 12; Teen and Adult. Join in the Fun!

**When:** Saturday, October 29, 2005  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues, Old Town Takoma Park  
**Fee:** FREE!

## Halloween Parade

All are welcome to walk in this parade, following the firetruck down the parade route. What a sight to see all the costumed characters marching down the street, carrying glow sticks and having a great time! Beginning at Carroll and Laurel Avenues, following Carroll Avenue to Fire House, left onto Philadelphia Avenue and ending at Piney Branch Elementary School.

**When:** Saturday, October 29, 2005  
**Time:** Approximately 5:45 p.m. (Immediately following the Costume Contest)  
**Fee:** FREE!



## Halloween Bash

Join us for refreshments, sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club, at Piney Branch Elementary School Multipurpose Room, following the Halloween Parade. Come dance to Zydeco Crayz, a band suitable for all ages. We'd like to thank the Takoma Park Lions Club, who graciously served the Takoma Park community for several decades with its kindness and support.

**When:** Saturday, October 29, 2005  
**Time:** Approximately 6:30 p.m. (Immediately following the parade)  
**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary School  
**Fee:** FREE!

## Canine Costume Contest

Halloween is going to the dogs. Dress your dog up for this new event. Categories include cutest, scariest, funniest and most original; within two divisions puppies and adult dogs. Dogs must be leashed and under control by handler.

**When:** Saturday October 29, 2005  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Location:** At Heffner Community Center  
**Fee:** FREE!

**BOO!**

For more information regarding the Halloween events, call the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290.



## Safety Ideas For Halloween

- Motorists be attentive
- Homeowners control pets
- Never Trick-or-Treat alone
- Visit homes with lights on
- Cross at crosswalks
- Accompany younger children
- Use flame retardant costumes
- Try make-up instead of masks
- Never go inside a home

## COME CELEBRATE With US

We are opening the first phase of the Takoma Park Community Center on Saturday, October 22, from 2-5 p.m.

Ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m., followed by live music, dancing and other performances.

Grand finale — **Chopteeth**, our own dance-your-toes-off band!

**Fun for all ages!**

Indoors & outdoors — step dancing, jazz, hands-on art (bring your kids!), acrobatics, drumming, karate, tap dancing, fencing, concert music, plus a special exhibition of local artwork and a preview screening from the Takoma Film Festival (with discussion)

**Takoma Food Vendors!**

Sponsors:

- City of Takoma Park
- Takoma Foundation
- Takoma Park Recreation Committee
- Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission
- Takoma Park Film Festival

## Faces at the Folk Festival



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