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

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Building Community On New Hampshire Avenue

By Susan Holliday

City staff and councilmembers asked Montgomery and Prince Georges County officials to get on the bus literally to see the commercial and residential development opportunities along Takoma Park's New Hampshire Avenue corridor.

The City in early May hosted a redevelopment bus tour of the New

Hampshire Avenue corridor within Takoma Park (from Eastern Avenue to University Blvd.) to showcase the economic growth possibilities for the City and the surrounding jurisdictions.

The bus rumbled through sometimes dilapidated strip center parking lots and into the tidy nearby residential neighborhoods along lower New Hampshire Avenue. The City staff's tour-guide

commentary supported the visible evidence: Existing businesses don't always or adequately serve the surrounding community. The majority of households within a half-mile radius of the southern City gateways qualify as affluent, according to data supplied by Claritas, a demographics research company.

Much of this residential area in D.C. and Maryland is very well-maintained,

settled, and stable, explained Sara Daines, City director of Housing and Community Development. New commercial development along the corridor will give us the opportunity to create a greater feeling of community for the area residents.

At one shopping center south of Rt. 410, Ward 6 Councilmember Doug Barry stood on a crumbling asphalt slab, inches from speeding New Hampshire Avenue traffic, and spoke with a resident waiting for the bus. With no hesitation, the resident said the area needed sidewalks, better traffic signals, and wider retail choices. Barry commented that the area has too long suffered from benign neglect, while the redevelopment focus has gone elsewhere.

Master Plan Priorities

The City's concentration on the area stems from the 2000 Takoma Park Master Plan, which identified the corridor and the gateways into the City as an economic development opportunity. The City's 2007 budget proposal shows further commitment, with the possibility of an additional code enforcement officer and a planning intern assigned to the area. There is also money proposed to pay for a development consultant, traffic studies, and tenant-building and housing tax credit programs.

The bus tour, organized by City staff, was designed to introduce county officials to the area's possibilities and simultaneously show how the other jurisdictions can help the revitalization process. Specifically, the City has asked the counties and the state to help develop sector plans, streetscape improvements, pedestrian safety and roadway enhancements, housing development, and expanded transit improvements. Elizabeth Davison, director of the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs, took the bus tour and suggested the City plan short-term and long-term priorities for the area with input from all the jurisdictions. Davison's office is already working with the redevelopment of the Hampshire Towers apartments and has committed \$7 million in county tax credits to the project. We're hopeful it's a major resource for the community, said Davison.

City staff acknowledged that the effort is in its infancy. They plan to follow up over coming months with state and county staffs to outline the next steps.

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Chief Creamer To Retire

By Carol Bannerman

Chief Cynthia A. Creamer has announced that she will retire from the Takoma Park Police Department effective August 1, 2006. Chief Creamer, who joined the agency in 1976 as a dispatcher, served in every division of the agency during her 30-year tenure, becoming Chief in July 2002.

Creamer, who became an officer in 1978 at the age of 21, earned Officer of the Year 1980 while in patrol and the same award in 1990 for criminal investigations. She led a community policing unit and was commander of criminal investigations for six years before becoming a captain and commander of Operations (uniformed patrol) in August 2001.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Cindy during the past two years, says city manager Barbara Matthews.

On a professional level, I have always appreciated and respected her dedication to her staff and to the Takoma Park community. She considers Takoma Park her home, which showed in every aspect of how she conducted herself as Police Chief. On a personal basis, Cindy has a great perspective on life, and her sense of humor in particular will be sorely missed. All of us at the City of Takoma Park wish her well in her future endeavors.

In July 2002, Creamer said, I'm looking forward to expanding the foundation of community policing that [the former chief] has laid out over the past years. Through it we can show the community what a real, professional, police department it has and can show the agency that the community supports them. In January 2004, she instituted a Community-Oriented Policing team in which officers are assigned to work closely with the community, city staff, and other officers on local crime concerns. That unit currently is minimally staffed due to staff shortages.

At the time she became chief, a coworker said, The agency, the people who work in it and the community are her life. That, and the fact that members of the department support her, means she will succeed in continuing to move the agency forward.

Chief Creamer achieved one of the

goals she had set for the agency when it received accredited status with the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies in March of this year. She also proposed and set in motion an effort to bring a C-SAFE type initiative along the border area of Takoma Park and Washington, D.C., intended to improve crime prevention through community involvement and community-based supervision of parolees and probationers.

Creamer announced that while retiring from Takoma Park she will not be leaving law enforcement. She will become an assistant chief for patrol operations in the relatively new Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Department.

Information regarding a retirement celebration will be announced as plans progress.



Photo by Carol Bannerman

Cynthia Creamer greets a young Takoma Park resident at the beginning of her four-year term as Chief of Takoma Park Police. Creamer is retiring this summer.

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CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Friday, June 2 - Meeting of the Police Employees Retirement Plan Committee, 8:30 a.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

Monday, June 5 - Interviews, Special Session and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 6 - Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs Hearing, 7 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 6 - Meeting of the Facade Advisory Board, 7 p.m. (6 Grant Avenue)

Monday, June 12 - Regular Meeting of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 13 - Meeting of the Tree Commission, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

Tuesday, June 13 - Meeting of the Committee on the Environment, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Lilac Room)

For updated schedule information, check the City's web page at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov> 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.

Thursday June 15 (Tentative) - Meeting of the Noise Control Board, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center - Room TBA)

Monday, June 19 - Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 20 - Meeting of the Safe Roadways Committee, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Council Conference Room)

June 25 - 28 - City Council Attending Maryland Municipal League Convention, Ocean City, Maryland

Tuesday, June 27 - Meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

Thursday, June 28 - Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

Thursday, June 29 - Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, 8:30 a.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

Committee Vacancies

Arts and Humanities Commission. The Arts and Humanities Commission. The commission serves in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to the arts and humanities which promote, coordinate, and strengthen public programs to further cultural development of the city.

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.

Committee on the Environment. This committee is charged with advising the City Council on all environmental issues, including but not limited to, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning, energy use and conservation, and recycling; reviewing and providing advice on City actions that affect environmental quality; educating Takoma Park residents, businesses, and government on environmental issues; conveying citizen views on environmental issues to Council and City staff; and working with City staff on environmental issues and projects.

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.

Facade Advisory Board. The seven-member board provides design and historic advisory assistance for building and business owners located in the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provides recommendations to the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission regarding permit applications.

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.

Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee. The seven-member committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of and adherence to the Nuclear-Free Zone Act.

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.

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.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend committee meetings prior to applying to serve. Contact the City Clerk for further information. To apply, 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 to JessieC@takomagov.org. Further information is available by contacting the City Clerk's Office 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.

March 27 - Regular Meeting

Charter Amendment Resolution 2006-1, amending the City Charter to adopt an instant runoff voting system for city elections and to permit greater flexibility in the scheduling of the Nominating Caucus, was accepted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Second reading of Ordinance 2006-9, authorizing transfer of land to Montgomery County for Fire Station rear parking area, was tabled for four weeks (VOTING TO TABLE: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-13, authorizing two speed humps on Sligo Mill Road, was accepted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-14, authorizing one additional speed hump on Allegheny Avenue, was accepted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Resolution 2006-19 was adopted, opposing the proposal to relocate Park and Planning from Silver Spring to Rockville (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Resolution 2006-20 was adopted, authorizing the FY07 Program Open Space allocation (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-12 was adopted by roll-call vote at second reading, authorizing FY06 Budget Amendment No. 5 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, and Williams).

April 3 - Special Session

Resolution 2006-21, supporting Arbor Day 2006 in Takoma Park, was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

April 10 - Regular Meeting

Charter Amendment 2006-1, as amended, adopting an instant runoff voting system for City elections and setting an alternative date for the Nominating Caucus in the event it falls on certain religious holidays, was adopted by roll-call vote (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry).

Resolution 2006-22 was adopted, amending the list of Parent Companies of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Systems Contractors to remove Sony Corporation (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry).

Ordinance 2006-15, authorizing purchase of Sony Anycast Station for remote video production, was adopted by roll-call vote (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry).

Ordinance 2006-16 was accepted at first reading, authorizing a PILOT agreement with Montgomery Housing

Partnership (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

April 24 - Regular Meeting

Second reading of Ordinance 2006-9, authorizing transfer of land to Montgomery County for Fire Station rear parking area, was tabled for four weeks (VOTING TO TABLE: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-16 was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing a PILOT agreement with Montgomery Housing Partnership (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-13 was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing two speed humps on Sligo Mill Road (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Ordinance 2006-14 was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing an additional speed hump on Allegheny Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Resolution 2006-23 was adopted, designating the Richard Dempsey memorial Gallery (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

The Consent Agenda was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

A. Resolution 2006-24, adopting a policy on Council-sponsored exhibits in the Community Center.

B. Resolution 2006-25, appointing Jim Kuhn, Jay Levy, and Robert Rini to the Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee.

C. Resolution 2006-27, appointing Martin Gottschalk as a City representative to the Municipal Aggregation Organizing Committee.

May 1 - Special Session

Ordinance 2006-17 was accepted at first reading, authorizing a contract with Nelson/Nygaard for consultant services related to the Takoma Metro Development (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

Ordinance 2006-18 was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing the purchase of police vehicles (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

May 8

Resolution 2006-27, supporting passage of comprehensive immigration reform and opposing enforcement-only immigration legislation, was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Williams; ABSENT: Seamens).

Resolution 2006-28, supporting Bike to Work Day, was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Williams; ABSENT: Seamens).

Resolution 2006-29, recognizing National Police Week and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Williams; ABSENT: Seamens).

Resolution 2006-30 was adopted, supporting State tax credits for the Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area Unlimited Futures Project (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Williams; ABSENT: Seamens).

Ordinance 2006-17 was adopted by roll-call vote as amended, authorizing a contract with Nelson/Nygaard for consultant services related to the Takoma Metro Development (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Williams; ABSENT: Seamens).

COLTA S CORNER



By Jean Kerr
Housing Specialist

The Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs (COLTA) recently approved three capital improvement petitions for rental properties in Takoma Park. They appear in order of their petition numbers:

Capital Improvement Petitions

8213 Roanoke Avenue (2005-9L)

On April 21, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$4.75 to \$22.80 on all 11 units at the property. The improvements included painting walls, ceiling, front door and stairs, replacing kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans, replacing light fixtures, bedroom door and lock set, and installing new carpet. Some improvements were disallowed because the costs per item were under \$200 per unit or \$2,500 for the rental facility, thus not qualifying as a capital improvement.

8604 Flower Avenue (2006-10L)

On April 9, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$2.41 to \$29.11 on all 14 units at the property. The improve-

ments included replacing countertops, kitchen cabinets, kitchen and bathroom floors, replacing range hoods, bedroom and closet doors, boiler valves, new circulating pump for heat system and boiler control system.

7811 Lockney Avenue (2006-11L)

On April 9, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$18.16 to \$26.49 on all four units at the property. The improvements included replacing gas ranges and kitchen tiles, and electrical upgrades. Some improvements were disallowed because the costs per item were under \$200 per unit or \$2,500 for the rental facility, thus not qualifying as a capital improvement.

8203 Houston Court (2006-12L)

On April 6, a capital improvement petition was approved for a rent increase of \$11.88 on one unit at the property. The improvements included replacing the carpeting and tile flooring.

7106-7108 Maple Avenue (2006-13L)

On April 6, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases of \$19.02 on three units at the property. The improvement included installing a new water line. The landlord included a management fee in the cost of the capital improvement petition. This fee cannot be included in the cost of a capital improvement because it is not part of a direct cost of the improvement and does not constitute labor or materials with a useful life of one year or more, as required by the Takoma Park Code.

8314 Roanoke Avenue (2006-15L)

On April 10, a capital improvement petition was approved for a rent increase of \$12.65 on one unit at the property. The improvements included replacing toilet and seat, replacing pedestal sink and vinyl floor tile in the bathroom. The landlord included additional labor costs in the capital improvement petition, but because no description of the work was included in the petition they were disallowed.

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

New Rent Stabilization Allowance

On March 21, the City of Takoma Park announced the proposed 2.8 percent Rent Stabilization Allowance. The allowance was established in accordance with Section 6.20.020 of the Takoma Park Code and applies to landlords owning two or more rental units (whether apartments, single family houses, or condominiums).

There was a 30-day comment period whereby Housing and Community Development was accepting written comments regarding the calculation of the Rent Stabilization Allowance. One comment was received, however it did not influence the establishment of the Rent Stabilization Allowance which is set at 70 percent of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Therefore, the Rent Stabilization Allowance of 2.8 percent is approved and is effective July 1 through June 30, 2007.

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Housing Mailbox

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

A Tenant contacted the Mailbox and asked if she may terminate her lease which she signed in January 2006 because her employer was relocating to Petersburg, Va. She also wants to know what, if any penalty, she will be expected to pay for having to terminate her lease early and what type of notice she must provide her landlord.

Section 6.16.150 B. 2. (Notice to Vacate) of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Relations Law indicates that a Tenant wishing to termi-

nate a one-year lease may do so only in accordance with Section 6.16.060.G. (Lease Requirements) of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Relations Law. The Tenant must give the Landlord prior to the rent due date, a one month written notice of his/her intent to vacate. This written Notice to Vacate for Reasonable Cause may be utilized if the Tenant experiences (1) an involuntary change of employment requiring relocation from the Washington, DC Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, (2) the death of or involuntary unemployment of a major wage earner occurs or (3) for any other reasonable cause beyond the Tenant's control.

The Tenant may be expected to document the reason(s) why the rea-

sonable cause notice is being submitted and be required to pay a reasonable lease termination charge which may not exceed one month's rent or the actual monetary damages sustained by the Landlord, whichever is less. The Tenant is expected to pay all rent due and owed through the proposed termination date. The Landlord's monetary damages might include for instance, advertising and related charges like credit check costs to secure a new tenant.

The Tenant's notice to her Landlord must be received by the Landlord prior to the rent due date to be considered an effective notice for that month.

For any questions on the city's Landlord-Tenant Relations Law please call 301-891-7215.

Still Time To Join the Parade

The Takoma Park Independence Committee, Inc. is encouraging neighborhoods, civic associations, businesses, churches, organizations, families, schools, and anyone interested in celebrating the 4th of July to build a float, decorate a bike, a wagon or carriage, dress up, form a kazoo band, form a neighborhood marching unit, use your imagination and join the fun.

For further information visit our web site
www.TakomaPark4th.org or call 301-270-6876.

Speak with the Mayor

Have a meeting with Mayor Porter and let her know your issues and concerns.

Meeting hours are every Tuesday, 3 - 5 p.m. by appointment; and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome for the evening hours only.

To schedule a meeting, contact Executive Assistant Peggye Forster at 301-891-7230 or peggyef@takomagov.org.

Peace Exhibit, Local Artists Showcased

The Art and Humanities Commission is pleased to bring three new exhibits to the community during the month of June.

The work of local artists Riki Schneyer, Carollyn James, Renee Lachman, and Josh Holland will be showcased in the exhibit, Four Painters in Takoma Park. Following in the footsteps of the Arts and Humanities Commission, the four artists will be hosting an ice cream social on Sunday, June 11 to celebrate the opening of the show. The event will be held in the atrium gallery from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from June 1 through June 30.

Passport to Korea celebrates the artwork created by the children participating in the April spring break camp offered by Learning to Care of Takoma Park. Join these young artists in the Richard Dempsey Memorial Gallery on Sunday, June 11 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Enjoy Korean food, see the famous battle of Admiral Yi's turtle boat, paint masks, and see what that movie Doggy Poo is all about! The children's artwork can be viewed the entire month of June.

Faces of War: A Peace Memorial was created by YOUTEWE (Young Objectors United to End War), a group of young artist-peacemakers from central California between the ages of 15 and 22. The opening of the exhibit will be celebrated on Friday, June 16 at 6 p.m.. The artists will be on hand as well as poets from DC Poets Against the War and the Beltway Poetry Quarterly.

The exhibit consists of a large grid wire installation, hung with handmade dog tags holding the faces of US soldiers who have died in the present war in Iraq. The young artists spent more than 300 hours working on the project.



"Faces of War: a Peace Memorial," a work by young artists, will open June 16.

I think that part of the power of the piece is that it allows viewers to get their own message, said Melinda Forbes, adult artist mentor for YOUTEWE. That is why we chose to work through the arts. We're not trying to preach anything, we're just trying to show the loss so people can decide for themselves

how they feel about war and how they feel about the art, said Forbes.

The exhibits, located on the main floor of the Community Center, can be viewed during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sligo Foams Into A River

By Ali Khalilian, P.E.

Foam in Sligo Creek?

Just after a May 8 Public Works meeting, staff re-assembled unexpectedly to investigate a reported four feet of froth at the waterworks.

Serious Business.

County and state were informed and, using the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) guide it became evident that the unusual phenomenon was likely a natural one. According to the county Department of Environment, The tea-colored water you described would indicate tannic acids in the water, which is a by-product of organic decomposition of vegetation.

I had already planned to provide a few tips for newsletter readers quoting from the River Smart web page when I visited the Friends of Sligo Creek web site and found a full account of Sligo Creek's foaming. Although naturally occurring this time, the quantity of foam was unusual enough to shake people up. On my way back from the swollen river of Sligo, I weighed the words natural and usual as they relate to the river, and could not help but think Sligo looked good while foaming, naturally. It sure takes a collective effort to realize the true nature of the river. I am convinced that by adoption of some simple Riversmart tips we may all see the day when the Sligo may only foam naturally during times of high flow (rain events) and high agitation.

Rivers are wonderful places to swim, fish, paddle and explore. They provide habitat for fish and wildlife and clean water for drinking. Yet we all do things every day that can affect our rivers and streams even the very water many of us drink. Remember your rivers are closer than you think. Riversmart

It is amazing how slight modification of the things we do allows that little fish to reach the ocean, or not. Some easy tips that can and will make a difference:

- **Stop the flow of polluted water** and help it seep back into the ground rainwater and melting snow carry oil, fertilizer, and debris into our rivers.

- **Keep rainwater in its place.** Try using bricks, stones or wood chips instead of pavement. Aim down spouts onto grassy areas or use Rain Barrels.

- **Save your soil, save your river.** When it rains, exposed soil washes into storm drains and straight into the creek

river Chesapeake Bay. Too much dirt can clog up a river, choking fish and prompting flooding.

- **Seed or mulch** exposed soil and cover unused soil with a tarp.

- **Choose a fertilizer that's low in phosphorous** and follow the directions carefully. Be sure to sweep any extra off the pavement and back onto the lawn.

- **Consider native plants** that thrive in this region with little watering or fertilizer.

- **Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the gutter.** Too much yard debris can clog our rivers, choking fish.

- **Cover** your raked leaves with a tarp at curbside until pickup day.

- **Dispose** of household cleaners, paint and other chemicals safely. Many cleaning products found in our homes and garages are too dangerous to be disposed of in the trash or down the drain.

- **Read the label:** anything marked Poison or Danger should be taken to your local hazardous waste center. (Call Public Works for locations, 301-891-7633.)

- **Use water based paints** and dry off excess paint with a paper towel before rinsing your paintbrush.

- **Fix car leaks promptly.** Leaky cars leave drips or puddles of motor oil and other fluids on our streets and driveways.

- **Clean stains on your driveway or street and fix car leaks right away** when it rains, these contaminants run down our streets, through the storm drains, and into our rivers.

- **Take care when changing your car's motor oil** and dispose of the oil safely one quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of river water.

- **Never pour leftover oil down a storm drain or into the trash** instead, drop it off at your local hazardous waste center.

- **Buy and use environmentally friendly products.** Choose safer, multi-purpose cleaners marked with only a Caution warning, rather than products with Poison and Danger on the label. Avoid chlorine, phosphate products and solvents like paint thinner.



Although it may look alarming, sometimes foam in Sligo Creek is not pollution, but a natural result of turbulence and rain.

How Long Is Temporary? Day Laborers in Takoma Park

By Ethan Goffman

Immigration is a tumultuous issue there was the recent boycott, when Latinos stayed away from work to prove how dependent the U.S. is on their labor and protest an immigration law that could send many of them south; there's the National Guard heading off to close the Mexican border to illegal immigration; and the anti-illegal immigration activists, the Minutemen, raising a fuss against day laborer sites in Herndon and Gaithersburg.

Through it all, Takoma Park remains a mecca for immigrants, feeding into a frenzied labor market. The largest concentration of day labor supply in the U.S. is coming here to the crossroads, claims Erwin Mack, referring to Takoma/Langley, at the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. Mack is executive director of the Crossroads Development Authority. Aptly named, the Crossroads intersects Montgomery and Prince George's County, is crisscrossed with public bus routes and busy with 158 businesses where Latino culture mixes heavily with locals.

Immigrants from all over the world gather here to find temporary work day labor often in construction and

landscaping. They may also be attracted to the area by Takoma Park's statute declaring itself a refuge to the numerous Salvadorans and Guatemalan immigrants in this area whom the Immigration and Naturalization Service actively seeks to expel.

Addressing the need

Since the 1990s, Takoma Park-based CASA of Maryland has operated a day labor site on University near Piney Branch Road, organizing immigrant workers and helping with education, health, and legal services. But workers continued to gather at the Crossroads.

There were so many people looking for work, I mean the numbers just grew, and we ended up with a real problem, recalls Suzanne Ludlow, the City's community and government liaison. Although many are sympathetic to the day laborers' plight, waiting for a job sometimes turns into loitering and disruptive behavior, interrupting business. To address the problem, Takoma Park opened a temporary labor center between East-West Highway and Eastern Avenue on New Hampshire in 2001.

The new CASA-operated site was set up with the understanding that Prince George's County would eventually provide a permanent one. A lot of people are still at the big intersection, which is

why we want to open something else, explains Penelope Guzman, Prince George's County Latino Liaison, but attaining a location at the Crossroads itself is difficult. You have to have a site that's easily accessible by the contractor and by the workers, explains Ludlow, so it needs to be in a major, visible location. On the other hand, that's where businesses want to locate.

Last spring Prince George's County came close to opening a site at University and Riggs. The county was in negotiations with the owner of a vacant building, but the owner never cleaned the property or installed needed equipment. Although property owners are paid rent for labor sites, they do initially put a big chunk of money into the space, says Guzman. By January the county gave up on this site, but now another possibility has surfaced. Guzman is reluctant to discuss it given that we had high hopes for the last place, but she is hopeful it will open some time this summer.

Maintaining in America

Meanwhile, a mile south of the crossroads, Mauricio Mendez lingers in front of a dull grey trailer awaiting work that doesn't come, an AC/DC cap his only protection from the elements, which today tend toward overcast. Tucked behind Mid Atlantic Seafood, CASA's temporary labor site on New Hampshire Avenue is in its second incarnation; until last fall it



Day laborers gather around signs like these to find temporary employment.

occupied the parking lot of an office building, but a new owner asked that it be relocated. Takoma Park pays half of the estimated \$60,000 annual budget needed to rent and operate the trailer; Montgomery County pays the balance.

Here Mendez and others can get water, coffee, and sometimes breakfast, plus advice, referrals to health, legal and education services, and help negotiating with employers. CASA also mandates a minimum of \$10 an hour for day labor and maintains a list of fair employers.

A more permanent site would be

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Tree Removal: A Step By Step Primer

By Brett Linkletter
City Arborist

One of the features that makes the City of Takoma Park unique is the City's Tree Ordinance. The Ordinance, called Chapter 12 Trees and Vegetation, is a 21-page tome that goes over many aspects of trees in Takoma Park, not the least of which is tree removal on private property.

Lately, I have encountered many citizens confused about tree removal application procedures and consequences on their own property. This short article will attempt to rectify some of the confusion about the process.

This process begins when you have a tree on your property that you want to cut down, for any number of reasons. You measure the tree at 4 1/2 inches from the ground to determine the diameter (or circumference) of the tree. If the diameter—the distance through the tree—measures 7 and 5/8 inches or if the circumference—the distance around the tree—is 24 inches or more, you must go through the city tree removal process. In the Historic District, any tree more than 6 inches in diameter (18.33 inches in circumference) or greater must go through the process. (To determine whether you are in the Historic District, call the county Historic Preservation Commission at 301-563-3400.)

Once you have established that you have a tree that is over the minimum size limit, you must use the city's Tree Removal Application. This document

can be downloaded from the city website or it can be obtained just inside the front door of the public works building, at 31 Oswego Avenue. You need to fill out the front page of the document, which will involve drawing a map of where the tree is on the property. This drawing should look like a plat map, not a painting of a landscape. Sign the form and affix a \$25 check to submit to the city. Immediately after submitting the form, or before submitting the form, mark the tree designated for removal with ribbon, tape or something similar to identify the tree that has been requested for removal. Failure to mark the tree clearly will result in a rejected form.

Once the city has the form, the city arborist will inspect the site and determine if the tree falls within four criteria: 1) waiver, 2) emergency waiver, 3) permit process, and 4) permit denied.

Criteria for tree removal

- **Waiver** The tree is dead, dying or hazardous. The applicant receives a waiver signed by the city arborist to remove the tree with no requirement for replacement.

- **Emergency waiver** The tree is extremely hazardous and needs to be removed as soon as possible. The applicant receives an immediate emergency waiver to remove the tree and no replacement is required.

- **Permit** The tree falls within the criteria of the City of Takoma Park Tree and Vegetation Ordinance to allow the tree to go through the permit

process. The applicant goes through a 15-day public comment period when anyone in the city can protest the removal of the tree. If no one objects to the removal, the applicant receives a permit provided they have signed the tree replacement requirement paperwork and submitted it to the city. If someone does formally object to the tree removal (in writing or email) within the 15-day posting period, a hearing is held with the Tree Commission to determine if the applicant can remove the tree.

- **Denial** The tree does not fall within the criteria of the ordinance to allow the tree to go through the permit process. The applicant can request a hearing with the Tree Commission to determine if they can remove the tree.

If an applicant goes through the permit process, no one objects, and they sign the tree replacement agreement, they will receive a permit to remove the tree. If the property owner hires someone to remove the tree, removers must have a current Maryland Tree Expert License. Failure for the hired company to have this license can lead to fines for the property owner and liability problems and law suits if the hired non-licensed party has an accident.

The replacement requirement of the permit receiver depends upon the size, species and condition of the tree being removed. Typically, permits require a tree be replaced by one or two trees of a similar species. All replacement trees must be purchased from a licensed

nursery and be at least 1 1/2 inches in caliper (caliper is the diameter of the tree six inches from the base of the plant). Replacement trees, by code, need to be planted within six months of the signing of the re-planting agreement. Usually, if a homeowner needs a little more time to utilize the best time of year to plant, the city will allow it provided the property owner requests an extension in writing.

The property owner can contribute to the city tree fund instead of planting trees. The contribution would be \$175 per tree in the replacement agreement. The tree fund pays to plant new trees in the public rights-of-way, in parks, and in natural areas under city control.

Penalties for non-compliance

If a tree is removed from private property without a permit or waiver, even if it is dead, it can result in a \$1,000 fine. Failure to fulfill the replacement agreement within the prescribed parameters can result in a \$1,000 fine as well.

One important thing to remember about tree removal permits is that they are not associated with tree protection plan permits. It is a separate process and getting one of the permits does not allow the citizen to assume they have the other.

If anyone has any questions about the tree removal process, the tree ordinance or any other tree question, I can be contacted by phone at 301-891-7612 or by email at BrettL@takomagov.org.

RECREATION

Recreation Department Updates:

Our offices are temporarily located behind the new community center in Trailer #1 and Trailer #2. Trailer #1 is where you can register for all programs and receive information. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Phone number is 301-891-7290. We are moving to our new offices in early June. Date TBA. Drop off: Checks or money orders only – NO CASH – Front desk of Community Center from 5 – 10 p.m. M – F, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday.

★ New Community Center Premieres ★ REC-A-Round the Block Grand Opening Event for Phase II of Construction New facility showcases dance studio, game room, teen lounge Door prizes, Refreshments, Free Give-Aways

Win a free iPod

★ ★ ★

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Thursday, June 15, 4 – 6 p.m., for grades 1 – 5

and 7 – 10 p.m. for grades 6 – 8

Friday, June 16, 7 – 10 p.m. High School

Featuring the DIAMONDS Step Team

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2006

Session 1 June 26 – 30	Session 4 July 17 – 21	Session 7 August 7 – 11
Session 2 July 3 – 7	Session 5 July 24 – 28	
Session 3 July 10 – 14	Session 6 July 31 – August 4	No camp on July 4

Tremendous Trips

Grades 1 – 5 (as of September '06)

Looking for something exciting to start out your summer break? We've got what your looking for. Sign up for one trip or pre-register for them all and get a discount. Minimum enrollment.

- Monday, June 19, Field Games at Wheaton Regional Park and White Oak Bowling Lanes
- Tuesday, June 20, Splash Down Water Park in Manassas, VA
- Wednesday, June 21, Water Park and Mini Golf at Bohrer Park Gaithersburg, MD
- Thursday, June 22, Maryland Science Center
- Friday, June 23, Farafina at Discover Theater and National Zoo

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$20/trip
Non-Resident \$25/trip

Register for the whole week:

T.P. City Resident \$90
Non-Resident \$115

Extreme Horizons

Grades 6 – 8 (as of September '06)

All-around great time for the summer: rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, and swimming. Awesome yo-yo tricks, art adventures, and a weekly trip to a theme park. Fee includes a camp t-shirt, all field trips, and special events. No camp July 4.

When: Monday – Friday, June 26 – August 11

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location:

T.P. Community Center with access to Piney Branch Elementary School

Fees Weeks 1, 3-7:

T.P. City Resident \$180/week
Non-Resident \$200/week

Fee week 2:

T.P. City Resident \$165/week
Non-Resident \$185/week

Creative Adventures

Grades 1 – 5 (as of September '06)

A new adventure each week: arts and crafts, games, swimming, nature activities, special events, and trips to fun locations. Last year we saw a Mystics basketball game, experienced a play, ventured to Sandy Point Beach State Park. Fee includes all field trips, special events, and a camp t-shirt. Seven weeks. No camp July 4.

When: Monday – Friday, June 26 – August 11

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: T.P. Community Center with access to Piney Branch Elementary School

Fees weeks 1, 3 – 7:

T.P. City Resident \$110/week
Non-Resident \$125/week

Fee week 2:

T.P. City Resident \$95/week
Non-Resident \$110/week

Special offer! Get Week 2 free if enrolling for all seven weeks.

2006 Extended Care Options

Available for families who want additional activities beyond regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play, and sports. Campers in the following camps are eligible: Creative Adventures, Extreme Horizons, Theater Camp, Takoma Park Babe Ruth Baseball/ Softball Camp, Basketball and Soccer Camp.

Fee per week for Before Care, 7 – 9 a.m.

T.P. City Resident \$30
Non-Resident \$40

Fee per week for After Care, 4 – 6 p.m.

T.P. City Resident \$30
Non-Resident \$40



More SUMMER PROGRAMS 2006

Actor's Workshop Theater Camp

The Actors Workshop, trains beginning actors of all ages by encouraging artistic growth and confidence in a supportive setting. Director Peggy Yates international experience includes teaching and directing in the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore area since she received her MFA in Acting from Catholic University in 1993.

Prelude: An Introduction to Acting

Ages 8 – 14

Learn the FUNdamentals: Explore acting techniques using vocal and physical exercises, improvisation, theater games, scenes, and monologues, then showcase your discoveries for family and friends on the last day of the session. Maximum 20, minimum 10.

When: Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$150
Non-Resident \$170

Main Act Performance Camp

Ages 8 – 14

Ready to dive into your own performance of scenes, songs and monologues? Explore acting techniques and work toward creating a supportive ensemble of players. Two-week session includes a trip to see a local

performance. A DVD of your final performance will be available following the session. Maximum 20, minimum 10.

When: Monday – Friday, July 24 – August 4

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$300
Non-Resident \$320

Talent Showcase

Ages 8 – 14

What is your strong suit? Music? Tragedy? Improvisation? How about comedy, monologues, singing, dancing, magic tricks? In a theatrical setting we'll discover and share them with family and friends at a Friday performance. Minimum 10, Maximum 20.

When: Monday – Friday, August 7 - 11

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$150
Non-Resident \$170

AbraKadoodle Art Camps

Twoosy Doodlers

Ages 20 – 36 months

Paint Yourself Silly!

Little ones have the opportunity to paint themselves silly as they learn and explore. Lessons in painting with primary colors, creating masterpieces with surprise household objects and race cars, printing with bubble wrap, and more! A \$20 materials fee due to instructor the first day of class.

When: Monday – Friday, July 10 – 14

Time: 9 – 10 a.m.

Location: Art Room – T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$55
Non-Resident \$60

Mini Doodlers

Ages 3 – 5 months

Paint Me a Story

This class combines popular library books and art for lessons about Henri Rousseau (tempera paints and printing with leaves), Georgia O Keefe (chalk pastels to create flowers), and Mary Cassatt. A \$25 materials fee paid to the instructor on the first day of class.

When: Monday – Friday, July 10 – 14

Time: 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Heffner Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$115
Non-Resident \$125

Impress Me

Students will be instructed in the styles of Monet, Seurat and Cherkasky, featuring pastels, watercolors, collage, and pointillist techniques. A \$25 materials fee paid to the instructor on the first day of class.

When: Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21

Time: 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Heffner Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$115
Non-Resident \$125

The Masters and Me!

Monet, Faberge, Matisse, Arcimboldo and more! Little ones create their own masterpieces in the spirit of these great artists while learning about printing techniques, color mixing, collage, and fun! A \$20 materials fee due to instructor the first day of class.

When: Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21

Time: 9 – 10 a.m.

Location: Art Room – T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Resident \$55
Non-Resident \$60

U.S. Sports Institute Multi-Sports Camp

Ages 5 – 7



Experience 15 different sports from around the world, including cricket, rugby, hoops, and soccer. Positive, low-pressure, educational environment with coaches chosen for their ability to inspire, motivate, and encourage campers to develop their sporting capabilities as well as develop inter-personal and teamwork skills. For more information check out the U.S. Sports Institute website at www.ussportsinstitute.com. Please register for this camp through the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

When: Monday – Friday, July 10 – 14

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

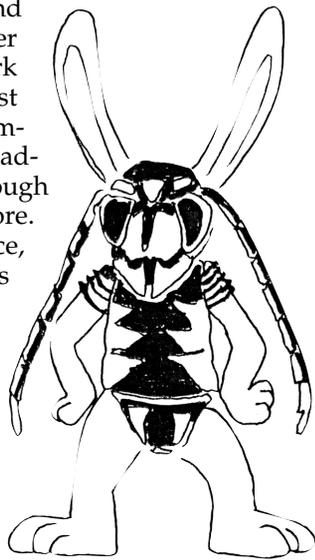
Location: Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School), 7510 Maple Avenue

Fee: T.P. City Residents \$135
Non-Residents \$155

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Oh No! The Bunnies Have Been Trashed!

Dave Burbank, the Library resident artist and improvisational storyteller, the spinner of summer reading club yarns and adventures, is hard at work on the most recent installment of the Summer Quest Bunny's latest shenanigans. This Bunny has accompanied children over the years in their summer reading through all sorts of perils and discoveries, through deserts, mountains, tunnels, outer space, and more. The whole journey mirrors real life, with chance, karma, and free choice all playing a role in what is read during the summer.



This summer, according to Burbank, the Bunny is accidentally discarded! In the trash! Whoa! How does he/she find health and happiness after such a trauma? The adventure begins around the time school ends. Local book expert Karen MacPherson lends her prowess to Dave's imagination to create an adventure to keep kids reading and adventuring all summer long.

Recreation

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Dog Training Classes

Instructor: Elizabeth Marsden of The Logical Dog, voted one of *Washingtonian Magazine's* Top Recommended Dog Trainers for 2006. Must have current vaccination records. Kids 10 and up with adult are welcome! Limited to six dogs. Indoor location. Six weeks. **No Class on July 1.**

When: Saturdays, June 17 - July 29
Location: Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue
Fee: T.P. City Resident \$85
 Non-Resident \$95

Puppy Kindergarten

Teach your pup or teenaged dog the foundation skills: attention, sit, come when called, leave it, and beginning leash walking. Positive reinforcement training using NO PUNISHMENTS and lots of fun. Learn what is and isn't normal doggy etiquette! Pups from four to eighteen months who are not aggressive toward other dogs or people are welcome.

Time: 10 - 11 a.m.

Basic Dog Manners

Teach your adult dog good manners: attention, sit, come when called, leave it, beginning leash walking and more. Positive reinforcement training using NO PUNISHMENTS and lots of fun. Dogs 18 months or older who are not aggressive toward other dogs or people are welcome.

Time: 11 a.m. - noon

Fun Day Program 2006

Grades K-5

Date: #11 Wednesday, June 14
Trip: Swimming at the Water Park
Time: 1 - 5 p.m.
Cost: T.P. City Resident \$10
 Non-Resident \$15

Adult Yoga

16 and older

Gentle flow focusing on increasing strength, flexibility, and balance. Other benefits include relaxation, stress relief, increased body awareness, and self-acceptance. All levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothing. Instructor: Sytera Field. Co-Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. Ten weeks.

When: Tuesdays, June 27 - September 5
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave
Fee: T.P. City Resident \$65
 Non-Resident \$70

No class on July 4.

Tai Chi For Healthier Lives

16 and Older

Tai Chi helps the weak to become strong, the strong gentle, the stiff agile and the mind and body to become harmonized. The goal is to develop a neutralized mind and relaxed body to face everyday challenges. Instructor: Christie-Sue Cheely. Co-Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. Ten weeks.

When: Thursdays, June 29 - August 31
Time: Beginner 7 - 8 p.m.
 Intermediate 8 - 9 p.m.
Location: Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Fee: T.P. City Resident \$60/session
 Non-Resident \$65/session

Belly Dancing

Ages 11 and up

Learn the foundations of this ancient Middle Eastern art form. Students learn movements of expression and muscle control as they explore the rhythms and melodies of Middle Eastern music. Suitable for all ages. No previous dance experience necessary. Wear comfortable, form-fitting attire that permits instructor to see the torso (to ensure correct movement); midriff baring is optional. Bring a scarf to tie around your hips. Instructor Amy Polk, Lusaka, a Takoma Park resident, has studied belly dancing for seven years, and has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Publick Playhouse, and other venues. Six weeks.

When: Mondays, July 10 - August 14
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Dance Studio, T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue
Fee: T.P. City Resident \$60
 Non-Resident \$70

Basic Piano

Beginners 1

For students with a little experience. Introduction to standard repertoire in classical, pop, blues, jazz and ragtime. A \$20 fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class for piano books and equipment shared by all four students. Four weeks.

When: Mondays, June 5 - 26
Time: Ages 6 - 8 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
 Ages 9 - 12 7:45 - 9 p.m.
When: Tuesdays, June 6 - 27
Time: Ages 13 - 15 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
 Ages 16 - 18 7:45 - 9 p.m.
Location: Rose Room, T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue
Fee: T.P. City Residents \$100
 Non Residents \$120

LIBRARY

Jillian Hershberger Begins Her Good Bye

By Jillian Hershberger

This little piece, though very short, is so laden with emotion that I cannot write much. I am leaving the Library, my home, after more than 20 years. After July 28 I am venturing forth to Santa Fe, New Mexico. I have lived so many adventures via the books in the children's collection, that now I think I had better live out an adventure myself before my only adventure IS through books.

Those of you who have been so very, very dear to me and your children who I have seen grow up, know that there are no words (though I deal in words) to express what I feel. I will say only that I will leave a book at the main desk for those who wish to leave an address for me, both street and email, so that I can write to you and invite you to come for a visit in New Mexico.

This farewell is too big for me to write more. What a wonderful community you have been, and what a totally incredible gift to me this has been to be the Queen of the Children's Room for so many years.



Photo by V. M. Kelly

Jillian Hershberger holds her favorite children's book, *Wind in the Willows*, in the Takoma Park, Maryland library where she has been children's librarian for many years. Hershberger is leaving the area in July.

Library Programs for June

Summer Session of the Twosies

For two-year-olds and parent or caregiver
 Preregistration required: group-size limited
 Four Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
 June 7, 14, 21, 28

Spanish Circle Time with Lupe Marks

Each Thursday at 10 a.m.
 Last session before summer break, June 8
 Spanish immersion for children
 18 months to five years
 No preregistration required!

Neighborhood Circle Time

Open to all preschoolers & their adults
 Each Tuesday at 10 a.m.
 Informal sing-alongs, poetry, finger games, and nursery tales
 Participant-leadership welcome
 All ages; no preregistration required



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

THE CRIME REPORT

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

Prepared by: Lt. Richard Cipperly

Robbery

On April 8 at 3:30 a.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd., an armed robbery occurred. An adult male was approached by six subjects who demanded money, then pushed him to the ground, searched his pockets and removed cash before fleeing on foot. The victim was slightly injured.

On April 13 at 10:50 p.m. in the 700 block of Hudson Ave., an adult male was standing outside of his home and was approached by two subjects who asked him for money. When the victim said he had no money, the subjects beat him and searched his pockets, walking away when they could not find anything. The victim was slightly injured.

On April 22 at 6:28 a.m. in the 6800 block of New Hampshire Ave., an assault and attempted armed robbery occurred. An adult female waiting at a bus stop was approached by a subject holding a knife who demanded money, then ordered the victim to go with him behind a building. When the victim refused, the subject stabbed her and fled. The victim was treated at a hospital for a non-life threatening wound.

On May 3 at 4:45 p.m. in the 7600 block of Hammond Ave., a strong armed robbery occurred. Two juvenile males standing outside their home were approached by two subjects in a dark Lexus. The subjects asked for money, then made the victims empty their pockets and took their property before fleeing in their car. The victims were not injured.

On May 6 at 12:45 a.m. in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Ave., an armed robbery occurred. An adult male and female were attending to a disabled vehicle when two subjects approached them, displayed a handgun and demanded money. When one subject reached into the victims vehicle to remove a purse, the female victim fled on foot, screaming. The subjects also fled on foot. Neither victim was injured.

Burglary

On April 7, between 9 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. in the 7300 block of Piney Branch Rd., a window screen was pried off an unsecured window to gain entry. Property was taken.

On April 14, between 6:45 a.m. and 9:20 p.m. in the unit block of Manor Circle, a residential burglary occurred when a front door was forced open. Property was taken.

On April 17, between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the 7600 block of Piney Branch Rd., a commercial building was entered through an unsecured window. Property was taken.

On April 21 at 2:27 a.m. in the 6500 block of New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary was attempted. The front door was damaged in the attempt.

Assault

On April 13 at 1:47 p.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd., an aggravated assault occurred. An adult male was hit in the head with a glass bottle by a subject he knew after a verbal argument. The subject fled on foot. The victim was taken to a hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

On April 14 at 3:55 a.m. in the 6600 block of Westmoreland Ave., a first degree assault occurred. An adult male and his girlfriend were arguing when the female hit the victim with an unknown sharp object several times causing lacerations and puncture wounds. The victim was treated for non-life threatening injuries at a hospital. Charges are pending.

On May 10 at 4:20 p.m. in the 7100 block of Cedar Ave., an assault occurred. A male juvenile noticed a group of seven subjects standing outside a convenience store as he exited the store. After walking a short distance, the victim noticed that the group was following him. The subjects approached and struck the victim several times before a passerby yelled at them to stop. They all fled on foot. The victim was slightly injured.

Auto Theft

Between April 8 at 12 p.m. and April 9 at 5:32 p.m. in the 8100 block of Flower Ave., a 1997 Ford Thunderbird was stolen by unknown method.

On April 12, between 1 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. in the 7600 block of Flower Ave., a window, the ignition and a door lock of 1999 Saturn were damaged in an auto theft attempt.

On April 14 at about 7 p.m. in the 7300 block of New Hampshire Ave., a 2004 Nissan Quest was stolen by unknown method.

On April 21 at approximately 9:08 p.m. at the intersection of Maple Ave. and Tulip Ave., the locks on a 1995 Ford Thunderbird were punched out, the

ignition damaged and the car stolen. It was found abandoned in the 1300 block of University Blvd. at 9:31 p.m.

Between April 28, unknown time and April 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the 7500 block of Glenside Dr., a 1996 Honda Civic was stolen by unknown method.

On May 9 between 1 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Ave., a 1994 Honda Accord was stolen by unknown method.

On May 11 between 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Ave., a 2005 Dodge Ram1500 was stolen by unknown method.

ARRESTS

On April 8 at 2:22 p.m. in the 7600 block of Maple Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with second degree assault after officers responded to a call for a domestic assault.

On April 8 at 1:43 p.m. in the 1100 block of University Blvd., a criminal citation for theft was issued to an adult male after a merchant reported a shoplifting.

On April 10 at 2 a.m. in the 7600 block of Maple Ave., an adult male was charged with possession of burglary tools, two counts of malicious destruction of property and rogue and vagabond.

On April 17 at 9:50 a.m. in the 7600 block of Piney Branch Rd., an adult male was arrested and charged with second degree assault.

On April 18 at 12:35 a.m. in the 7600 block of Carroll Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

On April 21 at 6:53 p.m. in the 7800 block of Carroll Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace and second degree assault on a police officer.

On April 27 at 1:17 p.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol.

On April 26 at 10:22 a.m. in the 8200 block of Houston Court, an adult male was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree assault after police responded to a call for a domestic assault.

On April 30 at 2:02 p.m. in the 6700 block of Cockerille Ave., an adult female was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia.

On May 2 at 1 a.m. in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Ave., criminal citations for underage (21) possession of alcohol were issued to two adult males.

On May 10 at 3 p.m. at the intersection of Flower Ave. and Houston Ave., a citation for unlawful possession of alcohol, under 21 was issued to a male juvenile.

On May 10 at 4:58 p.m. at the intersection of East West Hwy. and New Hampshire Ave., a male juvenile was arrested and charged with assault and an adult male was arrested and charged with possession of CDS, possession of CDS paraphernalia and possession of CDS with intent to distribute.

The Firehouse Report

As of April 30, 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 to 332 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 807 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,139 incidents this year. Totals for 2005 were 333 and 866, respectively, for a total of 1,199, representing a decrease of 60 incidents.

Takoma Park VFD Honors Its Own

On April 15 the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department held its Annual Awards Banquet to recognize its members for outstanding service during 2005.

Service Time Awards Chief Stephen LaScola (65), John Baker (55), Edwin Becker (40), Michael DeVore (35), Stephen Novik (30), Jerry Sanford (15), Lorraine Gilbert (10), Elmer Hamm (10) and Dave Hooker (10)

Response Awards Chief Stephen LaScola, Top Responder James Mullen, 2nd Place Michael Livingston, 3rd Place Stephen Novik, 4th Place Deanna Stewart

Standby Station Awards 1st Place Elmer Hamm, 2nd Place James Mullen, 3rd Place Deanna Stewart, 4th Place Michael Livingston, 5th Place Bruce Allen

Congratulations to all for an outstanding job.

Baby Sitting Graduates

On March 27, 2006 the following took their final exam, and passed with flying colors! Kareem Dell, Connor Dowd, Ruth Pankl, Vando Chaitoo, Halima Manguera, Amina Manguera, Asia Fox, Evan Holliday, Pilar Ocampo, Honey Tsedkya, Carlos Rojas and Monique Badio. Note: Chanell Hedgepeth also completed the course, she took her exam at a later date. Assisting Chief Jim Jarboe were Sandy Egan, Cpl. Jerome Erwin, TPPD, and EMTs Tom Horne and Mike Livingston, TPVFD. The next class will be in September, if interested please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department.



Take Care With Gasoline Engines

Lawnmowers, motor bikes, chainsaws, and lawn-and-garden tractors are useful machines that require the safe handling of gasoline. A single spark can ignite gasoline vapors, causing fire and explosion. Allow gasoline-powered engines to cool completely before refueling them. After filling the tank, close the gasoline container before starting the engine. Soak up spills using clay cat-box litter. When refilling a portable gasoline container, set it on the ground first. Never fill gasoline containers while they are in a car truck or on a truck bed. Make sure that portable gasoline containers are never completely full. Gasoline vapors expand under ordinary climate conditions and could build up dangerous pressure levels in a too-full container. Leave some room for expansion and be sure the container is capped tightly. Transport gasoline in your trunk with the trunk lid ajar. Never carry containers of gasoline in your car's passenger compartment. Never smoke around gasoline or other flammable liquids.

Safe Return Program Helps Alzheimer s Patients

Safe Return® is a nationwide identification and support program of the Alzheimer s Association, working at the community level, to assist in the safe return of patients who wander and become missing. Alzheimer s disease causes patients to lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces, becoming lost and disoriented, even in their own neighborhood.

As many as 60 percent of Alzheimer s patients will wander and, if not located within 24 hours, half of those can suffer serious injury or death. By registering in Safe Return the patient has specific information on file and an identification bracelet or other token. One call to the association s 24-hour help-line initiates a support network and faxes information and a photograph to local law enforcement. An officer finding a disoriented enrollee can call the number on the identification bracelet.

Enrollment may be made by mail, phone, or on-line. Enrolling involves filling out a simple form, supplying a photograph and choosing the type of identification product that the enrollee will wear and/or carry. The enrollment fee is \$40 but scholarships may be available to those who cannot afford the fee. Information required is: enrollee s name and contact information, identifying characteristics (height, weight, eye color, distinguishing marks and characteristics, etc.), exact wrist measurement in inches (required when ordering a bracelet); up to three contact names, addresses, and phone numbers (more can be added, if necessary); and local law enforcement information (address, phone and fax numbers). Payment may be made by credit card.

When enrolling a Takoma Park resident in the program, indicate Takoma Park Police as the law enforcement contact, at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; telephone 301-270-1100 and fax 301-891-3284. For more information, see www.alz.org/safereturn or call 1-888-572-8566.



Emergency Preparedness & Neighborhood Safety

Take a Night Out Against Crime

Whether you are a Neighborhood Safety Contact or someone who just cares about a strong and safe neighborhood, now is the time to begin planning for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1, an opportunity to celebrate your neighborhood and crime prevention. Safe neighborhoods through community involvement has been a goal of this national program since its inception.

It s a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie, said Matt Peskin, who started the concept in 1984 as director of the National Association of Town Watch. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs, and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy, and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It is a night to celebrate crime prevention successes and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.

While the traditional lights on and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings. Crime prevention is improved in a community that demonstrates concern for neighbors and safety.

Call the COP Team at 301-891-7124, for help in planning an event small or more expansive that addresses the concerns of your neighborhood.

Basic steps include:

- Identify your neighborhood s major safety concern
- Choose an activity to address the concern
- Choose a location. If required, reserve space or petition for street closure for a block party
- Contact your Sector Specialist for ideas of safety materials to share
- Request visits by the Chief, the canine unit, detectives, or other officers
- Organize games or entertainment for children, if needed
- Identify contact persons to coordinate publicity and food, if desired

Some ideas for your neighborhood s celebration:

- Conduct a door-to-door recruitment drive for your citizen patrol
- Demonstrate the ease of using an engraving tool to mark property, an important safeguard for personal property protection
- Arrange a mass registration of bikes
- Install theft deterrent screws on license plates
- Request a demonstration from the canine unit
- Learn how speed measuring devices operate and traffic stops are conducted
- A block party or barbeque, whether in a front yard or neighborhood park, is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

The ideas are endless; let your beat officers know what your neighborhood is doing to celebrate National Night Out by calling Sgt. Kurt Gilbert, 301-891-7124, or Cpl. Tina Smith, 301-891-7101 ext. 5615.

POLICE NEWS

Resident Dies After Flower Avenue Robbery

A Takoma Park man died from a gunshot wound sustained in a robbery in the 8600 block of Flower Avenue, Monday, May 15 about 10 p.m. The victim reportedly complied with property demands after which one shot was fired.

Victor Dao, 66, of the 8600 block of Flower Avenue, was taken to a Washington hospital where he died at about 1 a.m.

The suspects are described as two black males, dressed in black clothes wearing ski masks. One ran from the scene, threatening witnesses who had responded to the sound of shots. Other witnesses described a vehicle leaving the scene as a dark (possibly blue, grey, or green) late model SUV.

Takoma Park investigators are consulting with agencies in adjacent jurisdictions, including Montgomery County Police. No further information regarding the suspect was available at press time.

Crime Solvers of Montgomery County will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for the tip that leads to the identity, arrest and indictment of those responsible. If you have any information regarding this crime, please call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or the Takoma Park Police at 301-270-1100. As always, when you call Crime Solvers, you never need to leave your name, just the information.

The Victim Rights Foundation has pledged up to \$4,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction bringing the reward total to \$5,000.

Door to Door Sales: By The Rules

City code now allows canvassers for some nonprofit agencies to go door-to-door without a City permit or identification badge. This change reflects recent Court decisions and affects those whose primary purpose is making contact to enlist support for or against a particular religion, philosophy, ideology, political party, issue, or candidate. In general, most persons going door-to-door must have a permit and ID.

All peddlers, transient merchants, and junk or secondhand dealers must first obtain a license. All solicitors must obtain a permit from the City Clerk, except for city residents who are soliciting on behalf of a nonprofit organization or candidate for public office as long as they are not selling goods on behalf of a for-profit business.

A solicitor, who must have a permit, has the primary purpose of obtaining a donation. A canvasser, who does not need a permit, has the primary purpose of promoting an idea, but may incidentally accept donations. Any canvassing group that will be accepting donations, should advise the police in advance that they will be canvassing by stating the organization s name, the names of individuals accepting funds, and a description of any vehicles involved.

Canvassers, licensees, and permit holders may conduct business only between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Residents may post a sign, at least 4 by 6 inches, stating solicitors prohibited or solicitors and canvassers prohibited at their residence or business.

Police may require persons to show their identification badge and permit upon request. Residents are encouraged to call the Police at 301-270-1100 if they are uncertain or uncomfortable about anyone going door-to-door. Officers will be dispatched to assure the legitimacy of their business.

A common scam at this time of year are offers to do small household repairs. While doing a small, inexpensive repair, the thief discovers other, more expensive, work he/she claims needs immediate attention. Elderly persons are often targets.

A resident should ask to see the City permit required for any solicitation going on in the City. Most reputable companies and many good repair workers are licensed by MHIC. Major work should be accomplished by licensed plumbers and electricians and usually requires a county work permit. If a question exists about the need for a repair, residents can request advice from Housing and Code Enforcement, 301-891-7119.

Plan For Home Safety During Vacation

Plan to keep your home safe while you are on vacation, whether a few days or longer. The Takoma Park Police offer a House Check for home owners who will be away for more than three days, leaving an unoccupied house. Officers will patrol daily to look for signs of any problems.

Remember to create an appearance of occupancy:

- Put lights and a radio on an automatic timer
- Stop delivery of newspapers and mail or arrange for a pick-up and hold of these items
- Arrange for garbage and recycling cans to be put out and returned
- If away for an extended period, arrange for lawn mowing.

The House Check cannot be used if pet sitters or others will be in the home during your absence. The police should be given information about vehicles that will be parked at or near the home during the absence.

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Photo by Carol Bannerman

Takoma Park Police officers attended a May 13 wreath-laying by Maryland State Troopers at Toatley-Fraser Park on Eastridge Avenue in Takoma Park, at the opening of National Police Week. Cpl. Edward Toatley was an undercover participant in a multi-jurisdictional drug investigation when he was killed by a suspect.



Photo by Carol Bannerman

PFC Kristian Pedersen took the oath of office in May, joined by Mayor Kathy Porter and Operations Commander Capt. Ed Coursey. He rejoined the Takoma Park Police in May after testing law enforcement work in a nearby jurisdiction. Ofc. Pedersen's family lived for many years in the City and he was 2003 Officer of the Year.

Seniors Class For Older Drivers

The AARP Driver Safety course will be offered June 8 and 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center. The eight-hour classroom course is being sponsored by the Takoma Park Police Community-Oriented Policing squad. The course, open to anyone aged 50 years or older, is designed to sharpen driving skills, compensate for normal age-related changes, and help motorists drive more safely by reducing traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries. Generally, older motorists have problems in driving situations that require quick response, full vision, and interaction with other drivers. These will be addressed in the class, taught by an experienced motorist, trained by the AARP.

Registration for the course is \$10 per person, covering all materials and refreshments. The class will meet in the third-floor Atrium Meeting Room. Class size is limited to 20 people, who must be at least 50 years of age (unless registering with someone that age). Call 301-891-7124 for more information.

Free Visual Smoke Alarms

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department has visual smoke alarms available. If you know someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, please contact the fire station at 301-270-8209.

Parking Permits Available By Mail

Parking permits expire June 30 for designated permit-parking areas throughout the city. To encourage early registration, the Police Department will offer permits by mail, as well as through in-person purchasing.

Complete the attached form and return it, with payment, to the Police Department. Photocopies of the current vehicle registration card for each vehicle and a driver's license for at least one owner must be submitted with this form. Attachments must show a current Takoma Park address in the requested permit area.

A decal and year sticker for each registered vehicle will be mailed back within three business days of receipt. Two visitor parking permits will be included for each address. An additional \$1 will be charged for permits sent by mail.

Permit parking areas are established at the request of neighborhood residents throughout the city who request that street parking be limited to ease a problem of commuter parking on residential streets.

The Permit-by-Mail program is available only to residential addresses. Be sure to include day and evening phone numbers in case questions arise in processing.

Businesses operating in a permit area must apply in person, submitting the names of employees on a company letterhead with their request. Not more than three permits are allowed per business, which must show evidence of a currently-operated business and current payment of personal property taxes.

A limited number of one-year Area B permits are available to residents who live farther than .75 miles from the Takoma Metro station. Nine Area B permits will be available only through in-person application at the Police Administration window, on a first-come/first-served basis, beginning Monday, June 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The space for Area B parking was decreased in 2004 due to Metropolitan Trail construction. At the time, nine permits had been distributed and the Council agreed to continue offering that number in the future. Applicants will need to show all normal identification and vehicle registration. An Area B permit is designated to park in a specific block.

Questions regarding permit parking can be answered at 301-891-7102 during regular business hours. This form may also be accessed on-line at www.takomaparkmd.gov/police.

Permit-Area Parking (please print legibly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Takoma Park State: MD Zip Code: _____ - _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

- A photocopy of the current registration card for each vehicle is attached.
- A photocopy of the current Driver's License for at least one resident is attached.
- Apply a 50% discount for hybrid or all-electric vehicles.

Vehicle #1

_____ (license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

Vehicle #2

_____ (license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

Vehicle #3

_____ (license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

Postage and handling for Permits by Mail, add \$1.00.

List additional vehicles on a separate sheet. Current registration showing the address in the permit parking area must be attached for each.

Two Visitor Permits will be included per household that purchases a permit.

Return this form to: TPPD, Permit Parking, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Permits will be mailed within three business days of receipt.

TPPD Use Only:

___ Area 1 ___ Area 1A ___ Area 2 ___ Area 2A ___ Area 3 ___ Area 4

New Hampshire Avenue

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In the Zone

Meanwhile, staff is spreading the word to current business owners and potential developers about Enterprise Zone tax incentives to help revitalize the area. The zone designation qualifies businesses within the corridor for federal and state tax abatements and deductions, loan assistance, and other programs to spur economic development. The Takoma Park Enterprise Zone began in March 2003, but without a good understanding of the benefits and how to apply, relatively few have taken advantage of it.

To accelerate the process, the City is now sponsoring workshops and meetings to help existing and prospective businesses navigate the bureaucratic system. Whatever information the businesses need, we're working to help them take that first step, said City Planner David Suls.

Besides the renovation at Hamp-

shire Towers, there is already an office building well underway on Orchard Avenue, a block off New Hampshire, south of the VFW. EZStorage just opened a new facility on Holton Lane, which has several new storefronts available for lease. The VFW itself is up for sale, along with several properties along or near New Hampshire Avenue. There has been a proposal for a self-storage facility at Eastern and New Hampshire as well, though City Council questioned that choice for the Maryland/Takoma Park gateway and the project is on hold. Still, other developers continue to express interest in the area. It seems only a matter of time before redevelopment begins in earnest.

Promoting Economic Development

The New Hampshire Avenue area initiatives included in the Council's fiscal year 2007 budget include:

- **Marketing** the Enterprise Zone to developers
- **Facilitating** business networking, training, and information
- **Initiating** a Business Watch program, to help business owners reduce crime
- **Implementing** streetscape improvements along Holton Lane, including decorative lighting and shade trees
- **Partnering** with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties on planning for the Takoma/Langley Crossroads in preparation for the Bi-county Transit Way
- **Working** with Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs to maintain and improve the City's affordable housing
- **Possible:** Hiring an additional code enforcement officer to ensure regular inspection and enforcement of property maintenance code violations along the corridor
- **Continuing** work with the tenants association to finalize purchase and renovation of Hampshire Towers

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better, says Ludlow. We have been trying for many years to have a site established that not only was a pickup site ... but would [offer] social services and classes, so that those who didn't get work would still have a productive day.

That's not what Mendez is having today. But usually he does find work, because I speak English and have skills, particularly in landscaping. He held one job for two years, until the company went out of business. Now, the tough jobs he picks up at the site-like digging might pay \$15 an hour, and others promise just \$10. Often he gets less than promised; once, after a long Metro ride to a job site, he was given just \$5 an hour.

Mendez left his native El Salvador 16 years ago, zigzagged through California, Arizona, and Colorado and arrived in Maryland six years ago. He sends much of the money he earns to his wife, two kids, and aging parents at home. Visiting them is difficult, but he says economic circumstances in El Salvador make return unfeasible.

Mendez is grateful for the trailer facility. Takoma Park is helping us, nobody else wants to help me. Takoma Park is doing that because Takoma Park is great.

How long the temporary center operates, and whether Prince Georges County finishes what Takoma Park has begun, remains a work in progress. We're going to try and hang in there until a site is found, says Ludlow. And I do hope it's sooner rather than later.

Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, Inc.

www.aggw.org

is seeking volunteers to help organize alternative gift fairs in the DC area during the 2006 holiday season.

Please contact Gina at aggw_inc@yahoo.com for more information.

Takoma Park City TV June 2006 Programming Schedule

	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	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Local Events
12:00 Midnight	Takoma Park Snapshots	NASA Programming	Takoma Park Snapshots		Haiti a Suivre		
1:00 AM	Road to Recovery		Community Bulletin Board				

Programming subject to change without notice.

Takoma Park City TV Events in June 2006

City TV crews have been where you've been the last few months! Be sure to join City TV crews at the Takoma Park JazzFest on June 10 at Jequie Park. June Special Local Events will also include the Pedestrian Safety Dialogue and the Affordable Housing Forum. Be sure to catch replays of the Azalea Awards Redux sponsored by the Takoma Foundation and the Takoma Voice on May 13. Specific times for these events can be located on our web site, and are also available for viewing on the website. (www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable).

Live events in June will include four Candidate Forums on June 8, 13, 22, and 29, sponsored by the *Takoma Voice* and other community groups to include candidates for local, state, and federal elections this November.

Takoma Snapshots in June includes:

- Community Oriented Policing: Using Tone Alarm Systems
- House and Garden Tour
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Gang Prevention Center Press Conference
- Soap Box Derby
- New Hampshire Economic Development Bus Tour

Visit our Web site at www.TakomaParkMD.gov/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.

Selected City TV programming, including Council meetings, Snapshots and the bulletin board, is now available on the website as a live and archived web-stream. All Council meetings and Snapshots episodes are also 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 for more information.

Takoma Park City TV
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7118

Email: cabletv@takomagov.org
Web: www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable

Takoma Park JazzFest

To Feature Instruments Seldom Heard

The Takoma Park JazzFest will show off some instruments not often seen on a jazz stage on Saturday, June 10, with its production of *Odd Instruments*. The free seven-set festival produced by Dave Lorentz will run from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Jeque Park, Fenton St. and Takoma Ave., Takoma Park, Md, rain or shine.

Singer Karen Lovejoy, winner of the coveted Jammie Award at this year's edition of the JazzFest's Jazz Band Brawl contest, will open the festival at 11 a.m. The parade of unusual instruments starts in the 12:10 p.m. set with Razz m Jazz m, a skiffle band featuring musical saw, slide whistle and other informal instruments. More usually seen in classical music, violin, viola, and cello will be the mainstays of Susan Jones' Classical Jazz Ensemble at 1:20. While scat singers are not really odd, the idea of an improvising voice could be considered somewhat strange. Nicki Gonzales with the Brazilian-style Trio Valanca will demonstrate in the 2:30 set.

An open jam session will occupy the 3:40 position in the JazzFest, so bring your axe! Improvising Caribbean steel drums will be highlighted with D.C. Steel, a group formed especially for the JazzFest, starting at 4:50. Odd instrument specialist and JazzFest headliner Scott Robinson, part of the New York scene, will close the festival beginning at 6 p.m. On bass sax, sitting on the floor as the player stands up to reach the mouthpiece, and theremin, the first electronic instrument, often heard in old horror and science fiction movies, he straddles the traditional/modern line. Brother David Robinson on cornet will join him for the trad tunes.

For the first time at the JazzFest, there will also be music during intermissions. The Colossal Congress of Calliopists will play the full-voiced circus keyboard instrument. Delegates to the Congress will include JazzFest producer Dave Lorentz, calliope owner/circus musician Rev. David Tetrault, B.B. King keyboardist Daryl Davis, young Robert Redd protege Jake Harper and ragtimer Dan Mouyard.

In addition to the music, there will be food vendors, artists/crafters, community tables, business tables, and a special jazz flea market. The audience will be protected from weather by the festival tent, and there will be free parking at the nearby Montgomery College Parking Garage. A playground is close to the music.

Sponsors are RCN, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Takoma Foundation, WPFM-FM, City of Takoma Park and Maryland State Arts Council. For more information, please call 301-589-4433 or visit www.tpjazzfest.org.

Students Drive To Clean Up Community



Jaleesa Akins, Kathy Escobar and Kathleen DaSilva of Takoma Academy wheel a shopping cart of litter collected during the Earth Day clean-up at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. More than 450 students from John Nevins Andrews School, Sligo Adventist School, and Takoma Academy left chalkboards and classrooms behind to join them, cleaning up the neighborhood on Monday, April 24. Coordinated by the Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACS), they stayed busy picking up trash, trimming weeds, and showing themselves to be engaged members of the community.

Adventist institutions and the City of Takoma Park go back a long way together and we want to continue to partner in ways like this clean-up drive as an Earth Day activity, that makes the city even more attractive as a place to live for individuals and families, said Ron Wylie, director of ACS.

Celebrating The Creative Spirit Of Our Community

The City of Takoma Park and the
Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission
are proud to present the

Takoma Park Poetry Series

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland

— • —
Thursday, June 8 • 7 p.m.

**Anne Dykers
Alan Rubenstein**

— • —
Thursday, July 13 • 7 p.m.

Open Reading
featuring any who'd like to read,
including Robert Ginsberg and Grant LaRouche

— • —
For more information contact
ahc@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7224

Summer Baseball Camp With Thunderbolts

Are you thinking about baseball camp for your children this summer? Check out the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts baseball camps for boys and girls 8 to 16. With Thunderbolts players as the coaches, the kids learn baseball skills and have fun. After camp, in the evenings, they can attend Thunderbolts games where they can watch the Thunderbolts and cheer for their coaches. We do not promise that the camper will be learning from a future major leaguer (although five former players have signed minor league contracts). But we do promise that he or she will learn from 20-year-olds who are playing baseball at a very high level. The camps are overseen by Gordon Pavy, long-time baseball instructor in the Silver Spring and Takoma Park areas. On-field instruction is headed up by Drew Zachery, Thunderbolts assistant coach and head baseball coach at Paint Branch High School.

The camp dates are July 10-14; July 17-21; and July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. They will be held at Nolte Local Park, 200 Denver Ave., Silver Spring. The cost is \$180 for registrations received before May 1. After that, the weekly cost increases \$15. A sibling discount of \$15 and multi-session discounts (\$15 for two weeks and \$25 for three weeks) are also available. We are also offering specialty camps July 3 (pitching); July 5 (hitting); July 6 (pitching) and July 7 (hitting/fielding) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the same location for \$100/day. If there is sufficient interest, aftercare will be offered from 3-6 p.m. each day for an additional charge.

Thunderbolts coaches will teach campers fundamentals in hitting, fielding, mechanics, position play in the infield and outfield, catching, and values and discipline. We provide bats, balls, and equipment. Campers bring their own gloves and lunch. Each camper gets a Thunderbolts T-shirt. Additional information on the camps and a registration form are available at the Thunderbolts web site, www.tbolts.org, or by phone at 301-270-0598 or by email at camps@tbolts.org.