**Taking Stock: How Green Is Takoma Park?**

By Virginia Myers Kelly

How green is Takoma Park? Is “Tree City” living up to its reputation as a pioneering environmental Mecca?

Anyone who has lived here knows that recycling helps define the city and composting is considered hip. We had trash police before other municipalities knew the difference between type 2 and 3 plastics, and city staff rooted through garbage to ensure residents were properly separating paper, plastic, and glass. But now recycling is ubiquitous. Where does the city stand in a world where many municipalities have caught up and caught on to environmentalism?

Following is a snapshot of Takoma Park’s environmental policies, from the beginning of its recycling program to the white-painted roof of the new community center. Based on a conversation with Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite, this bird’s eye view sums up programs specific to the city government, so it is in no way comprehensive. Next month, we’ll take a look at programs beyond the municipality, promulgated by involved citizens, and we’ll include comments from the city’s environmental committee.

The wheels on the trucks

Six years ago, Takoma Park pioneered biodiesel in its trucks and other diesel equipment. It was the second foray into alternative fuels — the first, compressed natural gas, was less successful. Braithwaite explains that the technology was so new then that its quirks hadn’t been resolved, and the fuel burned so dirty the vehicles couldn’t pass their emissions tests.

Bio-diesel was a much happier story. Although it costs 20 to 70 cents per gallon more than regular petroleum, it reduces harmful emissions dramatically. The mix the city uses, 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent petroleum diesel, reduces hydrocarbons and particulate emissions by 30 percent each, helping reduce smog, ozone formation, and air pollution. Using biodiesel instead of petroleum reduces carbon monoxide and sulfur oxides by 20 percent and organic chemicals by 13 percent. With some 20 diesel vehicles, including trucks, leaf machines, backhoe and bobcat, the impact of using biodiesel is significant. It costs about $13,000 annually.

Hybrids, cars that use part gasoline and part electricity, have made a big splash in the general marketplace, with big name movie stars flaunting their environmentalism on the red carpet. Though their use is more limited, Takoma Park jumped on the environmental bandwagon and bought a hybrid in 2002. The Toyota Prius has been a great success, and Braithwaite would like to purchase more hybrids, as city vehicles need replacing — though they will not serve as police vehicles, and un-available.

For more information on the budget, see the April 2006 Newsletter (on the proposal package) and the minutes or the web-based video archives of City Council meetings on the city’s web site, takomaparkmd.gov.

**Council Finalizes City Budget for FY07**

The City Council finalized a $19.8 million budget on June 12, after weeks of work sessions and a public hearing in May. The exact budget, $19,792,767, is substantially the same as the city manager’s proposed budget, which was presented in April (see Newsletter, April 2006).

The final budget is $488,847 more than the city manager’s proposed budget. Most of the change was attributable to two factors: higher than anticipated costs for employee health insurance and the carryover of FY2006 capital projects and equipment. These capital expenditures include the purchase of take-home police vehicles, a pick-up truck and a dump truck for Public Works, money for a fueling system, and gateway signage.

The City Council added $75,000 for the Safe Takoma cross-jurisdictional crime initiative and increased funding for pedestrian safety/traffic calming projects by $55,000 (for a total of $100,000). The final budget also recognized a supplemental grant of $26,000 that the City received for the CSAFE initiative in the Takoma-Langley area. CSAFE, an acronym for Collaborative Supervised and Focused Enforcement, is a shared-information, cross-jurisdictional system of law enforcement.

Also important to note is the addition of $180,000 for the installation of an elevator cab in the existing shaft constructed as part of Phase One of the Community Center project. Final pricing for the installation was received after submission of the city manager’s proposed budget.

The property tax rate remains where city manager Barbara Matthews set it in her original budget proposal, at .63 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

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**Give Input on New Police Chief**

Chief Cindy Creamer will retire at the end of July after serving the City of Takoma Park for 30 years. City Manager Barb Matthews is developing a candidate profile that will be made available to potential applicants. The candidate profile will set forth the short- and long-term issues that the new Chief will need to address, as well as the professional and interpersonal traits the City is seeking in the new Chief.

The City Manager welcomes your input on these matters as she develops the candidate profile. Comments may be sent to Chief_Search@takomaparkmd.gov or by mail to City Manager, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912.
City Council and Committee Calendar

Monday, July 3 - Council Meeting Cancelled
Tuesday, July 4 - City Offices Closed for the Independence Day Holiday
Tuesday, July 6 - Meeting of the Recreation Committee, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Azalea Room)
Monday, July 10 - Interviews, Special Session and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Tuesday, July 11 - Meeting of the Tree Commission, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)
Tuesday, July 11 - Meeting of the Committee on the Environment, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Tuesday, July 11 - Meeting of the Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m. (Montgomery College Provoost’s Conference Room)
(Tentative) Thursday, July 13 - Meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)
Monday, July 17 - Public Hearings, Interviews, Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Monday, July 24 - Special Session and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Tuesday, July 25 - Meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Wednesday, July 26 - Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)
Thursday, July 27 - Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, 6:30 a.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)
Monday, July 31 - Closed Session, Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)
Tuesday, August 1 - Monday, September 4 - Proposed City Council Summer Recess

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 agenda by e-mail, contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267.

Committee Vacancies

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 on this committee to foster communication among interested parties and the Council in the ongoing process for the development of the Community Center. Information about the committee is available on the City’s 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 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.

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 Ordinance.

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.

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.

May 22, 2006 - Regular Meeting
Resolution 2006-31 was adopted, recognizing the contributions of Mary Stoever (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Resolution 2006-32 was adopted, thanking the Takoma Foundation for its contributions to the Community Center (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Resolution 2006-9 was adopted at second reading by roll-call vote, authorizing transfer of land to Montgomery County for fire station rear parking area (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Resolution 2006-33 was adopted, noting the City’s intention to enter the national flood insurance program (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

June 5, 2006 - Special Session
Ordinance 2006-19, adopting the FY07 Tax Rate, was adopted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Ordinance 2006-20, adopting the FY07 Stormwater Budget, was accepted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Ordinance 2006-21, adopting the FY07 Management and Non-Union Staff Pay Plan, was accepted at first reading (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).
Ordinance 2006-22, adopting the FY07 Single Reading Ordinance 2006-24 was adopted by roll-call vote, approving the purchase of a dump truck and a pickup truck for the Public Works Department (VOTING FOR: Porter, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Austin-Lane).
Single Reading Ordinance 2006-25 was adopted by roll-call vote, awarding a contract for the installation of precast concrete walls for the Public Works salt dome (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

Notice of Public Hearings

Monday, July 17, 2006
The Takoma Park City Council will hold public hearings on Monday, July 17, 2006 to take comments on the following:

- Traffic Calming (Speed Hump) Request — 6800 block of Woodland Avenue
- Traffic Calming (Speed Hump) Request — 6700 block of Conway Avenue
- Establishment of a Residential Permit Parking Area in Ward 2, to include the 6700 block of Prince George’s Avenue, the 6700 block of Conway Avenue, the 400 and 500 blocks of Belford Place, the 6700 block of New Hampshire Avenue, and the 6800 block of Belford Drive

The public hearing will be held at approximately 7:50 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard) in the Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Residents are urged to attend the meeting to express their views. Written comments addressed to City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, will also be made part of the record. For further information, contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 (or e-mail JessieC@takomagov.org).
Old Town Takoma Sports Two New Businesses

By Susan Holliday

Play's the thing for two Old Town retail businesses that opened this spring on Carroll Ave.

The owner of Fair Day's Play is banking on local people preferring to drop into his shop for sporting goods and toys rather than drive to Rockville or Bethesda. “What they have to spend on gas and parking now!” exclaims owner Robert Pleasure. And the larger chains don't even stock many of the goods on his shelves.

Fair Day’s Trade is committed to carrying products that are either U.S.-union made or from countries with child labor. “Some people are only concerned with price,” says Lundahl, “but in our sports programs we're concerned about kids, so we should be concerned about kids everywhere, but says that as soon as customers ask for products, he orders them. “Dungeons and Dragons must be big in Takoma Park,” he muses, unaware of the popular Takoma Park Recreation Department after-school club. After filling a patron's request for those game supplies, the D&D stock became a top seller. The shop also carries hard-to-find games and puzzles, and plans to boost its inventory of preschool and toddler toys.

Pleasure discovered that occupying a specialty market can be a magnet for distant consumers. One June afternoon a customer from Bowie, Md., stopped by looking specifically for fair-trade volleyball for her league. She bought six on the spot. “I feel better about buying these balls,” says Sandy Lundahl from the Sport 4 All league. She wants to be sure her equipment was produced without child labor. “Some people are only concerned with price,” says Lundahl, “but in our sports programs we're concerned about kids, so we should be concerned about kids everywhere, not just Bowie.”

The store also stocks unions and fair-trade sports apparel and offers deals on bulk orders of clothing, complete with logos, slogans, or other artwork.

Takoma Park Rides

When asked why he set up shop in Old Town Takoma, the manager of Takoma Park Bikes responds, “Why not?”

“Tons of people ride all the time here,” says manager Andy Goya. “People here aren't married to their cars.”

The shop opened in March after Goya noticed a vacancy sign on the building. He's worked in the cycling industry all his life, he says, racing BMX, mountain and road bikes, promoting and officiating at races, training racers. “Biking's been my life,” he says. With the retail space available, he got financial backing from a group of independent owners (who wish to remain anonymous, says Goya) and opened the store with the goal of becoming “a mainstay of the Takoma Park community,” he says.

There's no mistaking that the store sells bikes. A bright yellow spray-painted bike frame perches out front.

Playing with Parking Options

Parking in Old Town might get easier.

That's what city planners hope will happen, as they consider several options for increasing the number of places people can park in the busy business district.

Although property owner John Urciolo has delayed construction of a multi-level parking garage on his tract on Eastern near Laurel Avenue, the City is considering loaning him funds to develop a surface lot of approximately 30 spaces on the site, with an entrance from Eastern Avenue, according to Takoma Park Senior Planner Ilona Blanchard.

Planners are also studying the possibility of a municipal parking district. Currently much of Old Town's parking is on private property, meant only for the property's tenants and designated business customers. If it were a parking district, the City would lease spaces from private property owners and make them available to the public. Participating businesses would then pay a fee to the parking district rather than pay their landlords for parking, as many now do. With an increased number of public parking spaces available in this way, more businesses could qualify for permits from Montgomery County to open and expand.

To acquire and maintain more spaces, it would be likely that they would be metered. While Takoma Park patrons may groan at that prospect, Blanchard points out that paying for parking spaces increases customer turnover and “ensures that spaces for customers are used by customers and not by people riding Metro.” Blanchard says the City staff will carefully weigh this option, particularly to determine if income from Old Town and Takoma Junction parking spaces can offset the cost of maintenance.

Whether or not the number of parking spaces grows or becomes more likely rather than private, the area has many spaces people just don't know about, says Blanchard. Tucked off driveways, behind a row of shops, or in nooks around the corner, the parking spots don't support business if potential patrons don't know they exist. The Main Street Takoma Economic Restructuring Committee is looking into developing a map of available Old Town/Takoma Junction parking lots to advertise to driving customers. Other cities that participate in the Main Street Maryland program, as does Old Town Takoma Park, say such maps have helped their businesses.

—S. Holliday
Capital Improvement Petitions 8316 Flower Avenue (2006-14L)
On May 10, a capital improvement petition was approved for a rent increase of $85 on one unit at the property. The improvements included painting and renovation of the apartment.

657 Houston Avenue (2006-17L)
On May 8, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from $10.14 to $13.52 on all 19 units at the property. The improvements included replacing the rooftop exhaust fans, new thermostat and relief valve in water heater, and replacing the existing roof.

10 Manor Circle (2006-21L)
On May 12, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from $31.36 to $47.19 on all 28 units at the property. The improvement included electrical upgrades.

Hampshire Towers Sold, Going Part Condo

In a double-impact event last month, Tenacity Group, LLC, in partnership with Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC) and the Hampshire Towers Tenants Association, bought Hampshire Towers with the intent of turning it into half owned-condominiums, half rental units. The purchase, reported at $15.3 million, both opens up the possibility for home ownership at below-market prices to a population often shut out by unattainable prices, while at the same time preserving rental units for lower-income families and others who choose not to buy.

The property, at 7333 New Hampshire Avenue, is a 450-unit set of two high-rise buildings; 232 units will go condo, while 218 will be rented. It is the largest rental facility in Takoma Park to be purchased under the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Ordinance, which gives tenants the option to buy when their buildings change hands. Mailbox

Air Conditioning Increases Fees

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

A landlord contacted the Mailbox regarding fees he wants to charge for the increased cost in the electrical service associated with landlord-provided window air conditioners. The landlord noted that electricity is included in the rent, but he has always charged a fee for the increased electrical costs during the summer months. He states he is also increasing the rental fee for the window air conditioners from $25 to $33 per month from May through September. The landlord also advised that he sent a written notice to his tenants on April 15 regarding the increase that would start on May 1 and now one tenant is complaining about the increase.

Landlords who have previously charged their tenants an conditioning fee for increased electricity, for renting an air conditioner from the landlord, and for installing/removing the air conditioner are allowed to change the fees pursuant to Section 6.16.110 of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law.

Increased Electricity Costs – Section 6.16.110 B indicates this amount must be for the actual amount the landlord is charged by the utility company. Landlords at the request of the tenant must provide the tenant with copies of the applicable bills from the utility provider and an explanation of how the fee to the tenant was calculated.

Air Conditioner Rental-Section 6.16.110 C indicates that the fee for renting an air conditioner may not exceed the maximum fee established by Department of Housing Regulations, Takoma Park Administrative Regulation #03-06, which became effective on December 1, 2003, indicates that the maximum monthly fee for the use (rental) of an air conditioner is $35 and this fee may only be charged for the months of May through September. Tenants may, if permitted by their lease, provide their own window air conditioners if the unit is equivalent in size, configuration and energy efficiency standards to the air conditioners being rented from the landlord.

Air Conditioner Installation/Removal-Section 6.16.110 C. 2 indicates that this fee must be the actual cost for performing the installation or removal of the air conditioner. Tenants may request verification of the service cost.

While the landlord's air conditioner rental fee in this situation is appropriate, the written advisement provided to the tenants indicating the increase does not provide the tenants sufficient notice of the increase. The written notice about the increase was given to the tenants on April 15 and was to take effect on May 1. Section 6.16.110 D of the city law indicates that fees for optional services or amenities must be disclosed at the beginning of the tenancy or by giving a two-week written notice at the beginning of each lease term. The fee increase in this scenario would become effective on July 1. The prior usage fee of $25 per month would be paid by the tenants for the months of May and June and the $35 fee would be paid for the months of July, August, and September.

Please call 301-891-7215 or contact me via e-mail at MosesW@takomagov.org if you have questions about air conditioning fees or other landlord/tenant issues.

Proposed Regulation Regarding the Process and Procedures for The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

The City has revised the regulations that govern the process and procedures for the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA). Pursuant to the requirements of the “Administrative Regulations Ordinance” (Chapter 2.12 of the Takoma Park Code), there is a 30-day comment period to allow residents the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The comment period ends on July 28, 2006. An exact copy of the proposed regulation is available in the Department of Housing and Community Development in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The regulation may also be accessed via the City's Web page at www.takomaparkmd.gov Please direct any comments or concerns to the City Clerk, Jessie Carpenter in writing by mail to the above address, by e-mail to jessiec@takomagov.org or by voice message at 301-891-7267.
Fourth of July Approaches

This year marks Takoma Park’s 117th Independence Day celebration, one of the oldest such celebrations on the East Coast. The July 4 event kicks off with a colorful two-hour parade at 10 a.m. headed by Mayor Kathy Porter and a new Grand Marshal, Takoma Voice publisher Eric Bond. The free evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School Lee Jordan Field, 7611 Piney Branch Road. Featured will be the Takoma Zone Band and the Takoma Park Concert Band with soloists Alec Garrin and David Goette. The nationally known Zambelli fireworks begin at dark.

This year’s theme is “Volunteers: Keeping Our Community Strong.” Look for the familiar state, county, and municipal officials waving from antique cars, along with floats, groups of marching pre-schoolers, scouts, pathfinders, dancers, marching units, neighborhood, civic and veterans groups, horses, fire departments, and the new Palapa Indonesian Dance and Music Group. The familiar musical groups — the MacMillan of Montgomery Pipe Band, dc Motors, Mecca Temple #10 Drum and Bugle Corps, the Morning Few, D.C. Pan Jammers, Image Band, Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band, etc. — will march as well.

The traditional July 4 gala is planned, directed and financed by the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, Inc., and supported by the City of Takoma Park. The Committee sponsors fund raisers, but relies on local businesses, churches, civic and service organizations, schools and door-to-door collections to make this event possible. Donations may be mailed to the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, 109 Sheridan Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. The Committee is also looking for new dedicated members and volunteers to help on the Fourth and to help with the door to door raffle ticket fund raiser. For further information, visit www.TakomaPark4th.org.

Raskin vs Ruben Forum July 20

You’ve seen the signs popping up like summer blossoms in your neighbors’ yards; ‘tis the season for campaigning. To prepare voters for the September 12 primary election, the June series of candidate forums continues in July when Maryland Senate Candidates Jamie Raskin and Ida Ruben come together July 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. A Montgomery County Council At-Large Candidate Forum will soon be scheduled as well. Forums are moderated by Takoma Voice publisher Eric Bond and include questions submitted by the community. The primary election is September 12.

Forums are co-sponsored by the Takoma Voice, Old Town Residents’ Association, Westmoreland Area Community Organization, Between the Creeks Neighborhood Association, North Takoma Citizens Association, New Hampshire Gardens Citizens Association, Ritchie Citizens Association and District 20 Democratic Precincts 13-04 and 13-06. For information or to submit questions, contact Eric Bond: 301-891-6744, eric@takoma.com.

Sporty Businesses

and bikes hang from the ceiling of the front porch. The shop sells a gamut of cycling supplies: locks, helmets, cables, gears, high-energy snacks, and will soon stock biking clothing.

Takoma Park Bikes houses one repair bench, providing full bike repair and maintenance services and plans to add a second bench. Repairs manager Darryl Martin, who worked previously at several local bike shops, neds hello to customers from his station inside the front door. One familiar patron rolls his bike up on the porch and says his bike pedal has lost a nut. Goya searches for the right hardware while shooting the biking breeze — the customer seems to feel right at home.

As the weather has warmed, so has the business climate for bikes and bike rentals, which go at daily and weekly rates. Goya says local residents with out-of-town guests often bring them by to rent bikes for sightseeing, and the shop’s proximity to the Metro helps for jaunts around the monuments.

Both shops located here just as the face of Old Town is changing. A new development has been proposed for a site across the street; the International Capital Group is studying traffic impact of a possible mixed-use residential and commercial project at Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues. In the “pre-submittal stage,” according to Takoma Park Senior Planner Ilona Blanchard, the proposal was preliminarily presented to the City’s Historic Preservation Committee in May. The City also completed new streetscaping along Carroll and Laurel Avenue recently, with new trees and wider walkways funded in part by the County Council and by the State legislature. In addition, John Ursiolo’s proposed restaurant at the corner of Laurel

Teen Wins Folk Fest Contest

Visitors to September’s Folk Festival can wear their love of music close to their hearts when they purchase this year’s tee shirt, designed by Takoma Park Middle School student Anya Kozarsky, 14. The design features a watermelon-colored guitar popping from a fuchsia and purple wavy background. Judges chose Anya’s graphically sophisticated design from the 20 entries submitted.

“It was gratifying to see middle school students participate in the contest,” organizer Gary Cordillo said. Anya’s was one of 15 designs entered by eighth graders whose art teacher Ann Spera used the design contest as an assignment.

Anya is humble about her accomplishment, saying that she chose a guitar for the focal point because, “I can actually draw a guitar.” To create a unique image, Anya cut her drawing into 12 pieces, then photocopied them for a windowpane effect.

Deadline for Filing for Property Tax Credits

Homeowners and renters who have limited incomes only have until September 1, 2006 to submit their applications to the State of Maryland’s Property Tax Credit Programs.

Applications are available at www.dat.state.md.us or by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222.

Help your neighborhood by clearing the overgrown vegetation from your sidewalk!

Overgrown bushes and weeds are a Class D offense and provide cover for muggers or other criminals.

City of Takoma Park Code
**RECREATION**

The Recreation Department has moved to its new permanent home on the Community Center level (where Housing and Community Development used to be). Thank you for your patience while we were located in the trailers. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS 2006**

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**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. She received her MFA in Acting from Catholic University in 1999.

**Prelude: An Introduction to Acting**

Learn the FUNdamentals: Explore acting techniques using vocal and physical exercises, improvisation, theater games, 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 Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $150 Non-Residents $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 professional performance. A DVD of your final performance will be mailed.

| When: Monday – Friday, July 10 – 14 | Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Location: T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $150 Non-Residents $170 |

**2006 Extended Care Options**

Extended care is available for those families who require additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play, and sports. Campers in the following camps may enroll in the extended care program: Creative Adventures, Extreme Horizons, Theater Camp, Takoma Park Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball Camp, Basketball and Soccer Camp.

**Abrakadoodle Art Camp**

**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 material fee due to instructor the first day of class.

| When: Monday – Friday, July 10 – 14 | Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Location: Art Room, T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $55 Non-Residents $60 |

**Mini Doodlers • Ages 3 – 5**

**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’Keeffe (chalk pastels to create flowers), and Mary Cassatt. A $25 materials fee is 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 Oswoage Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $115 Non-Residents $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 painting techniques, color mixing, collaging, and fun. A $20 materials fee due to instructor the first day of class.

**I Can Do It!**

Little ones learn while stamping, stirring, printing, painting, molding, mixing, cutting and pasting in these lessons that introduce children to molding clay, collage, color mixing, still life in the spirit of Cezanne, printing numbers and letters like John’s, and more. A $20 materials fee due to instructor the first day of class. One week.

| When: Monday – Friday, July 24 – 28 | Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. | Location: Art Room, T.P. Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $55 Non-Residents $60 |

** Impress Me**

Students will be instructed in the styles of Monet, Schue, Seurat and Cherkasky, featuring pastels, watercolors, collage, and pointillist fashion 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 Oswoage Avenue | Fee: T.P. City Resident $115 Non-Residents $125 |
Meet the New Librarian

The ‘new’ face in the Library’s Children’s Room may be one you already recognize. Karen MacPherson, our new Children’s Services Coordinator effective August 14, has lived in Takoma Park many years. As she completes her Master’s Degree in Library Science at the University of Maryland, she will be interning in our children’s room, helping with the Summer Quest reading program, Circle Time and other projects.

Karen has a Master’s in journalism from Columbia University. She has reported on children’s issues and reviewed children’s books extensively during her writing career. We are all impressed by her broad-based knowledge of children’s literature, and even more by her enthusiasm for and commitment to children’s services in Takoma Park.

While it is true that Jillian has left her indelible stamp on the library, we know Karen will contribute a unique perspective and generate the same excitement she feels as she begins her new career at the Takoma Park Library.

Beginning this month, you will see reviews and other articles by Karen, whom we are delighted to welcome to our staff!

— Ellen Arnold-Robbins, Library Director

By Karen MacPherson

Books and libraries have long been two of my favorite things. One of my earliest memories is snuggling with my parents as I listened to them read Blue Jay when I was two years old. My passion eventually became a job: for me, as I spent the last 28 years as a sports analyst for ESPN and the New York Daily News, and a sports writer for the York Daily News.

Now, I’ve found another way to use my love of exploring the treasures of the children’s room in the library. How could I leave behind friends like Harriet the Spy, Ramona, and Stuart Little? So, as I read “grown-up” books, I also continue to revel in children’s literature — picture books, novels, non-fiction, and poetry. My passion eventually became a job: as a reporter on children’s issues and a reviewer of children’s books. And twice a year, I write about children’s books for paper clients worldwide. And twice a year, I write about children’s books for paper clients worldwide. And twice a year, I write about children’s books for paper clients worldwide. And twice a year, I write about children’s books for paper clients worldwide.

The job represents a big life change for me, as I spent the last 28 years as a journalist before pursuing my master’s in library science at the University of Maryland. I love to read, and I love to write, but I’ve never been as happy in a career as I am now.

Jillian Hershberger, children’s librarian extraordinaire. But I’m thrilled at the opportunity to build on the firm foundation created by Jillian over the past 20-plus years. We’ll continue to offer programs like the wildly-popular “Circle Time” on Tuesday mornings and Dave Burbank’s amazing, unique-each-year “Summer Quest,” while finding new ways to promote books and reading to the kids in Takoma Park.

We’ve got some great ideas, but we’d also love to hear from you. Bring your kids to the library, let them unearth some treasures in the children’s room, and tell us how the library can best serve your family. I look forward to meeting you!

Library Programs for July

Summer Quest “Campfire” Evening
Songs, games, scary stories, crafts
With Karen MacPherson and Library staff
For the whole family
Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m.
Please call and let us know you will attend.

Summer Quest: The Interactive Summer Reading Game
All summer long! For readers of all ages.

Neighborhood Circle Time
Open to all preschoolers and 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 Firehouse Report

As of May 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the Takoma Park station have responded to 424 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 1,014 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,438 incidents this year. Totals for 2005 were 411 and 1,098 respectively, for a total of 1,509, representing a decrease of 71 incidents.

Safety Tips During an Fire Emergency

• React quickly and follow your plan. Stay calm. You should have plenty of time to escape. Remember to go to your meeting place outside.
• Never go back inside a burning building. Even if you’ve left something important behind, don’t go back inside, because smoke or flames can be deadly. Call the fire department from outside the burning building using a portable or cell phone, or call from a neighbor’s house. Let the pros rescue anyone trapped inside.
• Don’t use elevators. Even if you live on a high floor, always take the stairs.

Takoma Park VFD Needs Volunteers

The department is looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the fire station at 301-270-8209. At the department’s May meeting we welcomed new member Adam Rose.
Crime Report continued from page 8

On May 30 between 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in the 7500 block of Glenois Dr., a residential burglary occurred. Property was taken.

Auto and related theft

On May 15 at 7:50 p.m. in the 1300 block of University Blvd., an auto theft occurred. The victim left his keys in the car while it was parked.

On May 19, between 4 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. in the 1100 block of University Blvd., an auto theft occurred. The victim left his keys in the car while it was parked.

On May 28 between 2 and 2:30 p.m. in the 100 block of Heathac Ave., an auto theft occurred. The victim left his keys in the car while it was parked.

On May 30 between 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in the 7500 block of Glenois Dr., an auto theft occurred. Property was taken.

Theft

On June 7 at 4:35 p.m. in the 6300 block of New Hampshire Ave., an auto theft occurred. Unknown subjects stole a white 2000 Lexus by unknown means.

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POLICE NEWS

Policing Team One received the Unit Citation for the second time in as many years. Members (from left) include Pvt. T. Black, Cpl. R. Rodriguez, Sgt. R. Bowens, Cpl. N. Carter and PFC E. Mueller. Other members of the team during 2005 included Cpl. R. Cannatella, Ofc. G. Wolff (now a corporal) and PFC D. Palmer (now with another agency). The team was cited for its balanced productivity, teamwork, and professionalism in effecting 128 arrests last year, including 60 percent of the agency’s impaired driving arrests. Disp. Angelina Guerini (above right) received a Command Recognition for efficiency and dedication to duty.

Coursey Named Interim Chief

Capt. Edward Coursey, who has commanded the Operations (patrol) Division since July 2002, was named Interim Chief following the retirement of Chief Cindy Creamer.

Chief Coursey joined the Department in July 1989, coming from the University of Maryland Police, where he served while earning his bachelor’s degree. He has served in patrol and investigations, also supervising a community-oriented policing team in the mid-1990s.

City Manager Barbara Matthews identified Coursey to run the Department during the search for a new chief executive officer for the 41-officer agency. He has named Lt. Richard Cipperly, commander of the investigative unit, to oversee the patrol division during this period. Sgt. Tyrone Collington will serve as an acting lieutenant in the investigative unit. These commanders can be reached as follows: Interim Chief Edward Coursey, edwardc@takomagov.org, 301-891-7105; Lt. Richard Cipperly, Operations Commander, richardc@takomagov.org, 301-891-7117, and A/Lt. Tyrone Collington, Acting Support Services Commander, tyronec@takomagov.org, 301-891-7110.

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On May 28 at 2:12 p.m. in the 7400 block of Holly Ave., an auto theft occurred. A witness saw two subjects drive off in the 1997 Chrysler Sebring, followed by a third subject in a red Ford Taurus wagon.

Between June 5 at 7:30 p.m. and June 6 at 12:40 a.m. in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Ave., an auto theft occurred. Unknown subject stole a beige 2000 Dodge Stratus by unknown means.

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Store Busted For Selling Pot

Takoma Park Police confiscated more than a pound and a half of marijuana and arrested two people on Wednesday, June 7 for drug sales in a Maple Avenue store.

Investigators simultaneously executed search warrants at Kimanja, a Cultural Shop in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue and at a residence in Hyattsville, where assistance was provided by the Prince George’s County Police. Takoma Park officers recovered 12 ounces of the drug and a handgun at the shop and an additional 1.5 pounds at the residence.

Investigators allege that in addition to soaps, incense, clothes, and statuary, the proprietors, Jene Ruszel, Most and Brenda King, were selling drugs from the business. Charges include possession, possession with intent to distribute, and sale and manufacture.

“We appreciate the cooperation of Prince George’s County and citizens in concluding this investigation,” said Lt. Richard Cipperly, commander of Takoma Park Police investigations.

“We are pleased with the safe and successful outcome in the two major drug cases we have concluded this spring.”

In March, Takoma Park executed a search warrant, arresting 12 persons, at a Cole Avenue residence where crack cocaine and other paraphernalia was found. In both cases, information from private citizens helped open the investigations.

Crossing Guards: Thanks!

It’s been a great year and none of “our children” have been hurt crossing at the numerous crossing guard posts.

Thank you for your cooperation all year.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall when school begins again.

Have a great summer and be careful and safe.

The Takoma Park Police Crossing Guards

Independence Day Detours, Parking

Street closures and parking restrictions are required for Takoma Park’s Independence Day parade on Tuesday, July 4.

Beginning at about 10 a.m. and concluding shortly after noon, the parade route starts on Carroll Avenue at Ethan Allen Avenue, follows Carroll Avenue south to Maple Street, N.W., and then turns north on Maple as it comes back into Maryland until its end at Maple and Sherman Avenues.

Parade Closures

Beginning at 8 a.m., MD Rte. 410, (Ethan Allen and Philadelphia) will be re-routed, and several other streets will be closed. All streets, with the exception of Maple Avenue, will be re-opened after the conclusion of the parade. Maple Avenue, between Sherman Avenue and Route 410, will remain closed until 3 p.m.

Detour

• Westbound Route 410 (Ethan Allen and Philadelphia Avenues) will be closed at the intersection with Jackson Avenue. Traffic will be diverted north on Jackson, and then left/west onto Sligo Creek Parkway. Vehicles may turn south at Maple Avenue to Ritchie (right/west) to Piney Branch Road and back to Hwy. 410.

• Eastbound Route 410 will close at Piney Branch Road, following the same route in reverse: Piney Branch to Ritchie, left on Maple, right on Sligo Creek Parkway, right on Jackson, to left on Ethan Allen.

• Trucks are not allowed on Sligo Creek Parkway. Large trucks should use New Hampshire north, making a left onto University Boulevard and left on Piney Branch to return back to State Route 410. Bus stops will be moved to the nearest detour route and will not be usable on the parade route.

Parking Restrictions

To accommodate staging, detours, and participants, parking will be restricted from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

- Both sides of Jackson Ave., from Ethan Allen to Sligo Creek Parkway
- Both sides of Ritchie Ave. from Maple to Piney Branch Road
- Both sides of Maple Avenue from the D.C. line to Ritchie Ave.
- All lots behind the Municipal Building and the City Library
- Grant, Lee, and Sherman Avenues from Hancock to Carroll (both sides)
- Hancock Ave. from Grant to Sherman (both sides)

Fireworks Closures

The evening of musical entertainment and fireworks takes place on the ball field at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, running from approximately 7:30 to 10 p.m. Although the road will not be closed, traffic delays and congestion should be anticipated through 11 p.m.

Takoma Park Police remind residents that parking is extremely limited at the school. A small area will be reserved for handicapped parking. The pull-off on Piney Branch Road will be reserved for emergency vehicles. On-street parking will be restricted between 7 and 11 p.m. on Darwin, Grant, Holly and Chestnut Avenues. No parking signs will be enforced to allow for vehicle traffic on these streets.

In case of rain, the evening program and parking restrictions will be held the next clear night.

All Fireworks Illegal in Montgomery County

Snap-and-pop noise makers, snakes, and party poppers are the only legal fireworks in Montgomery County. Even gold label sparklers are banned; sparklers burn at 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit making them less than safe for children. Each year, fireworks in the United States cause approximately 12 deaths, 2,000 serious eye injuries, and 5,000 other injuries, including amputated fingers.

In May, six Takoma Park officers and other Montgomery County officers spent time responding to numerous calls for “shots fired” near Flower Avenue. Later reports suggest that the “culprit” was a private fireworks display celebrating a graduation. Police response to fireworks or fireworks reported as “shots fired” increase at this time every year taking precious resources from patrol.

All fireworks are illegal to possess or discharge in Montgomery County, subject to misdemeanor charges and fines up to $500. It does not matter where the fireworks are purchased or how they are brought into Maryland, whether by mail or public carrier.

Private fireworks displays at a residence are not allowed, although a public display can be allowed with proper permits and insurance. For more information contact the Montgomery County Fire/Explosive Investigations Section at 240-777-2255.

Ofc. Stanley McLean receives the congratulations of Interim Chief Edward Coursey upon receiving the Meritorious Service Medal. The award recognizes McLean’s conspicuous bravery at the scene of a serious two-car collision in October 2005. The five-year veteran extinguished the flames outside and inside a burning vehicle, pried open the car’s door sustaining numerous cuts, and freeing the trapped and severely bleeding driver. The motorist subsequently died at Med-Star.
Taking Stock: How Green Is Takoma Park?  
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as “package deals” with beefed up suspension and safety features. Sometimes getting out of the car is the best way to keep pollution down. To this end, pedestrian safety has gotten a lot of attention in recent months, and next year’s budget includes $100,000 for pedestrian safety projects. Braithwaite hopes to continue to address alternate transportation and is considering incentives for using public transportation or other alternatives like bicycles and ride-sharing.

Greener buildings

The city earned major green points in the mid-1990s when it retrofitted all its buildings with environmentally sound equipment: energy-efficient lighting and windows, roof coating (to reflect heat away in summer), and low-flush toilets are some examples. Lights, heating, and cooling in existing and new buildings are triggered only when a room is occupied. Even exit signs are designed to use minimal electricity. The initial retrofit reduced energy use by 30 percent. The city also purchases 10 percent “green” power in an option offered by PEPCO.

Continued reduction is “a moving target,” says Braithwaite, as energy use decreases despite economy efforts. More and more electronic devices have been incorporated into the work place — printers at many desks, PDAs that must be charged, faxes, scanner — but best practices will continue to be part of the city’s operation. The latest innovation is a plan to use the trapped hot air in the mansard roof of the community center to pre-heat air for the heating system in the winter.

“A lot of this is about creating a market for alternative technology,” says Braithwaite.

Out in the garden

When you think environment, you may think trees, gardens, birds. The city has some measures in place to preserve these in a very direct way.

There is an articulated effort to preserve and even purchase open space, as has been done at Poplar Mills and Sligo Mills Lots. Parks in the city are abundant and improving.

And the Tree Ordinance is a rarity among municipalities because it covers private property. In addition to preserving trees by limiting those that can be cut to certain sizes, the ordinance also saves trees by requiring they be protected during neighborhood construction. These measures have helped preserve the canopy that keeps the city cooler in summer, and helps absorb carbon monoxide besides.

The city also works to preserve the integrity of the watershed through its stormwater management program. Two rain gardens were built last year in Forest Park, and more are planned for Spring Park and Cleveland Avenue; these help filter pollutants out of stormwater runoff and allows it to be used by plants before it goes back into groundwater, creeks, and rivers. The Committee on the Environment in partnership with Public Works has also sponsored rain barrel workshops to encourage residents to capture rainwater for gardens.

The gold standard: recycling

In 1989, the recycling program started out with a bang, and has been popular and effective ever since, expanding from the standard plastics, glass, and paper to include an “e-cycling” event, when electronic disposables are collected, and a battery and engine oil collection site at the Public Works property on Oswego Avenue. In 1992 the city passed an ordinance requiring all apartment building owners to provide recycling programs that absorb the same materials included in the city’s collection. Each week, the city’s trucks are loaded with recyclables, hauling away some 3,220 tons of recycling and yard waste and, 4,000 tons of trash annually. The County also requires all commercial property owners to comply with recycling but does not have an agreement yet with the city to provide enforcement and education.

What more can be done? Braithwaite would like to see more programs to support individuals who want to reduce energy use and improve the health of the environment. So many of our daily choices ultimately impact the environment — what we eat, what we wear, how we drive, where we live and work. Next month we’ll look at what individuals are doing to make a difference.

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Rain gardens like this one in Forest Park are one way to avoid excessive runoff that can pollute our waterways.

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Takoma Park City TV
Events in July 2006

Summer fun at City TV will include coverage of the annual Independence Day parade. Crews also recently filmed the day-long Takoma Jazz Fest, which should start playing later this month. Also airing during June and July are a series of Candidates Forums, sponsored by the Takoma Voice. Many of these events will also be available on the City TV web site, www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable.

Takoma Snapshots in July includes:
• Community Oriented Policing: Meet the New Officer
• Jazz Fest Highlights
• Police Department Awards
• Celebration of Lee Jordan’s induction into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame
• Community Center Phase II Opening
• Central American Mayors Visit Takoma Park

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. Some City TV programming, including Council meetings, Snapshots and the bulletin board, is now available on the website as a live and archived webstream. 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.

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Takoma Park City TV
July 2006 Programming Schedule

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**Photo by VMK**
**Takoma Park JazzFest**

Clockwise from top middle: Dick Parks plays with the Razz’m Jazz’em skiffle band on one of its more common instruments; organizer Dave Lorentz addresses the crowd; the men of the Susan Jones’ Chamber Jazz Quartet, from left Fred Lieder, Seth Kibel and Brian Litz; families enjoying the festival; and Razz’m Jazz’em players Dan Rouse on the slide whistle and Marv Reitz at the jug. Besides the music, Jazz Fest featured grills full of food, plenty of vendors, and crowds enjoying the sunny weather in the park.

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**Colorama**

Have fun and learn interesting art techniques as you create your own painting like Jackson Pollock or design your own beautiful flowers with Picasso. Learn about texture and printing technique, using colored sand and cut-and-paste paper techniques like Cezanne’s. A $25 materials fee paid to the instructor on the first day of class.

*When: Monday – Friday, July 24 – 28*

*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*

**Buzz, Ribbit and Roar**

Kids create their own wild and wacky animal worlds exploring scratch board art for underwater scenes in the spirit of Klee, watercolors and crayons for pond scenes, silly “buggy neighborhoods in a jar,” painting with sand for American Indian art, and crafting their own dinosaurs like Artist Korky Paul. A $25 materials fee paid to the instructor on the first day of class.

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**Confetti Days**

**Ages 3 - 5**

The morning will feature music, active listening, storytelling, movement/dance, and opportunities to develop social skills. We will enjoy a mid-morning snack time together and an art project at the end of each class. Children will bring a bag lunch to eat and will also have playground time in favorable weather. Materials fee $40 payable to the instructor on first day of class. Class size limited to eight.

*When: Monday – Friday, August 7 – 11*

*Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*Location: Heffner Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue*

*Fee: T.P. City Residents $130 Non-Residents $140*

**Around the World**

**Ages 5 - 7**

In “Around the World,” children will experience the cultures of Germany, Japan, Africa, England, and Mexico. During each class, one country is “visited” and explored through music, crafts, movement, and games. We will enjoy a mid-morning snack together and children will bring a bag lunch to eat. We will also have playground time if weather-permissible. Materials fee $40 payable to instructor on first day of class. Class size limited to eight.

*When: Monday – Friday, August 14 – 18*

*Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*Location: Heffner Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue*

*Fee: T.P. City Residents $130 Non-Residents $140*