

# Takoma Park

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

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# Council Questions Metro Development

## WMATA Holds Hearing October 11

By Suzanne Ludlow

Community and Government Liaison

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has scheduled a public hearing for October 11 regarding a development proposal for the Takoma Metro station property. The proposal includes the construction of 86 townhouses, a .95 acre village green (instead of the existing 3.5 acre green space), a reduction in the number of parking spaces, bike racks, and bike lockers and other changes impacting access to the station.

The Takoma Park City Council is concerned about a reduction in access to the transit station if the development is constructed as proposed. The Council has hired a transportation consulting firm to evaluate the proposal and assess its impact on transit users, and will vote on a resolution identifying its concerns and recommendations at its meeting on Tuesday, October 3.

The WMATA Hearing will be Wednesday, October 11, from 6-10 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7005 Piney Branch Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Information on how to register to testify at the hearing or to submit written testimony is available on the City's web page, [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov), as is a great deal of background information and a video describing the difficulties to be faced by Metro users. A link to the information page regarding the public hearing on WMATA's web page is also included.

The development proposal that is to be discussed consists of several concept drawings and no written text. From staff's examination of the concept drawings, it appears the proposal is for 86 townhouse units, ten bus bays, an internal traffic circle shared by buses and commuters, and two options for replacing the current 150-space parking lot — either a 75-space surface lot or a 128-space parking

garage — to be constructed at WMATA's expense. Some additional public parking spaces are planned in front of some of the townhouses.

Staff is also concerned that the plan does not include enough bus bays to satisfy the demand projected in the short term and does not leave room to expand the transit facilities in the future.

The plan shows 40 bike lockers and no bike racks. The existing site has 60 bike lockers and heavily used rack parking for 38 bicycles. No indication of the route of the

Metropolitan Branch Hiker/Biker Trail through the site is shown.

Handicapped access to the site is especially compromised, with no convenient drop-off location for passengers wishing to use the elevator.

The Takoma Park City Council is also concerned that the development will be a financial burden to WMATA, with probable costs for current and near-future transit facility improvements outweighing the funds received from selling the property.

If the WMATA Board finds that the

development proposal is an acceptable amendment to the region's Mass Transit Plan, there could be a challenge to the plan before the Federal Transit Administration regarding the impact on transit users or the financial aspects of the proposal. If the proposal moves forward, the developer would then be required to get approval from the D.C. Zoning Commission and the Historic Preservation Review Board.

Nonetheless, the WMATA Board decision is a critical part of the

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# Give Wildlife a Home

By Tim Male

Takoma Park Committee on the Environment

You've probably got squirrels in your yard if you live in Takoma Park and maybe even have some of the cutest ones with all black fur. In winter, those squirrels might even be building big jumbled nests of dead leaves in the branches of tall trees in your backyard and raising litters of babies. Is this all the wildlife you've got?

Probably not.

Squirrels and cardinals and American robins are probably the most common wildlife seen in Takoma Park, but our trees and suburban yards are alive with all kinds of wildlife. Foxes den and raise pups under homeowner's sheds, nocturnal eastern screech owls roam our urban forests at night and nest along Sligo Creek, and a host of native butterflies hatch out and feed off our diverse flower gardens before disappearing with the onset of autumn. Fifty or more types of birds might be found resting and feeding in the City's forests on a early spring weekend during migration.

An effort is now underway to for-



Photo by VM Kelly

**This is just one of 30 Takoma Park homes already certified as backyard wildlife habitat. City organizations are pushing to increase that number to 100.**

mally recognize the value of the wildlife habitat that we all have or can create in our backyards. A non-profit group, the National Wildlife Federation, has created a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program that recognizes things we can all do to provide food,

shelter, water and breeding sites for a diversity of wildlife. Its website, <https://secure.nwf.org/backyard-wildlifehabitat>, provides easy steps and reference information to help you meet the requirements of having your yard certified.

Led by the Horticulture Club, Friends of Sligo Creek and Committee on the Environment, citizens are working together to get at least 100 homes in Takoma Park registered as wildlife habitat and thus establish Takoma Park as the first certified wildlife habitat community in Maryland. Takoma Park will also need four common areas (such as neighborhood parks) and three schools certified as wildlife habitat to become a certified wildlife habitat community.

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## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**Monday, October 2** – Yom Kippur – City Council Meeting Moved to Tuesday, October 3 – All City Offices will be Open.

**Tuesday, October 3** – Public Hearing, Interviews, Special Session and Work-session of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Applications

**Wednesday, October 4** – Meeting of Health Services Impact Committee, 7 p.m. (Community Center Room TBA)

**Monday, October 9** – Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Monday, October 16** – Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Tuesday, October 17** – Meeting of the Safe Roadways Committee, 7 p.m. (Community Center Council Conference Room)

**Monday, October 23** – Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Wednesday, October 25** – Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

**Thursday, October 26** – Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, 8:30 a.m. (Community Center Atrium Meeting Room)

**Monday, October 30** – (Tentative) Worksession of the City Council

For updated schedule information, check the City's web page at <http://www.takoma-parkmd.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.

## 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.

**Board of Elections** The City Council has established an elections board to plan and conduct future City elections. Registered voters residing in the City of Takoma Park may apply to serve by sending a cover letter and resume and/or statement of qualifications to Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (or via e-mail to [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org)). For additional information, call 301-891-7267.

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

**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.

**Ethics Commission** This seven-member commission is charged with overseeing the implementation of and adherence to the City's Ethics Ordinance.

**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.

Further information is available by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 301-891-7267. 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 via e-mail to [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org).



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

### July 31, 2006 - Regular Meeting

**Resolution 2006-45** was adopted, recognizing Chief Cynthia Creamer for her years of service to the city (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-39** was adopted by roll-call vote, awarding a contract for the gym feasibility study (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-32**, as amended since first reading, was adopted by roll-call vote, establishing a residential permit parking area on Prince George's Avenue, Conway Avenue, Belford Place, Belford Drive, and a portion of New Hampshire Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-33** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing one or more speed humps on lower Conway Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-34** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing one or more speed humps on the 6800 block of Woodland Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Resolution 2006-46** was adopted, commenting on the D.C. Comprehensive Plan (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, ABSENT: Barry, Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-36** was adopted by roll-call vote, establishing a Board of Elections (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-35** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing the purchase of a loader for Public Works (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-40** was adopted by roll-call vote, awarding a contract for Police Chief search (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Elrich).

**Resolution 2006-47** was adopted, authorizing the City Manager to execute a revised contract for legal services (revising hourly rate) (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Williams; VOTING AGAINST: Seamens; ABSENT: Barry, Elrich).

**The Consent Agenda** was adopted (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Elrich). It included the following:

A. **Resolution 2006-48**, reappointing Randy Cohen to the Arts and Humanities Commission.

B. **Resolution 2006-49**, reappointing Ellen Fabian and Kathleen Quinn to the Noise Control Board.

C. **Resolution 2006-50**, appointing Trevor Delafield, John Conger, Seth Grimes, Frederick Hoeflinger, Pat Loveless, Kermit Netteburg, Andrew Sommers, Lois Wessel, and Joanne Wu to the Health Services Impact Committee.

D. **Resolution 2006-51**, reappointing J. Dan Turner and appointing Margaret Warner to the Safe Roadways Committee.

E. **Resolution 2006-52**, providing for the City Council's summer recess (August 1 – September 4, 2006).

### September 5, 2006 – Special Session

**Ordinance 2006-41** was accepted at first reading, authorizing FY07 Budget Amendment No. 1 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-42** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing a contract with Verizon for telephone service (VOTING FOR: Porter, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Austin-Lane, Elrich).

### September 11, 2006 – Regular Meeting

**Resolution 2006-53** was adopted, designating September 11 as a day of service, charity, and compassion (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Ordinance 2006-41** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing FY07 Budget Amendment No. 1 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich, Seamens).

**Ordinance 2006-43** was adopted by roll-call vote, awarding a contract for social worker services for CSAF (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

**Resolution 2006-54** was adopted, appointing Joan Clement to the Health Services Impact Committee (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Elrich).

## Interested Residents Invited to Apply to Serve on the 2007 Council Compensation Committee

The City Council is seeking Takoma Park residents to serve on a Council Compensation Committee to review the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers. The Committee will make recommendations to the Council regarding whether or not the current salaries should be adjusted. Any adjustment would be adopted by a two-reading ordinance prior to the 2007 election and would take effect with the next succeeding City Council.

The Committee will be asked to make its report and recommendation to the Council in April 2007.

Salaries were last adjusted for the Council term which began in November 2003. The Mayor currently receives \$8,000 per year; Councilmembers receive \$6,000 per year.

Deadline for applications: November 1, 2006. Apply to the City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 or ([JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org)). For additional information, contact the Clerk at 301-891-7267.

Review the 2003 Council Compensation Report and related information at: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/council](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/council).

## Give Wildlife a Home

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What does it mean to create backyard wildlife habitat?

Getting your property certified is easy. The first step is figuring out what sort of animals you think might make a home in your yard. Almost every yard will have a diversity of insects living in the soil and leaf litter - but not if you use a lot of pesticides. Some yards may have frogs and salamanders if there is water available and red-backed salamanders are common throughout areas with lots of leaf litter and rotting branches that they can hibernate and nest beneath.

After you figure out what kinds of wildlife you want to host, the next step is figuring out how to feed them. Hickory, oak, holly and a diversity of

other trees provide food for birds, mammals and insects. Flowers provide nectar for insects and pollen for a diversity of bee species. Many people also feed birds using bird feeders stocked with seed, suet or sugar water.

The hardest part of getting your yard certified is the requirement to provide water. Unless you live along Sligo Creek or one of the City's streams that flow only when it rains you may not have much water in your yard. Indeed, many of Takoma Park's seasonal streams have been channeled and piped into concrete culverts, providing no habitat for wildlife. However, if you install a birdbath or a small pond or live in an area where springs well up during the wettest part

of the year, you will meet the water needs of many species of wildlife.

Animals also need homes — both to shelter from predators and to raise young. Does your yard have dense shrubs or a bamboo patch? Do you have a loose rock wall that is not completely mortared together? These habitats along with simply having the dense trees and wooded areas that are common throughout Takoma Park provide the necessary homes to keep wildlife and their babies safe.

There are already 30 yards in Takoma Park certified with the National Wildlife Federation as providing habitat. Won't you join these neighbors and help Takoma Park become a certified wildlife habitat community?

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To contact the editor e-mail:

### City of Takoma Park Maryland Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD**

The City of Takoma Park will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 to solicit community input regarding priority needs and proposed projects for its PY33 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. An additional opportunity for public comment has been scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2006 during the Council's regular session.

The CDBG program, initiated in 1974, is one of the oldest programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is designed to fund activities that primarily benefit low and moderate-income residents. CDBG grants are provided on an annual basis to communities such as Takoma Park to ensure decent affordable housing for all, provide services to the most vulnerable, create jobs, and expand business opportunities.

For more information on the CDBG program and the upcoming public hearing, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7224.

## Takoma Foundation Seeks Grant Applications

The Takoma Foundation is now accepting applications for its fall round of twice-yearly grantmaking. Local groups may apply for grants of between \$500 and \$1,000 for community-based projects. Applications must be post-marked no later than Monday, October 16, 2006. All applications submitted by the deadline will be carefully reviewed and grant decisions will be made in time for funds to be awarded in December.

Takoma Foundation grants are designed to build a vibrant and healthy Takoma Park community and meet the diverse needs of the town and surrounding neighborhoods. These needs include cultural, civic, economic, environmental and educational activities that engage the community's residents.

In addition to supporting community-wide activities that bring residents of the greater Takoma Park area together, grants also may be used by neighborhood and community groups to engage in projects that they otherwise would not be able to do. "We want to raise the energy of neighborhood groups to bring more people together in activities that build a better community," says Bruce Baker, the Foundation's Treasurer. These could include activities such as neighborhood cleanups, providing opportunities for disadvantaged youth, sports leagues, arts and recreation, providing

aid to local residents in need and other school or community-based action.

Non-profit organizations and other civic and charitable organizations can get application forms and guidelines from the Foundation's web site: [www.takomafoundation.org](http://www.takomafoundation.org). Application forms also are available at the Community Center and the Takoma Park library. Questions about eligibility or the application process may be emailed to the Grants Committee Chair, Bruce Baker, at [Bruce.L.Baker@verizon.net](mailto:Bruce.L.Baker@verizon.net).

Established in 1988, the Takoma Foundation has given more than \$20,000 in small grants to local charities, PTAs, civic associations, and other nonprofit and social service groups since its grant program was initiated in 2003. Recent recipients have included: Maryland Community Baseball, Piney Branch Elementary PTA, Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club, Long Branch Senior Center, Passion for Learning, Historic Takoma, Silver Spring International Middle School and the Takoma Park Folk Festival.

Individuals interested in contributing money to the Foundation may send checks made payable to the Takoma Foundation to: Takoma Foundation, c/o Montgomery County Community Foundation, 8720 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Contributions are tax-deductible.



## 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

#### 115 Lee Avenue (2006-30L)

On September 8, 2006, a capital improvement petition was approved for a rent increase of \$59.97 for one unit at the property. The improvements included electrical upgrades, plaster and painting. One improvement for installing a french door was disapproved because the landlord failed to submit the required documentation.

#### 8209 Roanoke Avenue (2006-42H)

On September 10, 2006, a hardship rent increase petition was granted for rent increases ranging from \$32.55 to \$51.15 on all five units at the property.

#### 8300 Flower Avenue (2006-48L)

On September 6, 2006, a capital improvement petition was approved for rent increases ranging from \$36.25 to \$53.51 on all six units at the property. The improvements included gas heating, replacing the water heater, painting and new door.

All increases are in addition to the annual Rent Stabilization Allowance in effect at the time the increases are taken except the rent increases on the hardship petition which already included the Rent Stabilization Allowance.



### Rent Stabilization

Effective October 1, 2006, the following rental units and rental facilities will be exempted from Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization upon application:

(1) Individual rental units occupied by tenants receiving direct rental assistance through programs such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Section 8).

(2) Rental facilities subject to an agreement with a governmental entity which regulates the rents that may be charged for all or a portion of the units and establishments income limits for individuals residing in the facility.

(3) Newly constructed rental units — provided that the units were not created as a result of the demolition, renovation, or reconfiguration of an existing rental facility or rental unit.

To receive this exemption, landlords must submit a request for an exemption and include all required documentation to the Housing Department. Exemptions will be reviewed by the City and approved on a case by case basis. Upon termination of the exemption, the rental units or rental facilities will be subject to the Rent Stabilization Law. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216.

## Housing Mailbox

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

*A tenant has contacted The Mailbox regarding whether her failure to provide her landlord with a written 30-day notice will result in her security deposit refund being reduced. She also wants to know what the current security deposit interest rate is, and whether security deposits earn simple or compound interest.*

The tenant's failure to provide her landlord with a written notice of her intent to vacate may result in her security deposit refund being reduced. A tenant should provide the landlord with a one-month written notice which must, in accordance with Section 6.16.150 of the city's landlord-tenant law, be received by the landlord one month prior to the rent due date of the final month of occupancy. Failure to provide this notice may result in the landlord charging the tenant an additional month's rent which could be deducted from the security deposit refund. Tenants should also note that staying even one day past the indicated vacate date or failing to return the rental unit's keys on the indicated vacate date may also result in the tenant having a full month rent deducted from their security deposit refund.

It is the tenant's responsibility to have documentation of the landlord's receipt of the vacate notice, therefore mailing the notice by a method that will provide written confirmation of its receipt date is strongly recommended. The vacate notice should also be sent by regular mail allowing for three days' mail transit time from mailing to delivery. The Mailbox also advises against sending vacate notices by e-mail or relying on verbal communications with a landlord since the receipt date of an e-mail or the content of a verbal communication cannot be documented by the tenant.

The current interest rate for security deposits is 3 percent per year for all leases entered on or after October 1, 2004. Leases entered into, on or prior to October 1, 2004, earn 4 percent per year up to October 1, 2004. Security deposits earn simple interest, which accrues in six-month intervals equal to one-half the annual rate. This means that a lease signed in January 2005 earned 1.5 percent simple interest at the end of June 2005 and 1.5 percent simple interest at the end of December 2005.

For questions regarding the city's landlord-tenant law, please call 301-891-7215 or contact me online at [MosesW@takomagov.org](mailto:MosesW@takomagov.org).

**The Public Housing Waiting List is being opened** from September 25 through October 6, 2006. Applications will be available at all libraries, county regional service centers and on line at [www.hocmc.org](http://www.hocmc.org) starting on September 25.

**The City of Takoma Park is sponsoring a First Time Home Buyer Seminar** that will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Those interested can contact Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 for further information and to register for the class.



## Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Literacy Day

**Saturday, October 7, 2006  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

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

### You will learn about:

- Managing Money & Credit
- Home Safety, Utility Assistance & Conservation
- Avoiding Consumer Scams
- Buying or Renting Your First Home

**FREE CREDIT REPORTS!**

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

**“FREE ADMISSION”**

This Fair is organized by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs in partnership with the Housing Fair Planning Committee, whose members include: the Cities of Gaithersburg and Takoma Park; Consumer Credit Counseling of Greater Washington; Montgomery County Financial Literacy Coalition; Habitat for Humanity; Housing & Community Initiatives, Inc.; the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County; the Mid County, Up County and Silver Spring Regional Services Centers and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. If interested in participating in the Fair, or becoming a sponsor or exhibitor, please call 240-777-3602.



## Feria de la Vivienda de Montgomery y Día de Educación Financiera

**Sábado, 7 de Octubre, 2006  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Activity Center at Bohrer Park,  
Summit Hall Farm**  
(Al lado de Gaithersburg High School)

506 S. Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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- Conservación de Energía
- Cómo Evitar Engaños al Consumidor
- Cómo Comprar o Alquilar su Primera Casa

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**“ADMISION GRATUITA”**

La Feria es organizada por el Departamento de Vivienda y Asuntos Comunitarios del Condado de Montgomery en asociación con el Comité Planificador, cuyos miembros incluyen: las ciudades de Gaithersburg y Takoma Park; Consumer Credit Counseling of Greater Washington; Habitat for Humanity; Housing & Community Initiatives, Inc.; the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County; Housing Urban Development; the Mid County, Up County and Silver Spring Regional Services Centers and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Si está interesado en participar, auspiciar, o exhibir el día de la feria, por favor llame al 240-777-3602.

# Fall Leaf Collection Scheduled through December

Loose leaf collection will be provided by the City from November 6 through December 22. The leaves will be collected by vacuum-equipped trucks. Residents can rake leaves out to the curb at their convenience. Most City streets will not have an assigned collection day. However, every street in the City will receive at least two collections. The goal of the program is to collect leaf piles within two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather. Rain and freezing conditions can slow collection.

There are five streets that will have assigned and posted collection dates, due to the heavy traffic volume on these streets. Carroll Avenue from 7000 to 7800 block, Ethan Allen Avenue, and Flower Avenue from 7900 to 8600 block will have collection on Monday, November 20 and Thursday, December 14. Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue will have collection on Thursday, November 16 and Monday, December 18.

For the month of November, the crews will concentrate on picking up large piles of leaves. During December, the crews will thoroughly collect

all remaining loose leaves and clean the streets and right of ways.

The Public Works Department welcomes your comments and suggestions about the service we are providing.

of the curb. Do Not rake leaves into the street. Wet leaves can create traffic hazards.

2. Pile leaves away from cars. Do Not park your car in front of a leaf pile and when raking please try to avoid piling leaves where cars are parked.

3. The vacuum leaf collection is for leaves only. Do Not include branches, brush, rocks or debris. These items can seriously damage equipment and delay collection.

4. Do Not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

The City also operates the weekly Monday collection for bagged grass, leaves, branches and brush all year long. The Monday collection requires leaves and loose yard materials to be in paper bags, trash cans

or stiff-sided containers. Plastic bags cannot be used for yard material because these items are composted and the plastic interferes with the composting process. Branches must be less than four feet long and less than three inches in diameter and tied into small bundles or stacked in a trash can. The Monday yard waste collection is cancelled on weeks with a Monday holiday.

## Leaf Collection Highlights

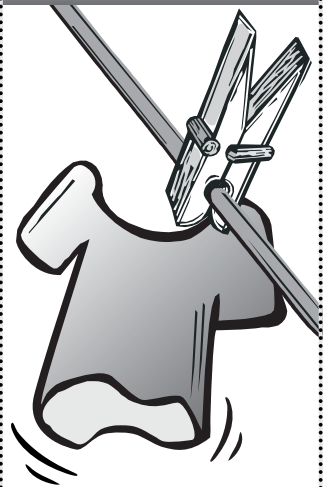
- Collection will occur continuously from November 6 to December 22.
- Residents can rake leaves at their convenience, there is no assigned collection day. (However, the major traffic streets in the City have assigned collection days)
- Residents should place leaves inside the curb, free of branches and debris.
- Vacuum leaf collection will end December 22, if weather has not delayed collection.
- Snow and freezing rain can significantly delay collection.
- Leaf Collection Hotline for reporting piles, 301-891-7626.

ing. Please contact Public Works by phone: 301-891-7633. You can also call the leaf collection hotline at 301-891-7626 to notify us when your leaves have been raked out. We plan to collect reported piles from the hotline calls within a week.

Please follow these guidelines for vacuum leaf collection:

1. Rake leaves into a pile at the edge

## Tip of the Month



## Haul out the Clothesline

This time of year is perfect for watching clothes dance in autumn winds as they dry on the clothesline. If you eschew the clothes dryer indoors just six months a year, you can keep 700 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. You save money on your electric or gas bill. And you may save money on clothes, as well — they'll last longer and keep their shape better when they're air-dried.

# Metro Proposal Hinders Access

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process. The City Council urges the Takoma Park/ Takoma, D.C. community to make every effort to ensure that the WMATA Board does not

approve a plan that would limit access to transit. Your opinions are important. Please share your thoughts with the WMATA Board and with the

Takoma Park City Council (*see box*).

For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow at 301-891-7229 or [SuzanneL@takomagov.org](mailto:SuzanneL@takomagov.org).



*Proposed development plan for Takoma Metro property (EYA, July 2006)*

## WMATA

## Compact Public Hearing

**October 11, 2006**

**6 – 10 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

**7005 Piney Branch Rd., NW**

**Washington, D.C. 20012**

*To Register to Speak at the Hearing:*

Furnish name, address, telephone number, organization affiliation to: Debra Johnson, Secretary, WMATA, 600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 or fax to Johnson at 202-962-1133. Reference Hearing No. 175, Docket No. R06-5.

Written statements may be sent to Johnson at the above address or by e-mail to [public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com](mailto:public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com). Again, reference Hearing No. 175, Docket No. R06-5.

To read the Takoma Park City Council's draft resolution on the proposal, go to [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and go to the link regarding the Takoma Metro Development. To comment on the draft resolution, attend the October 3, 7:30 p.m. Council meeting in the Auditorium at 7500 Maple Avenue, or send comments to [Clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:Clerk@takomagov.org) or to City Clerk, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

# 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.

After office hours and on weekends the public may drop off program registrations at the front desk of the Community Center until 10 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 - 6 p.m. on Sunday. Checks and money orders only, please - no cash.

Drop off after hours (checks or money orders, no cash) in the gray mail box at the rear entrance of the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Takoma Park Recreation Department phone: 301-891-7290.

## One Session

### Parent Support Seminars - Coping with Challenging Behaviors

Children pass through many stages as they grow, at times developing behaviors that can be frustrating for adults. This session will provide the practical tools and parenting resources to help support your ability to better understand and deal with your child in a positive and constructive manner as he/she moves forward. Minimum of four.

**When:** Wed., Oct. 25  
**Time:** 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Azalea Room, T. P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$20  
 Non-Res. \$25

## Fun Day Program 2006

### Grades K - 5

Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. On half days only students attending Takoma Park Elementary will be picked up on the black-top and children attending Piney Branch Elementary will be picked up in the gym by a Recreation staff member. Bring a snack! Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. They may also be cancelled if minimum registration is not met. Space is limited, sign up early.

**When:** Mon., Oct. 2  
**Trip:** Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum and IMAX  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$20  
 Non-Res. \$25

**When:** Fri, Oct. 20  
**Trip:** North Run Farm, Hay rides, corn maze  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$20  
 Non-Res. \$25

**When:** Wed, Nov. 1  
**Trip:** BAPA's Sleeping Beauty and Ice Skating at Wheaton Regional  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$20  
 Non-Res. \$25

**When:** Tue, Nov. 7  
**Trip:** Baltimore Museum of Industry and B&O Railroad  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$20  
 Non-Res. \$25

## Morning Addition

### Grades K - 6

This before-school program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort the children to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary Schools. Children will also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or prepare for their day at school. For more information please call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233.

**When:** Mon. - Fri., through June 14, 2007  
**Time:** 7 - 9 a.m.  
**Location:** T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. City Res. \$700  
 Non-Res. \$850

## First Time Home Buyer Seminar

Buying a home is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. The Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), a nonprofit affordable housing organization, will conduct First Time Home Buyer seminars that will include information on: the Importance of Pre-Purchase Counseling; Establishing Credit, Maintaining Good Credit and the Credit Scoring System; How to Obtain a Mortgage Loan - Understanding the Terms of the Loan; The Role of the Real Estate Agent; Montgomery County and the State of Maryland Home Loan Programs.

**When:** Sat., Oct. 21  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Auditorium, T.P. City Community Center  
**Fee:** No Cost. Pre-registration is required.  
 Class limited to 30 people.

## Financial Fitness

### Ages 18 and up

Housing and Community Initiatives, Inc., a local non-profit organization is sponsoring this class on creating a budget and managing your credit. Learn how you can gain control over your spending and attain your own financial goals. Workbook will be provided. One session.

**When:** Thurs., Oct. 19  
**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Auditorium, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** No Cost. Pre-registration is required.  
 Class limited to 40 people.



Photo by Carey Antoszewski

## School Age Doodlers

Hands-on classes create a safe learning space for children as they experiment with many forms of medium. There is an \$18 materials fee to be paid to the instructor the first day of class. Maximum of 10, minimum of four. Six weeks.

## Mini Doodlers

### Ages 3 - 5

"Around The World." Travel to exotic places with Abakadoodle using paint, printing, sculpture, collage and color. Come with us as we explore Ecuador to create beautiful birds, Africa to create masks, India to create festival elephants, Mexico to create sun sculptures, Japan to create dragons and more! Get your ticket today.

**When:** Wed., Nov. 8 - Dec. 13  
**Time:** 4:15 - 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$68  
 Non-Res. \$78

## Doodlers

### Grades 1 - 5

"Castles and Dragons" Abakadoodle welcomes lads and lasses to explore the medieval world of castles, dragons, family crests and shields. Create castles, shields, crests, crowns, magic wands, banners and more with foam, paint, glitter and sparkles!

**When:** Wed., Nov. 8 - Dec. 13  
**Time:** 5:15 - 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$68  
 Non-Res. \$78

## Beginning Ceramics

### Ages 16 and older

This class is for those seeking to learn the basics of ceramic art. Students will be introduced to hand building or throwing on the potter's wheel. Space is limited for the potter's wheel so sign up quickly. Make sure you wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Price includes instruction, one 25-lb. bag of clay, and open studio time on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Seven weeks. Instructor: John Baker.

**When:** Mon., Nov. 6 - Dec. 18  
**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$135  
 Non-Res. \$145  
 (Fee includes all materials.)

## Family Funfit

### Ages 18 months - 4 years

At this family class you can bring one or more of your children to the same class to enjoy lots of games and activities providing a really fun workout for the whole family. Eight weeks.

**When:** Tues., Oct. 10 - Nov. 28  
**Time:** 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Dance Studio, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. Res. \$76  
 Non Res. \$86

## ★ Takoma Park Community Center ★ Fall Hours • August 28 - December 22, 2006★

### Game Room

Monday through Thursday  
 2:30 5:30 p.m. Ages 7 12  
 6 9 p.m. Ages 13 19  
 Fridays until 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday Ages 7 19  
 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Ages 7 19  
 2 - 5:30 p.m.

### Teen Lounge Ages 13 19

Monday through Thursday  
 2:30 9 p.m.  
 Fridays until 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 12:30 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday 2 5:30 p.m.  
 Hours subject to change.  
 Membership is required.

\*Game Room and Teen Lounge  
will be closed on November 10, 23, 24



Photo by Carey Antoszewski



## Kung Fu

### Grades K - Adult

Master Robert G. Thompson, Sifu has brought the tranquil art of Kung Fu to Takoma Park. Capture the ability to focus your mind and draw upon your inner strengths, while strengthening your eye and hand coordination. There is a one-time fee paid to the instructor at the first day of class (non-refundable) for uniform. Children, \$50; adult \$75. Ten weeks.

<b>Ages :</b>	5-15
<b>When:</b>	Sat., Oct. 7 - Dec. 16
<b>Time:</b>	Beg. 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
<b>Inter.</b>	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
<b>Adv.</b>	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
<b>Ages:</b>	16 and up
<b>When:</b>	Thurs., Oct. 5 - Dec. 14
<b>Time:</b>	6 - 7 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Dance Studio, T. P. Community Center
<b>Child fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$150
	Non Res. \$160
<b>Adult fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$190
	Non Res. \$210

No Class on Nov. 23 and 25.

## En Garde Fencing

### Ages 9 and up

Learn beginning foil techniques from Mike Mohebban, who has 20 years' teaching experience, including summer camps and two years teaching fencing to Army officers. Equipment provided includes: Foil, mask and jacket. A \$30 materials fee is due to the instructor at the first session. Ten weeks.

<b>When:</b>	Tues., Oct. 13 - Dec. 12, 2006
<b>Time:</b>	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Dance Studio, T.P. Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$85
	Non-Res. \$95

No Class on Nov. 7.

## Tai Chi For Healthier Lives

### Ages 16 and older

The weak shall be strong. The strong shall be gentle. The stiff shall be agile. The mind and body shall work together in harmony. Long term commitment paves the road to success. Instructor Randy Atkins. Ten Weeks.

<b>When:</b>	Thurs., Oct. 5 - Dec. 14
<b>Time:</b>	7 - 8 p.m. Beg.
	8:15 - 9:15 p.m. Inter.
<b>Location:</b>	T.P. Recreation Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$60
	Non Res. \$65

## Pee Wee Basketball Program

### Grades 1 - 2

The basic fundamentals of the game — dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding — will be taught during this eight-week program. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be stressed. Controlled scrimmages will be played the last five weeks of the program. Junior ball, modified rules, three-on-three, lowered baskets, small court. Participants will be grouped into teams after the second week. Volunteer coaches are needed.

<b>When:</b>	Sun., Oct. 1 - Nov. 19
<b>Clinic:</b>	Oct. 1 and 8
<b>Time:</b>	1 - 2:15 p.m. grade 1
	2:30 - 3:45 p.m. grade 2
<b>Location:</b>	Gym, Piney Branch Elementary
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$45
	Non-Res. \$50

## Introduction to Billiards/Pool (Beginner/Intermediate)

### Grades 5 - 8

Learn the tricks of the trade from a grizzled veteran. It's called shape, and by the time we've concluded this little seminar, you'll be hustling your older brother's lunch money. Guaranteed.

<b>When:</b>	Mon. and Fri., Nov. 6 - Dec. 15
<b>Time:</b>	4 - 5 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	T.P. Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	Free with Game Room Membership

## Annual Costume Contest

For all spooky ghost and goblins

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

<b>When:</b>	Saturday, October 28
<b>Time:</b>	5 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues, Old Town Takoma Park
<b>Fee:</b>	Free!

## Halloween Parade

All ages

Follow the T.P. Fire Department Fire Truck as it escorts you down the parade route. Beginning at Carroll and Laurel Avenues, following Carroll Avenue to Fire House, left onto Philadelphia Avenue and ending at Piney Branch Elementary School.



Photo by Debra Haiduvon

<b>When:</b>	Saturday, October 28
<b>Time:</b>	Approximately 5:45 p.m.
	Immediately following the Costume Contest
<b>Fee:</b>	Free!

## Halloween Bash

All Ages

Join us for refreshments, sponsored by the T.P. Lions Club, at Piney Branch Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room, following the Halloween Parade. A musical performance by "Dixie Power Trio," sponsored by the Recreation Department is suitable for all ages. We'd like to thank the T.P. Lions Club, who graciously served the T.P. community for several decades with its kindness and support.

<b>When:</b>	Saturday, October 28
<b>Time:</b>	Immediately following the parade
<b>Location:</b>	Piney Branch Elementary School
<b>Fee:</b>	Free!

## Canine Costume Contest

Halloween is going to the dogs. Dress your dog up for this new event. Categories include cutest, scariest, funniest and most original; within two divisions puppies and adult dogs. Dogs must be leashed and under control by handler. Sponsored by the Big Bad Woof, doggie cake and refreshments will be served. Gifts for the winners will also be provided by sponsor.

<b>When:</b>	Saturday October 28
<b>Time:</b>	3 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Parking Lot behind Bank of America, 6950 Carroll Avenue
<b>Fee:</b>	Free!



## A Dog You Can Live With

Informal seminars that will help you understand and appreciate your canine friend. Bring questions and learn strategies that you can use right away to keep your dog integrated in the family and out of trouble. *Instructor:* Laura Costas, of One on One Dog Training.

### Understanding Common Dog Behavior Problems

We'll look at anxiety, fearfulness, aggression, separation distress, jumping, barking, bolting, destructiveness, incomplete house training and just plain hard headedness. Learn more about what makes your dog do these things and get started solving the problem. (No dog at the seminar)

<b>When:</b>	Sat., Oct. 21
<b>Time:</b>	1 - 2:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Auditorium, T.P. Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$15
	Non Res. \$20

### Choosing the Right Dog for Your Family

Would you like a little guidance in selecting the dog that's best for you? All dogs are not created equal! Join us in a fun seminar where we will look at your options and answer questions: Should I buy or adopt? Is it better to get a puppy or an adult dog? A big dog or a small one? Come and learn how to choose the best canine companion for your real life.

<b>When:</b>	Sat., Nov. 4
<b>Time:</b>	1 - 2:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Auditorium, T.P. Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$15
	Non Res. \$20

## Dog Training Classes

### Puppy Kindergarten

Teach your puppy dog the foundation skills: attention, sit, come when called, leave it, settle and beginning leash walking. Positive reinforcement training using no punishments. This class is for puppies 14 months and younger who are not aggressive with other dogs or people. Must have current vaccination records. Kids 10 and up with adult are welcome. Limited to six dogs. Indoor location, six weeks. Instructor Gretchen Savory has more than 20 years of dog training experience.

<b>When:</b>	Wed., Nov. 8 - Dec. 20
<b>Time:</b>	10 - 11 a.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Heffner Park Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$85
	Non Res. \$95

No Class on Nov. 22.

### Basic Dog Manners

Teach your adult dog basic obedience and manners: attention, sit and stay, come when called, leave it, beginning leash walking and more. Positive reinforcement training using no punishments. Dogs 14 months or older who are not aggressive with other dogs or people. Must have current vaccination records. Kids 10 and up with adult are welcome. Limited to six dogs. Indoor location, six weeks. Instructor Gretchen Savory has over 20 years of dog training experience.

<b>When:</b>	Wed., Nov. 8 - Dec. 20
<b>Time:</b>	11 a.m. - noon
<b>Location:</b>	Heffner Park Community Center
<b>Fee:</b>	T.P. Res. \$85
	Non Res. \$95

No Class on Nov. 22.



Photo by Debra Haiduvon

# Reading to the Youngest

By Karen MacPherson

It's one of life's more interesting challenges: persuading an energetic baby or toddler to sit on your lap and listen to you read a book. But it's a challenge worth meeting, as studies show how crucial it is to read daily to little ones to develop their minds and hearts. It's also one of the most joyful duties of parenthood.

The annual "Best Books for Babies" helps parents make great choices for these first reading experiences. Compiled by librarians and child development experts, the list is the only children's literature award focused on the youngest readers.

Here's a look at this year's winners. The library has some of these books, and the rest are on order. For more suggestions, go to [www.beginningwithbooks.org](http://www.beginningwithbooks.org) for previous years' winners.

• *Duckie's Ducklings*. Mother Duckie is ready for a swim, but where are her ducklings? Author/illustrator Frances Barry presents a counting story that will have young readers exuberant at their ability to spot those ducklings long before Mother Duckie does. They'll also love Barry's brightly-colored illustrations and pages whose different sizes make the ducklings readily visible to readers, if not to Mother Duckie. (Ages 2-4).

• *Tomie's Mother Goose Flies Again*. Beloved author/artist Tomie dePaola offers a colorful look at nursery rhymes in a small board book perfect for toting along on car trips or to the grocery store. (Ages 1-4).

• *Honey Baby Sugar Child*. Author Alice Faye Duncan gives readers a wonderful portrait of a mother's love with spare text and clever word play that express the mother's joy — "I wanna squeeze ya, kiss ya, till the sugar's gone." Artist Susan Keeter's evocative illustrations add another layer, showing an African-American mother enjoying a lively day with her baby son. (Ages 1-3).

• *My Garden = Mi Jardín*. Little ones have fun with familiar garden sights in both English and Spanish. Part of a series, this board book written and illustrated by Rebecca Emberley features simple, boldly-colored illustrations that will easily attract the attention of the youngest readers. (Ages six months-2).

• *Snuggle Up, Sleepy Ones*. As darkness settles in the jungle, young animals get ready to go to sleep in this soothing book by Claire Freedman. Pastel illustrations by Tina Macnaughton add to the book's sleep-inducing effect. (Ages 2-4).

• *A Truck Goes Rattle-Bump*. If you've got a young vehicle fanatic in your life, this book is a guaranteed hit. Author Jonathan London's simple but energetic rhyming text, combined with Denis Roche's joyfully-colored artwork make this a book that is lots of fun to read. (Ages 2-4).

• *Star Baby*. Author Margaret O'Hair uses simple rhymes to take readers through the day of a busy, happy baby. Young readers will readily identify with the baby, and also will enjoy the rounded, curving artwork of illustrator Erin Eitter Kono.

• *Diddle Diddle Dumpling* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$5.95). Author/illustrator Tracey Campbell Pearson adds new life to a traditional nursery rhyme by setting it in the current day, with her trademark watercolor illustrations. (Ages six months-3).

• *Alphabet House*. Created from origami and found paper, author-illustrator Nancy Wallace's illustrations depict the inside of a house inhabited by a bunny family. Each page shows a different letter, filled with objects that begin with that letter. (Ages 2-4).

• *This Little Piggy*. Author Jane Yolen collects more than 60 rhymes, lap songs, finger plays and clapping games in this large-sized volume, charmingly illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. The book comes with a CD created by Yolen's son, musician Adam Stemple. (Ages birth-4).

## Philosophical Explorations of "Why"

Got questions? Or, even better, do your kids have questions? Head to the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Monday, October 9 at 7 p.m. where Socrates Café founder Chris Phillips will lead adults and children ages 8 and up in an evening of philosophical discussion. Phillips uses the elenctic, or indirect mode of inquiry, that Socrates used, a method that works particularly well with kids, who are — as every parent knows — champion questioners.

Over the years, Chris and his wife Cecilia have opened the Socrates Café at the library numerous times, and each time a new crowd shows up with new directions for an entertaining and thought-provoking time.

Chris and Cecilia are the founders of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry (SPI, at [www.philosopher.org](http://www.philosopher.org).) and Chris has written several books, including *Socrates Café*, *Six Questions of Socrates*, and the children's book, *The Philosophers' Club*, all of which can be found in the library's collection. His newest is *Ceci Ann's Day Of Why*; and he and his wife also have just welcomed their own "joyous bundle of why," Caliope, who will join them on Oct. 9.

## Spooky Stories for Halloween

Storyteller Candace Wolf returns to the Takoma Park Maryland Library to tell some haunting tales for Halloween on Monday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Wolf, whose Halloween programs have become a tradition at the Library, has titled her program this year "The King of the Ghost Birds." Some years, Wolf has featured the "kinder, gentler" type of scary stories, and other years her program has been aimed at older children and adults. This year's program will require parental discretion and is best suited to children in third grade or older.

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

## LIBRARY

### Spanish Events Scheduled

In October, the Library kicks off two different Spanish storytime programs for families. No pre-registration is required for either program. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about these programs, and call the Library at 301-891-7259 with any questions:

Beginning October 5, popular story teller and educator Lupe Marks will return to the Library. This year's Spanish Immersion Circle Time will be offered for children 18 months to 5 years on the first and second Thursday mornings of each month at 10 a.m.

"Senora Lupe," a native Spanish speaker with a degree in Spanish and education, brings rich and varied experience in working with young children through games, stories, song and dance. Her Library programs last year were enthusiastically received,

and we are pleased to welcome her back to the Library.

On Saturday, October 7, local storyteller Laura Kleinmann will offer the first Spanish Storytelling Program for families. The event, which will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., is the first of a monthly series of story-times led by Kleinmann, who is the media specialist at the Oyster Bilingual Elementary School in Washington, D.C.

All are welcome to attend, and no Spanish is required, as Kleinmann uses a visual approach to make the stories understandable for everyone. The Spanish Storytelling Program will take place the first Saturday of each month.

Please join us at either or both of these programs! Todos estan bienvenidos!

## Library Programs for Fall

### Friends of the Library Reading Group

Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m. • Community Center Atrium  
Discussion of *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
Books available at the Library • All are welcome

### La Hora de Juego en Espanol

Thursday, October 5 and 12, 10 a.m. • At the Library  
Spanish story time with Lupe Marks • (see story)

### College Bound Series

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. • At the Library  
Dr. Herm Davis discusses financial aid for college  
Pre-registration encouraged

### Sabado Gigante para Ninos en la Biblioteca!

Spanish story time with Laura Kleinman  
Saturday October 7, 10:30 a.m. at the Library (see story)

### Philosophic Inquiry with Author Chris Phillips

Monday October 9, 7 p.m. • At the Library • (see story)

### College Bound Series

Wednesday October 11, 7:30 p.m. • At the Library  
Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre discusses "Going to College — an Overview" • Pre-registration encouraged

### Teen Read Week Celebration

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Share some of your favorite teen books  
Prizes, games • Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers only, please  
Please sign up at the desk

### Morrissey Golf Tournament

Monday, October 16, Redgate Golf Course in Rockville  
Fundraiser in honor of Mike Morrissey — all proceeds to the Library  
Sign up to play, or sponsor a player • Details and forms at the Library

### College Bound Series

Wednesday October 18, 7 p.m. • At the Library  
Dr. Ilhan Cagge and Yahya Mokhtarzada discuss SAT preparation  
Pre-registration encouraged

### Shivery Stories

Monday October 30, 7:30 p.m. • At the Library  
Story-teller Candace Wolf (see story)

### Neighborhood Circle Time

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

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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: Det. A/Lt. T. Collington

## Robberies

On September 13 at 9:39 p.m. in the 6800 block of New Hampshire Ave., three subjects walked into a market, approached the cashier, displayed a gun and demanded money. When the cashier complied, two of the subjects walked to the back of the store and took money from another employee. A third employee fled through a back door. No one was injured.

## Burglaries

On August 20, between 5:14 a.m. and 5:20 a.m. in the 6400 block of New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary was attempted. A surveillance tape from the business showed a subject kicking the front glass door several times, breaking it then entering the business and taking items.

On August 25 at 1:56 a.m. in the 6400 block of New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary was attempted. Officers responded to an alarm at a gas station and found the front glass door shattered. Entry was not gained.

Between August 29 at 6 p.m. and August 30 at 8 a.m. in the 7400 block of

New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary was attempted. The door knob of a storage unit in the building was damaged.

On September 1 at 12:42 a.m. in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary was attempted. A passerby saw a subject trying to enter the business by attempting to destroy the lock of the front door with an object, then attempting to break the window of the front door before walking away.

On September 3, between 6:05 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. in the 1100 block of Larch Ave., a burglary occurred. A citizen saw a subject enter his neighbor's unlocked shed and remove property.

On September 5, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in the 100 block of Tulip Ave., a residential burglary occurred. A rear window was broken in order to gain entry. Property was taken.

On September 5, between 8:10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the 1000 block of Heather Ave., a residential burglary occurred. Entry was gained through an open window. Property was taken.

On September 11 between 7 a.m. and 3:35 p.m. in the unit block of Philadelphia Ave., a residential burglary occurred. It is unknown how

entry to the home was gained. Property was taken.

On September 14 between 2 and 7:41 p.m. in the 7600 block of Flower Ave., a burglary occurred. Entry to the dorm room was gained through an unlocked door. Property was taken.

## Car and Related Theft

On August 18 between 7 and 7:30 p.m. in the 7500 block of Jackson Ave., an auto theft occurred. The 2001 Honda Odyssey was left unattended and unlocked with the key in the ignition.

Between August 21 at 11 p.m. and August 22 at 8 a.m. in the 900 block of University Blvd., three thefts from autos occurred. Windows were tampered with in order to gain entry to the 2001 Toyota Tundra, 1995 Dodge Ram and 1998 Ford Club Wagon. The owners' personal items were found scattered about in all three vehicles, but nothing was reported taken.

Between August 22 at 9:45 p.m. and August 23 at 9:45 a.m. in the 7300 block of New Hampshire Ave., an auto theft occurred. It is unknown how the 1997 Toyota Camry was stolen.

On August 27, between 8:30 and 9:26 p.m. in the 7400 block of New Hampshire

Ave., an auto theft occurred. The 1991 Chevrolet Caprice was left unattended, unlocked and with the keys in the ignition.

Between August 23, time unknown and August 28 at 9:46 a.m. at the intersection of Sligo Mill Road and Orchard Ave., an auto theft occurred. It is unknown how the 1989 Chevrolet van was stolen.

Between September 12 at 11:40 a.m. and September 13 at 5:17 a.m. in the 7300 block of New Hampshire Ave., an auto theft occurred. Unknown means were used to steal the 1994 Ford Crowne Victoria.

Between September 12 at 9 p.m. and September 13 at 7:40 p.m. in the 600 block of Elm Ave., an auto theft was attempted. A door lock and the ignition of the 2003 Dodge Neon were damaged. Property was taken.

Between September 12 at 4:30 p.m. and September 13 at 10 p.m. in the 6700 block of Conway Ave., an auto theft was attempted. A door lock and the ignition of the 2006 Chrysler Sebring were damaged.

## ARRESTS

On August 20 at 1:22 p.m. in the 7700 block of Maple Ave., a juvenile female was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving without a license.

On August 21 at 11:26 p.m. in the 7700 block of Maple Ave., an adult male was arrested on an open Montgomery County warrant for possession of CDS.

On August 22 at 10:22 p.m. in the 500 block of Albany Ave., a criminal citation for possession of CDS paraphernalia was issued to a female juvenile.

On August 26 at 5:03 p.m. in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with prohibited transfer of recorded sounds or images (selling counterfeit CDs/DVDs).

On August 27 at 7:44 p.m. at the intersection of New Hampshire Ave. and Route 410, an adult male was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol and two traffic-related charges.

On August 28 at 12:08 a.m. in the 7000 block of Carroll Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and two traffic-related charges.

On August 28 at 11:04 a.m. in the 8300 block of Roanoke Ave., an adult female was arrested on an open Montgomery County warrant for identity fraud (fraudulent use of credit card).

On August 29 at 4:55 p.m. in the 8200 block of Houston Ct., an adult female was arrested and charged with first degree assault after police received a report of a domestic assault.

On August 31 at 11:35 a.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Ave., an adult male was arrested on an open Montgomery County warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of possession of CDS.

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## The Firehouse Report

As of Aug. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the Takoma Park station responded to 680 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 1,762 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,442 incidents this year. Totals for 2005 were 730 and 1,745 respectively, for a total of 2,475 respectively, a decrease of 33 incidents.

### Blood Drive A Success

The Takoma Park VFD and Takoma Park Lions Club thanks all those who showed up at the recent blood drive to contribute. A total of 40 people came to donate blood, resulting in 28 pints collected. Helpers Pam Taylor, TPVFD; Ray Messick, Keith Van Ness and Gloria Mitton, TPLC; and North Silver Spring Lions Club members Doris Messick and Pat Van Ness helped make the event a success. The next Blood Drive will be in January 2007.



Ray Messick and Pam Taylor were two of the volunteers who helped make the recent blood drive successful.

### Using Candles Still Dangerous

I know the subject of candles was mentioned in previous newsletters, but after a serious fire in Chicago claimed the lives of six children, it's time to remind readers of their dangers. The cause of this tragedy was the misuse of candles; the home had its electricity cut off for three months prior to the fire. A strong message for you and your family: in the event of a power failure, NEVER use a candle for light. Use a flashlight or a battery operated lamp. If you should decide to use a candle... please, please NEVER leave it unattended.

### Safe Escape Tips

- About 75 percent of house fire deaths are caused by smoke, not by flames. You must crawl under smoke, with your head 12-24 inches above the floor.
- It takes 10-15 minutes to burn through a wooden door. Sleep with doors shut.
- Use the back of your hand to touch the door, doorknob, and hinges. If you feel heat, use your second exit; if you don't, open the door slowly. If you see thick smoke or flames, slam the door shut. Use another exit.
- If you are trapped, stuff clothing under the doors. Telephone the fire department to tell them your location. Wait at a window and signal with a flashlight or light-colored cloth.
- Once out of a burning building, never go back into the building for any reason.

### In The Lions Den

At the August meeting of the Takoma Park Lions Club, the acting King Lion Keith Van Ness presented Zone Chairman Mike Bigler a Lions Club 15-year longevity pin and Sherman Cohen a 40-year longevity pin. One hundred per cent attendance pins were presented to Ray Messick, Jack Mitton, Keith Van Ness, Jim Jarboe, Mike Hall, Mike Bigler and Sherman Cohen. Congratulations to all!



Takoma Park VFD members Steve Novik, Stan Herrmann, Jim Jarboe and Dave Hooker stop for a photo after completing their evening shift on the phones. These volunteers have worked from 15 to 30 years on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

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Photo by Carol Bannerman

**A 10-year veteran of municipal police departments in Prince George's County, Walter B. Smith, center, signed his oath of office as a Takoma Park police officer on Sept. 13. Welcoming him are Mayor Kathy Porter, to his left, along with members of Squad 1, recruiters, and other officers from the department.**



Emergency Preparedness & Neighborhood Safety

## Recognize Crime Prevention Month

October is Crime Prevention Month, promoted by the National Crime Prevention Council since 1984. The month-long recognition seeks to increase awareness of what individuals can do to prevent themselves and their community from being harmed by violence and other crimes.

Celebrate crime prevention by joining a citizen patrol or inviting a member of the COP Team to your next neighborhood meeting. The team can be reached through Sgt. Kurt Gilbert at 301-891-7124. Learn more about any of the following crime prevention programs of the Takoma Park Police:

- **Operation ID** (property engraving program)
- **Home Security Survey**
- **Commercial Security Survey**
- **Renter's Security Survey** (personal habits)
- **Watch Your Car** (vehicle theft deterrence)
- **Bicycle Registration**
- **Vacant House Check**

A limited number of steering wheel locking devices, a deterrent to vehicle theft, are available for \$10 at the Police Administrative office.

## Dinner to Thank Creamer

A dinner to acknowledge the service and retirement of Chief Cindy Creamer will take place Thursday, November 9, at the Sheraton College Park, Beltsville, on Powdermill Road at I-95. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., with dinner and presentations beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Chief Creamer served 30 years with the Takoma Park Police, beginning as a dispatcher, rising through the ranks.

She was named Chief of Police in July 2002. She was named Officer of the Year in 1980 for patrol work and in 1990 for investigative work.

Any civic or other group wishing to make a presentation at the dinner should contact Carol Bannerman at 301-891-7142 or carolb@takomagov.org.

The event is open to the public, but reservations are required. The event cost includes dinner and contribution towards a gift.

## POLICE NEWS

### Patrol Detains Homicide Suspect

Just after midnight on September 1, two Montgomery County Police officers were stationed at University Boulevard and Merrimac Avenue on a stationary detail. A passerby reported that a man was being beaten in the nearby 1000 block of University. As they responded, the officers saw a man beating a victim and then running to a waiting vehicle.

The county officers used their cruiser to block the vehicle's escape and three occupants fled on foot. As one officer assisted the victim, the other patrolman chased the suspect who ran into Prince George's County. Takoma Park officers in the area on an unrelated case responded to look for the suspects.

The county officer, on foot, and a Takoma Park officer in his car, boxed the fleeing suspect in a nearby apartment complex alleyway. Surrounded by police, including some from Prince George's County, the suspect was detained after emerging from hiding. Jose Danis Ramos, 27, of Quebec Terrace, Silver Spring, was transported and questioned by Takoma Park investigators. Canine and helicopter searches were unsuccessful in locating other suspects.

The victim, Luis R. Jovel, 27, of Silver Spring died about 18 hours later at the hospital where he was taken for treatment. Ramos was then charged with first degree murder.

Based on their investigation,

Takoma Park detectives obtained an arrest warrant and search warrants for the second suspect. Early on the morning of September 8, the investigators accompanied Prince William County Police officers at the arrest in Dale City of Nelson Noel Ventura, 22, of Hyattsville. Also assisting in the arrest were U.S. Marshals and Montgomery County police.

As of mid-September, Ventura was being held at the Prince William Detention Center in Manassas pending extradition. Ramos was being held without bond at the Montgomery County Detention Center. The investigation suggests that the hostilities between Jovel and the suspects began on the northeast side of University in Prince George's County. Jovel fled across the road and the suspects caught up and attacked him as he crossed the city line. No further details are being released at this time.

Both suspects and the victim are believed to have ties with the gang MS-13.

This is the fourth homicide in Takoma Park this year, a higher number than the past five years combined and the highest since 1996, when three homicides occurred.

In three of this year's murders, the suspect was arrested within the hour by patrol officers. The fourth, the June robbery/homicide of Victor Dao on Flower Avenue, is still under active investigation.

## Carroll Avenue Closed For Festival October 1

As the Takoma Park Street Festival has grown in popularity over the past 25 years, traffic and parking congestion has increased. Encourage friends to use public transportation to join the festivities, this year on October 1. Parking in the adjacent areas is extremely limited and walking to events is highly recommended.

### Street Closures

Carroll Avenue will be closed from the intersection with Eastern Avenue and Willow Street in the District of Columbia to Philadelphia Avenue (in front of the Fire Station). The street will be closed, with access available only to vendors, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (depending on when the street is cleared by vendors).

Some streets leading to Carroll Avenue will be blocked to allow residents access to their homes but to limit general traffic towards the blocked area

of Carroll. These included Tulip Avenue after Spruce, Park Avenue after Holt Place, and Westmoreland after Walnut.

Police personnel will be stationed at Carroll and Tulip to allow emergency vehicle access to Carroll Avenue if needed.

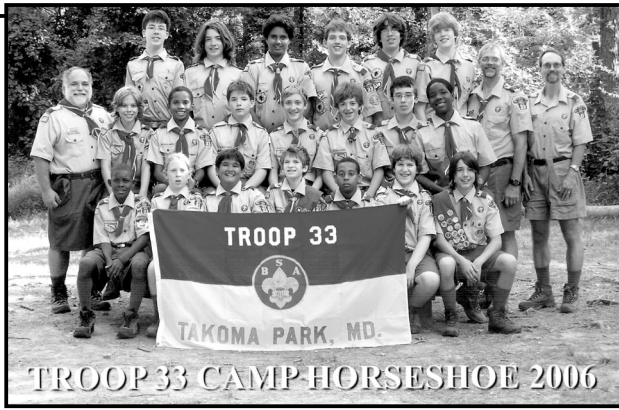
### Emergency No Parking

Maple Avenue from the D.C. border to Philadelphia Avenue. Tulip Avenue from Maple Avenue to Carroll Avenue

Officers will attempt to locate owners so vehicles can be moved but ticketing and towing is authorized. To improve traffic flow, residential side streets will be patrolled to aggressively enforce parking restrictions, such as parking too close to intersections.

Limited handicapped parking will be available in the bank parking lot at Willow and Carroll. Parking behind the stage at Willow and Carroll will be short-term-only for the performing bands, their staff and equipment.

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**Takoma Park's Boy Scout Troop 33** gather for a picture at Camp Horseshoe this summer. Members of the 87-year-old troop will host its annual pancake supper October 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church gym, at the corner of Tulp and Maple Avenues. Tickets are \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, lemonade and coffee served up by the scouts. Proceeds will help rebuild a dam that maintains the pond at Camp Horseshoe.

## A Message from the Public Works Sanation Division

In an effort to help us better serve you, please note the following:

1. Place trash and recycling containers at the curb the evening before your scheduled collection. Be sure containers are not concealed by vehicles or other large objects.
2. Park far enough from intersections to allow safe and easy access by our collection vehicles. Large trucks require a wide turning clearance.
3. Do not place yard waste in plastic bags, use paper bags, trash cans or other stiff-sided containers for yard waste.
4. Sticks and branches must be less than four feet in length and tied in bundles or stacked in a container. Individual branches must be less than three inches in diameter.
5. If your recycle bin is broken or missing, visit the Public Works Administration office for a free replacement, 31 Oswego Avenue. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
6. Please drive carefully and cautiously when approaching a solid waste or recycling truck. Collection staff are working on both sides of the street in most areas.
7. If your collection is missed, please call 301-891-7633 to report. Collection should occur within 24 hours of report.
8. Furniture, appliances and large or bulky items are collected by appointment only. There is a \$10 charge for up to five items. Call Public Works at 301-891-7633 to schedule a collection appointment.

## Speak with the Mayor

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

Meeting hours are every Tuesday, 2 to 5 p.m. by appointment; third floor, Council Conference Room; and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., second floor, Forsythia Room, Community Center. Walk-ins are welcome for the evening hours only.

To schedule a meeting, contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at 301-891-7230 or [peggyew@takomagov.org](mailto:peggyew@takomagov.org).

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# Dean Returns to Help Domestic Violence Victims

Diana Dean, the Takoma Park Police victim/witness services coordinator since 1999, has returned after a short break working in private industry. Dean, who earned the 2003 Governor's Victim Assistance Award, works with victims of domestic and violent crime as part of the police criminal investigations unit.

Bilingual in English and Spanish, she

assists victims in locating appropriate services such as financial aid or counseling. She can accompany victims to court proceedings, assisting in preparing them for what to expect as a case progresses. She also works with domestic violence victims including assisting them with obtaining protective orders.

Dean may be reached at 301-891-7147 or [dianad@takomagov.org](mailto:dianad@takomagov.org)

## Takoma Park City TV Events in October 2006

City TV staff will be covering the Old Town Street Festival on Sunday, October 1, just weeks after the 29th Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival held in September. Programs featuring performances from these events should start appearing near the end of October. Special Events playing this month will include replay of the Congressional Hearing on Gang Activity, held in Council Chamber in September.

**Takoma Snapshots** will feature the following episodes:

- Community Oriented Policing: On the Beat in Takoma Park
- Maple Avenue Cultural Fair
- Takoma Park Folk Festival Highlights
- Takoma's Poets: Anne Becher and Lara Payne

In other news, the Communications staff received an Honorable Mention at the recent NATOA Government Programming Awards for the City TV portion of the City website, [www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable](http://www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable). Be sure to visit this award-winning web page for specific program information each month. Council meetings, Snapshots and Special Events are also available on-demand as video webstream.

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

All Council meetings and Snapshots episodes are 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 also available on DVD. Call 301-891-7118 or send an email to: [cabletv@takomagov.org](mailto:cabletv@takomagov.org) for more information.

## Takoma Park City TV October 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) or Special Events	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) or Special Events		
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				Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Snapshots
7:30 PM	City Council Meeting/City TV Special Events	National Gallery of Art					
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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**  
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Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7118

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# Folk Fest

*The Takoma Park Folk Festival drew together musicians, families, friends, artists, food vendors, political activists, service organizations and neighbors for a sunny day of celebration September 10. Music ranged from bluegrass to klezmer, African to Bulgarian, and the crowds reflected the joy this community takes in such diversity.*



Photos by Takoma Park Communications Staff



## Poetry and Art in Takoma Park

Celebrating the Creative Spirit of Our Community

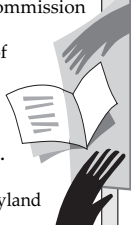
### Takoma Park Poetry Series

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission and Poet Laureate Don Berger are proud to present the works of

**Matthew Salomon**  
**Mary Carter Williams**

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Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland

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



### Call for Poetry

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting poets for the 2007 Takoma Park Poetry Series. The series will begin this winter and will feature some of the finest poets in the city and surrounding area.

For anyone who'd like to be considered for a spot in the series, please send three to five poems to Poet Laureate Don Berger at ahc@takomagov.org or mail or drop them off with Sara Daines at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912. The submission deadline is Wednesday, October 11, 2006

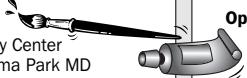
### October Exhibit Drawings, Paintings, and Collages

**Works by Takoma Park Artists/  
The Students of Katie Dell Kaufman**

**Atrium Gallery**  
Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue • Takoma Park MD

Exhibit will be on display the month of October.  
A reception celebrating the artists and their work will be held on **Sunday, October 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.** in the atrium lobby.

For more information on how you can exhibit your work at the Community Center, please contact the Arts and Humanities Commission at 301-891-7224 or by email at ahc@takomagov.org



### Call for Artists

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, in partnership with ASalon Studios, is facilitating an **Open Studio Tour and Holiday Art Sale** on **Saturday, December 16, 2006.**

If you are a Takoma Park artist and would like to open your studio to the public, show your work in another Takoma Park venue during this event or help plan the Open Studio Tour and Holiday Art Sale, please contact the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission at ahc@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7224.

## Street Fest Celebrates Community Mix

The 25th Annual Takoma Park Street Festival will celebrate the diversity of Old Takoma's musicians, artists, and townspeople on Sunday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Festival entertainment includes all-day music from 18 bands on three stages, including some of D.C.'s finest acoustic roots-rock bands such as The Sherwood Blues Band, Vulgar Bulgar, Chopteeth, Robert Lighthouse, and Ruthie and the Wranglers. More than 150 craft artists, community groups and diverse foods to please every palate will line the festival route along Carroll Avenue. For kids there will be moon bounces, jugglers, balloon artists and more.

The Takoma Park Street Festival begins in the center of the Old Takoma neighborhood, near the Sunday Farmers Market on Laurel Avenue at Eastern Avenue NW. The Festival starts two blocks from the Takoma Metro Station (Red Line), and admission is free.

The Old Takoma Business Association, sponsors the festival, along with co-sponsors: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, RCN, "Takoma Voice," Ameriprise Financial, Ameritech Construction, CVS, City Homes by Centex, Columbia Union College, Long and Foster, Skooter Commuter, Takoma Park Food Co-op, Universal Energy Home Remodeling and Washington Adventist Hospital. Proceeds help support OTBA's Main Street Takoma initiative.

For more information visit  
www.Takoma Festival.com.