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committed citizens can change the world..."  
Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

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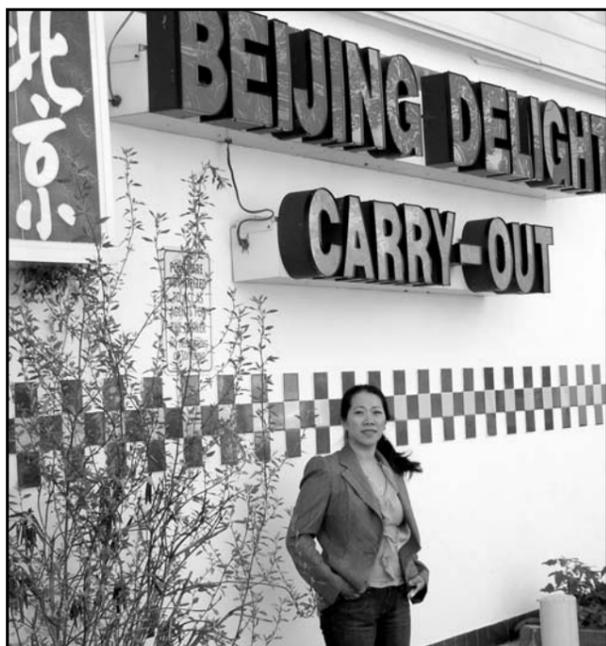
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### Long Branch Area Set for Major Revitalization



Photos by Susan Holliday

Beijing Delight owner Siu Wong, left, plans to construct a mixed-use commercial building at her restaurant's current Piney Branch/Flower Avenue site. Juan Chedrauy, above, Long Branch Business League director and owner of La Pollera restaurant, is excited about these and other changes in the Long Branch neighborhood.

By Susan Holliday

This is the first in a series of articles about the commercial centers of Takoma Park and the changes envisioned for them in the Takoma Park Master Plan. The plan resulted from extensive work by the Montgomery County Planning Department, which invited input from every Takoma Park neighborhood group, held public hearings, and consulted with the Takoma Park City Council and staff. The Council-approved plan, formalized by the Montgomery County Planning Board in December 2000, is the City's guide for improvements over the next five to 15 years.

Siu and Kam Wong, who have owned and operated their Beijing Delight restaurant in Takoma Park for 12 years, are planning to rip down their building and change the face of their corner of the city. Located at the southeast corner

of Piney Branch Road and Flower Avenue, the business is just one element of sweeping change in store for the Long Branch neighborhood.

While the Wongs have big plans that include demolishing two buildings just south on Piney Branch and constructing a three-story, mixed-use office building with retail on the ground floor, others in the area are working with Montgomery County to create some of downtown Silver Spring's revitalization magic in their own backyards. They've attracted the interest of one investment group that has an approved site plan to erect a medical office building at the corner of Arliss and Flower Avenues. That development is expected to kick-start renovation throughout the Long Branch area, much as the Discovery Communications construction did for downtown Silver Spring.

"If you have the service or the food that people want, this is a good place to be," says Siu Wong. "There's plenty of potential in the population density here, and sooner or later we should have the Purple Line," the light rail transit line proposed to run from Bethesda to New Carrollton.

"We need that development — we need it to grow," says Juan Chedrauy, a director of the Long Branch Business League and owner of the La Pollera

### January Election Slated For Vacant Council Seat

You may have thought you were finished with election season, but the contest continues next month, January 30, with a special election in Ward 5 of Takoma Park.

Councilmember Marc Elrich, who represented the ward for 19 years, was elected to the Montgomery County Council in November, and will be vacating his seat effective December 3, 2006. He will be sworn in for County Council the following day. A special election must be held, according to City Charter, to fill out the rest of his term, which would end in November 2007, and a new council member will take Elrich's position beginning February 12, barring a tie vote.

Not only is it unusual to have to fill a seat mid-term: This will also be the first election in the city to follow the instant runoff vote formula. Voters will rank candidates by order of choice, and, as in any election, the candidate with the majority of votes wins the seat. But if there is no majority, the candidate with the fewest first choice votes is eliminated, and the voters who selected that individual as first choice have their second choice votes redistributed to the other candidates. This continues until someone receives a majority of votes.

All voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Columbia Union College, Wilkinson Hall. Absentee ballots will also be available for those who cannot get to the polls on election day; applications for regular absentee ballots must be received by the city clerk by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23.

Voters will include only those registered at an address in Ward 5, who are registered by Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Candidates for the office must submit petitions to place their names on the ballot by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10; petitions must be signed by at least 10 eligible voters in the ward. There is no nominating caucus for this election.

For further details about the upcoming special election, see calendar on page 4 and notices on page 5.

restaurant on Piney Branch Road. "The effects of that development will ripple out. If you want to attract new businesses and places to shop, you need investment."

The business league has won support for the medical building and the influx of development it could spur from most of the approximately nine neighboring civic associations, but not all. Chedrauy says the business league and the Long Branch Advisory Committee — a citizens' group that advises the county government — plan to work with all of the residents' groups in coming months to gain their input and address their concerns.

City of Takoma Park staffers also are reaching out to everyone affected — businesses, residents, county, state and federal governmental groups — to

make the benefits of the master plan a reality. "Our job is to advocate for the recommended master plan changes to be implemented," says City Senior Planner Ilona Blanchard. The plan "is compatible with the Takoma Park vision of attractive, moderately-scaled commercial centers with parking behind, and interesting ground floor detailing [that is] good to walk around and pedestrian friendly."

Traffic and pedestrian safety are prime worries for area residents and businesses alike. The county has slated the Piney Branch Road corridor for streetscaping enhancements in coming years, which should improve traffic, pedestrian safety and area aesthetics. The Urban Land Institute (ULI) suggests building two new secondary streets in what it calls the "suburban super block" bounded by Flower and Arliss Avenues and Piney Branch Road. In a February 2005 report on its Long Branch redevelopment study, the institute recommends laying the roads to create an "urban grid" for a safer, more walkable neighborhood that would also integrate the Long Branch Library and community center into the center of the community.

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## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR\*

**Monday, December 4** – Interviews, Special Session and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Wednesday, December 6** – Meeting of the Recreation Committee, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Room TBA)

**Thursday, December 7** – Meeting of the Health Services Impact Committee, 7 p.m. (Community Center Hydrangea Room)

**Thursday, December 7** – Meeting of the Police Employees Retirement Plan Committee, 8:30 a.m. (Community Center Atrium Room)

**Monday, December 11** – Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Tuesday, December 12** – Meeting of the Committee on the Environment, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Forsythia Room)

**Tuesday, December 12** – Meeting of the Tree Commission, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Room)

**Tuesday, December 19** – Meeting of the Safe Roadways Committee, 7 p.m. (Community Center Hydrangea Room)

**Friday, December 22** – City offices close at noon for the Christmas holiday

**Monday, December 25** – City offices closed for the Christmas holiday

**Wednesday, December 27** – Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Room)

**Monday, January 1, 2007** – City offices closed for the New Year holiday

**Tuesday, January 2, 2007** – Council Recess – no City Council meeting

**Tuesday, January 2, 2007** – Voter Registration cut-off date for Ward 5 Special Election

**Monday, January 8, 2007** – Closed Session, Special Session, and Worksession of the City Council, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Tuesday, January 9, 2007** – Meeting of the Facade Advisory Board, 7 p.m., Location TBA

**Wednesday, January 10, 2007** – Petitions to place a candidate's name on the ballot for the Ward 5 Special Election must be received by the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on this date.

**Monday, January 15, 2007** – City offices closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday

**Tuesday, January 16, 2007** – Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Monday, January 22, 2007** – Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Tuesday, January 23, 2007** – Last day to make application for regular Absentee Ballot for the Ward 5 Special Election, by 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2007** – Emergency absentee balloting begins for the Ward 5 Special Election

**Wednesday, January 24** – Meeting of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Community Center Atrium Room)

**Friday, January 26, 2007**, 5 p.m. Any write-in candidate who wishes to be pre-registered as a write-in candidate and to have his/her name posted in the voting booth for the purpose of identifying him/her as a candidate for office, must file his/her name with the City Clerk by this deadline.

**Monday, January 29, 2007** – Regular Meeting and Worksession of the City Council, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

**Tuesday, January 30, 2007** – WARD 5 SPECIAL ELECTION – Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Wilkinson Hall, Columbia Union College)

**Tuesday, January 30, 2007** – ELECTION DAY. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the official closing of the polls on election day or postmarked on or before January 29.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007**, 7:30 p.m. – Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results.

\*For the most up to date information, check [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov), email [Clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:Clerk@takomagov.org) or call 301-891-7267.

## Vacancies on Council-appointed Boards and Committees

Potential members are encouraged to attend meetings prior to applying for appointment. Further information on committees, their meeting schedules, and applications for appointment are available at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees> or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 301-891-7267 ([clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org)). There are vacancies on the following:

**Arts and Humanities Commission** The up to 15-member 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 a five- to seven-member elections board to plan and conduct future City elections. Registered voters residing in the City of Takoma Park may apply to serve.

**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.

**Committee on the Environment** This seven- to 11-member 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.

**Council Compensation Committee (2007)** 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 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.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee** The committee includes six Takoma Park residents, members of the City staff, and other representatives. It 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 attend a monthly meeting during the day.

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

**Noise Control Board** The seven-member board assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance and adjudication of noise disturbance complaints.

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

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

**Safe Roadways Committee** The up to 11-member Safe Roadways Committee advises the City on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic, and transit services.

## Speak with the Mayor

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

**December Office Hours:** Tuesdays, December 5 and 12, 2 – 4 p.m.  
and Wednesdays, December 6 and 13, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

*The Mayor's Office will close beginning December 14 and will reopen January 9, 2007.*

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

### October 23, 2006 – Regular Meeting

**Resolution 2006-69** was adopted, approving the "Safe Routes to School" program application (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Clay, Elrich).

**First Reading Ordinance 2006-50** was accepted, approving certain changes to City Code Chapter 6.08 Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Clay, Elrich).

**Second Reading Ordinance 2006-48** was adopted by roll-call vote, amending Ordinance 2006-32 Designating Permit Parking Area 5, to include the portion of the New Hampshire Avenue Service Road from Prince George's Avenue to the dead end just beyond 6806 New Hampshire Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Clay, Elrich).

**Single Reading Ordinance 2006-51** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing a contract for window replacement for the Library (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Clay, Elrich).

**Second Reading Ordinance 2006-49** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing FY07 Budget Amendment No. 2 (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Barry, Clay, Elrich).

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

**Resolution 2006-70**, appointing Kea Woodruff to the Committee on the Environment.

**Resolution 2006-71**, appointing Gayle Fisher-Stewart to the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee.

### November 6, 2006 – Special Session

**First Reading Ordinance 2006-52** was accepted, authorizing the installation of an additional speed hump on Willow Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

### November 13, 2006 – Regular Meeting

**Second Reading Ordinance 2006-52** was adopted by roll-call vote, authorizing the installation of an additional speed hump on Willow Avenue (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

**Second Reading Ordinance 2006-50** was adopted by roll-call vote, approving certain changes to City Code Chapter 6.08 Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

**Resolution 2006-72** was adopted, establishing a date (January 30, 2006) for the Ward 5 Special Election (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Elrich, Seamens, Williams).

# Bay Partner Community Program Lauds City Environmentalism

By Ali Khalilian and Martin Salmon

We did it again. The City of Takoma Park was recertified as a GOLD Chesapeake Bay Partner Community for its leadership and dedication to protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The City was first designated as a GOLD member in 1999. Since then we have come a long way. Takoma Park is becoming ever more environmentally conscious, locally as well as globally.

The Bay Partner Community program started in 1997 with the commitment to protect and restore the rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. Every year, local governments are certified as gold, silver, or bronze members based on environmentally beneficial actions undertaken, as a percentage of the benchmarks set by the Local

Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council. The evaluation criterion is based on four categories: improving water quality, promoting sound land use, protecting and restoring habitat, and engaging the community towards achieving these goals.

Takoma Park was recognized as a Gold member over 1,650 other local governments participating in this partnership. "The Chesapeake Bay Partner Community Awards celebrate the accomplishments of local governments in protecting and restoring the Bay," says Penny Gross, chair of the local Government Advisory Committee. "Local governments are vital to achieving Bay restoration goals."

While the City maintains its GOLD membership, its job is far from over.

The "stencil-a-drain" program is going on its third season with nearly one half of our inlets void of any signage that discourages dumping and polluting our water resources. Our goal for 2007 is to have all the inlets within the City stenciled. The process is simple, if you have any questions or want to learn more about our stenciling program, please go to the City website at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and click on stormwater where you will see a link to a stenciling information booklet.

The most southern area of Takoma Park deserves special attention. Only four drains are marked with no dumping messages. We would like to invite the community to participate; the process is simple, safe, and fun. Previously, University of Maryland students, residents, boy scouts and girl scouts participated.

We would like to remind everyone of the function of the storm drain on your curbside. It does more than guzzle water.

It leads directly into our natural water system, including Sligo Creek, the Anacostia and the Potomac Rivers. Unlike household drains that route water to a treatment plant, storm drains travel underground and funnel into our waterways untreated and when that water is tainted by pollutants, it creates stormwater pollution, which seriously impacts our natural water resources by polluting rivers. We can be part of bringing Sligo Creek back to health, which will in turn, help the Anacostia River and the Chesapeake Bay. Come out and stencil a drain! Storm drain stenciling does make a difference! Involve your entire neighborhood, school class or local community group with this worthwhile project.

If you are interested in participating call the Department of Public Works at: 301-891-7625 and reserve your stenciling kit.

**Happy Holidays!**  
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## City of Takoma Park — Holiday Hours

### Friday, December 22, 2006

City Offices — Open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Community Center, Computer Rooms — Open until 6 p.m.  
Library Closed

### Saturday, December 23

City Offices Closed  
Community Center, Computer Rooms Closed  
Library Open — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Sunday, December 24

City Offices, Library, Community Center, Computer Rooms — Closed

### Monday, December 25

City Offices, Library, Community Center, Computer Rooms — Closed

### Saturday, December 30

City Offices Closed  
Community Center Open — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Computer Rooms Open — 12 to 6 p.m.  
Library Open — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Sunday, December 31

City Offices, Library, Community Center, Computer Rooms — Closed

### Monday, January 1, 2007

City Offices, Library, Community Center, Computer Rooms — Closed

### Monday, January 15

City Offices, Library, Community Center, Computer Rooms — Closed

*Note: Police Department is always open.*

## Notification of Public Hearing on Suggested Revisions to Rent Stabilization Takoma Park Council Chambers 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Monday, December 11, 2006 • 7:30 p.m.

The Takoma Park City Council will be holding a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2006, to receive comments on changes to rent stabilization proposed by the City's consultant, Kenneth Baar. Baar was retained by the City in October to review and consider how the City's rent stabilization program could be revised to address concerns regarding the need to provide affordable rental housing while ensuring the economic viability of regulated rental facilities. Changes suggested by Baar include 1) annual rent increase allowances equal to 100 percent of the CPI; 2) elimination of capital improvement rent increase petition process; 3) limited rent increases upon the vacancy of a rental unit; 4) establishment of a uniform interest allowance for amortized expenses; 5) assessment of an annual registration fee; 6) exemption of rental facilities based on the number of units in the building rather than ownership; 7) reconsideration of the application of available but unused rent increase allowances; 8) use of the year 2000 as the base year for hardship rent increase petitions; and 9) required disclosure of rent stabilization information in all real estate transactions. Further recommendations include a thorough analysis of utility costs incurred by local landlords.

We encourage you to attend the hearing and be a part of this discussion. You may also submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, 20912, or by email at [Clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:Clerk@takomagov.org).

## The City of Takoma Park has issued an RFP for upgrading the City's Voice Mail System.

Interested vendors are required to complete the official packet which is due by 4 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007.

For more information, and to download the packet, please visit the City web site: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/documents/VMRFP.pdf](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/documents/VMRFP.pdf) or call 301-891-7218 and one can be mailed to you.

## The City of Takoma Park has issued an RFP for Newsletter Printing Services.

Interested vendors are required to complete the official packet which is due by 4 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007.

For more information, and to download the packet, please visit the City web site: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/newsletter/NPRFP.pdf](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/newsletter/NPRFP.pdf) or call 301-891-7118 and one can be mailed to you.

## The City of Takoma Park has issued an RFP for Newsletter Layout and Production Services.

Interested vendors are required to complete the official packet which is due by 4 p.m. on December 18, 2006.

For more information, and to download the packet, please visit the City web site: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/newsletter/NLRFPP.pdf>, or call 301-891-7118 and one can be mailed to you.

# COLTA'S CORNER

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



## October 2006 Gilbert/Jackson v. Pounders

On October 18, 2006 COLTA issued an Opinion and Order on two consolidated complaints regarding the tenants' allegations of a defective tenancy for which they sought reductions in rent. The tenants also alleged retaliation in amendments to the complaints, when they received notices to vacate following the filing of the initial complaints.

The COLTA Opinion and Order held that (1) the landlord's failure to make previously ordered repairs did constitute a defective tenancy; (2) the continuation and compounding of property defects caused the tenants serious inconvenience and discomfort and reduced the value of their tenancies by 25 percent; (3) additional tenant allegations of property defects that were not raised in previous COLTA Cases (04-74T, 04-75T) and for which insufficient evidence was presented in the current case were not awarded damages; and (4) in accordance with Section 6.16.180 of the city's Landlord-Tenant Law, the proximity in time of the tenants' defective tenancy complaints and the issuance of the notices to vacate was in retaliation for filing their complaints. The notices to vacate were accordingly declared null and void. The Opinion and Order went on to state. However that Section 6.16.180 of the City's Landlord-Tenant Law does not prohibit a landlord from issuing a notice to vacate at the end of a stated lease term. In addition to the 25 percent reduction in rent, the tenants were also awarded reimbursements of \$2,859.35 and \$2,710.24 in rent, respectively, for actual damages suffered. COLTA stated that if these damages are not paid within two weeks, the tenants may withhold their rent until the total amount of the awarded damages is reached or the landlord pays the remaining award balance.

# Housing Mailbox

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

*A tenant wants to know what type of notice a landlord is required to provide prior to entering her apartment and if she must be present when the landlord or the landlord's repair person makes the entry.*

A landlord or his/her agent's entry into a tenant's apartment is governed by the requirements of Section 6.16.140 of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law. The landlord must provide the tenant at least 48 hours written notification of the landlord or the agent's intent to enter the rental unit. The landlord's written notice must inform the tenant of the entry date, the approximate time frame of the intended entry and the phone number of the landlord or managing agent. If the tenant has requested repairs, the landlord or agent may enter the rental unit to make the repairs without giving the tenant written notice if the repairs occur within two weeks of the tenant's request. In the event of an emergency, the landlord or agent may enter the rental unit without giving prior written notice to the tenant.

Tenants are to receive written 48-hour notice of upcoming code inspections being conducted by Montgomery County. It should be noted that tenants may not unreasonably withhold consent to enter their rental unit.

A tenant does not have to be present (except when the tenant has requested a code complaint inspection) when entry is made into the rental unit. If the tenant is not present, the landlord must leave a Report of Entry in plain view advising the tenant of: (1) the names of all individuals who entered the rental unit; (2) the date and time of the entry; (3) the reason for the entry and any work performed; (4) the time of departure from the rental unit; and (5) the address and telephone number of the landlord.

Finally, while a landlord and a tenant may mutually agree to a schedule for showing an occupied rental unit to a prospective tenant or purchaser, a landlord or agent may not install a lock box which provides access to any individual rental unit.

Tenants or landlords having questions regarding the city's Landlord-Tenant Law are requested to call 301-891-7215 and/or contact me via the web at [MosesW@takomagov.org](mailto:MosesW@takomagov.org).

## City of Takoma Park, Maryland 2007 — Ward 5 Special Election Election Timetable

### Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Voter Registration cut-off date. All new registrations and changes of address must have been received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections (or postmarked by Saturday, December 30, 2006). Voter Registration applications for non-U.S. Citizens must have been received by the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on January 2, 2007. There will be no exceptions. Takoma Park residency must be met by December 31 (30 days prior to the election) in order to vote in the election.

### Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 5 p.m.

Petitions to place a candidate's name on the ballot for the Special Election must be received by the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on this date.

### Friday, January 19, 2007, 5 p.m. (or January 20 postmark)

Candidates' Initial Campaign Contribution Reports due to City Clerk — to include contributions received since November 8, 2005.

### Tuesday, January 23, 2007, 4 p.m.

Last day to make application for regular Absentee Ballot.

### Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Emergency absentee balloting begins.

### Friday, January 25, 5 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, January 30, 2007 — ELECTION DAY • Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the official closing of the polls on election day or postmarked on or before January 29.

### Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.

Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results.

### Friday, February 2, 5 p.m.

Deadline for contesting the results of the election and validity of Absentee Ballot voting.

### Monday, February 5, 4 p.m.

Final Campaign Contribution Report due to City Clerk.

### Monday, February 12, 2007

New Ward 5 Councilmember takes office. Swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.

## Ciudad de Takoma Park Elección Especial del Distrito 5 Martes, 30 de enero del 2007 Horario de Elección Especial

### Martes, 2 de enero del 2007

Último día de entrega. Todas las registraciones nuevas y cambios de dirección serán recibidas por el condado de Montgomery en la Oficina de Elecciones (se aceptará registraciones con estampilla postal con fecha del 30 de diciembre del 2006) Registraciones de votantes que no son ciudadanos americanos tendran que ser recibidos por el Secretario Municipal antes de las 5 p.m., el 2 de enero del 2007. La residencia en Takoma Park tiene que ser comprobadas para el 31 de diciembre (30 días antes re la elección) para poder votar en la elección.

### Miercoles, 10 de enero del 2007, 5 p.m.

Peticiones para elegir un candidato para la elección especial tendrá que ser recibido por el Secretario Municipal antes de las 5 p.m., el 10 de enero del 2007.

### Viernes, 19 de enero del 2007, 5 p.m.

Entrega de Reporte de Contribuciones para Compañías de Candidatos al Secretario Municipal, incluso contribuciones recibidos desde el 8 de noviembre del 2005. Entrega de Declaración Financiera de Candidatos (Condigo Municipal de Ética) al Secretario Municipal entre los 10 días de haber entregado la petición para candidatura.

### Martes, 23 de enero del 2007, 4 p.m.

Último día para entregar las aplicaciones regulares para Boletas Ausentes

### Miercoles, 24 de enero del 2007

Fecha para entregar las Boletas Ausentes de Emergencia

### Viernes, 26 de enero del 2007, 5 p.m.

Cualquier candidato eligible que desea ser pre-registrado como candidato eligible añadido por escrito y tener su nombre en la cabina electoral para que lo identifiquen como candidato añadido por escrito, tendra que someter su nombre a la oficina del Secretario Municipal en la fecha limite.

### Martes, 30 de enero del 2007 — ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO 5

Elección tomara lugar de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en Columbia Union College, Wilkinson Hall, 7600 Flower Avenue.

La oficina del Secretario Municipal tendrá que haber recibido las baletas ausentes antes que cierre la elección oficialmente el día de la elección especial o se aceptará baletas ausentes marcadas con estampilla postal con fecha de o antes del 29 de enero.

### Miercoles, 31 de enero del 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Junta especial del Consejo de Takoma Park para recibir los resultados de la elección.

### Viernes, 2 de febrero del 2007, 5 p.m.

Último día para discutir los resultados de la elección y validéz de la votación de Boletas Ausentes.

### Lunes, 5 de febrero del 2007, 4 p.m.

Entrega del Reporte Final de las Contribuciones de Campaña al Secretario Municipal.

### Lunes, 12 de febrero del 2007, 7:30 p.m.

El nuevo Consejo del distrito 5 tomará posición. Juramento tomará lugar a las 7:30 p.m.

## **Election Notices • Elección Especial**

### **NOTICE OF WARD 5 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

#### **Notice of Council Vacancy**

Ward 5 City Councilmember Marc Elrich has been elected to serve on the Montgomery County Council, where he will be sworn in on December 4, 2006. He has announced his resignation from the City Council effective December 3, 2006. Pursuant to Section 308 of the City Charter, if a vacancy on the City Council occurs more than 240 days before the next regularly scheduled City election, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

#### **Notice of Special Election**

The Ward 5 special election will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. The single polling place will be located at Columbia Union College, Wilkinson Hall, 7600 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **Council Term**

The term of office for the person elected will be from February 12, 2007 to November 19, 2007. Subsequent term(s) will follow the normal two-year Council term schedule, with elections held in November of odd-numbered years.

#### **Qualifications of Candidates**

Candidates for the Ward 5 City Council seat shall have resided in Ward 5 for at least six months immediately preceding the election (at least since July 30, 2006). Candidates shall be qualified voters of the City. Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the City and in their ward during their term of office. Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during their term of office and are prohibited from serving on any City board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

#### **Petitions for Candidacy**

In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the special election ballot, he or she must submit a petition at least 20 days prior to the election, on a form provided by the City Clerk, and signed by at least ten eligible voters in Ward 5. There is no nominating caucus for the special election. Petitions must be received by the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10.

#### **Absentee Ballots**

Voters who may be absent from the City on election day or cannot personally vote at the polls on election day because of illness or physical disability may apply to vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23. Emergency absentee balloting begins January 24 for voters required to be absent on the day of election for any reason of which the person becomes aware after the time for applying for an absentee ballot.

#### **Instant Runoff Voting**

Pursuant to Charter Amendment Resolution 2006-1, an instant runoff voting system shall be used, allowing voters to rank candidates in order of choice. In an instant runoff system, voters rank candidates (1, 2, 3 and so on). If no candidate receives a majority of the first choices, the candidate with the fewest first choices is eliminated and those voters' second choice votes are redistributed to other candidates. This continues until one candidate receives a majority of votes and is elected.

#### **Voter Registration**

Only voters registered at an address in Ward 5 may vote in the special election. The voter registration cut-off date for the election will be Tuesday, January 2, 2007. All new registrations and changes of address must have been received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. on January 2 (or be postmarked on or before Saturday, December 30, 2006). Non-U.S. citizen voters must be registered with the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on January 2, 2007. There will be no exceptions. Voter registration forms are available at the Takoma Park Community Center and at the Takoma Park Library.

Additional information will be posted at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov>.

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office: 301-891-7267 or [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org)

A sample ballot will be mailed to all Ward 5 registered voters prior to the Special Election.

### **AVISO DE UN PUESTO VACANTE DE CONSEJAL DEL DISTRITO 5 Y AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL**

#### **Aviso de puesto vacante de consejal**

Marc Elrich, consejal del distrito 5, ha sido elegido para servir de consejal en el condado de Montgomery, para lo cual tomará juramento el 4 de diciembre del 2006. El señor Elrich ha anunciado su resignación de consejal del distrito 5, la cual se hará efectiva el 3 de diciembre del 2006. Conforme a la sección 308 de la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad, si hay un puesto vacante en el Consejo con 240 días antes de la próxima elección ordinaria de la Ciudad, se convocará a una elección especial para cubrir dicha vacante.

#### **Aviso de eleccion especial**

La elección especial del distrito 5 sera el martes 30 de enero del 2006. Las cabinas de votación sera ubicado en el Columbia Union College, Wilkinson Hall, 7600 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Las cabinas de votación estarán abiertas desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 8 p.m.

#### **Periodo de mandato de consejal**

El periodo del mandato para la persona que resulte electa abarcará desde el 12 de febrero del 2007 hasta el 19 de noviembre de 2007. El(Los) periodo(s) subsiguiente(s) seguirá(n) el programa regular de consejal de dos años, con elecciones que se celebrarán todos los años impares, en Noviembre.

#### **Cualificaciones de las candidatos**

Los candidatos para cubrir la posición de consejal del distrito 5 deberán haber residido en el distrito 5 por lo menos seis meses justo antes de la elección (al menos desde el 30 de julio del 2006). Los candidatos deberán estar inscritos para votar en la Ciudad. Los miembros del Consejo deberán tener su residencia principal en la Ciudad y en su distrito electoral durante su periodo de mandato. Los miembros del Consejo tienen prohibido ocupar cualquier otro puesto para el cual hayan sido elegidos públicamente, durante su periodo de mandato y tienen prohibido servir en un consejo de administración de una ciudad, comisión u otra entidad que tenga autoridad para actuar como árbitro o bien para resolver litigios.

#### **Peticiones para la candidatura**

Para que el nombre de un candidato aparezca en la boleta de la eleccion especial, él o ella deberá presentar una petición al menos 20 días antes de la elección, utilizando un formulario que le facilitará el Secretario municipal. Dicha petición deberá estar firmada por lo menos por 10 votantes aptos del distrito 5. No se formará un comité de nominaciones para esta elección especial. El Secretario municipal deberá recibir las peticiones antes del miércoles 10 de enero, a las 5 p.m.

#### **Voto en ausencia**

Los votantes que vayan a estar fuera de la Ciudad el día de la elección especial o que no puedan ir a votar a las urnas en persona el día de la elección especial, debido a alguna enfermedad o incapacidad física pueden solicitar hacer su votación a través de una boleta ausente. El Secretario municipal deberá recibir las solicitudes para las boletas ausentes antes del martes 23 de enero, a las 4 p.m. La solicitud de las boletas ausentes de emergencia comenzarán el 24 de enero para aquellos casos de votantes que tengan que estar ausentes el día de las elecciones por una razón de la cual no tuvieron conocimiento hasta después que finalizó el periodo habilitado para solicitar una boleta ausente.

#### **Segunda vuelta de elecciones inmediata**

Conforme a la Resolución de Enmienda de la Carta Constitucional 2006-1, deberá ponerse en práctica un sistema de segunda vuelta de elecciones inmediato, que les permita a los votantes clasificar a los candidatos según su orden de preferencia. A través del sistema de segunda vuelta de elecciones inmediato los votantes clasifican a los candidatos (1, 2, 3 y así sucesivamente). Si ninguno de los candidatos es elegido por la mayoría como primera opción, el candidato que tenga la menor cantidad de votos para ocupar la primera opción se elimina y los votos para la segunda opción se redistribuirán entre otros candidatos. Este proceso continúa hasta que uno de los candidatos reciba la mayoría de votos y sea elegido.

#### **Inscripción de los votantes**

Solamente los votantes que estén inscritos en una dirección del distrito 5 podrán votar en esta elección especial. La fecha límite para la inscripción de los votantes para esta elección será el martes 2 de enero del 2007. El Consejo Electoral del condado de Montgomery deberá recibir todas las inscripciones nuevas y los cambios de dirección antes del 2 de enero del 2007, a las 5 p.m. (también aceptará las inscripciones que tengan la estampilla postal con fecha de o antes del sábado 30 de diciembre del 2006). Los votantes que no sean ciudadanos americanos deberán inscribirse en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal antes del 2 de enero del 2007, a las 5 p.m. Sin excepciones. Los formularios para que los votantes se inscriban están disponibles en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park y en la biblioteca de Takoma Park.

Se publicará información adicional en la siguiente dirección del sitio Web <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov>.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, sírvase ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, llamando al 301-891-7214 o a través del correo electrónico [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org)

Antes de que tengan lugar las eleccion especial, se les enviará por correo una boleta de muestra a todos los votantes del distrito 5 que se hayan inscrito para votar.

# VOTE!

# 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.

## Youth Community Basketball Program

### Grades 3 - 4

Pass, dribble, shoot, rebound - it's a simple game. Learn the game the right way at the Takoma Park Recreation Department's Youth Community Basketball Program. Clinics instructed by the area's finest teachers. Junior ball, modified rules, 4-on-4, small court.

### Boys

**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary School  
**When:** Sat., Dec. 9, 2006 - Mar. 3, 2007  
**Clinic Dates:** Dec. 9, 16  
**Time:** Grade 3 9 - 10:15 a.m.  
 Grade 4 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

### Girls

**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary School  
**When:** Sun., Dec. 10, 2006 - Mar. 4, 2007  
**Clinic Dates:** Dec. 10, 17  
**Time:** Grade 3 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Grade 4 1 - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. City Residents \$40  
 Non-Residents \$45

No program Dec. 23, 24, 30, 31, Jan. 13, 14, and Feb. 17, 18.

## Men's Basketball League

You've been clamoring for it. Well, now you got it - the Takoma Park Men's Basketball League - so you better not bring that weak stuff to this gym. Seven weeks plus playoffs.\*

**When:** Mon. Nights, Jan. 8 - March 19, 2007  
**Time:** 7 - 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary School  
**Team Fee:** \$450

\* Playoff dates to be determined

## Takoma Park Basketball League

### Grades 5 - 6

Takoma Park's very own basketball league is back! Quality instructional clinics, practice time and games, a community-based, convenient alternative to a county-run program. Intermediate ball, high school rules, full court, 5-on-5. Teams will be formed after the second clinic. Nine weeks.

### Boys Division

**When:** Sat., Dec. 9, 2006 - Mar. 3, 2007  
**Clinic Dates:** Dec. 9, 16  
**Time:** 1 - 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary

### Girls Division

**When:** Sun., Dec. 10, 2006 - Mar. 4, 2007  
**Clinic Dates:** Dec. 10, 17  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Piney Branch Elementary  
**Fee:** T.P. City Residents \$40  
 Non-Residents \$45

No program Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 14 and Feb. 18.

## Indoor Soccer Program

### Grades 1 - 4

The Takoma Park Recreation Department Indoor Soccer Program is back! Nine weeks. Participants will be grouped into teams in two separate divisions: grades 1-2 and grades 3-4.

**When:** Sun., Dec. 10, 2006 - Mar. 4, 2007  
**Location:** Takoma Park Recreation Center  
**Clinic Dates:** Dec. 10, 17  
**Time:** Grades 1 & 2 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Grades 3 & 4 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** T.P. City Residents \$40  
 Non-Residents \$45

Volunteer coaches are needed.

No program Dec. 24, 31, January 14 and February 18, 2007.

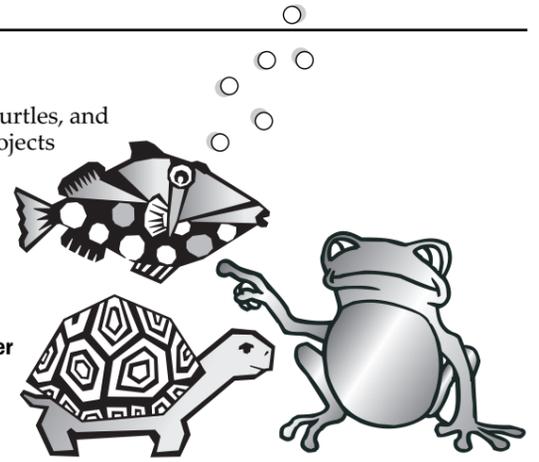
## Abrakadoodle Art Camp

### Ages 6 - 10

### Buzz, Ribbit and Roar

Get into nature with fish, frogs, bugs, turtles, and dinosaurs. Campers create two projects each day, creating their own wacky world. A \$58 materials fee to be paid to instructor the first day of class. Be sure to bring a snack.

**When:** Tuesday - Friday, Dec. 26 - 29  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - noon  
**Location:** Art Room, T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. City Residents \$95  
 Non-Residents \$105



## Morning Addition

### Grades K - 6

New this year! Designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff provides informal recreation activities and escorts the children to Takoma Park and Piney Branch Elementary Schools. Children have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or to prepare for their day at school. Call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233.

**When:** Monday - Friday, ongoing - June 14, 2007  
**Time:** 7 - 9 a.m.  
**Location:** T.P. Community Center  
**Fee:** T.P. City Residents \$175 per quarter  
 Non-Residents \$215 per quarter

- Payments are made in four equal installments, unless otherwise arranged with the Recreation Director: The first is due at time of registration.
- Morning Addition will not operate on the days schools are closed: holidays or other school closings (including inclement weather, professional days, winter or spring breaks or school emergency closings).

## ★ Takoma Park Community Center ★ Fall Hours • December - January 31, 2007\*

**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 December 22 - 25, 30, 31, January 1 and 15.

# Halloween Treats 2006



# Community Programs Assist Those in Need

By Linda Walker  
Affordable Housing Manager

Takoma Park, Montgomery County, and the State of Maryland offer a number of programs that can help residents in financial need. Whether the hardship is due to increased utility bills or to an unforeseen emergency, these programs have meant so much to many families living in Takoma Park.

**Montgomery County Rental Assistance Program** — This program helps low income families who have difficulty paying the rent. Subsidies from \$50 to \$200 are available. If you are at least 62 years old, or disabled or a household of two or more, and your monthly gross income does not exceed the program limits (for one person, \$2,633; two people, \$3,008; three people, \$3,388, etc.) then you should contact the Department of Health and Human Services at 8818 Georgia Avenue to apply for this program. You must have a signed lease and provide financial information.

**Energy Assistance Program** — The Maryland Energy Assistance Program and the Electric Universal Service Program help eligible families

with winter heating and electricity costs. Montgomery County's Office of Home Energy (240-777-4450) oversees these programs and applications are available through that office. Documented financial information is required. Monthly gross income limitations for energy assistance are as follows: for one person household, \$1,633; two people, \$2,200; three people, \$2,76, etc. You do not have to receive separate utility bills to be eligible for this program and the utility cost can be included in the rent.

**Adventist Community Services** — Because Takoma Park residents have annually responded to the city's campaign for financial donations, this local social service organization is able to help residents in need on a case by case basis. Although the cash disbursements are limited, tenants who are behind in their rent because of a financial emergency, or need a limited amount of money for a necessity may contact Adventist Community Services at 301-585-6556 to speak to a counselor.

For those interested in contributing a tax deductible donation to this fund, please send a check made out to the City of Takoma Park and indicate

somewhere on the check that it is for the Emergency Assistance Program. Donations can be sent to the Finance Office, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. 20912. A letter acknowledging your donation will be mailed to you.

**Accessible Homes For Seniors** — This is a new pilot program sponsored by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging. The program provides zero percent interest, deferred loans for a term of 30 years to finance accessibility improvements in a home owned by a senior (55 years and older). If a senior resides in the home of a relative, eligibility is determined on a case by case basis. Household income cannot exceed 80 percent of the Washington, DC MSA median (one person household, \$51,240; two people, \$58,560). Eligible improvements include widening of doorways, purchase and installation of exterior ramps, purchase and installation of accessible showers, grab bars and lever handles. To receive an application, call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222.

## Tip of the Month

### Color the Season Green

Showering loved ones with gifts is a joyous way to celebrate the season, but over-produced, energy-gobbling excess can bring the highest holiday spirit down. So color your celebration green: Skip the emissions-spewing, traffic-ridden drive to the shopping mall and shop local. Or, check out the Alternative Gift Fair (December 2, noon to 4 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, Tulip and Maple Avenues), and contribute in the name of a loved one to a non-profit organization — perhaps an environmental advocate. Stuff a stocking with energy-saving light bulbs or shade-grown coffee. Other green gifts: bikes or bike gear, reel lawnmowers, rainbarrels, native plants or seeds for next year's garden, organic cotton clothing, or locally produced gifts — art, crafts, and specialty food items. And remember to recycle the Christmas tree — set it on the curb any Monday for the City to mulch.



## Contribute Castoffs To be Turned into Art

Before you throw away all that clutter in your attic, consider donating your interesting two-dimensional materials (papers and fabrics) to the adult collage class offered through the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Collage artists need materials such as wallpaper samples, aged papers (letters and book pages), old prints and engravings, *Time* magazine (specifically), math or science textbook pages, maps, graphs, postage stamps, graph and lined papers, old advertisements, tickets, calendar pages, hand or machine printed music, calligraphy, typography, foreign language newspapers, labels from cans, book jackets, old photographs, fabrics (prints and solids), lace, linen, cheesecloth, burlap, pages with symbolic imagery (old alphabets, star charts, religious/spiritual texts, geometric shapes, diagrams for mechanical inventions, topographical maps, elemental symbols, chemical symbols, alchemical symbols), playing cards, game cards, tarot cards, papers with interesting textures and patterns, sonogram, mammogram images and x-ray film. We love neat stuff. Questions about donations should be directed to Katie Dell Kaufman at [kdkaufman@pobox.com](mailto:kdkaufman@pobox.com). The drop-off box is in front of the Recreation Department Office at the Takoma Park Community Center.

### Farewell:

Since 1991 Sligo Computer Services, Inc. has been part of the professional team that has produced the monthly Takoma Park Newsletter. Sligo will retire from its production this month and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the City of Takoma Park for granting us the opportunity to work on this unique publication.

It has been an inspiration and a privilege — Thank you!  
Sligo Computer Services, Inc.

### Editor's Note:

Thanks goes both ways as the City recognizes the institutional knowledge and guidance Sligo Computer Services has so steadily provided. During our 15 years together we have grown to depend on Sligo's outstanding staff. Many thanks, and luck as your company expands in a different direction.

## Old Town Festivities Celebrate the Season

Old Takoma is extending the warmth of the season with winter festivities from December 15 to December 23. Listen for music in the Gazebo on Carroll Avenue every night at 6:30, including area groups like the 18th Street Singers, Brass Quintet of the Takoma Park Band, the Montgomery Blair High School choral group and the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist church choir. Additional music will be under the tent at the Ecco Park site on Maple and Carroll. Shops will stay open late, with hot drinks and snacks to warm visitors, and unique items for gift giving. The Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church is staging a free, live nativity pageant, with camels and sheep at 7:30 each evening. For more information, call Roz Grigsby, 240-253-4229.

## Recognizing the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Join the City of Takoma Park as we celebrate the life and times of the late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. in words, song, and dance.

When: Friday, January 12, 2007

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Takoma Park Middle School,  
7611 Piney Branch Road

Fee: Free

# Fun at the Library

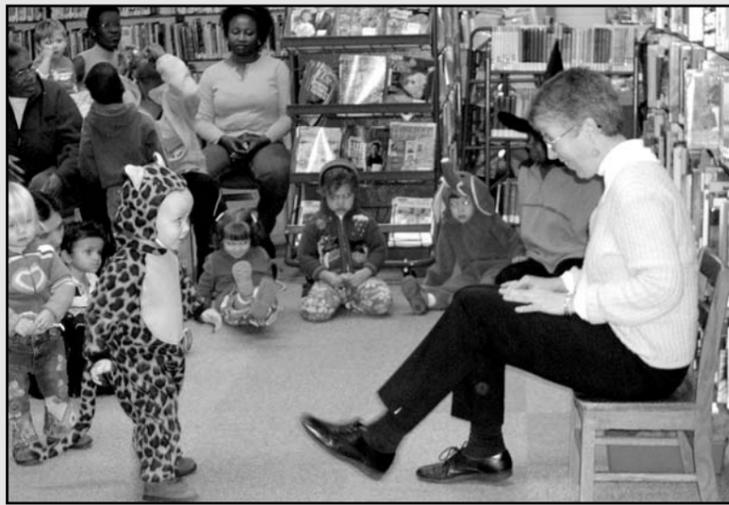


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Photo by Nic Fontem



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The Library has been busy with a variety of activities: Top, Charles Wajda-Gotwals, a Circle Time regular, shows off his Halloween costume. Bottom left, Carine Riley holds Rosie, a trained terrier who helps young patrons practice reading skills. Bottom right, Tomas "Eaglebear" Sash and family present stories, dances and songs from Xicano and Apache cultures.

## Happy Holiday Reading

By Karen MacPherson

Celebrate the upcoming holidays — Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chinese New Year — with some of these great new books, many of them selected by the Association of Library Service to Children as this year's best holiday books, and all available at the Library.

**Eight Wild Nights: A Family Hanukkah Tale.** Author Brian P. Cleary uses rollicking rhymes to describe the happy chaos of a large family holiday gathering. The illustrations by David Udovic mirror the energy of Cleary's irreverent text. (Ages 5-8)

**A Christmas Carol.** Illustrator P.J. Lynch adds new luster to Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale. This is a great edition for a family read-aloud session. (Ages 5 up, if read aloud).

**Hanukkah at Valley Forge.** Author Stephen Krensky and artist Greg Harlin join talents to offer a fictionalized account of an actual meeting between Gen. George Washington and a soldier celebrating Hanukkah. (Ages 6-10).

**Christmas In the Trenches.** Illustrator Henri Sorenson brings to life John McCutcheon's stirring song about a World War I Christmas when German and English soldiers briefly stopped fighting to celebrate the holiday together. (Ages 6-10)

**On Christmas Eve.** In author Ann Martin's heartwarming tale, eight-year-old Tess is determined to stay up late

on Christmas Eve to ask Santa for a special wish: healing her best friend's father from cancer.

**Yoon and the Christmas Mitten.** Yoon, a young Korean girl newly arrived to America, persuades her parents to celebrate the family's first Christmas in this picture book for school-age readers written by Helen Recorvits and illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska. (Ages 5-8).

**Prairie Christmas.** Author Elizabeth Van Steenwyk portrays how ten-year-old Emmie helps her mother, a frontier doctor, with a difficult Christmas Eve delivery. Evocative illustrations by Ronald Himler highlight the story's drama.

**The Year of the Dog: A Novel.** A young girl decides she must make a new start - and some new friends - during the Chinese Year of the Dog in this delightful coming of age story by Grace Lin. (Ages 7-10).

**All New Crafts for Kwanzaa.** Learn about this African-American holiday by trying some of the 22 projects in this book by kids' craft guru Kathy Ross. Illustrations by Sharon Lane Holm make it even easier to follow Ross' clear directions. (Ages 5 up).

**My First Hanukkah Board Book and My First Christmas Board Book.** These two chunky board books published by DK present the holidays through simple text and appealing photos of various symbols, from Christmas trees to Hanukkah gelt. (Ages 1-3).

# LIBRARY

## The Buzz on Teen Books

By Karen MacPherson

Takoma Park teens — have you checked out our new teen book blog? It's called the "Teen Book Buzz" and you can find it by going to the Library's Website — <http://www.cityoftakomapark.org/library/> — and clicking on the button that says "Teen Book Buzz" on the left-hand side of the page.

We're hoping to use this blog — another name for an online journal — to create a place where teens can present their own reviews of the books they're reading. So far, we've got several reviews by teens posted on our blog, but we'd love to have more.

Whether you love a book or whether you hate it, let us know about it! Send your reviews to [karenm@takomagov.org](mailto:karenm@takomagov.org). For Internet safety and privacy rea-

sons, we will only use your first name. We also welcome comments on our reviews. If you agree or disagree with a review, let us know! Send comments to [karenm@takomagov.org](mailto:karenm@takomagov.org).

In addition to the "Teen Book Buzz," we're also forming a teen book club to meet once a month for a lively book discussion. We'll meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Children's Room on the third Thursday of the month. For now, we've decided against reading the same book, and instead will take turns discussing the books we're reading, or books we've loved. Plan to join us — we welcome new members.

One more note: don't forget check out our new Young Adult books area, just outside the Children's Room. We're planning to add lots more YA books, as well as some teen magazines, in the coming months.

## D&D Intro for Parents and Teachers

Dave Burbank, Library staffer and artist extraordinaire, will present the 5th annual Introduction to "Dungeons & Dragons" for parents and teachers on Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. "D&D" is a type of verbal videogame in which kids use their imaginations to play characters in old-fashioned adventure stories. "D&D" is a social activity, leads kids to reading books, and is both creative and cooperative. In this program, Dave will explain the basics of the game, and then lead participants in a D&D adventure. Parent-child teams are welcome. Please call 301-891-7259 to register.

## Library Programs December 2006 and January 2007

### La Hora de Juego en Español

Thursdays, December 7 and December 14, January 4 and January 11  
10 a.m. at the Library  
Spanish Circle Time with Lupe Marks

### Sabado Gigante para Niños en la Biblioteca!

Saturdays, December 2 and January 6  
10:30 a.m. at the Library  
Spanish story time with Laura Kleinmann

### Friends of the Library Reading Group Book Discussion

*All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren  
Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.,  
Community Center Atrium  
All are invited.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Learning Center Lobby

### Kids Make Holiday Gifts at the Library

Monday, December 11, 7 p.m.  
Come and make simple gifts for family and friends.  
Materials will be provided. Please register by calling  
301-891-7259.

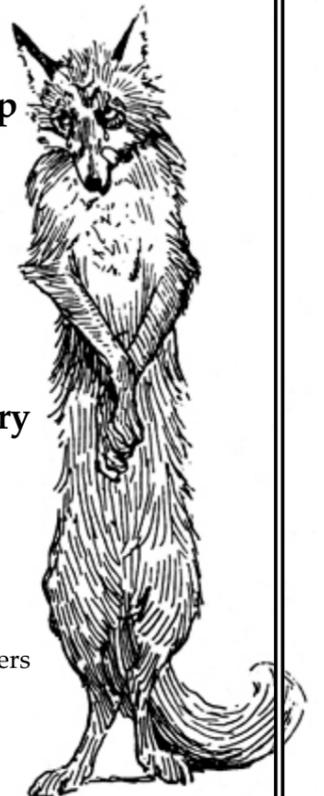
### Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, December 21  
7 p.m. at the Library  
Featuring drummer Bill Jenkins and the Morris Dancers

### 5th Annual Dungeons and Dragons Intro for Parents and Educators

Interested kids also welcome to attend with parents.  
Monday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Please call 301-891-7259 to register.

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

## Robbery

On October 25 at 11:17 p.m. in the 7200 block of Carroll Ave., a robbery occurred. An employee of a gas station was counting money inside a booth when a subject approached, reached in through the open door of the booth, snatched a bundle of cash and fled on foot. No weapons were displayed and the victim was not touched.

On October 13 at 7:49 p.m. in the 7800 block of Kennewick Ave., an assault occurred. An adult male was walking alone when six subjects accosted him, punched him, and knocked him to the ground. The subjects fled on foot without taking anything from the victim. The victim was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

## Burglary

On November 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the 7200 block of Holly Ave., a residential burglary occurred. A ladder was found against the back of the home, leading to a window that was broken to gain entry. Property was taken.

Between October 30 at 8:30 p.m. and October 31 at 6:55 am in the 6500 block of New Hampshire Ave., a commercial burglary occurred. The lock and front door of the store were pried open. Cash and property were taken.

On October 13, between 1:30 p.m. and 4:07 p.m. in the 7000 block of Poplar Ave., a residential burglary occurred. Entry was gained through an unlocked rear window. Property was taken.

Between October 13 at 9 a.m. and October 14 at 2:30 a.m. in the 6800 block of Prince George's Ave., a residential burgla-

ry occurred. Entry was gained through an open window in the rear of the house. Property was taken.

## Car and Related Theft

Between October 31 at 8 p.m. and November 1 at 5:45 p.m. in the 6800 block of Eastern Ave., a 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen by unknown means.

On October 20 at 4:40 p.m. in the 7500 block of New Hampshire Ave., a 2002 Nissan Altima was stolen. A subject posed as a car wash employee at a car wash and drove off in the car.

On October 23, between 2 and 9 a.m. in the 7300 block of New Hampshire Ave., a 1966 Ford Mustang was stolen by unknown means.

Between October 13 at 4 p.m. and October 16 at 2:46 p.m. in the 8000 block of Maple Ave., a 1990 Suzuki Motorcycle was stolen.

## ARRESTS

On November 6 at 9:50 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 driving an uninsured vehicle.

On November 8 at 2:25 p.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Ave., a warrant through Takoma Park Police Department for failure to appear in court on a charge of trespassing was served on an adult male.

On November 8 at 1:52 p.m. in the unit block of Lee Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with possession of CDS.

On November 8 at 10:29 p.m. in the 7200 block of Central Ave., citations for possession of alcohol/under the age of 21 were issued to an adult male and an adult female.

On November 6 at 3:48 p.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Ave., a Montgomery County warrant for unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, theft over \$500 and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was issued to an adult female.

On October 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the 7500 block of Maple Ave., a Takoma Park warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of theft under \$500 was served on an adult male.

On October 31 at 1:44 a.m. in the 1000 block of University Blvd., an adult female was arrested and charged with auto theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft over \$500.

On November 1 at 4:10 p.m. in the 7600 block of Carroll Ave., a Takoma Park warrant for illegal possession of a handgun and second degree assault was served on an adult male.

On October 21 at 4:35 am in the 8000 block of Flower Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and failure to drive right of center.

On October 25 at 3 p.m., warrants for theft over \$500, auto theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and conspiracy were served on an adult male and an adult female related to an auto theft that occurred on October 21 in the 1100 block of University Blvd.

On October 25 at 3 p.m., a warrant for second degree assault was served on an adult male related to a domestic assault that occurred on September 28 in the 700 block of Maplewood Ave.

On October 26 at 12:31 p.m. in the 7600 block of Carroll Ave., an adult male was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a handgun by a prohibited person, possession of a stolen firearm, firearm possession with a felony conviction, and second degree assault on a police officer after an incident that occurred in the 7300 block of Cedar Ave.

## The Firehouse Report

As of October 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 847 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 2,229 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 3,076 incidents this year. Totals for 2005 were 914 and 2,168 respectively, for a total of 3,082, representing a decrease of six incidents.



## Cooking is Leading Cause of Home Fires and Injuries

It's that time of the year, when families gather during the holidays to share good times and that special dinner. Members of the fire department want to remind you and your family of a few safety tips when cooking. The National Fire Protection Association advises that cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year, and most of those involve the kitchen stovetop. Most cooking fires occur because of unattended cooking.

### Safety Tips:

- Pay attention to your cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Allow food cooked in a microwave oven to cool for a minute or more before you remove it from the oven, and use an oven mitt.
- Open microwave food slowly. Hot steam escaping from the container can cause painful burns. Let food cool before eating.

Enjoy the holidays and let the fire fighters stay at the fire station, and not make a visit to your home.

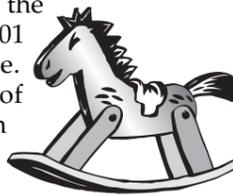
**Remember...** Working smoke alarms and a family escape plan go together in the home. They're your first line of defense, in the event of a fire.

## Blood Drive 2007

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Takoma Park Lions Club will be sponsoring the Blood Drive at the City Community Center on January 22, 2007. Please mark your calendar.

## Toys for Needy Children

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department will again collect new toys for needy families, from December 1 through 22. You may drop toys off at the fire station, 7201 Carroll Avenue. If you know of any families in the City of Takoma Park who will need toys, please contact the fire department at 301-270-8209. Do not call before December 1. This year will mark the 26th year for the toy drive.



## Takoma Park Lions Send Firetrucks Around the World

By Sherman Cohen, Secretary

The 100-foot hook and ladder fire truck has arrived at Station 7 in Lima, Peru. This was the second delivery the Takoma Park Lions Club has sent to Lima, where firefighters often don't have the equipment they need to fight fires. The fire truck is being retrofitted and repaired in Lima.

Lions Club President Jorge Alfaro and his brother, Carlos, plan to go to Lima to instruct the Peruvians on the operation of the fire truck. Both Jorge and Carlos were firefighters in Lima before they came to America with their families. The ladder truck once served in Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ, a small borough between Atlantic City and New York City and was driven by Jorge Alfaro from Avon-by-the-Sea to Silver

Spring for shipment to Peru. The mayor of Avon-by-the-Sea's son-in-law is a firefighter in Montgomery County. Jorge Alfaro was an assistant fire chief in Peru before he moved with his family to Silver Spring.

"The government is buying equipment, but it's not enough," says Alfaro. "There are places where there are shanty towns and they don't have a single fire station." Alfaro's brother, Carlos, organized the donation of a retired fire truck from the Hillandale Fire Station five years ago. Also gathered from area fire stations were a Dodge van, a Jeep Cherokee, oxygen tanks, fire hoses, firefighters' coats, boots, gloves, helmets, and other supplies sufficient to fill a small shipping container.

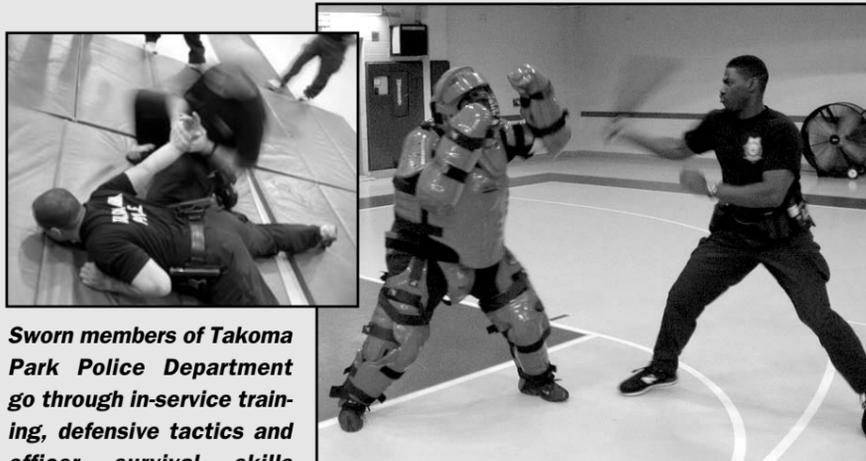
Carlos Alfaro is a 30-year Montgomery County firefighter/ EMT and a member of

a Lima Peru Lions Club as well as a Takoma Park Lion. He is recuperating from a bout of cancer.

The Takoma Park Lions Club also has a pumper fire truck planned for shipment to Honduras. Current requirements won't allow the fire trucks to be used in active service any longer and both fire trucks are considered antiques by today's American standards, but that won't stop the fire trucks from being an important resource in Peru, according to Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Jarboe, also a Takoma Park Lion. A new hook and ladder truck today would cost as much as \$750,000 and a new pumper truck could cost as much as \$400,000. The two fire trucks were acquired for slightly less than \$1,000.

## Police News *continued from page 9*

# Officers Train to Be Ready and Safe



Sworn members of Takoma Park Police Department go through in-service training, defensive tactics and officer survival skills

October 17 and 19. The training, mandated by the state, is crucial to enhance officer safety and keep them current on new or improved survival skills.

## Home Security Advice

Many Takoma Park Police officers are trained in the inspection of homes for security concerns. An officer will survey your residence for issues that may be making you or the house vulnerable and will make suggestions for improving your personal and property security. The service is free. Renters need permission of their landlord to conduct the survey. Contact your beat officer at 301-891-7101 to arrange a Home Security Inspection.

If you leave your home vacant for more than three days, whether for

vacation or business, request a vacant house check. An officer will visit your home daily during your absence and inspect for any signs of suspicious activity. Call the police dispatcher at 301-270-1100, to request a vacant house check. Be prepared to provide information about the duration of your absence, vehicles parked in the driveway, and emergency notification information. For additional information or questions about this program, call your appropriate beat officer.

## Long Branch Revitalization

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### Funds for Revitalization

The Long Branch neighborhood is part of the Takoma Park/East Silver Spring Commercial Revitalization Overlay Zone (CROZ), an addition to the Montgomery County zoning ordinance designed to foster economic vitality and an attractive community character, including an enhanced pedestrian/cyclist environment and a combined residential-commercial use to implement the master plan. The county is devoting many staff hours to working with the businesses and residents in the CROZ to make the redevelopment efforts successful.

But change is slow in coming. "Current incentives provided by the CROZ are not effective, as evidenced by the private sector not utilizing the incentives," cites the ULI report. "More importantly... the CROZ does not provide for the level of density and building heights necessary to encourage redevelopment in the Long Branch commercial center."

Takoma Park businesses in the Long Branch neighborhood also qualify for Enterprise Zone tax incentives. Businesses are eligible for state and local tax abatements and deductions, loan assistance and other business revi-

talization programs. The Enterprise Zone incentives have been available since 2003, but relatively few area businesses and property owners have taken advantage of them.

Full commercial occupancy ironically inhibits property owners from availing themselves of the tax incentives to greatly expand or change their buildings, according to Melanie Isis, business development specialist for the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs. To do so would necessitate closing or relocating the existing businesses, even temporarily, "and it's hard to step away from that rental income," says Isis.

Siu Wong of Beijing Delight is planning to use all of the financial assistance available for her new building and intends to keep her restaurant open during construction. She gestures as she describes the planned changes to her corner of the intersection, as if she can already see it going up in her mind's eye. "It will be costly," Wong says, "and we'll need the Enterprise Zone to help." She and her husband had considered just renovating the existing buildings and renting out the additional space. "But that's short-term thinking."

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# Holiday Safety Tips

As the holiday season approaches, homes and property become attractive targets to criminal elements. Protect yourself, your family, and your property.

### Shopping Tips

While shopping, be aware of the people and potential hazards around you in stores, at an ATM and on the sidewalks.

- Make eye contact with people you pass.
- When using an ATM, choose one in a well-lit, open location. Do not count your money at the machine; flashing cash attracts attention and if the amount received was wrong, you can't argue with the machine. An ATM is located in the police lobby.
- If possible, leave your purse at home. Whenever possible carry keys, ID, and necessities on your person, perhaps in a fanny pack or wallet attached with a chain to belt loops.
- Safety in numbers applies: when possible, shop with someone.
- Try not to load yourself down with too many packages. If necessary, make trips to store packages in your vehicle. Store them in a locked truck or where they are not obvious temptations.
- Daytime shopping can be safer due to better visibility.
- At night, be cautious in dark or isolated garages or parking lots.

- Keep your cell phone handy.

At home a shining Christmas tree surrounded by packages makes a lovely picture, but also serves as a temptation to burglars. Consider closing shades or drapes.

- Keep doors and windows locked. Use timers on lights and a radio when you are away.
  - Record the serial numbers from new electronic purchases and keep them stored safely. An engraver may be borrowed from the police to mark new items through Operation ID.
  - Know if and when your neighbors are away from home and report strangers leaving with bundles or packages. Be aware of strangers approaching a neighbor's home or vehicle. Don't hesitate to call the police if someone's behavior makes you uncomfortable.
  - If you plan to be away for three days or more, register for the House Check program (301-270-1100) and an officer will patrol by your home daily to check for signs of unauthorized entry.
- Finally, remember, if confronted comply with property demands. Money can be replaced. Try to recall as many details about the suspect as possible to provide a good description to police.
- Have a safe and happy holiday season.**

## First Annual OPEN STUDIO TOUR AND HOLIDAY ART SALE

Saturday, December 16

Noon to 5 pm

Takoma Park and Old Takoma

Open Studio Tours, Art for Sale,  
Music, Holiday Windows

Visit with local artists during our open studio tours - a wonderful opportunity to get to know the artists and their work.

Art makes the perfect gift - stop by the Takoma Park Community Center where the work of local artists and crafters will be featured.

Explore Old Takoma - discover the uniqueness of our community and the creativity of our businesses as they decorate for the holiday.

Make a day of it - stay for dinner and the Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church's Bethlehem nativity drama.

Tour maps available as of December 1 at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park or on-line at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov)

Sponsored by the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission in partnership with ASalon, a Takoma DC arts cooperative

# County Awards Video Franchise to Verizon

On November 28, the Montgomery County Council approved a franchise agreement with Verizon Maryland to use the public right-of-way for a cable system. The County agreement was negotiated in conjunction with the co-franchising participating municipalities, including the City of Takoma Park. Takoma Park City Council is scheduled to consider the Franchise Agreement at its December 11, 2006 meeting. Residents are advised to check the City website at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) for updated information as it becomes available.

## Celebrating the Creative Spirit of Our Community

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

### TAKOMA PARK POETRY SERIES

Readings begin at 7 p.m.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland

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- December 14:** OPEN READING featuring any who'd like to read their poems
- January 18:** Rhonda Williford and Maria Mazzenga
- February 15:** Martin FitzPatrick and Sheema Kalbasi
- March 15:** Louise Beach, Brandon Johnson and Ernie Wormwood
- April 19:** OPEN READING featuring any who'd like to read their poems
- May 17:** Tom Alderson, Ryan Holman and Laura Lauth
- June 21:** Cheryl Quimba and Don Berger
- July 19:** OPEN READING featuring any who'd like to read their poems

For more information  
contact [ahc@takomagov.org](mailto:ahc@takomagov.org) or call 301-891-7224

## Vote for Art Project

Now that the election is over — the question is what are you going to do with all of those yard signs you have proudly displayed over the past three, four, maybe even five months? Consider participating in the Arts and Humanities Commission's "Vote for Art" project.

The Commission is asking for the donation of used political lawn signs. All types and sizes of paper signs (not the plastic ones please) will be accepted as part of the Commission's Spring "Vote For Art" Public Art Project. The donated signs will be white washed and the public will be invited to create a "new" campaign sign promoting a cause significant to them. Art supplies will be provided. The new signs will be unveiled on neighborhood lawns throughout the City of Takoma Park on Arts Advocacy Day, March 13, 2007. The project's goal is to bring attention to the creativity of Takoma Park as well as highlight the importance of supporting arts and arts education programs in the public schools.

For more information contact Sara Daines at 301-891-7224 or by email at [AHC@takomagov.org](mailto:AHC@takomagov.org).

## Exhibit and Performance Highlights Local Artist

**Jesters Manuscripts**  
**Decoding the Past of Juggler and Jester**  
**Work by David Camero**

Atrium and Richard Dempsey Memorial Galleries  
Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD

A reception — with performance — celebrating the artist and his work will be held on Friday, December 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the atrium lobby.

## Takoma Park City TV Events in December 2006

City TV staff have been busy all fall covering a variety of musical festivals, government meetings and special community activities. Several new tapes from the 29th Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival held in September are airing; these include Emerging Artists Showcase, and Chopteeth plus Big Sky. Takoma Poetry Series will include Brian Gilmore and Kathleen O'Toole. New performances from the Old Town Street Festival will start playing in December; check the website for details. Be sure to visit this award-winning webpage at [www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable](http://www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable) for specific program information each month.

Takoma Snapshots will feature the following episodes:

- Community Oriented Policing: "On The Beat" — Interview with Acting Chief Ed Coursey.
- Grand Opening of Food for Life headquarters.
- Takoma Artists Guild Annual Art Exhibit

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 December 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		National Gallery of Art		Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Snapshots
7:30 PM	City Council Meeting/City TV Special Events						
8:00 PM		Coffeehouse	City Council Meeting (REPLAY) or Special Events	Takoma Park Folk Festival		Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Folk Festival
9:00 PM		Takoma Park City TV Local Events			Takoma Park Folk Festival		
10:00 PM				Haiti a Suivre		Haiti a Suivre	Coffeehouse
11:00 PM		CaribNation		Takoma Park City TV Special Events	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Local Events
12:00 Midnight	Takoma Park Snapshots	NASA Programming	Takoma Park Snapshots		Haiti a Suivre		
1:00 AM	Road to Recovery		Community Bulletin Board				

Programming subject to change without notice.

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

**Email: [cabletv@takomagov.org](mailto:cabletv@takomagov.org)**  
**Web: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable)**

# City Snow Removal Gears Up

In preparing for each winter's snowstorms, the Public Works Department is providing this information about the City's snow response process.

For the purposes of snow and ice control, the City is divided into five zones, and each is assigned a snow/ice removal vehicle. Each zone contains three types of roadways which receive different snow removal responses.

**First Response:** These roads carry the most traffic and connect neighborhoods. Roadways with steep inclines are also included.

**Second Response:** Neighborhood streets connected to the first response streets. Roadways with slight inclines are also included.

**Third Response:** Small streets with few homes or courts and alleys.

City crews are first dispatched to the First Response streets. Once these roads are passable they proceed to the Second Response areas. After these receive treatment, the Third Response streets are addressed. The listing of streets by response category follows below this article.

The goal of the City's snow response process is to have a snow/ice removal vehicle make at least one pass down each street within an eight-hour period during the storm. Snow removal equipment remains in service around the clock until the roads are cleared. Often, when severe weather is on the way, the City begins anti-icing procedures on the First Response streets by applying salt and/or sand before the snow falls. Once snowfall has accumulated to an inch or more, the snow plows are put into use. If the storm produces only sleet and ice, the City treats all roadways with sand and salt.

The City provides snow plowing, sanding, and salting on City roadways except for the following roadways which come under the responsibilities of State Highway Administration (301-948-2477) or Maryland National Capital Park and Planning (301-650-2600):

## Roadway

Carroll Avenue  
Flower 8600-7700 (east-bound lane)  
Philadelphia Avenue  
Piney Branch Road  
Takoma Avenue  
Sligo Creek Pkwy

## Snow Response Agency

State Highway  
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Park and Planning

However, as City vehicles often travel these roads to get to the streets the City is responsible for clearing, the City vehicles supplement the other agencies' snow removal activities.

All residents are encouraged to remove vehicles from the roadway, if possible, when a snow storm has been predicted. The fewer cars on the street, the easier and safer it is for plows to clear the roadways. On those streets that are marked Snow Emergency Routes — like Maple Avenue — all parked cars are required to be removed from the street.

Please remember that removal of snow in driveways and sidewalks in front of residential or commercial property is the responsibility of the resident or property owner/manager — and is required, for safety reasons, by City law. When clearing snow from your sidewalk or driveway we ask that you pile it in a yard, when possible, and not out in the street. Piles of snow shoveled out into the street can cause problems for passing vehicles.

The City can provide special services to residents who have health issues which require them to be able to use their street to access health care. Residents need to contact the Public Works Department to make those arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-891-7633 between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### FIRST RESPONSE ROADS:

13th Avenue  
14th Avenue  
4th Avenue  
Allegheny Avenue  
Anne Street  
Aspen Avenue (off Sligo Creek)  
Aspen Court  
Baltimore Avenue  
Boston Avenue  
Boyd Avenue  
Cedar Avenue  
Central Avenue  
Cherry Avenue  
Chestnut Avenue  
Community Center & Library Lot  
Columbia Avenue  
Conway Avenue  
Domer Avenue  
Dundalk Road  
Elm Avenue  
Erskine Street  
Ethan Allen Avenue  
Flower Avenue (8600-7700)  
west bound lane only  
Flower Avenue (7700-7200)  
Garland Avenue (Carroll to Flower)  
Geneva Avenue  
Glenside Drive  
Grant Avenue  
Gude Avenue  
Heather Avenue  
Holly Avenue  
Holton Lane (east of New Hampshire)  
Houston Avenue  
Jackson Avenue – Ethan Allen  
to Sligo Creek Parkway  
Kennebec Avenue  
Larch Avenue  
Lee Avenue

Lincoln Avenue  
Maple Avenue  
Maplewood Avenue  
Old Carroll Avenue  
Orchard Avenue  
Oswego Avenue  
Park Avenue  
Pine Avenue  
Poplar Avenue  
Prince Georges Avenue  
Ritchie Avenue  
Sherman Avenue  
Sligo Mill Road  
Takoma Avenue  
Valley View Avenue  
Westmoreland Avenue  
Wildwood Drive  
Willow Avenue  
Winding Hill Way

### SECOND RESPONSE ROADS:

2nd Avenue  
5th Avenue  
13th Place  
Albany Avenue  
Aspen Avenue (7000)  
Auburn Avenue  
Belford Drive  
Birch Avenue  
Belford Place  
Boundary Avenue  
Buffalo Avenue  
Carroll Service Road  
Chaney Drive  
Chicago Avenue  
Circle Avenue  
Cockerille Avenue  
Colby Avenue  
Cole Avenue  
Darwin Avenue

Davis Avenue  
Devonshire Road  
Dogwood Avenue  
Eastridge Avenue  
Elson Place  
Elson Court  
Elson Street  
Erie Avenue  
Garland Avenue (Carroll to City Line)  
Glaizewood Avenue  
Greenwood Avenue  
Hammond Avenue  
Hancock Avenue  
Hayward Avenue  
Hickory Avenue  
Hilltop Road  
Hillwood Manor  
Hilton Avenue  
Hodges Lane  
Holton Lane  
Hopewell Avenue  
Houston Court  
Hudson Avenue  
Jackson Avenue (700 – 900)  
Jackson Avenue (1100 – 1200)  
Jefferson Avenue  
Kansas Avenue  
Kennewick Avenue  
Kentland Avenue  
Kingwood Drive  
Kirklynn Avenue  
Lancaster Road  
Larch Avenue (New Hampshire to 410)  
Little Eastern Avenue  
Lockney Avenue  
Manor Circle  
Merrimac Drive  
Merwood Drive  
Minter Place  
Mississippi Avenue

Montgomery Avenue  
New York Avenue  
New Hampshire Service Road  
Roanoke Avenue  
Sheridan Avenue  
Spring Avenue  
Spruce Avenue  
Sycamore Avenue  
Trescott Avenue  
Tulip Avenue  
University Service Road  
Wabash Avenue  
Walnut Avenue  
Woodland Avenue

### THIRD RESPONSE ROADS:

1st Avenue  
Alfred Drive  
Barclay Avenue  
Beech Avenue  
Boyd Court  
Cherry Avenue (off Flower)  
Cleveland Avenue  
Crescent Place  
Edinburgh Lane  
Elwyn Court  
Freemont Avenue  
Glaizewood Court  
Glengary Place  
Haverford Road  
Hayward off Sligo Creek Parkway  
Heather Alley  
Highland Avenue  
Holt Place  
Linden Circle  
Margaret Drive  
Palmer Lane  
Ray Drive  
City-owned parking lot  
on Carroll Avenue

## Holiday Trash Collection Scheduled

There are several holidays that the City observes in December and January. Trash and recycling routes will be affected.

### Monday, December 25

There will be no Monday yard waste collection.

Monday's recycling routes will be collected on Tuesday, December 26.

### Monday, January 1

There will be no Monday yard waste collection.

Monday's recycling routes will be collected on Tuesday, January 2.

### Monday, January 15

There will be no Monday yard waste collection.

Monday recycling routes will be collected on Tuesday, January 16.