Options Considered to Keep Piney Branch Pool

After a rousing City Council meeting Sept. 4 that included children wearing swim goggles and carrying “Save the Pool” signs, City Council passed a resolution urging Montgomery County to keep the pool open, and City and county staff have begun to compile options to support it.

The pool in question, at Piney Branch Elementary School, is a county facility but has been run by the Silver Spring YMCA for the last five years. The YMCA announced it would no longer operate the pool because of management difficulties with the county, and it was closed just after Labor Day.

Although the City has never been in charge of the pool, citing high maintenance costs as prohibitive, local pool advocates appealed to City Council as advocates. City Council’s resolution points out the dearth of indoor pools in the down-county area, and cites the need for recreation facilities in the area. County Councilmembers George Leventhal, Valerie Ervin and Marc Elrich, along with several City Councilmembers and the

OPTIONS FOR PINEY BRANCH POOL INCLUDE:

- Keep the pool closed - shut it down and possibly replace it with something else.
- Have the YMCA come back in to manage it.
- Set up joint management with the county recreation department, the school system, and the ICB.
- Have an outside, for-profit pool company run the pool.
- Have the City operate and manage the pool, with financial support from other parties.

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Running in New Directions
Recreation Department Regroups with New Hires, New Programs

By Virginia Myers

The Recreation Department is overflowing with new ideas. For example: how about a Takoma Park Outing Club? Or an outdoor education leadership program? Consider enabling community service expeditions, with groups of kids out maintaining parks for credit. For seniors, who have been clamoring for field trips, a new bus will send them on their way to the local Farmer’s Market next month, and future trips include movies, winter lights and fall foliage excursions, dinner theater in Baltimore and the Glenn Miller Orchestra in Dover Downs, Delaware. Meanwhile, the kids are touring the skateparks in November, getting ready for the opening of the City’s own half-pipes and rails, anticipated for 2009 in the park behind Piney Branch Elementary School. For adults, a softball league recently got started, a popular drop-in basketball program at the Recreation Center may expand, and there’s talk of an ultimate Frisbee program — pickup games, perhaps?

“We’re starting fresh,” says Jon McLaren, senior manager of facilities and programs and the newest hire at the department. “We are re-creating this whole department.”

“Our new emphasis is amplified customer service and quality,” says Recreation Director Debra Haiduven. “My vision is that people of all ages will look to the Rec Department as a viable alternative to other programs in the area, whether it be after school, summer camp, or yoga class. Our mission is to provide outdoor programs — convenient, affordable, it’s quality.”

ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS

New programs at the Recreation Department get kids involved in outdoor adventures, like this recent trip to Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia. These hikers got to walk across a river bridge from West Virginia to Maryland. Rec staffer Jon McLaren hopes to arrange similar outings for families in the future.

Photo by Jon McLaren

Street Fest Takes Over TP

For the 26th year, the Takoma Park Street Festival will transform the City’s throughways into a celebratory mix of music, art, politics, food and the kind of socializing among neighbors as well as visitors that makes the festival so popular. This year’s event is Sunday October 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Entertainment includes all-day music from 18 bands, including popular acoustic roots-rock bands The Nighthawks, Tom Principato, Chopteeth, Robert Lighthouse, and Patty Reese. More than 150 craft artists, community groups and diverse foods will line the festival route along Carroll Avenue. For kids there will be moon bounces, jugglers, puppeteers, a climbing wall and more.

The Festival begins near the Sunday Farmers Market on Laurel and Eastern Avenues, extends toward the Metro in one direction and down Carroll Avenue toward the firehouse in the other.

Primarily organized by The Old Takoma Business Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the festival is a gathering of what OTBA vice president and music coordinator, David Eissner, calls “an independent, quirky, fun-loving bunch” of people who use the occasion to celebrate local arts, foods and culture.

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City Council Action

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.

Regular Meeting

September 10

Emergency Resolution 2007-37 was adopted, approving the City Manager’s determination of an emergency procurement to effectuate repairs to the Maple Avenue Bridge sidewalk.

Resolution 2007-35 was adopted, supporting continued Montgomery County operation of the pool at Pinney Branch Elementary School.

Ordinance 2007-42 as amended was accepted at first reading, adjusting the salaries for the Mayor and Councilmembers (effective for the Council to be sworn in on November 19) (Abstain: Austin-Lane)

Ordinance 2007-43 was accepted at first reading, providing for the 2007 Nominating Caucus and City Election.

Single Reading Ordinance 2007-44 was adopted, authorizing the lease/purchase of police vehicles.

Resolution 2007-36 was adopted, supporting the Lizerman Dance Exchange’s Community Investment Tax Credit application.

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

Vacancies on Council-appointed Boards and Committees

There are positions available on many City boards, commissions, and committees. Please consider volunteering to serve. Additional information can be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov or contact the City Clerk for more information (301-891-7267 or Clerk@takomagov.org).

• Arts and Humanities Commission
• Board of Elections
• Committee on the Environment
• Emergency Preparedness Committee
• Ethics Commission
• Facade Advisory Board
• Health Services Impact Committee
• Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee
• Noise Control Board
• Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee
• Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee
• Safe Roads Committee
• Tree Commission

Metro Development Decision Nears

After a public hearing on Takoma Metro Development at the Takoma Park City Council’s September 24 meeting, many residents are interested in following up to make sure their voices were heard on this issue. Comments on the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority report, which recommends townhouse development in the green space at the Takoma Metro station, will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. For more information, see the City’s web page on the issue, http://takomaparkmd.gov/documents/metro/index.html.

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mayor, met in early September to discuss possibilities in keeping the facility open.

That group has asked an interjurisdictional task force to flesh out five options, with pros, cons, and costs, and present them to County Council. Those on the task force include at least one representative of the City, several from the Montgomery County Recreation Department, representatives of county councilmembers and someone from the school district.

Available options will be shared with stakeholders and presented to the County Council.

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Ray Branch students, who used the pool during P.E.; swim teams, including the Montgomery Blair High School team, who used it for practice; and neighbors who used the pool to maintain fitness and health.

Correction

In a feature about Joan Samworth, a Recreation Department art teacher, we mistakenly identified her affiliation as being with Seed charter school. Through the Corcoran ArtReach program, she directed the completion of five murals with students from various schools (not Seed); with students from the Fletcher Johnson Education Center, she completed a mosaic installed at Kenilworth Gardens. Additionally, the work Samworth did with New Orleans teens took place in 1995.

Speak with the Mayor

Mayor Kathy Porter

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

Office hours are Tuesdays 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome for Wednesday office hours only.

To schedule a meeting, contact Executive Assistant Peggy E. Washington at 301-891-7230 or peggyew@takomagov.org.
Volunteers Needed to Mark Storm DRAINs

The Department of Public Works is continuing its program to remind residents that dumping in the local storm drains leads directly to pollution of the Chesapeake Bay and its local tributaries. Volunteers are needed to mark this printed message across the storm drains, reminding people to not dump pollutants and protect water quality. Volunteers are provided with all the equipment they need for the project. Teams will be formed to work together, or you can come with your own group. To volunteer, call Public Works at 301-891-7633.

Be Aware During Deer Season

As more and more deer begin to populate the parks and woods in and near Takoma Park, residents are seeing more of the animals on the road – and in traffic. Because deer are “rutting,” or mating, during the fall months, they tend to be more disoriented and thus more likely to be in the way of a moving vehicle. It is important for drivers to be especially careful during these months. The Montgomery County Department of Parks schedules several controlled hunts to keep a lid on the deer population in its parks; since the hunting program’s inception, vehicle-deer collisions have decreased. Several area parks are included in the program, though Sligo Creek is not. For more information, see www.mc-mncppc.org/environment/deer/index.shtm.

Join Walk to School Movement in Takoma Park

Takoma Park’s Safe Routes to School Program has encouraged four area schools to join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day, which has encouraged four area schools to emphasize the importance of making our communities safe for walkers. The Montgomery County Department of Parks and Sligo Creek Police Departments have partnered with the schools to emphasize the safe routes message, and the City’s mayor and councilmembers have been invited to attend the festivities at Pinney Branch, including a short school assembly on pedestrian safety.

Though event start times and locations vary at each school, all activities will take place between 8 and 9:45 a.m.

In the U.S., International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools in 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join schools in 40 countries around the world.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

For more information, contact Lucy Neher, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, City of Takoma Park at 301-891-7220 or lucy@takomagov.org or visit www.walktoschool.org, www.saferroutesinfo.org or www.ifwalktoschool.org.

“Eat Takoma” Lays Out Local Dining

Wondering where to grab lunch today? How about coffee? Get a hankering for Asian food at dinner? The City guide, “Eat Takoma,” can lead you to answers for all questions about eating locally in Takoma Park.

From Indian grocery stores to Bolivian restaurants, “Eat Takoma 2007” lists pages of choices, with 105 entries in all. You can find farmer’s markets, bakeries and ice cream stores as well as restaurants and groceries listed by nationality: Asian (Cambo-dian, Chinese, Indian, Korean, Pakistani and Vietnamese); Caribbean (Cuban, Dominican, Jamaican and Trinidadian and Tobagonian); Latin American (Bolivian, Guatemalan, El Salvadoran and Peruvian); and Middle Eastern. There are also categories for vegetarian and vegan-friendly, seafood and fast food.

Maps of four commercial areas – Takoma Langley Crossroads, New Hampshire Avenue, Long Branch and Old Takoma – help you find your way, and a pricing key tells you what to expect when the bill comes.

“Eat Takoma” was produced by the City’s Housing and Community Development Department. To get a copy, drop by the Community Center or call 301-891-7119.

Garden Bulbs are Back

After a break of a couple of years, the Takoma Horticulture Club is reviving its only fundraiser by once again selling high-quality bulbs at the Takoma Park Street Festival. This long-standing club tradition is now back by popular demand. The event is on Sunday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Takoma Park in front of 7018 Carroll. (Rain or shine - there is a tent over the booth.) These bulbs are especially selected unique varieties that will do well in your garden. The bulbs are pre-packed by the Holland growers in quantities of 4 to 10 bulbs per bag. Cash or check only, 10 percent discount at the booth for THC members. For more information, email to Laserblast@aol.com.

Volunteers Pitch In to Clean Up Takoma

Main Street Takoma is holding its Fall Clean Up Day Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, urging volunteers to get Takoma Park’s commercial areas ready for the winter months and the holiday season. Here, Scouts from Daisy Troop 2131 help clean up during the spring session – from left, Lucia Parish-Katz, Zelda Littlejohn, Evelyn Angellis, Sophie Maguire, Adelaide Harris, and Lily Kirsch. To participate this season, grab your garden tools and come to one of the gathering points: Laurel Avenue by the clock tower, Morrison Park at Takoma Junction, and Triangle Park, at 4th Street, NW, in the District of Columbia. Volunteers will be weeding and mulching in tree boxes and in public areas, picking up litter (Main Street is providing bags and gloves), sweeping gutters, removing graffiti, where needed, and generally cleaning and beautifying the downtown area. Participating middle and high school students can earn community service hours for their Montgomery County Public School graduation requirement. More information for sponsors, donors or volunteers is available through design@commit-tee@MainStreetTakoma.org. Please be sure to check out www.MainStreetTakoma.org and www.Takomaonline.com for news as it develops.

Photo by Michele Morgan.
A Tenant wants to know if her Landlord has the right to give her a two-month no-fault notice to vacate two months prior to the end of her lease term, if her initial one-year lease started on October 1, 2004. Yes, in accordance with Section 6.16.070.1. of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law a landlord is only prohibited from giving a tenant a two-month no-fault notice to vacate at the expiration of the initial one-year lease term. Subsequent to the initial lease term and based on a 2003 change in the City’s law however, tenants do not automatically become month-to-month tenants at the end of alease term. In accordance with Section 6.16.090.E., if a landlord fails to either re-negotiate a renewal of a one-year lease or give a tenant a notice to vacate at least two months prior to the end of each lease term, then at the sole option of the tenant, he/she is presumed to have a one-year lease. Since this tenant is beyond the initial lease time frame, a two-month notice to vacate can be given to the tenant two months prior to the end of her lease term. Since her initial lease was signed October 1 and assumed to end on September 30, the landlord would be required to provide her the Notice to Vacate no later than July 31.

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.
**Anne Becker Appointed Takoma Park Poet Laureate**

Takoma Park has a new poet laureate. The City Council appointed Anne Becker to the position in July. She follows in the footsteps of Donald Berger, the city’s first laureate, appointed two years ago.

Becker, a published poet, teacher and former producer of literary audio cassettes and radio programming, takes her poetry beyond the expected, often combining it with science. She has recently begun to work on a series of collaborations with musicians, visual artists and dancers as well.

“My poetry has brought me much happiness,” said Ms. Becker following her appointment. “I welcome the opportunity to share my work and to encourage the community to explore the poet in each of them.”

In her role as poet laureate, Becker will host a series of poetry workshops for adults, school aged children and teens, adults and children together, and for the residents of the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. The results of these workshops will be compiled and published by the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission as a community anthology.

“Ms. Becker is a deeply engaged and nurturing teacher of poetry to all ages; committed to providing community access to poetry,” said John Borstel, a member of the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission that helped select Becker. “We are excited by her appointment and look forward to working with her.”

The poet laureate program, established by the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission in 2005, honors the achievements of a local poet and is designed to not only support and promote Takoma Park’s poets but to stimulate interest in poetry and to encourage wider appreciation of poetry and literature.

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**Arts and Humanities Commission Celebrates Community’s Creative Spirit**

**GALLERY EXHIBIT**

Calligraphy by Dee Herman

Atrium Gallery, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park

The exhibit, which includes Jewish wedding contracts and baby naming certificates, can be viewed throughout the month of October.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES DAY**

Saturday, October 20

This one-day celebration is an opportunity to learn, discuss, explore and experience the arts and cultural offerings available in our community. Activities include pottery demonstrations, pottery labs, belly dancing and hip hop, films and music, literary discussions and story telling and much, much more. Participants include the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange and the Washington Opera.

The event, held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for an hour or two, or spend the day with us as we celebrate the arts and humanities in Takoma Park.

Be sure to check the City’s web site at takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

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**LETTERS to the Editor**

**Lyme Disease More Dangerous Than Depicted**

To the Editor,

This letter is to correct a serious misstatement in Bob Gulden’s otherwise very informative article on ticks and Lyme disease in the September Newsletter. Bob stated that if you are bitten by a tick but you remove it within 24 hours, you will not get Lyme disease. This is not true. Any time you are bitten by a tick that is infected with Lyme, you can also become infected. However, if you are bitten and you get the tick out and take an antibiotic, Doxycycline, within 24 hours, you can prevent Lyme disease.

I was bitten by a deer tick earlier this year, found it, and called my doctor immediately. He prescribed two pills to be taken within 24 hours to prevent Lyme. The doctor’s office and the pharmacy were both very vigilant to ensure that I got the drug quickly. The result: no bull’s eye rash, no Lyme.

Lyme is a very serious disease. I have seen families’ lives consumed by the illness and the treatments it requires. We can’t eliminate ticks, but you can act quickly to prevent Lyme disease if you or someone you know happens to be bitten by a tick.

Catherine Tunis
Takoma Park resident
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ACTIVITIES

Looking for something fun to do on school holidays? Check out the following trips coming up.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
BAPA’s Imagination Stage 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Reston Zoo and Udvar-HazyAerospace Museum.

Pre-registration is required.
Meet at the Takoma Park Community Center 7500
Maple Ave. $20 for residents and $25 for non residents.

FAMILY DAY TRIP
Trip is geared towards children 6 years and older. One
family member must be 18 years or older. Meet in the
parking lot in back of the Community Center. Advance
registration is required and a minimum enrollment of
13 must be met by RSVP date, October 19.

Trip: Corn Maze
When: Sun., Oct. 28
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fee/person:
T.P. Res. $15
Non-Res. $20

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Movie is free and will be shown in the auditorium of
the Community Center. Light refreshments will be
available. All children must be accompanied by an
adult.

Movie: Bridge to Terabithia - PG
When: Fri., Oct. 19
Time: 7 p.m.

SENIORS HITCH A RIDE
to the Farmer’s Market
The Recreation Department is transporting the
seniors to the Farmer’s Market on New Hampshire
Avenue on Wednesday, October 3.

Three pick up points:
Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave at 3 p.m.
Franklin Apartments, 7620 Maple Ave at 3:05 p.m.
Victory Towers, Carroll Ave 3:15 p.m.
No charge.

For more information, please call the Recreation
Department at 301-891-7290.

Halloween Spooktacular
Saturday, October 27

Canine Costume Contest
Halloween is going to the dogs. Dress your dog up
for this second annual event. Categories include
cutest, scariest, funniest and most original, within
two divisions for small and big dogs. Dogs must
be leashed and under control by handler. Co-
sponsored by the Big Bad Woof. Doggie cake and
refreshments will be served. Gifts for the winners
will also be provided by sponsor.

Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Parking lot behind of Bank of
America on Carroll Avenue.

ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST
For all costumed characters...get all decked out
and strut your stuff. Categories include most
original, funniest and scariest. Ages 2 and under;
3 - 4; 5 - 7; 8 - 10; 11 - 12; teen and adult. Par-
ents...don’t worry about embarrassing your kids
by dressing up since everyone is joining in the fun
and getting into the spirit!

Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Intersection of Carroll and Laurel
Avenues, Old Town Takoma Park

Halloween Parade
All are welcome to follow the Takoma Park Fire
Department fire truck as it escorts hundreds of
people down the parade route. This is a big
Takoma Park tradition beginning at Carroll and
Laurel Avenues, following Carroll Avenue to Fire
House, left onto Philadelphia Avenue and ending
at Piney Branch Elementary School. Don’t be late!

Time: Approx. 5:45 p.m. (Immediately
following the Costume Contest)

Halloween Bash
Join us for refreshments and musical entertain-
ment immediately following the parade.

Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club at the Piney
Branch Elementary School Multipurpose Room,
this event brings everyone together to celebrate
the season and view the contest winners in the
audience. Special gratitude goes to the Takoma
Park Lions Club, which has graciously served the
Takoma Park community for several decades with
its kindness and support.

Time: Approx. 6:15 p.m. (Immediately
following the parade)

Location: Piney Branch Elementary School

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of facilities and programs, brings a passion for outdoor adventure and leadership; and Karla Kelley focuses entirely on teen programs, which have expanded by leaps and bounds since the Community Center opened.

In fact, the Community Center is another character in the story of Rec Department improvements. Since it opened, the department has an art room that has allowed painting, drawing, pottery and collage to take off. The dance studio has drawn in belly dancers, yogis and martial arts experts. And most important, for the underserved teens, a game room and the T-Zone, a social gathering spot for kids ages 13 to 19, is often packed on weekday afternoons and weekends, as it offers such popular toys as X-Box, Dance Dance Revolution, a large screen t.v. and, not incidentally, the company of other teens. Some 60 or 70 teens are registered at members of T-Zone.

Not that the tried and true will disappear - the Y.E.S. basketball league, indoor soccer, and other popular programs remain active. “We want to keep things fresh and also provide consistency for the traditional, popular programs,” says Haiduven.

Building on the teen program, Kelley has initiated TGIF, when teens take over the Piney Branch Elementary School gym to play capture the flag, dodge ball, kickball, basketball, or dabble with arts and crafts; and “Road Trips,” that take them to the Laurel roller skating rink, Dave and Buster’s, the movies, and Six Flags amusement park. Kelley also hopes to develop a service learning club and leadership training. “We have to give teens opportunities to learn, to gain experiences to grow into adulthood making healthy choices, but more importantly to care about the community in which they live,” says Kelley. Clark, who worked extensively with teens in Prince George’s County before he joined Takoma Park’s team, agrees. “We want to get teens involved,” he says. “We want them to plan the programs. We want to empower them.”

Administratively, the department is trying to arrange for on-line registration and credit card payment for classes. Clark is also hoping to develop partnerships with local businesses.

Part of the energy behind the transformation of the Rec Department comes from a team approach that allows staff to share their passions. Haiduven points out that while McLaren, who built a skate ramp in his college dorm room and helped develop the outdoor leadership program at University of Maryland, is big on extreme sports (there’s a kayaking paddle in his office, along with photos of him hiking with his family), Carey Antoszewski, manager for school age programs, has a passion for art; staffer Betty Johnson tried out for the WNBA and plays a mean game of basketball; Clark is a flag football hall of famer; and Haiduven herself played college soccer. The day we interviewed Haiduven, she was getting ready to teach the afternoon soccer clinic. “Because this is a small department,” she explains, “We fill in for each other and everybody does everything.”

Some people have suggested the department tries to cover too much territory. Haiduven disagrees. She says she wants to create a thriving Community Center that serves the diverse interests of every niche in town. “We will try anything, as long as it’s legal,” she likes to say. “Some people have suggested we should do fewer things and do them really, really well. I think we should do more things, and do them very well.”

With new staff and renewed energy, her optimistic outlook is more convincing every day.
Riordan Books Snag Reluctant Readers  

BY KAREN MACPHERSON


So far, there are three books in this series: "The Lightning Thief," "The Sea of Monsters," and "The Titan's Curse." The humor-filled books begin with a fascinating premise: a wise-cracking New York City boy named Percy Jackson learns that he is actually a "half-blood," the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, the Greek god of the seas.

The teen-aged Percy, who has both dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), soon finds himself in the midst of a continuing battle between various Greek gods, who are still active in the modern world. And, when he arrives at Camp Half-Blood, Percy discovers that there are other "half-bloods" like him - kids who have one human parent and one parent who is a Greek god. But the persistent rivalries between the parental Greek gods spill over into the next generation and Percy often finds himself at odds with some of the other half-blood kids, even those he likes, such as Annabeth, daughter of Athena.

Meanwhile, there's always a job to be done - returning Zeus' stolen lightning bolt, retrieving the Golden Fleece, and countering the Oracle's prophecy of doom. Together with his best friend Grover, a satyr, Percy somehow manages to complete these tasks, showing that he's both intelligent and brave, despite the fact that he's been kicked out of six schools for misbehavior and poor grades.

In fact, Riordan, 43, deliberately created a hero who isn't perfect. Riordan's oldest son, 12-year-old Haley, has dyslexia, and many of Riordan's middle school students also struggled with learning problems. As a result, Riordan decided to write books in which the hero is imperfect, yet still manages to get the job done.

Riordan's goal is to attract kids who aren't necessarily readers, al-

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Sessions Explore College Application Process

Join us at the Library on Thursday evenings in October, when nationally recognized experts offer guidance to students applying to college in a series of free programs. Call 301-270-7259 to pre-register. All programs are presented by the Takoma Park Maryland Library with the support of the Friends of the Library.

Thursday October 11 at 7:30 p.m.: Dr. Lori Potts Dupre will present an overview of the college selection process. What schools might provide the right fit - academically, financially and personally - for you? Topics include sorting out your personal criteria and goals and the admissions process.

Potts-Dupre grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. She earned the B.S. and M.Ed. degrees at the University of California, Davis in Applied Behavioral Sciences, and her PhD in education at the University of Maryland, College Park. In 1994 she was appointed as Faculty Research Associate at the National Center for Postsecondary Governance and Finance, where she investigated governance issues in higher education. She also coordinated admissions for the Francis Scott Key and Banneker programs at College Park, and taught in the Honors program.

Potts-Dupre opened her college consulting practice in Takoma Park, Maryland in 1997. She has evaluated more than 350 campuses nationwide, and continues to visit and evaluate dozens of colleges every year. She attained the CEP (Certified Educational Planner) designation, the highest standard in the profession, in 1999. In the fall of 2003 she was appointed as a commissioner to the American Institute of Certified Education Planners.

Thursday October 18 at 7 p.m.: Dr. Ilhan Cagri will demystify the dreaded SATs. (note earlier time!) Cagri and a trained colleague will share their experiences and insights on both the verbal and math components.

Thursday October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library: Our popular "Twosies" program will be offered on Wednesday mornings, from 10-10:30 a.m., throughout October. If you’ve got a two-year-old and are interested in participating, please call 301-891-7259. (For those with babies, our "Lapsit" program for babies under one year will return in November.)
Important Dates for the 2007 Election

**Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.**
Nominating Caucus

**Monday, October 8**
Voter registration deadline. Takoma Park residency must be met by Sunday, October 7, in order to vote in the election.

**Tuesday, October 30, 4 p.m.**
Last day to make application for regular absentee ballot

**Wednesday, October 31**
Emergency absentee balloting begins

**Tuesday, November 6, 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 before November 6.)

**Monday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.**
Inauguration - Mayor and Councilmembers take office

Voter Registration for Takoma Park residents - U.S. citizens and non-citizens

October 8 Deadline!

To vote in the November 6 election, the voter must be a qualified voter of the city and must have resided within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park for 30 days immediately preceding the election. The voter registration cut-off date is October 8. Changes of address must also be filed by this date. Voter registration or change of address forms are available in the Takoma Park Community Center - Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center and in the City Library.

**U.S. Citizens:** Any resident of Takoma Park who is a United States citizen may register to vote at the Board of Elections Supervisors for Montgomery County any time these offices are open for business or by mail. Registration shall be permanent unless such registration shall be canceled as provided by state law. No person is entitled to vote unless properly registered.

**Non-U.S. Citizens:** Any resident of Takoma Park who is not a United States citizen, and who is otherwise qualified to be registered as a voter in any election pursuant to Article I, Section I of the Constitution of Maryland, and Section 3-102 of Article 33, as amended, or any equivalent provision(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, may register with the City Clerk, who shall maintain a separate voter roll from the existing voter roll generated by the register with the City Clerk, who shall maintain a separate

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**Election by Wards**

There are six wards and Councilmembers are elected by the voters of their respective wards. This means that only those persons registered at an address in a particular ward may vote for a Councilmember who is to represent that ward.

Fechas Importantes para la Elección del 2007

**Martes, 2 de octubre 7:30 p.m.**
Reunión Electoral

**Lunes, 8 de octubre**
Fecha límite para registrarse para votar. Fecha límite para confirmar residencia en la Ciudad de Takoma Park es el 7 de octubre, para poder votar en la elección.

**Martes, 30 de octubre, 4 p.m.**
Fecha límite para solicitar por Voto en Ausencia Regular.

**Miercoles, 31 de octubre**
Comienza la votación de emergencia por boleta en ausencia.

**Martes, 6 de noviembre,**
Día de la Elección Municipal, las cabinas electorales estarán habilitadas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. (esta es la fecha y hora limite para someter boletas en ausencia a la Secretaría Municipal. Boletas en ausencia sometidas por correo y con estampilla postal con fecha antes del 6 de noviembre serán aceptadas.)

**Lunes, 19 de noviembre, 7:30 p.m.**
- Inauguración - Alcalde y Miembros de Consejo tomarán puesto.

La fecha límite para registrarse para votar es el 8 de octubre

Para votar en la elección el 6 de noviembre, el votante tendrá que ser un votante capacitado en la ciudad de Takoma Park y tendrá que haber recibido en la ciudad por 30 días inmediatamente antes del día de la elección. La fecha límite para registrarse para votar es el 8 de octubre. Aviso de cambio de domicilio también tendrá que ser sometido para esta fecha. Se puede obtener aplicaciones de registración de votante o cambio de domicilio en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park - Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center y en la Librería de Takoma Park.

Citadanos Americanos - Cualquier residente de Takoma Park que sea ciudadano Americano puede registrarse para votar en la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado Montgomery en persona o por correo. Su registración será permanente a menos que su registración sea cancelada por ley del estado. Ninguna persona tiene el derecho de votar sin haber registrado apropiadamente.

No Ciudadano Americano - Cualquier residente de Takoma Park que no es ciudadano Americano y que satisface los requisitos para poder registrarse como votante en cualquier elección según el Artículo I, Sección 1, de la Constitución de Maryland, y Sección 3-102 del Artículo 33, como enmendado, o cualquier provisión equivalente del Código Anotado de Maryland, podrá registrarse en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, quien mantendrá una lista de votantes separada de la lista producida por el Condado de Montgomery, incluyendo los nombres de los que no son ciudadanos Americanos.

**Electores por distrito**

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

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

Si una persona está inscrita con una dirección de un distrito y se ha mudado a otro sin dar aviso al Consejo Electoral del Condado Montgomery (ciudadanos de Estados Unidos), o a la Secretaría de la Municipalidad (personas que no son ciudadanas de Estados Unidos), según corresponda, tiene que votar en el distrito donde esté registrado. No será posible transferir su inscripción en un distrito a otro después de la fecha de cierre del día lunes, 8 de octubre. El día de las elecciones, usted tendrá que votar de acuerdo al domicilio que figure en el padrón de votantes certificados. Si tiene alguna otra pregunta sobre su inscripción, por favor comuníquese con la agencia de registro idónea.

**Absentee Ballots**

Votantes que no sean presentes en el día de elección o no puedan personalmente votar en las elecciones de noviembre debido a alguna enfermedad o incapacidad física pueden solicitar su votación a través de una boleta ausente. La Secretaría Municipal deberá recibir las solicitudes para las boletas ausentes antes del martes 30 de octubre, a las 4:00 p.m. La solicitud de las boletas ausentes de emergencia comenzarán el 31 de octubre 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.

Las solicitudes para las boletas ausentes de emergencia se deben hacer hasta el martes 30 de octubre, a las 4:00 p.m. La solicitud de las boletas ausentes de emergencia deben ser presentadas el domingo 28 de octubre, a las 4:00 p.m. A la Secretaría Municipal deberá recibir la solicitud para las boletas ausentes antes del martes 30 de octubre, a las 4:00 p.m. La solicitud de las boletas ausentes de emergencia comenzarán el 31 de octubre 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.

Voto en ausencia

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Absente 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, October 30. Emergency absentee balloting begins October 31 for voters required to be absent on the day of election for any reason for which the person becomes aware after the time for applying for an absentee ballot.

Applications to vote by absentee ballot are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk at 301-891-7267.

Voto en ausencia

Los votantes que no podrán estar presentes el día de la elección o que no puedan ir a votar en persona el día de la elección, debido a alguna enfermedad o incapacidad física pueden solicitar su votación a través de una boleta ausente. La Secretaría Municipal deberá recibir las solicitudes para las boletas ausentes antes del martes 30 de octubre, a las 4:00 p.m. La solicitud de las boletas ausentes de emergencia comenzarán el 31 de octubre 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.

Se puede obtener una aplicación para votar a través de boleta ausente en la pagina web www.takomaparkmd.gov o se puede comunicar a la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al 301-891-7224.
PoliceBEAT
Little Vampires Plagued this Year by Sunlight

By Catherine Plevy

It’s that time of year again. Time for all the little witches, ghosts and goblins to go out in search of treats. Halloween is an exciting time for children of all ages, but we want to make sure they understand how to keep themselves safe, whether they are with their parents or out with friends.

Through 2006, Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the U.S. ended a few days before Halloween (October 31). The new federal law to extend DST to the first Sunday in November will provide trick-or-treaters more light and therefore more safety from traffic accidents. This added hour of light means a big holiday treat for the children and some peace of mind for parents.

Still, though, it would be remiss not to issue some safety tips:

1. Make sure your child’s costume is bright and reflective since it will become dark outside during the course of their trick or treating. If it’s not, consider putting reflective tape or stripping on their costumes. Make sure their shoes fit well and their costumes are short enough that they don’t find themselves tripping.
2. Put your child’s name, address and phone number somewhere on them, especially for little ones, in case they get separated from you.
3. Review with your child “Stop-Drop-Roll” in case their costume does come in contact with fire.

When trick-or-treating, remind your child(ren):

4. By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
5. Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
6. Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
7. Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
8. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
9. Never cut across yards or use alleys.
10. Never enter a stranger’s home or car for a treat.
11. Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
13. Only cross the street as a group in established cross-walks (as recognized by local custom).
14. Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
15. Don’t assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn’t mean others will.
16. Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
17. No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
18. Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Firehouse REPORT

As of Aug. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the Takoma Park station have responded to 651 fire-related incidents. The department handled or assisted with 2,024 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,675 incidents this year. Totals for 2006 were 680 and 1,762, respectively, for a total of 2,442, representing an increase of 233 incidents.

Fire Prevention Tips

A fire escape plan is something everyone needs, but no one ever wants to have to use. If there anything more important than a fire escape plan, it’s a fire prevention plan. Keep the following in mind:

• Keep toddlers away from matches, lighter, flammable liquids and space heaters, and never leave young children unattended in the kitchen.
• Do not cook in loose clothing, especially clothing with loose sleeves that hang down. If a cooking fire starts, smother the flames with a lid. Never put water on grease fires.
• Do not use flammable liquids and aerosols (cleaners, nail polish removers, hairspray, etc.) near heat sources such as stoves and space heaters, or while smoking.
• Keep papers, clothes and curtains at least three feet away from space heaters.
• Smoking is the leading cause of fatal home fires. Do not smoke while you are drowsy. Also, if you host a party and one or some of your guests smoke, make sure before you go to bed that no one has dropped a cigarette butt into any furniture, where it can smolder for hours and eventually ignite.
• To avoid electrical fires, do not overload outlets, and routinely check electrical devices, especially older ones, for frayed or otherwise damaged cords.
• If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have the chimney checked and cleaned yearly to prevent creosote buildup. Always put a screen in front of fireplaces to stop flying sparks.
• Store flammable liquids in approved containers in a well ventilated place. They should be stored in an unattached shed or garage.

Just A REMINDER...Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year when you change your clocks.

False Alarms Will Now Cost Takoma Park Residents and Business Owners

By Ronald Recucci
Chief of Police

False alarms will start costing the residents and business owners of the City of Takoma Park. Beginning January 1, 2008, no distinction will be made between the City of Takoma Park alarm users and any other alarm user in Montgomery County. The City of Takoma Park has adopted Chapter 3A, Alarms, of the Montgomery County Code.

On July 1, the Takoma Park Police Department began utilizing the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) 9-1-1 equipment, which means that they can now retrieve data on alarm calls for service within the incorporated City of Takoma Park. The MCPD False Alarm Reduction Section (FARS) will implement a phased approach to enforcing the alarm law in Takoma Park. The first step will be to register all Takoma Park alarm users. The FARS expects to have all existing City of Takoma Park alarm users registered by September 30. Starting October 1, all alarm companies must provide the alarm user a registration number for each of their City of Takoma Park alarm users. Between October 1 and December 31, the FARS will provide ongoing education to the City of Takoma Park alarm users about their responsibilities under the alarm law.

On January 1, 2008, full enforcement will begin with the imposition of false alarm response fees to alarm users with more than one false alarm in a calendar year, and with the issuance of civil citations to alarm companies that violate the provisions of Chapter 3A, Alarms, of the Montgomery County Code with respect to City of Takoma Park alarm users. All users will register through their alarm companies for a $30 fee, and then $10 every two years thereafter.

The penalties/fining for false alarms are as follows:
• First false alarm in the calendar year will be free.
• Second false alarm = $25
• Third false alarm = $50
• Fourth false alarm = $75
• Fifth false alarm = $100
• Sixth false alarm = $125
• These fees will continue in increased increments of $25 until the fifteenth false alarm, which will be a fine of $1,000.

NO CHRISTMAS TREE SALES!

Please be advised, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department will not be selling Christmas trees this year. This is due to the “temporary fire station” to be constructed on the site where we previously sold our trees. The construction should start within the next couple months. We also surveyed the city to see if we could find another site to accommodate our needs. No luck! It’s our understanding, it will take approximately 18 months to complete the construction of the new fire station. We’re not sure about tree sales for 2008. On behalf of all the members of TPFD, we want to thank all of you that have visited our lot over the years.

Fill the Boot

The members of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of you who donated money to our Annual “Fill the Boot” to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
**Remember: We Recycle Light Bulbs**

The compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) increasingly used to conserve energy contain mercury. They should not be thrown out with the trash. Instead, recycle the bulbs at Takoma Park's Public Works, 31 Oswego Avenue. Look for the drop-off box next to the front door, or visit during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Fall Events Crowd City TV**

City TV crews will be busy covering many community events this fall. On October 2, the Nominating Caucus will be broadcast live from the Community Center to start off the 2007 Election Season. On Sunday, October 7, video crews will be covering the music on all three stages at the 26th Annual Takoma Street Festival.

On Sunday, October 14, please join the “Takoma Voice” for its Candidates Forum, featuring candidates for Mayor and City Council in the Community Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. On October 27, City TV crews will celebrate Halloween with the Recreation Department at the annual Costume Contest and Parade. Check out the Canine Costume Contest!

Be sure to visit City TV’s award-winning webpage at www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable for specific program information. City TV is carried on Channel 13 on Comcast and RCN, and Channel 28 on the Verizon system.

**Takoma Snapshots in October will celebrate...**

1. Community Oriented Policing: Ride-Along with Corporal Nick Carter

2. Family Day at the Crossroads Farmers Market

3. Folk Festival 30th Anniversary Highlights

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 for more information.

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nents of the current SAT format, introduced in spring 2005. Cagri received her PhD in Linguistics at the University of Maryland. As a Faculty Research Associate at the University of Maryland School of Languages, she is currently conducting a research project on second language acquisition. She has taught and designed SAT preparation classes for Montgomery County Public Schools, in private schools and as a private tutor. Parents and students have found her insights practical and helpful.

**By Catherine Plevy**

W e already sprang forward and now it’s time to fall back, but not by just an hour; a whole week. On November 4, all clocks should be set back one hour beginning at 2 a.m. Although in past years Daylight Saving Time (DST) has ended in October, new federal law dictates that DST will end one week later beginning this year to conserve energy. Please be aware that DST could affect your mobile devices (Blackberry), e-mail programs, Outlook calendar or Computer Operating System (Windows, Mac, etc.). Take extra time to make sure your appointments are syncing with the time change. In addition, many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks.

**When You’re Born on the Edge**

While twins born at 11:55 p.m. and 12:05 a.m. may have different birthdays, Daylight Saving Time can change birth order -- on paper, anyway. During the time change in the fall, one baby could be born at 1:55 a.m. and the sibling born ten minutes later, at 1:05 a.m. In the spring, there is a gap when no babies are born at all: from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. (written by David Prerau, based on his book, “Seize the Daylight: The Curious and Contentional Story of Daylight Saving Time”).

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though his books also appeal to good readers. In addition, while readers don’t have to know anything about Greek mythology to enjoy the books, those kids who do know something about the subject will find that an extra added attraction as they enjoy how Riordan manipulates and builds onto some of the classic tales.

"These books were kid-generated from the beginning," Riordan said in a recent telephone interview from his home in San Antonio. "It all began when I was telling stories to my son, Haley. He was studying Greek myths in the second grade and asked me to tell him some bedtime stories about the gods and heroes."

"I had taught Greek myths for many years at the middle school level and so I was happy to comply with his request... It was really his idea that I should write it down... Then I picked a few of my sixth, seventh and eighth graders to read the novel... Fortunately, the kids liked it."

But "The Lightning Thief" wasn’t the first book Riordan had published. His first book, “Big Red Tequila,” was published in 1997, the start of an adult mystery series featuring a hard-boiled detective named Tres Navarre, who is a martial arts master with a PhD in medieval English literature. So far, Riordan has published eight Tres Navarre mysteries and won several of the most coveted awards in the mystery field.

Recently, Riordan, who is married and has two sons, made the difficult decision to stop teaching so he can focus full-time on his writing. Because teaching is in his blood (Riordan’s parents were both teachers), however, Riordan does lots of school visits, viewing it as a way to keep teaching without the extra challenge of managing a classroom.

"I feel that this way, I can do both - teaching and writing. Just writing the books is a form of teaching as well. It’s not quite as personal. But, instead of teaching 30 students, I’m teaching hundreds of thousands," said Riordan.

Riordan has just finished the fourth book of Percy’s adventures, which will be published next spring. And he plans a fifth and final book in the Percy Jackson series before trying something new for kids - perhaps a series based on Norse mythology.

"There are a lot of wonderful mythologies I’d like to explore," Riordan said. But Riordan also didn’t close the door on any more stories from Camp Half-Blood. While Percy’s story will be wrapped up in five books, "I’m not going to say that I’m never going back to Camp Half-Blood.”

Come and check out the library’s collection of Riordan’s books. We’ve got all three Percy Jackson books in print, plus a CD version of “The Titan’s Curse.” And, for adults who enjoy a good mystery, try one of the three Tres Navarre books we’ve got on the shelves.

**Thursday October 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

Dr. Herm Davis will discuss college financ-
Loose leaf collection will be provided by the City from November 5 through December 21. Residents can rake leaves out to the curb at their convenience. Most City streets will not have an assigned collection day. However, every street in the City will receive at least two collections. The goal of the program is to collect leaf piles within two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather. Rain and freezing conditions can slow collection.

There are five streets that will have assigned and posted collection dates, due to the heavy traffic volume on these streets. Carroll Avenue - 7000 to 7800 block, Ethan Allen Avenue, and Flower Avenue - 7900 to 8600 block will have collection on Monday, November 19 and Thursday, December 13. Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue will have collection on Thursday, November 15 and Monday, December 17. On these dates, only these streets will receive collection.

There are two holidays in November during which no collection will occur. Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Monday, November 12 and the Thanksgiving holiday is November 22 and 23.

For the month of November, the crews will concentrate on picking up large piles of leaves. During December, the crews will thoroughly collect all remaining loose leaves and clean the streets and rights of way.

The Public Works Department welcomes your comments and suggestions about the service we are providing. Please contact Public Works by phone: 301-891-7633. You can also call the leaf collection hotline at 301-891-7626 to notify us when your leaves have been raked out. We plan to collect reported piles from the hotline calls within a week of the call.

The City also operates the weekly Monday collection for bagged grass, leaves, branches and brush all year long. The Monday collection requires leaves and loose yard materials to be in paper bags, trash cans or stiff-sided containers. Plastic bags cannot be used for yard material because these items are composted and the plastic interferes with the composting process. Branches must be less than four feet long and less than three inches in diameter and tied into small bundles or stacked in a trash can. The Monday yard waste collection is cancelled on weeks with a Monday holiday.

**LEAF COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Collection will occur continuously from November 5 to December 21.
- Residents can rake leaves at their convenience, there is no assigned collection day (except for the five state highways in the City which have assigned collection days).
- Residents should place leaves inside the curb, free of branches and debris.
- Vacuum leaf collection will end December 21, if weather has not delayed collection.
- Snow and freezing rain can significantly delay collection.
- Leaf Collection Hotline for reporting piles, 301-891-7626.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES FOR VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION:**

- Rake leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. Wet leaves can create traffic hazards.
- Pile leaves away from cars. Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile and when raking please try to avoid piling leaves where cars are parked.
- The vacuum leaf collection is for leaves only. Do not include branches, brush, rocks or debris. These items can seriously damage equipment and delay collection.
- Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

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**A FESTIVAL FOR TAKOMA PARK FOLK(S)**

Last month’s Takoma Park Folk Festival drew music lovers and politicos, dancers, artists and foodies to the Takoma Park Middle School for the annual celebration. Crowds enjoyed everything from hip hop to klezmer, ballet to square dancing. Check out City TV for film of the show.

Photo by Lanni Moffett