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

# Takoma Park

## NEWSLETTER

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Monday, Sept. 7  
No Yard Waste  
Collection; Monday  
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## Plunge Into Local Politics

*Nominate Candidates for Mayor and City Council*

BY VIRGINIA MYERS

**H**ave you always admired that neighbor who seems so well-organized during the annual block party? Or have you noticed the skill with which another neighbor handles sticky arguments involving the early morning roar of a lawn mower? How about that policy wonk who understands bureaucratese and can distill an issue to its essence, then advocate for the best outcome? Or the person who brings up a point of view that never occurred to you, opening up discussions for broader consideration?

If you know someone like this - someone you think might be an effective mayor or member of the Takoma Park City Council — now is the time to give them a call to encourage them to run for office. If they agree to run, you can nominate your candidate at the Nominating Caucus, September 29. You may also nominate yourself for office (but you do need someone to second your nomination).

All candidates must be, in the case of mayor, residents of the City of Takoma Park and, in the case of councilmembers, residents of the ward they are nominated to represent, and must have resided in the City or ward for at least six months preceding the election. They

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**The Takoma Park Farmer's Market is full of late summer produce, every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Old Town on Laurel Avenue. Here, Tamika Stewart (left) and her mother, Toni Hall, choose peaches to take home to Camp Springs. Remember, for mid-week marketing visit the Crossroads Market, on Holton Lane at the Takoma-Langley Crossroads, from 3 to 7 p.m.**

Photo by Virginia Myers

## Creative Financing Fails to Save Restaurant Project

BY VIRGINIA MYERS

**A** year ago, restaurateurs Gillian Clark and Robin Smith joined a group of Takoma Park residents who applauded them (along with the owners of Roscoe's Pizzeria) for their plans to expand fine dining choices in Takoma Park. Kept busy answering questions about anticipated menu items and kid accommodations in their new restaurant, Avenue Oven, planned for the old Taliano's space at 7001 Carroll Avenue in Old Town, they were optimistic about opening in December.

That would have been nine months ago. Several delays later, Clark and Smith have sent out notice to the neighbors that they've all but canceled their plans to open a restaurant in Takoma Park. "We have not given up but we are facing reality," Clark told the Newsletter. "Short of a miracle there is not much we can do."

### The basics are this:

The concept for Avenue Oven was an Eastern European menu backed by Clark's proven kitchen skills, familiar to anyone who has heard of her former D.C. restaurant, Colorado Kitchen, and to those who have tried her current fare at the new General Store in Silver Spring.

Many residents supported the project: A survey estimating in advance how many meals residents would buy in such a res-

taurant was used to show that there would be a market for the business (or for other restaurants in the area). Others supporters went farther, and plunked down \$2,500 investments to help the Avenue Oven venture get off the ground.

Plans for a build-out of the interior moved slowly due to unforeseen construction requirements: reinforcement of ceiling frames, roof repair, relocation of water, electrical and gas lines, and some plumbing installation plus new WSSC standards involving grease traps, according to a blog from the restaurant venture and an email from Clark, posted by Main Street Takoma, an advocacy organization promoting businesses in the Takoma area.

In July, according to emails circulated on neighborhood list serves from Smith and Clark, Colombo Bank withdrew the loan necessary to start the business. More recently, the lease on the building was terminated.

In August, citizen activists Seth Grimes and Sharon Villenes put out an email plea to those still anxious to see the restaurant succeed. They suggested supporters contact the bank and request it re-establish the loan, and contact the landlord Bruce Levin, to extend the lease. About 50 people responded, according to Grimes.

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## City Considers Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

BY RICK HENRY

**A**h, the joys of fall. Cooler temperatures, changing colors and falling leaves — lots and lots of falling leaves. Leaves that ultimately must be removed from lawns, sidewalks and public spaces.

For many people the preferred weapon in attacking the problem is the gas-powered leaf blower — modern, efficient ... and noisy.

Others, such as Steve Davies, prefer a more old school approach. Davies, a resident of Poplar Avenue, is a member of the self-proclaimed "Rake Brigade," which turns out en masse in local parks to rake leaves before the leaf blowers arrive.

Davies is also one of approximately 30 Takoma Park environmental professionals and activists who have been urging the City Council to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the City. Davies says his interest in banning blowers was stoked awhile ago.

"I started thinking about leaf blowers about three years ago," he said. "I observed them being used and I talked to a lot of people in town who felt they were a nuisance (just like I did)."

From those initial conversations an alliance was born. The initiative officially took flight last October when the group, Green Our City, presented a letter to Mayor Bruce Williams requesting that the City take action.

According to the letter, "these devices rely on remarkably inefficient, two-cycle gas-oil engines. Their loud whine can be heard for blocks. But as annoying as their noise is, it is the machines' contribution to air pollution that leads us to conclude that the city should ban them."

An initial work session in January addressed the issue and with fall just around the corner, the City Council revisited the ban possibility in earnest at a July 20 work session.

While City Council members generally shared the activists' concerns and believed that the blowers were both a noise nuisance and environmental problem, they also had some practical concerns with passing and, more importantly, enforcing such a ban.

"If we ban, who enforces?" asked Ward 3 Council member Dan Robinson. "My concern is how much it would cost to enforce the leaf-blowing ban."

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## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR\*

The City Council will be on recess  
until Tuesday, September 8

**Monday, September 7** - City Offices Closed  
for the Labor Day Holiday

**Tuesday, September 8** - City Council  
meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Auditorium) - Public  
Hearing: Community Development Block Grant  
Program (7:45)

**Tuesday, September 8** - Tree Commission  
meeting, 6:30 p.m. (CC Atrium Room)

**Tuesday, September 8** - Facade Advisory  
Board meeting, 7 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

**Monday, September 14** - No City Council  
meeting - Public Works facility tour, 7-8 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 15** - Washington  
Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee  
meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

**Thursday, September 17** - Emergency  
Preparedness Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
(CC Hydrangea Room)

**Monday, September 21** - City Council  
meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Auditorium) - Public  
Hearing: New Hampshire Gardens traffic  
calming (7:45)

**Tuesday, September 22** - Arts and  
Humanities Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
(CC Hydrangea Room)

**Monday, September 28** - City Council  
meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Azalea Room)

**Tuesday, September 29** - Nominating  
Caucus, 7:30 p.m. (CC Azalea Room)

\*For the most up to date information, check [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/). Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (CC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

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### Speak with the Mayor

Mayor Bruce Williams welcomes community input and invites you to meet with him during his regular office hours on Tuesdays, 2-5 p.m. (by appointment only) and 5-7 p.m. (for walk-ins), in the third floor Council Conference Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. Walk-ins are requested to check in at the reception desk on the main floor. If a holiday falls on a Monday, office hours move to Wednesday, same time.



Bruce Williams

# City Council Action\*

\*Only negative votes and abstentions are noted. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at [Clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:Clerk@takomagov.org).

### July 20, 2009 – Special Session

**Resolution 2009-43 was adopted**, naming the Library Children's Room after Michael Morrissey

**Resolution 2009-44 was adopted**, providing comments on the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan (Montgomery County)

**Resolution 2009-45 was adopted**, commenting on the proposed MCPS elementary school boundary redistricting

**Resolution 2009-46 was adopted**, authorizing submission of the Community Legacy Program grant application

### July 27, 2009 – Regular Meeting

**Single Reading Ordinance 2009-43 was adopted**, awarding a contract for renovation of the auditorium

**Resolution 2009-51 was adopted**, establishing a Task Force on Environmental Action

**The Consent Agenda was adopted.** It consisted of:

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### New Hampshire Gardens Area Traffic Calming

The City of Takoma Park Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2009 to hear public comments on installation of traffic calming measures in the New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood. The hearing will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Additional information on the traffic calming proposal is available for review at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Persons wishing to comment may attend the public hearing and sign up to speak, or comment in writing to City Clerk Jessie Carpenter, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, by e-mail to [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org), or by fax to 301-270-8794.

- Single Reading Ordinance 2009-44, authorizing a contract for cable equipment and installation
- Resolution 2009-47, appointing Holly Fechner to the Personnel Appeal Board
- Resolution 2009-48, appointing Andy Kelemen to the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Resolution 2009-49, providing for the City Council's summer recess (Tuesday, July 28 – Tuesday, September 8)
- Single Reading Ordinance 2009-45, authorizing a contract to conduct a resident survey
- Resolution 2009-50, reappointing Stéphane Janin and CMA Medeiros to the Arts and Humanities Commission

### Volunteers Needed to Serve on Council-Appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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

Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)  
Takoma Park Board of Elections (vacancies)  
Takoma Park Ethics Commission (one vacancy)  
Facade Advisory Board (one vacancy)  
Noise Control Board (vacancies)  
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (vacancies)  
Recreation Committee (vacancies)  
Safe Roadways Committee (vacancies)

## COUNCIL Briefs

### Public Works Facility Tour

The Public Works facility is scheduled for major renovation in FY 2010. On the evening of Monday, September 14, residents are invited to tour the facility and see plans for the renovation. The tour will begin at 7 p.m. and is expected to end by 8 p.m.

The Public Works Department is located at 31 Oswego Avenue. Oswego is a one block long street that is accessed from Ritchie Avenue. Ritchie Avenue intersects Maple Avenue, south of Sligo Creek and crosses Piney Branch Road north of the Middle School.

For additional information, contact Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite at 301-891-7615 or [DarylB@takomagov.org](mailto:DarylB@takomagov.org).

### Small Community Grant Program

The City Council has established a Small Community Grant Program to work in partnership with the community to help achieve the goals established in the Strategic Plan. Funding in the amount of \$20,000 has been allocated for the Small Community Grant Program in FY 2010. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be competitively awarded to successful applicants.

A copy of the Strategic Plan, full description of the Small Community Grant Program, and application form is available at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/sc-grants/>. The fall deadline for applications is October 5, 2009. Grants will be awarded on November 23, 2009. A second round of applications will be accepted January 11, 2010, with grants awarded on February 22, 2010. For more information, contact

Jessie Carpenter at [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7267.

### Volunteers Needed to Review Small Community Grant Program Applications

The City Council is seeking residents to serve on a committee to evaluate applications for the Small Community Grant Program and to make recommendations on funding. Applications will be reviewed in October/November and January/February. Please contact Jessie Carpenter if you are interested in serving ([JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7267).

### Task Force on Environmental Action

The City Council has established a Task Force on Environmental Action to review the current status of the City's plans and operations related to climate change and the environment and to prepare a road map for achieving the vision elaborated in the Strategic Plan. The Task Force will be asked to complete its work and submit a report by March 31, 2010.

Residents with expertise or strong interest in climate change and the environment are encouraged to submit an application to volunteer to serve on the Task Force. Representatives of organizations working on climate change or environmental sustainability issues are also eligible to apply for appointment. Complete information is available at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/tfea/> or by contacting Jessie Carpenter at [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7267.

The Mayor and each ward Councilmember may appoint three members to the Task Force. The Council plans to make appointments in mid-September. Application Deadline: September 3, 2009.





**The new Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College, Takoma Park, is designed to anchor the arts district on the edge of the City.**

Photo Courtesy of Montgomery College

## Performing Arts Center Opens for Fall

*Aretha Franklin Booked for Preview Concert September 11*

By VIRGINIA MYERS

**T**he building looks ready, all sleek angles and glass and that alluring view of a dance studio, visible from high windows overlooking the street. Even the electronic marquis is scrolling, but so far it doesn't say much. "Welcome to Montgomery College."

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center is almost ready for prime time – but not quite. The building, part of the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College, is open for students to take fall classes in film, music, speech, dance and theater. Classes, say administrators, were a priority. But a full schedule of performances will come later: the grand opening is scheduled for some time in February, when the Israel Ballet performs, complete with gala celebration.

Meanwhile, the very first performer in the theater will be the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, who will step on stage for a preview concert this month, on September 11. Tickets went on sale in July and are likely sold out – but information is available about other performances at 240-567-5775.

Montgomery College is hoping that once it begins its full season



**Aretha Franklin**

of presentations, after February, the new Performing Arts Center will anchor the Silver Spring Arts District. Its location at the corner of Georgia Avenue and East West Highway sets it at the southern end of the district, near new high rise housing and a handful of other attractions – like the Mayorga Coffee Factory on Georgia, Pyramid Atlantic art studio, the historic train station, the public mosaic under the metro bridge, and the building's companion in arts, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Art Center, where Montgomery College's School of Art and Design is located.

The Performing Arts Center is de-

signed to present concerts and events not only for the college but for the larger community. A 500-seat music and dance theater includes state of the art stage and acoustics, and will be rented to outside performers. A smaller, 100-seat theater, will be used by the school's Communications and Performing Arts Department and by regional theater groups and organizations. It will also double as classroom space.

Although the season of performances has not been set, organizers expect it will include a diverse array of offerings, reflecting the multicultural nature of the school. There will be theater, music and dance from local and international artists, booked year round.

The College is also emphasizing the opportunities the new facility will give its students. Not only will performances enhance curriculum with relevant concerts, theater and dance — they may also serve as an introduction to the performing arts for students who have never seen live, professional performance before.

More information about the coming season will be announced through local media once a roster of artists is established. And you can always keep an eye on that marquis.

## LEAF BLOWERS

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Robinson has studied the issue first-hand, visiting Palo Alto and Piedmont, two communities in California that have banned leaf blowers. Despite having different codes, both have had issues with enforcement, he said.

"In Piedmont, the owner of the property where the leaf blower is being used is cited," Robinson said in a follow-up interview. "In Palo Alto, the owner of the leaf blower is cited, which means it is often small businesses who are cited."

Robinson pointed out that many conflicts have occurred pitting residents against residents and between residents and small businesses.

"And someone has to pay for enforcement," he said. "Both of these communities are very wealthy and they just sucked it up and hired someone to enforce the code."

The Council members, City Manager Barbara Matthews and Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite discussed possible enforcement options (Public Works vs. police force) and whether the city should ban the use of leaf blowers by city employees as opposed to instituting a broad city-wide ban covering residents and businesses.

"I think there are two components," said Ward 1 Councilmember Josh Wright. "One, should the city stop using gas-powered leaf blowers? I would say we vote 'yes' to that today."

"As to the question of whether they should be banned more broadly, I propose that we put that issue to the [new city environmental] task force so that they can do a cost-benefit analysis and explore how enforcement would be handled."

Ward 6 Councilmember Donna Victoria informed the Council that the Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to address the issue of lawn equipment and issue new regulations in 2011.

"They are expected to issue regulations that will require significant reductions in ground-level emissions from lawn equipment," she said. "I don't agree with banning without investigating what the 2011 standards may be."

In a follow-up interview, Victoria reiterated her position.

"I believe a national approach is what we need. Since we know these restrictions are coming down the pike, the problems of banning leaf blowers now outweigh the benefits."

Concerns aired, the Council opted not to take any action and will leave it to the environmental task force to address the issue.

Drawing upon another rite of fall – football — Robinson said of the Council's actions on the ban, "We are punting it to the task force."

"What I would like to see [from the task force] is a matrix of where our energies are best used," he said. "If the task force suggests that this is an easy problem to address and can provide a lot benefit then we can move forward at that time."

For Davies, however, the case is closed.

"I believe it's incumbent upon the people who think the gas-powered leaf blowers should be used to prove the benefits," he said. "I agree that banning things isn't always the best solution, however, in this case there are simple alternatives."

"This is not a radical notion. It's a health issue. Lawn equipment accounts for a healthy percentage of ozone depletion."

However, it looks as though gas-powered leaf blowers and those that use them, have persevered — for another fall season at least.



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## HOUSING Mailbox

BY MOSES A. WILDS, JR.,  
LANDLORD-TENANT  
COORDINATOR

*A tenant contacted the Mailbox regarding whether his failure to provide his landlord with a written 30-day notice of intent to vacate will result in a reduction in his security deposit refund. He also asked for confirmation of the current security deposit interest rate and whether security deposits earn simple or compound interest.*

The tenant's failure to provide his landlord with a written notice of his intent to vacate the rental unit may result in a reduction of his security deposit refund. A tenant is strongly advised to provide his/her landlord with 30 days notice of pending intent to vacate at the end of the lease term. The written notice must be received in accordance with Section 6.16.150 of the city's landlord-tenant law by the landlord one month prior to the next rent due date. Failure to provide this written notice may result in the tenant incurring an additional month's rent being charged which could be deducted by the landlord from the security deposit refund. Tenants should also be aware that staying even one day past the indicated vacate date or failing to return the key(s) to the rental unit on the indicated vacate date may also result in the tenant having an additional full month of rent deducted from the security deposit refund.

It is the responsibility of the tenant to have documentation of when the landlord received the intent to vacate notice, therefore it is strongly recommended that the tenant mail the notice by a method that will result in his/her receiving written confirmation of when it is received by the landlord. The notice of intent to vacate should also be sent by regular mail allowing for three business days mail transit time from mailing to delivery. Tenants are advised not to send their intent to vacate notice by electronic mail or rely on verbal communications since neither the receipt date of an e-mail communication nor the content of a verbal communication can be documented by the tenant.

The current security deposit interest rate for all city leases executed after October 1, 2004 is 3 percent per year. Leases executed prior to October 1, 2004 earn 4 percent per year. Landlords should note that the 4 percent interest rate will remain in effect for leases signed prior to 10/1/04 until the tenant receives a written notice advising that the interest rate has changed from 4 percent to 3 percent.

Security deposits earn simple interest which accrues in six-month intervals equal to one-half the annual rate. For instance, a lease signed in January 2008 earned 1.5 percent simple interest at the end of June 2008, 1.5 percent simple interest at the end of December 2008 and another 1.5 percent simple interest at the end of June 2009.

*City tenants and landlords having questions regarding the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law are requested to call 301-891-7215 and/or contact me via the web at MosesW@takomagov.org.*

## COLTA Hearing Resolves Landlord/Tenant Dispute

MOSES A. WILDS, JR.  
LANDLORD-TENANT COORDINATOR

**09-8TA-Hampshire Towers Tenant Assoc. v. Tenacity NH Ave. LLC/Dreyfuss Mgm't**  
**(Hearing Date 6/2/09)**

On June 24, the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) issued a decision regarding the Tenant Association's allegations that the landlord/management company had (1) caused a defective tenancy because tenants of apartments with balconies had been denied access to their balconies since 2004 and additionally that the air conditioning system at 7401 New Hampshire Avenue was inoperative in July 2008; (2) issued an improper notice to vacate on 4/23/09 to selected tenants residing at 7333 New Hampshire Avenue requiring these tenants to vacate their apartments by 6/30/09. The Tenant Association representing the tenants of 7333 and 7401 New Hampshire Avenue filed their complaint as an emergency because of the pending notice to vacate issue and sought as relief an award of \$150 per month as damages to each affected tenant for the loss of use of their balconies, a one-time payment award of \$120 to each affected tenant as damages for the loss of air conditioning in July 2008 and requested that the April 2009 Notices to Vacate be rescinded.

The commission's decision to deny the tenant association's request that the notices to vacate be rescinded relied on Sec. 6.16.170 of the city's Landlord-Tenant Law. The commission held that when a landlord fails to offer a one-year lease renewal or fails to provide the tenant with a written statement of good cause for not offering such a renewal the tenant's right to assert a one year tenancy expires if not exercised within one year after the expiration of the tenant's last express one year lease term. Based on



## COLTA's CORNER

BY MOSES A. WILDS, JR.,  
LANDLORD-TENANT  
COORDINATOR

this interpretation only tenants with a one year lease term ending after June 30, 2008 (one year prior to the termination date under the April Notice to Vacate) would be eligible to assert they were not month to month tenants which they would have had to have asserted no later than January 31, 2007, one year after the expiration of the last one year lease term. Since no tenant exercised their right to claim a one year tenancy until May 12, 2009 (the complaint filing date) their tenancies were determined to be month-to-month and the Notices to Vacate were deemed as lawful notices to vacate.

The commission's decision to deny the tenant association's defective tenancy allegation regarding the air conditioning outage at 7401 New Hampshire Avenue in July 2008 reflected its reliance on Sec. 6.16.170(a) of the city's Landlord-Tenant Law which holds a landlord liable for a defective tenancy if the landlord fails to correct a defect or make good faith efforts to do so within one week of receiving notice of the defect. Based on testimony from an association officer and association members that the air conditioning system was repaired within ten days after it stopped working, and the failure of the tenant association to pres-

ent evidence that the landlord failed to make timely good faith efforts to have the air conditioning system repaired within one week of learning that it was broken the commission ruled that the landlord was not liable for the July 2008 outage.

The commission decision finding that the landlord was liable for a defective tenancy for failing to correct the defect within one week of receiving notice pointed out that the fact the defect remained uncorrected for more than a year later after the landlord received notice of it, and the landlord's failure to present any evidence of having ever made or having any future intent to make efforts to correct the defect confirmed the landlord's failure to make good faith repair efforts.

Finally, the commission found that the balcony closures reduced the values of the affected tenancies in the amount of \$30 per month and awarded this amount to each tenant with a locked off balcony who had authorized the association to represent them a rent refund of \$30 per month starting on June 1, 2008 (the first rent due date within year one preceding the complaint filing date) and continuing through June 1, 2009 for a total of \$390 per affected rental unit.

On June 25, 2009, Respondent Tenacity New Hampshire, LLC filed a Motion For Reconsideration of the part of the June 18 decision that failed to reduce the award of damages to tenants who had previously accepted a \$30 rent credit for May and June 2009 as compensation for the loss of use of their balconies. The respondent's motion requested that the commission's award to those tenants should be reduced by \$60. The commission's July 9, 2009 Order On Reconsideration following the respondent's submission of documentation not provided at the COLTA Hearing granted the respondent's motion.

## New Hampshire Avenue Web Site Launches

BY ILONA BLANCHARD

How can you find out where to resole your shoes, browse properties or learn what permits you need to reopen a business? Now you can go to [www.theNewAve.com](http://www.theNewAve.com), a site developed to market New Hampshire Avenue, and explore the opportunities the east side of Takoma Park provides.

Originally conceived as a site to market the Avenue to developers as part of a redevelopment effort, the website runs on a locally developed, copyrighted software. This allows the



site to catalog and index the Avenue's properties and businesses and to display specific information and a map location for users.

Developed as the go-to place for information on the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor, the website is also part of the City's effort to rebrand the corridor as The New Ave. The site includes information for shoppers, diners, developers, small businesses and people interested in moving into one of the many neighborhoods near Takoma Park's "Avenue of Opportunity."



# Sing Along at Folk Fest Sept. 13

By Nancy Nickell

The 32nd Takoma Park Folk Festival is coming up, Sunday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., bringing plenty of opportunity to raise your voice in tribute to folk music and, in particular, folk legend Pete Seeger. Each of the seven stages will conclude with a different sing-along tribute to Seeger, in celebration of his 90th birthday.

There will be plenty of other music, too, with 49 performances including hip-hop, blues, African dance music, rockabilly, swing, string-band, and samba along with high-energy folk from Ireland, Scotland and Appalachia, and singer/songwriters of all stripes.

Festivalgoers can dance all day at the Lenore Robinson Dance Stage, where they can not only waltz, but belly dance, or try Scandinavian couple dances. The Grassy Nook Stage, for kids, will feature all young performers. A complete, printable list of performances is available at [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org).

Also, dozens of local nonprofits will have informational tables.

Admission, performances and dancing are free at this all-volunteer

event, but festivalgoers can certainly spend money. Children may play games for small fees. Performers will sell CDs. A juried craft fair of items designed and made by the artists will feature works from about 30 creators. Pottery, jewelry, fiber, photography and mixed media works will be for sale.

Lots of food vendors will offer all sorts of dishes, including vegetarian fare, grilled meat, Italian ice, smoothies and fresh-squeezed juices. Again this year, the vendors will turn over their used cooking oil to be made into biodiesel.

In this 40th anniversary year of Woodstock, the media is filled with stories on that event's history and meaning. The Takoma Park Folk Festival is here and now — bursting with its own unique spirit. Enhance that spirit by volunteering on festival day. Most shifts are two hours long. More detail on the jobs can be found here: <http://tpff.org/09/volInfo.htm>. To volunteer, please send a message now [volunteer@tpff.org](mailto:volunteer@tpff.org).

The festival will be held at the Takoma Park Middle School (7611 Piney Branch Rd.). A free shuttle bus will operate from the Takoma Metro Station or Montgomery College

## Street Festival in October

Just as the weather turns cool, Takoma Park celebrates one last outdoor event with the annual Street Festival, this year on Sunday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With 18 musical groups lined up for three stages, the fest will also feature activities for children, crafts from around the world, community information booths and all sorts of food vendors.

The Street Festival is held in Old Town Takoma Park, along Carroll Avenue.

Parking Garage (at Fenton and King Streets). Walking routes from those points will be marked.

Except for a few handicap spaces, there is no parking at the festival site or on surrounding streets. Check [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org) for maps and directions. Catch the festival mood by singing along with our July 4 parade video, also on that site. See <http://www.myspace.com/tpfolkfest> to find performer MySpace pages.

## NOMINATIONS

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must be qualified, registered voters of the City (either registered through the Montgomery County Board of Elections or in the case of non-U.S. citizens, registered with the City Clerk's office). Successful candidates are typically well-informed about City-wide issues of interest to residents, and are able to work well within the constructs of the seven-member Council, which meets weekly and is responsible for analyzing and voting on policy and plans for the community.

Any qualified voter of the City may nominate a candidate for Council elections, which occur in November. As long as your voter registration or change of address form is in the hands of the Montgomery County Board of Elections or, for non-U.S. citizens, your voter registration applications are received by the City Clerk, by 5 p.m.

on Monday, September 28, you are eligible to nominate.

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmember. The Nominating Caucus will be held in the Azalea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center—Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Once everyone is gathered, nominations for mayor will be made on motion by any qualified voter of the City, then seconded by a different qualified voter. For council, the nominator and seconder must be qualified voters of the ward. Once nominated and seconded, the nominated person is considered a candidate. This holds true for both mayor and city council positions.

Any nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the nomination meeting, and candidates may only accept a nomination for one city office. The name of each person nominated for the office of

Mayor and Councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she files a declination with the City Clerk within three days after his/her nomination.

Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which she/he is nominated.

All six council positions and the mayoral seat are subject to election every two years..

And if you miss the nominating caucus — or simply don't have anyone in mind — you can still participate in City politics. Watch for a sample ballot and information about the candidates in the November issue of the Newsletter. They'll help you prepare for elections on November 3.

For more information on elections, see page 12. To find out if you are a qualified voter allowed to participate in the nominating caucus, contact the City Clerk at [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7267.

partment (Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912) and may be picked up during regular office hours.

Deadline for submission is 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2009. For more information, please contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7215 for the Emergency Assistance Program and Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 for the Tenant Capacity Building Initiative.

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Takoma Park has issued an invitation for bids for contracts for 1) Services for an Emergency Assistance Program and 2) Services for a Tenant Capacity Building Initiative. Bid documents are available online at [www.takomapark-md.gov](http://www.takomapark-md.gov). Copies are also available in the office of the Housing and Community Development De-



## Gevorgyan Paintings in Gallery 3

The oil paintings of Russian-born, Armenian-raised Suren Gevorgyan are influenced by his cultural background, elements of decorative art (he is a professional interior and exterior designer) and an affinity for the work of Dali, Picasso, Miro and Rothko. His recent work uses multiple layers of color applied with a palette knife or special plate. "This technique, in my view, makes every layer of color an active element of the composition," he says. "What appeals to me in abstractionism is a near or total absence of a subject, allowing for a free associative perception of the painting and making the viewer a participant in the creative process."

Gevorgyan's paintings will be in Gallery 3 in the Community Center, from September 1-30. An opening reception will be held September 5 at 2 p.m.

## Takoma Artists Guild Shows Local Work

The Takoma Artists Guild, dedicated to artistic growth, will exhibit work from eight of its members, in the Atrium gallery at the Community Center from September 2-28. The show will include paintings, drawings, water color, collage and photographs. An opening reception will be held September 4 at 6 p.m.

## "Toys of Chance" Combines Sculpture, Poetry

Sculptor Mark Behme's show, Toys of Chance, with words and poems by Joanne Growney, is a fanciful collection of bright color on carved wood. Imagine a 50s-type heart throb with ears on springs, or a guitar neck that springs from a woman's body.

"This new collection continues my interest in surrealism and symbolism utilizing the figure to make new allegories expressing mood, emotion, attitude, and a contemporary outlook on man's relation to himself and others," says Behme.

The show, in the display cases of the Community Center (between the library and the computer center), runs from September 8 through October 21, with a reception September 11 at 6 p.m. Behme is a Washington, D.C.-based artist represented by Gallery Neptune in Bethesda. His work can be seen at [www.markbehme.com](http://www.markbehme.com).

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**Tuesday, September 8, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD**

The City of Takoma Park will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 to solicit community input regarding priority needs and proposed projects for its PY36 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

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

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



# Takoma Park Ride On Bus Routes Change Sept. 6

## Routes 18 and 25 to change

After evaluating usage in the Takoma Park area, transportation authorities have scheduled the following changes for routes 18 and 25, which pass through the City. All changes will take effect Sunday, September 6.

Route 18, known as Silver Spring Metro - Takoma Metro-Langley Park, will begin operating seven days per week. The new service areas will include Philadelphia Avenue, Maple Avenue and Washington Adventist Hospital.

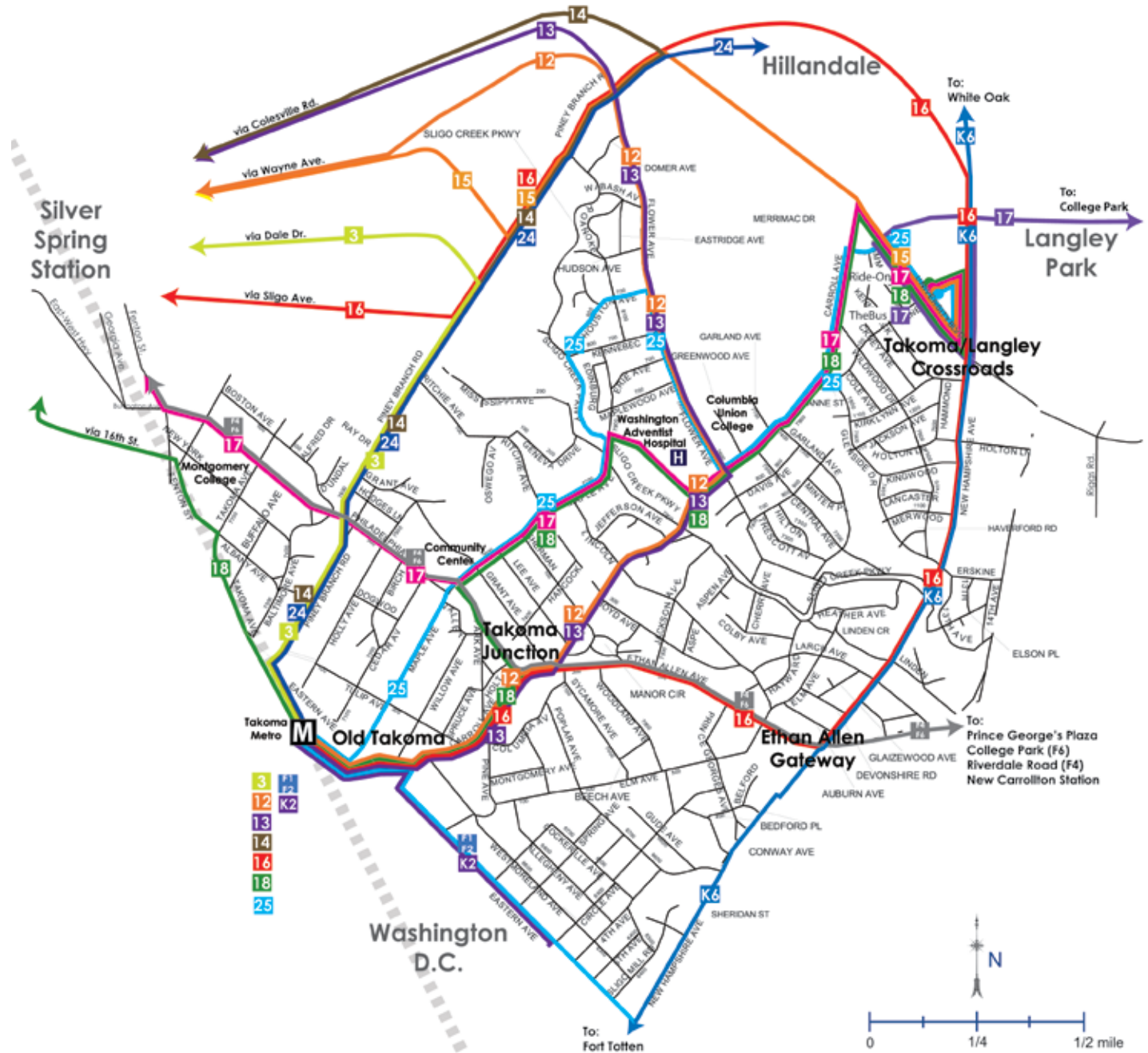
There will be additional midday service between Silver Spring and Takoma Metro stations.

Service along Carroll Avenue between Philadelphia and Flower Avenues will be provided by Ride On Routes 12 and 13.

Route 25 will become a rush-hour only bus, and will only operate Monday through Friday. Route 25, formerly known as the Takoma Metro Station - Maple Avenue route, has been extended to Langley Park. So, the new name for Route 25 is Takoma Metro Station - Langley Park. All other Ride On routes in Takoma Park keep their existing routes.

Bus service will be operating on a Sunday schedule for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7. If you have any questions relating to bus service, please call 240 - 777-7433 (RIDE) or (TTY)240-777-5869. You can also access the Ride On website at [www.rideonbus.com](http://www.rideonbus.com).

City staff and the staff representing the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Transit Services, want to thank all who participated during the public forums held this past spring. Resident input during the process assisted staff in restructuring Routes 18 and 25.



**18 To Langley Park**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**  
SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Silver Spring Metro Station	16th St & Eastern Ave	Montgomery College (Fenton St & Chicago Ave)	Takoma Metro Station	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Carroll & Flower Aves	Langley Park
6:11	6:21	6:25	6:29			
	6:41	6:51	6:55	6:59		
	7:11	7:21	7:25	7:29		
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**18 To Silver Spring Metro Station**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**  
SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Langley Park	Carroll & Flower Aves	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Takoma Metro Station	Montgomery College (Fenton St & Chicago Ave)	16th St & Eastern Ave	Silver Spring Metro Station
6:45	6:52	6:56	7:06	7:10	7:15	7:22
7:15	7:22	7:26	7:36	7:40	7:45	7:52
7:45	7:52	7:56	8:06	8:10	8:15	8:22
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**18 To Langley Park**  
**SATURDAY**  
SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

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**18 To Silver Spring Metro Station**  
**SATURDAY**  
SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Langley Park	Carroll & Flower Aves	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Takoma Metro Station	Montgomery College (Fenton St & Chicago Ave)	16th St & Eastern Ave	Silver Spring Metro Station
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**18 To Langley Park****SUNDAY**

SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

Takoma Metro Station	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Carroll & Flower Aves	Langley Park
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**18 To Takoma Metro Station****SUNDAY**

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Langley Park	Carroll & Flower Aves	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Takoma Metro Station
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**25 To Langley Park****MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

Takoma Metro Station	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Houston & Roanoke Aves	Carroll Ave & Flower Ave	Langley Park
1	2	3	4	5
5:26	5:31	5:34	5:37	5:41
5:56	6:01	6:04	6:07	6:11
6:26	6:32	6:35	6:38	6:42
6:56	7:02	7:05	7:08	7:12
7:26	7:32	7:35	7:38	7:43
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**25 To Takoma Metro Station****MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

SEE TIMEPOINT LOCATION ON ROUTE MAP

Langley Park	Carroll Ave & Flower Ave	Houston & Roanoke Aves	Maple Ave & Sligo Creek Pkwy	Takoma Metro Station
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**9th Annual Montgomery County****Housing Fair**  
**and Financial Fitness Day****Saturday, October 3, 2009**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**10  
**\$500**  
Prizes  
towards your rent  
or mortgage!Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm  
(next to Gaithersburg High School)

506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Ride On Bus #55 or #59 from points north and from Shady Grove Metro Red Line

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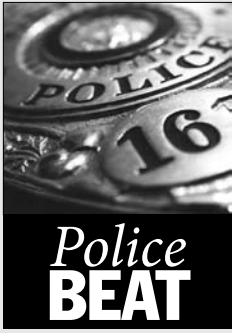
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## Going Back to School the Safe Way

By CPL.  
PAULA GASKIN

**S**chool is back in session, and many children will be on their own for part of the day as they make their way to classes. Here are some important tips to keep you safer:



**Police  
BEAT**

### Tips are for Kids

1. Always let your parents know where you are.
2. Always try to play or walk with friends.
3. Say NO if a stranger offers you gifts or asks you to help find something, like a lost dog.
4. If anyone, even someone you know, tries to do something that makes you feel "funny" or unsafe, say NO. And always tell someone you trust about it, like your parents or a teacher.
5. Never get into a car with a stranger or with someone you don't trust.
6. Never go anywhere with a stranger or with someone you don't trust.
7. Never believe a stranger until you have checked what he or she has said with someone you trust.
8. Never open the door to a stranger when you are home alone or to someone you don't trust.
9. Never give any information to a stranger over the Internet or telephone.

### Tips for School Bus Riders

1. Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.

2. Carry all loose belongings in a bag or backpack and never reach under the school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen beneath it.
3. Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
4. Move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic after getting off the bus.
5. Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street and walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so that the driver can see you.

### Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders

1. Never walk alone – always travel with a buddy. Try to find a friend, or make a new friend in the neighborhood to walk to school or ride the bus with.
2. Wear reflective or bright color clothing to increase visibility.
3. Obey traffic lights and street signs as the law applies to you.
4. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
5. Avoid loose fitting clothing that could get caught in spokes or pedals.

### Tips for Car Drivers and Passengers

1. Make sure young children are in safety seats at all times, and that the seats have properly been installed.
2. All children under 13 years old should ride in the rear seat of vehicles.
3. Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking or talking/texting on a cell phone.

## Texting and Driving: a Deadly Combination

### Multitasking drivers an increasing danger

By CATHY PLEVY

**C**ell phones are popular among teens and adults alike, but while they are convenient and fun, the driving tragedies that have occurred while text messaging behind the wheel have increased in frequency. You may not be the one texting or manipulating your phone in some other distracting way, but if someone else on the road is, we are all in danger of being in a potentially fatal car accident.

While teens are big offenders when it comes to driving and texting, theirs is not an exclusive club. Adults, too, are texting or conducting other business by cell phone while driving, frequently paying no attention to the road, other drivers, or even pedestrians.

According to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.), the United States Federal government estimates that 30 percent of all crashes involve some type of driver distraction. Additionally, a recent study by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, found that 37 percent of teens consider text messaging while driving extremely distracting. However, that has not stopped them from participating in this dangerous driving behavior.

For your own safety, and the safety of others, teach your young drivers the following rules and help them avoid dangerous driving distractions. And certainly practice what you preach.

- Pull off the road if you must place a call or text. Do not drive while calling or texting.
- Use speed dialing or voice-activated dialing if you must make a call while driving.
- If your cell phone rings, let your voice-mail take the call. You can call back later

when you are not driving.

- Know when to stop talking. If the conversation is long, emotional or stressful continue it when you are not driving.
- Do not take notes while driving. If you don't want to forget a note, use a tape recorder or pull off the road.
- Do not eat or drink while driving.
- Groom yourself at home, not in the vehicle.

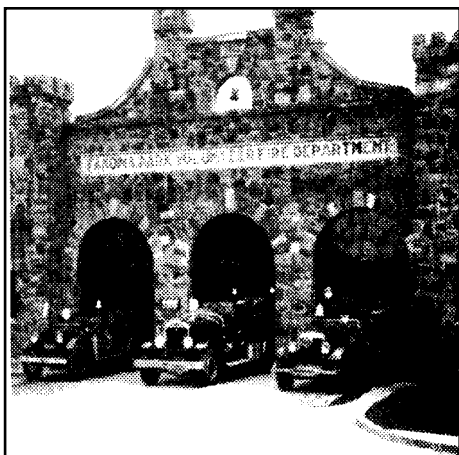
There are so many other distractions, in addition to using a cell phone, that have been seen while driving on the road. People have been seen crocheting, nursing their children, eating bowls of cereal, brushing teeth, reading maps, books and newspapers, applying make-up, programming a GPS, using a lap top computer, etc. The list is endless.

Imagine being in your vehicle, distracted, then looking up to find yourself ready to run over someone's child, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather. It will change your life forever.

Please pay attention to the road ahead – not just for your own safety, but for the safety of everyone on the road driving, bicycling or walking.

### Local Takoma Park Officers Promoted to Corporal

Effective August 3, Private First Class Paula Gaskin and Private First Class Thomas Black, of the Takoma Park Police Department, have both been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Chief Ricucci wishes Cpl. Gaskin and Cpl. Black good luck in their new positions.



## Firehouse REPORT

By JIM JARBOE

As of July 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 444 fire-related incidents in 2009. The department handled or assisted with 1,620 rescue or ambulance related incidents, for a total of 2,064 this year. Totals for 2008 were 431 and 1,661 re-

spectively, for a total of 2,092, representing a decrease of 28 incidents.

### High-Rise Evacuation: Be Prepared

Building features such as smoke alarms, automatic fire sprinkler systems and modern construction used in today's high-rise offices, apartments, hotels and healthcare facilities make these buildings safe.

- Fire in high-rise buildings seldom spreads beyond the floor where it starts.
- The majority of people who have died in high-rise apartment fires were close to the fire when it started.

### Special Evacuation Planning

Your high-rise escape plan may be to leave immediately when you hear an alarm. Sometimes, however, it's safest to stay in the building, away from the fire, and wait to be rescued.

- If you discover a fire, sound the alarm and call the fire department.
  - Follow instructions (sometimes given over your building's public-address system).
  - Follow your building's evacuation plan, unless doing so puts you in danger.
- If you live or work in a building more

than six stories in height, you may need a special evacuation plan.

### Be Prepared

- Know what you're expected to do, and participate in fire drills.
- Learn the sound of your building's fire alarm.
- Memorize the locations of your building's fire alarm pull stations, and learn how to use them.
- Post fire department and other emergency numbers near all telephones.
- Know at least two escape routes from every room in your office, apartment, or condo, and learn at least two exits from your building.

### If You Leave The Building

- Exit quickly, closing all doors behind you to slow the spread of fire and smoke.
- If you have to escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke on your hands and knees, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor, where the air will be the cleanest.
- Test the doorknob and spaces around the door with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, try another escape route. If it's cool, open it slowly. Close it

quickly, if smoke pours through.

- Never use an elevator to evacuate, unless directed by the fire department.
- Once you're out, tell the fire department if anyone is trapped in the building. Do not go back inside.

A special note: You cannot do any type of cooking on your balcony. It's the law!

### Baby Sitter's Training Class

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a class to start on Monday, September 14, for six weeks. The following topics will be covered: fire safety, infant and child care, first aid, CPR and personal safety. Classes will be held on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. If interested contact the City Recreation Department to register, 301-891-7209 or <http://tpcreation.org/>. Ages: 11 to 13 years old. This program is free of charge.

### New Takoma Park VFD Members

The following members recently joined the department: Pierre Aguilar and Hannah Raskin. If you have the time and want to make a commitment, please contact Mike Livingston at the fire station, 240-773-8954.





**Six-year-old Kaleah Boykin from Potomac, Md., who volunteered as a score keeper this summer at the YES league games, received a token of appreciation.**

Photo Debra Haiduven

### Creative Tots

Ages 2-4

Participants will enjoy creative and age-appropriate movement, stories, songs and art projects. Parent/guardian participation is encouraged. Fee includes all materials. Maximum 10, minimum six. Eight week class. Instructor Mama Eltsah.

**When:** Wed., Sept. 16 - Nov. 4  
**Session 1:** 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.  
**Session 2:** 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
**Location:** Lilac Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$40  
 Non-resident \$45

### Morning Addition

Ages 5 - 11

Before-school program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff provides informal recreation activities and escorts children to the TP Elementary School bus and Piney Branch Elementary School. Breakfast not provided. For more information call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233.

**When:** Mon. - Fri., Aug. 31, 2009 - June 16, 2010  
**Time:** 7 - 9 a.m.  
**Location:** Azalea Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$976  
 Non-resident \$1,200

### Afternoon Addition

Ages 5-12

Leisure and recreation programs for after school in our computer learning center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. Activities include: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, field trips, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations. For information please call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233. Enroll today, space is limited. Half day "Fun Day" programs are included in the fee.

**When:** Mon. - Fri., Aug. 31, 2009 - June 16, 2010  
**Time:** 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
 on full days  
 1 - 6:30 p.m. on early release days

# SEPTEMBER RECREATION

**Location:** Azalea Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$1,720  
 Non-resident \$2,040

### Morning and Afternoon Addition

A discount will be offered to those who register for both Morning and Afternoon Addition

TP resident \$2,400  
 Non-resident \$2,700

\* Payments are made in four equal installments, unless otherwise arranged with the Recreation Director: #1 due at time of registration, #2, due Oct. 30, 2009, #3, Jan. 8, 2010 and #4, March 19, 2010.

\* On half days of school, the After School Program will be open from 1 - 6:30 p.m. The Recreation Department provides Fun Day Programs on half days and some holidays for an additional fee.

\* The Morning and Afternoon 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).

\* Recreation Staff will escort children who attend TP Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School to and from Takoma Park Community Center on whole and half days.

### Fun Day Program

Ages 5-11

This month's Fun Day Program is at the pool. Meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue and pack a lunch. Space is limited, sign up early.

**When:** Mon., Sept. 28  
**Location:** Rollingcrest Pool  
 Indoor Water Park  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fee:** TP resident \$25  
 Non-resident \$30

### Creative Kids InterAct Story

Ages 5-7; 8-10

Innovative and dynamic, literature-based drama program introduces students to acting, increases their love of books, encourages literacy and builds vocabulary. A professional actor/teacher leads the class in exploring and dramatizing specially selected children's stories. Create and act out your own original stories based on these books using communication and teamwork that boosts self-esteem. Six weeks. Maximum 15, minimum 10. Instruction by InterAct Story staff.

**When:** Thursdays,  
 Sept. 17 - Oct. 22  
**Time:** Ages 5-7: 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Ages 8-10: 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Dance Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$110  
 Non-resident \$120

### Youth Ceramics

Ages 8-10

Make pottery and sculpture using with hand-building techniques such as pinching, coil building and slab building. Another component of the class will be instruction in correct use of tools, and demonstrations in glazing. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Seven weeks. Instructor John Baker.

**When:** Fri., Sept. 18 - Nov. 13  
**Time:** 4 - 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$80  
 Non-resident \$90  
 No class on Oct. 2 and 16.

### Amazing Art

Ages 6-8

Using everyday materials, create amazing pieces of artwork from your imagination. Projects may include art journal, batik, tissue paper collage, masks, pastel portraits and puppets. Eight weeks. A \$10 materials fee is due to the instructor by the first class. Maximum 12, minimum eight. Instructor Mama Eltsah.

**When:** Wednesday,  
 Sept. 16 - Nov. 4  
**Time:** 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$55  
 Non-resident \$60

### Crafty Creations

Ages 8-10

Using found materials, create detailed pieces of artwork from your imagination. Projects may include art journal, batik, masks, tissue paper collage, pastel portraits, pinch pots, sculpture and puppets. Eight weeks. A \$10 materials fee is due to the instructor by the first class. Maximum 12, minimum eight. Instructor Mama Eltsah.

**When:** Thursday  
 Sept. 17 - Nov. 5  
**Time:** 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Room  
 TP Community Center  
**Fee:** TP resident \$55  
 Non-resident \$60

### International Day of Play

The first ever Takoma Park International Day of Play encourages and supports playful activities for Takoma Park residents of all ages. Join us as we learn how to do a Turkish dance, get a henna tattoo, play games with your neighbors and much more!

**When:** Sept. 26  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Heffner Park Community Ctr.  
 42 Oswego Ave.  
**Fee:** Free  
 Park on Oswego or Ritchie Ave.

## New Manager Infuses Rec Department with Energy

By JOY LAWSON JONES

Eric Rasch, new Recreation Manager for the City of Takoma Park is exactly where he wants to be.

A graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, Rasch worked for the recreation department of that city before friends here recommended he move to Takoma Park in January 2009. "It's a real



**Eric Rasch**

community with great diversity, just what I was looking for," says Rasch.

As Recreation Manager, Rasch's duties include managing facilities, ordering supplies and creating partnerships, but his real enthusiasm is for the Department's programs, especially the Y.E.S. (Youth Exposed to Success) Basketball League. Rasch calls it both a Takoma Park tradition (it has been running for about 20 years) and a quality program for city youth.

"[It] gives every participant who registers a chance to play," he explains. "While there are no tryouts like some other leagues, we make sure our players participate in workouts and drills that would make them competitive on any team. This year we recruited 72 players. Takoma Park should be proud that our coaches and scorekeepers are concerned community residents who really care about the players and take an interest in the League."

Rasch, who likes politics (he attends most City Council meetings), drawing (he helped design the Y.E.S. T-shirts) and traveling, and who has a fondness for Caribbean food, says living and working here allows him to be on both the giving and receiving end of community service.

Recreation Department Director Debra Haiduven is pleased he's settling in so well. "Eric has been a fabulous addition to our staff," she says. "He has made a huge difference in our programs by bringing new ideas, lots of energy and great humor to everything he does. We really like that he's brought a personal approach to everything he does and to everyone involved in our programs."

### Touch A Truck

You see the trucks on the street — now see them up close. Join Takoma Park Recreation and Public Works as we open up the Public Works yard to the public.

**When:** September 26  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - noon  
**Location:** Public Works Garage Area  
 Oswego Ave.  
**Fee:** Free  
 Park on Oswego or Ritchie Ave.



## TAKOMA PARK LIBRARY CALENDAR

Registration required for some events, as indicated in listing. For a few events, it is encouraged, but not required, as noted. You can register online by going to [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or by calling 301-891-7259. Events take place in the Library unless otherwise noted.

### Neighborhood Circle Time

Every Tuesday  
Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

### Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m.  
Come sing songs, do rhymes and hear stories in Spanish and English in this program led by Señora Maria.

### Lapsit

A program for babies ages newborn through 12 months, and their grown-ups. Wednesdays in September, 11 a.m. Registration required.

### SummerQuest Party

Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.  
Come celebrate the end of our SummerQuest reading adventure. Registration required.  
(see article for more information)

### Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 7:45 p.m. – Library

### Banned Books Club

For kids grades 6 and up.  
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Our book is *Blood and Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klause. Copies are available for check-out, thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. All welcome; registration required. Community Center.

### Mike Morrissey Golf Tournament

Monday September 21, Red Gate golf course in Rockville  
(Contact Ellen Robbins 301-891-7259)

### Friends Reading Group

Thursday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.  
*Rabbit Run* by John Updike. In the Community Center (see article)

# Banned Book Week Celebrates Intellectual Freedom

By Karen MacPherson

During the week of September 26-October 3, we'll celebrate Banned Books Week. It's a special time at our library, a time when we put copies of "banned" books on display to encourage patrons – young and old – to check them out, and we proudly hang "I read banned books" signs in our adult and children's sections.

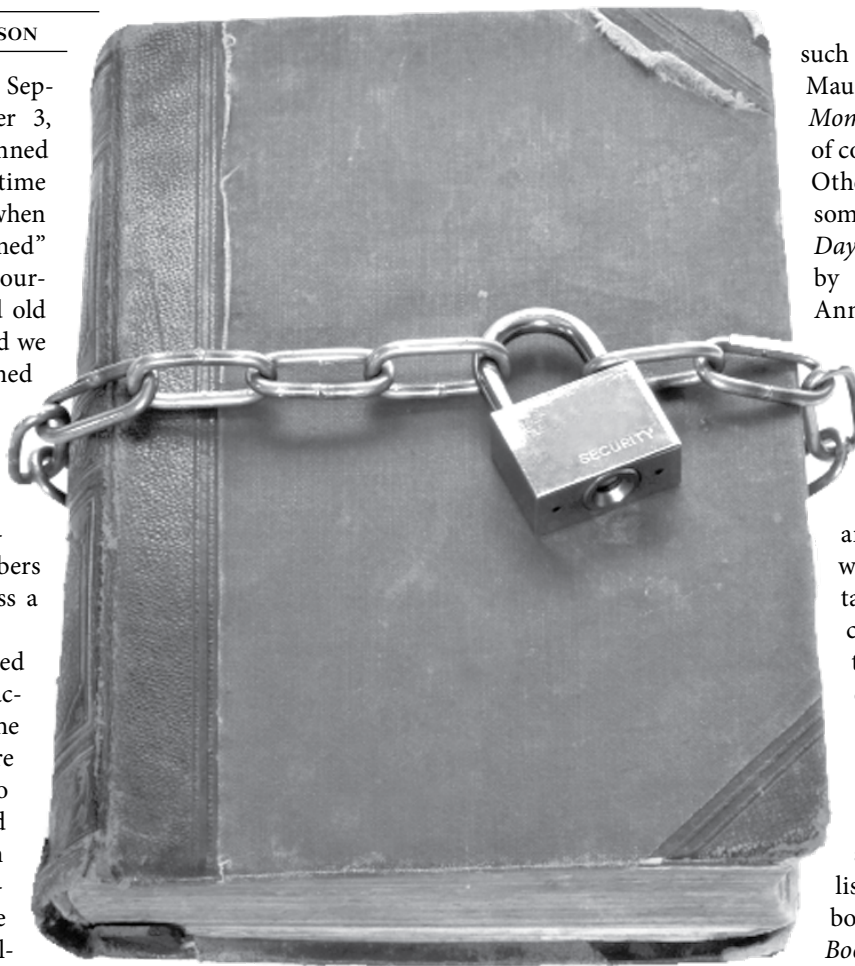
Plus, we've got our award-winning Banned Books Club, whose middle school-aged members gather monthly to discuss a banned book.

Just what are banned books? Well, few books actually end up banned in the United States. But there are hundreds of challenges to books each year around the nation. The American Library Association estimates that it hears of one in every five book challenges; most challenges are never reported.

Book challenges most often are made by parents to materials on the shelves of school libraries. But public libraries also get their share of challenges. Our library fortunately has never faced a book challenge, a reflection of the value that Takoma Park residents put on intellectual freedom.

People challenge books for a variety of reasons: violence, sexual content, "unsuited to age group," witchcraft and – one of the biggest reasons today – opposition to books with homosexual themes or characters. Most challenges are unsuccessful and the books are retained on the shelves of school and public libraries.

The most challenged book last year, as in 2007, was a picture book, *And Tango Makes Three*, a book by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell that's based on the true story of how two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo raised a baby penguin together. Other books among last year's Top 10 included the *His*



such as *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak, *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman and, of course, *And Tango Makes Three*. Other months we've explored more somber topics as we discussed *One Day In the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

Our Banned Books Club is open to all readers of middle school age, and we've developed a core of regulars who love to delve deeply into books and share what they've learned with others. These are kids who take delight in navigating difficult texts, and who are outraged that so many of books they've enjoyed have been challenged by those who think they don't belong in school and public libraries.

We open each hour-and-a-half meeting by reading the list of challenges to our chosen book as compiled in *Banned Books: 2007 Resource Guide*, a wonderfully comprehensive volume by Robert Doyle (and published by ALA). This opening tradition was the kids' idea: they love hearing the often-repetitive litany of challenges to books they've just read and enjoyed. Reading the challenges helps focus our discussion and inevitably gets us talking about all kinds of important issues, everything from bullying to racism to war. Our discussions are always lively and energetic as club members have strong opinions and love to share them.

As the winner of the American Library Association's 2009 John Phillip Immroth Intellectual Freedom Award, we hope that our Banned Books Club will inspire others to create their own clubs and celebrate the freedom to read.

So this year on Banned Books Week, come on in, check out a banned book and join our celebration of intellectual freedom. And, if you're a middle-schooler, come join the vibrant discussions at our Banned Books Club!

*Dark Materials* trilogy by Philip Pullman, and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. (For the 2008 list of challenged books, go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/21stcenturychallenged/2008/index.cfm>).

In fact, if you look at the list of challenged books, it's essentially a list of classic books that make worthwhile and interesting reading. And that's where our Banned Books Club comes in.

Our club was the brainchild of Takoma Park eighth grader Alanna Natanson. In the year since the club's creation, we've read all kinds of great books, from *The Chocolate War*, Robert Cormier's seminal young adult novel to Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *Bridge To Terabithia* and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*, both by former Takoma Park resident Katherine Paterson.

One month we focused on picture books,

book about how to make or do something, then make or do it"), bring it to the party and we'll display them for everyone to see. We'll also discuss possible themes for next year's SummerQuest before sending all participants home with a free book or two. Registration is required; to register, go to [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call us at 301-891-7259.

### College Guidance

Join us at the Library on Tuesday evenings in October, when nationally recognized experts offer guidance to students applying to college in a series of free programs. Please register! Go to [takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call 301-891-7259. All programs are presented by the Takoma Park Maryland Library with the support of the Friends of the Library.

On Tuesday, October 6 at 7 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, who grew up in the D.C. area, at one time coordinated admissions the Francis Scott Key and Banneker programs at University of Maryland-College Park, where she also taught in the Honors program. She opened her college consulting practice in Takoma Park in 1997 and has evaluated more than 350 campuses nationwide.

Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.: Dr. Herm Davis will discuss college financing options, including the financial aid timetable, scholarships, loans, work study, college savings plans, the FAFSA applica-

tion and more.

One of the nation's foremost college aid authorities, Davis heads the National College Scholarship Foundation and directs College Financial Aid Counseling and Education Services, Inc. During his 35 years in financial aid he has authored several financial aid publications including *College Financial Aid for Dummies*. He has also developed a computer scholarship database and consulted for several scholarship foundations.

Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m.: Dr. Ilhan Cagri will demystify the dreaded SATs. Dr. Cagri and a trained colleague will share their experiences and insights on both the verbal and math components of the current SAT format, introduced in spring 2005.

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### SummerQuest Celebration

SummerQuest participants: you're cordially invited to our annual SummerQuest party on Monday September 14 at 7 p.m. We'll celebrate the end of another great summer of reading with cupcakes and juice, as we talk about the books we read. If you have something to show us for SummerQuest challenge No. 9 ("read a



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Cagri has taught and designed SAT preparation classes for Montgomery County Public Schools, in private schools and as a private tutor.

### Friends Reading Group Resumes in October

The Friends of the Library Reading Group will hold spirited discussions of two celebrated novels in October.

For the intrepid: Discussions of *Middlemarch* by George Eliot will begin Thursday, October 22. Though it runs to more than 700 pages, this study of nineteenth century life in a provincial Midlands town is fascinating, and has been called strikingly modern in its painful ironies and psychological insight. It was pivotal in shaping twentieth-century literary realism.

On Thursday, October 8, there will be a discussion of John Updike's *Rabbit Run*. "Published in 1960, when Updike was 28, the novel tells the story of Rabbit Ang-

strom, a one-time high school basketball star who on an impulse deserts his wife. He is 26 years old, and caught in the potentially tragic clash between instinct and law, between biology and society...Though his path in life becomes a zig-zag of evasion, he holds to the faith that his inner life – an unstable compound of lust and nostalgia, affection and fear – has an intrinsic, final importance." [Publisher's note]

*Commonweal* called *Rabbit Run*, "...a minor epic of the spirit thirsting for room to discover and be itself, ducking, dodging, staying out of reach of everything that will pin it down and impale it on fixed, immutable laws that are not of its own making and do not consider its integrity."

Both discussions will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (room to be announced) and will be facilitated by local poet, publisher and educator Merrill Leffler. Copies of *Middlemarch* and *Rabbit Run* are available at the Library for those who wish to attend the discussions, and are provided by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. All are invited.

## AVENUE OVEN

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It's unlikely the citizen effort will save Avenue Oven. Short of a miraculous infusion of \$150,000 – "all we need to keep the project alive," according to Clark – the restaurant will not be completed. In an email to the community, Smith, co-owner of the failed venture, assured investors she and

Clark would pay them back for their good faith contribution.

And, she wrote, there is a bright side to this story: the space is now ready and waiting for a new restaurant, even if it isn't theirs. Landlord Levin says he is talking to prospective tenants, though the space needs further renovation.

Clearly there will be an eager community waiting for its doors to open.

## Lion's Club Accepting Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids

The Takoma Park Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling or donation year round. To donate, please drop off glasses and hearing aids at the Takoma Park Library or the Takoma Park Fire Department. All eyeglasses and hearing aids are forwarded to the Lions Eye Bank where they are sorted to be recycled or sent to developing countries. To make a financial donation, send a check to the Takoma Park Lions Club, P.O. Box 11226, Takoma Park, MD 20913. We thank you.

## Folk Fest, Elections and Basketball: City TV is There

City TV Crews will be starting the fall festival season with coverage of the 32nd Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival, to be held Sunday September 13 at Takoma Park Middle School. Later in the month, City TV will be there to help launch the Takoma Park 2009 Election Season with the live broadcast of the Nominating Caucus to be held on September 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Newly released programming this month will include performances from the Takoma Park JazzFest, readings from the Third Thursday Poetry Series, and the Y.E.S. League Basketball Championships which were held in early August.

The next edition of Takoma Snapshots will feature:

- Safe Roadways Committee information on ADA Compliance
- National Night Out Highlights
- Council off-site worksession on Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan

### ■ Highlights of the YES League Championships

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

Many City TV programs, including Council meetings and Snapshots, are available for on-demand viewing from the City website. Much of City TV programming is streaming live on the website as well. Be sure to visit City TV's award-winning webpage at [www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable](http://www.TakomaParkMD.gov/cable) for more information.

All Council meetings and Snapshots episodes are also available for patron check out at the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Dubs of Takoma Park City TV events may be purchased on VHS or DVD. Call 301-891-7118 or send an email to: [cabletv@takomagov.org](mailto:cabletv@takomagov.org) for more information.



### CITY TV PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - September 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM	Community Bulletin Board	PreSchool Power!	Education TV	PreSchool Power!	Takoma Park Snapshots	National Gallery of Art	Deja vu: Takoma Music Revisited
8:00 AM	Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park Folk Festival	
9:00 AM	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park Snapshots		Coffeehouse			Takoma Park Snapshots
10:00 AM		Coffeehouse	Takoma Park City Council Meeting (Replay)	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Snapshots	Coffeehouse
11:00 AM	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Folk Festival				Road to Recovery	Takoma Park Folk Festival
NOON				Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park City Council Meeting (Replay)	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	
1:00 PM	Education TV	Takoma Park City TV Local Events					
2:00 PM	NASA 360		Takoma Park Folk Festival			Media Watch on Hunger	Music da Camera
3:00 PM	Takoma Park Snapshots	Music da Camera		Road to Recovery			Takoma Park City TV Local Events
4:00 PM	Preschool Power	National Gallery of Art	Takoma Park Snapshots	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Preschool Power	
5:00 PM	Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Snapshots	NASA 360	Takoma Park City TV Special Events		Education TV	
6:00 PM		Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Special Events		Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Park Snapshots	National Gallery of Art
7:00 PM				Takoma Park Snapshots	Takoma Jazz Night	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Snapshots
7:30 PM	Takoma Park City Council Meeting (LIVE)	Coffeehouse					
8:00 PM			Takoma Park City Council Meeting (Replay)	Takoma Park Folk Festival		Takoma Park City TV Local Events	Takoma Park Folk Festival
9:00 PM		Takoma Park City TV Local Events					
10:00 PM							Coffeehouse
11:00 PM		Takoma Jazz Night		Takoma Park City TV Special Events	Coffeehouse	Takoma Park Folk Festival	Takoma Park City TV Local Events
12:00 Midnight	Takoma Park Snapshots		Takoma Park Snapshots		Deja vu: Takoma Music Revisited		
1:00 AM	Takoma Park Folk Festival		Takoma Park Folk Festival			Deja vu: Takoma Music Revisited	

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE PLANT A TREE

## Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means you could be saving the aging tree canopy in the City. If you're interested in replacing old growth in your yard, or adding to greenery outside your door, you can save through the City's bulk buy tree sale.

Acting as a purchasing agent with Arbor Nursery, the City is making a number of species available at wholesale prices. Residents can purchase sugar maple, sweet gum, black gum, white oak or willow oak — all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$400 – for \$195, installed. Sale dates run through October 23.

### Order Form

Please include check written to City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation (see order form). Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 by close of business October 23. Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Please attach a map of property/tree installation locations

Species	Price	Quantity	Total
Sugar Maple (2")	195		
Sweet Gum (2")	195		
Black Gum (2")	195		
White Oak (2")	195		
Willow Oak (2")	195		
6 % Sales Tax			

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## 2009 Election Calendar

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:30 p.m.**  
- Nominating Caucus

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 5 p.m.** - Deadline for candidates nominated at Caucus to withdraw.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5** - Voter registration cut-off date.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 4 p.m.** - Last day to make application for regular absentee ballot

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28** - Late absentee balloting begins

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5 p.m.** - Any write-in candidate for Mayor or Councilmember 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, NOVEMBER 3, ELECTION DAY,** Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7:30 p.m.** - Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 p.m.** - Inauguration - Mayor and Councilmembers take office.



## El Calendario de la Elección Municipal del 2009

**MARTES, 29 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 7:30 p.m.**  
- Reunión Electoral

**VIERNES, 2 DE OCTUBRE, 5:00 p.m.** - Fecha límite para retirarse como candidato nominado en la reunión electoral.

**LUNES, 5 DE OCTUBRE** - Fecha límite para registrarse para votar.

**MARTES, 27 DE OCTUBRE, 4:00 p.m.** - Fecha límite para solicitar papeleta regular de voto ausente.

**MIÉRCOLES, 28 DE OCTUBRE** - Comienza la votación de emergencia por boleta en ausencia.

**VIERNES, 30 DE OCTUBRE, 5:00 p.m.** - Fecha límite para cualquier candidato autonominado para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo que desee ser pre-registrado como candidato autonominado y para tener su nombre colocado en la cabina electoral para identificarlo/la como candidato, tendrá que someter su nombre a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal.

**MARTES, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE, DIA DE LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL,** las urnas de votación estarán abiertas desde las 7:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park. Esta es la fecha y hora límite para someter boletas en ausencia a la Secretaría Municipal.

**MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 p.m.** - Junta especial del Consejo de la Ciudad para recibir certificación de los resultados de la elección.

**LUNES, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 p.m.** - Inauguración - Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo tomarán puesto.

## Voter Registration Information

All Takoma Park residents wishing to participate in the Nominating Caucus on September 29, 2009, or vote in the November 3, 2009 City Election, must be registered voters at an address in the City. Voter registration information is available on the City's website or by calling 301-891-7100. Takoma Park residents who are not United States citizens may contact the City Clerk's office at 301-891-7267. If you are already registered through the Montgomery County Board of Elections, or with the City Clerk (for non-U.S. citizen residents), you do not need to do anything further. Voter registration cut-off date for the election — Monday, October 5.

## Election Judges Needed

The Takoma Park Board of Elections is seeking election judges to serve during the election. Expect long hours and hard work that will prove to be both rewarding and exciting! Persons who have experience as judges or have bilingual abilities are urged to apply. Registered voters of Takoma Park who are not citizens of the United States are also encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to Takoma Park residents.

City election judges must be registered Montgomery County voters or non-U.S. citizen voters registered with the City of Takoma Park. A Takoma Park election judge may not be a candidate for elective office, nor serve as a campaign manager or treasurer, nor take any other part in a campaign for a candidate or ballot initiative.

Election judges serve during the entire election and must attend one scheduled training prior to the election. Election judges are paid \$135 for their service. For further information or to request an application, contact the City Clerk's Office by phone at 301-891-7214 or 301-891-7267 or e-mail Clerk@takomagov.org. Application deadline: September 18.

## Información sobre inscripción electoral

Todo residente de la Ciudad de Takoma Park que desee participar en la reunión electoral de nominaciones el 29 de septiembre del 2009 o votar en la elección municipal el 3 de noviembre del 2009, deben ser votantes registrados con una dirección municipal. Información sobre inscripción electoral se puede obtener en la página web de la Ciudad ([www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov)) o puede llamar las Oficinas de la Municipalidad al 301-891-7100. Residentes que no son ciudadanos estadounidense pueden llamar la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al 301-891-7267 (en Español llame al 301-891-7214). Si está registrado con la Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery o con la Secretaria Municipal (para residentes de la ciudad que no son ciudadanos estadounidense), no necesita hacer nada más. Fecha límite para registrarse para votar —lunes, 5 de octubre.

## Ciudad de Takoma Park Anuncio de la Reunión Electoral Del 2009

La Reunión Electoral empezará a las 7:30 p.m. el martes, 29 de septiembre para aceptar nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo. La Reunión Electoral se llevará a cabo en el salón Azalea del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park – Sam Abbot Citizen's Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Solamente votantes capacitados en Takoma Park podrán partici-

par en la Reunión Electoral. Para participar en la Reunión Electoral, su aplicación de registración para votar y cambio de domicilio tendrá que haber sido recibido por la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Montgomery, o para los Ciudadanos No Americanos, aplicación de registración para votar tendrá que haber sido recibida por la Secretaria Municipal, con fecha límite del lunes, 28 de septiembre antes de las 5:00 p.m.

Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecha por cualquier votante capacitado de

la Ciudad de Takoma Park, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante capacitado de la Ciudad de Takoma Park, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Nominaciones de cada candidato para Miembro del Consejo se hará con una moción por cualquier votante capacitado en el distrito de tal candidato. Cualquier candidato nominado podrá rechazar una nominación durante la junta de nominaciones. Una persona podrá aceptar solamente una nominación de un sólo puesto. El nombre de cada persona nominada por el puesto de Al-

calde y Miembro de Consejo será nombrado en la boleta oficial a menos que esa persona entregue una carta por escrito rechazando la nominación en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal dentro de los 3 días después de su nominación.

Cualquier persona nominado como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.

Una boleta de muestra e información sobre los candidatos será publicada en el periódico de Takoma Park del mes de noviembre.

**For additional information about any facet of the election, contact the City Clerk's Office at Clerk@takomagov.org or by calling 301-891-7267 or 301-891-7214**

**Para más información sobre la elección, favor contactar a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal: Clerk@takomagov.org o llame al 301-891-7267 o 301-891-7214**