Piney Branch Park Renovation Finally Underway

After 10 years of planning, major renovations to the park behind Piney Branch Elementary School are about to be underway. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPCC) property will be under construction by early November, and should be completed within a year, according to Ellen Masciocchi, a land planner with M-NCPCC.

At a City Council meeting Oct. 4, Masciocchi and landscape architect Linda Komes presented the final park plans to councilmembers. Recognizing the time it took to get this far, Masciocchi said, “It’s been a long haul but I think you’ll really like what you’re going to see.”

Delays were due to the many elements and various entities involved in the $2.3 million project, which required coordination with the Public Arts Trust, the City Council and staff, the Center for Watershed Protection and two schools. Stormwater management required extensive work, and planners met several times with residents as well.

When it is finished, the park will include a number of new and improved features, including:

- Two 20-foot stainless steel tree sculptures crafted by local artist Judy Sutton Moore, flanking a pathway up to the park from the Grant Avenue access point
- A hiking path that loops around the property

Crossroads Market Promotes Local Food for Local People

October was truly a harvest month at the Crossroads Farmer’s Market at the Takoma Langley Crossroads. Not only were farmer’s tables laden with pumpkins and sweet potatoes and freshly picked apples, market administrators gathered in new funding that will not only allow its crucial services for low-income families to thrive, but will help build similar programs throughout the state.

On a sunny market day in October, state, county and city officials gathered to recognize the pioneering role the Crossroads market has taken in getting fresh fruits and vegetables to disadvantaged local residents. USDA Undersecretary for Food and Nutrition, Kevin Concannon, announced a $50,724 grant from the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program that will facilitate Crossroads mentoring for other Maryland markets trying to launch similar efforts.

The money will also help pay for the existing electronic benefits transfer system (a debit card-like system) that allows people who use government subsidized food programs — (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or the Food Stamp Program) to purchase food at Crossroads.

Environmental Recommendations Reviewed for Feasibility, Action

One of the top recommendations of the Task Force for Environmental Action is to hire a sustainability coordinator.

That would be because the Task Force’s report, released earlier this year and currently under review by the City Council, has so many recommendations, it will take a full-time employee to pursue them all. Among them: pooling resources to buy clean energy, creating incentives to minimize trash, purchasing street lights from PEPCO in order to upgrade them to more energy-efficient models and establishing stations with bags to pick up pet waste.

The 89-page report, with more than 50 separate items to consider, is one of the most thorough documents, City Manager Barbara Matthews told City Council, she has ever seen from a resident committee.

While that high praise may be appreciated, members of TFEA are more concerned with whether their recommendations will get beyond the page and make it into city policy. Working toward that end, City Council has spent two sessions and has scheduled a third, on November 8, to review staff input and recommendations for each line of the document, considering which proposals are do-able and, in this economy, affordable.

The Task Force, made up of 16 volunteers, took seven months to complete the report. Its recommendations are divided into nine categories: city operations and programs, air quality, buildings, climate change, energy, habitat, storm water, transportation and waste. Twelve of the recommendations are listed as high priorities (see below).

Each of the recommendations is rated with a decision matrix, to illustrate which might be most practical. The matrix includes TFEA’s estimation of impact, cost, feasibility, geographic impact (i.e. which areas of the city and surrounding area would be affected), time frame and other considerations.

As City Council reviews staff input on the report, budgetary constraints have been a major hindrance, keeping enthusiasm for what would otherwise be popular...
City Council Action*
*Only negative votes and abstentions are noted. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at clerk@takomagov.org.

Resolution 2010-06-09 appointing Elizabeth A. Strickler to the Tree Commission

October 4 – Special Session
First Reading Ordinance 2010-47 was accepted, authorizing reimbursement to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for demolition of 6502 Sligo Mill Road

Second Reading Ordinance 2010-45 was adopted, authorizing Fiscal Year 2011 Stormwater Fund Budget Amendment No. 1

Single Reading Ordinance 2010-44 was adopted, approving the purchase of a street sweeper

October 11 – Regular Meeting
Second Reading Ordinance 2010-44 was adopted, authorizing the installation of a speed hump on the 100 block of Sherman Avenue. Voting no: Schultz
Second Reading Ordinance 2010-45 was adopted, authorizing the installation of a speed hump on the 200 block of Grant Avenue
Second Reading Ordinance 2010-47 was adopted, authorizing Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment No. 1

Resolution 2010-05 was adopted, requesting the General Assembly to allow Class B Off-Sale Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to be available in Takoma Park. Voting no: Seamens
First Reading Ordinance 2010-44 was accepted, authorizing the installation of a speed hump on the 100 block of Sherman Avenue. Voting no: Schultz
First Reading Ordinance 2010-45 was accepted, authorizing the installation of a speed hump on the 200 block of Grant Avenue
Second Reading Ordinance 2010-40 was adopted, authorizing Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment No. 1
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Resolution 2010-57 was adopted, appointing the following individuals to the Takoma Junction Task Force: Hailu L. Alichehi, Lorig Charkoudian, Andrew Couter, Kay Daniels-Cohen, Steve Dubb, James DiLugio, Megan Gallagher, Rosalind Grigsby, Seth Grimes, Andrew Kelemen, Howard Kohn, Linette Lander, Katrina Oprisko, Lorraine Pearsall, Jennifer Sisane, Susan Robb, John Salmen, Roger Schiegel, Jeffrey M. Trunzo, and Ellen M. Zavian
The consent agenda was adopted. It consisted of:
Resolution 2010-58 appointing Franca Brilliant, Shari Daniels, Julie Evans, Joy Jones, Jacqueline Schick, and Sarah Siegers to the Small Community Grant Review Committee
Resolution 2010-59 appointing Robert M. Anderson, Patricia Anne Murphy, and Michael W. Richards to the Ethics Commission

Official Notice of Council Action on Speed Hump Petitions
On October 11, 2010, the City Council voted to authorize the installation of one or more speed humps on the 100 block of Sherman Avenue and the 200 block of Grant Avenue. The Grant Avenue installation will be delayed until after reconstruction of Grant Avenue.
Attest: Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

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 or contact the City Clerk for more information (301-891-7267 or clerk@takomagov.org).

Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)
Personnel Appeal Board (vacancies)
Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (vacancies)
Recreation Committee (vacancies)
Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee (vacancies)
Takoma Park Board of Elections (vacancies)
Ethics Commission (vacancies)
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (vacancies)
Emergency Preparedness (vacancies)

Visit with the Mayor
Mayor Bruce Williams welcomes community input and invites you to meet with him during his regular hours on Tuesdays: by appointment from 2-5 p.m., with walk-ins from 5-7 p.m. To schedule a meeting, contact Peggey Washington at 301-891-7230 or by email at peggyew@takomagov.org.

September 27 – Regular Meeting
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Dedication
Belle Ziegler Park
Sunday, November 14
1 p.m.

The newly named Belle Ziegler Park (formerly Je- quie Park) will be dedicated on Sunday, November 14. Please join the Mayor and others at for a dedication of the park and unveiling of the new historical marker at 1 p.m. Following the brief ceremony, there will be refreshments in the park. Belle Ziegler Park is located between Takoma, Albany and Buffalo Avenues in Ward 1.

Volunteer Needed to Represent Takoma Park on the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee

The Committee advises the County Executive on plans for the annual Montgomery County program held in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Takoma Park has a position for one member and one alternate member on the Committee. Contact Jessie Carpenter (301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org) for information.

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Family Tradition Continues at New Firehouse

By Jos Jones

Teddy started it all.

In a family of five boys, it turns out the youngest was the one to set a family tradition.

Sixteen-year-old Teddy Jarboe joined the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department as a junior firefighter in 1956, and by the end of 1958, he’d recruited his four brothers, his father and his uncle to join up as well later, his cousin Mike joined the clan. That makes eight Jarboes who were active members in the TPVFD. Most have passed away, but Jimmy, who is 72, and Bobby, 74, still volunteer. Teddy went on to join the Montgomery County Fire Department, and now lives in Orlando; Mike lives in Northern Virginia.

According to Life Member and Past TPVFD President Bob Jarboe, one of the strongest motivations to join and stay with the Department was family pride in performing community service. Keeping Takoma Park safe through fire fighting became a part of the Jarboe family identity. “We knew what we were doing was important,” says Bob. “All of us had this same feeling of wanting to get involved and to be of real service to the community we grew up in.”

The firefighters became a part of the community in many ways. “We visited schools and other community organizations promoting fire safety and prevention and building rapport with local citizens,” says Chief Jimmy Jarboe, who, like his brother, Teddy (who was chief at the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department), is still called chief (though he officially stepped down in 2009).

The Jarboes and other firefighters became fixtures at the basketball games and roller skating events at the old Takoma Park High School, and ran an annual 24-hour softball tournament to raise money for muscular dystrophy. They taught “Stop, drop and roll!” to elementary school classes, distributed holiday dinners to needy families during holidays, collected Toys for Tots at the firehouse, and Jimmy still teaches babysitting preparation classes. These activities were personally very rewarding, says Bob, “especially when directly helping families with children...you could tell they were having a tough time and needed the help.”

“We were proud to belong to the Department and to wear the uniform...and as firefighters, we were happy to get respect from the community,” says Jimmy.

Dangerous business

Pride and respect, however, did not diminish the dangers and stresses of the job not only for the Jarboe men but for their families. Bob and Jim Jarboe turn sober as they remember times when being volunteer firefighters in their own community could break their hearts. “It was really hard when you went on a call only to discover that you knew the person who died in the fire or in the accident,” says Jimmy.

Bob recalls a particularly dangerous gas station fire in 1960, at the corner of Tulip and Carroll, the current site of Takoma Old Town Auto Service. The Exxon gas station there was spewing flames out the top of the building, and the apartment building beside it was ablaze as well. No one was hurt, but there was a lot of structural damage. Another memorable blaze was one of the city’s biggest: in 1976, Columbia Hall, at Flower and Carroll Avenues, was destroyed by fire. And in 1960, a multiple-alarm fire burned all night and destroyed the toy store that once was located on Laurel Avenue, between the old Safeway and the barber shop.

Civil unrest in D.C. brought a different kind of challenge, when the volunteers joined Washington forces to fight fires that erupted following the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Amidst rocks and gunfire, Jimmy remembers: “It was hard when you were faced with anger or hostility at the scene of the emergency when all you wanted to do was help.”

Thankfully, the Jarboes say ("knock on wood"), the Department has experienced no serious injuries or fatalities among its ranks.

Family Time

On the lighter side, the brothers have bit tersweet memories of holiday dinners and family celebrations abruptly interrupted by emergency calls. They recount one Thanksgiving dinner when the Jarboe men were called to duty just as the meal was being served; Jim and Bob still remember “that look” from the women in the family as they all got up to leave their extravagant home-cooked meal on the table.

Indeed, being a TPVFD family was sometimes difficult, recalls the Jim’s wife Barbara Jarboe, because you never knew when the call would come and for how long the men would be gone. “It was something you had to get used to,” she says with a laugh.

The men found a sort of second family at the fire station. They played basketball and volleyball in the gym, and pinochle card games upstairs, talking about their lives and families, sometimes washing their cars; they shared and cooked meals together as well. “It was a home away from home,” says Jimmy.

The Jarboes are quick to emphasize that theirs was and is not the only family with a tradition of service. The very first professional Takoma Park fire chief, Melvin McBride, also had a son in the department back in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Through the years there have been many others, including the Willey, Rahn, Collins, Fiske, West, Peppel, LaScola, Parsley and Baker families, that had multiple members serving the Department, simultaneously or in succession. Today the tradition continues with a father-daughter team at the TPVFD, Steve and Sherry Novik.

Then and Now

As the new Takoma Park stationhouse is dedicated and comes into service (opening ceremonies were Oct. 29), Bob and Jimmy Jarboe also reflect on how things have changed over time. For example, although the population of Takoma Park has remained stable in numbers at about 17,000 residents, it is now extremely diverse, prompting changes in training (job-specific courses and different languages now), the inclusion of women on the force (the new stationhouse has separate accommodations for males and females) and new technologies. “There was no 911 service, no pagers and no firehouse sprinkler systems when we started out,” remembers Jim. “Costs have gone up, too: in 1949 a ladder truck cost $29,000; today it’s close to $1 million. outfitting a firefighter in the 1950s cost $100; that cost has risen to $2,500.

But one thing hasn’t changed, and that’s the need for new individuals and their families to become members of the TPVFD. Most people are not aware of all the work it takes just to clean fire and rescue vehicles and equipment and return them to service capacity after a fire, something volunteers can and are needed to do. Now, the Jarboes point out, recruits for TPVFD receive the same training as professional firefighters, and volunteer departments like the TPVFD are actively recruiting men and women to serve as firefighters, EMTs and in an administrative capacity.

As Chief Jim and Past President Bob Jarboe themselves exemplify, commitment and dedication to public and community service are at the core of the volunteer firefighter experience. They are both proud and humbled that so many in their family have had the privilege to give back to the Takoma Park community through TPVFD service.
Earlier Deadline for Gardening Grants

These before and after shots tell the story best: the New Hampshire Avenue Gardening and Beautification grant program has already made a difference on the Avenue.

The program, which supports the creation of public vegetable gardens, decorative flower plots, tree plantings or any similar green activity that adds life to the street, continues this year. Although applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis, to be considered for funding, grant applications must be received no later than January 31, 2011 (much earlier than in previous years). All projects must be completed before the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2011).

City planners are big fans of the gardening grants, which may be funded up to $8,000 by the city. Beautifying New Hampshire Avenue is an effective way to reclaim this crucial corridor as part of the public realm, they say, and having volunteers participating in the process supports Takoma Park as a place that belongs to all residents.

The gardens pictured here are located along New Hampshire Avenue at Sligo Creek between Erskine Street and Myrtle Avenue, and were built by volunteers from Hillwood Manor. City planners are looking for energetic organizers for new gardens, and can provide locations for projects if desired. Or residents can volunteer to help out with several existing garden projects. For more information about applications or volunteering, contact Paul Grenier at pgrenier@takomagov.org, call 301-891-7220 or download info from www.thenewave.com/exploration/grants/gardening-greening-grant.

Rebuilding Together Helps Those In Need

With winter on its way, home repair becomes a more essential element in keeping Montgomery County residents safe from the cold—but many can’t afford the simple repairs they need. Rebuilding Together Montgomery County is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing volunteers and communities together to help.

The organization provides free home repair services to eligible low-income households. Services can include home modifications for elderly and disabled people to prevent falls, weatherization repairs to increase energy efficiency and various other repairs necessary to keep homeowners safe, warm and dry. Larger repairs such as roofs and HVAC systems can be tackled under the county’s critical needs program.

Homeowner eligibility is based on income. Although Rebuilding Together Montgomery County mainly serves the elderly, disabled, families with children and veterans, anyone who meets the income requirements and who is a homeowner in Montgomery County is eligible to apply. For more information and for homeowner and volunteer applications see www.rebuildingtogethermc.org or call 301-933-2700.

Getting an Education at the Montgomery County Housing Fair

The Takoma Park Housing and Community Development Department recently joined dozens of other agencies at the Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Fitness Day at the Bohrer Park Activity Center in Gaithersburg, where 95 sponsors and exhibitors provided a plethora of information on housing in the county.

The October 2 event included housing providers, Realtors, banks, mortgage companies, nonprofits, and federal, state, county and municipal agencies who provided information about housing, money management and a wide range of other topics, including how to buy a used car without being taken for a ride (information provided at the Office of Consumer Protection booth) and how to find subsidized child care and reduced-cost tutoring services (information provided at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services booth).

Clowns, face painters, robots and still walkers provided entertainment, and vendors provided pizza, ice cream and popcorn.

Lenders from PNC, Chase, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae explained financing and refinancing options in one classroom; in another, housing counselors from HomeFree USA, the Housing Initiatives Partnership, the Latino Economic Development Corporation and Asian-American Homeownership Counseling Inc. educated homeowners about foreclosure prevention. Prospective home buyers and other county residents could also receive credit reports and learn how to interpret their credit scores.

Some 1,200 people attended the fair, gathering tote bags full of information on free services in the county. Families looking for affordable rental housing learned where to turn for assistance. Persons out of work learned about the job readiness resources provided by nonprofit employment agencies in the area. Young children blocked to the money games section and won prizes for answering questions like, “What U.S. coin equals two nickels?” The interactive computerized “financial fitness” games for teenagers posed tougher questions about predatory lending and negative net income.

Ten fairgoers each won $400 toward their rent or mortgage—one said he will use the money to help pay his rent on the Takoma Park apartment where he lives with his wife and two children.

The Housing Fair is held annually and is open to all county residents.

HOUSING Mail Box

By Moses A. Wilds, Jr.

LANDLORD-TENANT COORDINATOR

A tenant contacted the Mailbox and wants to know how she and her apartment building neighbors may start a tenants association, the minimum number of building tenants who must participate and whether the landlord has to approve the organization and its activities.

In accordance with Section 6.16.030 of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law, tenants have the right to meet within tenant organizations, to meet and confer, through representatives of their own choosing and to engage in activities for the purpose of mutual aid and protection. This section further notes that tenants and tenant associations have the right of assembly in the building meeting rooms and other areas suitable for meetings within a rental facility during reasonable hours and following reasonable notice to the landlord for the purpose of conducting tenant organization meetings.

To officially register a tenant association with the city, the law requires that a minimum of one third of the occupied rental units in a rental facility be members of the tenant association. A registered tenant association has standing to file complaints with the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs on behalf of the tenants who are members of the association.

To assist tenants interested in establishing a tenant association, the city contracts with two experienced community organizers who help tenants form their associations, elect officers, and plan and implement activities to sustain the organizations’ growth and development. To obtain the services of the community organizers and/or to obtain an application to register a tenant association, call 301-891-7222. Tenant Associations are required to re-register with the city every three years.

Although a landlord does not have to approve the formation or activities of a tenant association, part of the city’s registration process is to inform the landlord that the association has been formed with a list of its members. A common goal of most tenant associations is to try to work with the landlord/owner for an improved rental facility.

Tenants or landlords having questions regarding the city’s landlord-tenant law are requested to call 301-891-7215 and/or contact me at MosesW@takomagov.org.
“We Are Takoma” presents the Billy Coulter Band

Friday, November 19
8 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park

FREE EVENT
Washington D.C. singer/songwriter Billy Coulter’s distinctive style blurs the line between roots rock and power pop. Drawing on influences as varied as Bob Dylan and Squeeze, he’s developed an organic sound that seems familiar but is definitely new. In just a few years Coulter has made a name for himself, with his unique songwriting and vocal ability winning him the 2008 Album of the Year (Dooze), Song of the Year (Party of One), Roots Rock Recording of the Year and, for the second year in a row, Roots Rock Vocalist Washington Area Music (WAMMI) Awards. His inspired and energetic performances have graced the stages at some of the region’s top venues and festivals including Rams Head, Birchmere, Strathmore, Barns of Wolf Trap, IOTA, Celebrate Fairfax and more.

He and his band have also supported national acts such as Johnny Winter, Kelly Willis, Phil Vassar, Taylor Hicks and others. Coulter’s latest release is “TRACE: Live at Goose Creek.”

Market, Façade Improvement Funded

Minority Health Care, Youth Empowerment, Edinburgh House declined

City Council voted October 11 to fund two of five projects submitted for funding through the U.S. Department of Housing’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Council recommended that the Crossroads Farmers Market receive $25,000 for a low-income food assistance program called Fresh Checks, and that façade improvements along the New Hampshire Avenue corridor and other commercial districts within Takoma Park be funded with another $100,000. The County Council must give final approval of the projects endorsed by the City Council before funds are dispersed.

Although the city is not sure how much will be allocated to Takoma Park, staff is assuming that not less than $125,000 will be made available. The Crossroads Farmers Market, which sets up every Wednesday at Takoma Lane/ley Crossroads (just south of University Boulevard off New Hampshire Avenue), would use the CDBG money to fund Fresh Checks. This program doubles food subsidies such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the Farmers Market Nutrition Program for low-income families, so they have more to spend on the fresh fruits and vegetables available at the market. The market also supports the local farmers who sell produce at the market (see related story, page 1).

This is the third and last year the Crossroads Market will receive CDBG funds for this program, since there is a federal limitation to the number of times one organization can be awarded grants for the same purpose.

The façade funding will go to eligible businesses on a matching funds basis. In this continuation of the city’s commercial façade easement program, matching funds of up to $10,000 would be available for individual storefront improvements in all but the Old Town and Ethan Allen Gateway commercial areas (since these areas are located outside of CDBG-eligible areas).

Projects not approved:

• Maryland Health Care Nurses for Minorities, Females, International Americans request for $100,000 for a preventive nursing services (unable to determine if registered to do business in Maryland, or nonprofit status; no specific location or goals identified)
• Youth Empowerment Skills (YES) request for $9,850 for seven-week community-based job readiness program for low- to moderate-income immigrant youth, would have benefited 15 individuals
• Edinburgh House request for $100,000 for renovation of 45-unit, nine-story rental facility including HVAC replacement, energy efficient appliances, new roof and miscellaneous green improvements, would have benefited 76 individuals, including 68 low to moderate incomes

No projects have yet been identified for the façade improvement program, which is managed by the city, but Sara Daines, Housing and Community Development Department director, anticipates applications will come in once the program is finalized. The Crossroads Farmers Market project would be expected to benefit 1,875 households; the commercial façades would be expected to benefit ten storefronts. More information, including total budgets for each project, percentage of direct benefit and project partners, is available at takomaparkmd.gov/council on the October 11 City Council meeting agenda.

CDBG Funding will be available later in fiscal year 2012.

Upcoming Concerts

A number of concerts will be offered this month at the Takoma Park Auditorium including The Billy Coulter Band on Friday, November 19 and A Singer-Songwriter Tribute to Van Morrison on Saturday, November 20. Check them out on our Face Book and Twitter pages!

Holiday Art Sale – Vendor Applications Available

Interested in participating in the fifth annual Holiday Art Sale? Items offered for sale must be created and produced by the individual artist or crafter. Past sales have included paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, textiles, furniture and glass. Application forms available online at www.takomaparkmd.org. Deadline November 16. For more information, contact Bob Rudick at robudick@yahoo.com or at 301-272-3232.

For information on these and other activities sponsored by the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301-891-7224, or SaraD@takomaparkmd.org or check online at www.takomaparkmd.gov

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Kindermusik ABC Music and Me - Sing a Story.

Ages 4-6
Children will be introduced to the world of opera, with a tale of missing tail feathers. They’ll witness the hustle and bustle that happens backstage before an opera, hear examples of solos and duets, practice pre-music reading skills by singing simple two-tone patterns, and sing and play a variety of musical instruments. Home kit includes home CD and magazine style family guide. Four weeks. Maximum eight, minimum five.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 2, 3 – 6 years
Mondays, 10 – 11 a.m., Nov. 15 – Dec. 20
Level 1, 18 month
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Builder Bee
Ages 18 months - 6 years
A family program that uses the process of architectural model building to develop problem-solving skills and encourage learning in a fun and exploratory atmosphere. Classes build on previous sessions to create a final project you can take home. Each session is based on developmental stages and set skills. Parent/guardian participation is part of the learning experience. Creator Amanda Faye Dowd, a Takoma Park resident, applies your child’s natural skills, and encouraging the process of sequential and spatial communication. A $24 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Maximum 12, minimum six.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 18 months – 3 years
Mondays, 10 – 11 a.m., Nov. 15 - Dec. 20
Level 2, 3 – 5 years
Fridays, 10 – 11 a.m., Nov. 5 - Dec. 17
TP residents $60/session Non-residents $70/session No class on Nov. 12 and 26.

Wee Love Math
Ages 2 – 4
This age-appropriate introduction to math concepts will explore counting, addition and subtraction, odd and even numbers, opposites, matching, doubling numbers, comparing sizes, amounts, weights and more. All of this is learned through play, stories, project activities and teaching tools such as Cuisenaire rods. A parent or caregiver should accompany each child. Fee includes materials. Six weeks. Instructor Amaya Lambert. Maximum 12, minimum six.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 18 month
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Rookie “Sports”
Ages 5 – 12
The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture his/her growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Six weeks. Maximum 15, minimum eight.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 5 – 6 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Fun Day Program
Ages 5 – 12
The Fun Day Program offers field trips on scheduled whole day school closings and activities and performances on scheduled half day closings. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. On half days only, students attending Takoma Park Elementary will be picked up at their school and children attending Piney Branch Elementary will be picked up in the hallway by the pool by a Recreation staff member. On full days pack a lunch. On half days, bring a snack. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, sign up early.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 5 – 6 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Dungeons and Dragons
Ages 9 – 18
Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group ‘survive.’ Taught by the library’s own Dave Burbank. Maximum 30, minimum 15. Four weeks.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 8 – 9 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Urban Science Explorers
Ages 14 - 18
This series of workshops brings the science of the current status of earth and its atmosphere to teens. With the aid of “inquiry coaches,” teens will create research squads that generate questions and perform Arctic Quest exercises as “mini expeditions.” Arctic Quest: Enter the Cryosphere, is an official International Polar Year (IPY) education.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 8 – 9 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Register for Youth Basketball League
The Takoma Park Winter Basketball League welcomes all kids grades K* - 8 to register for the upcoming season. Registration will run from September 1 through December 10, 2010.

*Must be 5 yrs old by January 8, 2011.

Registration Fees
Takoma Park Residents Fee: $60
Non-Resident Registration Fee: $70

Scholarship Opportunity
Scholarship Registration Fee: $10
Scholarship opportunities are available to all Takoma Park Residents in need of assistance. This benefit is available to Takoma Park residents who can provide proof of enrollment in the Free or Reduced Meals program or similar financial assistance program.

For more information about the Takoma Park Recreation Department’s Winter Basketball League or if you are interested in coaching please call (301) 891-7225, or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Open Gym
Ages 13-18
Open gym is not just for basketball. Double Dutch ropes, flag football and other game supplies are provided. So come join us from 6 - 9 p.m. during the dates listed below.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 8 – 9 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

Face-off Floor Hockey
Ages 9 – 11
The participants will be taught the rules and skills of the game. Each session will end with a scrimmage to practice the skills learned. A skills competition and game will conclude the program. Maximum 16, minimum 10. Seven weeks. Instructor Carey Antoniszewski.

TP resident
Non-resident
Level 1, 8 – 9 years
Lilac Room, TP Community Center

After school street hockey games give these Takoma Park kids a great way to blow off some steam.

Photo by Debra Haiduven

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and public outreach activity for youth. It is offered through NASA's Science Mission Directorate/Earth Science Division. Space is limited, advance registration required. Instructor Maia Carroll.

Rose Room, TP Community Center
Thursdays, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 4, 18
Free

Teen Leadership Council (TLC)
Ages 13-18
The TP Recreation Department Teen Lead- ership Council is comprised of a group of diverse teenagers representing the youth voice of Recreation Department programs and activities. Participants assist in develop- ing programs and services that benefit the City’s youth, strengthening relations be- tween youth and their community through innovative leadership opportunities in recre- ation and service learning. The experience will provide opportunities to gain knowledge and skills that will prepare participants for college or future endeavors. Interested par- ticipants are required to complete an ap- plication and provide two letters of recom- mendation. Applications are available at the TP Community/Rec/Lilac Room, or contact Faye Wright, Recreation Department/Teen Manager, 301-891-7283.

Body Sculpting/Pilates with June
Ages 16 and over
This class incorporates light hand weights for strengthening and toning the arms, hips, and thighs. Body Sculpting/Pilates focuses on integrating the entire body rather than exercising each body part separately. If you want your abdomen firm, your arms trim and thighs. Body Sculpting/Pilates focuses on combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor June Kimbrugh-Thornton. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights.

TP Recreation Center
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 – Dec. 1
$50
No class Nov. 24.

Bollywood Dance Fun
Ages 16 and up
Get a workout and learn about the “Bollywood” culture of India’s Hindi-language film industry. Although Bollywood choreography originally drew from Indian classical and folk dance, other genres like jazz, hip hop and even belly dancing have entered the mix. This class will include a warm-up session, step break, and upbeat choreography to popular Bollywood films. Instructor Laurel Victoria Gray.

Dance Studio, TP Community Center
Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 – Dec. 14
TP residents $60
Non-residents $70
No class on Nov. 26.

Zumba
Ages 16 and older
Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a- kind fitness program. Achieve long-term ben- efits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body- energizing movement. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor Edurama.

TP Recreation Center, New Hampshire Ave.
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.
and Saturdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 10 – Dec. 11
No class Nov. 24 and 27.

Collage
Ages 18 and older
Using a variety of collage and paper alter- ing processes, students combine found and altered papers and lightweight three-dimen- sional materials. Principles of color and de- sign will be presented, such as limiting the color palette, and the principles of design will be explored such as structure, balance, repetition, value and gradation. This class is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials will be provided (some personal or found collage elements may be desired to enhance the collage as well). There is a $30 materials fee, paid directly to the instructor, due on the first day of class. Six weeks. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman. Maximum 12, minimum seven.

Art Room, TP Community Center
Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Nov. 16 – Dec. 21
TP residents $205
Non-residents $225

Drawing
Ages 16 and older
Develop your skills in representation, per- spective, and proportion while experiment- ing with personally expressive mark mak- ing and color. Black and white, and color drawing materials, including both wet and dry media, will be presented. Instructor will provide still life, floral, and interior design with guidance. This class is suitable for be- ginning artists, as well as more experienced stu- dents. All basic materials will be provided. There is a $20 materials fee, paid directly to the instructor, due on the first day of each session. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman. Six weeks. Maximum 12, minimum seven.

Art Room, TP Community Center
Wednesdays, 6 – 9 p.m.
Dec. 10 – Dec. 22
TP residents $195
Non-residents $205

No class Nov. 11/24.

Silver Foxes
For Active Adults Over 55

Senior Day Buffet
This bi-monthly event offers a good game of bingo and an American food buffet from Old Country Buffet in Gaithersburg, for only $7.95 plus tax. Those who can drive, please meet in the rear parking lot of the Community Center. If you need transporta- tion, please call 301-891-7290, two days in advance to arrange for pickup at Maple View Apts., Franklin Apts., and Victory Tower only. Registration is required to partici- pate, 301-891-7280.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Nov. 17
You pay for your meal

Table Tennis
Come play this fun, energetic game. A great way to improve eye-hand coordina- tion. Helps to keep the body healthy and the mind sharp. Drop-in.

Game Room, TP Community Center
Mon. and Thurs., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
No cost.
No program on Nov. 11, 25.

Bingo

Senior Room, TP Community Center
Thursday, Nov. 18
12 – 2 p.m.

Brain Games
Lower your brain age and boost your mem- ory, reasoning and creative thinking. Enjoy a variety of cognitive puzzle challenges and games. Most importantly, the goal is to have fun while doing something good for you. Come and play! Drop-in. No registra- tion is required.

Senior Room, TP Community Center
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 9, No cost.

Skin Cancer Basics
Come learn about America’s most common form of cancer and what you can do to help protect yourself and your loved ones. Pre- sented by Adventist Health Care. Drop-in. No registration is required. For more infor- mation, call 301-891-7280.

Lilac Room, TP Community Center
12 – 1 p.m.
Nov. 10
Free

Howard County Crafts Spectacular
Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friend- ship, Maryland
Several hundred crafters; all handcrafted items. A great opportunity to start your hol- iday shopping, or just browse for fun. After- wards, we will board the bus and travel to the mall in Columbia, Maryland, where you can choose from a variety of restaurants or the food court to have lunch. Enjoy more browsing and shopping at the mall. Bring spending money for lunch and shopping. Call 301-891-7280 to register.

Friday, Nov. 5
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
deadline to register 11/3.
$5 entry fee.

Festival of Wreaths, 13th Annual
Enjoy hundreds of uniquely decorated holi- day wreaths. Sponsored by Carroll County Arts Council. Bring spending money for lunch at Baugher’s Family Restaurant, featuring homemade cooking at affordable prices. They make their own homemade ice cream in over 18 varieties! Dress for com- fort. Bring spending money for lunch. Call 301-891-7280 to register.

Carroll Arts Center, Westminster, MD
Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Dec. 3
deadline to register 12/1.
No cost
**Picture Books are Still Family Favorites**

**By Karen MacPherson**

For children’s literature lovers, the headline of a recent "New York Times" article came as a shock: "Picture Books No Longer a Staple for Children." In the article, published Oct. 7, author Julie Bosman noted that the picture book "has been fading," a victim of both the economic downturn (picture books are costly) and parental pressure to have kids reading chapter books at an earlier age. But the article looked only at publishers and bookstores, leaving out the place where many parents and children connect with picture books: the local public library. At the Takoma Park Maryland Library—as in many, if not most, public libraries around the country—picture books still account for one of our biggest circulation categories. Instead of paying up to $18 each for a picture book, parents are instead checking them out for free from the library. Yet Bosman did unfortunately get it right when it comes to the issue of parents urging their kids to read chapter books at earlier ages. Even at our library, we have parents who want their three- and four-year-olds to read chapter book series like "The Magic Tree House" instead of picture books. Is this necessarily a bad thing? No, but it’s not necessarily the best thing for kids and reading, either. While we at the Takoma Park Maryland Library believe that it’s up to parents to determine what their children read, parents themselves often need and welcome guidance as to the best reading choices. That’s definitely the case with picture books, which make a wonderfully rich reading experience for children long after they’ve made the jump to chapter books. For example, picture books are a mainstay of our regular library presentations for Piney Branch Elementary School fourth graders, who love the chance to delve into a subject through such a visual genre. But picture books get a bad rap. Because they are children’s first reading material, many adults think it’s child’s play to write (or illustrate) a picture book. But nothing could be further from the truth. A picture book is precis of an idea, a pared-down summary of a story; less is always more in a picture book. And as any writer or illustrator knows, it’s much more challenging to write briefly, or to evoke rather than show something outright in an illustration.

Now, let’s look specifically at picture book texts. If you ask any reading expert, they’ll tell you that the vocabulary in many picture books is generally much more sophisticated than that in early chapter books or series books. The level of picture book vocabulary is definitely higher than most beginning readers, where the text is deliberately simple to make it easier for children learning to read. But the text, of course, comprises

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**CALDECOTT CLUB:** Come read and discuss some of the possibilities for the 2011 Caldecott Medal. We’ll meet once a month – on Monday evenings in November and December – to read together Caldecott possibilities and then discuss those books. At our December meeting, we’ll vote on our favorite. The actual 2011 Caldecott Medal winner will be announced by the American Library Association at its midwinter conference on Monday, Jan. 10 in San Diego. Children’s Librarian Karen MacPherson will be there when the announcement is made, and will report back on her experience at our final Caldecott Club meeting on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. We’ll also get a chance then to compare how our choices stack up with the ALA’s actual selections. The Caldecott Club is open to children ages 5 up, their parents and any adults who are fans of children’s picture books. Registration is required.

**POETRY SELF-PORTRAIT:** Kids ages 5 up are invited to join us on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. for a fun, hands-on workshop with local poets Elizabeth Rees and Rosanne Singer. Liz and Rosanne will lead participants in using movement, brainstorming, writing and art to find interesting ways of thinking and describing themselves. Some participants might imagine the animal they act like, or the dessert that says something about their personality, or the color that captures their spirit. At the end of the workshop, participants will create a piece that combines words and art to address the question, “Who am I?”

**NATIONAL GAMING DAY:** The American Library Association has designated Saturday, Nov. 13, as National Gaming Day, a day when libraries work to nurture community ties through the fun of playing games.

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**Takoma Park Library Calendar**

**Community Circle Time**
Every Tuesday
Two times: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

**Spanish Circle Time**
Every Thursday
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza
Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

**Bedtime Stories**
Monday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.
Come in p.j.s., bring your teddy or other stuffed favorites as we read some stories and sing some songs in this half-hour program. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

**Friends Reading Group**
Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion of “The Brothers Karamazov” by Fyodor Dostoevsky continues. Community Center

**Eaglebear Returns!**
Monday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Join us as Eaglebear and his family share some stories, dances and songs from their tribe. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

**Mystery Spotlight**
Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Local mystery authors Tom Kaufman and Alison Leotta discuss their work and sign copies of their books. Community Center Auditorium.

**Resume Coaching Lab**
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
This program featuring Gabe Heilig is aimed at those seeking employment in the private sector. Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Registration limited.

**French Circle Time**
Saturday, Nov. 13
10:30 a.m. with Madame Marie
Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

**National Gaming Day**
Saturday, Nov. 13
2-4 p.m.
Bring your creativity and join us for a session of “Dungeons & Dragons.” Ages 8 up; parents are most welcome to play too! Registration required.

**Caldecott Club**
Monday, Nov. 15 – 7 p.m.
Come read and discuss this year’s Caldecott Medal possibilities. Best for ages 5 up; adults also welcome. Registration required.

**Friends of the Library Board Meeting**
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:45 p.m.

**Friends Reading Group**
Thursday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
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Discussion of “The Brothers Karamazov” by Fyodor Dostoevsky concludes.
Community Center

Poetry Self-Portrait
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
Kids: come join poets Elizabeth Rees and Rosanne Singer as they use movement, writing and art to help you develop a creative self-portrait.
Ages 5 up; registration required.

Junior Banned Books Club
Monday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m.
For kids in third, fourth and fifth grade
We’ll be reading “The Phantom Tollbooth” by Norton Juster.
A limited number of copies of the book are available for check-out at the main Library desk.
Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.
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 or by calling 301-891-7259. Events take place in the Library unless otherwise noted.

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This year, our library will participate in National Gaming Day by offering a two-hour session of “Dungeons & Dragons” from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. led by library assistant and D&D master Dave Burbank.

“D&D” is a type of verbal videogame in which kids use their imaginations to play characters in old-fashioned adventure stories. Playing “D&D” is a very social activity that leads kids to reading books; the game is both creative and cooperative. In this program, Dave, who has led “D&D” programs for the Takoma Park Recreation Department for more than a decade, will explain the basics of the game, and then lead participants in a “D&D” adventure. If you’ve never tried “D&D,” you’re in for a treat; if you’ve played before, you know you’re in for a fun afternoon. Spaces are limited, so registration is required. This program is for kids ages 8 up; parents are most welcome to play, and we encourage parent-child teams.

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only one half of a picture book. The illustrations also are an integral part of the book and must be “read” as well. For the young- est readers, the illustrations usually are what they focus on when they struggle up for fam- ily story time. And this is a good thing, as focusing on the illustrations gives young readers lots of practice in visual literacy—a key skill in our highly visual world.

In the best picture books, the text and il- lustrations are inseparable, each of them carrying a part of the story. Picture book illustrations shouldn’t just show what’s written in the text, but instead add detail, depth and color that stretches the story.

For example, in this year’s Caldecott Medal winner, “The Lion and the Mouse,” illustrator Jerry Pinkney sets the classic Ae- son Table in the Serengeti National Park and gives the mouse a family. With these artistic decisions, Pinkney’s illustrations add an en- tirely new spin to a traditional tale, enriching our understanding of Aesop’s story.

The Takoma Park Maryland Library to help parents and children choose the books that work best for them.

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choices to low-income families. “Kudos to the Fresh Checks program,” she said. “You guys are really leading the pack.” Kaiser contributed $50,000 to Fresh Checks, a program that doubles the amount of federal food assistance shoppers bring to the market.

Takoma Park City Councilmember Fred Schultz announced the recent allocation of an additional $25,000 in state-funded Community Development Block Grant money allocated to Fresh Checks by the city.

As officials gathered, market patrons lined up some 30 people deep waiting for their Fresh Checks, many of them young Latina mothers with babies on their hips. They visited the 10 or so vendors, buying up peppers and pears, salad greens, arugula, kale, chard and other locally grown produce for their families.

Kaiser Permanent’s Maritha Gay praised the market for providing healthy

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• A skateboard park, with a design in exchange for city use of CPPC in exchange for advertising that appears in

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Excitement for Mystery Fans! November 9, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Mystery writers Thomas Kaufman and Allison Leotto will appear for an evening of reading, discussion and book-signing, sponsored by the Library.

Drink the Tea
Thomas Kaufman won the PPA (Private Eye Writers) Best First Private Eye Novel Competition for his book Drink the Tea, a “fast, compelling tale of violence and corruption.” (Publishers Weekly)

mysterious Chinatown has on- ered a wonderful new series here, a master, tough and slyly knight, feared by his peat ful neighborhood. “Kaufman’s debut...benefits from break development and an featuring, not just part of the mister’s capitol. “Woodwind- ting characters is also by appealing spin of yours” (Kirkus Reviews)

Takoma Park Library
For more information please call the library at 301-891-7259 or visit us at www.circlynanjohnson.org/library.
“Teflon Defendant” Arrested by Takoma Park Police

By Rick Henry

To the outside eye, the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Corey A. Moore, 35, for possession of drugs on Sept. 25 are extraordinary: police on routine patrol stop to question a person walking down the street with what appeared to be an open bottle of alcohol; the suspect throws the bottle at the officer and flees; officer pursues and the suspect throws a package into a dumpster; officer catches the suspect, returns to the dumpster and finds that the package contains more than 544 grams of cocaine with a street value of $50,000.

However, for Takoma Park Police Chief Ronald Ricucci, a law enforcement veteran, the incident, while certainly unique, is not surprising.

“I worked narcotics for 13 years and many times it was something nondescript and unrelated to the criminal activity – like an accident or a fire at someone’s house – that led to a big arrest,” said Ricucci.

And this was a big arrest, for two reasons.

First, there is the amount of drugs seized, making this arrest possibly the city’s biggest ever drug bust. In addition to the initial package of cocaine found in the dumpster, police executed a search warrant on Moore’s home and vehicle and seized a gallon of liquid Phenylcyclidine (PCP) valued at $77,000. Two handguns, including a loaded .38 Special revolver, were also recovered.

Secondly, there is the amount of possession of the suspect. Moore, 35, is well known in the D.C. area, having earned the nickname the “Teflon Defendant” for his ability to repeatedly avoid conviction on drugs or weapons charges. He was tried for four separate murders and acquitted each time, including a 1994 case for which he was tried four times, with each trial resulting in a hung jury. His story has been chronicled in both The Washington Post and the Washington City Paper.

Moore had been maintaining a residence on Sherman Avenue for several years. He also maintained a residence in the District of Columbia.

Despite his notoriety, Ricucci said that the Department had no idea that Moore was living in Takoma Park, nor did they have any reason to know.

“He had served his time, so there was no reason to believe he was out there living,” Ricucci said. “(Since living here) He had not come to our attention or generated any interest. We had received no complaints about him or the residence.”

Ricucci said that while the Department had no idea about Moore’s identity and exploits prior to the arrest, it quickly became apparent when they entered his home. (Police and this is a burglary attempt, learned Moore lived at the targeted home, then did a follow-up investigation and obtained a search warrant.) During the search they found that Moore had maintained the media profiles about himself onto computer discs.

Media outlets were also quick to make the connection. Before the Department could release the press release, the media were making inquiries.

Beyond the media attention over the suspect’s identity and the circumstances of his arrest, Ricucci said the case illustrates a fundamental law enforcement mistake that he is always emphasizing: “There is no routine traffic stop. Police officers always have to be prepared, he said. “Every day brings something new and the officers always have to have their safety in mind.”

While there is no guarantee of conviction, especially given the suspect’s history, Ricucci is confident in the actions of his officers and praised the work of his Department.

A federal grand jury indicted Moore Oct. 20, on charges of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, specifically cocaine and phenylcyclidine (PCP); possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and being a felon in possession of guns and ammunition.

Moore faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for possession with intent to distribute cocaine; a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison for possession of PCP; up to 10 years in prison for being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

He will remain detained until his court date at the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt; his court date has not yet been scheduled.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised ATF, the Takoma Park Police Department, Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office for their work in the investigation.

Burglaries Continue, Prevention is Key

Takoma Park Police reported nine residential burglaries in October (by press time, Oct. 27), continuing a troubling trend of community crime.

As of September 30, 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 626 fire-related incidents. The department addressed or assisted with 2,435 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 3,061 this year. Totals for 2009 were 570 and 2,143 respectively, for a total of 2,711, representing an increase of 350 incidents.

“Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Detectors”

It’s that time of the year. Daylight Savings time kicks in November 7, when residents should turn back their clocks one hour. At the same time, the fire department is requesting that you check all your smoke alarms to make sure they work. Be prepared in the event of a fire, have a working smoke alarm on all levels of your home. Also have a family escape plan.

Are Your House Numbers Big Enough?

During an emergency, time is of the essence. It can make the difference between life and death. Many times fire departments are in arriving at the scene of an emergency because the address numbers were poorly visible or missing. Back in 1982, the Montgomery County Council enacted the following in reference to address numbers: Numerals shall be a minimum of 2.5 inches in height for a single-family residence. Numerals shall be a minimum of six inches in height for commercial or multi-family structures. Address displays shall be posted on a contrasting background displayed in conspicuous place and in such a manner as to be unobstructed and clearly visible from the street named in the official address of the structure.
Fall Leaf Collection Program

Leaves will be collected mix through December 22 this year. The program has been reduced to five days due to budget reductions. Residents can rake leaves to the curb or convenience during the five week period. Most streets will not have an assigned collection day. The goal of the program is to collect leaves in two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather, and rain and freezing conditions can slow collection. Bagged yard waste collection will continue to be offered by the City on Mondays throughout the year.

There are five streets that have an assigned collection date: they are state highways and have heavy traffic volume. Carroll Avenue, from the 7000 to 7800 block, Ethan Allen Avenue and Flower Avenue, from the 7900 to 8600 block, will have collection on Monday, December 26. Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue will have collection on Friday, December 17. On these dates, only these streets will receive collection.

There will be no collection on the Thanksgiving holiday, which will be observed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

For the month of November, the crews will concentrate on picking up large piles of leaves. In December, when the crews are making the last collection on each street, they will thoroughly collect all remaining loose leaves from the gutter and grassy strip inside the curb.

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 to 10 days of the call.

Please follow these guidelines:
1. Rake leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. Leaf piles can create traffic hazards.
2. Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile and when raking please try to avoid piling leaves where cars are likely to be parked.
3. The vacuum leaf collection is for leaves only. Do not include branches, brush, vines, rocks or debris. These items can seriously damage equipment and delay collection.
4. Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

The City also operates the weekly Monday collection for bagged grass, leaves, branches and brush all year long. The Monday collection requires leaves and loose yard materials to be in paper bags, trash cans or stiiff-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 15 to December 22.
- 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)
- Place leaf piles inside the curb – not in the street.
- Do not put branches, brush, vines, rocks or other debris in the leaf piles.
- Vacuum leaf collection will end December 22, if weather has not delayed collection.
- Snow and freezing rain can significantly delay collection.
- Leaf Collection Hotline for reporting when your pile is at the curb, 301-891-7626.

City TV Airs Auditorium Events

In November, City TV will be covering several events from the newly renovated Community Center Auditorium. First, it’s a poetry reading on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., covered live and aired throughout the month. Participating poets in this installment of the monthly poetry series include Heather Banks, Freda Denis-Cooper, Stewart Hickman, Madonna LeBlanc and Susan Okie.

Then at 8 p.m. on November 19 City TV will roll cameras on the Billy Coultier Band (see page 5 for details). At 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 you can watch the musical performance organized by Hungry For Music, a local non-profit dedicated to providing free musical instruments to low-income children who are “hungry” to play. The event will feature a singer-songwriter tribute to Van Morrison, with local musicians Jerry Bresee, David Morreale, Karyn Oliver, Lisa Taylor and Doug Alan Wilcox.

The next episode of Snapshots, the series of video feature-ettes about life in Takoma Park, will present a view of the work of the City’s Arts and Humanities Council; a walk with the walk-to-school program; a sampling of library programs such as Read-Out! and the Big Book Club; and the re-opening of the Fire Station.

Stay tuned also for new performances this year’s Jazz, Folk and Street Festivals.

If you are a non-profit or a community organization, you can advertise your activities in our bulletin board. Also, if you would like City TV to cover an event or add specific programming to its line-up, call 301-891-7118 or send an e-mail to cabletv@takomagov.org.

Do you have an idea for a production? Are you missing some type of programming you’d like City TV to add? Call us or send us an e-mail with your suggestions.
Takoma Park Play Day

The second annual Takoma Park Play Day, September 25, drew hundreds of fun-loving residents for games that ranged from jump rope to tennis lessons, a dress-up parade, board games, dancing and floor hockey. From top, counter clockwise, Mary Feldman participated in board games inside the Middle School; dress-up was a big hit; sidewalk chalk artists found their muse; Gavin Ross plays four square; double Dutch girls show some skills; Builder Bee boxes stoke the imagination.

Photo essay by Selena Malott