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Recreation Director to Leave Takoma

*After a Decade of Service,
Debra Haiduven Heads for
the Country*

By VIRGINIA MYERS

After a decade of service to the City of Takoma Park, Recreation Department Director Debra Haiduven has resigned. She will be leaving in July, to move to North Carolina with her family. A nationwide search is underway for her replacement.



Haiduven

City Manager Barbara Matthews hopes to find a new recreation director with experience in a culturally and socio-economically diverse community like Takoma Park, qualities that also came up in discus-

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SAVE THE DATE!

Takoma Park will mark its 122nd Independence Day Celebration on July 4, with a parade (including calypso band dancers like the one above, from last year), barbeque, wiffle ball tournament and fireworks. There's still time to put together a float for the parade: see takomapark4th.org for information on how to register, or for more information on events. The parade starts at 10 a.m.; fireworks go off at 9:30 p.m. Watch the next newsletter for more details.

Photo by Lloyd Wolf/lloydwolf.com

Approved Budget Reflects Increased County Funds, Commitment to Sustainability

By VIRGINIA MYERS

City Council approved a \$25.05 million budget (all funds) at its meeting May 23. The real property tax rate, at \$0.58 cents per \$100 of assessed value, remains the same.

City Manager Barbara Matthews presented her proposed budget on April 4. Over the course of the budget process, adjustments were made due to City Council requests, updated financial information and changes in anticipated revenues and expenses.

Following reductions in State and County revenues in recent years, the City was successful in getting some of those funds restored. On May 19, the Montgomery County Council voted to restore municipal tax duplication funds that the County Executive had proposed to cut by 5 percent, and to increase the Takoma Park police payment by the same rate the County's own Police Department budget was increased. Altogether, the County Council vote put \$137,377 back into Takoma Park's budget.

City staff, including City Manager Barbara Matthews, Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow and Chief of Police Ronald Ricucci, lobbied hard for over a year to convince the County to make these changes. "Tax duplication is a complex matter, and staff wanted to make sure that County Councilmembers had a good understanding of it," says Matthews. "What we stressed the most in our conversations with County Councilmembers is that tax duplication payments are a

reimbursement, not a grant to municipalities. We had a good argument to make, and it was gratifying to see that our work paid off."

The City will also receive \$109,995 more in state Highway User Revenues than initially projected.

Changes to the Proposed Budget

General Fund expenditures—which include day-to-day operations such as police, library and public works—increased by \$419,717 since the City Manager submitted her proposed budget. Of this amount, \$150,000 was added by the City Council to hire an environmental consultant, the solution members reached as they considered how best to address their sustainability goals for the City. Such a consultant or company would most likely analyze what recommended environmental initiatives are most attainable, and how best to approach them. "I'm hopeful that we can get a good start on this," says Mayor Bruce Williams, acknowledging that the new funding will help define environmental priorities. There is a possibility that, down the road, the City could consider hiring an on-staff sustainability coordinator, he says.

Additionally, due to weather delays, more of the Public Works Facility renovation will take place in Fiscal Year 2012 than initially projected. Funding in the amount of \$174,500 will be carried over from the current fiscal year to cover that expense. Two additional capital projects, with a combined

cost of \$37,000, will also be carried over to Fiscal Year 2012.

Among the additions to the City Manager's proposed budget were an increase in worker's compensation insurance costs (\$39,000); an additional \$6,081 added by City Council for new right-of-way trash and recycling cans; \$3,900 more for additional leaf collection on state highways; an increase in the state retirement system contribution (\$18,636), and a \$3,000 increase in legal fees related to the cable franchise agreement.

Employee health insurance costs will go up by 7.5 percent rather than the 8.5 percent assumed in the City Manager's budget. City staff was able to negotiate a lower renewal rate.

The budget process involved a months-long discussion on City Council, two public hearings, and resident input through one-on-one contact with councilmembers, staff, and through the "budget game," an on-line and real-time activity that gave residents an opportunity to weigh in on what City services are most important to them. City Council had expected more severe reductions would be necessary, but the City Manager was able to recommend a budget that maintains services and avoids any cuts in staffing.

A thorough description of the City budget is available on the City's web site; the City Manager's proposed budget is here www.takomaparkmd.gov/finance/budget.html <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/finance/budget.html> and revisions can be seen on the City Council agenda page for May 23.

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CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR*

Monday, June 6 – City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Auditorium)

Monday, June 6 – Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC TBA)

Tuesday, June 7 – Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

Thursday, June 9 – Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

Monday, June 13 – City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Auditorium)

Tuesday, June 14 – Tree Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m. (CC Lilac Room)

Tuesday, June 14 – Recreation Committee meeting, 7 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

Wednesday, June 15 – Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, 7 p.m. (Room TBA)

Monday, June 20 – Ward 2 Night reception, 7 – 7:30 p.m. (CC Atrium Lobby)

Monday, June 20 – City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Auditorium)

Wednesday, June 22 – Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

Monday, June 27 – the City Council will not meet on June 27 to enable members of the Council to attend the Maryland Municipal League Convention (June 26 – 29)

Tuesday, June 28 – Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. (CC Hydrangea Room)

*For the most up to date information, check 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.

Notice on ADA Compliance

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations is invited to contact the Deputy City Manager at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomagov.org at least 48 hours in advance.

VISIT WITH THE MAYOR

Mayor Bruce Williams welcomes community input and invites you to meet with him during his regular hours on Tuesday: by appointment from 2 - 5 p.m., with walk-ins from 5 - 7 p.m.

To schedule a meeting, contact Peggye Washington at 301-891-7230 or peggyew@takomagov.org.



Bruce Williams

City Council Action*

*Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at Clerk@takomagov.org.

April 25, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Second Reading Ordinance 2011-13 was adopted, awarding a contract for lighting and City TV technology improvements

The Consent Agenda was adopted. It consisted of:

- Resolution 2011-18 reappointing Kay Daniels-Cohen, Cindy Dyballa, Christopher King and Ray Scannell to the Recreation Committee
- Resolution 2011-19 reappointing Darsie Cahall to the Façade Advisory Board

May 2, 2011 – Special Session

First Reading Ordinance 2011-15 was adopted, authorizing FY 2011 Budget Amendment No. 3
First Reading Ordinance 2011-16 was adopted, authorizing FY 2011 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 2 (Council voting as the Stormwater Management Board)

May 9, 2011 – Regular Meeting

First Reading Ordinance 2011-17 was adopted, amending the Takoma Park Code, Ch. 8.36 Commercial Management Districts and Authorities

Resolution 2011-20 was adopted, recommending adoption of the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan

Second Reading Ordinance 2011-12 was adopted, amending the Takoma Park Code to

regulate panhandling and prohibit aggressive panhandling (Voting No: Seamens)

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Second Reading Ordinance 2011-16 was adopted, authorizing FY 2011 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 2 (Council voting as the Stormwater Management Board)

The Consent Agenda was adopted. It consisted of:

- Single Reading Ordinance 2011-18 awarding a contract for field maintenance
- Single Reading Ordinance 2011-19 awarding a contract for replacement network backbone switches
- Resolution 2011-21 reappointing Michael Mauer to the Personnel Appeal Board
- Resolution 2011-22 appointing Gehmelle L. Johnson to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
- Resolution 2011-23 appointing Gehmelle L. Johnson and Janie Meneely to the Arts and Humanities Commission
- Resolution 2011-24 appointing Kay Daniels-Cohen to the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Resolution 2011-25 appointing Marilyn Abbott to the Takoma Park Board of Elections and José Zambrana as an alternate to the Board

CITY CLERK Briefs

Resident Volunteers Needed for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees

There are opportunities for Takoma Park residents to serve on a number of City boards, commissions and committees. If you feel you can make a positive contribution, please consider volunteering. Additional information can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees or contact the City Clerk for more information (301-891-7267 or clerk@takomagov.org).

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

June 20 Ward 2 Night Invites Neighborhood Participation

Residents of Ward 2 are invited to join the City Council on Monday, June 20, for a reception from 7 – 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Atrium Lobby. A special Ward 2 public comment session will be held at the beginning of the City Council meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Residents who have questions may contact their City Councilmember or Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk at 301-891-7267, jessiec@takomagov.org.

Board of Elections Calls on Seniors for Volunteer Help with Voting System

Takoma Park senior citizens are invited to help us test the voting system to be used in the November 2011 City election. Your participation will help us identify strengths and weaknesses of the voter interface.

Voting System Test

Thursday, June 9, 11 a.m. – p.m.
Lilac Room of the Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.

During these hours, we will have the electronic voter interface and the absentee voting system available for anyone to test.

After you have tried the systems, join us for refreshments and let us know what you think. Is the system easy to use? What do you think could be improved? We want to hear from residents so we can make our system even better.

For information, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org.

2011 City of Takoma Park Election Approaches

City elections take place this November. Here are some important dates to remember:

- Nominating Caucus – Tuesday, October 4 (participants must be registered to vote)
- Registration Deadline to Vote in the Election – Tuesday, October 11
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 8

For information about registering to vote, running for office, or voting in City of Takoma Park elections, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org.

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Monday, June 13, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
Community Center Auditorium

Pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Takoma Park Charter, the Council of the City of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to Article II, Corporate Limits, of the Takoma Park Charter as follows: Section 202 is revised to incorporate the Flower Avenue right-of-way between the southern right-of-way boundary of Piney Branch Road and the location at which the Takoma Park boundary line proceeds east at a line south of Division Street. The area was annexed pursuant to Takoma Park Resolution No. 2010-70.

The hearing will be held Monday, June 13, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. All interested persons should attend the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md., 20912 or sent to clerk@takomagov.org. The full text of the proposed amendment is posted on the City's website at takomaparkmd.gov.

Attest:
Jessie Carpenter, CMC, City Clerk

Building Friendships, One Plant at a Time

Horticulture Club has been growing for 95 years

By KEVIN ADLER

On a Sunday afternoon, the first humid day of spring, one end of the basketball court at Heffner Park gradually filled with lilies of the valley, holden creeping Jenny, coleus, tomato, thyme, strawberries, a butterfly bush, ferns, crates of iris and other greenery. Wandering through the array were about 50 people, expectantly eyeing the booty at another Takoma Park Horticultural Club Plant Exchange.

"It's one of the highlights of our year," said Carole Galati, a retired teacher and former president of the club. "Many people join the club just to have access to the plant exchanges."

Established 95 years ago, the Takoma Park Horticultural Club is one of the oldest in the nation. It sponsors three plant exchanges per year, as well as workshops, lectures and trips to major gardens in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and includes 100 or so active members. Each pays a \$12 annual fee.

While lectures and trips are enjoyable, gardeners say there's nothing like getting their hands on new plants and in the soil. That's the point of a plant exchange—you clean out your beds, I clean out mine, and we'll make a trade.

"Everyone leaves the exchange with a smile on their face," said Karen Helfert, who had driven from Rockville to participate. "Last year, one woman came with a baby in a stroller, and when she left, the stroller was filled with plants and she was carrying the baby."

Takoma DC residents Madeline Caliendo and her husband Edward Constable walked away from this year's exchange with tomato plants, hosta, eggplant, an orchid, oregano, thyme, a native red cedar and Solomon seal. "We've got a large yard," Constable laughed.

Welcome to All

The crowd at the exchange ranged from beginning gardeners to certified master gardeners and a few professionals. All had joined the club for the same reasons: a love of gardening and a desire to connect with fellow horticulturalists.

"The more you garden, the more knowledge you accumulate, and the more you have to share with others," said Galati. "That's our philosophy, and it makes us very welcoming to new members."

"People are incredibly generous with their time and expertise. They want you to succeed," added Caliendo, who said she was a novice gardener when she joined seven years ago. She and Constable now have



The Takoma Park Horticulture Club's annual plant exchange draws dozens of gardening enthusiasts to trade everything from lilies to tomatoes. The club is one of the oldest in the nation.

Photos by Laurie Stepp



master gardener certifications.

Master gardener members (and there are quite a few) welcome newcomers with free garden walk-throughs, as well as responding to queries on the group's active listserv. Online, a person might post a photo of a bug invading her garden and ask how to handle it, or how to curb an invasive plant.

Sometimes, a gardener just wants friendly assurance that she's not doing anything wrong. "From conversations with club members, I've learned not to freak out when I've planted in 'dry shade' and the things I've planted have not spread as much as I'd hoped. Planting in shade is a common experience here, so people know how to handle it," said Diane Svenonius, editor of the club's newsletter.

The club sponsors events approximately once each month, and they cover a huge spectrum of gardening interests. In March, David Vismara, who coordinates community gardens for the Montgomery County Parks Department, visited for a Q&A. In April, club members led a workshop about how to create a bamboo trellis. A few weeks

later, they joined the Beltsville Garden Club on a day-trip to the Mt. Cuba Center and Gateway Nursery in Delaware.

May 15 was the plant exchange. On June 4, it's Garden Club Gala at Behnke Nursery in Beltsville, which will be followed on June 12 by a tour of four public gardens in Takoma Park. July will be a tour of local rainwater and stormwater projects, August will be a potluck, and September will be a presentation about plant diseases and insect problems by University of Maryland Prof. Michael Rapp.

"I belong to five horticulture clubs, and each one has its unique character. The Takoma Park club is very active and, as you'd expect, it has an environmental bent," said Anne Hardman, a Silver Spring resident who has been in the club for nearly a decade. She said that invasive plants are barred from the plant exchanges, and Horticulture Club members who also work with Friends of Sligo Creek have educated club members about stormwater runoff and rain gardens.

But Hardman said that the prevailing

ethos is cooperation, not confrontation. "Gardeners are nice people. People are incredibly generous with their time and expertise," said Hardman.

The club also is generous to the city. Its one fundraiser is an annual bulb sale at the Takoma Park StreetFest. After the sale, it donates unsold bulbs to the City of Takoma Park for planting in rights of way. The club also makes annual purchases of gardening books for the Takoma Park, Maryland, and Takoma, D.C., libraries.

"Donating the bulbs is a form of recycling. Nothing should go to waste," said Galati.

As if to prove her point, Galati ended the plant exchange by declaring open season on the remaining items. Within minutes, the last plants, books and pots had been scooped up by new owners. Not a leaf remained on the basketball court. "Everything is used by someone," said Galati. "I've been decorating my garden with rusty tools I've picked up at plant exchanges."

To learn more about the Horticulture Club, go to takomahort.org.



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TP Briefs

Volunteers Needed to Help Seniors Shop

Senior Connection in Montgomery County is looking for volunteers to escort senior residents to the grocery store, and help with reading product labels, reaching stock, handling carts and putting away groceries. Other volunteers can shop for individuals from their prepared grocery list, and put groceries away upon returning. Both opportunities provide companionship for community seniors, and involve a commitment of two to three hours a week for six to 12 months.

To volunteer or for additional information, contact Greg Muncill at 301-942-1049 or greg.muncill@seniorconnectionmc.org.

Takoma Park Kids Make Obama's Blog

Last month's Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge race made it onto First Lady Michele Obama's Blog (letsmove.gov/blog, see May 9). The race, a community event designed to encourage healthy habits and raise money for health, pedestrian and bike safety programs, was right in line with Obama's "Let's Move" campaign. "With its TK-PK5K Challenge, Takoma Park has itself an event that gets kids moving in order to raise money for a program that keeps kids moving," the blog read. "That's a recipe for a fun and healthy community." For more on the race, see page 11.

Community Center Counts on the Sun

Residents know the solar panels mounted on the Takoma Park Community Center roof are generating electricity and lowering the City's power bills. Now a computer script registers exactly how many kilowatt hours are produced. On one typical, sunny May day, City staff registered 6,808 watts from the panels.

Recycle Compact Fluorescents, Batteries in Old Town

While Takoma Park Public Works undergoes renovation at its facility on Oswego Avenue, residents can take their specialty recyclables to Takoma Ace Hardware. The store, at 7001 Carroll Ave. in Old Town, accepts compact fluorescent lightbulbs, batteries and mercury thermostats for recycling. These items should not be thrown out with the trash, as the heavy metals in them (mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel) are harmful to the environment and can leak out at landfills.

Ace will also refill printer ink cartridges, which keeps ink cartridges from cluttering the landfills and saves users money. Refills cost less than replacements.

The City of Takoma Park will continue its recycling program once the Public Works renovation is completed.

Tenants Can Protect Property with Renter's Insurance

By LINDA WALKER
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANAGER

If you are a renter, your personal belongings in your apartment may not be protected against loss or damage unless you have a renter's insurance policy. Can you afford to lose your personal possessions due to fire, theft, water or vandalism? Many tenants believe that a landlord's insurance will cover for these losses to personal property, but this is not the case.

If, for instance, damage to your apartment occurs because a pipe in the wall breaks, or a tenant upstairs left the water running, a landlord's insurance will cover the costs for the repair to the apartment structure itself, but not for the damage to your personal belongings, unless you can prove negligence on the part of the landlord.

Personal property protection can be obtained for as little as \$100 - \$150 per year. A policy may include protection against fire, lightning, water damage, vandalism, hail, windstorm, theft and personal liability losses.

es should a guest in your apartment injure themselves while visiting you. Many policies also cover for theft of personal property if your wallet or pocketbook is stolen.

The cost of a policy depends on a number of factors:

- What is the deductible or the amount you are responsible to pay for each claim? Higher deductibles would mean a lower priced insurance premium.
- What are the special limits on particular items you have in your apartment? For instance a piece of jewelry that is valued over \$1,000 may require a special rider to your policy. There are often limits of \$1,000 on jewelry and furs in a regular policy.
- Does the policy allow for replacement value of the property lost or does it cover for the depreciated value of the property? This is a very important aspect of an insurance policy that needs careful consideration.

- Does the policy cover for reasonable living expenses if you are unable to live in your apartment due to a covered loss?
- Are there discounts in the policy if your apartment has security devices such as a fire extinguisher or if you are located near a fire station?

Choose the best policy for your needs and definitely comparison shop. Take pictures of each room in your apartment so that you have a record of your possessions. Store this information in a safe place away from your apartment. Keep receipts for purchases such as electronics, furniture and expensive clothing, as you will have to prove to your insurance company what you had prior to the loss.

The Maryland Insurance Administration is the state agency that regulates the business of insurance in the State of Maryland. Check with their website at www.mdinsurance.state.md.us under the Consumer tab to make sure you are wisely selecting your insurance provider.

A tenant contacted the Mailbox regarding provisions in his lease that 1) require the payment of more than 5 percent for a late rent payment fee, 2) make him financially responsible for apartment repairs and 3) does not contain information regarding the tenant's right to renew, the city's Rent Stabilization Law or information regarding the amount of or return of his security deposit.



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

not transfer this responsibility to the tenant unless the landlord can show that damage to the unit was caused by negligence of the tenant.

Section 6.16.060 of the City's law describes the lease requirements for all City leases. Violations of this section may result in the issuance of separate municipal infractions in the amount of \$200 for each lease requirement violation. City landlords are encouraged to utilize the sample City lease which incorporates City Land-

lord-Tenant Law requirements. English and Spanish versions of the sample lease may be reviewed and printed at the City website, takomaparkmd.gov.

Tenants or landlords having questions regarding the City's landlord-tenant law are requested to call 301-891-7215 or email mosesw@takomagov.org.

Rents Reimbursed After 2011 Survey

In reviewing the 2010 rent reports submitted by landlords, and randomly surveying rents at various properties, the Office on Landlord-Tenant Affairs recently found that a number of tenants were being charged more than the allowable rent for their rental unit. The landlords were informed and rents were rolled back to allowable rates.

To date, tenants have been reimbursed \$16,432.24.

For additional information regarding the law or to request that the rents at a particular rental property be surveyed, residents can contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216 or jeank@takomagov.org.

You are Invited
to a class ...

Tenant Rights in Takoma Park



Wednesday, June 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.

Meet Your Neighbors!

Light Refreshments - RSVP-301-891-7215

TAKOMA Arts

Arts series includes a gender-conscious love story and a poetic collaboration

The We Are Takoma series presents a variety of performances, lectures and other cultural events at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium each month. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. This month's events are free of charge. For more information, call 301-891-7224.

Lesbians and the Men Who Love Them: How Maria Came In

A reading of a play by M. Cristina Garcia

Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

Women from Maria Alvarez's traditional Latino world leave home in one of two ways: married or in a coffin. Maria chooses neither and is the first person in her family to go to college. Her world is perfect: She has everything a lesbian activist could wish for until she meets Joe. Sparks fly and their romance begins. Maria, however, must keep the romance underground. How can a leading feminist activist like Maria tell her friends and the feminist community that she is in love with the "enemy," a man? Maria finds that there are no easy answers. Everywhere she turns, someone wants to define how she is supposed to live her life. This is the story of how Maria came in.

Pleasures of Collaboration: Poets, Dancers and Musicians at Play

Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

This evening of performance pieces combines dance, music and spoken word, and will give audience members the opportunity to contribute to a new work.

The show is the culmination of experiments in collaboration developed by a multi-talented group of artists from Maryland and Washington, D.C., during Collaboration Laboratory, the formative project of Anne Becker's tenure as Takoma Park poet laureate.

Over a six-week period, these artists, including Karren Alenier, Jodi Beder, Rima Faber, Craig Flaherty, Greta Ehrig, Kate Jordan, James Landry, Hannah Leatherbury, Ashira Malka, Sidney March, Shakaya McFarland, Kenneth Moss, Orit Sherman, Rosanne Singer, Patrick Stewart



Anne Becker, Takoma Park poet laureate, is organizing a collaboration of local artists.

and Ahron Taub, explored the layering of movement with the voices of humans and cello, keyboard, guitar, saxophone, flute and percussion.



Art Event Celebrates Muslim and Arab Women

Empowered Women International (EWI) presents the third annual "We the People Project," centered on the lives, art and cultures of Muslim and Arab women, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. June 11 at the Takoma Park Community Center. The one-day arts and cultural event combines a juried, mixed-media exhibition by eight Muslim and Arab women living in the Washington, D.C. area, films presented by 20,000 Dialogues, book presentations and panel discussions with activist Muslim women, artist demonstrations on Islamic ornamentation, Arabic calligraphy, textile arts, bookmaking and painting, and a one-woman show, "Unveiled," by Pakistani-born artist, Rohina Malik. The performance starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15. All other events are free, and open to the public.

Muslim women all over the world and throughout time have been and continue to be engaged leaders, educators and activists in their communities. Their voices, however, are not always heard. And although many Muslim women living in the United States are extraordinary artists, writers and entrepreneurs, their stories often remain untold.

One example is Muslim novelist Jameela Alter, the author of "On Clipped Wings." A writer, artist and Montessori teacher in Bowie, Md., she has written an uncensored account of her personal experiences growing up in India as a Muslim woman, questioning religion and challenging rules she never understood. Alter will talk about her book and sign copies as part of the We the People Project.

The visual art exhibit, Speak Your Mind: The Art, Stories and Cultures of Arab and Muslim Women, juried by artist, activist and writer Tom Block, also reveals the Muslim woman's experience, documenting through paintings and photography the lives of immigrant and refugee women, exploring issues of integration and identity, and striving to build dialogue, respect and multicultural understanding about Islam and the global community. The exhibit runs from June 1 - 25 at the Galleries of Takoma Park Community Center.

For more information about We the People, see ewiwepeople.wordpress.com/cultural-festival-june-11th.

This project has been made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, with the City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, Pyramid Atlantic and the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

Speak Your Mind: The Art, Stories and Cultures of Arab and Muslim Women
11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (free)

Film Festival presented by 20,000 Dialogues
11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (free)

Artists Talk and Book Presentation
3:30 - 5 p.m. (free)

Artists reception
5 - 5:45 p.m. (free)

"Unveiled" one-woman show, Rohina Malik
6 - 7:30 p.m. (\$15)

Takoma Park Celebrates Jazz at 16th Annual JazzFest

A variety of well-known and newer performers will fill downtown Takoma with a full day of music and festivities at the 16th Annual Takoma Park JazzFest, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5 on Carroll Avenue between Willow and Tulip.

Headliners on the Willow Street Stage are New York-based guitar virtuoso Frank Vignola, and Takoma Park's own Chuck Redd. At the Gazebo, the Grammy-winning AfroBop Alliance Band will take the stage.

Ten other performances range from



Frank Vignola

also perform. More than 60 craft and other vendors, food booths and prize

local high school jazz groups, jazz vocalists and Latin jazz. Special guest and Takoma Park favorite Ruthie and the Wranglers will

drawings will keep festival-goers busy between acts.

For musicians, one-hour master classes with Vignola and Redd will be held at 1 and 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Fellowship Community Hall, 712 Tulip Ave. Classes are free and open to all aspiring musicians as well as music fans who will be able to see, hear, ask questions and learn techniques from professional musicians up close and personal.

For more information, see tpjazzfest.org or call 301-585-8228.

reCYCLE Art of Bike Project Rolls Forward

New sculptures made of bicycle parts will be rolling into Takoma Park this month, as the reCYCLE Art of the Bike Project is installed.

The concept, to create public art from mostly bicycle parts, is designed to highlight the art, bicycling and recycling culture of Takoma Park. Seven sculptures were commissioned by the Old Takoma Business Association, and will be mounted along the sidewalks of

Carroll Avenue to create a self-guided walking tour. Once installed, the art will remain in place for five months,



then be auctioned off to the public at the Takoma Park Street Festival on Oct. 2.

Artists, who were chosen by a five-person jury of specialists including artists, an engineer, a museum consultant and an historian, are mostly local. They are: Sculptor Howard Connelly of Silver Spring (two sculptures), Montgomery College sculpture student Richard Lorr (two sculptures), Takoma Park artists Alison Baker and

James Colwell (one sculpture each) and San Diego artist Robert Wertz. reCYCLE is the brainchild of Tako-

ma Park resident Laura Barclay, who works with the City to promote the Old Town business area. Barclay saw a similar project while on vacation in Belfast, Maine and was inspired to bring it home. With support from the Old Town Business Association, Barclay solicited funding, put out a call to artists, recruited a jury and obtained permits for public art. The project is financed by grants from the Takoma Foundation and the City's Small Community Grant Program, and with support from the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op, Mark's Kitchen, Pyramid Atlantic, Franca Brilliant and Seth Grimes as well as Heritage Building and Renovation and Leda Black.

June

Recreation

Fun Day Program

For June 16 school closure
Ages 5 – 12

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. Bring a bathing suit, towel and snack. Trip is subject to change. Space is limited, sign up early. Please mark down your child's swimming ability in the "special considerations" section on the registration form.
1 – 6 p.m., June 16
MLK Outdoor Pool
TP residents \$25
Non-residents \$35

Tremendous Trips

Ages 6 – 12 (in Grade 1 starting September 2011)
Each day offers a different experience. Minimum enrollment must be met.
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., June 20 – 24
Monday, Bowling, College Park and Wheaton Regional Park
Tuesday, Clark Elioak Farm Petting Zoo, Pond Habitat, Garden Tour
Wednesday, Water Park Adventure Volcano Island
Thursday, B&O Railroad Museum and train ride
Friday, Gaithersburg Water Park
TP resident \$40/trip
Non-resident \$50/trip

Rookie Sports Camp

Ages 3 - 5
Have the little ones join us for a week of fun activities including T-ball, soccer, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand-eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. Our goal is to teach boys and girls to enjoy playing for the sake of the sport itself. No experience necessary to participate. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Maximum 20, minimum 12.

Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary)
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Session 1, June 27 – July 1
Session 2, July 11 – 15
Session 3, Aug. 1 – 5
TP resident \$80/session
Non-resident \$100/session

Camp Takoma

Ages 6 – 12 (in Grade 1 starting September 2011)
Explore a new adventure with games, crafts, activities, trips and presenters related to the theme for the week. The fee for camp includes swimming, a camp T-shirt and trips. No camp on July

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TP Community Center
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 27 – July 1, Rock Star Week
July 5 – 8**, Space Week
July 11 – 15, Pirate Week
July 18 – 22, Wild, Wild West Week
July 25 – 29, Mystery and Magic Week
Aug.1 – 5, Circus Week
Aug.8 – 12, Wet and Wild Water Week
Weeks 1, 3-7
TP resident \$130
Non-resident \$150
**Week 2
TP resident \$110
Non-resident \$130

CAMP TAKOMA ONLY Receive week two free when you register for all seven weeks

Visual Art Camp

Ages 11 – 14
Sharpen your drawing skills with a different theme each week by exploring new materials and exercising your imagination with inspiring art projects. Two hours of drawing in the morning using a variety of tools, followed by two hours of painting and/or collage and assemblage in the afternoon. Media such as watercolor painting, sumi-e, mixed media painting, texture and found-object assemblage. Trips to the pool, art-related movies, access to the game room and outdoor art adventures are included. All materials included. Maximum 12, minimum eight. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman.

Art Room, TP Community Center
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Session 1, June 20 - 24
Session 2, June 27 - July 1
Session 3, July 11 – 15
TP resident \$280/session
Non-resident \$310/session

Golf Camp

Ages 9 - 12
This specialty camp teaches golf technique and enhances skills, focusing on fundamentals, strategy, practice techniques and course etiquette/management. The goal is to ensure that each camper is safe, builds skills and knowledge of golf and comes away with a memorable and fun experience. When they are not learning about golf, their day will be filled with games, outdoor play and game room fun. A swimming trip and special guest round out this camp. Maximum 13, minimum five.

TP Community Center
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Session 1, June 27 – July 1
Session 2, July 11 – 15
TP resident \$160/session
Non-resident \$190/session



Despite two rain postponements, the Spring Egg Hunt finally took place, and featured face painting by Rain Young this year.

Photo by Gregory Clark

On Stage- Center Stage

Ages 6 - 9
Acting, singing and dancing! Work on creating and developing characters, exploring improv, learning and rehearsing scenes, learning songs, blocking/choreographing musical numbers, getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology and building props/costumes. Perform storybook theatre, scene work and work on at least three musical numbers from a Broadway show. Camp will end with a revue show so parents can see what we've been working on. Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product. \$15 materials fee includes CDs, lyrics and supplies. Maximum 15, minimum 10. Instructor Gretchen Weigel.
Auditorium, TP Community Center
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Aug. 1 – 5
TP resident \$240
Non-resident \$270

Video Producer Camp

Ages 12 - 16
Campers will produce a Public Service Announcement (PSA) from scratch, guided through each step of the process, implementing professional production techniques along the way. Imagination and creativity will be encouraged as each producer finalizes a project. Every camper will have the opportunity to work behind and in front of the camera, direct a scene, write a short script, edit video and discuss their involvement in front of a live audience at Viewing Day. Campers' final PSA videos will be broadcast on City TV. A swimming trip, special guest, outdoor play and game room round out this camp Maximum 14, minimum six.

Multi Media Lab, TP Community Center
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
July 25 – 29
TP resident \$180
Non-resident \$210

Teens On The Move

Ages 13 - 16
A balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development, Teens On The Move reinforces independence and allows teens to have a voice in the decision making process. Daily emphasis will be placed on exercising through sports, nutrition and team building while having fun in a challenging but safe environment. Includes the opportunity to earn SSL hours and take part in a variety of productive activities.
T Zone, TP Community Center
Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 pm
Week 1, July 5 - 8
Week 2, July 11 - 15
Week 3, July 18 - 22
TP resident \$120/Week
Non-resident \$140/Week

Super Sports Camp

Ages 6 – 9 and 10 - 12
In addition to traditional sports, this camp exposes campers to new activities, helps them develop recreational skills and promotes social growth. A variety of sport, leisure and educational activities are included. Participants will be separated by age. No experience necessary to participate. Camp will conclude with sport challenges and game competitions. A swimming trip, special guest, outdoor play and game room round out this camp. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Maximum 20, minimum 12.
Hodges Field (Behind TP Elementary)
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ages 6 – 9, July 18 – 22
Ages 10 – 12, July 25 – 29
Ages 6 – 9, Aug. 8 – 12
TP resident \$160/session
Non-resident \$190/session

Taekwondo – PLEASE NOTE NEW DAYS AND TIMES

Ages 5 and older

Silver Foxes For Active Adults Over 55

Historic Downtown Frederick Tour

Ages 55 and older

Join a professional tour guide for a bus ride tour of downtown Frederick, Maryland. The guided tour highlights the history of Frederick County, Maryland, from the Colonial period, through the Civil War, to the present day, and includes descriptions of important historic buildings and sites. After the tour participants are free to explore on foot the many shops, galleries and restaurants in downtown Frederick. Bring spending money for lunch and shopping. Wear comfortable walking shoes and walk as little or as much as you like in town. Frederick, Md

9 a.m. – 4 p.m., June 8

\$5 on June 8

Registration deadline June 3

National Harbor

Ages 55 and older

Stroll along the outdoor promenade. Walk to a variety of shops and restaurants within this spectacular waterfront community. Bring spending money for shopping and to buy lunch in a restaurant of your choice. Warm weather, dress appropriately for comfort. Stores are air-conditioned. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Call 301-891-7280 to register. National Harbor, Md

9 a.m. – 3 p.m., June 24

Free

Registration deadline and form due June 17.

Active Adventures

Miniature Golf

Ages 55 and older

Join us for an entertaining round of miniature golf at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Bohrer Park's fun and "challenging" miniature golf course is set in a beautifully landscaped park with waterfalls, streams and ponds. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center. Transportation is provided at no cost for seniors. Pick up at Franklin

Apartments, Maplevue Apartments and Victory Tower only. Registration required, call 301-891-7280. Maximum 10 participants.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m., June 29

\$5 senior rate, on June 21.

Registration deadline June 16

Big Birthday Bash

Ages 55 and older

If it's your birthday this season, bring friends for a birthday celebration with cake, ice cream, well wishes and fun. Each season the seniors honor the birthdays that fall into a three month period. The spring party will celebrate April, May and June birthdays. Drop-in. Registration not required.

Senior Room, TP Community Center
12:30 – 2 p.m., June 17 - Free

RECREATION

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The Korean martial art of Taekwondo promotes fitness and strength in a fun and social environment. Taekwondo (foot-hand-way) is known for beautiful and powerful kicks. Students learn self defense and practice drills, forms and sparring. The Tenets of Taekwondo – courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit – are emphasized. Adults are welcome to register with their child. There is a one-time fee paid to the instructor at the first class (nonrefundable) for uniform (\$40 children, \$50 for adult). Nine weeks. Instructor Lois Schoenbrun.

Dance Room, TP Community Center
Thursdays, 6 – 7 p.m.

June 23 – Aug. 25

No class June 30, July 7, 21, Aug. 8.

TP Resident \$65

Non-Resident \$75

or

Saturdays, 1 – 2 p.m.

June 25 – Aug. 20

No class July 2, 23, 30.

TP Resident \$65

Non-Resident \$75

or

Thursdays and Saturdays

June 23 – Aug. 20

TP Resident \$110

Non-Resident \$130

T-Ball Program

Grades K- 1 (*must be 5yrs old by June 11)*

The goal of this coed program is to emphasize learning and to expand new skills, participation and fun. The T-Ball program is a safe introduction to the game of baseball. The ball is hit off a stand (tee) instead of being pitched. The main purpose is to teach girls and boys the basics of baseball in a positive environment. Your child only needs a baseball glove and sneakers to participate, the Recreation Department will provide t-shirts and all other equipment. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, contact Lew McAllister at lewm@takomagov.org. Mandatory coaches meeting June 1.

Belle Ziegler, Lee Jordan and Hodges



The "Play Lady," Pat Rumbaugh, volunteers to teach tennis to seniors.

Photo by Eric Rasch

fields

Saturday mornings

June 11 – Aug. 6

TP Resident \$55*

Non-Resident \$65

No games July 2.

*A special \$15 rate is available to TP residents who can provide proof of enrollment in the free or reduced meals or similar financial assistance program.

Basic Puppy Obedience

Puppies six months and younger

Socialize your puppy and begin training basic obedience commands. You will learn how to teach your dog sit, down, come, stay and stand. Learn loose leash walking and husbandry. Problem behaviors such as nipping, barking and jumping will be addressed. Must have proof of rabies vaccine. Six weeks. Minimum five, maximum 12.

Heffner Community Center

Session 2, July 16 – August 20

Saturdays, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Session 3, July 26 – August 30

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

TP resident \$85/session

Non-resident \$105/session

Basic Dog Obedience

Dogs six months and older

Teach your dog basic obedience and expand on any commands they already know, cover problem behaviors such as nipping, barking, jumping, lunging and digging. Learn loose leash walking, heel, distance stop, directional commands and tricks. Must have proof of rabies vaccine. This class is not appropriate for aggressive dogs. Six weeks. Minimum five, maximum 12.

Heffner Community Center

Tuesdays, 8 – 9 p.m.

Session 3, July 26 – August 30

Saturdays, 3 – 4 p.m.

Session 2, July 16 – August 20

TP resident \$85/session

Non-resident \$105/session

July 4th Wiffle Ball Tournament

The Takoma Park Recreation Committee is partnering with the Fourth of July Committee to present its Second Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament, an activity that fills the time between the parade and the fireworks. All skill levels are welcome. Teams of family members and friends can register in advance or on July 4 at the field. Modified rules. Maximum of five players on the field at the same time.

Lee Jordan Field

Monday, July 4, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

July 4

\$10 per team (minimum five players)

Family Wiffle Ball League

This childhood classic is played with a 9" plastic ball and a 32" plastic bat. Teams can be made up of entire families or a mix of friends and neighbors. Organize your own team and challenge your Takoma Park neighbors. No major league skills required, just major league excitement. Teams are composed of youth and adults. Modified rules. Maximum five players on field at one time.

Lee Jordan Field

Sundays, 5 – 8 p.m.

July 10 – Aug. 7

\$30 per team (minimum of five players per team)

Y.E.S. LEAGUE 2011

Grades 5 - 6, 7 - 8, 9 - 10, 11 - 12 (Must be entering grade in fall 2011)

In the one and only Takoma Park "Youth Exposed to Success" Basketball League, teams will be guaranteed eight games, and every player will receive a Y.E.S. League jersey. Trophies will be handed out to the playoff champs.

Piney Branch Elementary School

Grades 5 - 6

Regular Season

June 20 – July 25

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Playoffs Aug. 1 and 8

Grades 7 - 8

Regular Season

June 21 – July 26

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Playoffs Aug. 2 and 9

Grades 9 - 10

Regular Season

June 22 – July 27

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Playoffs Aug. 3 and 10

Grades 11 - 12

Regular Season

June 23 – July 28

6:30- 9:30 p.m.

Playoffs Aug. 4 and 11

TP residents \$30*

Non-residents \$40

*A special \$15 rate is available to Takoma Park residents who can provide proof of enrollment in the free or reduced meals or similar financial assistance program.

TAKOMA PARK LIBRARY CALENDAR

Registration required for some events, as indicated in listing. Register online at takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 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
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

Conversations:

A Family Poetry Program

Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m.
Come join local poets Elizabeth Rees and Rosanne Singer for a parent-child poetry program.
Best for ages 5 up;
Registration is required.

Bedtime Stories

Monday, June 6, 7 p.m.
Come in p.j.s, bring your teddy bear or other stuffed favorites as we read some stories and sing some songs and rhymes in this half-hour program. Perfect for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their grown-ups.

Comics Jam

Wednesday, June 8, 4 p.m.
Kids, come read comics on the big screen with our graphic novel guru, David Burbank.
No registration.

Summer Quest Kick-Off

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.
Join us as we kick off this year's "Summer Quest" program.
No registration required.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 7:45 p.m.
In the Library.

GET THE WORD OUT!

The City of Takoma Park is now on Twitter and Facebook! Keep up to date on events, news and other community info. It's a great opportunity to get the word out about your own events as well: just send an email to craigt@takomagov.org.

Help us build an on-line community that supports arts and culture right here in Takoma Park!

<http://twitter.com/TakomaParkMD>

<http://facebook.com/TakomaParkMD>

Summer Quest Reading Launches: Readers Ready to Go Down the Drain

By KAREN MACPHERSON

For nearly two decades, the Takoma Park Maryland Library has offered a unique summer reading program called "Summer Quest." Thanks to our Friends of the Library group, we are the only library in Maryland to create our own summer reading program each year.

"Summer Quest," is written and illustrated by Library Assistant Dave Burbank, who also is known as a graphic novel guru, a Dungeons and Dragons wizard and an artist extraordinaire.

Each year, Burbank develops a new adventure story, complete with choices that young readers must make along the way, then creates an illustrated game board to go with it. Summer Quest participants begin our program by choosing and naming a character as their "game token," and then advance along the game board by reading the Summer Quest story and completing the 10 reading challenges embedded in it.

This year's theme is "Summer Quest Goes Down the Drain." As always, the story is written in second-person, "you are there" style. The story begins in the bathtub and readers will have several intriguing choices to make as they journey underground through a maze of pipes.

Our Summer Quest program will kick off with a brief introductory program on Monday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. But young

readers can start the program at any time during the summer.

As they begin the program, participants are given a copy of the story and a game board to take home, plus a smaller copy of the character they chose as their game token. Burbank also creates a giant game board over the picture books in the Library's Children's Room; we move the larger version of participant's characters along this game board as they complete each reading challenge.

To make our Summer Quest program fun for young readers, we offer open-ended reading choices, such as "read a book by an author whose last name begins with the same letter as your last name," "read a challenging book," "read a red book," and "read a book that shows you how to make or do something, then make or do it." It's summer, after all, and reading shouldn't be a chore!

All kinds of books count in our program, including audio books. There's also no age limit to our program and we encourage parents of very young children to participate by reading books aloud to their little ones. Adults without children also are welcome to use our reading challenges as a way to inject a bit of whimsy into their own summer reading. The only rule of our Summer Quest program is that books must be checked out of our Library to count towards our reading challenges.

Each Summer Quest participant decides how they want to tackle our program. Some want to finish as quickly as possible, while others choose to read thick books and take their time. Some like to amass lots of extra game points by reading lots of books.

Summer Quest concludes with a gala party, scheduled for early September. At the party, we'll eat cupcakes, drink lemonade and talk about what books we liked – and didn't like. Best of all, everyone goes home with free books.

Last year, our Summer Quest program set new records, both in the number of participants, and in the number of books read. More than 250 kids signed up, and Summer Quest participants read 1,551 books last summer.

While Summer Quest participants have fun reading to move along the game board, they're also doing something important: preventing "summer slide." Research has shown that children who don't read during the summer lose some key academic gains they made during the previous school year.

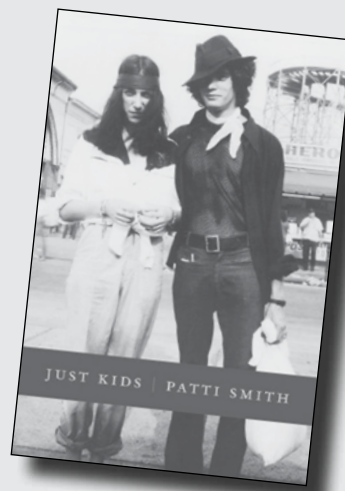
In fact, one 2007 study showed that two-thirds of the 9th grade reading achievement gap can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities during the elementary school years. Public library programs, such as our Summer Quest, are one solution.

Patti Smith Featured in Friends Reading Group

The Friends Reading Group will get to know Patti Smith through her book, "Just Kids," which won the 2010 National Book Award for nonfiction. The book group meeting will be July 28 at 7:30 p.m. and will include discussion of Smith's poetry as well.

"Just Kids," a semi-autobiographical memoir by poet-songwriter-rock musician Smith, focuses on her 20-year relationship with the controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, who died of AIDS in 1989.

In a scrupulously detailed account of their friendship and hardscrabble existence in New York during the '70s and '80s, before either became famous, Smith describes encounters with luminaries such as Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Grace Slick, Sam Shepard, Allen Ginsberg,



Andy Warhol and Salvador Dali.

Self-described soul mates and lovers, Smith and Mapplethorpe were committed to taking care of one another, and

shared the smallest room in the Chelsea Hotel in a time of bohemian ascendancy and cultural and political ferment.

Critic Janet Maslin wrote: "It's possible to come away from 'Just Kids' with an intact image of the title's childlike kindred spirits who listened to Tim Hardin's delicate love songs, wondered if they could afford the extra 10 cents for chocolate milk and treasured each geode, tambourine or silver skull they shared, never wanting what they couldn't have or unduly caring what the future might bring. If it sometimes sounds like a fairy tale, it also conveys a heartbreakingly clear idea of why Smith is entitled to tell one" (New York Times).

Copies of "Just Kids" are available at the Takoma Park Library. All are welcome at Friends Reading Group discussions.



LIBRARY Briefs

■ Parents and children are invited to participate in a poetry program offered on Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m. by local poets Rosanne Singer and Liz Rees. "Conversations" involves parents and children working together to create dialogues between

surprising speakers – a peanut and shell, a button and buttonhole, etc. Participants also will create accompanying artwork. This program is best for ages five and up; registration is required. To register, go to takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

■ The monthly "Comics Jam," Wednesday, June 8, at 4 p.m., is led by Library Assistant Dave Burbank. Participants read comics together on the big screen, using the ELMO overhead projector purchased by the Friends of the Library, and each is encouraged to bring comics they'd like to read. Burbank ends the program by draw-

ing "on demand" from drawing requests from participants, who can watch the art take shape on the big screen. No registration necessary. To register, go to takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

■ Kids can make a special card for Dad or Teacher on Wednesday, June 15, from 6:30-8 p.m. The Library will provide materials, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library; participants provide the creativity! Registration required: go to takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

Haiduven

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sions among Recreation Committee members, who were asked by the City Manager for their input. Other desired qualities include experience with a highly engaged community, volunteer management, teen motivation, and the distinctive nature of a community that includes traditional as well as non-traditional recreation (such as arts activities, and leadership programs for youth).

As Haiduven prepares to leave the department she helped shape, she says that, although she will miss Takoma Park, she's also looking forward to pursuing an entirely different lifestyle. She is being treated for breast cancer, and though her prognosis is good, facing the disease has inspired her to "put my dreams in motion." Living in a more rural area, surrounded by 15 acres of land, is part of that.



Recreation staff love Haiduven's sense of humor. Here, she poses as a fallen swan for Halloween.

Photo by Recreation Department

Accomplishments

By all accounts, the Recreation Department was a dramatically different place when Haiduven became director in 2001. The Community Center was just the Municipal Building, with little space for programming. Now, after major renovation, it includes a game room, teen space, dance studio, art facilities and a basketball court, all managed by Recreation. There is new programming for seniors—everything from country line dancing to birthday parties and trips to historic sites. Sports programs have expanded, and now include drop-in activities like kickball, field hockey, street hockey and soccer. Participation in "Fun Days," during school breaks, is at record levels. Winter basketball and Y.E.S. summer ball are thriving, and the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue is now "bustling with people," says Haiduven.

"Before Debra arrived, a lot of people felt uneasy about the quality of the recreation

programs," says Howard Kohn, a long-time resident and member of the Recreation Committee. "Would they just be glorified babysitting? Debra removed all those doubts. I venture to say that everyone gets a quality experience these days."

Indeed, there is now a waiting list for the after-school program. "Children are not being warehoused," says Haiduven. "They're being enriched."

Challenges

Acknowledging the negative image the department once had, Haiduven says that has taken a lot of time to overcome, and she has had to defend the current program as well. Although it has fared well in resident surveys, Recreation is frequently scrutinized by City Council, especially last year, when Council considered replacing staff with volunteers. Many staffers and residents came forward to defend the department, and the issue was dropped.

Haiduven touts the department as highly

professional and responsive to community needs, and notes with pride the heartfelt gratitude of individuals enrolled in its programs. Young people who have grown and moved away have returned to thank her for providing the support they needed through adolescence, and older folks have written letters to thank her for senior programming.

Leicia Monfort, who grew up in the department, says she has witnessed first hand the department's positive impact under Haiduven's leadership. "I know that the Recreation Department has influenced the lives of others ... because of the feedback we receive, whether [from] a senior who used to walk with a walker and after taking the Bone Builders class for several weeks or months no longer needs assistance, or a child who at first was believed to have trouble with aggression and socialization [and] now can't seem to make enough friends," she says. Monfort attended the Department's summer camps as a child, became

a recreation aide at 15 and is now an administrative assistant. "Takoma Park Recreation Department has truly lived up to its motto of 'Building Community Through Recreation,'" she says.

City Manager Barbara Matthews agrees, and credits Haiduven for recent successes, listing her role in establishing Community Center programming, her work on an up-and-coming skate park, and the revitalization of the Recreation Center, now "a true neighborhood gathering place." She also praises Haiduven for her fiscal acumen, restructuring and reducing staff while increasing programs and revenue. And she notes Haiduven's personal touch: "I can't begin to count the number of times I have seen a young person hug 'Miss Debra,'" says Matthews, who notes that her "sense of caring" extends to seniors and other Recreation Department users as well as staff.

As for Haiduven, she says she will miss all those people, and most especially the children. "I learned so much from them," she says.

The City of Takoma Park requires that you renew your parking permits prior to July 1 every year. Registration begins Wednesday, June 1

There is no grace period and tickets will be written for expired permits after June 30. To ease the process and to encourage early registration, the Police Department offers permits by mail, as well as in-person purchasing. Residents should complete the following form, and drop it off or mail it in with payment to TPPD, Permit Parking, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Permit-Area Parking (please print legibly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Takoma Park State: MD Zip Code: _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

A photocopy of the *current* registration card for *each* vehicle is attached.
A photocopy of the *current* Driver's License for at least one resident is attached.

A 50 percent discount for hybrid or all-electric vehicle applies to Vehicle(s) # _____ below.

Vehicle #1 _____(license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

Vehicle #2 _____(license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

Vehicle #3 _____(license plate #) One-year permit (\$12.50) Two-year permit (\$20)

List additional vehicles on a separate sheet. Current registration showing the address in the permit parking area must be attached for each.

Two Visitor Permits will be included per household that purchases a permit.
Return this form with payment to TPPD, Permit Parking, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md 20912. Permits will be mailed within three business days of receipt.

TPPD USE ONLY: Area 1 Area 1A Area 2 Area 2A Area 3 Area 4 Area 5

- Parking permits for designated permit-parking areas expire on June 30.
- Permits by mail are for residences only, with a \$1 charge for mailing and handling.
- In-person purchasing is required for businesses and for Area B permits.
- Residents should complete the attached form and return it, with payment, to the Police Department. Photocopies of the current vehicle registration card for *each* vehicle and a driver's license for at least one owner must be submitted with this form. Attachments must show a current Takoma Park address in the requested permit area. Include day and evening phone numbers in case any questions arise in processing.
- A decal and year sticker for each registered vehicle will be mailed back within three business days of receipt. Two visitor parking permits will be included for each address.
- Businesses in the permit areas should submit the names of employees on company letterhead with their request. Not more than three employee permits are allowed. A home-based business must show evidence of a currently-operated business, which is current on payment of personal property taxes.
- A 50 percent discount is offered to hybrid or all-electric vehicles.
- Nine Area B permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis to residents living more than .75 miles from the Takoma Metro station. Registration for these permits will be accepted beginning June 30.
- Questions regarding permit parking can be answered at 301-891-7102, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

POLICE Briefs



From left, D/Pfc Joseph Butler, administrator Lakya Coles and Corporal Michelle Holmes were honored at the recent police awards for their service to the Takoma Park Police Department.

Photo by Virginia Myers

Teamwork Key for Award-Winning Police Personnel

The Takoma Park Police Department named two Officers of the Year and one Civilian of the Year who will be recognized at its award ceremony June 10. Each will be recognized for outstanding service.

Detective Private First Class Joseph Butler

When he started out as a patrol officer 13 years ago, D/Pfc Joseph Butler admits he was intimidated by the difficult job of his colleagues, the police investigators. Now, he's taken on the job himself.

For his teamwork, persistence and success in taking felons off the streets, Butler was awarded Officer of the Year. Assigned 94 cases over the course of 2010, including robbery, burglary, sexual assault and child abuse, he had a 55 percent closure rate and 52 arrests – a “major accomplishment,” says Chief Ronald Ricucci, for a first-year investigator. Of particular note was Butler's success in solving a string of burglaries, targeting three suspects after they used a victim's credit card.

Butler credits the department's teamwork for his success, and says he enjoys putting the pieces of the puzzle together to solve a crime. “When you get a conviction, that's the icing on the cake,” he says. His work with victims has also had a big impact: as a patrol officer, he was not responsible for following through on cases. As an investigator, he gets the whole picture, interviewing victims and seeing them relive traumatic experiences. “You see the hurt. You see the pain. You see the suffering,” he says. Then, he adds, he has the satisfaction of finding the perpetrator: “You can show them, this is the guy who did it.”

Working in Takoma Park has been es-

pecially rewarding, says Butler, who has become more open-minded since joining the criminal investigation division. “You really can't put people in a certain diagram,” he says. “It's opened my mind to different cultures and religions.”

Over the last 14 years, attending class part time, Butler has earned a college degree and is currently enrolled in a master's program in religion.

Corporal Michelle Holmes

Michelle Holmes has seen it all: as an officer with the Baltimore City Housing Police Department in the late 1980s and early 1990s, she was immersed in a world of guns, drugs and assault that resembled television shows like *Homicide*, *The Corner* and *The Wire*.

But, she says, “I'm not in my 20s anymore,” and she is happy to have come to Takoma Park in 2001, when the housing department force merged with Baltimore police. Now, after ten years as a patrol and two as corporal, Holmes is a traffic cop.

“I love what I do,” she says. “It's never boring. It's the kind of job that if you don't like what you're doing today, wait until tomorrow.”

Holmes was named Officer of the Year for her diligent work in traffic enforcement: she has issued nearly 3,000 state citations, 105 warnings, 405 City citations, 112 safety equipment repair orders, 545 reports and handled 540 calls for service. The majority of serious traffic collisions have fallen to her, and she has worked closely with Safe Routes to School, in preventive education and safety programs.

She is the City's only full-time traffic officer.

Holmes has always been interested in law enforcement, she says, and its un-

predictable nature. “You could go into a routine call, and find out [the subject] is wanted for rape. You just never know.” She enjoys the self-initiated nature of her work in traffic, and encountering the cultural diversity of the community. Her work involves checking in at a dozen different areas for traffic enforcement, responding to requests for service. By far, the most common traffic violation is speeding, she says: “There's a lot of complete disregard for traffic laws,” she said.

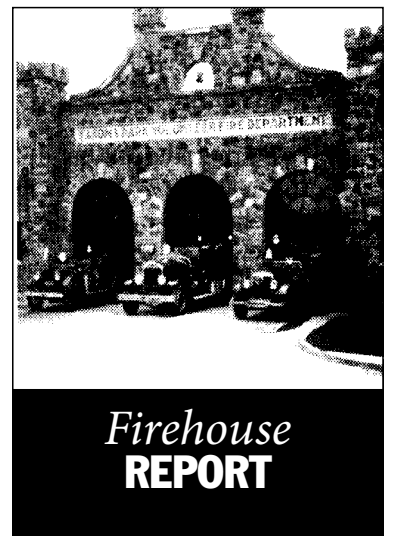
Holmes credits a supportive department for her success, especially the chief, who, she says, has the respect of both the officers and the community.

Administrator Lakya Coles

Lakya Coles studied criminal justice, passed her officer test, and thought she'd become a patrol – but at the time, there were no positions available, so she went into administration. Now, she thinks that's a better place for her.

Named Civilian of the Year, she was honored for contributing to department morale and for her dedication to the variety of tasks she is assigned. Among them: payroll, finger-printing, ordering office supplies and filling in with communications. She especially enjoys supervising the City's seven crossing guards, and sometimes crosses school children herself. “I love getting to know our residents,” she says. She also helps collect and process evidence for crime scene investigations (CSI), another highlight among her responsibilities.

Coles, who had a grandfather and an uncle who were police officers, says, “I grew up thinking I'm going to help people, I want to make a difference.” Now, she can't imagine being anywhere else.



BY JIM JARBOE

As of April 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 246 fire-related incidents. The department addressed or assisted with 959 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 1,205 this year. Totals for 2010 were 255 and 1,080 respectively, for a total of 1,335, representing a decrease of 130 incidents.

Older people are at special risk for death and injury from fires.

To protect yourself and those you care about, follow these seven tips:

1. **Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms.** Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

2. **Use Smoking Materials Safely.** Never smoke in bed, while drowsy, or while under the influence of medication or alcohol. Use large, deep ashtrays for smoking debris, and let the contents cool before you dispose of them.

3. **Pay Attention to Your Cooking.** Keep pot handles turned inward, and keep cooking surfaces and surrounding areas free from clutter and grease build-up. Use pot holders and oven mitts. Never lean over a hot burner and avoid wearing loose clothing with flowing sleeves while cooking. Take a reminder with you (or set a timer) if you must leave the kitchen with food cooking on the range top.

4. **Heat Your Home Safely.** Keep combustibles and anything that can burn or melt away from all heaters, furnaces, fireplaces and water heaters. Never use a range or oven to heat your home.

5. **Practice Electrical Safety.** Never overload the electrical system. Plug each appliance directly into its own outlet and avoid using extension cords. Install and maintain electrical appliances according to the manufacturer's instructions.

6. **Keep Matches and Lighters Away from Children.** Store matches and lighters up high, away from the reach of grandchildren or other youngsters. Make sure lighters are child-resistant.

7. **Know What to Do in Case of Fire.** Practice two ways out of every room in your home. Get out as soon as you discover a fire; do not try to fight the fire. Once out of the house, stay out; do not attempt to enter a burning home to gather possessions or pets left behind. Immediately dial 9-1-1 for help, preferably from a neighbor's house.



Carla Bourne, of Burtsonville, high-fives a young fan at the Safe Routes 5K Challenge. More than 700 people registered for the event, raising \$19,000 for PTAs to spend on pedestrian safety and health-related programming.

Photo by Marnie Brown

5K Draws a Crowd for Safety and Health

By LUCY NEHER

The crowd gasped as a tiny two-year-old darted onto the race course near the finish line. Carter Dougherty, his father, was finishing strong, shaving seconds off his time. Out of the corner of his eye, his son's red hair flashed and just in time, he reached down and scooped up the little fan. Father and son crossed the finish line together, much to the delight of the cheering crowd.

This was just one of the many significant moments that made the third annual Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge a success. Later, father and son switched places as Caio Dougherty, age 2, charged across the quarter-mile finish line while Dad cheered.

Kids from Takoma Park, East Silver Spring, Piney Branch and Rolling Terrace Elementary Schools joined the Dougherties

with their classmates, parents, school staff and neighbors to run at the May 1 event, an annual run scheduled for the first Sunday of May each year. The 5K Challenge is a joint effort of the Safe Routes to School program and the PTAs at each school.

The race is the culmination of in-school programs that prepare the students for Race Day. At Piney Branch and East Silver Spring elementary schools, running clubs meet weekly to train and learn about health and safety. This year, the entire Contreras-Grassi family signed up, including seven-year-old Marco, who completed the 5K in just under 30 minutes.

In addition to organizing a popular community event, Safe Routes uses the 5K Challenge as a fundraiser for pedestrian safety and health education at the four participating schools. More than two dozen sponsors included a number of local businesses as well as Whole Foods Silver

Spring, which donated 5 percent of sales on April 14 to the event. Volunteers also contributed heavily, running everything from set-up to refreshments, photography and water stations.

The finish line featured a safety fair, new this year, including the Safe Kids Montgomery van, a yoga stretch/cool down area courtesy of Willow Street Yoga, and a performance by the local Morris Dancers as well as refreshments, music and swag from the Takoma Park Police, WSSC, Safe Routes to School, Takoma Bicycle and Walgreens.

Six runners came home with medals: the overall male and female top finishers were Quincy Schmidt (16:48) and Abby Cember (22:02); the top male and female aged 11-14 were Jeremy Gagnon (20:49) and Dillon Sebastian (24:47); and the top male and female aged 1-10 were William Eaton (22:57) and Rachel Day (29:59).



Dance for City TV's Camera at JazzFest

On Sunday, June 5, City TV will be filming in Old Town at the Takoma Park Jazz Festival. Cameras will be rolling at both stages and coverage will include not only the ten bands playing, but the folks who come out to enjoy the music. Dancing encouraged!

Later in the month, City TV turns its attention to poetry at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, during the Third Thursday Poetry Series at the Community Center Auditorium. Technicians will be connecting with Spain via Skype, so participants can hear poet Sonia Fides, from Madrid. She'll read some of her works as part of the open reading. All local poets are welcome to perform as part of the program.

The next issue of Snapshots will look back at the art exhibits held at the Community Center, the Sweep the Creek event organized by Friends of Sligo, the Majors on Wheels Day held by the non-profit Meals on Wheels, the Washington Adventist University Family Fun Day and the open house at the Piney Branch Pool.

If you are involved with a non-profit or a community organization you can advertise your activities on our bulletin board, and also on the City's facebook page and twitter feed: contact craigt@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7236. Also, if you would like City TV to cover an event or add specific programming to its line-up, call 301-891-7118 or e-mail cabletv@takomagov.org.



Neighbors from all over Takoma Park celebrated the retirement of Postman Pete Murphy (center of photo) who, for more than 20 years has walked four miles a day, delivering mail and creating a deep bond with all he served. Over 100 people attended the event held at the home of Takoma Park Maryland Librarian Karen MacPherson and Peter Hardin on May 14.

Photo by Jeff MacMillan

EMERGENCY?

If you see a crime in progress and need to contact the Takoma Park Police,
CALL
301-270-1100.

If you need to report an emergency that involves the need for fire or rescue services, you must
CALL 9-1-1.

TAKOMA PARK CALENDAR - JUNE 2011

Do you have an item for the City calendar? Let us know if you have a non-profit event that would be of interest to most City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the July issue is June 20.
To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomagov.org.

CITY OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, May 30

City Offices Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council Meeting

June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
See takomaparkmd.gov for agenda

City Council Meeting

June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
See takomaparkmd.gov for agenda

Public Hearing Charter Amendment

June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Charter amendment is to revise the boundary description of Takoma Park to reflect the recent annexation of Flower Avenue right-of-way (see notice on page 2)

Ward 2 Night reception

June 20, 7 – 7:30 p.m.
Community Center Atrium Lobby

City Council Meeting

June 20, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
See takomaparkmd.gov for agenda

ARTS AND LITERATURE



Lesbians and the Men Who Love Them: How Maria Came In

June 3, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
A reading of a play by M. Cristina Garcia
Free

Takoma Park Jazz Fest

June 5, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Old Town Takoma
A dozen performances, including headliners Frank Vignola, Chuck Redd, and Ruthie and the Wranglers, plus crafts, food and other vendors.
Free
301-585-8228 or tpjazzfest.org



We the People 2011: The Lives, Art and Cultures of Muslim and Arab Women

June 11, 11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
All-day event from Empowered Women International, includes an art exhibit and art demonstrations, films, book presentations, panel discussions and performance art, "Unveiled."
Free for all but "Unveiled," \$15
Ewintwethepeople.wordpress.com/cultural-festival-june-11th

Art and Activism Concert Benefit

June 12, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Featuring music from the U-Liners
Tickets: \$10
Uliners.com

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

June 16, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Open Reading
Free

Pleasures of Collaboration: Poets, Dancers and Musicians at Play

June 17, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Performance pieces that combine dance, music and spoken word. Audience is invited to contribute to a new work.
Free

KIDS ACTIVITIES



Takoma Park Recreation Department T-Ball Begins

June 11 – Aug. 6
A pre-baseball game for children in kindergarten and first grade
See page 6 – 7 for more information

Y.E.S. Basketball League Begins June 20

"Youth Exposed to Success" league of fifth to twelfth graders plays throughout the summer.
See pages 6-7 for more information

Takoma Park Recreation Department Summer Camps Begin

June 20
Various options, see pages 6-7 for information

Camp Takoma

June 27 – Aug. 12
TP Community Center
Action-packed, traditional summer day camp with a different theme every week, for ages 6 – 12.
301-891-7100
See pages 6 – 7 for more information

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Independence Day Parade

July 4, 10 a.m.
Through Old Town and Historic Takoma
See takomapark4th.org for more information



Independence Day BBQ

July 4, 12 – 6 p.m.
Lincoln and Maple avenues
Hosted by Steve Francis

July 4th Wiffle Ball Tournament

July 4, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Second Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament
Teams of family, friends and neighbors
See pages 6-7 for more information

Independence Day Program and Fireworks

July 4, 7 p.m., fireworks 9:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
See takomapark4th.org for more information

UPCOMING

2011 Takoma Park Election Nominating Caucus

Oct. 4
For information about registering to vote, running for office, or voting in City of Takoma Park elections, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org.

2011 Takoma Park Election Voter Registration Deadline

Oct. 11
For information about registering to vote, running for office, or voting in City of Takoma Park elections, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org.

2011 Takoma Park Election Day

Nov. 8
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THUNDERBOLTS 2011 SEASON HOME SCHEDULE

Home games are at Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium
51 East University Blvd., Silver Spring

Admission:

Adults, \$5;

Children under 18, \$2

Youth baseball and softball players in uniform and children under the age of 5 get in FREE

Mon. – Sat. 7 p.m.

Sun. 6 p.m.

Sun. double headers 5 p.m.

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT |
|-------------|------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 6/4 | Bethesda Big Train |
| Sunday | 6/5 | Vienna River Dogs |
| Thursday | 6/9 | Youse's Orioles |
| Friday | 6/10 | Rockville Express |
| Monday | 6/13 | Bethesda Big Train |
| Thursday | 6/16 | Alexandria Aces |
| Saturday | 6/18 | Baltimore Redbirds |
| Friday | 6/24 | Herndon Braves |
| Sunday (DH) | 6/26 | So. Maryland Nationals |
| Wednesday | 6/29 | Herndon Braves |
| Saturday | 7/2 | Alexandria Aces |
| Sunday | 7/3 | Baltimore Redbirds |
| Thursday | 7/7 | Vienna River Dogs |
| Friday | 7/8 | Rockville Express |
| Tuesday | 7/12 | Herndon Braves |
| Thursday | 7/14 | Youse's Orioles |
| Saturday | 7/16 | Rockville Express |
| Wednesday | 7/20 | Bethesda Big Train |
| Friday | 7/22 | Youse's Orioles |
| Saturday | 7/23 | Vienna River Dogs |

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts play in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden bat league composed of nine teams in the D.C. and Baltimore areas. Top college players are recruited to play for the team. Players from outside the area stay with host families in Takoma Park and Silver Spring. If you are interested in hosting a player, call 301-270-0794.

The team also runs baseball camps in June and July for boys and girls 7 to 15. Instruction is from Thunderbolts head coach Jason Walck, assisted by T-Bolts coaches and players, who emphasize baseball fundamentals, values and discipline, conditioning and healthy lifestyle choices. After camp, campers can attend evening T-Bolts games where they can cheer on their coaches. We provide bats, balls and equipment. Campers bring their own gloves and lunch. Each camper gets a Junior T-Bolts T-Shirt. Camps are June 20-24: June 27-July 1; July 5-8; July 11-15; and July 18-22, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The new location this year is St. Bernadette School, 80 University Blvd. East in Silver Spring, across the street from Blair High School. Cost is \$195 per week. Go to the T-Bolts website, www.tbolts.org, for sibling and multi-year discount information, refund policy, and application forms, or call 301-270-0794.

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Email your questions about city services or find answers on FAQs
www.takomaparkmd.gov/customer_service