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## WHAT'S NEW?

### Elections pull-out page 7

City TV covers the polls Nov. 8, vote certification Nov. 9 and the inauguration Nov. 21. On cable or at takomaparkmd.gov.

### City offices closed Nov. 11, 24, 25

Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day. Community Center closed Nov. 11 - 12; Library open Nov. 12

### Trash holiday

No trash pickup Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25



Children at the Gilbert Highlands apartments on Flower Avenue enjoy the afternoon with teachers at the Montgomery Housing Partnership care program. MHP programs like these are among several projects supported by CDBG funds recommended by City Council last month.

Photo by Selena Malott

## Community grants support commercial improvements, children's programs

Each year, City Council gets a portion of County's federal community development block grant award money to allocate to projects it feels will best serve the Takoma Park community. And each year, it attracts applicants vying to convince Councilmembers that their projects are worthy. Projects can include, but are not limited to, property acquisition, housing rehabilitation, commercial revitalization and human services, and must provide direct benefit to low- and moderate-income residents, or be located in an area that serves them.

This year's winners of an estimated \$125,000 in Community Development Block Grants include six proposals: for improvements to commercial facades; help bringing private properties up to code; food safety classes for low-income entrepreneurs; preschool, homework and summer enrichment clubs for children in low-income housing; and programs for at-risk immigrant girls and middle school students facing possible suspension.

Not more than 15 percent of the total

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### City elections Nov. 8

## Races for three of seven positions sow seeds for change on City Council

There will be at least three new faces on the City Council after the Nov. 8 election, and voters have several choices on the ballot after a lively nominating caucus Oct. 4.

In Ward 1, Seth Grimes, who would be a newcomer to City Council, is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Josh Wright. In Ward 2, two first-time candidates—Lorig Charkoudian and Tim Male—are competing for the spot left by departing Colleen Clay. In Ward 3, three new candidates—Kay Daniels Cohen, Mike Graul and Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum—are vying for the seat being vacated by Dan Robinson. And in Ward 6, challenger Barrie Howard is running against incumbent Fred Schultz.

In Wards 4 and 5, where incumbents Terry Seamens and Reuben Snipper are running unopposed, no change is expected;

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOTER ELIGIBILITY, INSTANT RUNOFF METHODOLOGY, EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING, SEE INSERT, PAGES 7-10.**

Mayor Bruce Williams is also running unopposed.

The nominating caucus, held in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium, was a parade of praise as voter after voter took the microphone to tout his or her favorite candidate. As is traditional, one person would nominate the individual, then one or several would second the nomination, with one exception: a nomination for Eric Mendoza, in Ward 4, was not seconded.

The election will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center on Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Tree canopy suffers after hurricane

### Arborist advises preparation for winter weather

When Hurricane Irene's stormy winds ripped through Takoma Park in August, it downed from 65 to 75 trees, according to City Arborist Todd Bolton. And that's the good news, he says. Tree damage would have been much worse without the City's tree ordinance.

Bolton was working in the wee hours of the morning, when the storm was at its height, helping PEPCO crews clear fallen trees from power lines and roadways. He recounted one instance where a tree crashed through a roof and onto a bed, narrowly missing sleeping residents.

In the storm's aftermath, a number of trees blocked streets, limiting mobility in several neighborhoods, and power outages lasted for days. But overall, impact in Takoma Park was relatively minor. "There was minimal damage, and no one was hurt," Bolton reported to City Council in late September. One City tree failed in Spring Park, and one street tree was lost along Jackson Avenue in the New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood. The rest of the fallen trees were on private property.

"I really think [the ordinance] is working to reduce future failures," Bolton said.

The ordinance, in addition to setting parameters that must be met before trees are cut down, requires that residents protect their trees during construction and other activities that might damage root systems. Most of the trees that fell during the hurricane came down because of root failure, Bolton says.

Butt and root rots can be difficult to detect: telltale signs are failing greenery, or "crown dieback," but sometimes damage goes undetected until the tree falls. Inspectors can sometimes determine problems on close scrutiny, or surmise damage due to circumstances like proximity to buildings or root compaction due to construction or vehicular traffic. If you suspect your

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# DOCKET

## TAKOMA TOPICS:

### “ Bike Count

32 cyclists were recorded Thursday, Oct. 6 on The New Ave at Sligo Creek Trail during the morning commute. Most were using a combination of trail, road and sidewalk with 9 percent cycling only in the roadway. Take the State Highway and the Board of Tourism bike survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CycleMaryland>.

— <http://www.facebook.com/thenewave.com#!/TheNewAve>



## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS\*

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

#### CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, Nov. 9 (to receive certification of the election results), 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 21 (inauguration), 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium  
For agendas, see [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas)

#### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### TREE COMMISSION

Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

#### COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS HEARING

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Rose Room

#### WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

#### FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

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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](mailto:suzannel@takomagov.org) at least 48 hours in advance.

## CityCouncilAction

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

### CITY COUNCIL ACTION

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). For additional information, contact the City Clerk at [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

#### ORDINANCE 2011-41

**Adopted (First Reading Sept. 12, 2011; Second Reading Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Providing for the 2011 City Election

The ordinance sets forth the details of the City's Oct. 4 nominating caucus and the Nov. 8 City election.

#### RESOLUTION 2011-47

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Establishing a Redistricting Task Force and providing for the appointment of members

The resolution established the Redistricting Task Force to review census block data and provide options for redistricting of the City's wards prior to the 2013 election. The following members were appointed: Douglas I. Grube (Ward 1), L. Lyndon Wilkes (Ward 1), James C. Roberts (Ward 2) — representing the Takoma Park Board of Elections, Ron Verdonk (Ward 4), Kawsar Talaat (Ward 5), Barrie Howard (Ward 6), Donna Victoria (Ward 6).

#### RESOLUTION 2011-48

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Supporting participation in Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Government Certification Program

The resolution is the first step in working to achieve certification through the Sustainable Maryland Municipal Government Certification Program. The City will pursue local initiatives and actions in support of its certification.

#### RESOLUTION 2011-49

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Extending the term of the Takoma Junction Task Force to Jan. 31, 2012

The Task Force was set to expire on Sept. 30, 2011. The resolution extends the term of the Task Force to Jan. 31, 2012 to allow for time to present its final report to the newly elected

City Council. The following members were reappointed: Lorig Charkoudian (Ward 2), William Coulter (Ward 3), Kay Daniels-Cohen (Ward 3), James DiLuigi (Ward 6), Steve Dubb (Non-resident), Megan Gallagher (Ward 3), Seth Grimes (Ward 1), Andrew Kelemen (Ward 1), Howard Kohn (Ward 3), Linette Lander (Ward 6), Barbara Muhlbacher (Ward 2), Katrina Oprisko (Ward 2), Lorraine Pearsall (Ward 1), Susan Robb (Ward 3), Roger Schlegel (Ward 3), Dan Seligman (Ward 3), Jeffrey M. Trunzo (Ward 3), Ellen M. Zavian (Ward 3).

#### RESOLUTION 2011-50

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Providing for an appointment to the Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee

The City Council appointed Ron Verdonk (Ward 4) to serve on the Committee.

#### RESOLUTION 2011-51

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

#### Providing for reappointments to the Tree Commission

The City Council reappointed John Hemphill (Ward 1) and Nicolien van Schouwen (Ward 1) to the Commission.

#### RESOLUTION 2011-52

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

Recommending that the Planning Board not approve the Urban Design Guidelines for the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan until they are clear, specific, and detailed

#### RESOLUTION 2011-53

**Adopted (Sept. 26, 2011)**

Recommending that the Montgomery County Council not approve the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan unless additional urban design language is included

### Public Facilities

#### NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION on regulation establishing reservation procedures and requirements, fees, rules and guidelines for the use of certain public facilities

The September 2011 edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter included notice of the City's intention to adopt regulations establishing reservation procedures and requirements, fees, rules and guidelines for the use of certain public facilities in accordance with Takoma Park Code, Chapter 14.20 Public Space and Public Buildings. This regulation governs use of the following public facilities: Takoma Park Community Center—Sam Abbott Citizens' Center (7500 Maple Ave.), Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.), Heffner Community Center (42 Oswego Ave.), Belle Ziegler Park (Takoma and Albany avenues), Forest Park (Prince George's and Elm avenues), Heffner Park (42 Oswego Ave.), Spring Park (Poplar and Elm avenues), Ed Wilhelm Field (Darwin Avenue) Lee Jordan Field (Piney Branch

Road/Takoma Park Middle School), and Hodges Field (Holly and Grant avenues).

Notice of the City's intention to adopt an administrative regulation was published in accordance with the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (Authority: Chapter 2.12, Administrative Regulations, of the Takoma Park Code) to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposal. An exact copy of the proposed regulation was available for inspection during regular office hours in the Department of Housing and Community Development, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park and posted on the City's web page. No substantive comments were received by the City Clerk's office prior to the Oct. 7, 2011 deadline.

This notice is to inform residents that the final regulation will become effective ten days following publication of the November 2011 issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter.

### Inauguration of the City Council

On Monday, Nov. 21, the 2009-2011 City Council will be seated for the last time.

After remarks, the newly elected 2011-2013 City Council will be sworn in and will take its place at the dais.

A public reception will be held after the meeting.

Please watch the website for details about this event to welcome the new City Council and say farewell to departing members.

### 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 [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees) or contact the City Clerk for more information (301-891-7267) or [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

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



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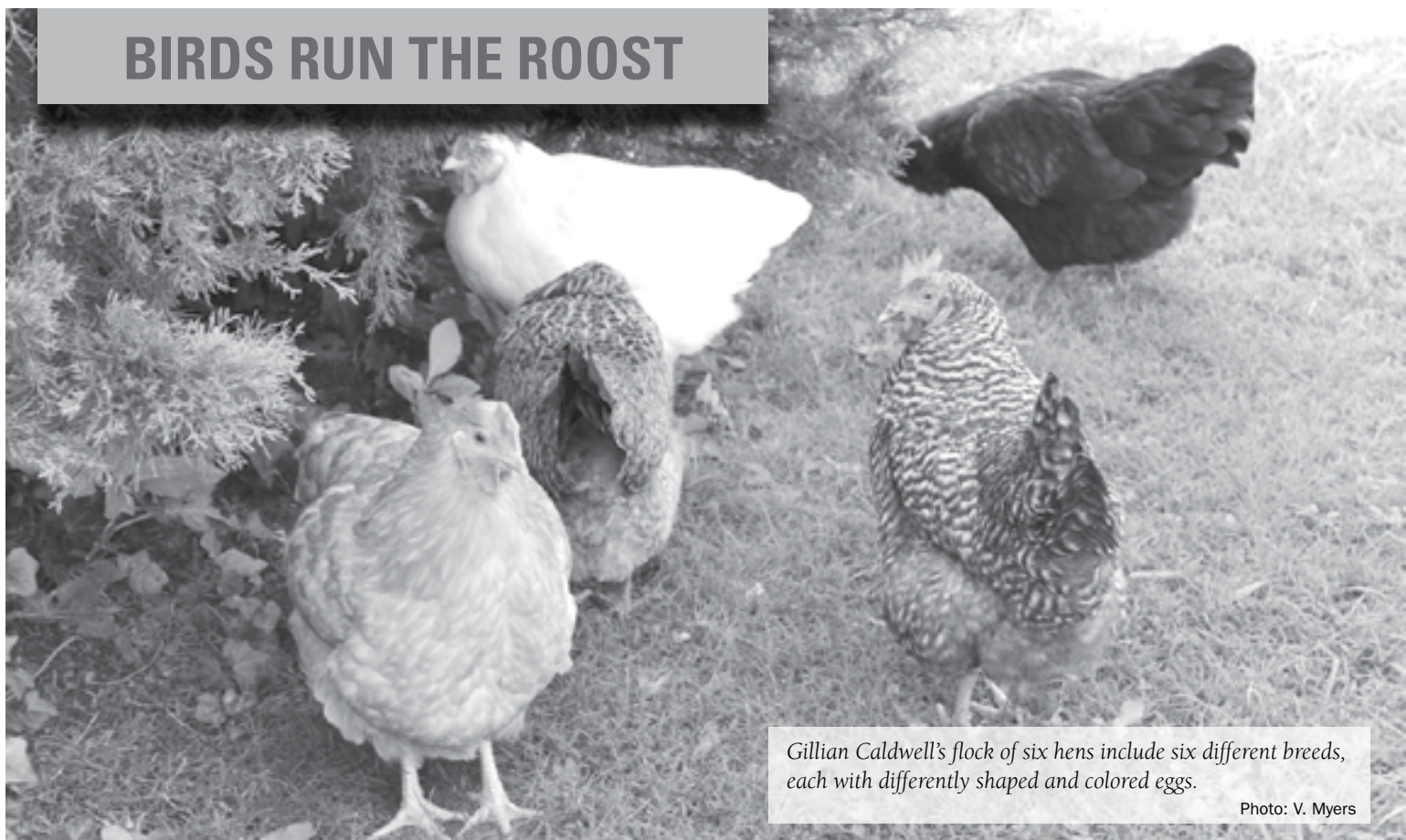
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## BIRDS RUN THE ROOST



Gillian Caldwell's flock of six hens include six different breeds, each with differently shaped and colored eggs.

Photo: V. Myers

# Backyard chickens change the urban landscape

By Virginia Myers

Roscoe the Rooster would be proud.

Takoma Park's town mascot, a once-living rooster memorialized in sculpture, poetry and even a pizzeria, is one hallmark of what many people like to think of as a quirky town. Add another: Takoma Park is becoming a popular spot for raising Roscoe's kin, backyard chickens.

Except keeping chickens in your yard is not so quirky anymore. The recently renewed interest in all things urban homesteading, from growing intensive gardens to canning and preserving their harvests, is nationwide and has spilled over to include "growing" your own eggs, whether you live in the country, the suburbs, or the city. Concerned about overcrowded, inhumane conditions for commercial chickens, and committed to a more sustainable lifestyle with locally sourced food, families have turned to raising their own eggs—and you can't get more local than your own back yard. On a practical level, chickens will eat kitchen scraps, provide free fertilizer for the garden and save money (at least if you're purchasing organic, free-range eggs).

Nationally, the backyard chicken movement supports a publication, *Backyard Poultry Magazine*, with some 44,000 subscribers, as well as backyardchickens.com, a 15,000-member online community of chicken enthusiasts. In Takoma Park, some households have been raising birds for as long as five years; now more households are joining in.

Say hello to Goldy, Red, and Starlight, pecking around with the rest of their flock of six under the shrubbery on Sycamore Avenue. Their neighbor, "Horseycockapooey," is part of a five-hen flock (named by the children) clucking quietly around its own coop; a few blocks away, another flock is simply known as "the girls." No one has a headcount on Takoma Park hens, but limited research suggests more than a

dozen households include a handful of layers each.

"There is certainly a trend for this around the country, and I hope we're just seeing the tip of the iceberg," says one local chicken owner, who, like a number of his fellow "farmers," prefers not to be named. (He is unsure of city regulations; when we looked them up, we discovered Takoma Park follows Montgomery County law, allowing chickens but requiring that their coops be located at least 100 feet from any building where people live or work.)

We'll call our chicken owner "Pete." He keeps four Rhode Island Reds and one Ancona, and built a coop for them he says is "better than Fort Knox." Indeed, it has kept the birds safe from the many predators that threaten them, including raccoons, foxes, hawks and neighborhood dogs. His children, ages 10 and 5, have helped care for the chickens from the outset, and they are one of the primary reasons Pete got the chickens. With a mother who was raised on a farm and a tradition of hunting and fishing, Pete wanted to maintain that lifestyle even in the urban/suburban environment of Takoma Park, in part to be sure his kids have a similar appreciation for where food comes from.

The chicks Pete hatched imprinted on



Aline, shown with two of her "girls," is one of many Takoma Park children whose pets include backyard chickens.

the children, and often follow them around the yard. The children are good at putting the birds back in their coop, he says, and sometimes do the feeding and cleaning.

In another household, the teenage daughter and her older brother were committed to sustainable living and suggested getting chickens as an extension of the already thriving vegetable garden. So their parents, Jimmy and Vickey Hoy, now have four chickens, which they purchased from an Amish market in Mechanicsville as pullets – young birds. They each lay about an egg a day, the average from all the flocks we learned about. Vickey has perfected the art of making quiche. A lot of it.

But most owners don't have the birds solely to produce eggs. They are, first of all, pets. At Gillian Caldwell's house, we watch her flock of six wander across the lawn, pecking through the grass. Each is a different breed, and each lays a different sort of egg, varying by shape and color. Though sustainability was a big reason for purchasing the birds, for this family of five – Gillian, her partner, children ages 7 and 9, and an au pair – there are store-bought eggs to supplement. The birds really are attractive pets, interacting with the family dog (who briefly chases them and then wanders off) and generally making themselves at home in the bushes and across the lawn of the back yard. "I like looking at

them," says Caldwell. "I think they're beautiful." They're also comical, moving about in a herky-jerky dance across the garden, huddling together then spreading apart—they are fascinating, even during a short visit. "They make you laugh out loud," says Jimmy Hoy. "They have personalities."

Neighbors have mostly appreciated the birds: Pete shares upkeep responsibilities and eggs with the next door neighbor, and at the Hoys, the toddler next door has named her favorite birds. Occasionally a note goes out on the list serv: there's a loose chicken, who is missing a hen? Once, Justin Hoy answered the front door to a police officer who was holding a chicken under her arm. "Is this yours?" she asked, then helped Justin gather up the rest of the hens and get them back in the coop.

Suburban living also includes dangers. Local wild animals like raccoons, foxes and hawks make it essential that the coops are secure from predators. One of the Hoys chickens was injured by a dog on a leash, though a soft splint on the chicken's broken leg was enough to allow the bird to survive with only a limp to show for it. Other owners were less fortunate: a local dog who jumped their fence wiped out almost their entire flock, and the episode continues to be sad and difficult for the neighborhood.

Some dogs live companionably with their birds: one household says their Rottweiler is protective of "the girls" in his yard, and has lost weight chasing them to the safety of their coop.

Suburbia does tend to limit the number of roosters in town. Though there is no ordinance against them, owners typically give away chicks that turn out to be roosters and send them to the country. Otherwise, the crowing creates tension among neighbors.

The spirit of Roscoe, of course, silently lives on.





## Energy efficient improvements earn low-interest loans

A new green loan program is offering low-interest financing for energy-efficient improvements to commercial buildings and businesses. Called the Be SMART Business Loan Program, the program gives preference to Main Street Maryland communities, including Takoma Park; loan approval is also based upon the applicants' credit score, ability to service the debt, and whether

proposed improvements will provide a 15 percent or more energy cost saving. Examples of improvements that would qualify include upgrades to energy efficient appliances, heating and cooling systems, programmable thermostats, ceiling fans, insulation, and windows and doors. Loans are available up to \$50,000, at up to 5 percent interest. A total of \$20 million is available

through the Maryland-sponsored program. For more information, local businesses can contact Main Street Takoma, which is coordinating the program: Green Team leader Patty Baker, 240-888-1623 or Roz Grigsby at Old Takoma Business Association. Or see [www.mdhousing.org/website/programs/besmart/business.aspx](http://www.mdhousing.org/website/programs/besmart/business.aspx).

## Residents Give Generously to Neighbors in Need

Takoma Park residents have expressed their generosity by voluntarily contributing more than \$5,000 to the City's Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF), which provides financial assistance to those facing an emergency. This was an increase from last year's contributions of \$4,500.

These voluntary contributions, along with \$15,000 budgeted by the City Council, provided 23 City residents with housing assistance in 2010 and 16 from January through September 2011. Housing-related assistance includes rent payment that prevents eviction, utility bill payment to prevent gas or electricity from being turned off, or medical or pharmacy bill payment so that treatment will be received.

Voluntary contributions from City residents remain critical for the continuation of this program. Thank you to all who have already contributed. Please continue to contribute to the EAF, which serves as a viable resource to those in need.

The Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) is administered by Ministries United Silver Spring-Takoma Park (MUSST), 8818 Georgia Ave., 2nd Floor, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. For more information or to donate, contact Masiki Akwei, 301-495-9454.

**Thank you for continuing to support this program and the critical service that it provides to the community.**

### Emergency Assistance Fund DONATION FORM

I/We wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Emergency Assistance Fund. Please make your check payable to City of Takoma Park and write EAF on the memo line of your check.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call 301-891-7215 if you have questions regarding the Emergency Assistance Fund

**(Please detach and send to: City of Takoma Park Emergency Assistance Fund, Finance Office,  
7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912.)**

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health has been compromised, have it inspected by a trained, certified commercial or consulting arborist. Consulting arborists don't do tree work, but do perform inspections and develop management plans for trees.

Protecting trees—and the homes and residents around them—is one thing when the threat is tropical storm-force winds like Irene's. Enduring winter winds as well as snow and ice is another. Bolton recommends that, in addition to being vigilant about protecting tree roots from impact like construction, parked vehicles and even heavy foot traffic, residents have their trees assessed

and cared for on a regular basis. Residents can perform small but important duties such as being aware of when dead limbs appear and having them pruned, keeping English ivy and other invasive vines off of their trees, and mulching as much of the trees root zone as works in the landscape. For more information on how to protect your trees, see <http://treesaregood.org>.



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

## Chasing down a security deposit: How COLTA can help

**Q** I recently moved from one apartment to another, but did not receive my security deposit back. Can you tell me what the Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs (COLTA) does and how it can help me?

**A** The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) is an administrative body established by the Takoma Park City Council. It hears and issues decisions involving landlord-tenant disputes that the City's Landlord-Tenant Office has been unable to resolve. COLTA's 12 members are Takoma Park tenants, landlords and property owners who are approved by the City Council to serve three-year terms. Their hearings are open to the public and held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. Involved parties get three weeks advance notice of the hearing date, and decisions are issued about 30 days after the hearing. They may be appealed to the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

In a complaint involving a security deposit, you would need to submit 1) a COLTA complaint form, 2) a copy of your lease, 3) a copy of your notice to vacate and 4) any other correspondence that was sent by you or your landlord that is relevant to the security deposit.

It is always good to take pictures of the unit before you move in and after you move out (with all your belongings removed), so these pictures can be submitted as part of your evidence if you wind up questioning a damage charge that the landlord deducted from your deposit. Photos must be submitted on photographic paper and include a brief written description of what they represent and the date(s) they were taken.

If you forget or don't have a document available at the time you file a COLTA complaint, you still have 15 days after filing the complaint to submit additional documents. Failure to meet the post-complaint submission deadline, though, may result in exclusion of the late documents. A respondent, or in your case, the landlord, has 20 days to respond to your complaint and file any documents that he/she feels are relevant to the complaint.

When a complaint cannot be resolved and a hearing has to be scheduled before the Commission, it is critical that the complaint file be complete before it is sent to the three commissioners assigned to hear the case.

To review all the regulations about COLTA, go to [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov), click on Landlord-Tenant and scroll to Landlord-Tenant Complaints. If you have questions about the City's Landlord-Tenant Law or COLTA, contact me at 301-891-7215 or [mosesw@takomagov.org](mailto:mosesw@takomagov.org).



## POLICE BRIEFS

### New speed camera set on East West Highway

A new, fixed-pole speed camera has been set up in the 900 block of westbound East West Highway, just east of New Hampshire Avenue. This new camera began issuing warnings on Sept. 30, to violators driving 12 miles over the speed limit. Citations for violators driving 12 miles over the speed limit began Oct. 15. Citations carry a fine of \$40; no points are incurred on violators' driver's licenses.

The Takoma Park Police Department hopes the new camera will help reduce speed, thereby reducing the number of accidents in the area. It was placed in this location, which is an entry point for Takoma Park, based on research regarding trouble spots for speeders in Takoma Park. This location, where the speed limit is 30 miles per hour, showed 12,800 violations in seven days.

Other speed cameras are located as follows: 7200 block of New Hampshire Avenue (southbound); 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (northbound); 400 block of Ethan Allen Avenue (eastbound); and 500 block of Ethan Allen Avenue (westbound).

There is also a portable speed camera located in the 900 block of eastbound University Boulevard.

Any questions on the program may be directed to the police department's Safe Speed program, 301-891-7138.

### Texting while driving law strengthened for safety

A prohibition on texting while driving took effect two years ago, but recently lawmakers closed a loophole that allowed drivers to read texts while driving. As of Oct. 1, it is illegal to write, send or read a text message or email while operating a motor vehicle in the travel lanes of a roadway—that means whether you are stopped at a traffic light or in moving traffic.

Maryland officials are crediting the original anti-text-messaging law for a drop in traffic fatalities, from 550 in 2009 to 496 in 2010. "Our new law strengthening the texting while driving ban is another step toward continuing to reduce traffic deaths," said Gov. Martin O'Malley.

A first texting-while-driving offense carries a fine of \$70; a second offense fine is \$110.

### Spike in burglaries for September

A late-summer spike in burglaries has hit Takoma Park, with 16 cases of home break-ins and one commercial incident recorded in September. Historically, the City has averaged 15.4 such burglaries during the month of September, says crime analyst Andrew Gucciardo, but City police are taking the recent increase seriously. Since they have beefed up uniformed and plain clothes patrols, burglaries have dropped, he says. One arrest has been made.

Almost all burglaries have occurred during the day, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., and during the work week. Target items have varied, but laptops and televisions are the most commonly stolen item. Locations include several different wards of the City.

Police are urging residents to secure their homes and report any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods to 301-270-1100. Home security surveys, with advice about how to make a home more crime-proof, are available free of charge through the police department; contact Carla Magnaye, 301-891-7121, 301-270-1100 or carlam@takomagov.org.

### Armed robberies hit in October

Two armed robberies in two different neighborhoods made October an unusually troubling month in Takoma Park. The first occurred in the parking lot of Tijuana's Mexican Café at University Boulevard and Carroll Avenue, when two men

assaulted the victim and took his property. The incident took place around 3 a.m. Suspects are described as black males, 20-24 years old, one 180-190 lbs., 6'0, the other 6'2, 200-210 lbs.

The second incident took place at 9:31 p.m. on Oct. 14 on Hodges Lane near Holly Avenue. The victim, who was walking home from the metro, was confronted by two men wearing face masks; one brandished a handgun. The victim ran, with one of the suspects hanging onto his belt, and eventually the suspects fled on foot and then drove away in an older model, red or gray/black Dodge Charger. Investigations are ongoing.

For more up-to-date information on these and other crimes in Takoma Park, join the Alert Takoma list for email notices: contact Cathy Plevy, cathyp@takoma.gov.org, to sign up.

### Crime tip by text

You can now use your cell phone to send a tip to the Takoma Park Police Department and remain 100 percent anonymous. Text to 847411

Type TPPDTIP at the beginning of your message.

Type your message including as much detail as possible to ensure that your tip is thoroughly investigated.

Send your tip, knowing that you are helping to reduce crime in your community while remaining 100 percent anonymous.

You can also now send a tip using the Takoma Park Police Department's Facebook page. In the left hand column you will find a link to "submit a tip." Your tip is important and can make a difference! If you see a crime in progress and need to contact the Takoma Park Police, please 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.

police dispatch.

Fees for false alarms apply only if police are dispatched to an alarm location and the alarm signal is determined by investigating officers to be false. There is one false alarm allowed before fees are charged; then fees go from \$25 (for a second occurrence), to \$1,000 for the 15<sup>th</sup> false alarm. Commercial establishments then pay up to \$4,000 for false alarms past 15.

To prevent false alarms, be sure your alarm is registered. That way, police can check with the alarm company when false alarms become a problem, ensure that the companies are following proper procedures and prevent recurrences. You can find out if your



## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

### Fire, by the numbers

As of September 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 567 fire-related incidents. The department addressed or assisted with 2,114 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 2,681 this year. Totals for 2010 were 626 and 2,435, representing a decrease of 380 incidents.

### Halloween Safety Tips

- Use flashlights or glow sticks in your pumpkins instead of candles.
- Carry flashlights and glow sticks to light the way.
- Walk only on well-lit streets and cross the street at crosswalks.
- Only go trick-or-treating at the homes of people you know.
- Wear costumes made of flame-retardant material.
- Make sure that the costumes are short enough so youngsters do not trip on them.
- Masks should have big eye holes so you'll see better.
- Always take an adult with you when you go trick-or-treating.
- Have an adult check all your treats before eating them.
- Stay away from any flame such as fireplaces, stoves and open fire.

### New members join the TPVFD

At the Oct. 12 membership meeting, Trevor Elliott and Jason Manly were voted into membership. If you are interested in joining the department, please contact Mike Livingston at the station (240-773-8954).

All we need from you, is some of your time and commitment. The training and uniforms are free!

### Christmas tree sales to return

Takoma Park VFD will start selling trees the weekend after Thanksgiving. We'll be at the same location, next to the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op on East West Highway and Carroll Avenue. We look forward to your visit.

### Your Takoma Park Lions Club

The TPLC serves the people of the Takoma Park area and consists of men and women who live and/or work within the Takoma Park/Silver Spring area. Their major focus is on eye and sight problems and hearing problems. We meet on a regular basis for social activities and to work together on community activities.

Persons who have used eye glasses they would like to donate, are urged to bring them to the Takoma Park Library or to the Takoma Park Fire Station. Your donation will help someone with the gift of sight.

If you have the desire and interest to provide civic service to the community and help your community by joining the Lions Club, please call membership chair Keith Van Ness at 301-593-1506.

If you wish to make a financial donation to assist the Takoma Park Lions Club, P.O. Box 11226, Takoma Park, MD 20913.

## An alarming distraction

*Police work to prevent false alarms so they can focus on crime.*

When police get a call that a home burglar alarm has been tripped, they never know what to expect.

Officers who respond could find an armed burglar trying to escape through a window; they could find a burglary thwarted and an aggressive suspect ready to fight; or they could find nothing.

In fact, that is often the case, as burglar alarms are tripped mistakenly. These false alarms occur more often than one might think, and take up valuable time police officers could use to respond to real calls for help and crime prevention.

In an effort to prevent such false

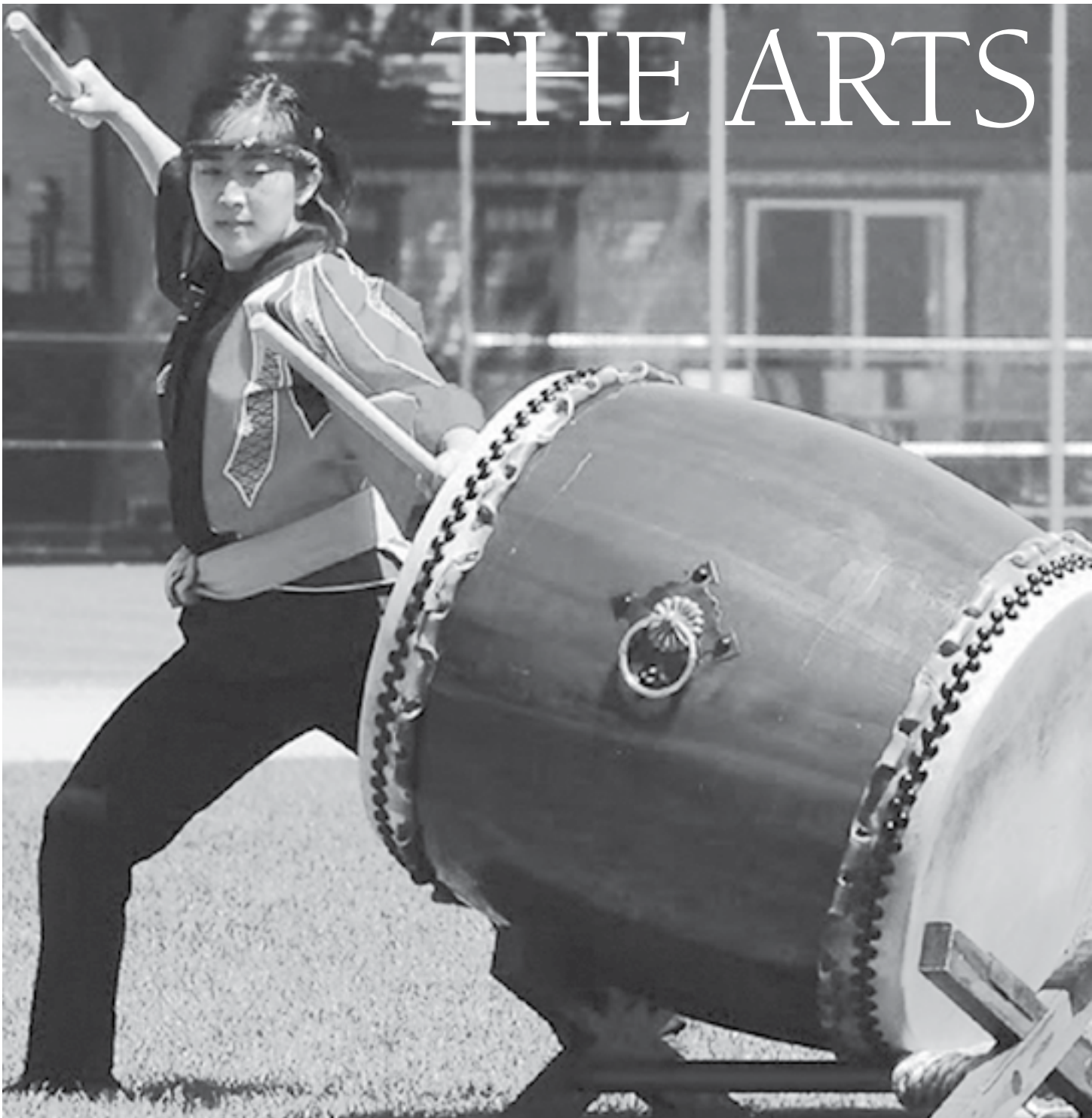
alarms, the Takoma Park Police Department recently adopted Montgomery County's false alarm ordinance.

The law lays out fines for false alarms, and procedures for alarm companies to prevent them.

### How false alarms play out

Alarm companies must attempt to verify alarm signals before requesting police dispatch; if an alarm is false, the company must attempt to cancel the dispatch. Alarm owners cannot personally cancel the dispatch, only the alarm company can do this. The company must also alert the property owner within 72 hours if they have requested





# THE ARTS

The We Are Takoma series features Japanese Taiko drumming Nov. 19 at the Community Center Auditorium.

Photo courtesy of Kizuna

## W E A R E T A K O M A

### We Are Takoma series presents Japanese drumming, American parenting

The We Are Takoma series, presented by the Arts and Humanities Commission and the City of Takoma Park, presents free events in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, at 7500 Maple Ave. in Takoma Park. This month's offerings are as follows:

#### Taiko Japanese drumming

##### Kizuna: Reunion

An evening of Japanese Drumming

Saturday, Nov. 19

7:30 p.m.

Free Event – Suggested Donation \$10

Kizuna is a Washington, D.C.-based taiko (Japanese drumming) trio, whose members collectively bring more than 30 years of diverse taiko experience to the stage. At its core, however, Kizuna is simply a few good people who think there is nothing better than playing good taiko with good friends, and then sharing that experience with a good audience. As performers, they seek to pay tribute not only to the awesome synergy of sound and dynamic movement that distinguishes taiko as an art form, but also to the spirit

of kizuna, the bonds of friendship, that is the foundation of the taiko community in North America.

#### Describing the helicopter parent

"History and Helicoptering: How Past Factors Explain Parents' Anxieties"

Lecture and discussion with historian Peter N. Stearns

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Free event

This lecture is presented by renowned historian Dr. Peter N. Stearns, Provost of George Mason University. Stearns has been described as one of the most prolific historians of all time, having personally written or edited more than 100 books on a wide variety of world historical topics.

In this lecture, Stearns will challenge us to revisit how many of us raise our children. He will offer evidence of a connec-

tion between American parental anxieties, including the famous impulses of "helicopter" parenting, and two waves of historical change in American childrearing, one that emerged in the 1920s and another in the 1980s – with the most recent



disruption revealing increased differences in anxiety levels between American and non-American parents. Stearns will argue that all of us need to confront what he calls the "problems and advantages of current anxiety levels."

## ARTS & Humanities

### Third Thursday poetry reading

Featured poet this month? You! Join us on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center for the fall open reading. A great opportunity to share your poetry.

### Cut-ups in Gallery 3

"Running with Scissors" features cut paper artwork from Greenbelt resident Sherill Anne Gross, who says, "My artwork is made only with paper, glue, and patience." The exhibit highlights intricately detailed, layered, elemental shapes of color created over the course of one year. The subject matter varies, with many of Gross's pieces inspired by daily life—depicting everything from sneakers, flowers, and food to process, technology, and more.

Running with Scissors can be viewed this month through Nov. 23 in Gallery 3 on the third floor of the Community Center. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Apricots in the Atrium Gallery

"The Apricot Tree: A Fruitful Alliance," continues this month in the Atrium Gallery on the main level of the Community Center. The exhibit features original work of Shannon Gerrity and Claudia Krizay, from their children's fairy tale, "The Apricot Tree."

The exhibit can be viewed through Nov. 23. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Annual Holiday Art Sale – Call for Vendors

Are you interested in participating in the sixth annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10? The event, held at the Takoma Park Community Center, features local artists and their work, and is widely advertised as a way to shop locally right in town. Deadline for applying for a table is Friday, Nov. 18. Application forms are available online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). For more information, please contact Rob Rudick at [robrudick@yahoo.com](mailto:robrudick@yahoo.com), 301 270-2323.



### Has Weather Canceled City Programs?

For General Info: 301-891-7100

For Recreation Programs:  
301-891-7101 ext. 5605

For Library and Computer Learning: 301-891-7259.

# ELECTIONS

SPECIAL  
PULL-OUT  
SECTION

## CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**Vote at the Community Center  
on Nov. 8**

Takoma Park's Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011. All voting will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Paper ballots will again be used in the 2011 City Election. Ballots for each ward will contain the names of the candidates for Mayor and the names of Council candidates for that ward. A space will be provided for write-in votes. City elections are nonpartisan and no party labels will be displayed. Ballots will be printed in English and Spanish.

### ANY CITY VOTER MAY APPLY TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any Takoma Park resident who is registered to vote may vote by absentee ballot.

**Regular Absentee Ballot.** Registered voters may request an application for a regular absentee ballot from the City Clerk or download the application from [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Completed applications must be filed with the Clerk not later than seven days prior to the election (4 p.m., Nov. 1). Upon verification of a voter's eligibility, an absentee ballot will be issued—either by mail or in person. The completed ballot must be received by the Clerk prior to the closing of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 8).

**Late Absentee Ballots / In-Person "Absentee" Voting.** Beginning Nov. 2 and continuing until Nov. 7, voters may apply in person and vote by absentee ballot. Voters may vote at the City Clerk's Office at 7500 Maple Ave. at the following times:

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 4: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 5: 12 noon – 3 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 7: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

If an applicant cannot apply and vote in person, he or she may designate in the

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### 2011 ELECTION CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1, 4 P.M.**

Last day to make application for regular absentee ballot

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2**

Late absentee voting (and on-site voting by absentee ballot) begins

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 5 P.M.**

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

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8, ELECTION DAY**

Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9, 7:30 P.M.**

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

**MONDAY, NOV. 21, 7:30 P.M.**

Inauguration - Mayor and Councilmembers take office

### EL CALENDARIO DE LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL DEL 2011

**MARTES, 1 DE NOVIEMBRE, 4 P.M.**

Fecha límite para solicitar papeleta regular de voto ausente.

**MIÉRCOLES, 2 DE NOVIEMBRE**

Comienza la votación ausente tardía (y votación por boleta de votante ausente en persona)

**VIERNES, 4 DE NOVIEMBRE, 5 P.M.**

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

**MARTES, 8 DE NOVIEMBRE, DIA DE LA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL**

Las urnas de votación estarán abiertas desde las 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park. Esta es la fecha y hora límite para someter boletas en ausencia a la Secretaría Municipal.

**MIÉRCOLES, 9 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 P.M.**

Junta especial del Consejo de la Ciudad para recibir certificación de los resultados de la elección.

**LUNES, 21 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 P.M.**

Inauguración – Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo tomarán su puesto.

## ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE TAKOMA PARK

**¡Vote en el Centro Comunitario el 8 de  
noviembre!**

El día de las elecciones de Takoma Park es el martes 8 de noviembre del 2011. Las votaciones tomará al cabo en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park – Centro para Adultos Sam Abbott, 7500 Maple Avenue. Las urnas estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.

Una vez más se usarán boletas de papel en la elección municipal del 2011. En las boletas de cada distrito electoral aparecerán los nombres de los candidatos para Alcalde y los nombres de los candidatos para Miembro del Consejo para ese distrito electoral. Se reservará un espacio para votar por los candidatos que quieran agregarse. Las elecciones municipales son no partidistas y no se mostrará la afiliación política del candidato. Las boletas se imprimirán en inglés y en español.

### CUALQUIER VOTANTE DE LA CIUDAD PUEDE HACER LA SOLICITUD PARA VOTAR CON UNA BOLETA DE VOTANTE AUSENTE

Cualquier persona que resida en Takoma Park y esté inscrita para votar puede hacerlo con una boleta de votante ausente.

**Boleta regular de votante ausente.** Los votantes que estén inscritos pueden pedirle una solicitud de boleta regular de votante ausente a la Secretaria Municipal o descargar la solicitud en la siguiente dirección: [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Las solicitudes rellenas deben enviársela a la Secretaria Municipal a más tardar siete días antes de la fecha de las elecciones (4 p.m., 1 de noviembre). Una vez que se verifique si el votante cumple con los requisitos, se le hará llegar una boleta de votante ausente, ya sea por correo o en persona. La Secretaria Municipal debe recibir la boleta rellena antes de que cierren las urnas a las 8 p.m., el día de las elecciones (8 de noviembre).

**Boletas de votante ausente tardías / Votación por "Boleta de Votante Ausente" en Persona.** A partir del 2 de noviembre y hasta el 7 de noviembre, los votantes pueden

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### Inauguration of the City Council

On Monday, Nov. 21, the 2009-2011 City Council will be seated for the last time. After remarks, the newly elected 2011-2013 City Council will be sworn in and will take its place at the dais. A public reception will be held after the meeting. Please watch the website, [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov), for details about this event to welcome the new City Council and say farewell to the departing members.

### Inauguración del Consejo de la Ciudad

El lunes, 21 de noviembre, el Consejo de la Ciudad del 2009-2011 tomará su puesto por última vez. Después de comentarios, el concejal recién elegidos del 2011-2013 hará su juramento y tomará su nuevo puesto. Una recepción para la comunidad tomará al cabo después de la junta. Por favor vea la página de internet, [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) para más detalles sobre este evento para dar la bienvenida al nuevo Consejo de la Ciudad y para dar la despedida a los miembros que salen.





# ELECTION '11

*Election Day is Tuesday, November 8*



## FOR MAYOR Bruce R. Williams, incumbent, unopposed

I'm running for re-election as Mayor — I've served as Mayor for four years, and as Councilmember for fourteen years before that. Under my leadership, the Council created our first Strategic Plan, and important elements of that plan include financial and environmental sustainability. We've tightened our belts, reduced the size of City staff, paid off some debts, and fought for fair reimbursements from both Montgomery County and the State. We've renovated the Council Chambers into a multi-purpose Auditorium — on time and under budget. We've renovated the Public Works facility within our stated budget, and both projects will be LEED certified. We've contracted installation of solar panels on all major City buildings, which will result in lower energy costs without capital investment. We're ready to rebuild one mile of Flower Avenue as a green street — with other people's money.

I enjoy serving as your Mayor, and look forward to continuing to serve.

**Bruce R. Williams, 240-676-6234**  
**brucew@takomagov.org, www.tpmayorbruce.com**



## WARD 1 Seth Grimes, unopposed

It's a privilege getting to know so many Takoma Park residents, City employees, and other City stakeholders over the years. My family has lived here since 1996 — my wife, Franca Brilliant, and our sons Raphael and Ezra — and I work in Takoma Park too, as a management consultant out of an office above the Middle East Restaurant ... also in Ward 1! I've done what I can to make ours a better community for residents and businesses, with more effective city government, responsive to important

environmental, livability, public-safety and economic concerns. This is work I've done as a member of four City committees and a variety of community groups, work I hope to continue as Ward 1's City Council representative. I've done my best to get out and hear community voices, and I plan to do my best to make Takoma Park even better in the years to come.

**Seth Grimes, 301-873-8225**  
**grimes@altaplana.com, http://sethgrimes.org**



## WARD 2 Lorig Charkoudian

I am deeply committed to working with every resident to make Takoma Park an even better place. My top priority as a Councilmember will always be to listen to your ideas and address your concerns. I will work tirelessly to ensure greater value for your tax dollars with a new budget process; implement cutting-edge environmental policies for energy efficiency, habitat protection and composting; improve crime prevention through neighborhood design features; increase the number of locally owned restaurants and businesses;

and make the streets safer for pedestrians and bikers.

As a nonprofit leader, I successfully expanded services and increased funding throughout the recession. As a community volunteer, I have raised money for our local schools, strengthened the TPSS Co-op, engaged residents in SOSCA and worked to fix Takoma Junction, among many other efforts.

I'm humbled by the support I've received during the campaign, and hope to represent you on the Council.

**Lorig Charkoudian, 301-920-1995**  
**Lorig.charkoudian@gmail.com,**  
**www.LorigForWard2.com**



## WARD 2 Tim Male

\*Ability to get things done\* I help lead a national environmental non-profit, manage a multi-million dollar budget and have served on committees in Takoma Park for eight years, working on safe roads, our environment and health. I am effective at building realistic solutions that solve problems. I know how to work with staff, Councilmembers and residents. I know how to listen to you. I am excited to bring those strengths to the Council. \*Priorities\* We need greater transparency and should

continuously update residents about achievements and service improvements—few residents know what the City is doing or why. Safer roads, better sidewalk infrastructure and more local restaurants are high priorities. Our sustainability commitment must be about more than trees—we should expand renewable energy use, restore Sligo Creek, and build a better recycling program. My wife, two children and I love Takoma Park. I'd be honored to serve you.

**Timothy Male, PhD, 240-274-0341**  
**timfortakoma@gmail.com, www.timmale.com**



## WARD 3 Kay Daniels-Cohen

My parents moved to Takoma Park in 1946 so I am "home grown" and have always participated in community activities. I believe that engaging people in thoughtful and affordable decisions is the best way to build "community." I also believe in taking action. In the past few years I've revitalized the S.S. Carroll Neighborhood Association, helped start a youth basketball league and a youth garden and also successfully pushed for a year-long study of the Takoma Junction that should be a first order of busi-

ness for the new Council.

I am a people-first person and believe in making things happen through teamwork. I know what it takes to get the job done and I bring years of experience and civic leadership to the Council. I am asking for your vote.

**Kay Daniels-Cohen**  
**301-270-1084**  
**kdcward3@gmail.com**  
**www.KayDanielsCohen.com**



City of  
Election Day

### HOW TO FILL OUT TAKOMA PARK'S

- With Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), mark
- To indicate your first choice, fill in on candidate's name. Indicate your second choice column next to that candidate's name many or few candidates as you wish.
- Note: your first choice is not hurt if you are backups that are reviewed only if

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD	
Rank candidates in order of choice Clasifique a los candidatos por orden de preferencia	
Washington, George	
Jefferson, Thomas	
Alexander Hamilton	
Write-In Candidate/Para añadir a un candidato	

- Use the special pen to fill in the appropriate
- A confirmation number will appear in the confirmation number to verify your vote. Write down your confirmation numbers on the
- Then take your ballot to the scanner. Mark the polls close.



City  
Día de la Elección

### COMO LLENAR UNA BOLETA DE TAKOMA

- Con el sistema de Votación en Orden de Preferencia, marque su primera opción en cada opción.
- Para indicar su primera opción, llene el círculo al lado del nombre del candidato. Indique su segunda opción en la columna de 2da opción al lado del nombre del candidato. Continúe así sucesivamente, hasta que clasifique a todos los candidatos que desea votar.
- Tome en Cuenta: Seleccionando más de una opción ayuda a derrotar su candidato de 1ra opción. Su voto tomará en cuenta si su 1ra opción no es elegible.

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- Use la pluma de tinta para llenar el círculo al lado del nombre del candidato en orden de preferencia.
- Un número de confirmación aparecerá en la boleta. Use estos números para verificar su voto. Anote su número de confirmación en la boleta.
- Lleve su boleta a la máquina de escanear o a la oficina de elecciones para votar por la internet después de que cierra el escrutinio.



## Takoma Park - November 8, 2011

### BALLOT:

Mark a different candidate for each choice.

Mark an oval in the first-choice column next to that candidate's name, and so on, until you have ranked as many candidates as you wish.

You may rank other candidates. Your lower rankings will not affect your top choices have been eliminated.



Mark the appropriate oval to rank each candidate.

Mark the oval you mark. You may later use this card to verify your vote online. After marking the ballot, write the name of the candidate on the card provided in the voting booth.

Keep the card to verify your vote online after the election.

## Takoma Park - 8 de Noviembre del 2011

### TAKOMA PARK:

De Preferencia, escoja un candidato diferente para cada columna.

Marque un solo ovalo en la columna de 1ra-opción para cada candidato. Marque su segunda opción llenando un solo ovalo del nombre del candidato y así sucesivamente para los candidatos o solo los que desea seleccionar.

Marque un candidato en orden de preferencia no necesariamente en orden de 1ra opción. Su 2da y 3ra opción solamente se cuentan si usted recibe la mayor cantidad de votos.



Use the oval appropriately to classify each candidate.

Mark inside the oval that you filled. After the election, you can verify your vote by internet. After marking the ballot, write the name of the candidate on the card placed in the ballot box.

Keep the card. Keep your card to verify your vote after the election. Keep the card to verify your vote after the election.

## WARD 3 Mike Graul

The key issue confronting residents of Ward 3 and all of Takoma Park is whether we are resigned to accepting "good" government or whether we should demand "exceptional" government. I believe it is reasonable to insist on the latter, because living in Takoma Park doesn't come cheap. Talking to residents throughout Ward 3, the most frequent question asked is "What am I getting for my tax dollars?" For many families living in Takoma Park the question is not a rhetorical one, but a question based on economic realities. To spur the

transformation from good to exceptional government I will strongly advocate, if elected, the following

- Better council oversight of City government operations.
- Better decision-making to address issues and problems.
- Better, more responsive action by City staff to residents' concerns.

See my website for specifics on each of these proposals. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

**Mike Graul, 301-537-1191**

**Mike4ward3@gmail.com, Mike4ward3.wordpress.com**



## WARD 3 Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum

Hi. I'm Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum and have been a Takoma Park resident nearly my entire life, always as a Ward 3 resident. I'm running to provide new and important perspectives to the Council. I'm 29 and look forward to being a generational bridge on the Council in a town many young residents are leaving. Also, I don't own a home but instead rent my current residence and think in a City with as many rental units as Takoma Park, a tenant's perspective is useful on the Council. Last (but certainly not least)

of all, I'm a Montgomery County employee and since Marc Elrich left for the County Council, nobody on the City Council has provided a local government employee's view to our local government. All these factors would lead me to work with all the City's stakeholders, not just the City's activists.

**Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum**

**@JeffForWard3 on twitter**

**<http://jeffnnforward3.webs.com>**



## WARD 4 Terry J. Seamens, incumbent, unopposed

As Ward 4 Councilmember, my focus for the coming term will be to support City residents' grassroots economic and social development aspirations and actions. We have a very diverse community, with people born in many different places around the world. They have differing education and experiences, and differing skills and desires. Unfortunately, many of our neighbors lack the resources and opportunities to realize their full potential and make use of their education and skills. Many are out of work. Many

more don't earn enough to be self-sufficient. The City Council in partnership with the county and state must focus on crafting community driven policies that facilitate community engagements for sustainable social and economic development. I will also support continuing Council work on environmental sustainability, and building a world-class recreation department. Please contact me if you have suggestions or questions, and don't forget to vote Nov. 8! Together we accomplish more!

**Terry J. Seamens, 301-565-0190**

**TerryS@takomagov.org**



## WARD 5 Reuben Snipper, incumbent, unopposed

I am a candidate for City Council because I want to work with you to protect and strengthen what makes our community special. Over the 20 years my family and I have lived in Ward 5, I have developed deep roots in our community. I have worked with many of you on local issues: the Flower Avenue Green Street project, preserving Sligo Creek, appropriate development at Takoma Metro, affordable housing, and the hospital expansion. Together, we've achieved some real

results. I know the big and small community issues from my own experience and from working and talking with you. You've told me to focus on concrete steps to make our neighborhood better, whether it's preserving the environment, getting a fair rebate from the county, supporting affordable housing, controlling traffic, improving bus service, ensuring safety, or supporting our youth. I have the neighborly know-how to do it and I will.

**Reuben Snipper, 301-585-4103**

**ReubenS@takomagov.org**

**<http://reubensnipper.org>**



## WARD 6 Barrie Howard

I'm Barrie Howard, and I'm running for my first term as Ward 6 Councilmember. Since 2007, I have worked on significant issues ranging from land use policy to traffic calming. Over the next two years I'll continue working with Ward 6 residents and the broader community to sustain all that is good about living in Takoma Park and discover ways to make it better. Community service and public participation are paramount, and I will be the conduit for Ward 6 residents on the Council so they have a seat at the table.

As a community organizer and activist, I have been able to effect positive change and facilitate conversations regarding how to solve our toughest challenges. I'm accessible in person, online, and through a strong network of Takoma Park residents and across Montgomery County who care about their community. Building community and getting things done are hallmarks of my leadership.

**Barrie Howard**

**301-377-2222**

**howard4ward6@gmail.com**

**<http://howard4ward6.wordpress.com>**



## WARD 6 Fred Schultz, incumbent

I'm running for re-election in Ward 6 because, first, I love the job. It's interesting, challenging and I think I've served my constituents and the City well in my first two years. Second, the City continues to face serious challenges and this is not the time to change horses in midstream. We will have three new members on the City Council for sure. While change is good and welcome, continuity is also important.

What are the challenges?

- Finishing the fight with the County over the Takoma-Langley Sector, in which I've been deeply involved, which I think we're on the way to winning.

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- Restoring "Tax Duplication Payments" and HUR Revenues to the City.
- Dealing with the MHCC's final decision on the future of Washington Adventist Hospital Responding to the pending TJTF Report and its manifold complexities. I bring experience, deep knowledge of the issues and common-sense effectiveness to getting things done.

**Fred Schultz, 301-434-7090**

**[www.FredSchultz.org](http://www.FredSchultz.org), [fshultz@starpower.net](mailto:fshultz@starpower.net)**





# ELECTION '11

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application a registered voter of the City to act as agent in picking up and delivering the ballot (candidates and those representing candidates, either formally or informally, may not act as agents). The application must be completed and filed with the City Clerk prior to issuance of a ballot to the agent. As with regular absentee voting, a ballot cannot be issued until the voter's eligibility has been established, and the ballot must be returned to the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

### INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING

The City of Takoma Park will have its second election with more than two candidates elected by instant runoff voting (IRV) in November. IRV was adopted by the Takoma Park City Council in 2006.

This year three candidates are running for Ward 3 City Council. Voters have the opportunity to rank candidates by order of choice in all of our elections, but this is most important in races with more than two candidates in order to avoid the so-

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Vote for candidates by indicating your first-choice candidate, your second-choice candidate, and so on. You are free to rank only a first choice if you wish, but ranking additional candidates cannot help defeat your first-choice candidate.
- Do not fill in more than one oval per column. Do not fill in more than one oval per candidate. Do not skip numbers in the ranking sequence.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name in the space provided and fill in one box in the column indicating your ranking of the write-in candidate.
- Do not make any identifying marks on your ballot.
- When you mark a box to rank a candidate, a code will be revealed that you may later use to verify your vote online.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to the judge and get another.

called "spoiler" problem – meaning a candidate winning only because the majority of the vote was split among competing candidates.

In an election with IRV, voters rank candidates in order of their choice: 1,2,3. Your second and third choices are back-up choices and will never hurt your first choice. As a voter, your best strategy is to rank as many candidates as you prefer in sincere order of preference. Ranking fewer or just one candidate does not benefit

them at all.

It takes a majority to win. If most voters (50 percent plus one) rank a candidate as their first choice, that candidate is elected. If nobody has a clear majority of votes on the first count in Ward 3 this year, a runoff will be simulated. The candidate who received the fewest number of first choices will be eliminated, reducing the field to two candidates. Voters who ranked the eliminated candidate first will have their vote added to the totals of their second

ranked candidate. The candidate with more votes will win the instant runoff.

### VERIFIED VOTING

The Takoma Park Board of Elections is again working with Scantegrity to provide voters the opportunity to verify online that their votes were counted. The system was introduced in Takoma Park elections in 2009.

When marking their ballot, voters will receive a confirmation code that they can write down, take home, and check online to make sure their votes were counted. The confirmation number does not say how the voter voted, and the vote remains private. What it does say, however, is that the vote is included in the final tally and that the scanner read the vote correctly.

The system is paper-based and works like an optical scan voting system. The only difference is that when voting, voters will see a confirmation number instead of a completely black mark. Writing down and checking the confirmation number is optional.

More information about this system can be found at: <http://scantegrity.takomaparkmd.gov>.

## ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL ☐ Page 7

hacer la solicitud en persona y votar con boletas de votante ausente. Los votantes podrán votar en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal que se encuentra en el 7500 Maple Avenue, en los siguientes horarios:

Miércoles, 2 de noviembre: 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.  
Jueves, 3 de noviembre: 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.  
Viernes, 4 de noviembre: 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.  
Lunes, 7 de noviembre: 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.

Si el/la solicitante no puede hacer la solicitud y votar en persona, puede designar en su solicitud a un votante inscrito para votar en la Ciudad para que sirva como su agente y recoja y envíe su boleta (los candidatos y aquellas personas que representen a los candidatos, ya sea formal o informalmente, no pueden servir como agentes). La solicitud debe ser rellena y enviada a al Secretaria Municipal antes de que se le expida la boleta al agente. Al igual que ocurre con las votaciones regulares de votante ausente, no podrá emitirse una boleta hasta que no se determine si el votante cumple con los requisitos, y la boleta debe ser enviada de vuelta a la Secretaria Municipal antes de que cierren las urnas el día de las elecciones.

### VOTACIÓN EN ORDEN DE PREFERENCIA

La Ciudad de Takoma Park tendrá su segunda elección con más de dos candidatos elegidos por votación en orden de preferencia en noviembre. En el 2006, la Votación

### INSTRUCCIONES

- Vote por los candidatos indicando el candidato que sea su primera opción, el candidato que sea su segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Si lo desea, puede limitarse a seleccionar solamente al candidato que sea su primera opción. Seleccionando candidatos adicionales no ayudara derrotar su candidato de primera opción.
- No rellene más de un ovalo por cada columna. No rellene más de un ovalo por cada candidato. No salte números en la secuenciade clasificación por orden.
- Para votar por una persona cuyo nombre no esté impreso en la boleta, escriba el nombre en el espacio provisto y rellene un ovalo en la columna para indicar el orden de preferencia del candidato quese ha añadido.
- No haga ninguna marca el la boleta que pueda identificarlo.
- Cuando llene el ovalo, aparece un código al lado del nombre de los candidatos que seleccionó en orden de preferencia. Puede usar los códigos después, para verificar su voto.
- Si comete un error en su boleta, regrese su boleta a un juez electoral y pida otra boleta.

en Orden de Preferencia fue adoptado por el Consejo de Takoma Park.

Este año hay tres candidatos para el cargo de miembro del consejo para el distrito 3. Votantes tienen la oportunidad de seleccionar candidatos por orden de preferencia y este sistema es especialmente importante en una carrera donde hay más de dos candidatos para poder evitar que un candidato gane tan solo porque el resto de los votos es la mayoría de votos y son divididos entre los otros candidatos basado por quien voto el votante.

En una elección con el sistema de Votación por Orden de Preferencia, votantes eligen a candidatos por orden de preferencia: 1, 2, 3. Su segunda y tercera opción cuentan como su voto de sustitución en caso que su primera opción no reciba la mayoría de votos. Seleccionando más de un candidato no ayuda a derrotar su prim-

era opción no derrotará su primera opción. Como votante, su mejor estrategia es clasificando a más de un candidato en orden de preferencia.

Tomá la mayoría de votos para ganar. Si la mayoría de votantes (el 50% más uno) clasifican a un candidato como su primera opción, ese candidato gana. Si este año, nadie recibe la mayoría de los votos en la primer vuelta de votos contados en el Distrito 3, se usará el sistema de Votación por Orden de Preferencia. El candidato que recibió el menor número de votos como primera opción sera eliminado. El voto de primera opción para al candidato que fue eliminado sera agregado al total de votos de segunda opción.

### VERIFICANDO SU VOTO

La Junta Electoral de Takoma Park ha

colaborado con Scantegrity de nuevo para brindarles a los votantes la oportunidad de verificar a través de Internet que su voto ha sido contado. Este sistema fue introducido a Takoma Park en 2009.

Cuando marquen la boleta, los votantes recibirán un código de confirmación que pueden anotar, llevárselo para la casa y revisar por Internet para asegurarse de que su voto fue contado. El número de confirmación no dice por quién votó el votante y el voto seguirá siendo privado. Lo que sí dice, no obstante, es que el voto se incluyó en el conteo final y que el escáner leyó el voto correctamente.

El sistema utiliza papel y funciona como un sistema de votación con un escáner óptico. La única diferencia es que cuando vayan a votar, los votantes verán un número de confirmación en vez de una marca completamente negra. Anotar y revisar el número de confirmación es opcional.

Puede encontrarse más información sobre este sistema en la siguiente dirección de Internet: <http://scantegrity.takomaparkmd.gov>.





# DIA DE LOS MUERTOS/DAY OF THE DEAD COMES TO TAKOMA

Dia de Los Muertos, a traditionally Mexican holiday on All Saints Day, is dedicated to the remembrance of one's departed and beloved family and friends. Shrines are built, stories told, dances danced. This year, Tkaoma Park offers an



opportunity for residents to celebrate the life of someone they've loved.

### Dia de Los Muertos Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 29

1 – 3 p.m.

TP Community Center Art Room

Free

Create your own personal shrine to acknowledge a loved one, special pet, time of life, memory, or anything that holds meaning and deserves remembrance. The basics will be provided, though participants are encouraged to bring small photographs, charms, bottle caps, images, shells or other curios that hold meaning for the purpose of their shrine. A sample of the resulting work will be displayed in

the Community Center in November.

### Dia de los Muertos Dance

Saturday, Oct. 29

7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Free Event / Donations Welcome

The De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company pays tribute to all hallows with “Dia de los Muertos,” updating the Mexican Day of the Dead tradition with a mix of pre-Columbian and Old World rituals of decorating cemeteries and home altars to greeting returning spirits and dancing through the streets. Accompanied by the acoustic guitar-led strains of mariachi and norteño and clothed in a variety of vivid, traditional gear from fringed jackets with

Aztec motifs to fanciful home-crafted masks, the dance troupe is set to impress with its speedy foot-stomping and intricate paired choreography.



## TAKOMA PARK TAKES TO THE STREETS

*Despite drizzly weather, the crowds came out again for this year's Takoma Park Street Festival music, crafts, food and games.*

Photos by Laura Barclay





# CALENDAR

## Neighborhood Circle Time

Every Tuesday  
Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.  
No program Nov. 8

## Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday  
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

## Comics Jam

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m.  
Kids and grownups — come read comics on the big screen with our graphic novel guru, David Burbank.  
No registration.

## Friends "Big Book" Reading Group

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Continuing discussion of "Daniel Martin" by John Fowles.  
All welcome.

## Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

## National Gaming Day

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.  
Play "Dungeons and Dragons" with D&D Master Dave Burbank  
Registration required, best for ages 8 and up  
Families welcome

## Eaglebear and Friends

Monday Nov. 14, 7 p.m.  
Tomas Shash, aka "Eaglebear," returns with a program showcasing American Indian culture.  
Great for all ages.

## Friends "Big Book" Reading Group

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Concluding discussion of "Daniel Martin" by John Fowles.  
Community Center, Third Floor Atrium  
All welcome

## French Circle Time

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m.  
Sing songs and rhymes in French with Madame Marie.

## Caldecott Club

Monday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.  
Read and discuss some of the picture book possibilities for the 2012 Caldecott Medal.  
Registration encouraged.  
In the Library

## Banned Books Club

Monday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
"The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway.  
For middle- and high school students.  
Please register.  
Library Articles for November 2011

## Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.  
"Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese  
(Rescheduled from Oct. 27)  
All welcome

Registration: [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html)  
or call 301-891-7259.

# LIBRARY



The Friends of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library give generously of their time and resources. Many of the programs listed on these pages are made possible through their efforts, including Spanish Circle Time, Comics Jam, reading groups, online resources, Summer Quest, the College Bound series and more.

For more information about supporting the Friends, see <http://www.ftpml.org>.

## Cooking by the book

## Library offers a plethora of cookbooks for adults and children

By Karen MacPherson

**T**hanksgiving and the December holiday season are coming up soon, so let the cooking begin!

Whether you're a seasoned chef or a beginning cook, the Library's extensive cookbook collection has something for you. Checking out cookbooks from the Library is an economical way to try out some recipes from all types of cuisine, and also might inspire you to try something new.

In the Library's adult section, we have 18 shelves of cookbooks—everything from Julia Child's classic "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" (641.5944 CHILD) to actress Gwyneth Paltrow's cookbook, "My Father's Daughter: Delicious, Easy Recipes Celebrating Family & Togetherness" (641.597 PALTROW).

We've also got some wonderful reference books focused on food and cooking, such as the two-volume "Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America" (R-641.3 OXFORD) and "Food In History" by Reay Tannahill (R-641.3 TANNAHILL). In addition, the much-talked-about "Modernist Cuisine," a six-volume, 2,438-page set, is on order for our reference section.

Our kids' section also has several dozen cookbooks, including ones that focus on specific cuisines, like Mexican or Chinese. One of our newest kids' cookbooks is "The Silver Spoon for Children: Favorite Italian Recipes" by Amanda Grant (J 641.5 GRANT), adapted from the best-selling Italian cookbook, "The Silver Spoon, which we have in the adult section (641.5945 CUCCIAIO).

You can even find some great recipes in our magazine section. In addition to "Cooking Light" magazine, you can check out magazines that offer recipes each month: "Better Homes & Gardens;" "Working Mother;" "Family Fun;" and others.

Under the Dewey Decimal System, which we—like public libraries everywhere—use to order our shelves, cookbooks can be found under the general number of 641. From there, further decimal points are used to specify types of cookbooks; for example, books of writing about food are found in 641.3 and French cookbooks are found at 641.5944.

If you look in the catalog, check under the subject heading "cookery." You can also look up cookbooks by title and author (last name first). Of course, feel free to ask us for help!

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# LIBRARY BRIEFS

## A Native American celebration

Join us on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.as Eaglebear, aka Tomas Shash, returns for our annual celebration of American Indian traditions. Eaglebear, joined by family and friends, will talk about their Xicano and Apache traditions, then lead us in songs and dance inspired by those traditions. As the program concludes, participants are invited to come up and talk with Eaglebear and try out some of the musical instruments and other artifacts spotlighted in the program. No registration required for this program, which is great for all ages!

## New online resources

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have some wonderful new online resources, including some for kids. Come and get a look on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in a special program during which we will read some of our online books together via the big screen. We'll also do some games and puzzles that are part of these resources, and even try a bit of our new language learning program Little Pim. No registration necessary.

## Caldecott favorites

Our Caldecott Club will meet on Monday, Nov. 21 to continue our look at some books that are possibilities for the 2012 Caldecott Medal, given annually by the

American Library Association to the best-illustrated book of the year. We'll read the books together on the big screen, then talk about what we like—and don't—about each title. We'll end each meeting with a vote. The Caldecott Club also will meet once in December, and then have a final meeting in January to discuss the book that actually wins the 2012 Caldecott Medal. Registration encouraged, but not required.

## National Gaming Day

Come play, or learn to play, the creative role-playing game "Dungeons & Dragons" at the Library on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 2 — 4 p.m. Our D&D program is designed to highlight National Gaming Day, an American Library Association initiative now in its fourth year. "The goal of National Gaming Day is to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational and social value of all types of games," says the ALA. D&D Master (and Library Assistant) Dave Burbank will lead our program, which is best for kids ages 8 and up. Families are welcome to come and play together! Spaces are limited, so registration is required.

## Veteran's Day closing

A reminder to parents of school-age children: City of Takoma Park offices, including the Community Center and the Library, will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. If your child usually comes to the Library after school, please remember to have them make alternate plans for that day.

## COOKBOOKS

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To give you a bit more flavor of our bountiful cookbook offerings, here's a run-down of just a few selected titles:

### ADULTS:

- "Gourmet Today," edited by Ruth Reichl, includes more than 1,000 recipes "for the contemporary kitchen" from the pages of Gourmet magazine (641.59 GOURMET);
- "One Big Table: A Portrait of American Cooking" by *New York Times* food columnist Molly O'Neill showcases 600 recipes from across the nation. (641.509 ONEILL);
- "The Organic Cook's Bible" by Jeff Cox has 250 recipes focused on organic ingredients (641.302 COX);
- The 50th anniversary edition of "The I Hate To Cook Book" by Peg Bracken, an updated and revised version of the classic cookbook (641.5 BRACKEN);

- "Super Natural Every Day" by Heidi Swanson, vegetarian recipes from a well-known food blogger (641.5636 SWANSON);
- "Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook" (641.5676 NATHAN);
- "The Gluten-Free Gourmet Cooks Comfort Foods" by Bette Hagman(641.563 HAGMAN) (Note: we also have Hagman's original book, "The Gluten-Free Gourmet");

### KIDS & TEENS:

- "Family Fun: Cooking With Kids" (J 641.5 FAMILY);
- Three cookbooks for kids by "Mousewood" chef Mollie Katzen: "Salad People," "Honest Pretzels" and "Pretend Soup" (all J 641.5 KATZEN);
- "Teen Cuisine" by Matthew Locricchio (J 641.5 LOCRICCHIO);
- "The Star Wars Cookbook: Wookiee Cookies and Other Galactic Recipes" by Robin Davis (J641.5 DAVIS).

## KEEPING TRACK OF TAKOMA PARK INFO

### Get Friendly

Check out the City-related facebook pages: Search for City of Takoma Park, The New Ave, City of Takoma Park Police and Main Street Takoma on facebook.com. Follow Takoma Park twitter [www.twitter.com/takomaparkmd](http://www.twitter.com/takomaparkmd).

### Get automated

Receive weekly City Council agendas: email [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org). For email updates about the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Initiative, contact [ilonab@takomagov.org](mailto:ilonab@takomagov.org). For email notice of cultural events offered

by the Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC), contact [sarad@takomagov.org](mailto:sarad@takomagov.org). For emailed alerts on hazards, police activity and crime, contact [cathyp@takomagov.org](mailto:cathyp@takomagov.org).

### Get informed

Background material on each City Council agenda item is available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html). A tentative schedule of future meeting agendas is available at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/rolling.pdf>. Watch City Council meetings live or after the fact, on line at [http://takomapark.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2#council](http://takomapark.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2#council).

## FALSE ALARMS

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alarm is registered by contacting:

Department of Police  
False Alarm Reduction Section  
P.O. Box 7135  
Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7135  
(p) 240.773.6300  
(f) 240.773.6303  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police>

### Alarm User Registration

Every burglar alarm system must be registered with the False Alarm Reduction Section (FARS) before the system is placed into service. Registration does not apply to either fire or car alarm systems.

It is your alarm/monitoring company's responsibility to provide you with burglar alarm registration information at the time of sale or installation of your alarm system. Every alarm/monitoring company that conducts business within Montgomery County must be licensed by the FARS and must provide their license number and registration number to the Emergency Communications Center operators when requesting dispatch to an alarm activation.


If you do not have an alarm/monitoring company, you may obtain registration information directly from the FARS.

A non-refundable, \$30 registration fee must be paid with each initial registration. A separate registration must be obtained for each alarm user and/or location. Registrations must be renewed on a biennial (every two years) basis at a cost of \$10. Failure to renew when required will result in no "free" false alarms and the imposition of an additional \$100 charge for every false alarm.

Alarm registrations are not transferable from one alarm user to another or from one location to another. However, if you change alarm companies, mailing address, or contact person information, you are not required to re-register your alarm system. You are required, however, to advise the FARS in writing of said change(s).

You and your alarm company must notify the FARS when there is a relocation or change in ownership of a property.

For more information on alarm systems and regulations that help residents prevent false alarms, contact the Takoma Park Police Department for a brochure: [cathyp@takomagov.org](mailto:cathyp@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7142.



The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission's annual


# HOLIDAY ART SALE

Saturday, December 10  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park

Featuring the work of over 30 local artists and crafters

Original painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry,  
textiles, furnishings and more!



# RECREATION



### Fun Day Program

Ages 5 - 12

Field trips on scheduled whole day school closings and activities and performances on scheduled half day closings. Pick-up is in the Azalea Room in the TP Community Center. On half days only, students attending Takoma Park Elementary will be picked at school and children attending Piney Branch Elementary will be picked up in the hallway by the pool by a Recreation staff member. On half days, bring a snack! Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, sign up early.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Nicolo Whimsey, a juggling jester

TP resident.....\$25

Non-resident.....\$35

Friday, Nov. 11, 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn about African culture

TP resident.....\$25

Non-resident.....\$35

### Teen Talent Showcase

Come and be a part of our Second Annual Teen Talent Showcase on Dec. 9, from 7 -- 9 p.m. The Talent showcase will be in the TP Community Center Auditorium and is free and open to the public. Demonstrate your skills with music, dance, drama, step, comedy or any other diverse talent. Auditions are Nov. 13, 20, 27 from 6 -- 7 p.m. For more information contact the Recreation Department, 301-891-7100.

### Open Gym

Ages 12 – 17

Open gym is not just for basketball. Double Dutch ropes, flag football and other game supplies are provided.

Every other Friday and Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9,

18, 23, 6 – 9 p.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School Gym

Free

**Ski/Snowboard Night Club**

Ages 13-17

This club is for beginners who would like to learn how to ski or snowboard and for the experienced riders who want to discover the thrill of alpine skiing and snowboarding at night. The Night Club Card includes unlimited use of lift access, lessons, equipment rental and five escorted roundtrip visits to one of three mountains (Liberty, Roundtop, Whitetail). In addition, members can use their Night Club Cards on their own any night of the week beginning January 2, 2012. Take advantage of the early bird discount by making your payment no later than Nov. 4, 2011. Contact Faye Wright, 301-891-7283, fayew@takomagov.org.

Saturdays Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 11, 25 and March 3

TP residents.....\$275

Non-residents.....\$305

### College Life Tours

Ages 13 -18

This fall, the Takoma Park Recreation Department will escort students to a variety of colleges and universities in and outside Maryland, and to the annual Historically Black College and University expo. Teens will get a first-hand look at campus life, and learn about academic programs, extracurricular activities, living in dorms and financial options. A different college is featured each Saturday.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Expo, Nov. 12

Meet at the T-Zone, TP Community Center

Free, but registration is required.

### Pilates

Ages 16 and older

A combination of precision body toning, stretching and core strengthening, Pilates is a mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign the body. Students must bring their own mats and hand weights. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Wednesdays, Nov. 2 – 30, 6 – 7 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

\$40/session

No class Nov. 23

### Zumba

Ages 16 and older

This fusion of hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves helps achieve long-term benefits during an hour of calorie-burning,

body-energizing movements. Routines feature interval training sessions and resistance training to tone and sculpt while burning fat. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor Unique Fitness.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 – 6:55 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:10 a.m.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 29

TP Recreation Center

\$40

No class Dec. 24

### Drawing and Watercolor

Ages 11 – 14

Learn to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representing imagery. Subjects include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. \$25 materials fee due the first day of class. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman.

Tuesdays, Nov. 1 – Dec. 13, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

TP residents.....\$140

Non-residents.....\$160

No class Nov. 22

### Drawing

Ages 16 and older

Relax and recharge by engaging your creative mind. Develop your skills in representation, perspective and proportion, while experimenting with personally expressive mark making and color. Black/white and color drawing materials including both wet and dry media will be presented. Instructor will provide still life, floral and interior subject matter with studio lighting. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. All basic materials will be provided. \$20 materials fee due first day of class. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman.

Art Room, TP Community Center

Thursdays, Nov. 2 – Dec. 14, 6 – 9 p.m.

TP residents.....\$195

Non-residents.....\$225

### Collage

Ages 18 and older

Using a variety of collage and paper altering processes, students explore new ways of combining materials like found and altered papers and lightweight three-dimensional materials. Includes principles of color and

### Slot Car Racing

Originally scheduled for Nov. 12 has been cancelled.

design, such as limiting the color palette, structure, balance, repetition, value and gradation. This class is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials will be provided. \$30 materials fee due the first day of class. Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman.

Art Room, TP Community Center

Tuesdays, Nov. 1 – Dec. 13 , 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

TP residents.....\$210

Non-residents.....\$240

No class Nov. 22

### Make Your Own: Felt Ornaments

Ages 8 – 12

Brighten up your holidays with a set of handmade wool felt ornaments! Choose from a variety of themes (winter, Christmas, or Hanukkah). Perfect for display on your tree, mantle or window or to give as a treasured gift. You will learn basic embroidery stitches with plenty of hands-on help. A wonderful way to start your homemade holiday collection. Materials included. Instructor Karen Krueger.

Saturdays, Nov. 5 – Dec. 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lilac Room, TP Community Center

TP residents.....\$50

Non-residents.....\$60

No class Nov. 12

### TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (TP COMMUNITY CENTER)

7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park

Open 8:30 a.m. – 9 :30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday

### TAKOMA PARK RECREATION CENTER (TP RECREATION CENTER)

7315 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park

Open Monday – Friday 2:30 – 9 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.





All you dancers, gather 'round: this group of seniors gets together every Thursday for a square dance session at the Community Center. To join them, call 301-891-7100.

Photo by Paula Lisowski

# SILVER FOXES

## Safety for Seniors Presentation Series

55 and older

Officer Carla Magnaye, of the Takoma Park Police Department will present six sessions covering a variety of timely topics regarding senior safety. Each presentation will be one hour with ample time for questions. For more information, call Officer Magnaye, 301-891-7121 or Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280. All programs are held in the Lilac Room, TP Community Center.

Home Safety and Security  
Monday, Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m.

Security on the Go  
Monday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.

Identity Theft Protection  
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m.

Internet Safety  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 12 noon

Frauds and Cons  
Monday, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.

Phone Scams  
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 12 noon

## Chinese Checkers Tournament

55 and older

Back by popular demand, this is the second annual Chinese Checker Tournament. Open play times can be arranged for those who want to practice, or learn to play, before the event. Open to adults age 55 and older. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12 – 2 p.m.

Senior Room, TP Community Center

Free

## Meals on Wheels Presentation

55 and older

Join Jill Feasley, director, Meals on Wheels, for a half hour presentation on the services this organization provides the residents of our City. Perhaps you, or someone you know will need a hot meal this holiday season and throughout the year. For more information, call Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280.

Friday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Dance Studio, TP Community Center

Free

## Poets Laureate and Poetry Readings

55 and older

The seniors open poetry reading welcomes the past and present Takoma Park poets laureate, Anne Becker and Merrill Leffler, who will join us for this first-time special senior event. Drop-in, no registration is required. We will meet in the Senior Room for an informal hour of words, thoughts and creativity. Sit back, relax and

enjoy listening to the poetry. If you feel like it, you are welcome to join in with a poem of your own. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 12 – 1 p.m.

Senior Room, TP Community Center

Free

## Tai Chi Workshop

55 and older

Kirk Talbott will introduce the ancient Chinese internal martial art of t'ai-chi ch'uan, a gentle moving meditation that improves health and restores balance and calm. The class will emphasize relaxation, posture, and breathing through the slow, integrated exercise of the traditional Yang-style short form.

Monday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

Dance Studio, TP Community Center

Registration is required.

Call Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280.

Registration forms are due by 11/10/11 or earlier.

Free

## WorkHouse Arts Center, Lorton, Virginia

55 and older

A project of the Lorton Arts Foundation, this center was once a prisoner rehabilitation facility, then a correctional facility and now is a center for arts, culture and history. Visitors can tour the grounds, learn about the history of the complex, visit the artist studios and gallery, participate in art classes and workshops, and attend musical and theatre performances. Bring your lunch or bring spending money to purchase lunch in the café. The site is wheelchair accessible.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meet at TP Community Center

Bus pick up at Franklin, Maplevue and Victory Tower apartments only.

Free, but registration is required, from Nov. 1 – 7

## Amish Market, Laurel, Maryland

55 and older

Back by popular demand! Start your shopping at one of the best thrift stores around, with a big Dollar Store next door. Afterwards, have lunch in The Old Country Buffet a few doors down, or you may choose to spend the entire day shopping and having lunch at the Dutch Country Farmer's Market. Fresh food at good prices. Bring spending money for lunch and shopping. Stores are wheelchair accessible.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Meet at the TP Community Center.

Bus pick up at Franklin, Maplevue and Victory Tower apartments only.

Free, but registration is required, from Nov. 1 – 10.

## CDBG ■ From page 3

allocation may go to community or public service projects; the rest must be in capital improvement.

For that reason, the largest chunk of funding, \$60,000, goes to a City-proposed commercial façade easement program, to renovate building facades at Takoma Junction, the Maryland Gateway at New Hampshire and Eastern avenues, Long Branch and Takoma Langley Crossroads. A minimum of five facades will benefit.

The second largest allocation, \$40,000, goes to MissionServ Takoma Park 2012. A project of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, this program uses supervised volunteers and construction specialists who make repairs so that homeowners can address code violations on their homes. It will assist about 15 homeowners and cover materials necessary for repairs.

Children served by the preschool, homework club and summer enrichment programs of Community Life will get \$8,000 of the \$25,000 requested for this program, administered by Montgomery Housing Partnership (see photo). Designed for children ages 3 to 12 living in the affordable-housing MHP properties at 7610 Maple Ave. and on Flower Avenue at Gilbert Highlands, these programs offer affordable care, academic support and a safe environment for children whose parents sometimes work two and three jobs to support the family. MHP currently op-

erates several of these programs from six community centers in their rental properties in Silver Spring, Wheaton and Takoma Park.

For older children, there will be \$7,000 (of a \$20,000 request) for the Smart Choices with Emotions program at Takoma Park Middle School. Run by the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington DC – Youth and Family Services, the weekly therapeutic sessions will serve students at risk of suspension or other disciplinary action at a school with one of the highest rates of suspensions in the county.

Also at Takoma Park Middle School is Jump Start Girls ¡Adelante Niñas! Council recommended granting \$6,000 of the \$11,475 requested by Community Bridges, Inc. to run this out-of-school program. It serves at-risk girls with low-income and immigrant backgrounds. It will serve a minimum of six students from grades six through eight.

Finally, there is the commercial kitchen grant of \$4,000, which goes to Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, partnering with the Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Co-op and the Crossroads Farmers Market. With an eye on an eventual commercial kitchen for residents to use to make food to sell at local farmers markets, this grant will kick-start the idea by offering food safety classes for about eight people in the church kitchen.

Each application was reviewed by a committee of residents and City staff, and will be given final approval by the County before funds are distributed.



Gilbert Highlands provides care for children, as do several other CDBG-funded programs at Montgomery Housing Partnership properties.

Photo by Selena Malott

## THE GIFT OF GIVING: ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR KICKS OFF HOLIDAYS WITH CHARITY GIVING

The 13th Annual Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair will once again offer residents and visitors the opportunity to honor loved ones and friends with charity donations in their name. This year's festival also features holiday-flavored activities to enjoy while "shopping."

The event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave. in Takoma Park. Co-sponsored by Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington and Friends of Sligo Creek, it will feature 14 to 18 charities from which to choose. Last year's donations ranged from a food box for a breastfeeding mom or an infant being weaned, through the

African Mothers Health Initiative; to a bodywork session for a local wounded service member, family member, or caregiver, through Crossings HealingWorks, or a pint of paint for weekly classes at a homeless shelter, through locally-based Art for the People.

The event will also include live music, raffles, supervised children's activities, a sweet and savory bake sale and refreshments.

In 2010, Gift Fair donors contributed nearly \$26,000 to local, national and international charities. To volunteer at this event, contact Mimi Ikle-Khalsa at aggw\_inc@yahoo.com.



# NOVEMBER '11

## 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 City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 21.

To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomagov.org](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomagov.org).

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### City Council Meeting

Most Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
See [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov) for schedule

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### City Elections

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
See insert

#### City Offices Closed

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11  
Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, 25  
Community Center closed  
Sat. & Sun., Nov 12-13

#### Inauguration of the City Council

Monday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
Swearing in of new City Council

#### Getting Your Garden Ready for Winter

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.  
Takoma Park Branch (DC) Library, 5th and Cedar Streets, NW  
Kathy Jentz,  
Washington Gardener Magazine editor  
Free  
202-576-7252

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### Open Mic Sundays

Sundays, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Capital City Cheesecake, 7071 Carroll Ave.  
House of Musical Traditions-sponsored showcase  
Sign-ups, 5:30 p.m.  
Free

#### Dia de Los Muertos Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 – 3 p.m.  
TP Community Center Art Room  
Create your own personal  
Day of the Dead shrine  
Free  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD>

#### Dia de los Muertos Dance

Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
A celebration of the Day of the Dead with the  
De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company  
Free, donations welcome  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD>

#### Washington Musica Viva Chamber Music

Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
Sonata #2 in A Op. 100 by Johannes Brahms,  
Trio in Bb Op. 99 by Franz Schubert  
\$15 door / children under 12 free with adult  
<http://dcmusicaviva.org/>

#### Charlie King and Karen Brandow/ Luci Murphy opening

Musical storytellers and political satirists in the folk tradition  
Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Carroll Café at Seekers Church  
276 Carroll Street NW  
\$15 suggested donation  
[www.carrollcafe.org](http://www.carrollcafe.org); 301-562-4147

#### History and Helicoptering: How Past Factors Explain Parents' Anxieties

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Lecture and Discussion with  
Historian Peter N. Stearns  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
Free  
[www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD](http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD)

#### John Doyle in Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
IMT presents Irish and Appalachian guitar

\$20 advance / \$25 door  
[www.imtfolk.org/html/imt\\_calendar.shtml](http://www.imtfolk.org/html/imt_calendar.shtml)

#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
Open reading, all poets welcome  
Free  
[www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD](http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD)

#### Washington Musica Viva - Chamber Music

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
Claude Bolling's Suite for violin plus jazz trio,  
and "Bukowski Liked Mozart" by  
Charley Gerard  
\$15 door / children under 12 free with adult  
<http://dcmusicaviva.org/>

#### KIZUNA: Reunion

Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
An evening of taiko - Japanese drumming  
Free, suggested donation \$10  
[www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD](http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD)

### KIDS ACTIVITIES

#### Children's Story Time

Every Wednesday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.  
TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.

#### Mr. Gabe

Every Friday, 10 – 10:40 a.m.  
Roda Movements, 7003 Carroll Ave.  
Musical entertainment  
\$6 per child in advance  
[www.mrgabemusic.com](http://www.mrgabemusic.com)

#### T.G.I. Friday Road Tripz

Friday, Nov. 18  
Teen trip to Medieval Times for ages 12 – 17  
See page 6

#### Open Gym

Lots of games for kids ages 12 – 17

Every other Friday and Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9, 18, 23, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Piney Branch Elementary School Gym  
Free  
See page 6

### SENIORS

#### WorkHouse Arts Center

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Field trip for ages 55 and older to Lorton, Va.  
Free, registration required  
See page 6

### ONGOING

#### Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Laurel Ave.

### UPCOMING

#### 13th Annual Alternative Gift Fair

Dec. 3, 12 – 4 p.m.  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave.  
Purchase gifts of donation to honor loved ones and support local and international charities.  
Also bake sale, live music and raffle  
[www.aggw.org](http://www.aggw.org)

#### An Evening of Favorite and Sacred Songs

Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
The DC Labor Chorus, an affiliate of the Labor Heritage Foundation, includes a number of Takoma Park singers.  
Free, donations appreciated  
[www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)

## Fall leaf collection program

Loose leaf collection will be provided by the City from Nov. 21 through Dec. 23 this year. The program will take place over five weeks. Residents can rake leaves to the curb at their convenience during the five week period. Most streets do not have an assigned collection day. The goal of the program is to collect leaf piles within two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather and rain or freezing conditions can slow collection.

This year, the five streets that are State Highways will have two collection days. These streets have an assigned collection date due to the heavy volume of traffic on the streets.

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, Nov. 28 and Friday, Dec. 16.

Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue will have collection on Friday, Nov. 18

and Monday, Dec. 19.

There will be no collection on the Thanksgiving holiday which is observed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25. Also no other streets will receive collection on the dates when the posted streets are collected (Nov. 18 and 28 and Dec. 16 and 19).

During the collection in 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 along 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 10 days of the call.

#### Please follow these guidelines:

- Rake leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. Leaf piles can create traffic hazards.

- 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.
- 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.
- Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

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

### LEAF COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Collection will occur continuously from Nov. 21 to Dec. 23.
- 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 Dec. 23, if weather has not delayed collection.
- Snow and freezing rain can significantly delay collection.
- Call the Leaf Collection Hotline to report when your pile is at the curb, 301-891-7626.