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**Trash collection
No yard waste collection
Sept. 3, Labor Day**



Katie Molinc, 3 and Marvin Molinc, 4½, check out the cantaloupe at the Crossroads Farmers Market on Aug. 2. The market runs from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 31. Photo by Selena Malott

Matching neighbors on the way to school

School Pool creates walking school buses, bike trains

By Lucy Neher

Walking or biking to school just got easier, with a new, online service that matches families who want to walk or bike from the same neighborhood, together.

These “walking school buses” are not new: several are already underway. They allow neighboring parents to take turns supervising groups of children who walk, or bike, together to school. Kids in the Walking School Bus walk every time for fresh air, exercise and old-fashioned fun.

The parents volunteer to escort the group on a rotating basis. Some groups choose one day each week to walk, Walking Wednesdays, for example; others walk every day. A “Bike Train” follows the same principle, put on two wheels.

The logistics of each “school bus” is up to the neighborhood group. Either the students can be picked up along the way or a centralized meeting point can be designated.

Now, Safe Routes to School, which

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Improvements on the way for City bike routes

By Erkin Ozberk
Planning Division

Takoma Park was recently awarded \$5,000 to expand and rehabilitate signed bike routes in the City. The funding, awarded through the Maryland Bikeways Program, will pay for new bike route signs, like those on Cedar Avenue and Wildwood Drive.

The new signs are planned for the entirety of Elm Avenue, one of the longest continuous City streets, and identified as

a neighborhood bikeway in the Takoma Park Master Plan. The route connects Sligo Creek Trail with Takoma Junction, via Poplar Avenue, and Old Town, via Westmoreland Avenue. The funding will also pay for purchasing and re-installing “sharrow” markings on Maple Avenue, now almost entirely effaced. Sharrows, a portmanteau of ‘shared’ and ‘arrows,’ are the on-road bike symbols with two chevrons indicating to drivers that bicycles can use the full lane.

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Co-op presents plans for expansion

By Virginia Myers

The Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op, Takoma Park site, presented its plan for expansion to City Council July 30, and while there are many steps to be taken before such a plan is confirmed as a possibility, David Walker, president of TPSS Board, said he hopes to open a vastly expanded store in January 2015.

The co-op has been working on this plan for months. It commissioned a feasibility study, and an Expansion Committee, formed last year, developed options to as much as double the store’s current size. “It’s time for us to expand,” Walker told the Council, explaining that sales have been strong and the sales per square footage ratio indicates expansion is the only way to maintain dynamic growth.

By expanding, said Walker, “We can better serve our owners, our customers and our community by offering not only more food but a broader selection of food and perhaps some types of food that we don’t have currently.” Possibilities include hot food, deli selections, seafood and more local, bulk and organic food.

Leading the City Council through the possibilities, Walker described a thriving, customer-owned food store. He explained that the Takoma Park store is a for-profit co-op, with 7,500 community-based owners who help make decisions regarding store policies. He pointed out that co-ops are popular throughout the U.S., and number some 30,000 across the country, create \$654 billion in revenue and represent 4 percent of the American economy. In Takoma Park, the co-op employs 43 full time equivalent staff members—more when one counts each part-time worker. “We have good jobs,” said Walker, who reported that staffers earn an average of \$13.60 an hour.

The local co-op has already set aside \$500,000 for a possible expansion, prompted in part by the City’s conversations about how to develop the City-owned parking lot adjacent to the co-op. The lot serves as a loading zone and parking area, and, says Walker, it is essential to the successful operation of the store. The possibility of losing access to the lot is “an existential threat to the co-op,” he said. “We’ll have to move if that lot goes to something else.”

Possibilities

The Expansion Committee put together several possible plans for co-op expansion, though all are entirely preliminary. To move forward, the co-op would have to sign a lease or purchase land from either the Turner estate, from which it leases its current building, or the City, which owns the lot. Adequate financing

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TAKOMA TOPICS:

“Takoma Park Farmers Market starts at 10 a.m. Sunday on Laurel Ave. Have you tried orange watermelon from Musachio's Farm?”

— www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD

City Council & Committee Calendar

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the Takoma Park Newsletter deadline. For the most up to date information, check 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.

Notice on ADA Compliance

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

JOIN THE CITY COUNCIL IN SAYING FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO CITY MANAGER BARBARA B. MATTHEWS

The Takoma Park community is invited to attend a reception for City Manager Barbara B. Matthews on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Atrium. Following the reception, the City Council will adopt a resolution thanking Matthews for her eight years of service to the City.

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. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at clerk@takomagov.org.

RESOLUTION 2012-44

Adopted (July 16, 2012)

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland State Highway Administration regarding the conveyance of Flower Avenue and road improvement funding to the City of Takoma Park.

Authorizes the mayor to sign an MOU that details the process for transferring MD 787 (Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Carroll Avenue) from the state to the City and obtaining \$696,000 from SHA as reimbursement for expenditures by the City for the design and construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street project.

RESOLUTION 2012-45

Adopted (July 16, 2012)

Scheduling the Swearing-In of the New Ward 5 City Councilmember

Clarifies the date and time of the swearing-in of the new Ward 5 City Councilmember so as to have the member begin to participate as soon as practicable.

RESOLUTION 2012-46

Adopted (July 30, 2012)

Authorizing the City Manager to sign an amendment to the land license with TPSS Co-op for parking, loading dock and designated uses.

Sets forth the license fee as follows: FY 2013 - \$18,000; FY 2014 - \$19,000; FY 2015 - \$19,250.

RESOLUTION 2012-47

Adopted (July 30, 2012)

Setting forth the dates for the City Council's 2012 summer recess

The Resolution sets the summer recess to begin after the July 30 meeting and continue through Monday, Sept. 3.

RESOLUTION 2012-48

Adopted (July 30, 2012)

Supporting Nueva Vida, Inc.'s Community Investment Tax Credit application

Supports the tax credit application for the project, "Access and Survivorship Support Services to Latinas at Risk and/or with Cancer."

RESOLUTION 2012-49

Adopted (July 30, 2012)

Urging community-based organizations and/or the Montgomery County Department of Health to include Takoma Park in a proposal for a Health Enterprise Zone

Encourages organizations or the Montgomery County Department of Health to submit proposals for a geographic area including all or part of Takoma Park as a Health Enterprise Zone in order to address health disparities in the Takoma Park community.

ORDINANCE 2012-32

Adopted (July 16, 2012)

Authorizing a contract for tree removal and maintenance with Arbor Care

Authorizes the City manager to enter into a contract with Arbor Care Tree Service for tree removal, maintenance pruning, invasive plant control and pest and disease treatment.

ORDINANCE 2012-33

Adopted (July 16, 2012)

Authorizing a contract for tree removal and maintenance with Excel Tree Service

Authorizes the City manager to enter into a contract with Excel Tree Service for tree removal, maintenance pruning, invasive plant control and pest and disease treatment.

ORDINANCE 2012-34

Adopted (July 16, 2012)

Authorizing a contract for tree removal and maintenance with Mead Tree and Turf

Authorizes the City manager to enter into a contract with Mead Tree and Turf for tree removal, maintenance pruning, invasive plant control and pest and disease treatment.

ORDINANCE 2012-35

Adopted (First Reading July 23, 2012; Second Reading July 30, 2012)

Authorizing FY 2013 Budget Amendment No. 1

Amends the FY 2013 Budget.

ORDINANCE 2012-36

Adopted (First Reading July 23, 2012; Second Reading July 30, 2012)

Ordinance Amending Takoma Park Code, Chapter 3.04, Ethics

Amends Chapter 3.04, Ethics, to conform to state requirements and to incorporate suggestions of the Takoma Park Ethics Commission for handling requests for advisory opinions and complaints.

ORDINANCE 2012-37

Adopted (First Reading July 23, 2012; Second Reading July 30, 2012)

Amending the Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 7, Committee on the Environment and Chapter 2.16, Article 1, General Provisions, Section 2.16.010(C) to reflect the revised term of membership for the Committee on the Environment

Reestablishes the Committee on the Environment, amends the purpose and membership composition, and sets up a process by which the Committee, in conjunction with the City Council and staff, will pursue and maintain Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Certification.

ORDINANCE 2012-38

Adopted (First Reading July 23, 2012; Second Reading July 30, 2012)

Amending the Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 5, Safe Roadways Committee and Chapter 2.16, Article 1, General Provisions, Section 2.16.010(C) to reflect the revised

term of membership for the Safe Roadways Committee

Reestablishes the Safe Roadways Committee and amends its duties, responsibilities and membership composition.

ORDINANCE 2012-39

Adopted (July 23, 2012)

Authorizing purchase of four replacement vehicles for the police department

Authorizes the purchase of two Ford Interceptor utility vehicles and two Ford Interceptor sedans from Apple Ford at a total cost of \$99,778.

ORDINANCE 2012-40

Adopted (July 23, 2012)

Authorizing purchase of three replacement vehicles for the Public Works department and one replacement vehicle for the City's motor pool

Authorizes the purchase of one Ford F150 pickup truck with an extended cab, one Ford Fusion hybrid sedan, one Ford Transit Connect van and one Ford Flex from Apple Ford at a total cost of \$106,385.

ORDINANCE 2012-41

Adopted (First Reading July 23, 2012; Second Reading July 30, 2012)

Authorizing FY 2013 Stormwater Management Fund Budget Amendment No. 1

Amends the FY 2013 Stormwater Management Fund Budget.

ORDINANCE 2012-42

Adopted (July 30, 2012)

Authorizing the purchase of replacement radio equipment for the Police Department

Authorizes the City manager to enter into a contract with Motorola for four in-vehicle mounted radios at a total cost of \$21,482 and ten replacement handheld radios and ten replacement battery chargers at a total cost of \$49,143.



MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mayor Williams welcomes comments and suggestions. Community members are invited to meet with him during his office hours on Tuesdays:
2 – 5 p.m. by appointment
5 – 6 p.m. drop-in hours
(check in at the information

desk and let the receptionist know you are here to see the Mayor)

6 – 7 p.m. by appointment

For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at peggyew@takomagov.org or 301-891-7230.

Hoping the Flower Theatre will bloom again

By Dan Reed

Many Takoma Park residents have fond memories of the Flower Theatre in Long Branch, which entertained local residents for decades before closing in 2008. There are significant hurdles to bringing it back to life, but there's a lot of potential as well.

Built in 1950, the Flower Theatre became a discount movie house in the 1980s before closing in 1996. A local entrepreneur tried and failed to turn it into a cultural arts center, and until 2008, a Spanish-language church occupied the space.

Today, the theatre is a shell. The roof leaks, and the flowers painted on the walls are gone, along with the seats and projection equipment. Owner Greg Fernebok, whose family has held the theatre and adjacent Flower Shopping Center since 1984, has no plans for it. He estimates that it would cost \$600,000 just to make the space habitable, and isn't sure he can find a tenant who will pay enough rent to recover the expense.

Given that challenge, how do you find a new use for the Flower Theatre? This reporter (Dan Reed), with help from local residents, organized a charrette, or idea-generating workshop. Thirty residents, community leaders and businesspeople, along with local architects and planners, came out to Fenton Street Market in downtown Silver Spring last month to brainstorm ideas for the building's reuse.

The group looked at other repurposed theatres around the world for inspiration. Another Art Deco theatre in Denver became a bookstore. A movie house in Cambridge, England is now a pub and restaurant. Closer to home, the Atlas Theatre in Washington, D.C. recently reopened as a performing arts center.

The charrette also developed locally-generated concepts for the space: a venue for plays or concerts; an arts center with studio space; a market hall featuring local vendors; or a café and bookstore. Not surprisingly, many suggested that the Flower Theatre could show films again.

These ideas may sound ambitious, but the surrounding area has a diverse, educated population, disposable income, and excellent accessibility - factors that suggest we can find a financially viable use for the Flower Theatre. More than a third of Long



The old Flower Theatre, complete with interior still-life, has drawn the attention of local residents who would like to revitalize it.



Branch residents have college degrees, while 45 percent of the neighborhood's residents were born outside the United States, and more than half speak a language other than English at home. Households within a mile of the theatre have a median income of \$73,000 a year, below the county's median income but likely to have discretionary funds. In addition, the neighborhood is served by 11 bus routes, while more than 20,000 cars pass through Long Branch's business district on Piney Branch Road each day, giving the theatre excellent visibility.

As a result, there are some long-term plans for Long Branch. The Montgomery County Planning Department is working on a new sector plan for the neighborhood that could allow a greater variety of residential and commercial uses in the business district, and the state of Maryland is seeking funds to build the Purple Line, which

would connect Long Branch to destinations throughout Montgomery and Prince George's counties. But with a good business plan and community support, the Flower Theatre could bring new life to the area well before these projects come to fruition. Already, plans are underway for a pedestrian- and eco-friendly facelift at Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road.

Participants in the charrette are drafting a report of their findings, which will soon be available at www.justupthepike.com. They are planning another meeting this fall, and inviting members of the Takoma Park community to take part, hoping they can help the Flower bloom once again.

Dan Reed writes Just Up The Pike, a blog about Silver Spring and eastern Montgomery County. He recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master's degree in City Planning.

CITY BIKE ROUTES

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Takoma Park has an active and growing cycling community, evidenced by the strong participation at this year's inaugural Bike to School Day and Bike to Work Day, which drew 130 and 170 participants, respectively. In spite of strong community support, finding opportunities for enhanced bicycle facilities is a logistical challenge in the City, as streets are often too narrow for standard bike lanes or they dead-end abruptly. As a result, design concepts for the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project include striped bike lanes along a spacious, yet bustling East-West Highway.

In the meantime, more bicycle parking is being provided through the Safe Routes to School program, and neighborhood bikeways will continue to be signed and mapped. A public meeting planned for October aims to gather community input on the proposed routes and signage. For more information, contact the City's Planning Division at 301-891-7119.



Bike Route signs like these on New Hampshire Ave at Sligo Creek will soon be coming to more neighborhoods east of Carroll Avenue

Photo by Erkin Ozberk

SMALL COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The City Council has established a Small Community Grant Program to work in partnership with the community to help achieve the goals established in the Strategic Plan. Funding in the amount of \$10,000 has been allocated for the Small Community Grant Program in FY 2013.

Applicants must show how the project or program directly benefits the Takoma Park community. The Council will consider a broad range of requests, but all grant proposals must describe how the project or program will address the Council's Strategic Plan.

Through this program, the Council seeks to encourage creative thinking about how to advance its goals and to foster the development of new ideas to solve our common problems. Grants may be used as seed money to start new programs. There is no minimum request; small requests for funding of discrete projects are encouraged. The maximum amount of each grant is \$2,500.

The Council is particularly interested in projects that increase community engagement and result in the formation of new neighborhood or tenant associations, or that are done in partnership with and serve to strengthen existing associations.

Grants require a 100 percent match from other sources or City funding must be used to leverage funding from other sources. Volunteer hours and in-kind services or donations may be used to match City funds.

Complete information is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, 2012.



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

What's the best way to tell my landlord about repairs that need to be done in my apartment?

I just received a card from county code enforcement that says my apartment is scheduled for an annual inspection – so I think he should know what's broken before inspectors arrive!

First off, remember that repairs are not your responsibility, but your landlord's. That said, you are not completely off the hook: you must report whatever repairs come up, and in a timely manner.

Repairs needed in your apartment should always be reported in writing to your landlord. I suggest a letter that is sent by first class mail and not e-mail, because an e-mail is not a confirmed delivery to the landlord. If you want absolute confirmation that it is received, send the same letter two ways: by certified mail with a green card receipt, and by regular first class mail. Your letter should include the date, your list of problems and your contact information. This letter will establish when you informed the landlord of the issue(s). Keep a signed copy of the letter for your files.

If you don't receive a reply within a week, you may report your complaint to Montgomery County's Customer Service Center at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311 or to 240-777-0311. Online complaints go directly to the code enforcement division, which will signal the process for an inspector's visit to the apartment. The inspector will come by appointment, to confirm that the problems are code violations. If the violations are confirmed, the inspector will send a notice giving your landlord typically 30 days to fix the problems. A re-inspection takes place after the 30-day period to confirm compliance.

If you have received a notice for an annual inspection you want the inspector to know about the problems in your unit, report them on the website listed above as soon as you get the card, and hopefully the inspector will take note of your issues when they arrive.

Remember, landlords are required to give a 48-hour written notice of entry into your unit. If you will not be home during the annual inspection, the list can also be left in a conspicuous place where the code enforcement officer will see it. The back of your apartment door is a good spot because they will probably see it when they enter, but definitely when they leave the unit.

The county code enforcement office usually provides landlords with a 30-day timeframe to correct a violation unless the issue is considered an emergency. If a landlord fails to make repairs within that time, he may be formally cited and called to a court hearing.

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the City's Landlord-Tenant and COLTA laws can contact me at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomagov.org.

Notice to vacate, rent increase subjects of COLTA decisions

Makoge v. Hillwood Manor Joint Venture (12-04T)

On Aug. 3, COLTA ruled in a case involving a tenant's complaint, in which she alleged that the landlord gave her a notice to vacate in retaliation for a complaint she filed with the Code Enforcement Division regarding conditions in her rental unit.

Following a hearing on the issue, COLTA ruled that the Landlord did not issue the notice to vacate in retaliation. Testimony showed that before the landlord received the complaint about conditions, the tenant's son had an argument with the apartment management regarding parking. The manager at that time told the tenant's son that they would be receiving a two month notice to vacate. Although COLTA found that the land-

COLTA'S CORNER

lord caused the defective tenancy in the unit and had failed to make good faith efforts to repair some of the defects, the Commission found that the tenant failed to make her case that the notice to vacate was given in retaliation for her filing the complaint about the repairs needed in her unit.

Fair Return Rent Increase Petition – Hillwood Manor Apartments Joint Venture LLC

On Dec. 20, 2011, Petitioner Hillwood Manor Apartments filed a fair return rent increase petition requesting an increase in rents over the annual rent stabilization al-

lowances allowed by Chapter 6.20 (Rent Stabilization) of the Takoma Park Code. A landlord has the right to petition COLTA under Section 6.20.090 of the code to ensure the maintenance of a fair net operating income.

After a review of all the documentation presented to the Commission, on July 18, 2012, the Commission ruled that the landlord may increase rent by 14.3 percent on all units. Rent increases range from \$90.38 to \$181.97 per month. Notice of the increase was sent to the tenants informing them of the increase to take place effective Oct. 1, 2012.

To see the complete COLTA Decisions on these cases, go to www.takomaparkmd.gov Landlord-Tenant (left side of page), then to COLTA Case Summaries.

Help Support Takoma Park's Emergency Assistance Fund

As we follow our daily routines, often we don't realize that our neighbor or the family down the street may be faced with an unexpected, and what may seem to be an insurmountable crisis. To help those facing a financial emergency, the Takoma Park City Council in 2001 created the Emergency Assistance Fund. Since its creation, the fund has provided financial assistance to City residents experiencing a health crisis, a pending eviction or notice of a scheduled utility cut off. This is often the result of the loss of employment or financial circumstances beyond their control.

The Emergency Assistance Fund is financed with tax-deductible contributions from Takoma Park residents and the assistance is limited to Takoma Park residents. The level of assistance provided is based upon the

availability of funds and the need(s) of the individual or family.

Between July 2011 and June 2012, 40 Takoma Park households received financial assistance from the Emergency Assistance Fund. Current national and state economic conditions suggest that even more of your neighbors will be seeking financial help throughout the upcoming year.

Please continue to help your fellow city residents by contributing to the Takoma Park Emergency Assistance Fund. You may use the form provided below to send in your tax-deductible contribution. A letter confirming your donation will be sent to you within 30 days of receipt of your contribution.

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

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

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.

You are invited to a free class ...

Tenant Rights in Takoma Park

Thursday, Oct. 11 • 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave. • Takoma Park, Md.

Light Refreshments will be served

To Register: Call 301-891-7215





Shamil Najafzade, director of *The Fortress* believes that cinema is a legitimate forum for political messages.

Courtesy photo

Film explores life imitating art in Azerbaijan

The Fortress with Director Shamil Najafzade
Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Ave.

We are Takoma and the Karabakh Foundation present “The Fortress,” a film by critically acclaimed Azerbaijani director Shamil Najafzade. The film runs for approximately one hour and 20 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A with the director.

The Fortress tells the story of a film crew that arrives in a remote border village in the mountains of Azerbaijan to shoot a historical account of war, heroism and love, when a real war erupts. This moving tale of life imitating art was selected to represent Azerbaijan in the Foreign Language Film category at the 81st Academy Awards. The film is in the Azerbaijani language with English subtitles.

The Karabakh Foundation is a U.S. 501(c)(3) cultural charity foundation based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the United States of the cultural heritage and traditions of the country of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus area and the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. Its goals include nurturing a new generation of artists and scholars, and serving as a facilitator and clearinghouse to raise the public profile of Azerbaijan, its Karabakh region, and the Caucasus region in general. Foundation support comes primarily from Khazar University, the first private university in Azerbaijan and one of the country’s leading institutions of higher learning. Support also comes from the U.S.-based Allaverdy Foundation. Additional information about the Karabakh Foundation may be found at www.KarabakhFoundation.org.

Eyes on the Borders presents multicultural Latino art

The Arts and Humanities Commission celebrates Latino Heritage Month this month with a showcase from the D.C.-based Art Latino American Arts. The exhibit, called *Eyes on the Borders*, will be on display from Sept. 14 to Nov. 4 in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Eyes on the Borders features nine artists of Latin American descent, but is hardly limited to cultural themes; instead, it explores universal subjects from multiple perspectives, with influences from the Pampas, the Andes, the Amazon and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of South and Central America. Media will include painting, photography and prints.

Embracing the artistic legacy of Mesoamerica, the exhibit honors diversity as well as the inherent tension of celebrating more than one culture. “We explore, ex-

tend and create works of art, looking in from the outside,” says mixed media artist Felisa Federman, originally from Argentina. “In this digital era, with communication easier than ever, we are rapidly building cultural bridges in a complex world. In *Eyes on the Border*... this new, more diverse existence is evident.”

Participating Cuban American artist and blogger Lenny Campbello will further explore this theme with his lecture, “On Identity in the Arts: What Does it Mean to be Latino?” at 8 p.m. on the evening of the opening reception, Sept. 14, in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium. The opening begins at 6 and ends at 9 p.m.

For more information about the artists participating in the exhibit, see www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd/events.

Festival of Dance and Mexican Folk/ Festival de Danza y Folklore Mexicano

Saturday, Sept. 29, 7 - 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Donations Welcome

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day enjoying a performance by some of the top Mexican dance companies from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The dancers will perform the famous Mexican Hat Dance, La Bamba and other traditional folk songs. There will be dance contests and a chance for the audience to learn a few dance steps. Bring the entire family for a day of celebration, dance and music.



Make Art, not Landfill

The Trashy Art Contest drew about 40 submissions from people of all ages, who presented everything from the hood of a van, decorated with discarded plastic toys, to rattling musical instruments made with bottle caps strung on wire. The celebration also included hands-on craft activities.

Photos by Sara Daines



Chess

Ages 6-17

This course will provide you with the first steps in chess: familiarizing yourself with the board, identifying the chessmen, including the moves of each piece, and learning chess terminology. Fridays, 5-6 p.m.
TP Recreation Center
Free with membership card

Double Dutch

Ages 6-14

Learn the art of double Dutch through a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, double Dutch turning and jumping, stretching, toning, jogging and calisthenics. Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m
TP Recreation Center
Free with membership card

Basketball Skills

Ages 6-12

Coaches will teach specific skills and help each participant develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Sept. 15 – Oct. 20
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
TP Recreation Center
\$60/ six weeks

Pilates

Ages 16 and Over

Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline and realign the body. Wednesdays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 17
6 - 7 p.m.
TP Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
\$60/ six weeks

Youth Tennis Clinic

Ages 7 – 9 and 10 – 13

This fun-based program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Ages 7 - 9
Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Sept. 18 – Oct. 16
Ages 10 - 13
Tuesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m., Sept. 18 – Oct. 16
Tennis Courts, TP Middle School
TP residents \$25
Non-residents \$35

Outdoor Street Hockey

Ages 7 – 13

Street hockey can enhance your child’s motor skills and concentration while instilling the art of sportsmanship. Thursdays, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Sept. 27 – Oct. 25
Meet at TP Community Center
TP residents free, but registration is required
Non-residents \$10

Go Deep - Flag Football

Ages 8 – 13

“Go Deep” is a flag football skills program that will teach the basic fundamentals of football. Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Sept. 26 – Oct. 24
Hodges Field
TP residents free, but registration is required.
Non-residents \$10

Kindermusik – Village (Hickory, Dickory, Tickle and Bounce)

Ages newborn – 17 months

Through a unique blend of multi-level activities that include creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration, and a colorful literature component, your baby’s growth and development are stimulated and all senses are engaged. Wednesdays, 12 – 12:45 p.m., Sept. 12 – Nov. 14
Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:15 a.m., Sept. 13 – Nov. 15
Heffner Park Community Center
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$180

Kindermusik – Our Time (Fiddle-Dee-Dee)

Ages 18 months – 3 ½ years

Our Time classes encourage toddlers to uncover an engaging musical world while building confidence, self-control and communication skills. Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. or 10:30 – 11:15



Monica Sainsbury discovers that great art work takes time.

Photo by Lew McAllister

a.m., Sept. 12 – Dec. 12
Thursdays, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m., Sept. 13 – Dec. 13
Saturdays, 9 – 9:45 a.m., Sept. 15 – Dec. 15
Heffner Park Community Center
TP residents \$210
Non-residents \$240

Move with Me

Ages 18 months – 2 ½ years

Move with Me offers a chance for children to develop a sense of body awareness and rhythm. Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Sept. 12 – Nov. 28
Azalea Room, TP Community Center
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140



Amy Holland shows off her hand eye coordination in Kindermusik.

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Let’s Pretend

Ages 2 ½ – 5 years

Let’s Pretend class members will develop this natural creative behavior through dramatic readings, improve sensory exploration, physical experimentation, imagination exercises, singing/movement, props and games. Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Sept. 20 – Nov. 8
TP Community Center auditorium
TP residents \$110
Non-residents \$130

Creative Movement

Ages 3 – 4

Creative Movement is designed to create a fun environment where kids will learn body awareness, balance, a sense of rhythm, concentration and gross motor skills. Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Sept. 11 – Nov, 27
TP Community Center Azalea Room
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

Kung Fu

Ages 4 - 16

This ancient form of self defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination. Saturdays, Sept. 15 – Nov. 17
Beginners, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Advanced, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

Taekwondo

Ages 5 older

Taekwondo involves learning combat skills, sports, fitness, self-defense, self-cultivation (meditation) mental discipline, character development and self-confidence. Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m., Sept. 12 – Dec. 26
Saturdays, 1 – 2 p.m., Sept. 15 – Dec. 29

TP Community Center Dance Studio
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

Drawing and Watercolor

Ages 11 – 14

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Tuesdays, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Session 1 Sept. 11 – Oct. 16
Session 2 Oct. 23 – Dec. 18
TP Community Center Art Room
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 9 – 18

Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Thursdays, 4 – 6 p.m.
Session 1: Sept. 13 – Oct. 10
Session 2: Oct. 18 – Nov. 15
Session 3: Nov. 29 – Dec. 20
TP Community Center auditorium
TP residents \$50
Non-residents \$60

Mask Making

Ages 6 and older

Make a plaster cast of your face (a great gift for parents) and make a custom mask designed by you to fit you! Saturdays, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 – Dec. 22 (No class Sept. 22)
TP Community Center Art Room
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

After School Puppets

Ages 8 and older

Students will learn to make a character design and build a puppet as well as perform with it. Wednesdays, 3:45 – 5:45 p.m., Sept. 12 – Dec. 19
TP Community Center Art Room
TP residents \$130
Non-residents \$150

Getting Ready for College (SAT Writing)

Ages 14 – 18

This class will help students develop college application essays and practice writing essays for the SAT writing section. Mondays, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Sept. 10 – Nov. 19
TP Community Center Lilac Room
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

Video Editing with Final Cut Studio

Ages 12 and older

Whether you are interested in film making, music videos or just making videos for fun, this course will teach you how to put it all together in a creative and professional way. Beginner
Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Sept. 12 – Oct. 17
TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85

Intermediate
Wednesdays, TIME Sept. 12 – Oct. 17
TP residents \$95
Non-residents \$115

Advanced
Thursdays, TIME Sept. 13 – Oct. 18
TP residents \$110
Non-Resident \$130
TP Community Center Multi Media Lab

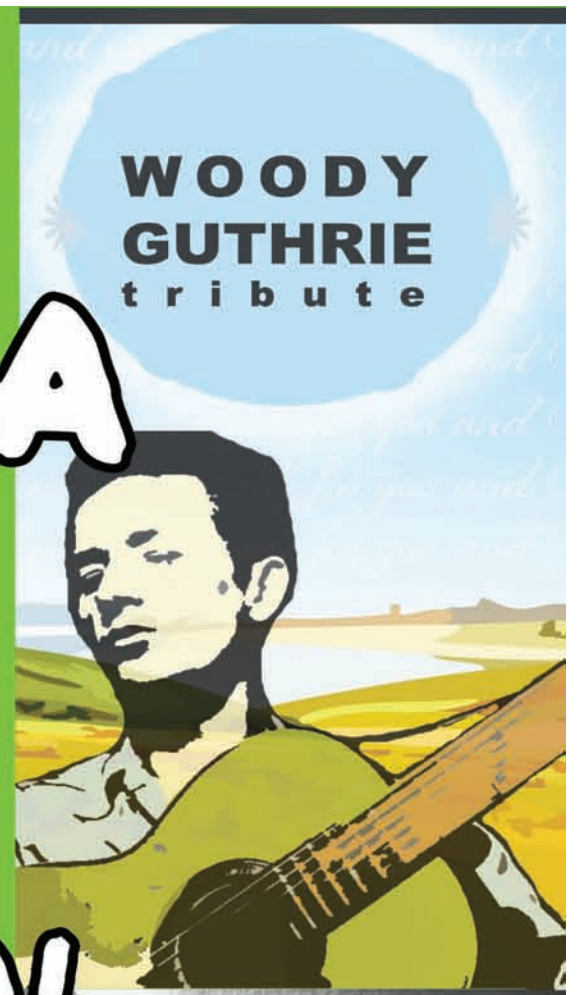
Aerobics

Ages 16 and older

The music never stops with easy to follow moves that really get the heart pumping. Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., Sept. 17 – Oct. 22
TP Community Center Dance Studio
TP residents \$60
Non-residents \$70



TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL



Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012

Come enjoy seven indoor and outdoor stages of live music and dance, including Woody Guthrie tributes. There will also be special activities for kids, community tables, a juried craft show, and great food. All-day fun for the whole family, rain or shine!

Free Shuttle from Takoma Metro and Montgomery College East Garage.

**10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
Takoma Park, MD**



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Partially funded by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Takoma Foundation, and the City of Takoma Park



WELCOME!

Welcome to the 35th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival. Every year, more than 600 musicians and volunteers join together to create a unique event that embodies the spirit of Takoma Park. Through song and dance, crafts and local organizations, food and games, we celebrate the diversity and creativity of our community.

Some History

Today's Festival is far larger than the single stage inspired by Sam Abbott and his friends in 1978. But Sammie's legacy lives on in the Festival and its volunteers. This year, we will present seven stages of music and dance, a juried craft show, children's games, kids' music discovery tent, community tables and eclectic food choices.

Performances

We're welcoming back the D.C. LABOR CHORUS to open the Festival with a special performance. Join them as they stroll through the Festival site, starting at the front of the school at 10:30 a.m. Performances at our seven stages begin at 11 a.m. and showcase different types of music and dance. You might want to sample several stages, or you might want to settle in at a favorite spot all day.

Craft Show and Sale

Visit our juried craft show and sale, featuring original, hand-made crafts in wood, glass, clay, metal, fiber and paper. Nearby, you can purchase recordings and other merchandise from our performers.

Kids' Music Discovery Tent

We are so proud to have a new area this year so kids can find out about music: the kids' music discovery tent. We have invited local music teachers to come and talk about their music. We hope to encourage the next generation of performers.

Picnic Area and Food Vendors

Take a break in the shade at our picnic area. Enjoy the variety of international foods offered by our food vendors.

In addition to enjoying this year's events, I invite you to join our committee to help make next year's Festival even better.

—Colleen Clay, TPF Chair



SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Volunteer interpreters are provided by Capital Sign Language (capitalsignlanguage.com) and First Chair Interpreted Productions (firstchairinterpreters.com) at no cost. We extend our appreciation to CSL's president, Judi Rockhill, for coordinating this service, as well as to each interpreter this year.

JURIED CRAFT SHOW AND SALE

CLAY

Karin Abromaitis (see also Jewelry)
Functional stoneware pottery for kitchen and home

Amy Jackson
Handbuilt functional and decorative stoneware

Elaine Ozol
Handbuilt bowls, vases, garden objects

FIBER

Clydelle Griffin
Handmade skirts, scarves and purses

Steven Holmberg
Hand-dyed clothing in vibrant contemporary designs

Maria Stroffolino
Tie-dye clothing and accessories

Laurie Summers
Woven wall hangings and pillows

JEWELRY

Karin Abromaitis (see also Clay)
Unique copper and silver jewelry

Barbara S. Cromer
One-of-a-kind jewelry using silver, vermeil, gold, with stones, crystals, beads, etc.

Nancy Kahn DeMulder
Fine jewelry in sterling silver and/or 14-kt gold with gemstones, pearls and beads

Jackie Swartz
Jewelry using handcrafted beads of polymer clay, with silver and crystals

MIXED MEDIA

Michelle Burns
Soap and other bath products made from natural products using traditional methods

Mollie Dennis
Tissue-paper collages embellished with buttons and colored wire

Rebecca Jones
Mixed-media wall pieces, prints and note cards

Percy Medina
Hand carved, burned and decorated gourds

Carol Newmyer
Bronze, sterling silver, and polymer sculptures, figurative wall art and jewelry

Susan Nonn
Bird houses and bowls made from hand-crafted hard-shell gourds

PRINTS

Keith Patterson
Watercolors, block-print greeting cards and children's books

WOOD

Nicholas Phillips
Hand-crafted wood boxes, cutting boards, sushi plates and more

Tom Yates
Carved and assembled wood sculptures

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE



Since on-site parking is limited to those with handicap permits, please use our free shuttles.

SHUTTLE FROM TAKOMA METRO: Two free shuttle buses run from the Takoma Metro station kiss-and-ride area to the Festival throughout the day.

SHUTTLE FROM PARKING GARAGE: If you choose to drive, free parking is available at Montgomery College's East Garage (Fenton Street near King Street, Silver Spring, Md. 20910). You can take our free shuttle or walk to the Festival along Philadelphia Avenue (less than a mile).

BENEFICIARIES

A portion of the proceeds from the Takoma Park Folk Festival will be distributed to local non-profit, community-oriented organizations. Youth and adults, and parents from the community, are encouraged to work to help make the festival a success.

Thanks to our grantors and sponsors!





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 Scott Gilkeson

STAGE FOLKS

Field Stage
 Coordinators: Derek Hill, Rob Hinkal
 MCs: Ron Goad, Jesse Palidofsky, Hank Prenskey
 Stage Managers: Derek Hill, Roger Strouse
 Sound Engineer: Andrew Roberts

Grove Stage
 Coordinators: Scott Moore, Susie Markland
 MCs: Steve Gnad, Les Hatley
 Stage Managers: Richard Weil, David Spitzer
 Sound Engineers: Kirby Yarbrough, Granger Helvey

Abbott Stage
 Coordinators: Fred Stollnitz, Jennifer Woods
 MCs: Jennifer Woods, Mary Cliff
 Stage Manager: Charlie Baum
 Sound Engineer: Flawn Williams

World Stage
 Coordinators: Deborah Thornton, Diana Downey
 MCs: Ruth Katz, Rachel Kaufman, Annie Storr
 Stage Managers: Steve Whitney, Kathleen Yinug
 Sound Engineers: Trevor Higgins, Kyle Unnewehr

Lenore Robinson Dance Stage
 Coordinator: Catherine Chapman
 MCs: Miriam Isaacs, Bruce Krohmer
 Stage Manager: Gina McNeal
 Sound Engineers: Dave Richardson, Stuart Barkley

Grassy Nook Stage
 Coordinator, Marika Partridge
 MCs and Stage Managers:
 Marika Partridge, Irene Ravitz
 Sound Engineer: Ben Mazchrzak

Seventh Heaven Stage
 Coordinators and Stage Managers:
 Mark Sylvester, Scott Holland
 MCs: Casey Willson, Meg Kinghorn
 Sound Engineers: Art Isaacs, Charlie Pilzer

Kids' Music Discovery
 A. J. Campbell

RAIN PLAN

If performances must be moved indoors because of rain, the stages will shift as follows:

WORLD STAGE remains in the Cafeteria
 FIELD STAGE moves to the Main Gym
 DANCE STAGE moves to Auxiliary Gym
 GRASSY NOOK moves to Room 102
 GROVE STAGE moves to Room 106
 ABBOTT STAGE moves to Room 116
 SEVENTH HEAVEN moves to Room 120

COURTESIES

To make everyone's day at the Festival joyful and safe, we ask that you follow a few rules:

- No Pets.
- No food or beverages inside the school. Enjoy our shaded picnic area near the Grove Stage.
- Please don't talk loudly or make phone calls at the stages.
- Videotaping or recording of performances is prohibited.
- No smoking on school grounds. It's the law!
- Help clean up. Place trash in containers. If you can stay after 6 p.m. to help us clear the site, that's even better! Report to the volunteer check-in table.

Support the Festival!



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BUCKET BRIGADIERS

Ted Poppitz, Vicki Choitz, David Friedland, Tom Arnold-Forster, Paula Moore, Patrick Fox, Fernando Flores, Audrey Elkins, Tony Juzaitis, Alison Shelton, Kathie Mack, Pam Larson

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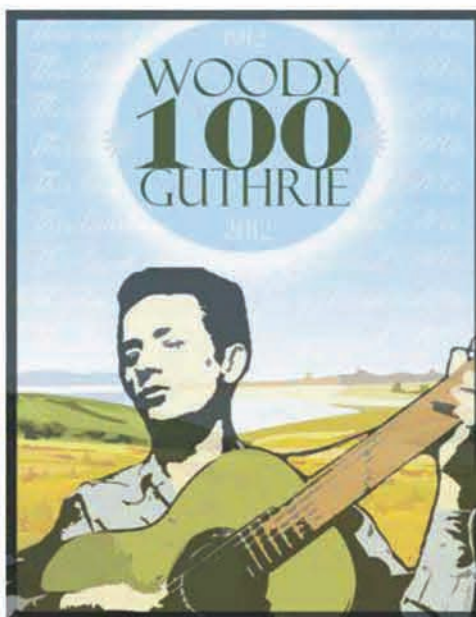
Celebrating Woody Guthrie's Centennial

Woody Guthrie was a labor activist, social commentator, folksinger, and, of course, a prolific songwriter. His songs continue to inspire us today, 100 years after he was born.

While we hum Woody's pleasing melodies, his words can sting. He had no illusions about politics, power and human nature. Woody sang about hardship and love, about people in power and everyday folks, about topics of the day and eternal truths. His purpose was to open our eyes to the world in which we live.

Woody's outlook will be reflected in many performances throughout the Folk Festival, and a Woody Guthrie Tribute will be on the Abbott Stage at 3 p.m. At the Grassy Nook Stage, kids and adults will be creating a Picket Line Mural with images based on Woody's words.

Woody Guthrie believed that people working together can do great things. We do, too. Join us in celebrating and sustaining his legacy.





New Location

Field Stage
multicultural musical melange

Roving the Festival:
Banjo Man Frank Cassel
Foggy Bottom Morris Men
Arlington Northwest Morris Women
Rock Creek Morris Women



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Takoma Park Middle School



Volunteer Check-in

Performer Check-in

Instrument Check
Performer Dressing Room

Abbott Stage
traditional and topical songs

Lenore Robinson Dance Stage
participatory dance and dance instruction

Juried Craft Show

Performer Hospitality

7th Heaven
drumming and singer-songwriters

World Stage
international music and dance

Kids' Music Discovery

Fun for Kids

Grassy Nook
performed by and for kids and teens



Shuttle bus to
Takoma Metro and
Montgomery College East Garage
Only handicap parking on site

Picnic Area



Grove Stage
singer-songwriters and more

Piney Branch Road

Grant Avenue

Stage	Field	Grove	Abbott	World	Lenore Robinson Dance	Grassy Nook Featuring under-21 talent	7th Heaven
	Sponsor: Takoma Foundation	Sponsors: Focus Music Fifth Estate Communications	Sponsor: Institute of Musical Traditions	Sponsor: Airshow Mastering	Sponsor: Long & Foster Real Estate Takoma Park	Sponsor: Washington Adventist Hospital	Sponsor: Strathmore
10:30–11:00 D. C. Labor Chorus will lead a song procession through the Festival grounds							
11–12	Buck Stone and the Bucktones Original bluegrass and honky-tonk with a humorous twist	Dave Phenicie and Friends Complex yet catchy Beatle-istic melodies	D. C. Labor Chorus Songs celebrating working people, for all to sing along	The Mark H Taiko School Dynamic Japanese drumming		Sligo Creek Hedge School & Bog Band Irish tunes	11:30 Drum Workshop Circle with Stream Rhythm fun in the round—everyone can play
12–1	Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark World-class harmonica-led blues/funk quintet	Beggar's Ride In-synch harmonies, intricate guitar arrangements	David Murphey Multi-instrumentalist and singer, American roots music	Caribbean Dance Traditions Flowing movement from the islands	11:30 Free Waltz with Trio Peridico Start your TPF day with beautiful music	Pat Clark Dynamic solo act	12:00 Amanda Lee Indie folk-pop singer/songwriter
1–2	Eme & Heteru Afrobeat and reggae-roots eleven-tet	12:30 Tony Denikos and the Working Poor Roots-rock'n, country-blues'n, power-folk'n Americana	12:30 Glyn Collinson Rip-roaring British tunes and songs, both traditional and original	12:45 Tambores de San Juan Lively Afro-Venezuelan drumming	12:30 Morris Dancing led by Foggy Bottom & Rock Creek teams Hit with sticks! Wave those hankies!	12:30 Chloe Antulov Star of Mount Airy	12:30 Crys Matthews A balanced blend of Ruthie Foster and Tracy Chapman
2–3	50 Man Machine Inclusive mix of reggae, Celtic, pop, jazz, and Caribbean	1:30 Eric Scott Bass-driven neo-soul, pop, funk, rock	1:15 Lilt Spirited Irish traditional music and sean-nos dance	1:45 Furia Flamenca Flashy Spanish dance	1:30 Family Dance with the Treble Makers and caller Janine Smith Fun for the whole family!	Ginger Chimes Takoma Park original indie	1:00 Woody Lissauer Poetic, virtuosic, multi-genre singer/songwriter
3–4	Primitivity Cello quartet blending classical, hard rock, and post-rock	2:30 Paddy Kilrain Lyric-driven folk-rock	Woody Guthrie Tribute to honor his centennial, with Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer , The U-Liners Trio (Joe Uehlein, Avril Smith, Mindy McWilliams) and emma's revolution	2:30 Village Voices A cappella from the Balkans to the Baltic with Niavi , Sudrabavots , and Slaveya	2:30 Caribbean Dance with White House Studios The tropical beat will get your mojo moving!	1:30 Israel Dempsey Homegrown star with guitar	2:00 Deb Felz Band A mix of folk, soul, pop, and enthusiasm
4–5	goatFISH Vibrant acoustic performance, with vocal harmonies, guitars and African percussion	Tinsmith Celtic alternative traditional band	3:15 Martha Burns Old-time songs, cowboy songs, and more	Traditional Ethiopian music and dance	3:30 Traditional Jewish Dance with Lox & Vodka	Christylez Bacon Storyteller, rapper, beatboxer	2:30 Lisa Jaeggi Rootsy indie pop soul
5–6	The Dreamscapes Project Innovative folk and rock all-acoustic quintet	Cletus Kennelly & Lori Kelley 21st-century troubadours with stellar harmonies and guitar work	Piedmont Blues Plus Traditional-style acoustic Piedmont blues, with Warner Williams , Billy Hancock , Chris Colvin , Joyce Ettingoff	Tierra Morena Afro-Andean-Latino musical fusion	4:30 Contradance with the mighty mighty Glen Echo Open Band and dynamic caller Janine Smith	Jordan Levine Artist with banjo	Daisy Castro Unique and visionary gypsy violin
		Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer Grammy-winning folk, old-time country and swing	Bruce Hutton Old-time songs and tunes on a wide variety of traditional American instruments			3:30 What Are We? Uke, guitar, vocal duo	ilyAIMY Percussive acoustic, award-winning songwriting and harmony
						4:30 Ben & Irene Multi-instrumental TP talent	Ms. Fridrich Indie piano pop-rock duo with soaring harmonies
						The Flying Mighty Homegrown and growing fast	

Select performances will be signed for the hard of hearing

Roving the Festival: Banjo Man Frank Cassel, Foggy Bottom Morris Men, Arlington Northwest Morris Women, Rock Creek Morris Women

RECREATION

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Yoga Nidra-Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older

Yoga Nidra is a relaxing practice that helps reduce stress and increases general physical and mental well-being. Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Sept. 10 – Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 TP Community Center Dance Studio TP residents \$60 Non-residents \$70

Yoga for Beginners

Ages 18 older

This class will introduce and develop the foundation of standing poses and basic actions in forward bends, backbends, and twists. Tuesdays, 6 – 7:15 p.m., Sept. 18 – Dec. 11 (No class Nov. 20) TP Community Center Dance Studio TP residents \$120 Non-residents \$140

Yoga and Meditation, Intermediate level

Ages 18 and older

Iyengar yoga teaches stability and openness through alignment so that the flow of energy and the focus of the mind are found in each pose. Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9 p.m., Sept. 18 – Dec. 11 (No class Nov. 20) TP Community Center Dance Studio TP residents \$120 Non-residents \$140

Extending Your Growing Season

Ages 18 and older

In this workshop we will learn about the many ways to grow food all year long. Saturday, Sept. 15, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. TP Community Center Lilac Room TP residents \$25 Non-residents \$35

Sheet Mulching

Sheet mulching is the process of building up and preparing the soil in the fall so that Mother Nature can do the rest, without all the digging. Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. TP Community Center Lilac Room TP residents \$30 Non-residents \$40

Spanish with Music (Beginners)

Ages 25 and older

This course will introduce students to speaking Spanish, primarily Latin American Spanish, through an emphasis on learning by listening to and singing along with a variety of

songs in Spanish. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m., Sept. 11 – Nov. 28 TP Community Center Lilac Room TP residents \$250 Non-residents \$290

Herbal Soap Making

Ages 13 and older

In this workshop, we will learn about the many different ways to create your own herbal soap. Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. TP Community Center Art Room TP residents \$35 Non-residents \$45

In Pursuit of Destiny

Ages 21 and older

This is a seven-week women’s empowerment class designed for the woman who has a sense of purpose but has faced obstacles or past trauma that have hindered her from fulfilling her potential. Wednesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Sept. 26 – Nov. 7 TP Community Center Rose Room Free, but registration is required

Let’s Get Crafting

Ages 18 and older

We will be teaching you how to make handmade greeting cards for all occasions. Fridays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Sept. 21 – Oct. 26 TP Community Center Art Room Free

Collage

Ages 18 and older

Principles of color and design will be presented, such as limiting the color palette and the principles of design will be explored such as structure, balance, repetition, value and gradation. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sept. 11 – Oct. 16 TP Community Center Art Room TP residents \$210 Non-residents \$240

Encaustic Collage

Ages 18 and older

Encaustic collage is a collage medium that uses bees wax as an adhesive and allows for layering of papers and lightweight found materials as a base for over painting with oil and encaustic paint. Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sept. 22 - 23 TP Community Center Art Room TP residents \$230 Non-residents \$260

Zumba Gold Demo Workshop

Ages 55 and older

Zumba is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun! Zumba Gold is designed especially for the active senior, with less intense dance routines for beginners and older adults using modified movements. Call 301-891-7280 for more information. Thursday, Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. TP Community Center Dance Studio Free

Dance Exchange Movement Workshop

Ages 55 and older

Join us for this movement workshop employing a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to art-making in which you will develop movement and text from story, current events, history and personal experience. For more information, please call 301-891-7280. Thursday, Sept. 20, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. TP Community Center Dance Studio Free

Drawing and Painting

Ages 16 and older

In this class students will build their confidence and develop their techniques in drawing and painting still-life, nature and people. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sept. 15 – Oct. 27 (No class Sept. 22) TP Community Center Art Room TP residents \$200 Non-residents \$220

Takoma Fit Club

Ages 10 and older

Free Fitness video workout generally one hour long Wednesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m., Sept. 19 – Nov. 7 TP Community Center Dance Studio Free

Being - Movement

Ages 16 and older

Through music and movement this class promotes presence, awareness and physical well-being. Tuesdays, noon – 1:30 p.m., Sept. 18 – Nov. 20 TP Community Center Dance Studio TP residents \$80 Non-residents \$90

Get LinkedIn! How to get connected with LinkedIn (Beginners)

Ages 25 and older

We will discuss what LinkedIn is, how to create a profile, how you can use it to build relationships, tips and techniques for best practices and LinkedIn tools and applications. Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. TP Community Center Multi-Media Lab TP residents \$40 Non-residents \$50

Get LinkedIn! Leveraging the power of LinkedIn (Advanced)

Ages 25 and older

Features we will cover: uploading resumes, getting recommendations, importing and managing contacts, invitations, joining groups, searching companies, privacy settings, job searches, questions and answers, tools and applications. Saturday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. TP Community Center Multi-Media Lab TP residents \$60 Non-residents \$70

Silver Foxes Birthday Party

Ages 55 and older

We will celebrate July, August and September birthdays this month. Drop-in. For more information, call 301-891-7280. Friday, Sept. 14, 1 –2 p.m. TP Community Center Lilac Room Free

Flu Shot Clinic

Walk-in basis, no appointment necessary. Only cash, check, and Medicare Part B will be accepted as payment. Sorry, no insurance or HMOs can be accepted. You may not get a shot if you are allergic to eggs, have a fever, or have Guillain Barre. Thursday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. TP Community Center Lilac Room Seasonal Vaccine \$25 Pneumonia \$35

Latch Hook Class

Ages 55 and older

Latch hooks are used to knot pieces of yarn on a canvas to make wall hangings, pillows, and small rugs. For more information, call 301-891-7280. Mondays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 1 10 – 11 a.m. TP Community Center Senior Room Free



Instructor Katie Dell Kaufman points out color schemes for the participants in her class. Photo by Lew McAllister

Harnessing the Power of Email Marketing

Ages 25 and older

We’ll discuss: what email marketing is, how you can use it to build relationships, tips, techniques and best practices, tools for building a mailing list and keeping subscribers loyal and engaged. Thursday, Sept. 6, 6 – 8 p.m TP Community Center Multi-Media Lab TP residents \$40 Non-residents \$50

SILVER FOXES

Introduction to Conversational English

Ages 55 and older

Classes are designed to provide an introduction to conversational English for seniors whose first language is not English. For more information, please call 301-891-7280. Session I: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 18 1 – 2:30 p.m. Session II: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 30 – Dec. 13 (no class Nov. 20, 22) 1 – 2:30 p.m. TP Community Center Senior Room \$5 per person, per session.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Upsurge in burglaries intensifies police patrols

There has been an upsurge in burglaries during the month of August. In two weeks, there were six residential burglaries of unoccupied single family homes. The burglaries are also occurring right across the border in the District of Columbia. All members of the Department are on high alert for these crimes.

The police department has increased uniformed and plainclothes patrols in the City. Detectives are following up on all leads and are working closely with other jurisdictions. The exchange of information between jurisdictions is proving helpful, and the department says it will continue to update residents on list serves and the facebook page as it makes progress in these on-going investigations.

Residents should be aware that the vehicles being used in these burglaries are stolen and have been two Dodge Caravans, a Volkswagon Passat and a Honda Accord. The two suspects who are always described in these burglaries are: Suspect one, Black male, 5'9-5'10, muscular build, dreadlock/twist hairstyle, last seen wear-

ing an Ecco brand shirt with red accents and jeans; Suspect two, Black male, 5'6 - 5'7, dreadlock/twist hairstyle, last seen wearing a black t-shirt and jeans.

The suspects may be armed.

They are gaining entry through the rear of the targeted homes, by removing window screens or breaking windows. They usually park their vehicle in the driveway

and knock on doors to see if the house is occupied, usually during morning hours after the victims leave home for work.

The police department urges residents to be "the eyes and ears of the neighborhoods" and call in any suspicious behavior. Also, securing residences is imperative.

Report any suspicious persons or vehicles to 301-270-1100 or 911.

Workshops describe police work, including taser use

The Takoma Park Police Department is sponsoring two separate educational workshops beginning in September.

The Citizens' Police Academy returns for its second session, beginning Sept. 20. Designed to educate residents about police work in general, the 12-week course will cover duties and obligations of officers as well as daily operations, and will be held every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

A one-evening session on the use of tasers will be held on Friday, Sept. 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The taser, a type of electronically controlled weapon, is used to reduce the need for more dangerous weapons and lower officer and subject injury rates. The workshop is designed to increase awareness of its advantages and provide a brief overview of how it is used in Takoma Park.

Both workshops are held at the Takoma Park Community Center and are free, but attendance is limited. For more information or to register, contact public officer Carla Magnaye, carlam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7121.

Homegrown community is in season on the New Ave

Erkin Ozberk – Planning Division

In spite of one of the hottest summers on record, and a tree-felling derecho, two community gardens are cultivating food, flowers and friendship on New Hampshire Avenue.

The gardens maintained by the Hillwood Manor Neighborhood Association on New Hampshire Avenue's east side between Sligo Creek Trail and Erskine Street, have matured over the years. With shouts of "thank you" and other appreciation from people walking, biking and driving by, there is a sense that their positive impact extends beyond the neighborhood. This year the group had the time to install art in the garden, in the form of mosaic bowling balls.

"We've wanted to do something new to entice families with young children to be more involved with the garden," says Pamela Sparr. So, resident Chipper Woodward led children, teens and adults in a Mother's Day family activity gluing tiles to bowling balls donated from AMF College Park Lanes. Local mosaic artist Arturo Ho graciously lent tools, donated mirror, and coached Chipper. "The mosaic bowling balls help us with all of those goals. They're our contribution to Takoma Park's trend of showcasing sculpture from recycled materials."

Just up the block, The Community Garden of Takoma Overlook took root this summer at the base of the condo



Hillwood Manor residents work together on Mother's Day to create mosaic globes for the public garden.

Photo by Pamela Sparr

building at 7333 New Hampshire Ave. Starting with just an idea on a piece of paper last January, Andrea Carney polled residents of Takoma Overlook and the idea for a community garden became more definitive. Along the way, she learned a valuable lesson: ask and you shall receive. By spring time, she had a solid group of fellow residents willing to help, and funding granted from the City.

The garden at the Overlook includes collards, kale, spinach, broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and even a nectarine tree and a blackberry bush. For the resident gardeners of Takoma Overlook, the garden has not only

cultivated fresh fruits and veggies, but also community bonds and a sense of pride. "Now looking at how much the plants have grown and the success of the garden, and even kids asking questions about it," says Gardener Shanika Whitehurst, "I know this will be a great experience for many years to come."

To learn more about community gardens on New Hampshire Avenue and get support digging into your own garden project in the corridor, visit www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant or call the City's Planning Division at 301-891-7119.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of July 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 368 fire-related incidents in 2012. The department addressed or assisted with 1,835 rescue or ambulance-related incident for a total of 2,203 this year. Totals for 2011 were 419 and 1,644, representing an increase of 140 incidents.

Keeping Your Family Safe From Fire

- Smoke alarms should be installed on all levels of the home, especially outside the bedrooms.
- All smoke alarms should be tested at least twice a year.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of a smoke alarm.
- All smoke alarms over 10 years old must be replaced.
- Make sure you have a family escape plan, and you practice it with the entire family twice a year.

Mark Your Calendar – TPVFD "OPEN HOUSE"

On Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department will have an Open House to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. Please take this opportunity to drop by the "new" fire station with your family to tour the station and learn about fire safety. We'll have displays, games, prizes and more.

New Members at TPVFD

At the July 11 membership meeting of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Henry Speaker and Richard Willet were voted into membership. If you are interested in joining the department, please contact Mike Livingston at 240-773-8954. We have a TPVFD uniform waiting for you.

Takoma Park Lions Club 2012-13 Officers

Recent elections brought in a new slate of officers at the Takoma Park Lions Club. They are as follows: President, Mike Bigler; Immediate Past President, Brian Geraci; First Vice President, Kirk Szymanski;

Second Vice President, Beth Bigler; Secretary, Mike Hall; Treasurer, Heath Winter; Membership Chairman, Keith Van Ness; Lion Tamer, Jim Jarboe; Tail Twister, Jeremy Hall; Director, Paul McGarvey; and Director, John Sullivan.

Volunteer Committees Give Residents a Chance to Pitch In

Residents in Takoma Park are known for their activism, and that applies to volunteering right here at home. For folks who want to contribute to the immediate community, City committees offer many different opportunities to get involved.

Listed below are the 16 committees and commissions currently calling for new members. Four are starting from scratch: the temporary, City Manager Selection Committee and the Recognition Task Force, and the newly reestablished Committee on the Environment and Safe Roadways Committee. Currently Wards 4, 5 and 6 are under-represented, so residents from those areas are particularly encouraged to apply for appointment. In most cases, Committee members must be residents of Takoma Park. All committees are selected by the City Council from among applicants.

Unless noted otherwise, any residents interested in being considered for committee work can complete an application and submit it along with resume or statement of qualifications. For more information on a committee, contact the City clerk, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org. Applications are also available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees/comapp.pdf.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) serves in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to the arts and humanities. The Commission promotes, coordinates and strengthens public programs to further cultural development of the City. The Arts and Humanities Commission consists of 7 to 15 members appointed to three-year terms. At least 2/3 of the members must be Takoma Park residents. The AHC meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact Sara Anne Daines: sarad@takomagov.org or 301-892-7224. **Eight vacancies**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Takoma Park Board of Elections plans and conducts regular and special City elections in coordination with the City clerk, encourages voter registration, conducts voter education and advises the City Council on election laws and procedures. The Board of Elections consists of up to seven residents appointed to three-year terms by the City Council. Residency is required. The Board of Elections generally meets monthly on an evening convenient for the members. During City Election season, more frequent meetings are held. **One vacancy**

CITY MANAGER SELECTION COMMITTEE

*Help select the next
Takoma Park City manager*

The City Council is seeking 21 to 30 representatives to serve on the City Manager Selection Committee. Apply by noon, Friday, Sept. 7. Appointments will be made by Monday, Sept. 17. To apply or if you have questions, contact the Mayor or your City Councilmember, and fill out the standard City Committee Application Form, available from the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or online at <http://takomaparkmd.gov/committees/comapp.pdf>. **21-30 vacancies**

Mayor – Bruce Williams 301-891-0728
brucew@takomagov.org

Ward 1 – Seth Grimes 301-873-8225
sethg@takomagov.org

Ward 2 – Tim Male 240-274-0341
tim@takomagov.org

Ward 3 – Kay Daniels Cohen 301-270-1084
kaydc@takomagov.org

Ward 4 – Terry Seamens 301-565-0190
terrys@takomagov.org

Ward 5 – Jarrett Smith 301-960-7462
jarretts@takomagov.org

Ward 6 – Fred Schultz 301-434-7090
fschultz@starpower.net

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS

The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) adjudicates and mediates complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides appeals from the City manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses. The Commission consists of seven to 12 members with a balance of landlords, renters and homeowners. Members serve three-year terms. Residency required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. COLTA holds one business meeting per year. Commissioners are assigned to three-member panels for hearings, which are held as needed. For information, contact Moses Wilds: mosesw@takomagov.org or 301-891-7215. **One vacancy – Takoma Park rental housing owner or manager desired.**

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT – NEWLY REESTABLISHED

The Committee on the Environment advises the City Council on all matters related to environmental sustainability, protection and restoration and serves in partnership with the City Council and Takoma Park City staff to achieve sustainability and other environmental certifications that may help the City meet and be recognized for its environmental goals. The City Council is seeking up to 15 persons as follows: at least five interested residents with expertise in a variety of scientific, technical and environmental policy disciplines and/or outreach skills related to environmental science; at least four representatives from community organizations including local environmental and cultural groups, public health and civic organizations, faith-based groups and parent-teacher organizations; and, at least two representatives from local businesses or business groups. Members will be appointed to staggered terms of one, two or three years. The meeting schedule will be set based on members' preferences. **Up to 15 vacancies**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) provides community input into the City's planning for emergencies and encourages residents and others to be prepared. Committee membership includes seven Takoma Park residents appointed by the City Council, senior City staff selected by the City manager, and several members representing other agencies. Resident members serve three-year terms. Currently, the EPC meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. **Three vacancies**

ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission hears and decides on inquiries and complaints regarding alleged or potential violations of the Ethics Ordinance, issues written advisory opinions, recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ethics Ordinance, and conducts public education regarding the ordinance. Up to seven residents may be appointed to the Commission. Members serve two-year terms. The Commission meets at least quarterly but more often if necessary. **Three vacancies**

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

The Facade Advisory Board (FAB) helps to ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park; provides guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs and new construction work; and informs citizens and business owners of historic district benefits and requirements. Seven voting members are appointed to three-year terms. At least two members must be professionals such as architects, planners, and/or historians; at least two members must be building or business owners located or doing business in the Takoma Old Town and Takoma Junction commercial areas; and one member and alternate are appointed to represent Historic Takoma, Inc. The FAB generally meets the second Tuesday of every other month at 7 p.m. **One vacancy – for an architect, planner or historian.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Takoma Park has one seat on the County's Cable and Communications Advisory Committee (CCAC). The City Council is seeking a volunteer to serve as the City's representative on the CCAC. The volunteer should be knowledgeable about and/or interested in new technologies, the use of video on multiple devices, and the possibilities of interactivity with residents through these technologies. Additionally, the City of Takoma Park and Montgomery County are in the process of negotiating the franchise agreement with Comcast, and the agreements with Verizon and RCN expire in 2014. The CCAC will have an advisory role in the franchise renewal process. For more information, contact Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, suzannel@takomagov.org or 301-891-7229. **One volunteer needed**

NUCLEAR-FREE

TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act. The Committee is to consist of seven Takoma Park residents with collective experience in the areas of science, research, finance, law, peace and ethics. Members serve two-year terms. The Committee generally meets the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. **Two vacancies**

PERSONNEL APPEAL BOARD

The Personnel Appeal Board adjudicates employee appeals of the City manager's decisions regarding employee grievances or dismissals. Five residents are appointed to the Board for three-year terms. The Board meets annually unless called to convene a hearing. **One vacancy**

RECOGNITION TASK FORCE SHORT TERM COMMITMENT

The City Council is looking for how best to recognize and/or memorialize Takoma Park volunteers, leaders,

advocates, mentors and others who serve the community. To this end, the Council is forming a Recognition Task Force to propose ideas and programs. The task force will consist of up to seven members, one appointed by each member of the Council and the Mayor. The Task Force will be asked to complete its work within three to four months. Application deadline: Sept. 14. The Council intends to make appointments by Sept. 24. **Seven vacancies**

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee advises the City Council on matters related to recreation programming and facilities. The Committee consists of seven to 15 members appointed to two-year terms. Residency is required. The Committee generally meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. **One vacancy**

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE NEWLY REESTABLISHED

The Safe Roadways Committee will advise the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues and transit services. The Committee will also encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit. Members will be appointed to staggered two-year terms. Residency is required. The meeting schedule will be set based on members' preferences. **Up to 11 vacancies**

SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee reviews applications for the City's Small Community Grant Program and makes recommendations to the City Council for funding. The Committee meets as needed. Application deadline: Sept. 14. **Three vacancies**

TREE COMMISSION

The Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect and promote the urban forest of Takoma Park and to hear appeals from tree permit decisions. Five residents are appointed to the Commission for three-year terms. The Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. **One vacancy**



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, crafts event and more.

For more information about supporting the Friends, see www.ftpml.org.

CALENDAR

CIRCLE TIME

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

SPANISH CIRCLE TIME

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

COMICS JAM

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 4 p.m.
Join library staffer and comics guru Dave Burbank as he reads comics on the big screen.

BEDTIME STORIES

Monday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.
Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

FRIENDS READING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion of "The Secret Agent" by Joseph Conrad.
Azalea Room.

PETITES CHANSONS

Saturday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m.
Come sing French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie.

SUMMER QUEST PARTY

Monday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
Come celebrate the end of another great Summer Quest!
Registration encouraged.

FRIENDS BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7:45 p.m.

SCRIBBLER'S CABAL

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2-4 p.m.
Young artists: come share ideas and inspiration with Dave Burbank

CALDECOTT BIRTHDAY CLUB

Monday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Join us for the first of several evenings devoted to Caldecott-winning books.



Teens and adults cross over to expand reading selections

By Karen MacPherson

It's a beautifully-written, but gut-wrenching book about teen cancer patients who fall in love. Published earlier this year as a young adult book, "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green now is hugely popular — among both teens and adults.

Green's novel is just one of an increasing number of "crossover" books that appeal to different ages. The idea of crossover books certainly isn't new; just look at "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger or Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," which are books that were written for adults but have become teen classics.

But crossover books gained real traction in recent times with the "Harry Potter" books by J.K. Rowling. Kids, teens and adults all avidly followed Harry's adventures in the seven-book series. In England, the books were even issued in separate, and less child-like, covers, just for the adult market.

Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" trilogy, which begins with "The Golden Compass," is another popular crossover series. Like the "Harry Potter" audio books read by the incomparable Jim Dale,

Looking for some crossover books?

Check out these resources:

The Young Adults Library Service Association (YALSA), the American Library Association's division for librarians who work with teens: www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook. Look especially at the winners of the Michael J. Printz Award, given annually to the best-written books for teen, and the Alex Awards, an annual list of ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults. (NOTE: You need to fill out a brief questionnaire on the YALSA webpage before you can gain access to the booklists. You can also find the winners on the Web via Wikipedia.)

The Adult Books 4 Teens blog, written by high school librarian Angela Carstensen. The blog can be found on the School Library Journal website: <http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/adult4teen/>.

A wide-ranging list of crossover books can be accessed at www.webjunction.org/documents/webjunction/Crossover_Books_for_Teens_and_Adults.html. The list was created by three librarians for the Web Junction program of the OCLC, a non-profit library service group.

the audio versions of Pullman's trilogy — done by a cast of readers — are favorites for families heading off on road trips.

In the past few years, the "Twilight" quartet by Stephenie Meyer, published as young adult novels, has won both teen and adult readers. Even more popular with teens and adults is Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games" trilogy, which also was published specifically for young adults.

Author Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," which won a National Book Award in the young adult category, is another book that has won adult fans. (Interestingly, Alexie first won fame as an adult author, and "Absolutely True Diary" is his first young adult novel. But Alexie has been so wowed by the outpouring of teen interest and affection for his novel that he has plans to write more young adult books.)

"Ship Breaker" by Paolo Bacigalupi, won the 2011 Michael Printz Award, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-written book for teens. But it's also become another crossover book enjoyed by adults.

On the flip side, teens have long flocked

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Petite Chansons

Madame Marie Mackler returns for another season of "Petites Chansons" on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Join Madame Marie as she leads a half-hour program of French songs and rhymes. This monthly library program — the only one of its kind in the area — is perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-

ups. Please register — just once for the season — so that we can keep you informed of the program dates and notify you of any last-minute changes. (NOTE: If you registered last year, we ask you to re-register as our registration info was destroyed in a software glitch). To register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html, or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring this program, as well as our weekly Spanish Circle Time.

Celebrate Caldecott

The Caldecott Medal is 75 years old this year! Created by the American Library Association to annually spotlight the best illustrated children's books, the Caldecott Medal has a long and lustrous history. Books that have won Caldecott Medals include such favorites as "Where the Wild Things Are," "Officer Buckle and Gloria," "The Snowy Day," "Jumanji," and many more. To celebrate this big birthday, we're going to meet once a month to read together some Caldecott Medal and Calde-

cott Honor winners on the big screen. Our first program will take place on Monday, Sept. 24, from 7-8 p.m. Designed to be a kind of "family book club," our Caldecott Birthday Club also is great for adults who love picture book art or who just want to enjoy some childhood favorites again. Each month generally will be devoted to looking at a particular decade of Caldecott winners. In September, we'll look at winners from the 1930s and 1940s, including "Make Way for Ducklings," "Madeline,"

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College prep series begins

Now is the time to reserve your spot for the popular College Bound Speakers' series at the Library. This informative series of workshops is for college bound high school students and their parents.

Dr. Herm Davis will kick off the series on Thursday, Oct. 4 with an in-depth discussion of college financing issues. He will address the financial aid timetable, scholarships, loans, work-study, college savings plans, the FAFSA application and more. One of the nation's foremost college aid authorities, Davis heads the National College Scholarship Foundation and directs College Financial Aid Counseling and Education Services. Davis is a consultant for Peterson's financial publications and author of "College Financial Aid for Dummies."

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, Dr. Lorie Ness will introduce a new workshop entitled "Taking the Plunge Without Drowning: Tips for Thriving During the Transition to College." This seminar is designed to help future college students and their families successfully navigate the transition to college. Ness will demystify the process by preparing prospective students and parents for the changes related to a student's social life, emotional adjustment, academic environment living situation and family structure. Ness is a clinical psychologist in Silver Spring, offering individual, couples, and family therapy.

Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre will conclude the series on Tuesday, Oct. 23, with an overview of the college selection process. Selecting a college is like selecting a new home for four years. Which schools might provide the right fit – academically, financially and personally – for you? Topics include: what colleges are like in 2012, sorting out your personal criteria and goals, and how the admissions process really works. Potts-Dupre is a Certified Educational Planner, and has had a private counseling practice in Takoma Park since 1997. She has evaluated more than 350 colleges nationwide.

The College Bound Speakers Series is presented by the Takoma Park Maryland Library with support from the Friends of the Library. Please pre-register by calling 301-891-7259, or on-line at www.takomapark.info/library

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"Blueberries for Sal" and "Stone Soup." Come join us for this unique program!

Summer Quest party

We'll end our 2012 Summer Quest program with a party on Monday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Come tell us what books you loved – and didn't like – and give us your ideas for next year's theme. We'll have cupcakes and lemonade, and all party-goers will leave

with a new book or two. Registration encouraged so we can have enough food and books for everyone. To register, please go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259.

Bedtime at the library

Our monthly "Bedtime Stories" program, which normally takes place on the first Monday evening of the month, will be held instead on September 10 at 7 p.m. because of the Labor Day holiday. Our program is great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups!

Betty Barclay remembered

A memorial service will be held for Betty Barclay on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Betty was the Library Director (then titled Head Librarian) of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library from 1973 to 1982. She and her husband raised their four children at their home on Cedar Avenue in Takoma Park. She died in November of 2011 at the age of 90.



Betty Barclay

Betty worked at the library for nearly 20 years, from 1963 until her retirement. She began as a shelver, then when she achieved her Library Science degree she progressed to Children's Librarian, then Reference Librarian and finally Head Li-

brarian.

All are welcome to join members of Betty's family in attending this special memorial service, which will be held at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center.

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to the books – published for adults — of horror master Stephen King and the science fiction "Ender's" series by Orson Scott Card. More recently, Jodi Picoult's realistic fiction for adults has drawn large numbers of teen readers.

Then there are the books that defy easy categorization. "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak is one of those novels. Narrated by Death, "The Book Thief" was first published for adults in Zusak's native Australia, but was published for teens in the United States.

The books of Terry Pratchett also are a mix, since they have wide appeal to both teens and adults. We even have some of his books in our Children's Room (look for the wonderful Johnny Maxwell series). One of Pratchett's most recent books, "Nation," was published for teens and won a 2009 Michael Printz Honor, yet is often

checked out by adults.

One of the most popular crossover authors today is John Green, so it's no surprise that his latest novel, "The Fault in Our Stars," has won major kudos from both adults and teens, despite the book's melancholy subject. Green's first novel, "Looking For Alaska" won the 2006 Printz Award, and immediately won him a new audience among adults.

Adults also are fans of Green's other teen novels, including "An Abundance of Katherines," a 2007 Printz Honor book, "Paper Towns" and "Will Grayson, Will Grayson," which was co-written with David Levithan.

While Green appreciates his adult readers, he remains – unapologetically – a writer for teens. As he says: "I'm very grateful to have adult readers, and I like them a lot. But I still have a special place in my heart for readers in high school and college. I still think of them as my core audience."

SCHOOL POOL

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initiated walking school buses and bike trains, has organized a SchoolPool: a free, interactive matching service for parents of children who attend the same school or a nearby school and want to share the responsibility of transporting students to school on foot or bike. This safe, secure service matches parents with other parents in their neighborhood who are interested in organizing a walking school bus or bike train, much like a carpool, but without the car.

For five years, the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School program has paved the way for parents and students to walk or bike to school safely. Safe Routes has completed improvements to infrastructure, offered pedestrian and bike safety educational programs and events, coordinated enforcement details and responded to the many and varied issues related to keeping the City's students safe on the way to and from school. SchoolPool is the next step.

Besides serving as a convenient way for kids to get to school, Safe Routes touts SchoolPool as saving parents' time, encouraging healthier, active lifestyles, and reducing traffic congestion around schools. As much as 25 percent of morning traffic is generated by parents driving their children

to school, according to Safe Routes.

How does SchoolPool work?

The school registers to participate by completing and returning the SchoolPool application form. Piney Branch, Takoma Park and Rolling Terrace elementary schools have already registered, and parents can enroll now.

Parents/guardians enroll online at www.commuterconnections.org/schoolpool. There they provide information, including home address and grade level for each child they want to enroll. All information is confidential and will be provided only to prospective "match list" parents from the same or nearby school and to the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator. Children's names are never used.

After enrolling, parents/guardians receive a "match list" for each child with the email of other enrolled families from their neighborhood who travel to the same school.

It's up to the parents/guardians to make whatever arrangements they prefer. Safe Routes will promote the program and offer education and encouragement for families who choose to enroll.

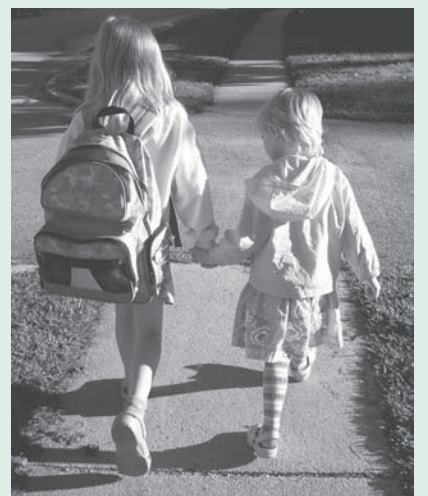
SchoolPool-registered schools keep all information confidential: only students and their parents are allowed to participate, and no personal information is sold,

shared, or traded online or elsewhere. Parent information will only be shared with other parents enrolled in the program at school and with the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator, who can assist with establishing a Walking School Bus or Bike Train.

If for any reason parents are uncomfortable with the arrangements offered, there is no commitment to follow through; signing up is simply an expression of interest in exploring available options.

SchoolPool is managed by Commuter Connections, a program of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Commuter Connections promotes bicycling to work, ridesharing and other alternatives to drive alone commuting, provides ride matching for carpools and vanpools and offers the free Guaranteed Ride Home program. Commuter Connections is funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

To learn more, plan on participating in Walk to School Day, Wednesday, Oct. 3, when information will be distributed at the schools, or contact Lucy Neher, City of Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator, lucyn@takomagov.org, 301-891-7235.



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Information available at

Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary and Rolling Terrace Elementary schools

Learn about walking school buses, bike trains and SchoolPool

SchoolPool, for kids who commute together www.commuterconnections.org/schoolpool

CO-OP EXPANSION

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would have to be secured –a likely scenario, as described by Walker, who showed the Co-op’s finances to include revenues of more than \$10 million annually and a growth rate of 5 percent. The building site would have to be found to be environmentally suitable, and public approval of parking arrangements and other issues would have to be in place.

The most favored plan involves building

an entirely new structure that doubles the square footage of the store from its current approximately 5,550 square feet to 12,500 square feet. The new building would be erected on the City lot. Walker described it as more environmentally efficient to build a new store, designed to purpose, rather than retrofitting an existing building. Three possible layouts were suggested: deep and narrow, shallow and broad, and deep and narrow with two-level parking.

A smaller option would be to expand the current store. Details of the plans and financial information are available in the City Council packet at takomaparkmd.gov.

Growth at the Junction

Much attention has been focused on the Junction of late. City officials and local businesses would like to develop a more active community hub there, but traffic has been prohibitive. State Highway is planning a new

crosswalk on Carroll Avenue to Grant Avenue, and Public Works will be putting in ADA-compliant sidewalks. The Takoma Junction Task Force has put forth several other suggestions to revitalize the area (see February 2012 issue, *Takoma Park Newsletter*).

Meanwhile, Food Truck Fridays have created a buzz in the City lot. They will continue to serve each Friday evening through September, right where the Co-op would like to expand. For a schedule, see the story on page 5.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
For agendas, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas

City Manager Reception
Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
A reception for departing City Manager Barbara Matthews

Taser Education
Friday, Sept. 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Learn how tasers are used in law enforcement
Free
carlam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7121

Citizens’ Police Academy
Thursdays, Sept. 20 – Dec. 13, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
Describes the nuts and bolts of policing
Free
carlam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7121

Takoma Women’s Business Network
Monday, Sept 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., mingling
7 – 9 p.m., workshop
Heather Mayes Gleason,
tpsUPERwomen@gmail.com

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry
First Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educare-supportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Food Truck Fridays
5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op,
201 Ethan Allen Ave.

SEPTEMBER ‘12

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 October 2012 issue is Sept. 17; it will print Sept. 28. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomagov.org. “TP Community Center” is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 7, Cap Mac and Bayou Brothers
Sept. 14, Doug the Food Dude
Sept. 21, Go Fish

Fried Fish Fridays
Second Fridays, 6 – 8 p.m.
TP Community Center outdoor basketball court
Food and fellowship
Free

Apple pie baking contest
Sunday, Sept. 16, drop-off 10 –10:30 a.m.
Judging begins 11 a.m.
The Takoma Park Farmers Market
Pies judged on creativity, appearance, taste and texture
www.takomaparkmarket.com/News/

Fourth Annual Play Day
Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
Fun activities for all ages, from chess to floor hockey
Free
www.takomaplays.org

Takoma United Walking Tours
Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Beginning at Takoma Park Community Center
A self-guided tour, with guides at stops along the way
kohn@erols.com

Walk to School Day
Wednesday, Oct. 3
lucyn@takomagov.org, 301-891-7235

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Open Mic Sundays with Rob Hinkel
Sunday, Sept 2, 9 & 16, 6 - 9 p.m; sign-ups, 5:30 p.m.
Capital Cheesecake, 7071 Carroll Avenue
Free Admission
www.mainstreettakoma.org/event/446

Jazz Jam
Open mic for jazz musicians
Wednesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. N.W.

Takoma Spark House Jam
Informal gathering on the front porch
7206 Carroll Ave. across from the firehouse
Bring an instrument or sit back and listen

34th Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival
Sunday, September 9, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
TP Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road
Music, activities for the kids, food and juried crafts show and sale
Free
www.tpff.org

The Fortress - Screening and Discussion
Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Life imitates art, with Azerbaijani director Shamil Najafzade (English subtitles)
Free
www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd/events

Eyes on the Borders - Opening Reception
Friday, Sept. 14, 6 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Atrium Gallery and Gallery 3
Members of the Art Latino American Collective Project explore universal subjects from multiple

perspectives
Free
www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd/events

On Identity in the Arts: What Does It Mean to Be Latino? - Lecture
Friday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Arts blogger Lenny Campello discusses what it means to be Latino
Free
www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd/events

Carroll Café – Sparky and Rhonda Rucker with Gina Desimone and Pat Quinn
Friday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Toe-tapping music spiced with humor, history and tall tales
\$15 door
Carroll Café, 276 Carroll St NW
<http://carrollcafe.org>

IMT – Carey Creed
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Creed celebrates the resilience and kindness of ordinary folks.
\$16 advance / \$20 door, students \$12 / \$16
<http://imtfolk.org/>

Third Thursday - Poetry Reading
Thursday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Featuring poets from the region
Free
www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd/events

We are Takoma – Festival of Dance and American Folk
Saturday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
An evening of Mexican folk, cha-cha, mambo, salsa, tango and more from Latin America
Donations welcome
www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

SENIORS

Flu Shot Clinic
Thursday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
TP Community Center Lilac Room
Seasonal Vaccine \$25, Pneumonia \$35
See page 6 for information

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
PLANT A TREE

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the City. As last year, there is an added incentive of the City paying \$100 towards the cost of the first tree purchased (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal permit). Residents can add a tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year.

Established discounts still apply as well, through the City’s annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the City is making five species available at wholesale prices. Red oak, white oak, sycamore, black gum and Princeton elm—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed.

Sale dates run through Oct. 20

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation (see order form). Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 20.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

___ Red Oak (2") ___ \$195 White Oak (2") \$195 ___ Sycamore (2") \$195
___ Black Gum (2") \$195 ___ Princeton Elm (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____

