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Takoma folk turn out for Festival

The Takoma Park Folk Festival drew a happy crowd of music lovers on Sept. 9. Bands ranged from kid-rock to cowboy songs, Celtic tradition and klezmer. Here, the sound man staffs the board at the Grassy Nook stage.

Adventist hospital move delayed by recommendation for denial

By Virginia Myers

After months of waiting on the Maryland Health Commission to decide whether they could move their hospital from Takoma Park to a $389 million facility they hope to build in White Oak, officials at the Washington Adventist Hospital were disappointed the “Certificate of Need” required for the move to go forward was recommended for denial.

The Certificate of Need application, filed in 2009, was considered by Commissioner Randall Worthington, along with hours of testimony and input from community members and other hospitals in the area. Worthington died unexpectedly last February, the same month in which he was expected to rule on the certificate.

The matter was then reviewed by a new commissioner, Barbara Gill McLean, who issued the recent denial recommendation.

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Food trucks a popular new fixture in Takoma

by Roz Grigsby
Community Development Coordinator

Friday nights at the Takoma Junction have become a lively event with a rotation of food trucks plying their trade in the City-owned parking lot, occasional musicians and performers, and neighbors picnicking or tail-gating. Organized by the Old Takoma Business Association, the food trucks seem to have tapped a vein of enthusiastic support among residents who want food and activity at the Junction.

Since mid-July, one or two food trucks have been selling food from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday nights. The first week, Go Fish, a popular and well-known truck in Montgomery County, quickly sold out of dozens of hopeful customers still waiting in line. Since then, two food trucks on a rotating basis have sold goodie ranging from sliders and cupcakes to hot dogs and lobster rolls and OTBA has added a second location in the District at Trohv, at 232 Carroll Street, NW. Some of the food truck vendors have experienced record-breaking sales. On average, the trucks sell 350 meals to about 140 customers every Friday night, with the busiest night racking up 550 meals sold.

“We are very pleased with the outcome of the Food Truck Friday events,” says Laura Barclay, co-director of OTBA and

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New Police Chief selected

Alan Goldberg always wanted to be the police chief for a small department.

Now, after about 30 years of police service, he is getting something even better: a place known for its small-town flavor, plus a diverse, engaged population in a city environment.

“It’s got all the challenges of an urban area, but it’s still a small town,” says Goldberg, who begins his duties as Takoma Park’s new Chief of Police on Oct. 1. “That’s one of the things that drew me here.”

Goldberg replaces interim Chief Drew Tracy, who stepped in when Chief Ronald Ricucci retired in July. He has worked with both men in the past, when they were each employed by the Montgomery County Police Department.

Takoma Park is not unfamiliar territory for Goldberg, 55, who grew up in Aspen Hill and served for three decades in the Montgomery County Police Department. He was commander of the Montgomery County Police sixth district, in Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village, as well as deputy commander of the third district, in Silver Spring. He retired in November 2011 as duty commander for the Field Services Bureau.

Goldberg says his philosophy is “to put community first,” and he expects to continue Ricucci’s emphasis on resident participation in keeping the city safe from crime. “A small percentage of the population does 99 percent of the crime,” says Goldberg. “If we can get them off the street, we don’t have to deal with it.”

As a new chief, Goldberg expects to first get a good feel for how the police department operates now. He expects to find some similarities to his work in other county jurisdictions. Gaithersburg’s population is like Takoma Park’s, he says, because it is diverse and changing. Silver Spring resembles Takoma in its urban revitalization and commercial enterprise. And all of these jurisdictions benefit from on-the-ground policing, expect to see Goldberg out and about, getting to know the community.

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OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS*
TPCC, Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL
Monday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
TPCC Auditorium

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Monday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS
Hearing
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
Thursday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL LAND USE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, Oct. 15
7:30 p.m. – Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
The City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed adjustments to the salary and compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers (effective for the Council term beginning in November 2013). The recommendation of the Council Compensation Review Committee may be viewed at www.takomaparkmd.gov. Contact Jesse Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7287 or jessie@takomagov.org for additional information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Establishment of a Residential Permit Parking Zone in New Hampshire Gardens Monday, Oct. 22
7:45 p.m. – Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on residents’ petition to designate the following streets as part of a residential permit parking zone, with parking restricted to permit holders from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week: 7300-7500 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue (west side of New Hampshire Avenue along the “service road”), 1100 and 1200 blocks of Merwood Drive, 7300-7500 blocks of Wildwood Drive, and 1200 block of Kingswood Drive.
If permit parking is implemented, persons residing within the boundaries of the zone must display a permit parking from the City of Takoma Park in order to park on the street. One permit may be purchased for each registered motor vehicle within the designated area. Two-year permits will be sold to permanent residents and tenants with a two-year lease at a cost of $20.00. One-year permits will be sold to tenants with less than a two-year lease at a cost of $12.50.
Interested persons are encouraged to attend and testify at the public hearing. Questions or written public comments may be directed to the City Clerk jessie@takomagov.org or 301-891-7287.

SMALL COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE
Deadline extended to Oct. 19
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. The maximum amount of each grant is $2,500. Grants require a 100 percent match. Applicants must show how the project or program directly benefits the Takoma Park community. The City 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. Information is available at http://takomaparkmd.gov/city/c/sc-grants/index.html.

JOIN THE CITY COUNCIL IN WELCOMING NEW POLICE CHIEF
Chief Goldberg will be sworn in at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1. There will be a welcoming reception from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

Awards a contract for services for the demolition of 36 Philadelphia Ave. Montgomery County condemned the structures at 36 Philadelphia Ave., declaring it to be unsafe for occupancy and a public nuisance due to hazardous conditions. The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract with Excellurb Site Services, Inc. for the demolition at a cost not to exceed $21,095. (Note that the amount was later corrected to $21,905.)

ORDINANCE 2012-44
Awarded (Sept. 4)
Awarding a contract for executive search services for the selection of a new City Manager

ORDINANCE 2012-43
Adopted (Sept. 4)
Adopting the City Manager selection Task Force and appointing members

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Group signals active support for community radio

By Rick Henry

In an era when most people get their “radio” signals from satellites and where stations are defined more by wattage and genre (sports talk, talk radio, NPR) than location, it is possible for a traditional, small community radio station that serves its local listening area to even exist, much less be successful.

Takoma Park resident Marika Partridge thinks so and she is on a mission to make such a station a reality in Takoma Park.

Taking advantage of a new ruling that will make some FM frequencies available for the first time in 12 years, Partridge and an ever-expanding group of supporters have formed a nonprofit, Takoma Radio, that is preparing to apply for an operating license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

And should they secure one, Partridge insists the payoff for the Takoma Park/Takoma communities will be invaluable. “Community radio has a real role for audio expression,” she said. “This type of station can be a forum to share our cultural history, our neighborhoods and the different cultures that make up our community.”

“Takoma is so subversive to be so hyper-locally focused in such a global environment.”

Partridge knows of what she speaks, having started a community station in Sitka, Alaska that just celebrated its 30th anniversary. After leaving Alaska, she took a job with National Public Radio (NPR), working on both its flagship news shows, “Morning Edition” and “All Things Considered.”

When she found out that there may be an opportunity to start a local station in Takoma Park, she went to work, recognizing that this was an opportunity that did not present itself very often. One of her first actions was to reach out to the Prometheus Radio Project, a nonprofit organization that works with groups nationwide to build community radio stations, for assistance.

According to Brandy Doyle, Prometheus policy director, the current opportunity is the end result of 10-year fight to pass the Local Community Radio Act, which directs the FCC to expand opportunities for low power FM (LPFM) radio. Thanks to that law, which was signed into law by President Obama in January 2011, the FCC will be taking applications for new low power stations in spring or summer 2013.

While the Act guarantees that new frequencies will be made available to community radio, many key factors, including the exact time frame for applying, are still unknown, according to Doyle. “It will be about a year before groups can apply, and then it will take more time—anywhere from six months to several years—before the FCC awards construction permits, which is the precursor you need to get a license,” she said.

And spectrum is scarce, so not everyone who applies will get a license. Even so, “there’s a real shot that Takoma Radio can get on the air,” she said.

There are several characteristics that define LPFM stations. The stations operate at 100 watts or less, reach a radius of three to five miles, and are non-commercial. In addition, station operators must be associated with community nonprofit groups.

“The FCC will not allow you to create a nonprofit and apply for a frequency,” said Partridge. “You have to be part of an established nonprofit to be granted one.”

To ensure they meet the last requirement, Takoma Radio has aligned itself with Art for the People, an existing Takoma Park arts organization. According to Cherie Schultz, an Art for the People board member, Takoma Radio fits in well with the group’s mission. She is excited to partner with them as a parent organization, and help raise the necessary money to start the station. Approximately $3,000 has been raised so far, according to Partridge. The initial goal is $10,000, which will be applied to start-up costs.

Schultz, like Partridge, is passionate about the possibility of a community radio station. “I love the vision of giving people a voice and the opportunity for creative expression,” she said. Schultz isn’t alone in her support. According to Partridge, there are approximately 300 people on the group’s mailing list.

Olivia Ellis, Takoma Radio’s Secretary and Treasurer, is one of the earliest and most dedicated supporters. Shortly after moving to the area just over 2 years ago, the Takoma, D.C. resident was intrigued by an ad that said simply, “Do You Like Radio?” and announced a meeting to explore establishing a community radio station. “I was a DJ in high school so, of course, I like radio. So I decided I would check it out,” she said.

The group that joined Ellis at the initial meeting was long on enthusiasm, but short on diversity, she said. “There were about five people at that meeting and they all loved radio, but they all wanted to be DJs,” she said. “DJs are great, but the offices will be there, we needed more than people who wanted to be DJs.”

Ellis said the group, which currently consists of about 15 core volunteers, is now more administrative in nature and includes a lawyer and engineers who understand the technical requirements involved in both obtaining and running a station.

Ellis feels the group’s broad expertise will make it an attractive candidate for the FCC when the application process actually begins. “We have galvanized a team so when the process opens up we can say to the FCC, ‘here we are, we have these people and resources in place,’” she said.

Doyle said that while expertise and enthusiasm are important components in a group securing a license, there is one other important factor: “The presence” she said. “But Takoma Radio has a real good shot at getting on the air.”

And should that happen, Partridge said the station will be operated by volunteers and maybe eventually paid staff. She estimates that at least 50 volunteers will be needed in order to make it manageable.

Partridge stressed that the station will be strictly non-profit and will have to get local business underwriting and contributions from individuals.

If you are interested in supporting Takoma Radio, send tax-deductible checks to Takoma Radio/Art for the People, POB 5877, Takoma Park, MD 20913. To learn more online, visit TakomaRadio.org, ArtForThePeople.org, PrometheusRadio.org.
the termination of their tenancy.

The tenant's request for punitive damages equal to three times the amount of the deposit was denied. The landlord was ordered to pay the tenant $627 as a refund of the tenant's security deposit and the accrued interest.

**Landlord's Lease Renewal Decision Upheld**

*Douma/Vinas v. Twomey (12-7T)*

On Sept. 6, after an emergency hearing held on Aug. 21, COLTA ruled in a case involving tenants who claimed their landlord declined to renew their lease for a second year, in retaliation for their complaints. The tenants had submitted written complaints to the landlord about defects, and filed an administrative complaint with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). The tenants alleged that the landlord wanted to avoid renewing their lease, so that he could increase the rent on the apartment sooner.

The tenants requested that the landlord be required to extend their lease for an additional three years, allowing them the right to terminate their tenancy at any time, with a one month written notice. COLTA ruled that the tenants failed to show that the landlord’s notice was a retaliatory action.

Section 8-208.1, Retaliatory Actions, of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code does not preclude the termination of a tenancy at the end of a specified term. The decision also affirmed that the landlord did not decline to renew the tenants lease because of complaints filed with DHCA or because they complained directly to him, but instead, because the tenants refused to comply with the landlord’s requests to remove their possessions from a particular area, they interfered with other tenants’ use of common areas in the property basement and they made property alterations without the landlord’s permission.

COLTA found that the landlord gave the tenants in accordance with Section 6.16.170 of the Takoma Park Code, a written statement of reasonable cause for not renewing their lease in a timely manner.

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.

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**Housing Mailbox**

When we can’t all get along

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

I share an apartment with two friends and we are starting to have problems with each other. I know that your office works with mediating landlord and tenant issues, but who can we contact to help us resolve problems amongst ourselves?

This can be a prickly problem for many renters. You're right, our office helps out when there is a conflict between landlords and tenants – but we get plenty of calls from residents struggling with housemates, family members and others with whom they live. Those issues are outside the jurisdiction of our landlord-tenant law.

We can, however, refer residents dealing with these sorts of disputes to the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County (CRCMC), which has a 13-year service history in the community. Using professional mediators and facilitators, CRCMC helps residents all over the county to constructively manage their conflict by offering free dispute resolution services. Some of the issues they deal with include:

- Roommate/housemate disputes
- Family member disputes
- Neighbor vs. neighbor disputes
- Consumer and merchant disputes

CRCMC is located at 4805 Edgemont Lane, 2nd Floor, in Bethesda, Md. Their telephone number is 301-652-0717 and their web site is www.crcmc.org.

City tenants and landlords with questions regarding the City’s Landlord-Tenant and Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) laws can contact me at 301-891-7215 or at mosews@takomagov.org.

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**First Time Home Buyer Class**

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

at the Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Ave.

- Expert speakers from a lending institution, title company, real estate office and an inspection company
- Learn the entire process for buying a house or condo
- Provided by a HUD-approved housing organization
- Certificate of Completion awarded to attendees

Pre-Registration is Required – Class is Free for TP residents ($25 for non-residents)

Contact Linda Walker at 301-891-7222

Sponsored by the City of Takoma Park

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served

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Stage Four film examines one family’s journey

We are Takoma – Film and Docs in Progress present a work-in-progress screening of Stage Four with filmmaker Benjamin Steger on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

In Stage Four, we meet Mary and George who have been married for over 50 years. With George on the verge of retirement, Mary is diagnosed with breast cancer. An intimate personal documentary, Stage Four takes us on a family’s journey through illness, treatment, remission, relapse and beyond.

Because this is a work-in-progress – part of the Docs in Progress series – the audience will have the opportunity to provide honest and constructive feedback to the filmmaker and to help advance the film to the next stage of completion and distribution. In the past, these in-progress events have drawn commentary from experienced film makers, and from people familiar with the content of the films, making the discussion portion of the evening as engaging as the films.

Admission is free.

The Arts

Third Thursday poetry series begins seventh season

Fall marks the beginning of the seventh season of the Third Thursday poetry series. Each month, at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, a string of poets and literature lovers file into the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium to hear the work of a wide range of poets from across the region, many of them from Takoma Park. Admission is free.

This month’s reading, on Oct. 18, features Stewart Hickman, Lisa Rosinsky, Samantha Magrath and Kathleen Staudt.

Stewart Hickman, who writes poetry, essays, letters and reflections, began his career here in Montgomery County over three decades ago, teaching high school English and creative writing. He is currently an organization development consultant and executive coach. He lives in Silver Spring and Royal Oak on the Eastern Shore with his wife, Busy Graham.

Lisa Rosinsky holds a B.A. in creative writing from Johns Hopkins University. Her work has appeared in Measure, 32 Poems, Iron Horse Literary Review, The Insomniac Poetry Journal, and the anthology The Poetry of Yoga, Vol. 1, edited by HawaH. She recently worked at Highlights for Children and is currently a writer and editor in the Maryland/D.C. area.

When I am old, I will be an old woman who quilts. I will be too stiff to chase down butterflies and shadows and other things that, flatteningly, escape collision. I will be calmer when I face the unraveled page: I will let it have, sometimes, its vastness.

— Excerpt from Quilting, by Lisa Rosinsky

Samantha Magrath is a poet living in Takoma Park, MD. Her work has appeared in literary journals including Amistad, Bogg, Chiron Review, Connecticut River Review and The Cape Rock.

sugar cube on my tongue / to balance your weight on my back / I have seen this movie / he runs the horse all day, all night, to death / until she goes down jerking in foam / and her heart explodes

— Excerpt from she the horse and the ladder, by Samani Maqra

Kathleen Staudt works as a teacher, poet and spiritual. Her teaching focuses in various ways on writing, poetry, encouraging her students to explore their inner lives, engage their creativity and reflect on their beliefs about God, vocation, and how they can discern and pursue new ways to transform our broken world.

I didn’t plan to start the day this way / But someone broke the window of my car / Scattered shards of broken glass across my snowy driveway. Shattered all my hopes for the rich and welcome day / Of poetry and friends that I had planned.

Instead, a day of phone calls and insurance / Until I could leave the car to be repaired / While it was there, I walked, brisk and free, / Through blustery downtown streets, until I came / To settle at the Kefa Café.

— Excerpt from Kefa Café, by Kathleen Staudt

Holiday Sale calls for artists

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission will be hosting the seventh annual Holiday Arts Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8, and is looking for applicants for the juried sale. More than 30 regional artists and crafters, offering a range of work, are expected to participate.

This is a juried sale. Only original, hand-made work may be sold. Selections will be based on the quality and uniqueness of the work. Past sales have featured a variety of media including, but not limited to, painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, textiles and glass. The number of participants for each media will be limited to maintain a diversity of offerings.

Artists have had good experiences at the sale – sales are generally better than expected, and Takoma Park shoppers are especially enthusiastic. “I am always very positive but the truth is that my expectations were surpassed,” says jewelry maker Mireya Vargas. “The people of Takoma have been distinguished for the conservation and care of the natural and organic, and my necklaces were very welcome since they were made of seeds and they [are] original.”

There is no application or commission fee. If you are interested in participating in the sale as a vendor, please complete the application form available online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. Deadline for applying for a table is Friday, Nov. 9.

For more information, contact Rob Rudlick at robrudick@yahoo.com or 301-270-2323.

Mary and George

The exhibit “B&W,” in the Community Center Dempsey Gallery, is a collection of work created by a group of six women charged with creating an 11x14 black and white drawing on paper, within a week. Artists, who come from a variety of professional backgrounds, include Adya V. Maniyar, Gunjan Jain, Kamala Buddhavarapu, Kavita Sharma, Priti Mithas and Vani Narasimhan.
You're invited to the Recreation Committee’s 2013 Winter Basketball League Annual Walk-in Registration Event

Date
Saturday, Oct. 13

Place
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, MD. 2012

Registration Fees
TP residents $60
Non-residents $70
*Ask about scholarships for TP Residents

Volunteer Coach Opportunities
Volunteer coaches are needed, training is provided. Please contact Bradley Williams at takomagov.org if you would like to coach this year.

The Recreation Department would like to thank all of the volunteer coaches from last year!

For more information, please contact Bradley Williams at 301-891-7290

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**Silver Foxes**

**Auction Annie Game**  
Ages 55 and older  
Paula Liguori of the Recreation Department, will act as host “Auction Annie” for a fun interpretation of this popular event. Try to outbid your friends (with play money) for great items. Call-in registration is required. Please call 301-891-7280.

Friday, Oct. 19 - Note: the date change  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Senior Room - Free

**Creative Arts Workshop**  
Ages 55 and older  
Be creative in a relaxed atmosphere and have fun! Registration is required. For more information, please call 301-891-7280.  
Monday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Art Room - Free

**Introduction to Conversational English**  
Ages 55 and older  
The 12 classes are designed to provide students with an introduction to conversational English for senior citizens whose first language is not English. Class size: Min. 6/Max 12. Registration is required.  
Please call 301-891-7280 for more information.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.,  
TP Community Center Senior Room.  
$5 materials fee

**Memory Academy**  
Ages 55 and older  
Memory Academy is a Holy Cross Hospital five-week course providing memory improvement techniques. Includes textbook, handouts, materials, instruction. This program is not intended for people with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. For more information, and to register and pay, call Holy Cross Hospital at 301-754-8800. On-line registration: www.holycrosshealth.org  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Oct. 10 – Nov. 7  
TP Community Center Senior Room - $20

**Silver Foxes Seniors Advisory Meeting**  
Ages 55 and older  
Join other Takoma Park seniors and bring your suggestions and ideas for the Silver Foxes Seniors recreation program. Come to an open and relaxed meeting and get involved!  
Friday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Takoma Park Community Center Senior Room  
Drop-in

**Zumba Gold**  
Ages 55 and older  
Zumba Gold, the Latin inspired dance fitness program, was designed for the active senior, with less intense dance routines for beginners and a calorie-burning intensity. Using modified movements. Registration is required. For more information, please call 301-891-7280. Six weeks. Max. 20.  
Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Oct. 8 - Nov. 13  
TP Community Center Dance Studio  
TP residents registration begins Oct. 1  
Non-residents registration begins Oct. 5 - Free

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The decision would have gone to the full commission for a final decision Oct. 18, but the hospital withdrew its application for now.

“I am obviously deeply disappointed in this,” WAH president Joyce Newmyer told the City Council at its meeting Sept. 4.  
Newmyer, who had found out about the recommendation just hours before the meeting, described the commissioner’s position this way: “She very clearly acknowledged that the current situation is not sustainable, but has denied [the alternative] as presented.”

Mayor Bruce Williams characterized the opinion as “making everyone unhappy,” and interpreted it to mean, “You cannot move, but you’re not viable where you are.”

Newmyer said she expected to attend many City Council meetings with updates, and councilmembers promised to work together to resolve the ongoing process of determining where Washington Adventist can best locate its services, serve residents and remain a viable business.

**History**  
The hospital, located in the heart of Takoma Park for more than 100 years, has been trying to move out of Takoma Park so that it can be more accessible by car and more easily build new facilities. City councilmembers and other City residents have urged the hospital to continue to serve Takoma Park’s health care needs. They want WAH to leave behind primary and urgent care facilities, even if the main hospital moves away.

In response, WAH has indicated that if it were allowed to move to White Oak, it would create a Village of Education, Health and Wellbeing at the Takoma Park hospital site. As reported in the Dec. 2011 Newsletter, the WAH proposal at that time was to rent space to an urgent care/pediatric care center (to be operated by Mary’s Center), and other health or education uses.

Concerns over the move have included not only adverse impact on local residents, who would lose primary service in their neighborhood, but also impact on existing providers, including hospitals closer to the White Oak area, and the viability of the proposal, especially regarding financial resources to pay for both relocation and a health campus in Takoma Park.

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organizer of the food trucks. “It was our intention to create activity in the Takoma Junction neighborhood by adding dining choices and bringing the community together. We have established a loyal and growing following which has enjoyed the varied offerings each week.” Some of the Junction businesses are benefiting with higher sales during the events, including the TPSS Co-op.

Barclay presented a report on the food trucks to the Takoma Park City Council in mid-September. Joining her was Missy Carr, owner and operator of Go Fish, which is hoping to have an on-going presence at the KS Automotive location across the street from the City lot. “This program has opened our eyes to Takoma Park,” said Carr. “Prior to this program, we wouldn’t have been allowed to come to Takoma Park, we wouldn’t know about this great community. It has been a great experience for us.” Carr pointed out that food trucks offer an opportunity for entrepreneurs to get started with lower costs and lower risks. “Takoma Park has been a perfect fit, where we’ve developed a nice customer base. I’d like to investigate it more. The idea would be that we’re building a customer base here for a brick and mortar at some point.”

City Council confirmed their support for the continuation of food trucks through December, including pursuing permission from Montgomery County to continue sales until 8 p.m., beyond the dusk requirement. In October, Council will be considering questions raised about the City permitting process and the possible expansion of food trucks to other locations, such as Flower Avenue near Washington Adventist Hospital or Washington Adventist University, or Maple Avenue.

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Goldberg is also interested in building on the relationships Ricucci developed with police in other local jurisdictions. He expects to examine ways to improve radio communications and monitoring of police activity among Takoma Park, D.C., Montgomery County and Prince George’s County forces.

“Mr. Goldberg will be a great addition to the City staff and will build upon the solid foundation left by [Former Chief] Ron Ricucci,” said former City Manager Barbara Matthews, who was responsible for hiring Goldberg.

Acting City Manager Suzanne Ludlow notes Goldberg’s experience and national policing perspective as well as his capacity to explore technical solutions to police communications. “I’m looking forward to working with Alan,” she says. “He has a number of strengths that I believe will be very welcome in Takoma Park. And, he’s a nice guy ready to be part of our community.”
New non-functioning traffic light law takes effect

ew rules apply to Maryland drivers as they approach non-functioning traffic lights.
Beginning Oct. 1, 2012, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection shall stop:

• at a clearly marked stop line;
• before entering any crosswalk;
• or before entering the intersection.
After stopping, the driver must:

• yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection;
• remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

Intersection traffic control signals, most commonly called red lights or stop lights, direct the safe and orderly flow of traffic in and through thousands of intersections across Maryland. Most are powered by electricity that can be interrupted because of storms, traffic crashes, or other incidents that cause power outages. Just because a traffic control signal is not functioning at an intersection does not mean drivers are relieved of their duty to exercise care and caution. The new law makes clear the procedures each driver must now follow.
Violations of the new law carry a fine of $90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is $130 and three points.

Existing laws still stand

If two vehicles approach an intersection without a traffic control device or with a non-functioning traffic control signal from different roadways at the same time, there is existing motor vehicle law that applies. In this situation, the driver on the left most yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right.

There are also times when a traffic control signal that normally operates green, yellow, and red lights may be in ‘flashing’ mode. This usually means red lights may be flashing in one direction and yellow lights are flashing in another direction. Flashing red and yellow lights on a traffic control signal do not mean the light is non-functioning.

In this situation, the drivers approaching the red flashing light must stop and can only proceed when the intersection is clear. Drivers approaching the yellow flashing light should slow down and use caution, but are permitted to proceed through the intersection without stopping.

Drivers are also reminded that if a police officer is directing traffic in the intersection, they should obey the directions of that officer, regardless of the signal indicated on the traffic control device.

It is difficult to describe every potential intersection situation. Above all, drivers are reminded that it is their duty to always drive with care and caution, especially when approaching an intersection with a non-functioning signal. If other drivers are present at the intersection, remember to be courteous, use caution, and do everything possible to try to determine the intentions of other motorists and communicate your intentions, if you are unsure of how to proceed. Even if you have the right of way, it is better to allow another driver to proceed if it appears he or she is going to do so, instead of risking an intersection crash.

Videographer shut down in “upskirting” arrest

It might not have been remarkable – a man standing near the Metro station, asking for directions to College Park. But his behavior was odd. He kept brushing his backpack against the leg of the woman he was questioning. And it happened twice, to the same person: once, it was on the metro train platform; another time it was on Eastern Avenue, not far from the station.

Turns out, the man was angling his cell phone camera, hidden in his backpack, to take video aimed up the woman’s skirt. When she realized what was happening, she tried to grab the suspect’s backpack, but he wrestled it away and fled on foot.

The victim reported the incident to Takoma Park Police. Two weeks later, on Sept. 4, another call came in describing a suspicious man asking for directions and acting oddly: Takoma Park and Metropolitan Police from D.C. posted a lookout, determined the suspect, and found that he matched the description from the victim. They arrested Tapha Masai Nyang, 26, of Silver Spring.

Police suspect there may have been other victims, and encourage people to come forward with any information they might have. The suspect typically approached a mark with a folded map or bus timetable, drawing attention away from the video recorder in his backpack while he asked for directions.

Anyone who has information about these crimes, or believes they were a victim, can call Detective Joseph Butler at 301-891-7111 or the police department at 301-270-1100.

Know the regulations: Political campaign signs

With elections just around the corner, campaign signs are sprouting up all over. The code enforcement office wants to reminds residents that the City of Takoma Park does have laws regulating political campaign signs.

Political signs are considered “temporary signs” and do not require a permit. Signs considered temporary are those made of non-permanent materials like cardboard, paper, canvas, or wood. The number of temporary signs displayed in a residential zone is not limited.

Additionally, there are regulations regarding the placement of political signs. Signs may only be placed on private property. In no case should signs be on the public right of way, light posts, utility poles, bus shelters, City property, parks or trees. Signs should also be placed in a way that does not obstruct the view of traffic signals, traffic signs, oncoming traffic, or pedestrians. Signs in violation may be removed by the City.

Finally, political signs must include the name of the person responsible for the sign, and also must state that it is a paid advertisement and has been printed under the authority of the person, candidate, or political committee.

The Firehouse Report

As of Aug. 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 418 fire-related incidents in 2012. The department addressed or assisted with 2,063 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,621 this year. Totals for 2011 were 508 and 1,870, representing an increase of 245 incidents.

TPVFD volunteers contribute

During the month of August, volunteers put in a total of 1,868 hours of standby duty time at the fire station. The grand total so far for this year is 9,778.5 hours. While on standby, they participate in training, attending meetings, and ruling on emergency calls. We are still looking for new members who want to serve the community. If interested, please contact Mike Livingston at the fire station, 240-773-8954.

Fire Prevention Week

Beginning Oct. 7, the fire service throughout the country will be promoting fire prevention. It was on Oct. 9, 1871, when a conflagration hit Chicago. Now known as the Great Chicago Fire, it killed more than 250 people, left more than 100,000 people homeless and destroyed close to 18,000 buildings. Since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed Sunday through Saturday of the week on which Oct. 9 falls, and the President of United States has proclaimed National Fire Prevention Week every year since 1925. It is the longest-running public safety awareness campaign in U.S. history.

This year, Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7-13, with the theme, “Have Two Ways Out,” emphasizing the importance of having two ways out of every room in case of fire. Take this time with your entire family to make a escape plan, checking each room for the “two ways” out.

Is your water too hot?
The number one single cause of burns is hot liquids. Burns account for approximately two-thirds of all injuries to young children. Such burns occur most frequently in the kitchen and bathroom and the most common injured person is a child. A large number of scalds, of both children and adults, occur as a result of exposure to hot tap water.
Do not place a small child in the bathtub until you have tested the water.

Never leave small children unattended. When you leave the child goes with you. Continuous supervision is a must.

The bathroom is not a play area and children should be taught the dangers of hot water and how to react in case they are in- structed to remain in or near hot water.

Open house cancelled

The Open House scheduled at the firehouse has been cancelled. Please visit us at the Street Festival Oct. 27, at Carroll and Tulip avenues. We’ll have a fire prevention table with educational activities there.

By Jim Jarboe

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**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.

**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, 3101 East Avenue, NW, #209, by close of business Oct. 20.

**Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.**

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**Sale dates run through Oct. 20**

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**Apple pie of my eye**

The Takoma Park Farmers Market Apple Pie Making Contest on Sept. 16 drew a beautiful line-up of delicious creations from resident bakers. Mayor Bruce Williams, left, was happy to lend a hand as a judge. A total of 23 pies entered, that turned into 161 slices served, and more than $500 collected for the market’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Match Fund (SNAP), which helps low-income residents buy fresh, locally-produced food. The winners were John Merlo-Coyne, youth; Sarah Goupell, second place; Meredith Newmark, third place; Keri Myers, first place; and Leda Black, honorable mention. Other judges included Rocco Casagrande of Gryphon Scientific, Council Member Kay Daniels-Cohen, Tebaha Assefa of Blessed Coffee and Leigh Lambert of Naughty Bites Brownies.

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**Blessed Coffee celebrated its first anniversary Sept. 15 with an Ethiopian coffee ceremony at Takoma Park’s gazebo. A number of officials, including State Sen. Jamie Rasin, Mayor Bruce Williams, City Councilmembers Terry Seamens, Kay Daniels-Cohen and others gathered to recognize Blessed Coffee founders Tebaha Assefa and his wife, Sara Mussie, for their work with the community. Blessed Coffee is a Benefit Corporation that shares its profits with area non-profit organizations. Assefa says he plans to open a coffee shop near Takoma Junction soon. From left, Fantanesh Melaku, Amanuel Asfaw and Yeshihareg Woreta involved in the coffee ceremony.**

Photo by Sashah Holt

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE PLANT A TREE**

The Takoma Foundation started it, when it hosted its first Beer Fest to raise money for community building a few years ago. Touting the event as “Takoma Park’s Only Hops-Powered, Nuclear-Free Beerfest,” the fundraiser this year on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Historic Cady Lee House, 7064 Eastern Avenue, NW, features “bottomless beverages” from local brewers and food from neighborhood eateries. Live music is also part of the celebration. All proceeds fund Foundation grants that pay for everything from youth programming to public art, health groups, sports leagues and other local activities. Tickets are $35 until Oct. 12 and $40 at the door (see takomafoundation.org).

Recognizing a good fundraising idea, this year the Crossroads Community Food Network, the organization responsible for the Crossroads Farmers Market, is holding Hops for the Hungry, a smaller-scale but equally local fundraiser. Planned for Sunday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m., the event will include Keswick Creamery farmstead cheeses, craft beers from 3 Stars Brewing Company, and other food from local, sustainable producers. Proceeds will benefit the Crossroads Fresh Checks program, which helps provide low-income families with fresh, local products by matching federal food assistance with dollar-value coupons at the market.

The checks program, known generally as “double-dollars,” was the first of its kind in the country. Today, more than 500 markets nationwide operate with this model. Crossroads distributed close to $40,000 in Fresh Checks, but more is needed to complete the season. Suggested donations for Hops for the Hungry are $50, but any amount is welcome. For more information, go to http://crossroadsbrownpapertickets.com.

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**Street Festival slated for Oct. 7**

Takoma Park will be dancing in the streets on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the 31st annual Takoma Park Street Festival, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Old Takoma, along Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park and Carroll Street, NW in Takoma, DC.

The popular event draws neighbors and visitors together for three stages of 18 musical groups, including indie folk, rock, jazz, blues and reggae. Arts and crafts from 150 artisans will include painting, photography, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, wood-working, textiles, ceramics, kids’ items and more.

Community groups are a big part of the festival, too, with activists and organizers offering information on everything from fire safety to politics and the environment. Children’s activities, including the popular moon bounce, and food vendors are also big attractions.

Admission is free. To learn more, and see a schedule of all the bands, go to www.takomafestival.com.
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
Bedtime Stories
Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.
Come in pij; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.
Comics Jam
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 4 p.m.
Read comics on the big screen.
College Bound: College Financing
Thursday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
Dr. Herm Davis on college financing.
FPML Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Graphic Novel Primer
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Dave Burbank and Karen MacPherson detail the history and appeal of graphic novels.
Friends “Big Book” Group
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
The Friends’ Reading Group begins discussion of Thomas Mann’s “The Magic Mountain.”
Petites Chansons
Saturday, Oct. 13 10:30 a.m.
Come sing French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie.
College Bound: Transition to College
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Dr. Lorie Ness talks about “Taking the Plunge without Drowning: Tips for Thriving During the College Transition.”
Caldecott Birthday Club
Monday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
Caldecott-winning books from the 1960s.
Scribbler’s Cabal
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2-4 p.m.
Young artists: come share ideas and inspiration with Dave Burbank.
College Bound: College Selection
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.
With Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre
Hands Around the Library
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
Author Karen Leggett talks about her new book, “Hands Across the Library.”
“Magic Mountain” continues
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Storyland Election
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2-4 p.m.
Campaign for your favorite character.
Scary Stories
Monday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Vetern tale-teller Candace Wolf tells scary stories. Ages 5 up.
“Train Dreams”
Tuesday, Oct. 30

LIBRARY

Books help navigate the post-college years
by Ellen Robbins

A poll conducted by “Twentysomethings, Inc.” in 2010 predicted with some accuracy that 85 percent of college graduates would return to live with their parents. This trend continues, and is due largely to an unemployment rate for those under 25 as high as 34 percent in 2012. And the number is even higher if you include those who are under-employed.

In “Generation WTF” by Christine B. Whelan (2011) purports to give “advice from experts and WTFers just like you.” It does, in fact, present a template for self examination (values, self-honesty, goals, self-control, procrastination), followed by a roadmap to “fearlessness” through cultivation of self-sustaining habits of thrift, positive outlook and extending oneself through friendships and community involvement. The author teaches courses on the psychology of self improvement, and this book is an upbeat easy-to-read manual on dealing with the challenges of adult life in a daunting economy.

“Life After College: The Complete Guide to Getting What You Want” by Jenny Blake (2011) also touches on many aspects of building confidence and finding success on one’s own terms. This book is written in a breezy, entertaining fill-in-the-blanks format (it’s good to have your own copy!). It contains exercises on goal-setting, satisfactions and dissatisfaction, money management, exercise, meeting people, personal organization and dating. It is rich in quotes from successful individuals as diverse as Henry David Thoreau, Lee Iacocca, Madonna and John Lennon, and has thoughtful advice from recent graduates, and Tweets responding to such questions as, “what is the best career advice anyone ever gave you?”

“20 Something Manifesto: QuaterLifers Speak Out about Who They Are, What They Want, and How to Get it!” by Christine Hassler (2008) takes a different approach to advising readers. Her book consists of short pieces written by individuals in their 20s, from all walks of life, as they experience post-graduation confusion, successes and bumps in the road while they strive for adult careers that foster independence and are personally fulfilling. “You think that you’re going to know what you want by the time you graduate,” writes one contributor, a 26-year-old secretary in Florida. “But it’s more like a bucket of cold water that hits you when you realize that your twenties are the most confusing stage of your life.” This approach makes for fascinating reading – and Hassler interjects her advice in small doses that help to pull together the experiences of young people into a cohesive and convincing narrative.

“Not Quite Adults: Why 20-Somethings are Choosing a Slower Path to Adulthood, and Why it’s Good For Everyone” (2010) is written by two social scientists – Richard Settersten and Barbara E. Ray, who concluded after years of research and interviews with hundreds of 20-somethings, that the slower path to adulthood is not only economically necessary in many cases, but a natural by-product of today’s culture and has positive value for all concerned. The opportunity to finish college before marriage and raise children has obvious advantages. Young adults living at home have what is often a necessary interval in which to find their identities and explore future options. Parents have a role to play that they didn’t have in past generations, and can often give their kids emotional and psychological as well as economic support during the transition to independent living. The underlying message is that the reality of young people’s lives today and the slower ways in which they reach adulthood may lead to the best results. Though based on serious study, this book is written in a straightforward, accessible and ultimately reassuring way.

A lighter, often humorous approach prevails in “How to Raise Your Adult Children: Real Life Advice for When Your Kids Don’t Want to Grow Up,” by Gail Parent and Susan Ende. (2010). It is written in a question and answer format similar to an advice column – inquires from parents who are trying to resolve frustrations or dilemmas with their adult or college children.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Graphic Novels
On Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., we’ll present a “Graphic Novel Primer” for adults who wonder about the appeal – and value – of this highly-visual form of literature. Join Dave Burbank, our graphic novel guru, and children’s/teen librarian Karen MacPherson as they give a brief history of graphic novels for kids and teens. Bring your questions to this event, at which kids also are welcome. Please register at www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259. (NOTE: registration doesn’t obligate you to attend, it just gives us an idea of how many chairs we may need)

Celebrating our friends
Oct. 21-27 is National Friends of the Library Week. We’re celebrating our wonderful Library Friends by presenting a special program by author Karen Leggett, who will talk about her new book, “Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt’s Treasured Books.” In this picture book for children ages 5-8, Leggett tells the gripping story of how thousands of Egyptian students, library staff and demonstrators surrounded the great Library of Alexandria, linking hands, to save the library from destruction during the Arab Spring. All are invited for this special event, sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Copies of the book, co-written by Susan Roth who also did the collage illustrations, will be available for purchase, courtesy of Politics and Prose bookstore. No purchase is necessary to attend. Please register at www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

Vote your choice
It’s an election year, and we’re having our own special election on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 2-4 p.m. Kids are invited to come and make a campaign poster for their favorite character (Harry Potter? Peter Rabbit? Max in “Where the Wild Things Are? Captain Underpants?). At 3:15, we’ll open the floor to nominations, allowing kids to briefly talk about why their favorite character would make the best Storyland leader. We’ll finish with a vote just before 4 p.m. All invited for this fun election. Please register: www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

For more information about supporting the Friends, see www.fpml.org.
“Magic Mountain” is Friends Reading Group selection for fall

The Friends of the Library Great Big Book Club will begin discussions of “The Magic Mountain” by Thomas Mann on Wednesday Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room. Our introductory speaker will be Petra Volkhhausen, a PhD candidate in the German Department at the University of Maryland. Mann was central to Volkhhausen’s research at the Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf in 2009, her Master’s thesis was on his “Doktor Faustus.” Her main focus at the University of Maryland is the literature of the 19th to mid 20th centuries: Thomas Mann, Heinrich Heine, and Romanticism in the German. She considers his novel “The Magic Mountain” has been called “an enduring classic...a monumental work of erudition and irony, sexual tension and intellectual ferment.” (Everymans Library.) It explores how “...a young man became a pivotal character in a story about how a human’s environment affects self-identity. In this dizzyingly rich novel of ideas, Mann uses a sanatorium in the Swiss Alps, a community devoted exclusively to sickness, as a microcosm for Europe, which in the years before 1914 was already exhibiting the first symptoms of its own terminal irrationality.” “The Magic Mountain” is a book that pulses with life in the midst of death. [www.kirjasto.sci.fi/sfewles.htm]

Continuing discussions of “The Magic Mountain” are scheduled for Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 and 28. The Great Big Book Club is sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. All are invited to participate, and no pre-registration is necessary.

Book Sale returns in October

The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual book sale on Saturday, Oct. 27, on the Library grounds from 10 am to 3 p.m. The Friends book sales provide a rare opportunity to find terrific bargains to give as gifts or to add to your own library. We will have fiction and non-fiction for all ages in superb condition at low prices. The Friends book sales are one of the most important sources of revenue for the Friends, and all proceeds go to the Library in the form of gifts. The Friends have funded a variety of public programs, including Spanish and French Circle Time, our unique summer reading program for children, lanyards for kids’ library cards, our unique summer reading program for including Spanish and French Circle Time, our unique summer reading program for children, lanyards for kids’ library cards, e-resources for adults and children, and many new research tools, now available on-line. We always need volunteers to help out at the sale, in two-hour shifts between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Service learning hours are available for high school students – and adult volunteers have an opportunity to spend a pleasant afternoon meeting their neighbors, as well as helping their community Library. For information on volunteering at the book sale, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takoma.gov or at 301-891-7258.

Book donations will be accepted through Oct. 22. Donated books must be of general interest, in good condition, and must be brought by appointment if there are more than three boxes. Donated books cannot be accepted at the sale.

Denis Johnson’s "Train Dreams" a small masterpiece

Author Denis Johnson is perhaps best known for “Tree of Smoke,” his novel about the Vietnam War, which won the National Book Award for fiction in 2007. However, Johnson’s other novel “Train Dreams” to be his best work. Notable for its brevity and direct, simple language, “Train Dreams” to be his best work. No table for its brevity and direct, simple language, “Train Dreams” to be his best work. No/one can dispute Johnson’s powerful thing Johnson has ever written.”

The book tells the story of Robert Giranier, “a day laborer in the American West at the start of the twentieth century — an ordinary man in extraordinary times. Buffeted by the loss of his family, Giranier struggles to make sense of this strange new world. As his story unfolds, we witness both his shocking personal defeats and the radical changes that transform America in his lifetime,” (publisher).

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Caldecott Birthday Club

Our Caldecott Birthday Club will continue our months-long celebration of the 75th birthday of the Caldecott Medal on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. This month we focus on Caldecott Medal and Honor books of the 1950’s, including “Madeline’s Rescue,” “A Tree Is Nice,” “The Storm Book” and two books about a clever French mouse “Anatole” and “Anatole and the Cat.” Kids and adults are welcome at this program, where we’ll read the books together on the big screen.

Quest sets record

Our 2012 Summer Quest set a new record, with 280 participants who read 2, 111 books – nearly 300 more than last year. Kiera Norris was our top finisher; she read 131 books. Bersi Kifle was close behind, having read 116 books. Other top readers included: Grace Doughy (80 books); Yo- hannes Kifle (75); and Curtis Antonucci (61) Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our program, which is unique in Maryland. Thanks also to Library Assistant Dave Bur- ban, who creates our program each year.

Series explores the “post-job career”

A panel of experienced business experts and career counselors will sponsor a series of sessions on planning, designing and constructing a “post-job career” at the library, beginning November. The conversation is intended for people in mid- and late-career, particularly boomers who feel too old for the traditional job market, yet who aren’t ready to fully retire or who want their careers to match their interests and talents in a more congruent, satisfying way.

The series will encourage participants to join like-minded, similar-aged professionals in designing and developing new opportunities. Among the questions that will be addressed:

• How to remain professionally viable when age seems to shut an individual out of competing in the traditional job market
• How to continue earning an income — since many of this age group may outlive the life-span assumptions when Social Security originally was established
• How to “graduate” from a job that feels frustrating, and create a situation that engages a better way to use existing skills
• How to turn experience into knowledge products on the Web to generate a passive income
• How to partner with other older workers or with younger people who have technology skills, media savvy, and perspectives that complement current skills
• How to generate volunteer opportunities in areas of interest that have been neglected during working years

The conversation will be conducted in five weekly sessions throughout fall, in groups of up to 15 participants, and it will be facilitated by a team of career innovators, including:

Fred Schultz, a member of the Takoma Park City Council. Schultz has decades of experience in commercial lending and business start-up counseling. He has owned several businesses, served as the director of new business development for Arlington County and was a commercial lending officer at several banks across the DC Metro Area.

James Hollahan currently serves as a consultant and learning strategist on health-care innovation and other issues with Boul Allen. He previously ran his own consulting business for 10 years. A specialist in distance learning systems design, he has been a clown and juggler, and program director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, launching many local and national initiatives.

Gabriel Helig has coached a cross-section of more than 5,600 DC area professionals. He has run his resume business in the Pentagon and on K Street. He has worked as a personnel recruiter, director of a career center in Columbia, Md., and founding director of an 11-college project across Massachusetts. He is a nationally published essayist and poet.

Jennifer Hollahan builds executive education and leader development programs with nonprofit boards and foundations. She has launched several nonprofit organizations, including public–private partnerships to improve the lives of children, families, people with special conditions, military families, and families in war-torn regions. She also is a licensed massage therapist.

The workshop goal is to work together to create the conceptual bridges that can free imaginations, while aligning them with practical considerations. Leaders say there is no formula for career success, but there is a form, involving intentions and skill sets, to help individuals find their own answers regarding work paths.

The program series is sponsored by the Takoma Park Maryland Library with support from the Friends of the Library. Class size is limited. Please pre-register on-line at www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

Programs will meet in the Takoma Park Community Center on on Wednesday evenings, Nov. 7 – Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. except Nov. 21.
Who Do You Call About ...?

Utility Emergencies:
Electric Service: PEPCO 202-872-3432
Gas Service: Washington Gas 703-750-1400
Water And Sewer: WSSC 203-206-4002

Traffic Lights:
State Highway Administration 410-582-5650

Street Lights:
Cobra Head Street Lights: PEPCO 202-803-7500 or www.pepco.com. (The 10-digit number on the light pole and the street address must be provided when filing a complaint.)
Decorative Street Lights: Public Works 301-891-7633

Damaged Trees:
Dying or Hazardous Trees in the Right Of Way: Public Works 301-891-7612

Park Maintenance:
County Parks: MNCPPC 301-670-8080
City Parks: Public Works 301-891-7633

Property Maintenance:
Abandoned Vehicles: Police, Non-Emergency 301-270-1100
Fire Hydrant: WSSC 301-206-4002
Graffiti: Code Enforcement 301-891-7255
Parking Meters: Public Works 301-891-7633
Sidewalks: Public Works 301-891-7633
Storm Drains: Public Works 301-891-7633
Trash And Debris: Code Enforcement 301-891-7255