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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.

Photo by Selena Malott

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 Mont-

gomery County, quickly sold out of with dozens of hopeful customers still waiting in line. Since then, two food trucks on a rotating basis have sold goodies ranging from sliders and cupcakes to hot dogs and lobster rolls and OTBA has added a second location in the District at Troh, 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.



Chief Goldberg

"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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TAKOMA TOPICS:

“The New Ave area Tiffin Restaurant, Takoma Park Farmers Market, Troh, and The Big Bad Woof were all nominated by Washington Post Express Night Out for Best Of lists. <http://www.expressnightout.com/bestof/>”

City Council & Committee Calendar

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. 8, 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

*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 Acting City Manager at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomagov.org at least 48 hours in advance.

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.

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 2012-50

Adopted (Sept. 4)

Recognizing the contributions of Barbara B. Matthews as City Manager

City Manager Barbara B. Matthews resigned effective Sept. 7. The Council adopted the resolution to recognize her eight years of service.

RESOLUTION 2012-51

Adopted (Sept. 10)

Establishing the City Manager selection Task Force and appointing members

The City Council appointed the following individuals: Keith Berner, James DiLuigi, Cindy Dyballa, Geneva Green, Rachel Hardwick, Eric Hauser, Anne Hollander, Sara Hoverter, Jay Keller, Suzan Klein, Howard Kohn, Robert Lanza, Lichelle Lawson, Annie Mozer, Vineda Myers, Anand Parikh, Kathy Porter, Lenore

Radloff, John Wesley Rogers, Stephen Saletta, Roger B. Schlegel, Wayne H. Sherwood, Victoria Sutton, Donna B. Victoria, Shanika Whitehurst, Siu Ling Wong, Josh Wright.

RESOLUTION 2012-52

Adopted (Sept. 10)

Authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Crossroads Community Food Network, Inc.

The City Council included a grant of up to \$17,369 in the FY 2013 budget to provide financial support to the organization to assist in its expansion of the Crossroads Healthy Eating Initiative to three additional schools: Piney Branch and Takoma Park Elementary Schools and the John Nevins Andrews School.

ORDINANCE 2012-43

Adopted (Sept. 4)

Awarding 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 Excalibur 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

Adopted (Sept. 4)

Awarding a contract for executive search services for the selection of a new City Manager

Awards the contract to The Mercer Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$21,500 for executive search firm services for the position of City Manager. (ABSTAIN: Schultz)

CITY HALL BRIEFS

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 Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@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 Kingwood Drive.

If permit parking is implemented, persons residing within the boundaries of the zone must display a parking permit 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 jessiec@takomagov.org or 301-891-7267.

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 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/clerk/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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

HAVE YOU APPLIED YET?

Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)

Board of Elections (1 vacancy)

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (1 vacancy – Takoma Park rental housing owner or manager desired)

Committee on the Environment – newly reestablished (vacancies)

Emergency Preparedness Committee (vacancies)

Ethics Commission (vacancies)

Facade Advisory Board (1 vacancy – for an architect, planner or historian)

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (vacancies)

Recognition Task Force – Short Term Commitment (vacancies)

Recreation Committee (1 vacancy)

Safe Roadways Committee – newly reestablished (vacancies)

Tree Commission (1 vacancy)

Contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org to apply or for additional information.

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, is it 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.

“Communities have a need for audio expression,” she said. “This type of station can be a forum to share our common culture and help us understand our history, our neighborhoods and the different cultures that make up our community.

“Plus, it’s 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.



Marika Partridge, Sitka 1982.

While the Act guarantees that new frequencies will be made available to community entities, 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 a year 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 who 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 voices 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 process

will take time, so it will require persistence” 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, Art-ForThePeople.org, PrometheusRadio.org.

INFORMATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Important Election Dates...

- Registration Deadline is Oct. 16
- Absentee by Mail Deadline Oct. 30
- Election Day Nov. 6

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Takoma Park Community Center or online at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections/registration/absenteeapplication.html>.

Early Voting...

Saturday, Oct. 27 to Thursday, Nov. 1
10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Except Sunday, 12 noon to 6 p.m.). For Takoma Park residents, the closest Montgomery County early voting center is the Silver Spring Civic Building located at One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

To locate your polling place for voting on election day:

<http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/PollingPlaces/> or <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/PollingPlaceSearch>

To confirm your voter registration status: <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/VoterSearch>

To learn about the issues and the candidates – go to the Montgomery County League of Women Voters website: <http://lwvmd.org/n/> to view or print an election guide.

For more information about any aspect of the election, contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-8500 or view the website at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/index2.html>.



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HOUSING

HOUSING MAILBOX



When we can't all get along

Housing Mailbox
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 Edgemoor 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 mosesw@takomagov.org.

COLTA'S CORNER

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

Security Deposit Refunded to Tenant Warren v. Leas (12-05T)

On Aug. 22, COLTA ruled in a case in which a tenant alleged that her landlord had improperly failed to return her security deposit. She claimed the landlord had failed to give her written notice of the claimed damages in a timely manner, and that she was not responsible for the cost of damages that he withheld from her deposit.

Following the Aug. 7 hearing, COLTA ruled in favor of the tenant and affirmed that: (1) the landlord had improperly withheld the tenant's security deposit and the interest and (2) the landlord failed to comply with the requirements of Section 8-203 (g) of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code, which requires landlords to send, via first class mail, a written list of damages to be withheld from the tenant's security deposit within 45 days of

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.

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

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Continental breakfast and lunch will be served*



NEED HELP WITH EXTERIOR REPAIRS?

In the spring of 2013, the City of Takoma Park will be sponsoring a program to help income eligible homeowners make needed repairs to their homes---at no cost.

To obtain an application or to learn more about how you can participate, contact Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development staff at 301-891-7222.

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.

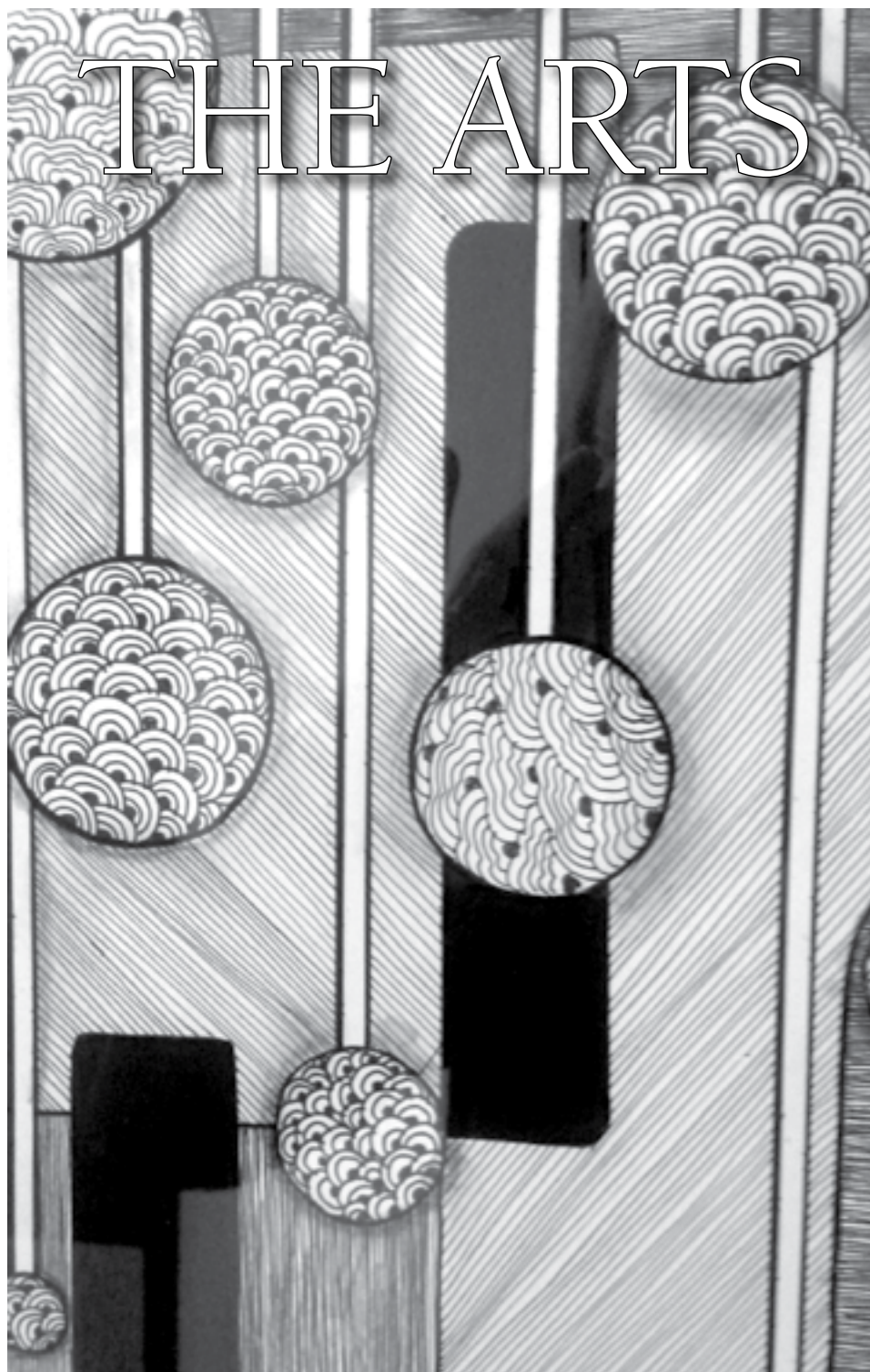
Artists have had good experiences at the sale – sales are generally better than expected, and Takoma Park shoppers are especially enthusiastic.

“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 Rudick at robrudick@yahoo.com or 301-270-2323.

THE ARTS



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.

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.



Mary and George

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.

*tell me the story of the leopard
who stared at you, white-eyed
when all was green, so green that
green crept into the corners of night
and kept me safe as an unborn
butterfly. tell me*

— Excerpt from *tell me*, by Stewart Hickman

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 Innisfree 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, flutteringly, escape collision.
I will be calmer when I face the unruled 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 *Antietam*, *Bogg*, *Chiron Review*, *Connecticut River Review* and *The Cape Rock*.

*sugarcube 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 *the cube the horse and the ladder*,
by Samant Magra

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

RECREATION



Aerobics

16 yrs. and older

The music never stops with easy-to-follow moves that really get the heart pumping. Not a performance, just the sheer joy of moving to the beat. Time flies, endorphins rise, as your mind floats into a realm of strength and grace.

Dance Studio, TP Community Center
Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 17 – Oct. 22
TP residents \$60
Non-residents \$70

Cardio Kickboxing

Ages 16 and older

Cardio Kickboxing gives you a total body workout that increases stamina, flexibility and strength. It improves your strength, coordination and balance. Kickboxing is a great alternative for people who have become bored with cardiovascular activities. Maximum 10/ Minimum 5. Instructor KJ Total Fitness.

Mondays, 7 – 8 p.m.
Nov. 5 – Jan. 7 (Session 2) (No class on Nov. 12 and Dec. 24)
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
\$50/8 weeks

Takoma Fit Club

10 yrs. and older

Free Fitness video workout generally 1 hour long. Nothing sold in class. Samples of nutritional product Shakeology may be provided. Example programs- Insanity, P90x, and Hip Hop Abs.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Wednesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Sept. 19 – Nov. 7
Free

Zumba

Ages 16 and over

Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program. Sessions combine fast and slow rhythms and resistance training to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Maximum 25, Minimum 5. Instructor Unique Fitness.

Wednesdays, 6 – 6:55 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:10 a.m. (on-going)
Oct. 17 – Nov. 10 (Session 2)
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
\$40/4 weeks per session

Kung Fu

4 - 16 yrs.

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first day of class for uniforms.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Saturdays, Sept. 15 – Nov. 17
Beginners 10:15 11:15 a.m.
Advanced 11:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

Winter Break Camp

5 - 11 yrs.

Come experience Winter Wonderland with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their holiday break while making gifts and presents for their loved ones, playing games and making crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of holiday fun. Children must bring lunch.

TP Community Center Azalea Room
Wednesday – Friday, Dec. 26 – 28,
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$95

Ceramics

10 yrs. and older

In these classes both sculpture and functional containers will be made. The functional pots will be food and dishwasher safe. Class will emphasize sound ceramic techniques and glazes and under glazes using low fire clay. Textures, tools and glazes will be provided.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., Oct. 3 – Dec. 5
TP residents \$80
Non-residents \$90

Drawing and Watercolor

11-14 yrs

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. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Tuesdays, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m., Oct. 23 – Dec. 18
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

Herbal Soap Making

13 yrs. and older

Learn about the many different ways to create your own herbal soap, just in time for the holidays.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Saturday, Nov. 17
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
TP residents \$35
Non-residents \$45

Video Editing with Final Cut Studio


12 yrs. and older

Post production is where the magic happens. Learn how to use today's premiere video editing software to enhance your digital storytelling skills. 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

Multi Media Lab, TP Community Center
Beginner
Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30 – Dec. 4
TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85
Intermediate
Wednesdays, 7:45 - 9:45 p.m.
Oct. 30 – Nov. 4
TP residents \$95
Non-residents \$115



2013
Takoma Park Recreation Department
WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE



GRADES K-8


You're invited to the

Recreation Committee's 2013 Winter Basketball League Annual Walk-in Registration Event



WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Last season, the Winter Basketball League served more than 600 boys and girls ages 5-12 years and grades K-8 living in and around Takoma Park, Maryland. Sign up early, so that you don't miss out.



Date
Saturday, Oct. 13

Place
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, MD. 20912

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 bradleyw@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

SILVER FOXES

Auction Annie Game

Ages 55 and older

Paula Lisowski, 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. Call 301-891-7280 for more information.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Oct. 30 – Dec. 13

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 older adults using modified movements. Registration is required. For more information, please call 301-891-7280. Six weeks. Max. 20.

Tuesdays, 11:45 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Oct. 9 - Nov. 13

TP Community Center Dance Studio

TP residents registration begins Oct. 1

Non-residents registration begins Oct. 5 - Free

HOSPITAL DENIED

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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 Ta-

koma 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/primary 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.

Moving forward

In a statement read at the Sept. 10 City

Council meeting, councilmembers officially registered their commitment to working out a solution with WAH. "We want to ensure that our residents, especially those with financial or transportation limitations, continue to have excellent health care available in the community," they wrote. But they also recognized and respected the institution's need to succeed.

Council restated its concerns: that Takoma Park residents, particularly poor, uninsured, and those who rely on public transportation, continue to have convenient access to quality health care; that residents have prompt access to urgent or emergent medical care and routine health care services; and that the City retains an economically viable health care delivery system.

Council also suggested that residents will want an opportunity to give input regarding the hospital's location. And the Washington Adventist Land Use Committee, a group of residents focused on hospital developments, will also weigh in over the coming weeks.

Commissioner McLean's recommended decision is available at <http://1.usa.gov/TsAjHP>.

FOOD TRUCKS

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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 RS 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



Families line up for dinner at the Go Fish food truck in the co-op parking lot on a September Friday night. Food trucks will continue to make weekly visits to Takoma Park, at this location and at Trohv.

Photo by Laura Barclay

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.

NEW CHIEF

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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."



AT YOUR SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

New non-functioning traffic light law takes effect

New 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 must 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.

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 243 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 riding 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 October 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 an 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. Babysitters and others should be instructed 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.

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, detained 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 remind 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.

Hoppy fundraising opportunities for community non-profits

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 Beer-fest,” 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://crossroads.brownpapertickets.com>.



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 Raskin, Mayor Bruce Williams, City Councilmembers Terry Seamens, Kay Daniels-Cohen and others gathered to recognize Blessed Coffee founders Tebabu 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 Asefaw and Yeshihareg Woreta involved in the coffee ceremony.

Photo by Saidah Holt

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.



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, Tebabu Assefa of Blessed Coffee and Leigh Lambert of Naughty Bits Brownies.

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 _____



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 pjs; 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.

FTPML 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 1950s.

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.
Veteran tale-teller Candace Wolf tells scary stories. Ages 5 up.

"Train Dreams"

Tuesday, Oct. 30

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.

Books help navigate the post-college years

by Ellen Robbins

A poll conducted by "Twentysomething 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 54 percent in 2012. And the number is even higher if you include those who are underemployed. (newsfeed.time.com May 2010 and Newsweek Magazine 9/17/2012).

Not surprisingly, an influx of newly published books address the challenges, frustrations, and aspirations of this beleaguered generation of 20-somethings – giving encouragement and practical advice to them and in some cases to their parents as well. Here are a few that the Takoma Park Maryland Library now has to offer:

"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 dissatisfactions, 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: Quarter-Lifers 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 raising a family 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 – inquiries from parents who are trying to resolve frustrations or dilemmas with their adult or

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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, discuss why it's a good thing for kids to be reading comics, and give a taste of some of the best 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 at-

tend. 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 are invited to join us for this fun election. Please register: www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call 301-891-7259.

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“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. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room. Our introductory speaker will be Petra Volkhausen, a PhD candidate in the German Department at the University of Maryland. Mann was central to Volkhausen’s research at the Heinrich Heine Universitat, Dusseldorf in 2006 ; 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 novel.

“The Magic Mountain” has been called “an enduring classic...a monumental work of erudition and irony, sexual tension and intellectual ferment...” [Every-

mans 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/fowles.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, 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.org 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, some consider his novella “Train Dreams” to be his best work. Notable for its brevity and direct, simple narration, it is nonetheless dizzying in its mysteries and evocations of a lonely life set in a panoramic landscape. Anthony Doerr writes that “...it might be the most powerful thing Johnson has ever written.” He calls it “a love story, a hermit’s story and a refashioning of age-old wolf-based folklore like ‘Little Red Cap.’ It’s also a small masterpiece. You look up from the thing dazed, slightly changed.” (New

York Times Sunday Book Review)

“Train Dreams” tells the story of Robert Grainier, “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, Grainier 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)

The Friends Reading Group will meet to discuss “Train Dreams” on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. Friends Reading Group discussions are open to all.

roller-coaster as they struggle to liberate themselves as well as their adult children from past roles and dependencies.

If you or someone you know is transitioning into adulthood, check out these illuminating and helpful new titles from the Library! Look for them in our new non-fiction section, or ask your Librarian for help.

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nearly adult offspring, followed by replies from television producer Parent, and usually a summary of the issues involved by psychologist Ende. It is helpful that this book really does focus on parents as much as kids, and fully acknowledges their frustrations and what is often an emotional

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 Booz 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 Heilig 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 Wednesday evenings, Nov. 7 – Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m., except Nov. 21.

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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 Doughty (80 books); Johannes 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 Burbank, who creates our program each year.

OCTOBER '12

Do you have an item for the City calendar?

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 November 2012 issue is Oct. 22; it will print Nov. 1.

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.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

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
For agendas, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas

Welcome new Police Chief Alan M. Goldberg

Monday, Oct. 1
6:45 p.m. swearing in
Reception, 7-7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center

Small Business Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Rm
Make social media work for your small business
RSVP: kspichot@wau.edu

New Ave Social

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Mid-Atlantic Seafood, 6500 New Hampshire Ave.
Tasty bites and casual conversation with neighbors and City staff
Free
www.theNewAve.com

Public Hearing

Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
On proposed adjustments to the salary and compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers
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Public Hearing

Monday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
On permit parking in areas of New Hampshire Gardens
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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.
Troh, 232 Carroll Street, NW
Various food vendors

Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Carroll Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Willow Avenue
Music and crafts in Old Takoma
<http://www.takomafestival.com>

Hops for the Hungry

Crossroads Community Food Network Fundraiser
Sunday, Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Farmstead cheese and craft beer to benefit Fresh Checks
Suggested donation \$50, any amount welcome

Takoma Foundation Beer Fest

Saturday, Oct. 13, 4 – 8 p.m.
Historic Cady Lee House, 7064 Eastern Avenue, NW
Benefit for community work
\$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

ARTS AND LITERATURE

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

Boi, Pull Your Pants Up!

Saturday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
A play about love, lust and entrapment
Based on the book by William Caldwell
\$35
www.willcproductions.net

Two for One

HOME dance series
Oct. 4, 7 – 9 p.m.
The Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave.
\$5
Danceexchange.org

IMT – Lissa Schneckenburger

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Fiddler and singer.
\$15 advance / \$18 door, students \$12 / \$15
<http://imtfolk.org/>

We are Takoma – Film Screening and Discussion

"Stage Four"
Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
An intimate documentary of a family's journey
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Free
www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

Carroll Café – Zoe Mulford with special guest Brad Yoder

Friday, Oct. 12 – 7:30 p.m.
Guitar and claw-hammer banjo with clear vocals and ballads
\$15 door
Carroll Café, 276 Carroll St NW
<http://carrollcafe.org>

IMT – Family Concert: Barry Louis Polisar with

Sam Bartlett

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Celebrated musicians, authors and storytellers for all ages.
\$12 advance / \$14 door
<http://imtfolk.org/>

IMT – Grainne Hambly and William Jackson

Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Two renowned harpers from Ireland and Scotland
\$18 advance / \$22 door, students \$14 / \$18
<http://imtfolk.org/>

Third Thursday - Poetry Reading

Thursday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Stewart Hickman, Lisa Rosinsky, Samantha Magrath and Kathleen Staudt
Free Admission
www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

How to Lose a Mountain open rehearsal

Nov. 1, 7 – 9 p.m.
The Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave.
A 500-mile walk and a dance examining environmental impact
\$5
Danceexchange.org

Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Library grounds, at Maple and Philadelphia avenues
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Who Do You Call About ...?

Utility Emergencies: Electric Service: PEPCO 202-872-3432
Gas Service: Washington Gas 703-750-1400
Water And Sewer: WSSC 301-206-4002

Traffic Lights: State Highway Administration 410-582-5650

Street Lights: Cobra Head Street Lights: PEPCO 202-833-7500 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
Bus Stops/Shelters: WMATA 202-962-2063 / Ride On 240-777-0311
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