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WHAT'S NEW?

TRASH COLLECTION

No changes this month

TREE DISCOUNTS

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SPRING FOR POETRY

*Poems will be
appearing soon!*

*Keep a look out for signs
all over town*



Takoma plays

Takoma Park residents gathered to play dress-up, dance, listen to music and play games together on Feb. 7, Mid-Winter Play Day. Here, six-year-old Leilani Fahn shows off her face paint; her mother, Ping Fahn, volunteers to paint faces at play days all year. For more information about Takoma Plays, the sponsor of the event, go to takomaplays.org.

Photo by Selena Malott

Crime continues downward trend

Chief discusses department improvements

By Virginia Myers

In his first annual report since he became Chief of Police four months ago, Chief Alan Goldberg presented statistics at the Feb. 19 City Council meeting showing that the annual crime rate in Takoma Park is down for the sixth year in a row.

Overall "Part One" crime – that is, homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft – went down by 2.7 percent from 2011 to 2012. Between 2010 and 2011, part one crime dropped 13.5 percent.

In 2012, there were no homicides (in 2011 there was one), and there was one rape (there were three in 2011). Assaults went down from 26 incidents to 16 (38.5 percent), burglaries dropped from 109 to 73 (33 percent), and auto theft from 77 to 54 (29.9 percent). Robberies went up from 32 to 42 (31.3 percent), and larceny went from 317 to 364 (14.8 percent). The chief speculated that the increases were

due to the greater difficulty criminals were having with car thefts – larceny often involves taking of property from cars, and robberies include car jacking, which he described as a substitute when thieves cannot easily steal parked cars. Goldberg listed five of the most popular vehicles among car thieves—Jeep Cherokee, Ford Crown Victoria, Dodge Caravan, Honda Civic and Honda Accord – and described one repeat offender who favors Caravans in particular.

The chief also highlighted an increased closure rate as a bright spot in the annual report. Forty nine percent of serious crimes were "closed" this year, or resolved in the courts, a rate the chief calls "unheard of."

Where crime occurs

The annual crime report tracks the amount of crime in each of the city's six

Food waste composting pilot underway

By Daryl Braithwaite
Public Works Director

After several years of working to establish a food waste collection and composting program, the Public Works Department recently announced a partnership with two organizations to start pilot programs in Takoma Park. The two programs, while slightly different, will enable participating households to separate food waste and paper waste into a composting bin for weekly collection at the curb. The pilot programs will last six months during which time the City will collect information to be used to help develop a program that can be expanded citywide.

In the pilot area west of Piney Branch Road, up to 65 participating households can collect vegetable scraps, dairy products and waste paper products (like napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes). The five gallon collection bin, provided by the City, has a screw top lid to keep odors in and animals out. The participants were also provided with compostable plastic bags to use as a liner inside the bin. Each week, residents are to set out their food waste bin at the curb and a waste oil powered collection vehicle operated by GrowingSOUL, collects the bins, weighs them, and then transports the materials to a food waste processing facility located in Olney.

The second pilot area will include up to 300 households within the area that has a Thursday trash day. The City has partnered with The Compost Crew for the set up and promotion of that program. City crews will collect the food waste together with yard waste on Monday each week in the pilot area. The materials collected will be taken to the Chesapeake Compost Works, a recently opened composting facility in the Curtis Bay area of south Baltimore. Participants in this pilot program can collect vegetable scraps, meat, bones and dairy, in addition to paper waste.

These food waste pilot programs are the first of their kind in Montgomery County. However, several other jurisdictions around the country have established very successful programs. Based on data from other programs, the City assumes that about one quarter of household trash, by weight, is made up of food waste and food-contaminated paper products. Getting these materials out of the trash stream will reduce the amount of waste going to the County incinerator and enable it to be turned into a valuable, reuseable organic

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS* TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. (tentative) Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Auditorium

ETHICS COMMISSION Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE Thursday, March 7, 8:30 a.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. TPCC Lilac Room

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL LAND USE COMMITTEE Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m. TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Atrium Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Azalea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

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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 jessiec@takomagov.org.

RESOLUTION 2013-6 Adopted Jan. 28 Recommending adoption of the Long Branch Sector Plan The resolution recommends adoption of the Long Branch Sector Plan with revisions and urges allocation of funding for affordable housing preservation and development in the Long Branch area.

RESOLUTION 2013-7 Adopted Feb. 4 Authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Maryland Department of the Environment on behalf of Walgreens The resolution authorizes submission of an application for Capital Project Financial Assistance on behalf of the Walgreen Company for a stormwater retrofit project conditioned on a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Walgreen Company's responsibility for the

project and City approval of the final project design and engineering.

RESOLUTION 2013-8 Adopted Feb. 11 Extending the food truck pilot program established by resolution 2012-42 The resolution extends the food truck pilot program through June 30, 2013

RESOLUTION 2013-9 Adopted Feb. 11 Providing for appointments to the Arts and Humanities Commission The resolution effects the appointment of Hannah Baldwin, Michael Desautels and Michelle Ohnona to the Arts and Humanities Commission.

RESOLUTION 2013-10 Adopted Feb. 11

Providing for appointments to the Personnel Appeal Board The resolution effects the appointments of Holly Fechner and Hong Ta-Moore to the Personnel Appeal Board.

ORDINANCE 2013-3 Adopted (first reading Jan. 28; second reading Feb. 11) Amending Takoma Park Code, Ch. 5.08, Wards (Redistricting) The ordinance establishes new ward boundaries for the City.

ORDINANCE 2013-4 Adopted (first reading Jan. 28; second reading Feb. 11) Authorizing FY 2013 Budget Amendment No. 2 The ordinance authorizes the second amendment to the FY 2013 budget.

Public Forum Safe Grow Zone Initiative

A number of City residents are promoting establishing Takoma Park as a Safe Grow Zone where the use of cosmetic lawn and garden pesticides is limited or prohibited. The City Council will hold a public forum on the matter on Monday, March 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium. The forum will feature a panel including the Public Works Director, who would be responsible for implementing the plan on City property, and plan proponents. Residents who wish to learn more or comment on the proposal are encouraged to attend the forum.

Proposed Safe Grow Zone Ordinance Residents have drafted an ordinance that would amend the City Code to clarify what is meant by the cosmetic use of a pesticide, immediately prohibit the use of cosmetic pesticides on City property, and phase in a public education campaign and restrictions on the use of cosmetic lawn pesticides on private property within the City.

The draft ordinance is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. Other background materials provided by Safe Grow Zone proponents are also available for review.

What is a Cosmetic Lawn and Garden Pesticide?

As defined in the draft ordinance, "pesticide refers to any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest. Though often misunderstood to refer only to insecticides, the term also applies to herbicides, fungicides, and various other substances used to control pests."

The ordinance defines cosmetic use as "a pesticide applied for aesthetic purposes, e.g., to achieve a homogenous appearance in the maintenance of lawn, turf, flowers,

and ornamental plants, trees, or shrubs; unnecessary. An infestation of pests (such as clover, grubs, black spot) in these areas does not merit the use of pesticides. Exceptions include pesticides used for the purposes of controlling noxious weeds or to protect human health."

Limits on Use of Pesticides The proposed ordinance would prohibit the use of cosmetic lawn and garden pesticides by the City. Initially, private property owners would need to provide a specific type of notice if applying pesticides. Eventually, the restrictions would take effect.

Exceptions The ordinance includes a number of exceptions: for public health or safety; control of noxious weeds; and protection of natural resources, including trees, from invasive species.

PUBLIC FORUM

Safe Grow Zone Initiative Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Community Center Auditorium
Panel discussion
Opportunity for comment

Where no alternative exists, other methods of pest control have failed, or when application is mandated by another level of government, the ordinance requires public notice and, in the case of private property owners, a waiver from the City.

Education Finally, the ordinance would mandate periodic notice of the ordinance as well as a program of education and outreach.

REGISTER OF RESTRICTED PESTICIDES	
Proponents of a Safe Grow Zone have developed an initial register of restricted pesticides and their associated products. A sampling of these is below. The full list is included in the draft ordinance online.	
PESTICIDE	PRODUCT
2, 4-D	Ortho Max and Weed N' Feed
Bifenthrin	Ortho Bug B Gone Max
Dicamba	Ortho Max and Weed N' Feed
Dichlorprop-p Dimethylamine Salt	Scott's Turf Builder
Diquat Dibromide	Spectracide and Roundup
Fenoxycarb	Bayer Weed Control
Imazethapyr	Ortho Ground Clear
Imazipic	Round Up Extended Control
Imazipyr	Ortho Ground Clear
Propiconazole	Bayer Fungus Control
Quinoxifen, Quinchorac	Ortho Crab Grass
Tebuconazole	Bayer Rose and Flower
Trichlorfon, Trichloro	Ortho Weed B Gone

CITY News

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CITY ELECTION LAWS

The City Council will be discussing a number of changes to City election law. The measures under consideration include same day voter registration and allowing 16 and 17 year old residents to vote in City elections. If the Council decides to pursue these or other substantive revisions to the City Code, a Charter Amendment would be required and a public hearing would be scheduled for early April.

Follow the discussion on these and other issues:

- Attend City Council meetings and public hearings
- Watch meetings on City TV, cable channel 13 or 28 (depending on your provider)
- Watch live or archived meetings online. Go to: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/cable/index.html>
- Borrow a DVD of a meeting from the Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Review agenda packets including all background information provided to the Council at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html>.
- Request to be added to the weekly City Council agenda email list by contacting the City Clerk at jessiec@takomagov.org or 301-891-7267.

COMMENT ON PENDING CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

- Email clerk@takomagov.org, fax comments to 301-270-8794, or mail comments to the City Clerk's Office, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912. All comments received by the Clerk are copied to the entire Council.
- Contact your City Councilmember or the Mayor by email, phone or U.S. mail.
- Attend City Council meetings to speak during public comments at the beginning of a meeting or, in the case of a legislative item on the agenda, comment before the Council takes a vote.
- Attend public hearings and sign up to speak.

NEW WARD BOUNDARIES

With the adoption of Ordinance 2013-3, the City Council has completed the redistricting process and formalized the new ward boundaries. Changes from current boundaries include:

- Mississippi Avenue and Hilltop Road have been moved from Ward 5 to Ward 4.
- Three multi-family buildings on the southwest side of Lee Avenue (Sherwood Apartments, Leeland Apartments, and Hancock Gardens) have been moved from Ward 3 to Ward 4.
- 7777 Maple Ave. (Essex House) has been moved from Ward 4 to Ward 5.
- The portion of Ward 2 that was located on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue -- Larch Avenue, Hopewell Avenue, Kentland Avenue, and East West Highway -- has been moved to Ward 6.

Voters will cast ballots in their new ward at the next election. Residents in the redistricted areas will continue to be represented by their same City Councilmember until the next City Council is sworn in.

The redistricting plan adopted is the same as advertised in the Jan. 2013 issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter. The map and street directory are available for review online at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/election.

Community is key at Victory Towers

By Rick Henry

Drop by Victory Towers, the 187-unit senior living facility that sits at the heart of Takoma Park, at 7501 Carroll Ave., and you are likely to come upon several residents working out on the machines in the exercise room, a beauty shop humming with appointments, or 92-year-old Fernando Diaz sharing a dance with his female partner. This is not some old folks' home where everyone sits back in their rockers and watches the world pass them by -- it is far more active and, in keeping with Takoma Park's character, a diverse place where community is paramount.

Victory Towers, originally known as Takoma Towers, housed its first residents in 1973 and has been run since 2007 by Victory Housing, the affordable housing arm of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., managed by Habitat America LLC. Defined as an independent living facility for low-income seniors (age 62 and older), the Towers' oldest resident, Lois James, just turned



Johnny Browning at Games Night; he also DJs other events at the Towers.

Photo by Selena Malott



Residents Khaled and Melvina Alfroukh met at Victory Towers and were married there with the community of residents and staff as guests.

Photo by Selena Malott

94. Spend any time there and it is clear that for the residents, no matter their age, life at Victory Towers is about both being "independent" and "living" a full and active life.

When it comes to independence, "our residents take care of themselves," says Darcia Young, Victory Towers manager for the last five years.

That means that in addition to each apartment having its own kitchen, the facility provides numerous on-site amenities such as an exercise room, beauty shop and com-

puter lab. Physical therapy sessions, regular visits from doctors, nurses and other wellness providers and a service counselor providing information on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other issues are also part of the overall support system that allows the residents to maintain their independence, both physically and mentally.

Young also cites the importance and contributions of a strong team of employees at

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Councilmember teleworking

Kay Daniels-Cohen, councilmember for Ward 2, has been absent from her seat on the council but present in spirit, and over the phone, despite serious illness. Daniels-Cohen is currently undergoing treatment for cancer, and rehabilitation for hip surgery, but remains active on council.

As a tribute to her famously positive outlook, every councilmember wore a gold star, and another, giant star occupied Daniels-Cohen's seat on the dais at a recent council meeting: Daniels-Cohen's signature act as a councilmember is to hand out virtual "gold stars" for jobs well done, praising various city services, neighbors and residents for good deeds.

PUBLIC HEARING

Montgomery County, Md. and the City of Takoma Park will hold a joint Public Hearing on the Maryland Enterprise Zone Program.

The hearing will be held on:

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013
7 p.m.
TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER-
AZALEA ROOM
7500 MAPLE AVE.
TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912**

STATE OF MARYLAND ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION

The public is invited to review and comment on the County's proposal to submit an application for the re-designation of Long Branch/Takoma

Park as a State of Maryland Enterprise Zone.

TO REGISTER TO TESTIFY: Call Rosalind Grigsby at 301-891-7205, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email rosalindg@takomagov.org.

For additional information about the application and the Maryland Enterprise Zone program, call Gregory Baker at 301-622-2400 x15.

Meeting rooms are accessible to persons with disabilities. Hearing impaired or Spanish interpretation services are available upon request. Please call 301-891-7205 at least 72 hours before the hearing to request such service.

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HOUSING MAILBOX



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

Emergency assistance for tenants

I want to make sure my tenants know what kind of emergency financial assistance is available to them and other Takoma Park residents, when money gets tight and they face difficult circumstances. Can you help?

Good for you! We commend you looking out for your tenants.

The City currently contracts with two organizations that provide emergency assistance to City residents struggling with difficult financial circumstances beyond their control.

Ministries United Silver Spring/Takoma Park (MUSST) administers the City's Emergency Assistance Fund. Funded by the Takoma Park City Council and through tax deductible contributions from City residents, the fund provides financial assistance to eligible City residents for prescription drugs, utility payments, rent payments and food via a food bank arrangement. MUSST is located at 8818 Georgia Ave., second floor, Silver Spring, Md., 20910. You can reach them by phone at 301-495-4699, and the office is open on Monday from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 12 to 4 p.m. Persons seeking assistance are required to provide current identification and income verification information.

The second helpful organization is Educare Support Services, Inc., which provides emergency food distribution to eligible City and county residents. The Educare Food Pantry offers both perishable and non-perishable food items to eligible individuals and families requesting assistance. Special needs clients (seniors or people with disabilities) may have their allotment of food items delivered to them monthly. Educare Support Services is located at 7001 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, Md., 20912. Reach them by phone at 240-450-2092. The Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday noon to 2 p.m. Persons seeking assistance are required to provide a picture ID, proof of residency (utility bill, rent receipt) and proof of income.

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.

HOUSING

Tenant Rights Discussed at Summit

Fifteen tenants from various rental properties in Takoma Park came together on Jan. 26 at the Takoma Park Community Center to discuss tenant rights in Takoma Park, what they can do to better protect themselves and how to get their landlords to be more responsive. The group was led in discussion by the City's tenant capacity building organizers, Mario Cristaldo and Rozanne Look.

One tenant stated that her landlord had become more responsive since she and other tenants formed a tenant association. Registering an association with the City requires a membership of at least one third of the tenants residing in a building.

Another tenant, from a different building, was happy to report that rodent and mice infestations were eliminated in her building once the property was sold to a new owner.

At the meeting, Landlord-Tenant staff reviewed the procedures

for notifying landlords about code violations in a rental unit: Tenants must first send a letter to the owner/management (keeping a copy for records), and then after one week, if there is no or insufficient response, the tenant can file a complaint with the county code enforcement division, at 240-777-0311 or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311. An inspector should make contact within 48 hours to set up an appointment. Once documented, a notice of violation is sent to the landlord with a deadline for a re-inspection. Everyone agreed that persistence has to be the rule of thumb: Without it, violations may continue for a long, long time.

Of utmost concern among tenants was the two-month notice to vacate, which does not require the landlord to give a reason for the request. One tenant specifically called for better protection in these cases. A sub-

committee planned to discuss this with the City council in hopes that tighter restrictions would prevail.

The group agreed that it would like to have tenant summits a few times a year. Participants liked the idea of tenants from different buildings coming together to share ideas. One particularly popular idea was for tenants to come together to bring a Farmers Market to Maple Avenue. Everyone supported the concept, and agreed that such a project would certainly bring tenants out of their homes so they could get to know one another.

The next Tenant Summit is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at the Takoma Park Community Center. If you are interested in attending the next Tenant Summit or would like the notes from the Jan. 26 meeting, please contact Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 or lindaw@takomagov.org.

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers for home repair program

This spring will be particularly active for a cohort of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (HFH-MC) working in Takoma Park: Habitat was recently awarded \$80,000 by the city council to conduct an exterior home repair program in the City. Twenty to 25 low-to moderate-income homeowners have already applied to be a part of the program, and will be welcoming repair crews to work on their homes. The work will commence sometime in April or May, following site visits that will determine what actually can be done on each home.

Traditionally, HFH-MC has provided or maintained homeownership opportunities to low-income households in Montgomery County through new home construction or the renovation of vacant foreclosed properties. In response to community needs, HFH-MC expanded its services in 2010 to include home

weatherization and repair, and has served 65 low- to moderate-income households to date.

In Takoma Park, HFH-MC will partner with income-eligible homeowners, who are mostly seniors, to undertake some badly needed exterior repairs. Work includes anything from replacing deteriorating wood to repairing concrete stairs and walkways. This program follows on the heels of a successful home repair program conducted last year by the DC Baptist Convention during the week of July 4. The program was so enthusiastically received and appreciated by Takoma Park residents, that the City council decided to budget funds to conduct another like it this year.

A request for proposals from construction organizations was published Oct. 24, with four applications received by the Dec. 17 deadline. Habitat was selected primarily be-

cause it is a local organization with local volunteers, and will fund and integrate its weatherization program into Takoma Park's exterior home repair program, a big plus for Takoma Park residents.

Residents interested in volunteering can attend one of two information sessions to learn more about volunteering on this project or others in the community. For the repair program, Habitat is specifically recruiting skilled volunteers, but no experience is required to help. HFH-MC will host two one-hour information sessions at the Takoma Park Community Center, one on March 21 at noon and the second on March 28 at 7 p.m. If you can't make the information sessions, online registration will be available at www.habitat-mc.org as work days are scheduled. For further information, call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222.



Takoma Park Food Pantry EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

For Eligible Residents of Takoma Park

The Food Pantry offers both perishable and non-perishable foods to individuals and families requesting assistance. Also, our special-needs clients (seniors or people with disabilities) will have their allotment of groceries delivered to their doorsteps every month

For Delivery or Appointment

Call 240-450-2092 or Email educare_ss@yahoo.com

Website: www.educaresupportservices.org

Center Location

7001 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Requirements

- On every visit, you must provide a picture ID and proof of residency, such as a utility bill or rent receipt.
- On your first visit, you must provide identification for every member of your household - children and adults. Acceptable forms of identification include social security cards, food stamp cards, driver's license, unemployment letter, proof of income, birth certificates, passports and other legal documents.

This program is offered in partnership with the City of Takoma Park

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the facility, including such staffers as Karen Edris, who has worked at Victory Towers for 36 years, and Debbie Collins, a 20-year part-time, front-desk employee.

As for living, Young says that the Victory Towers residents are a “unique and very active group who really like all types of activities.”

Susie Thomas, 65, who serves as the activities coordinator for the Towers Senior Association (TSA) says it is important to get people involved in something, even if they have physical limitations. “We want to get people out of their apartments and interested in activities that are easy to do, she says. “The more active you can keep your mind, the younger you feel.”

To that end, there is always a wide range of activities at the Towers, from weekly needlework sessions, BINGO, card games and game nights (open to the community) to barbecues and seasonal events such as pumpkin decorating at Halloween or the annual Valentine’s Day dance that took place last month.

And if there is an event, chances are that Johnny Browning, 68, will be spinning the tunes. At the Valentine’s Day event, Browning, president of the TSA who calls himself the Towers’ “official DJ,” was armed with a collection of old-school R&B, Motown, blues and rock CDs, featuring everything from Etta James to Roy Orbison. Soon those in attendance were hitting the dance floor.

Of all the activities that have taken place at the Towers over the years, the most significant is undoubtedly the wedding of Khaled and Melvina Alfroukh. The pair, who met at Victory Towers, held their wedding and reception at the facility, inviting all of the residents and staff as guests. Needless to say, Melvina, 77, who also works as the front-desk administrator at Victory, holds strong feelings for it.

“I love, love, love, love living and working here,” she says. “Everybody is so friendly.”

Khaled and Melvina’s marriage also illustrates another of the Towers main characteristics: its international diversity. While Melvina is a native of the Washington Metropolitan area, Khaled, 71, is a native of Palestine.

According to Young, approximately 30 percent of the residents are international.

“We have residents who are Asian, Hispanic, Ethiopian, Brazilian, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Jamaican and Cuban,” she says. Amazingly, Young says there are no language barriers because all of the residents translate and help each other.

That sense of community is something that is present not only among those living at Victory Towers, but is also cultivated with the residents, businesses and community groups of Takoma Park, many of whom engage with the residents on a regular basis. Residents keep up with the politics of Takoma Park and the Towers often bring local civic and political leaders in to talk to residents. The local Scout troop comes every year for Flag Day, the John Nevins Andrews School kindergartners come and sing and the nursing students from Washington Adventist University come and administer blood pressure and diabetes screenings.

Browning cites the weekly Tuesday night “Game Nights” where kids of all ages and parents come to play everything from bridge to canasta with the residents. It’s a great example of community and intergenerational engagement, he says, and while participation has been good, “especially in the summer,” the TSA would love to have even more people participate. He also says that the TSA wants to get the residents out of the facility and out into the community more often.

Residents say that one of the facility’s most appealing aspects is its location in Takoma Park. “It is so convenient, you have everything right here,” says Melvina Alfroukh. Anne Ludlow agrees. “You can get anywhere. The buses stop right in front of the building.”

Put it all together – convenience, community, companionship – and you get a sense of why most of the residents feel the way Melvina Alfroukh feels about Victory Towers.

“It gives me a purpose,” she says. “And it keeps me young.”



American Artifacts with C-SPAN Filmmaker Richard Hall

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Free

Each week the C-Span series American Artifacts travels to historic sites, museums and archives to learn what artifacts reveal about the American story. Local filmmaker

Richard Hall will present a recent film from this series about a collection of 1,600 photographs taken during the Great Depression and World War II depicting life in the United States and war production activities. Hall will lead a discussion about the project and present short clips from American Artifacts with local significance.

The Page, the Stage, the Screen: An Evening with Clayton LeBouef

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Free

Where does a movie come from? There is a lot more to film than the actors on the silver screen. It all starts with the writer. And a good story, of course.

Local actor Clayton LeBouef will lead the audience through the process of adapting literature for stage and screen. The presentation will feature the 20-minute film *The Doll* adapted from a short story by Charles W. Chesnutt (1858-1932), a prominent African American writer. *The Doll*, set in the early 1900s, tells the story of Tom Taylor, the black proprietor of a hotel barbershop, whose humanity, dignity and responsibility to family and commu-



From the LeBouef film, *The Doll*.

nity are challenged when he has an opportunity to avenge an injustice that was inflicted on his father decades earlier.

The second part of the program will feature readings from the play *The Eagle and The Lion* by Bill Quinn about the relationship between Ethiopian ruler Haile Selassie and 33-year-old aviator, Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, known as the “Black Eagle of Harlem” and sometimes called the “Negro Lindbergh.” The play has never before been staged.

Clayton LeBouef is an actor/playwright, arts advocate and Takoma Park resident. He has appeared in local, regional and off-Broadway stage productions as well as in films and in the television series *The Wire* and *Homicide: Life on the Street*.

Mathematically Inclined

An exhibit exploring the intersection between art and math

Friday, March 8, 6 – 9 p.m. gallery talk and reception

The Galleries at the Community Center
Free

The beauty of math gets an opportunity to shine this month in a unique exhibit in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. From Leonardo da Vinci and MC Escher, artists have long explored mathematics. Likewise mathematicians are drawn to the arts as a way to express and explore mathematical concepts—take the ancient Egyptians and their use of the golden ratio to build the pyramids as just one example.

Included in the Takoma Park exhibit are paintings, prints, sculptures, kaleidoscopes, traditional crafts and jewelry,

made by 12 different artists, scientists and teachers.

Peter Bankson, an MIT trained mathematician, is fascinated by how crochet stitches lose their individuality when they are close enough to become fabric. “I’ve been exploring the boundary between inner and outer—the way the stitches pile up in communities... These pieces study the effects of sustained rates of growth over ten generations. They might apply to populations, or savings, or garbage in a landfill.”

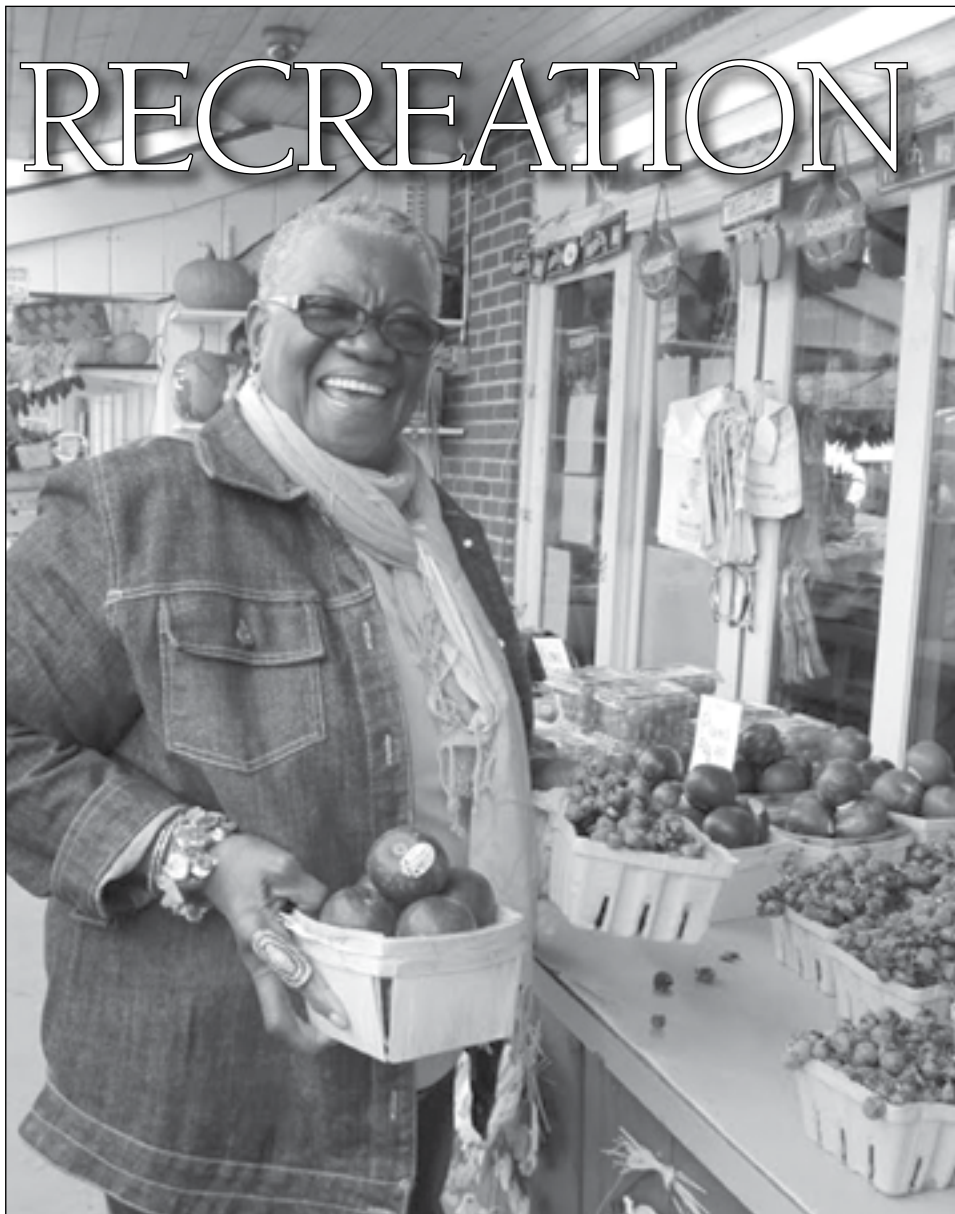
He adds, “It took me 50 years to get a feel for what the math might tell others in an instant. Finally I got a feel for the MIT motto, ‘Mens et Manus,’ mind and hand. Sometimes it takes both art and equations to get a handle on things.”

Recycle Art takes one sitting down in new installations

Takoma Park’s Recycle Art project has set out a call to artists for its next round of city-wide art installations. Artists are asked to create imaginative seats, made from re-purposed or recycled materials, which will be installed in small clusters—creating little sitting areas along the sidewalks of Old Takoma. The seats will be installed from June through October 2013. Existing seats may be re-interpreted with paint or other embellishments or new forms of seating may be created from fabricating other materials into seating. Details can be found on the web site, www.recycleart-takoma.com/artists.html. Application deadline is March 15.

The project is presented by the Old Takoma Business Association, and its Main Street Takoma program.

RECREATION



The Recreation Department organizes frequent outings for older, active adults. Here, Susan Leitch chooses locally grown fruit at Baugher's Restaurant and Farmers Market, in Carroll County, Md., last October. This month, trips to the Postal Museum in D.C. and a Botanical Garden in Baltimore are scheduled (see listings).

Photo by Paula Lisowski

YOUTH/TEENS

Double Dutch

Ages 6 to 14

Learn the art of double Dutch through a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, double Dutch turning and jumping, stretching, toning, jogging and calisthenics.

Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. (on-going)

TP Recreation Center

Free with membership card

Kid's Night Out

Ages 6 to 12

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out is a fun filled night for children. It will involve activities such as games, art and crafts, movies and theme nights.

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

Free with membership card

Spring Break Camp

Ages 5 to 12

Come explore with us as we experience nature. Go on a nature scavenger hunt finding nature's little secrets. Find out why the sun is so important and why water is essential to all living creatures. Hiking, swimming at Rollingcrest Pool, crafts, special guests, a trip to the Botanical Gardens and fun are in store.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Monday through Friday, March 25 – 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents \$140

Non-residents \$160

Spring Break Before Care

7 – 9 a.m.

TP residents \$35

Non-residents \$45

Spring Break After Care

4 – 6 p.m.

TP residents \$35

Non-residents \$45

Teen Night

Ages 12 to 17

Nothing to do on Friday night? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house.

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

Free with membership card

Teen Spring Break Camp

Ages 13 to 17

During Career Week a few professionals will stop by and guide participants in exploring some of today's hottest careers. Participants will also receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away trips like: bowling, laser tag, roller skating and more. The program will end with a bang at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Baltimore, for a performance of *The Wiz*. For more information, please contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Monday – Friday, March 25 – 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents \$20

Non-residents \$40

Teen Black College Expo

Ages 13 to 17

Decisions, decisions! Who has the best academics? Who has the best athletics? Should I stay on campus? How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Black College Expo at Bowie State University. Permission slip needed in advance. For more information, please contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

TP residents Free

Non-residents \$10

FITNESS/HEALTH/SPORT

The Art of the Game Basketball

Tournament

Grades 1 – 12

This one-day tournament is an opportunity for youth to show their athletic abilities on the court and artistic skills off the court. All participants will not only play, but also have the special opportunity to come to Pyramid Atlantic Art Center and learn to screen print their own t-shirt for the game. All participants will choose a date to screen print their t-shirt with their team. Pyramid Atlantic will contact each participant after registration to schedule a date prior to the tournament. For more info: 301-608-9101 or hello@pyramid-atlantic.org.

Grades 1 – 8: Saturday, March 30

8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Grades 9 – 12: Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Registration fee: \$25/player

Register at www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org or mail registration form to Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910, Attn: Basketball

Registration deadline: March 4

Health and Wellness Workshops

Ages 18 and older

This workshop will support the Takoma Park Community's desire and commitment to live a healthier lifestyle. The goal is to create awareness and a sense of urgency to get and stay healthy! Through education, hands-on demonstrations and support, participants will be able to make healthier lifestyle choices on a daily basis. Individuals will benefit from health assessments, weight management tools, vitamin supplement education, food demonstrations and much more.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Thursdays, March 14 and 28, 7 – 9 p.m.

TP residents \$39

Non-residents \$49

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

Jazzercise is the art of Jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60 to 70 minute class includes easy-to-follow, fun, aerobic dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises all to the beat of music that ranges from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes.

Mondays and Wednesdays (on-going), 7 – 8 p.m.

Saturdays (on-going), 8 – 9 a.m.

TP Recreation Center

\$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

\$110/8 week pass

\$25 joining fee required for EFT

\$15 drop-in (with \$20 fee)

Kick Ball

Ages 8 to 13

This program is a school yard classic! Everyone loves kickball because it's fun, it's fast, it's easy and most of all it's exciting. The program will focus on teamwork and sportsmanship. Five weeks.

Meet at Takoma Park Community Center

Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary)

Thursdays, March 22 to April 19, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

TP residents Free

Non-residents \$10

Ladies' Boot Camp I

Ages 16 and older

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout within a quick hour. Eight weeks.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 12 – May 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

\$85/8 weeks

Tai Chi

Ages 16 and older

Tai Chi is an ancient exercise for cultivating physical and spiritual health. This class covers basic principles and concepts. It has been proven effective in restoring balance and calm in our lives. The slow, gentle movements and relaxed breathing harmonize energy and flow in the body. The class will follow the Yang style short form that was introduced to the West by the renowned Cheng Man Ch'ing.

Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7 p.m. (on-going)

TP Recreation Center

Free

Yoga Nidra – Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older

This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable position. This systematic practice uses positive affirmations, visualization, awareness of the body, breath, and self-inquiry. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets, and a pillow.

Mondays, March 4 – March 25, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

TP residents \$50

Non-residents \$60

Drop-in \$15



Save the Date - May 19, 1 – 5pm

The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the city with food, merchandise and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. If you are interested in vending, performing or would like to showcase a game passed down from generation to generation please email celebratetakoma@takomagov.org.

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ART

Collage
Ages 16 and older

Using a variety of collage and paper altering processes, students combine found and altered papers and lightweight three-dimensional materials. Principles of color and design will be presented, such as limiting the color palette and the principles of design will be explored such as structure, balance, repetition, value and gradation. This class is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials will be provided (some personal or found collage elements may be desired to enhance the collage as well) There is a \$30 materials fee due on the first day of class.
Tuesdays, March 12 – April 30, 11 a.m – 2 p.m.
TP Community Center Art Studio
TP residents \$210
Non-residents \$240

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations
Ages 8 to 10
Elementary students create two and three dimensional projects in this new after-school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media – every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included.
Thursdays, March 7 – April 18, 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
TP Community Center Art Studio
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II - Drawing & Water-color
Ages 11 to 14
Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25 due on the first day of each session.
Tuesdays, March 12 – April 30, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
TP Community Center Art Studio
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

COMPUTER/MULTI-MEDIA
High Definition Video for Community Purposes
Ages 16 and older
Learn tips and tricks for creating great looking high definition video that you can upload to YouTube or burn onto BluRay DVD disks to showcase the strengths of our community. You'll learn to use a Canon Vixia high definition camcorder, learn about homemade, affordable lighting, recommended professional microphones, and Roxio Toast 11 software for burning BluRay DVD disks (on inexpensive DVD media.) Watch your crystal clear BluRay videos from the projector in our auditorium. Previous video experience helpful, but not required.
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
TP residents \$29
Non-residents \$39

PETS

Doggie Fun and Games
Dogs of any age
This series of one day sessions will show you a variety of new activities your family can enjoy with your dog. We'll cover hide and seek, tricks, put the toy away, pick the toy, fetch, Frisbee, agility ground work, and maybe even bowling and basketball. If you have any obedience issues you don't know how to resolve, our trainer will work with you on that too.
Saturdays, March 2 – 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
TP residents \$20/per dog, per day
Non- residents \$30/per dog, per day

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

Beginning Crochet
Ages 55 and older
Learn basic crochet stitches and how to read pattern directions. Materials will be provided to complete a simple project. Five weeks. Maximum six students. In person registration is required. For more information, please call 301-891-7290.
Mondays, March 11 – April 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
TP Community Center Senior Room.
Free.
Birthday Party
Ages 55 and older
Join us for cake, ice cream and fun. We are honoring January, February and March birthdays. Drop-in, no registration required. For more information, please call 301-891-7290
Friday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
TP Community Center Lilac Room
Free

Conversational English
Ages 55 and older
This program is designed to provide an introduction to conversational English to adults age 55 and older whose first language is not English. This six-week class meets twice a week (12 classes) and will focus on listening, understanding, speaking and pronunciation through the study of familiar, everyday events and situations in English. Class size: minimum 6, maximum 12. In person registration is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 19 – April 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
TP Community Center, Rose Room
\$5 (materials fee due with registration).

Free Tax Aide Service
Ages 55 and older
The Takoma Park Recreation Department is partnering with AARP and the Montgomery County RSVP to bring the annual free tax aide program to Takoma Park. Offered to low-income adults age 55 and older, this service covers personal tax returns only (No businesses, schedule C, or rentals, schedule E returns). Takoma Park has been allotted two days in March. There will be twelve appointments, (four per hour). Please select a time, then call-in to the AARP Appointment Office at 240-777-2577 to schedule your tax aide appointment.
Thursdays, March 14 and March 21, 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Free

Mixed-Media Collage
Ages 55 and older
Use acrylic paint in a variety of ways to create a background, then cut and glue images and paper to the background to create a collage. There will be a facilitator, but no formal instruction. Participants will learn from each

other. Please bring magazines or drawings (to be cut) and scissors. You may want to wear an apron. All other supplies provided. In person registration is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290.
Fridays, March 22, April 5 and 19, Noon – 2 p.m.
TP Community Center Art Studio.
\$4 Materials fee due to facilitator at first class

National Postal Museum and Union Station, Washington, DC
Ages 55 and older
The Smithsonian's National Postal Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and presentation of postal history and philately. Lunch at Union Station. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In person registration is required, beginning 3/1/13. For more information, call 301-891-7290.
Wednesday, March 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free admission and transportation, you pay for your lunch.

Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens, Baltimore, Md.
Ages 55 and older
Three greenhouses, two display pavilions and outdoor gardens with plants from around the world. Lots of walking! Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In person registration is required beginning 3/1/13. For more information, call 301-891-7290.
Wednesday, March 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
\$5 admission/bring on 3/20. Free transportation. You pay for your lunch and admission.



Patty Suto with two of her dance students at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. From left, sisters Toffaa Fedhaa, 3, and Manooyee Fedhaa, 5.

Photo by Selena Malott

Action
Did you know?
TP has some new, active groups for adults. All are free.
Biking/Hiking groups
Just forming! Contact Margaret Chapman, margtchapmn@aol.com.
Azalea City Quilters of Takoma Park
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Takoma Park Community Center
Drop in
Intergenerational games night
Tuesdays, 7 – 9 p.m., at 7051 Carroll Ave.
Intergenerational rounds of rummikub, canasta, spades, bridge and more
For information, contact John Goon, 301-315-8297, spineyone@yahoo.com or Johnny Browning 301-270-0648 spanky1@verizon.net

LIBRARY



Magazines on the Move

By Jill Raymond

There has been a lot of turnover in the magazine world recently, as publications go all-digital or cease publication altogether. The Library is trying to keep up with these shifts, and is also adding to our already extensive and diverse collection of 145 periodicals. In the last year or so, we have lost the following magazines because they are no longer in print: *Newsweek*, *Dog World*, *Americas*, *Budget Travel* and *American Artist*. However, we have added a number of titles, both to expand the diversity of our coverage and to replace specific publications that have gone out of business. For instance, we are now receiving *Dog Fancy* in place of *Dog World*, and *The Artist's Magazine* in place of *American Artist*. In addition, we have added the following:

Edible DC--food oriented, socially conscious and locally oriented

American Girl--high-quality teen girls' general interest

Mother Jones--politically liberal news and commentary

The Week--weekly news; some original, some abbreviated from items around the world

Outside--outdoors activities; different focus from *Field and Stream*, which we also carry

Make: Technology on Your Time--ultimate do-it-yourself

On Earth--environmental issues

Sligo Journal--literary and visual arts journal published by Montgomery College

We retain nearly all our magazines for at least six months, and most are kept for two years or more. Issues older than the newest copy are available for check-out. Library cardholders also have access to two extraordinary magazine resources, E-Library and EBSCOHost, via their home computers, for free. All you need is your library card. Log in to the main library web page and click on Magazines (for EBSCOHost) or E-Library. These two databases provide access to thousands of publications, many full-text, and most containing many years worth of retrospective material. Search instructions are available on the main page of each database.



Award-winning books available on Takoma shelves

One morning in late January, hundreds of librarians gathered at the Seattle Convention Center during the American Library Association's midwinter conference to await the announcements of the 2013 of the top literary awards for children's and teen books. It was early in the morning, but the room was abuzz with excitement as we waited for the announcements to begin.

These awards are a big deal for the winners, of course, but they're also important to for young readers, teachers, librarians and parents, who use these awards as a way of choosing good books to read. Most people are familiar with the two biggest awards: the Caldecott Medal (given to the best-illustrated children's book) and the Newbery Medal (given to the best-written children's book).

There's a good reason these awards are so well-known. Winning a Newbery or Caldecott brings instant fame to an author or illustrator. It also brings instant fortune. On Monday, Jan. 28, when the winners were announced at the American Library Association's conference in Seattle, 2013 Caldecott Medal winner "This Is Not My Hat" ranked 1,501 in sales on Amazon.com. By the end of the day, it had zoomed to number 10.

It was a similar story with 2013 Newbery Medal winner "The One and Only Ivan," which was ranked at 1,933 in sales on Amazon.com when the awards were announced and ended the day at number 13.

Still, there were a number of other children's and teen book awards presented that morning in Seattle, including awards highlighting the

best work by African-American and Hispanic authors and illustrators, the best fiction and non-fiction books for teens, and more. Our library purchases these award winners, so look for them on our shelves (a few are back-ordered, as they were "surprise" winners and publishers had to order second printings).

In addition to these big winners, the American Library Association also compiles annual lists of notable books, including the 100 Best Books for Kids (board books, novels, non-fiction, early readers); Great Graphic Novels for Teens; the Alex Awards (10 best adult books for teens); and several others. We purchase many books recommended on these lists, and can readily provide you with more information about how to access these lists, which are a wonderful source for finding great books for all types of readers.

Here's a list of just some of the 2013 award-winning books for kids and teens. For a full listing, check out our Children's Room Blog, found by clicking "Children's Room" on the left-hand side of the website, www.takomaparkmd.gov/library:

Newbery Medal and Honor books

"The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate, Newbery Medal

Newbery Honor books: "Splendors and Glooms" by Laura Amy Schlitz; "Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon" by Steve Sheinkin; and "Three Times Lucky" by Sheila Turnage

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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

Builder Bee Kids

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.

Kids learn building basics

18 months to 9 years

Program Full

Bedtime Stories

Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

Friends Big Book Group

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Introductory lecture on James Joyce's "Ulysses" (See article)

Community Center Azalea Room

Caldecott Birthday Club

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m.

An evening devoted to Caldecott-winning books from the 1990s, and a reading of the new 2013 winner

Lemonade and cookies

All ages

Comics Jam

Tuesday, March 12, 4 p.m.

Library staffer and comics guru Dave Burbank reads comics on the big screen

"Pluto's Secret"

Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.

Join the authors and illustrators of a new kids' book about the former planet

Registration encouraged

Friends Big Book Group

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

"Ulysses" continues

Friends Annual Meeting

Wed. March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Clarence Page (see article)

Petites Chansons

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

Sing French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie

Friends meeting features Clarence Page

Local author and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Clarence Page will be guest speaker at the Friends of the Library annual meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Following his talk, the Friends will hold a brief election for four board positions: treasurer and three members at large. (Board members must serve on the Board for at least one year to be elected treasurer or president.) The evening's events will end with socializing and refreshments.

Page, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary in 1989, has been a columnist and a member of the *Chicago Tribune's* editorial board since July 1984. His column is syndicated nationally by Tribune Media Services to more than 180 newspapers and websites. He has been

a frequent panelist on "The McLaughlin Group," "The Chris Matthews Show" on NBC, National Public Radio and Black Entertainment Television. Among other honors, he has received lifetime achievement awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists and the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame.

He will speak on "How the Party of Abe Lincoln Lost Its 'Big Tent'," a theme he has been researching for a proposed book on the GOP's turbulent history with racial-ethnic diversity and its uncertain future. His 1996 book, "Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity," is available at the Library.

In their present incarnation, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library have been

raising funds, promoting and advocating for the Library since 1994. Their twice yearly book sales, memberships and other efforts have funded the Library's Spanish Circle Time, Petites Chansons (French Circle Time), lanyards for kids' library cards, the Summer Quest summer reading program, the Spring for Poetry poetry walk, an Elmo digital projector for Comics Jam and class visits, and many other programs.

If you are interested in serving on the Friends' Board, contact nominating committee member Miriam Szapiro at mszapiro@gmail.com.

Anyone whose membership in the Friends is current may vote in the election. However, all are invited to attend— one need not be a member to come and hear Clarence Page, enjoy refreshments and socialize with neighbors.



Clarence Page

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Caldecott Medal and Honor Books
“This Is Not My Hat,” written and illustrated by Jon Klassen, Caldecott Medal
Caldecott Honor Books: “Creepy Carrots!,” written by Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Peter Reynolds; “Extra Yarn,” written by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen; “Green,” written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger; “One Cool Friend,” written by Tony Buzzeo and illustrated by David Small; and “Sleep Like a Tiger,” written by Mary Logue and illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

Printz Award (for best teen novel)
Printz Winner: “In Darkness” by Nick Lake
Printz Honor Books: “Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe” by Benjamin Alire Saenz; “Code Name Verity” by Elizabeth Wein; “Dodger” by Terry Pratchett; and “The White Bicycle” by Beverly Brenna

Young adult library services association award
For excellence in non-fiction for young adults
Winner: “Bomb” by Steve Sheinkin

Honor Books: “Steve Jobs” by Karen Blumenthal; “Moonbird” by Phillip Hoose; “Titanic: Voice From the Disaster” by Deborah Hopkinson; and “We’ve Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children’s March” by Cynthia Levinson

Coretta Scott King Authors and illustrators Awards
For books by African-American authors and illustrators
Coretta Scott King Author Winner: “Hand In Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America” by Andrea David Pinkney
King Author Honor Books: “Each Kindness” by Jacqueline Woodson and “No Crystal Stair” by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Winner: “I, Too, Am America,” written by Langston Hughes and illustrated by Bryan Collier
King Illustrator Honor Books: “H.O.R.S.E.,” written and illustrated by Christopher Myers; “Ellen’s Broom,” written by Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrated by Daniel Minter; and “I Have a Dream,” written by Martin Luther King Jr. and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Pura Belpre Award
For books by Hispanic authors and illustrators

Pura Belpre Author Winner: “Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe” by Benjamin Alire Saenz
Author Honor Book: “The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano” by Sonia Manzano
Pura Belpre Illustrator Winner: “Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert,” written by Gary Schmidt and illustrated by David Diaz
No Honor Illustrator books were named.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award
For the best beginning reader book
Geisel Winner: “Up, Tall and High!,” written and illustrated by Ethan Long
Geisel Honor Books: “Let’s Go For a Drive!,” written and illustrated by Mo Willems; “Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons,” written by Eric Litwin and illustrated by James Dean; and “Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover,” written and illustrated by Cece Bell.

Robert F. Sibert Medal
For the best-non-fiction book for children
Sibert Medal Winner: “Bomb” by Steve Sheinkin
Sibert Honor Books: “Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin,” written and illustrated by Robert Byrd; “Moonbird” by Phillip Hoose; and “Titanic” by Deborah Hopkinson

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Pluto’s Secret

What’s up with Pluto? Kids are invited to come find out as the authors and illustrator of a new book, “Pluto’s Secret,” present their work at a program on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. In their book, authors Margaret Weitekamp and David Devorkin, joined by illustrator and Takoma Park resident Diane Kidd combine science, history and humor as they explore why Pluto is no longer considered a planet. Our program is great for ages 6 up (younger kids are welcome with close adult supervision), and registration is encouraged so we can be sure to have enough chairs for everyone. Politics and Prose Bookstore will be selling copies of “Pluto’s Secret,” but our program is free and no book purchase is required. To register, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call 301-891-7259.

Caldecott Club
Our Caldecott Birthday Club continues its look back as we read Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor books from the 1990s on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. The Caldecott Medal, which is celebrating its 75th birthday, is given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated children’s book; several Caldecott Honor, or runner-up, books also are usually chosen. Among the books we’ll be reading at our March meeting are “Officer Buckle and Gloria,” written and illustrated by Peggy Rathman; “Tuesday,” written and illustrated by David Wiesner and “More, More, More, Said the Baby,” written and illustrated by Vera Williams. Our program is great for all ages – no registration is required. And, to make it a truly festive event, we’ll be offering lemonade and cookies.

Book clubs schedule James Joyce scholar, Ulysses, and Palestinian short stories
The Friends’ opening discussion of James Joyce’s “Ulysses” on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. will feature a talk by Coilen Owens, Professor Emeritus of English Literature at George Mason University. Owens has written on Joyce in “Irish Literary Revival,” “20th-Century Irish Writing,” “The Irish Short Story,” and “Modern Irish Drama.” His talk will be held in the Community Center Azalea Room. All are invited to attend this and continuing discussions of “Ulysses” on the following Tuesdays: March 19, and April 2, 16 and 30.
“ ‘Ulysses’ has been labeled dirty, blasphemous, and even unreadable,” writes a reviewer on goodreads.com. “None of these adjectives, however, do the slightest justice to the novel. To this day it remains the modernist masterpiece, in which the author takes both Celtic realism and vulgarity to splendid extremes..”
For those preferring shorter reads than “Ulysses,” the Friends also sponsor single discussions of shorter literary works. Their April 9 discussion will focus on short stories by Ghassan Kanafani. Kanafani was a Palestinian novelist, short-story writer and dramatist. He was also a spokesperson for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was killed by a car bomb in Beirut in 1972, allegedly by the Mossad.
“The main themes in his writings are uprootedness, exile and national struggle,” reads a description on www.kirjasto.sci.fi/kanaf.htm. “He often used in his stories the desert and its heat as a symbol for the plight of the Palestinian people...Kanafani’s life and career as a writer was closely connected to the situation of the Palestinians, and his intense involvement in Palestinian affairs gave him a unique vantage point.”

The story collection, “Men in the Sun and Other Palestinian Stories,” will be available in the Takoma Park Library soon. All are welcome to join the Friends Reading Group discussions, which are held in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Favorite Poem Evening Returns by Popular Demand
The “Favorite Poem Evening,” sponsored jointly by the Takoma Park Maryland Library and the Friends of the Library, is now in its fourteenth year. Last year’s event drew a record number of readers and poetry enthusiasts. This year’s celebration of poems will be held in the Library on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. and will be hosted by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler.
If you would like to participate, choose a poem you have read and admired by a published poet other than you or your friends. Poems written in languages other than English are welcome, if they are accompanied by an English translation. There are plenty of ideas for possible choices in the Library’s poetry collections.
Send the name and author of the poem you have chosen and your own name and generic occupation for inclusion in a printed program to Ellen Robbins at the Takoma Park Maryland Library, or by e-mail to ellenr@takomagov.org. The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 18.
Originally conceived as a national event by poet laureate Robert Pinsky, the Favorite Poem Evening in Takoma Park has been a lovely, warm and community building event for more than a dozen years. All ages are welcome. Please attend and bring your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Historic Preservation tax credit, energy audits available

If you own a property in the Takoma Park historic district you may be eligible for a property tax credit from Montgomery County. The County offers a tax credit equal to 10 percent of documented expenses for exterior maintenance, restoration or preservation work. Eligible work includes repairs, restoration or preservation of exterior features of designated structures.
If you did work on your house during 2012 and have the receipts you can apply by March 31, 2013. The County’s web site has more information and the application: www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/grants/tax_credit_programs.shtm.
In addition, Montgomery County’s historic preservation program has received a grant to provide energy audits for the owners of historic houses across the county. The audits are free to property owners, and will be performed by a state-certified home energy specialist. Home energy audits are the most effective way for home owners to identify simple, cost-effective solutions to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Information about the program and application materials will be available at www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic and on Twitter and Facebook.
If you use Twitter or Facebook you can keep up-to-date about historic preservation by following @MoCo-HistPres on Twitter and joining Montgomery County Historic Preservation on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Montgomery-County-Historic-Preservation/453171408043163).
The Takoma Park Historic District is designated on Montgomery County’s Master Plan for Historic Preservation. For more information about what this means – including historic area work permit requirements, county and state tax credits, and other resources – call the Planning Department’s Historic Preservation office at 301-563-3400 or visit the web site at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/historic>.

COMPOSTING
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resource. In order to reduce the amount of waste generated by households in the City to greater than 50 percent, a food waste composting program will be required.
The City plans to gather information during these pilot programs to document the amount of waste diversion a food waste program can provide and also col-

If you are in the Compost Crew pilot area (have a Thursday trash and recycling day) there is still space available in the composting program. Register online at www.compostcrew.com/takoma

lect feedback from the participants about program recommendations and challenges. One clear hurdle is to get past the

“uck” factor. While residents currently put food waste into their trash every day with little thought, when it is collected and stored separately, the early decomposition, slime and potential odors can be more than some are ready to deal with.
The critical factor for establishing a City-wide program will be to identify a local, licensed, composting facility that can handle the food waste. A potentially more cost effective and efficient program would

enable both the City’s yard waste and food waste to be collected together. The South Baltimore facility that we will be using for the one pilot program is located 36 miles away, about twice as far as the County transfer station where yard waste and trash is currently taken. The cost in fuel, staff travel time and generation of emissions from the longer trip will also need to be taken into account if a larger program is developed.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Elusive defendant convicted after Takoma Park arrest

Two years ago, Takoma Park Police nabbed a big one. On Feb. 11 this year, the man once known as “the Teflon defendant” was convicted.



Corey Moore
Photo: TTPD

According to evidence presented at the trial, after years of escaping conviction after conviction on everything from murder to assault, theft, drug trafficking and weapons charges, Corey Moore was walking down a Takoma Park street on Sept. 25, 2010 with an open bottle when Takoma Park police stopped him, thinking it was open alcohol. Moore ran, throwing something in a nearby dumpster. Police later found a one-half kilogram package of cocaine there; it would have had an estimated “street” value of \$10,000.

Two days later, police received a call to investigate a possible break-in on Sherman Avenue. Turns out, the vacant apartment was home to Moore. According to a recent State’s Attorney’s office release,

police searched the apartment and found 2.8 kilograms of phencyclidine (PCP), \$44,780 in cash, and several firearms. Trial testimony showed that Moore possessed the guns to further his drug trafficking and that Moore was prohibited from possessing the guns and ammunition due to a previous felony conviction.

Police speculated that the attempted burglary was prompted either when Moore, who was by then in jail, asked someone to clear his place of any evidence, or when someone else heard there might be an opportunity to clear it out themselves and cash in on some illegal activity.

On Feb. 11 this year, Moore was convicted after a one-week bench trial, of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, specifically cocaine and PCP; possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and being a felon in possession of guns and ammunition.

Moore faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for possession with intent to distribute cocaine; a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison for possession with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of PCP; five years

in prison, consecutive to any other sentence imposed, for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and a maximum of 10 years in prison for being a felon in possession of guns and ammunition. Moore remains detained pending his sentencing, which has been scheduled for May 30, 2013.

According to news reports following Moore’s various entanglements with the law, including the 2010 incident, Moore, who was acquitted four times on one murder charge in the 1990s, felt he was unrelentingly persecuted by police. He disliked the “Teflon defendant” moniker and the thug-like image used to depict him in the press. During the trial over the 2010 incident, he protested that evidence from his apartment should be inadmissible in court because of a lack of connection between his activities and his apartment, which would render the search unwarranted. Based on analyses of past cases, the court disagreed.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised ATF, the Takoma Park Police Department, Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office for their work in the investigation.

Murder-suicide involves former Marine

Two men were shot dead on Flower Avenue in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, and police say the incident was a murder-suicide.

Forensic evidence indicates that David Draa, 30, of Takoma Park, shot Steven “Kyle” Hickman, of Washington, D.C., in the back, then knelt over the body and took his own life. The two were friends and colleagues at a special education school in the District. Police say that Hickman acted as a sounding board for Draa, who was working through some personal issues. Draa was a Marine in the Iraq war, where, police say, he experienced severe trauma. He was later a police officer in San Diego. According to online comments from those who knew them, both Draa and Hickman were popular and well-respected teachers at their school.

The two men had been bicycling during the day; Hickman had planned to spend the night at Draa’s apartment after he had a flat tire, but later seemed to have changed his mind. He was shot around 1:40 a.m. as he was fixing the tire in the driveway of Draa’s home, a house that includes several apartments in the 7300 block of Flower Avenue. The two men had been drinking, though the evidence is not yet clear whether they were drinking in excess. There was no indication of an altercation or disagreement.

Investigation is ongoing, and complete forensic details will not be available for several weeks. Police speculate that the incident could have been prompted by “a combination of alcohol and perhaps undiagnosed issues” such as post traumatic stress.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

Fire, by the numbers

As of Jan. 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 59 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 248 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 307 this year. Totals for 2012 were 40 and 232, representing an increase of 35 incidents.

TPVFD volunteers contribute

During the month of January 2013, volunteers put in a total 1,187.5 hours of standby time at the fire station, compared to 883 in January 2012. That’s an increase of 304.5 hours.

Smoke Alarms Really Do Save Lives!

The fire department is a strong believer in smoke alarms. Most fatal home fires occur at night, while people are asleep. Every home needs smoke alarms to wake people up in time to escape from a fire. Almost every day, a smoke alarm saves somebody’s life. But a smoke alarm can’t save your life unless it’s installed correctly and in good working order. Smoke alarms should be installed on each level of your home. Each should be tested monthly and the unit completely replaced after 10 years. And don’t forget to make a fire escape plan.

Calling the Fire Department

The most important of action for escape is getting outside to safety, so emphasize that everyone should get outside first and then call the fire department from a neighbor’s home. Dial 911. Once you are outside, stay out! Identify a safe meeting place well away from the building. Have everyone go to that meeting place so you will know that the entire family has escaped to

safety. Make sure that everyone in your family knows the telephone number for the fire department.

Used Eyeglasses Needed

The Takoma Park Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled or sent for use by people in developing countries. Residents may donate these items at the Takoma Park Library or the Takoma Park Fire Station. Financial donation may be sent to the Takoma Park Lions Club, P.O. Box 11226, Takoma Park, Md. 20913. Thank you.



Daylight Savings Time March 10

Don’t forget when you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

HAS WEATHER CANCELED CITY PROGRAMS?

For General info

301-891-7100

Recreation

301-891-7101 ext. 5605

Library and Computer Learning 301-891-7259

The Police Department is open at all times.



Public Works Shows Off

Takoma Park's Public Works building was on display Feb. 18 at an Open House designed to show off the \$3.8 million renovation recently completed there. Much of the renovation, which began in 2010, upped the level of sustainability in the architecture and operation of the facility. Among the features are solar panels, natural lighting, low-flow shower heads in locker rooms, sustainably produced materials such as cork and bamboo flooring and wall panels in the offices, rainwater retention, stormwater management that protects the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the metro area's first greywater recycling system. Clockwise from left, wheelbarrows and rakes stacked in a renewed park maintenance area and the lineup of trash trucks in their new bay. Other changes include a new staff room (so staff no longer have to sit out in their trucks to eat), geothermal heating and cooling, and improved access and security for public works vehicles coming and going from Ritchie Avenue.

Photos by Virginia Myers

CRIME STATS

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wards, and shows that Ward 6 consistently leads with the highest percentage of incidents. This year, 26 percent of part one crimes were committed in Ward 6, which includes the Takoma Langley Crossroads commercial area and the residential neighborhood on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue. The next highest crime areas were Wards 2 and 3, with 21 percent each. Ward 2 is bordered roughly by Woodland Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway, New Hampshire Avenue and Carroll Avenue. Ward 3 is the area between Woodland Avenue and the Eastern Avenue D.C. border, New Hampshire Avenue and Carroll Avenue.

The rest of the City's crime was distributed in Ward 1 (19 percent), Ward 4 (7 percent) and Ward 5 (6 percent). The report includes a detailed City map with dots indicating where each crime was committed, color coded to show what type of crime it was. Another map shows "hot spots" where the most crimes have been committed. These most active spots are near the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue, and along New Hampshire Avenue just north of Erskine at Merwood.

Who is getting arrested

Police found that while most of the people arrested in Takoma Park do not live here, there has been a slight increase in the number of suspects who do. Twenty seven percent of those arrested in 2012 reside in Takoma Park, up from 24 percent in 2011. Among all the people arrested in Takoma Park in 2012, 19 percent live in Silver Spring, 15 percent in Washington, D.C., 13 percent in Hyattsville and 26 percent live elsewhere. An area map shows the general location of the homes of Takoma Park residents who have been arrested. Other charts break down this "area of origin" information by crime, including part one crimes, drug offenses,

and different types of drug offenses.

Repeat offender statistics show that, of those arrested in 2012, 84 percent had a prior record. In 2011, that figure was 79 percent.

Police also track gang activity. Among the juveniles arrested in 2012, 34 percent were gang members or gang affiliates; among adults, that figure went down to 20 percent. "Home grown gangs are fairly active," Goldberg says. The most active gangs, especially among juveniles, are the Maple Avenue Crew (MAC) and the Hampshire Towers Crew (HTC). Others include MS13, Bloods, 18th Street, prison gangs and ATW, though members and affiliates of these larger, more national organizations do not tend to live in Takoma Park.

Speed camera citations down

Speed camera activity is also tracked for this annual report, and it shows a marked impact on traffic control. Across the board, citations for speeding are down, except where new cameras have been mounted. And the number of collisions has dipped from pre-camera years: For example, on the stretch of New Hampshire Avenue near Sligo Creek Park, where a camera was installed in 2009, the number of collisions in 2007 and 2008 was 413. In 2012, there were 11 reported collisions there.

Goldberg discussed the possibility of creating safe speed corridors, with portable cameras up and down New Hampshire Avenue to prevent people from slowing down for a speed zone and speeding up again once they've passed it: "This will get people to slow down closer to the congested areas," says Goldberg. He also described new cameras that are able to track multiple vehicles, making identification of speeders more precise.

Revenue from speed cameras is lower than had been projected (last year's projections were \$3 million, this year's are \$1.65 million for this time of year, and just \$833,000 has been collected thus

far). The dip is due to loss of late fees, outstanding fees not yet collected, weather-related incidents, downtime for the cameras and fewer violations. For those who object to the speed cameras on the premise that they are only used to collect dollars to fund other city services, Goldberg argues that money is secondary. "The primary purpose of the safe speed program is to save lives and to reduce collisions," he says, "and it really is doing that."

Internal affairs

Goldberg reported that there were 11 complaints filed against police personnel, with two still outstanding and others resolved in various ways: four were dismissed as unfounded, two were dismissed due to insufficient evidence, and three drew disciplinary action.

Goldberg also described the staffing structure of the department, and said he plans to alter the shift schedule to create a healthier work/time off rhythm. Several positions are currently open and Goldberg is working to fill them. He argued for increased technological capacity, which he called "a force multiplier," and particularly suggested more efficient ways to upload universal information shared among law enforcement personnel in other jurisdictions, video surveillance triggered by the sound of gunshots, an increase in the amount of time information from license plate scanners is kept in the system, and the possibility of purchasing more efficient, heat-sensing visual devices to replace night vision tools for searching for suspects who are on the run.

The full crime report for 2013 will be posted on the City's web site in the next few weeks; keep an eye out at takomaparkmd.gov/police.

Biking takes off in Takoma Park

With longer days and warmer temperatures, more folks are out on the trails and roads riding their bikes. Here are some upcoming events and projects in Takoma Park that may be of interest whether you bike to work, school, or for recreation:

Grant Avenue Project Public Meeting - Feb 21, 2013

City Staff welcomed residents to a discussion about the design of the Grant Avenue Project, an area behind the Takoma Park Community Center that will feature a bike path, improved pedestrian path, and landscaping with trees. The meeting, on Feb. 21, drew nearly a dozen people who weighed in on details like landscape design, types of trees, pedestrian movement and a bioretention basin. The project is proposed to be funded through a Safe Routes to School grant. Construction is envisioned to be completed by the end of this fiscal year, i.e. June 2013.

Bike To Work Day - May 17

On Friday, May 17, Takoma Parkers will join more than 10,000 commuters in the greater D.C. region for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Attend one of three pit stops in Takoma Park at the Gazebo in Old Takoma, on Sligo Creek Trail at New Hampshire Avenue, and at the Takoma Langley Crossroads. Last year was the first time pit stops were hosted in Takoma Park and all three locations were a big hit with local riders. Registration is free and opens in March. Participants receive a free T-shirt and refreshments, and are entered into a raffle for a free bicycle. To learn more, see <http://biketoworkmetrodc.com>.

Bike Facilities Improvements

Through the Maryland Bikeways grant program, the City will be installing new shared roadway bike symbols (a.k.a. sharrows) and new directional signage on some City streets to improve wayfinding along neighborhood bike routes. Expect the improvements to start happening in spring and summer of 2013. For more information, see www.the-NewAve.com/explore/bike.

Sligo Creek Trail Detour

Maryland State Highway Administration will be redecking the New Hampshire Avenue bridge over Sligo Creek. This is an important crossing for the Sligo Creek Hiker/Biker Trail for commuting and recreational cyclists. The trail will remain open during construction but the New Hampshire Avenue crossing will be detoured up one block to the next traffic signal at Erskine Avenue/Glen-side Drive. Construction is expected to start in spring of 2013, through early 2014, and orange detour signs will direct trail users accordingly.

MARCH '13

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 April 2013 issue is Mar. 18.

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, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 8:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

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

Safe Grow Zone forum

Monday, March 18, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Community Center Auditorium

Panel discussion regarding limitations on pesticides

See page 2 for more info

Takoma Park emergency food pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 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.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Food Truck Fridays

5 – 8 p.m.

Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op,

201 Ethan Allen Ave.

Trohv, 232 Carroll Street, NW

Various food vendors

Food Safety Classes

Sundays, March 3 and 10

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Tulip and Maple avenues

Priority to low- and moderate-income Takoma Park residents

Call Rosa Sanchez, Crossroads Community Food Network, 301-787-8358.

Spring Vegetable Gardening

Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.

Information about growing vegetables from a Master Gardener and the Takoma Horticultural Club

Bring a snack to share

Free

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Jazz Jam

Open mic for jazz musicians

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. N.W.

Takoma Spark House Jam

Wednesdays after 8 p.m., ongoing

7206 Carroll Ave. across from the firehouse

Bring an instrument or sit back and listen

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll Street NW, Takoma, D.C.

Farms, food and public policy film series

Saturday, March 2, 4 – 6 p.m.

Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.

The impact of climate change on farming, the impact of food choices on climate change

With Mike Tidwell, Climate Change Action Network

HOME: En Tierras Ajenas (In Foreign Lands)

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave.

Inspired by the Ladino songs of Sebastian Rousseau's family, accompanied by guitar and oud

\$5

<http://danceexchange.org>

Mathematically Inclined

Friday, March 8, 6 – 8 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. gallery talk

The Galleries at the Community Center

An exhibit exploring the intersection between art and math

Free

www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

Walt Michael and Co.

Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Café, 276 Carroll Street

Traditional music on the hammered dulcimer

\$15 advance/ \$18 door

www.carrollcafe.or

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners showcase

Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Award winning songs from the winners of the 2012 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest

\$15 advance/\$18 door, students and SAW members \$12/\$15, www.imtfolk.org

The Page, the Stage, the Screen: An Evening with Clayton LeBouef

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

Marcy Marxer CD Release

Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

\$15 advance/ \$20 door, students \$12/ \$15

Multi-instrumentalist performs on her eponymous cello banjo, www.imtfolk.org/

American Artifacts with C-Span Filmmaker Richard Hall

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Explore what artifacts reveal about the American story

Free

www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

Cafeteria Man documentary

Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Baltimore Public Schools transform from pre-plated and processed, to local and freshly prepared food. Discussion of the food in the Montgomery County Public Schools to follow.

Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$10/family

www.realfoodforkidsmontgomery.org.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Featuring poets Melanie McCabe, Carolyn Cecil, Chloe Yelena Miller and Elisavietta Ritchie

Free

www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

Susan McKeown CD Release

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Vocalist with a repertoire spanning Irish to klezmer and Americana

\$20 advance/ \$24 door, students \$16/\$20

www.imtfolk.org

City TV features Loveless, Rec Center, Schultz

Many Takoma Parkers are familiar with Pat Loveless, who watches over every City Council meeting from his wheelchair in the back of the room—he is also on hand for the Independence Day parade and other



public festivals, often waving an American flag. What many people do not know about Loveless is the subject of a new City TV profile, part of the "We Are Takoma" shows broadcast on Takoma Park's station. Loveless, the city's Peace Delegate, shares his experiences confronting Ku Klux Klan members, and his views on life and peace – Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Other recent shows include a piece exploring the vibrant programs at the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center, with Recreation Supervisor John Webster (Saturday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m.; Monday, March 11 at 9 a.m.); and a conversation with Ward 6 Councilmember Fred Schultz (Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m.

The Snapshots magazine for this month will feature events from February, including the visit of County Executive Ike Leggett to the New Hampshire Avenue Food Pantry; the celebration of the artwork *Takoma Park, a Portrait*, by artist Carolyn James; the celebration of the Spring for Poetry series at Historic Takoma; and the Public Works Open House.

You can access City TV at Facebook.com/TakomaParkTV, Youtube.com/TakomaParkTV, and twitter.com/TakomaParkTV.

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. Swamp White Oak, Sugar Maple, Sweet Gum, Black Gum and American Linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed.

Sale dates run through May 10

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 May 10.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

___ Swamp White Oak (2") ___ \$195 Sugar Maple (2") \$195 ___ Sweet Gum (2") \$195
___ Black Gum (2") \$195 ___ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____

