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 paper waste. As part of the pilot programs, the City will collect information from the program and make it available for other jurisdictions to evaluate.

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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.

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

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### 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.

### City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abdications/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at jessie@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 Walgreen's

The authorization 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 Onhoa 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 (Restricting)

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

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.

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### Events

**TAKOMA TOPICS:**

The Recreation Department w/ the Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club are starting up an inaugural Flag Football League for youth ages 6-14!

www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD
**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 across 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 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.

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Young also cites the importance and contributions of a strong team of employees at Victory Towers, especially the staff overseeing the building’s residents. But before you come across employees, residents often meet the redistricting plan adopted is the same in the redistricted areas will continue

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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.

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

**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**

**7900 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 redesignation 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 301-822-2400 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.
HOUSING

Takoma Park News March 2013
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 301-891-7225 or at mosew@takomagov.org.

Tenants 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 Cristalido 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 roent 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 or 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 homeowner-ship 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 because 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.habitatmc.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 educate_support@yahoocom
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
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.”

VICTORY TOWERS

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

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 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 Alfoukhi. 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, 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 Alfoukhi. Anne Luillow 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 Alfoukhi feels about Victory Towers.

“It gives me a purpose,” she says. “And it keeps me young.”
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 celebrate@takoma@takomagov.org.

RECREATION

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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.
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 focus will be team work and sportsmanship.

Weekly.
Meet at Takoma Park Community Center Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary)
Thursdays, March 22 to April 19, 2:45 – 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 jump jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout within a quick hour.

Weekly.
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

Are you looking for a place to find your fit and learn some new exercises? Take a look at the offerings below.

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 chance 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: 301-808-9101 or hello@pyramid-atlantic.org.

Grades 1 – 8: Saturday, March 30
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $45
Spring Break After Care
4 – 6 p.m.
TP residents $35
Non-residents $45

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 Dance Studio
TP residents $50
Non-residents $60
Drop-in $15

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, 8220 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910, Attn: Basketball
Registration deadline: March 4

Non-residents $45

Ages 16 and older
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 12 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.

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TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $10

Ages 18 and older

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, tuning, juggling and callisthenics.

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

Ages 12 to 17
Ages 13 to 18

Ages 18 and older
Ages 13 to 17
Ages 16 and older
Ages 16 and older
Ages 16 and older
Ages 8 to 13
Free with membership card

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

TP Recreation Center
Free

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

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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 matching 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 & Watercolor
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 $180

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 strength 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 (in 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 $29

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, five 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

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 Osweago Ave.
TP residents $20/per dog, per day
Non-residents $35/per dog, per day

Birthday Party
Ages 35 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

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, Mapleview 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 and admission.

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, Mapleview 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/buy-on/322. Free transportation. You pay for your lunch and admission.

Did you know?
TP has some new, active groups for adults.
All are free.

Biking/Hiking groups
Just forming! Contact Margaret Chapman, margtchapmnn@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

March 2013
Takoma Park News}
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: American Girl, The New Yorker, the Saturday Review, and Cosmopolitan.

One morning in late January, hundreds of librarians gathered at the Seattle Convention Center during the American Library Association’s annual conference in Seattle. Among other honors, he has received 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 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 1,301 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’s annual award winning books are available on the 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.takoma-parkmd.gov/library: Newbery Medal and Honor books

- “The One and Only Ivan” by Katherine Applegate, Newbery Medal
- Newbery Honor books: “Splendors and Gloms” by Laura Amy Schlitz; “Bomb: The Race to Build -- and Seal -- the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon” by Steve Sheinkin; and “Three Times Lucky” by Sheila Tarmage

**AWARD WINNERS**

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**Friends mea**
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 website has more information and the application: www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/grants/
tax_credit_programs.shtml

In addition, Montgomery County’s historic preservation program has received a grant to provide energy audit services to homeowners 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 @MoCoHistsPres 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 301-563-3409 or visit the web site at http://mongomeryplanning.org/historic.
Two years ago, Takoma Park Police nabbed a big one. On Feb. 11 this year, the man once known as "The Tellon defendant" was convicted.

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 Teflon defenser.

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.

Two days later, police received a call to investigate a possible break-in on Sherwood 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 phenylcyclidine (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.

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According to the Takoma Park Police Department, Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office for their work in the investigation.

**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 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.

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**Smoke Alarms Really Do Save Lives!**

[Image of smoke alarm]

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**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.

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**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.
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 bioswale 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 Crosswalk. 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.org.

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 redicking 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 one block to the next traffic signal at Erskine Avenue/Glenridge 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 gnewseditor@takomavog.org.

*“Community Center” is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7000 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/clients/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

Food Truck Fridays
5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 210 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, 7228 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.

Arts, food and public policy film series
Saturday, March 2, 2 – 6 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7228 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://danceexchangeproject.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.org

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners showcase
Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium

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.

Some 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 ________________________________

Sale dates run through May 10

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 repopulate 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.

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 3:30 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.

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