Residents set to nominate city council, mayoral candidates

By Virginia Myers

If there was ever an opportunity to show that residents of Takoma Park are active in their community and involved in the most local of politics, it is the nominating caucus. The event, held five weeks before the bi-annual city council elections, is one of the most hands-on demonstrations of democracy in the city election system.

On the night of the caucus, held this year at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, potential candidates, their supporters and the voting public will gather at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium to select candidates for the election.

Nominations for each of the six positions on City Council plus the mayor’s seat will be accepted.

Any registered voter of Takoma Park may nominate a candidate for the office of mayor. If that nomination is seconded by another qualified voter, the individual’s nomination is complete. Other supporters need to be reduced to no less than three feet to get around obstacles. The standards for sidewalks in New Hampshire Gardens and Hillwood Manor before the process was established. The new requirements call for a community vote from residents who live in the affected street and one block in each direction of a potential sidewalk location.

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**TAKOMA TOPICS:**

NEW!! The TPPS Co-op is announcing big changes to their cheese department! Starting Labor Day weekend, the Co-op will be introducing over two dozen locally produced artisanal cheeses.

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**RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE TASK FORCE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

On June 3, an ad hoc group of Takoma Park residents presented recommendations on development of a residential streetscape policy for the City. The presentation is available for review online at http://bit.ly/1tKXvB. As a follow up to the presentation, the City Council agreed to seek volunteers to serve on a temporary task force to review guidelines for residential streetscapes and make recommendations to the Council. Interested residents may contact Jessie Carpenter at jessie@takomaparkmd.gov or find an application form online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

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**TAKOMA PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**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 jessie@takomaparkmd.gov.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-48**

Adopted July 22

Setting Forth Dates for the City Council Summer Recess

The resolution establishes the dates for the Council’s recess as July 23 – September 2.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-49**

Adopted July 22

Providing for an Appointment to the Tree Commission

The resolution appoints Colleen Cordes, Ward 1, to the Tree Commission for a term to expire on September 30, 2014.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-50**

Adopted July 22

Approving the Volunteer Home Repair Program of Rebuilding Together Montgomery County for Purposes of Receiving Community Investment Tax Credits

The resolution approves the volunteer home repair project to be undertaken by Rebuilding Together Montgomery County and supports its application for Community Investment Tax Credits.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-51**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with CHEER

The resolution approves the award of $20,000 to CHEER (Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research) for a proposed Takoma Park Community Improvement Process focused on health care needs and opportunities for Takoma Park low-income residents.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-52**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Crossroads Community Food Network

The resolution approves the award of $30,000 to the Crossroads Community Food Network for its FY 2014 nutrition and educational programming.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-53**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with EduCare Support Services

The resolution approves the award of $40,000 to EduCare Support Services, Inc. for its FY 2014 Mobile Food Pantry project.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-54**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

The resolution approves the award of grant funds in the amount of $30,000 to Takoma Park Presbyterian Church for its FY 2014 Takoma Park Community Kitchen.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-55**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority

The resolution approves an award of grant funds in the amount of $4,615 to the Takoma/Langley CDA for its FY 2014 gateway beautification project.

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**RESOLUTION 2013-56**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the ECDC/Enterprise Development Group

The resolution approves an award of grant funds in the amount of $15,000 to the Ethiopian Community Development Council/Enterprise Development Group for its FY 2014 Microenterprise Loan Program. (Schultz abstained)

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**RESOLUTION 2013-57**

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Submission of Community Legacy Application

The resolution endorses the submission of the City’s FY 2014 Community Legacy application and request for financial assistance in the form of a grant of up to $450,000 for three projects: the Community Greenline Project, the Takoma Park Community Improvement Commission, and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Amenities Project.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

- Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (landlords or property managers needed)
- Committee on the Environment (vacancies)
- Ethics Commission (one vacancy)
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Commission (vacancies)
- Recognition Task Force – short-term Commitment (vacancies)
- Recreation Committee (vacancies)
- Safe Roadways Committee – newly reestablished (vacancies)
- Task Force on Voting (vacancies)
- Tree Commission (terms expire September 30)

View information at www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessie@takomaparkmd.gov.

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**MAYOR’S OFFICE HOURS**

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Takoma Park showcased in new film
Local movie maker releases American Milkshake this month

By Rick Henry

The new indie comedy film, “American Milkshake” and the City of Takoma Park are deeply linked — physically, emotionally and culturally.

Local viewers who tune in to the movie, opening in select theatres in Los Angeles and New York and nationally on Video on Demand (VOD) on Sept. 6, will likely recognize the scenery because the movie was filmed in and around Takoma Park. They may also recognize the key name in the opening credits, because David Andalman, the movie’s co-writer, co-director and co-producer grew up in Takoma Park.

The plot and the experiences of the main characters may also be familiar. “American Milkshake” is loosely based on Andalman’s experience growing up in Takoma Park and attending Montgomery Blair High School in the 1990s. It tells the story of a white teenager who dreams of making the basketball squad and getting one step closer to being what he is not—black. It’s an experience that the 34-year-old Andalman, who was a member of the Blair basketball team, says was shared by lots of suburban white teenagers of that age, including some in Takoma Park.

“That desire (to be black) was not unique to me, it was an experience millions of kids had,” he says. “The mid-90s was the time that hip-hop culture was sweeping the nation, with Dr. Dre, Tupac etc…

“Even growing up in a liberal town like Takoma Park, where you are told you can do anything you want, that [being black] was the one thing you could not be.” The concept, and Andalman’s sense of humor, provides a way into a conversation about race—“never an easy subject,” he says.

Having used his experience growing up in Takoma Park as the basis for the film, Andalman decided to literally use the city as the set. Last year he filmed the movie entirely in the city and the surrounding area, with local residents serving as actors, extras, crew, and even innkeepers for some of the cast and crew.

“Because I grew up there, I wanted to film the movie there,” he says. “In some ways, the whole community made this movie.”

Marika Munro, who co-wrote, directed and produced the film with Andalman, calls the support of local residents “amazing.”

“We had to fill a gym with people for a scene and people in the community rallied people to come out on short notice. So if you see the movie, you are likely to see some of your neighbors.”

One familiar face will be Bradley Williams, sports coordinator for the Takoma Park Recreation Department and a friend of Andalman’s since middle school. Williams plays a basketball coach in the movie and also served as one of Andalman’s main go-to people for a variety of tasks, including recruiting many members of the cast.

“At the time they were shooting the movie, I was working with teens at the Recreation Department, so I recruited a lot of them to appear in the movie,” says Williams.

Andalman relied on the city for more than just talent.

“We had businesses that allowed us to shoot in their stores and residents who let use their houses,” he says. Among them was David Aaronson, an old family friend of Andalman and his parents, Martha Bergmark and Elliott Andalman. Aaronson agreed to let the film crew use his house at 312 Tulip Avenue. They created a set inside the house, spent two days filming, and used the location as one of the film’s main exteriors as well.

“Since the film was set in the 90s, they were looking for an elderly-looking house and liked the look of mine,” said Aaronson. “It will be nice to have the house in the film for people to see.”

Another landmark is Peter’s Sub Shop on Maple Avenue, across the street from Pinney Branch Elementary. Called Mr. Lee’s in the film, the shop was where students congregated after school during Andalman’s day at the old Blair High School, which was then located at the intersection of Wayne Avenue and Dale Drive (it is now the Silver Spring International School). The shop plays a central role in the film.

Andalman said that beyond recognizing their neighbors and specific locations, he thinks viewers from Takoma Park will recognize an overall Takoma Park vibe.

“The movie is very Takoma Park, even in the adult characters,” he says. “They were the generation that came about wanting to change the world and in the movie and still today, they are adjusting to settling in.”

Growing up in the city not only provided Andalman with inspiration for the film (in fact, “American Milkshake” is an outgrowth of an earlier short film he made called “Takoma Park”), it played a huge role in setting him on the career path to being a filmmaking. He and some friends started a film club at Blair, but what really helped cultivate his interest in film was the now-shuttered Video American video store in the heart of the city on Carroll Avenue.

“It was so unique because it was organized by director and country so you could really go and explore historical threads and learn a lot about film,” he says.

Andalman parlayed his early tinkering at Blair and his cinema exploration at Video American into a minor in cinema studies at Oberlin College. Oberlin had an affiliation with the Tisch School in New York and during select terms, Andalman would head to Tisch to hone his craft and develop a network.

One of the people in that network was Munro, an artist who was transitioning to filmmaking. “I loved ‘Takoma Park,’ the short film he made, and when he told me he had a feature script for it, I decided to work with him on it,” says Munro.

The partnership has been a productive one. They finished the film within a year and kept the budget under $500,000. The film was selected for the prestigious Sundance Film Festival and was then picked up for distribution by Phase 4 Films, which is partnered with indie film hero Kevin Smith, the director of “Clerks” and “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back,” among other movies. Phase 4 Films has a Kevin Smith Movie Club banner under which they release select films approved by Smith.

“I love American Milkshake!” he wrote in a statement about the film. “They have fun at the fat guy’s expense. As a guy who shopped at Oak Tree for most of the 90s, the yearnin’-to-be-urban main character brought so vividly to life by Tyler Ross really hit home with me. Shareeka Epps dazzles as the long-suffering sorta-girlfriend, quietly commanding the screen like she did in ‘Half Nelson.’ Packed with laughs and the benefit of hindsight, this realistic high school indie reminded me of the best entries in that genre — a sort of ‘Welcome to the Dollhouse’ for fly guys. We’re hyped ‘cause we’re amped to bring David Andalman and Mariko Munro’s ‘Milkshake’ to the Kevin Smith Movie Club!”

Andalman and Munro are already at work on their next feature, a “dark comedy,” says Andalman, they hope to have in pre-production this fall.

But for now, they are focusing on the release of “American Milkshake” — a release they are hoping includes a screening in the Takoma Park/D.C. metro area, although none is currently scheduled.

“We definitely want to do a screening in D.C. but right now it’s one step at a time,” said Andalman, noting the Sept. 6 release date.

“American Milkshake” stars Tyler Ross, Shareeka Epps (Half Nelson), Georgia Ford (daughter of Harrison), Eshan Bay and many, many residents of Takoma Park. It is available via VOD on Sept. 6. To view a trailer visit www.deadline.com/2013/07/video-hot-trailer-american-milkshake.

Takoma Park News
Compost program expands this fall

Takoma Park’s pilot food waste collection program has been a success with more than 50 tons of waste diverted from the county incinerator in the program’s first six months. The city received coverage in the Washington Post in March and the program results have been presented to numerous forums with interest from other jurisdictions about the program.

The city began collecting food waste from 365 Takoma Park households in February of this year. Participants, who registered online for the program, received a 5-gallon bucket with lid, compostable plastic bags and instructional information. Once collected, the material is composted at Chesapeake Compost Works at Baltimore.

On average, each participating household put out 11 pounds of food waste per week. Initial evaluation indicators that adding food waste to the City’s solid waste collection service could reduce the quantity of trash requiring disposal by about 10 percent, considering a participation rate of about 30 percent.

The Department is planning to expand the pilot program to include 500 households this fall. The expansion area will be offered to a section of the Tuesday and Wednesday-day trash routes. A list of streets where the program will be offered is listed above.

Residents in the pilot areas will receive a mailing from the city notifying them of the program in September. An online sign-up will be available and will include information about the collection and what items can be included.

Owner-occupied group home registration – (Chapter 6.08)

If you own and occupy a home and rent out space, either in the main section of the house or in a basement which does not have cooking facilities, you will need to register your property with the city by June 30, 2014 as an owner-occupied group home. Registration is $50 for a three-year period and includes the cost of an inspection that determines that there are no major life safety concerns at the time of registration.

New requirements for landlords regarding political elections and voters – (Chapter 6.04)

If you are a landlord and own a rental property that has a locked front door, you are now required to allow candidates for political office to enter residential buildings to canvass tenants during the 90-day period prior to a primary, general or special election. This section was added by the council because of low tenant turnout at elections. The provision requires landlords to provide access to candidates who request it through the prescribed process. Additionally, landlords must provide city-supplied voter registration forms and information about city voting age requirements to all new tenants (Chapter 16.080).

Lease requirements – (Chapter 6.16.060, 050 and 060)

Takoma Park has a standard lease form which contains all the provisions of the city’s code, however many landlords continue to use the Montgomery County GCARR lease, which does not include many of the correct citations or provisions for Takoma Park. A landlord must now include provisions of the utility transfer and entry sections of the code in the lease, so that tenants are more informed about these issues when they sign a lease form at the beginning of their tenancy. A revised standard lease that includes all the changes will soon be available on the city’s website.

Rental stabilization – (Chapter 6.20)

All two-unit rental properties where the owner lives in one unit and rents the other are now exempt from the rental stabilization law with no application required (6.20.030). Additionally, there is now a process for increasing or decreasing the rent of a rental unit if the size of the unit is expanded or decreased by more than 10 percent of the floor space. This requires the landlord to submit the plan in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval prior to the renovation (6.20.040).

City adopts revised housing code

On July 22, the City Council adopted a revised housing code which became effective Aug. 11. Many of the changes are minor and intended to clarify parts of the code that were vague or confusing. There are a few major changes, which are summarized below.

Tenant rights – exterminations – (6.16.090)

A landlord cannot charge a tenant for extermination services, however a tenant must adhere to the requirements established in an extermination process.

Sale of a rental property – (Chapters 6.28 and 6.32)

The point of sale inspection was eliminated from the code, because all properties now are required to have an annual inspection unless the department has given the owner a biennial inspection (review every two years). Additionally, the city is now included as an entity that can purchase a rental property that is being sold, only after a tenant or tenant association declares their right to purchase.

 Violation and enforcement – (Chapter 6.40)

All violations of the Chapter 6.12 Property Maintenance Code now are considered Class A municipal violations, which carry a $500 fine for each violation.

The new code will soon be codified and available on the Takoma Park website, www.takomaparkmd.gov. However if you have any questions about the code or the changes, please call 301-891-7119 and you will be directed to the person who can best answer your question.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

7, Chapter 7.08, Article 5, Living Wage Requirement to repeal the exemption for contractors and subcontractors having fewer than 10 employees.

ORDINANCE 2013-27

Adopted July 22 (first reading July 8, second reading July 22) Adapting a Wage Adjustment for Staff Not Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement

The ordinance establishes a FY 2014 wage adjustment for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The adjustment is based on the Department of Labor and Wages and Salaries Employment Cost Index for State and Local Government as of December 2012 which shows an annual market increase for wages of 1.1%.

ORDINANCE 2013-28

Adopted July 22 (first reading July 15, second reading July 22) Amending Takoma Park Code, Title 14, Health and Safety, by adding Chapter 14.04.28 Restricted Pesticides (Safe Grow Zone Act)

The ordinance adds restrictions on the use of pesticides on public and private property within the City. The Chapter establishes public education requirements and phases in restrictions on the use of harmful pesticides for lawn care. It establishes an administrative framework for the implementation of educational steps, restrictions, and enforcement.

ORDINANCE 2013-29

Adopted July 22 (first reading July 15, second reading July 22) Authorizing Installation of Erskine Street Traffic Calming

The ordinance authorizes installation of a speed hump on Erskine Street between 13th Avenue and 13th Place, location of a curb bump out on the north side of Erskine Street across from the intersection with 13th Place; replacement of the existing speed hump located on Erskine Street between 13th Place and 14th Avenue with the county standard speed hump; and, installation of a sidewalk along the south side of Erskine Street from 13th Avenue to the City line.

ORDINANCE 2013-30

Adopted July 22 (first reading 15; second reading July 22) Authorizing FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 1

The ordinance authorizes the first amendment to the FY 2014 budget.

ORDINANCE 2013-31

Adopted July 22

Awarding a Contract for HVAC Improvements at the Community Center

The ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Summer Winter Automation for the installation of return ducts on roof top units serving a portion of the third floor of the Community Center at a cost of $165,900.

ORDINANCE 2013-32

Adopted July 22

Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Mobile Computers for the Police Department

The ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Advanced Computer Concepts for the purchase of six Panasonic Tough Book 31 computers at a total cost of $16,464.

ORDINANCE 2013-33

Adopted July 22

Awarding a Contract for Election Services

The ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Elections Systems and Software, LLC to provide election services and equipment for the 2013 City election in an amount not to exceed $24,000.

ORDINANCE 2013-34

Adopted July 22

Awarding a Contract to Arbor Care for Citywide Tree Removal and Maintenance

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

ORDINANCE 2013-35

Adopted July 22

Awarding a Contract to Excel Tree Service for Citywide Tree Removal and Maintenance

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

ORDINANCE 2013-36

Adopted July 22

Awarding a Contract to Mead Tree and Turf for Citywide Tree Removal and Maintenance

The ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mead Tree and Turf for tree removal, maintenance pruning, invasive plant control and pest and disease treatment.
THE ARTS

Mexican dance troupes from across the country will celebrate Mexican Independence at the Community Center Sept. 14.

Music, dance celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE CELEBRATION
Saturday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

RHYTHM AND SONG: A LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC JOURNEY Saturday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Takoma Park Community Center with performances by traditional Mexican folk dance groups and choral music sung in Spanish by the Rockville-based Coral Cantigas.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and provides the opportunity to recognize Americans whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The Sept. 14 event features Mexican folk dance troupes from across the country. Dancers will mingle with audience members prior to the show so that attendees can see their colorful costumes up close. With Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16, the event will surely be lively.

The concert by Coral Cantigas on Saturday, Oct. 4 will include an interactive sing-along, appropriate for all ages, featuring rhythms and dances from the Spanish Caribbean.

Coral Cantigas is led by conductor Diana Sáez, a specialist in the field of Latin American music. Cantigas has performed at the Kennedy Center, a host of festivals, museums and embassies, as well as on international tours in Argentina, Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

This event is part of the We are Takoma series, sponsored by the City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission.

FIBER ARTS WORKSHOP EXPLORES WHIMSY Sunday, Sept. 8, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Art Room
$10 materials fee

In this low-key, fun workshop, each participant will create a small, colorful and whimsical fiber sculpture out of wire and fabric. There is some sewing involved, but no prior experience is necessary. The instructor will provide all materials.

The workshop will be taught by Takoma Park artist Maria Simonsen, a self-taught artist who has worked with textiles her whole life, in some form or other. She found her perfect medium when discovering the traditional African technique of wrapping a wire armature with layers of cloth strips and then embellishing it with stitching, embroidery, beading or the addition of found objects, thereby creating three-dimensional objects. She has been developing this technique ever since, adapting it to whimsical figures as well as many forms of vessels.

Born and raised in Sweden, the joy of color and pattern of the folk traditions of Scandinavia have also influenced Simonsen’s art. She explores shapes and textures in addition to color and pattern in her work. She is currently experimenting with dyeing and printing her own fabrics and creating two dimensional wall pieces.

Simonsen has taught workshops at the Smithsonian Institution among other places, and has been a juried artist at the Torpedo Factory since 2002. Her studio is in the D.C. Arts Center in Takoma Park.

This event is part of the We are Takoma series, sponsored by the City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission.

DOCUMENTARY EXPLORES THE MEANING OF MONEY AND EXCHANGE Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center

The documentary Money & Life comes to Takoma Park on a national tour, screening on Thursday, Sept. 8 to explore the origins of money and the current economic crisis. Through expert interviews, dynamic animation and an original music score, the filmmakers present the current economic crisis not as a disaster, but as an opportunity.

Among the questions to explore: How can we move beyond being merely consumers, debtors and creditors, and put money in service to what we really care about as citizens, as human beings? Can we design a monetary circulation system that fosters democratic equality? What responsibilities should a corporate charter convey? What does it really mean to “make a living”?

Susan Belcher, one of the film’s producers, will lead a discussion following the screening.

This event is part of the We are Takoma series, sponsored by the City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission.
TOTS/YOUTH

CLASSES

Let’s Pretend
Ages 2½ - 5
Preschoolers love to exercise their imaginations through pretend play. Let’s Pretend class members will develop this natural creative behavior through dramatic readings, improve, sensory exploration, physical experimentation, imagination exercises, singing/movement, props and games. We will warm up (like real actors), read a story, engage in exercises and experiments based on the story, and finally perform the story.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Thursdays, Sept. 19 - Nov. 7, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
TP residents $110
Non-residents $130

My Special Grown-up and Me
Ages 2 - 6
Welcoming new and returning students to a friendly and entertaining introduction to the arts class which explores colors, textures and the joy of creativity with a variety of fun projects including all basic forms of art: painting, printing, sculpting, molding, gluing, sewing and cutting.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Fridays, Sept. 13 - Dec. 6, 10 – 11 a.m.
TP residents $30
Non-residents $40

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Kung Fu
Ages 4 - 16
This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of $50 paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Saturday, Sept. 21 - Dec. 14
Beginners: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
TP residents $220
Non-residents $240

Outdoor Street Hockey
Ages 7 - 12
This sport is based on ice hockey, but is played on foot and with a small ball made especially for pavement. Street hockey can enhance your child's motor skills and coordination while instilling the art of sportsmanship. Games take place at the outdoor basketball court, next to Takoma Park Community Center.
TP Community Center outdoor basketball court
Thursdays, Sept. 26 - Oct. 24, 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.
TP residents Free, but registration is required

ADULT

ART

Ceramics
Ages 16 and older
Receive instruction on using the potters’ wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a $15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., Oct. 2 - Nov. 20
TP residents $80
Non-residents $100

Ceramics
Ages 16 and older
Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals and more. Your imagination is your only limit. All glazes are food safe. Tools and other materials provided. There is a $15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Mondays, Oct. 7 - Nov. 11, 7 - 9 p.m.
TP residents $80
Non-residents $100

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Clarm School
Ages 13 - 17
Teens are cordially invited to attend a free 8-week Clarm School course. Classes will include positive life skills, grooming and style, respect and manners, appreciation, dating with dignity, conversation skills and public speaking, workplace dynamics, and etiquette for social events. Following the course we will use our new skills to dine out at a fancy restaurant in the area.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 30, 4 - 5 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $10

Illumination: Photography for Beginners, Part 1
Ages 12 - 18
You have the power this fall to tell the world your story using your voice, your eye and your images. Harness the power of photography and self-expression in this two-part class designed to teach you about your camera and a water bottle. If you do not own a racquet, the Recreation Department will provide one for the clinic.
Takoma Park Middle School tennis courts
Ages 10 - 13: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Oct. 15
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
TP residents $25
Non-residents $35

Job Training: Resume Writing and Mock Interviews
Ages 12 - 17
This is sometimes difficult for young adults with little education or training to secure a job that will allow them to be financially independent. This training will help teens understand the format of a resume, participate in mock interviews and receive evaluations from instructors.
TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Mondays, Sept. 16 - Oct. 21, 2 - 4 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $25

Rotating MAC Software Instruction for Teens
Ages 12-17
Interested in getting to know your Mac just a little better? Would you like to learn how to create sketches digitally? How about create your own music with Garage Band, then make your own video with Final Cut Pro? Each class session will cover different software, including Inkscape, Final Cut Pro, Motion, Google Sketchup and Garage Band.
TP Community Center Multi-Media Lab
Mondays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 7, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $20

SAT Preparation: Reading and Writing
Ages 13 - 17
This course will cover the critical reading and writing sections applicable to the SAT test. Students will learn valuable test-taking strategies and knowledge-building strategies to help improve their scores. When students complete the course, they’ll be able to organize thoughts for a timed essay, interpret selected reading passages, understand diverse vocabulary, determine the necessary skills for each test question and more.
TP Community Center Little Room
Mondays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 14, 7 - 8 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $10

DANCE

Let Your Emotions Be Your Rhythm - Teen Dance Program
Ages 12-17
The Teen Dance Program (Let Your Emotions Be Your Rhythm) will educate teens on alternative and creative methods to express their emotions and teach team work and bonding skills through dance, workshops and open discussions. By the end of the session every member will have learned new therapeutic movements, dance techniques, routines and more about themselves as individuals.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 3, 3 - 5 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents $20

RECREATION

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL HEALTH FAIR
Emphasis on 55+ health  • All ages welcome!

• Free flu shots for Medicare Part B patients (please bring your card with you) $25 flu shots for all other attendees
• Free information - Talk to a Washington Adventist Hospital representative, have your questions answered, find out the latest news
• Free Recreation Department program information - Live fitness class demos, door prizes and give aways
• Free “Forever Young” T-Shirts to the first 50 adult attendees (55 plus)
• Visit with your TPSS Co-op representative for nutrition information and free healthy snack samples, natural and good for you

DROP-IN, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
TP Community Center Azalea Room • Wednesday, Sept. 18, 3 - 7 p.m.
For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, senior programs manager at 301-891-7280 or paula@takomaparkmd.gov.

For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on our Fall Guide. For more information call 301-891-7290

Non-residents $10

Youth Tennis Clinic
Ages 7 - 9 and 10 - 13
This program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. If you do not own a racquet, the Recreation Department will provide one for the clinic.
Takoma Park Middle School tennis courts
Ages 10 - 13: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Oct. 15
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
TP residents $25
Non-residents $35

TEENS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

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TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 15, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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for Teen Dance Program

with the latest news

Takoma Plays will sponsor another Play Day on Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School. The organization, assisted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department, sponsors several play events each year, like this one held this past winter. The events include fun for all ages, with games, dressup, dancing, music and more. All residents are welcome.

Photo by Jay Keller
Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, September 8th

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Music and dance on six stages, dancing, special activities for kids, juried craft show, and international food.

All-day fun for the whole family, rain or shine! Please no dogs except service dogs. On-site parking limited to disability placard only.

Sponsored by

Adventist HealthCare

Washington Adventist Hospital
A Member of Adventist HealthCare

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT TPFF.ORG

1 DAY 6 STAGES 55 ACTS all FREE
Welcome!

Come celebrate the diversity and creativity of our community at the 36th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival. From singer-songwriters to ensemble groups, from emerging artists and teens to familiar faces on the regional folk scene, the 2013 Festival will host more than 50 performances. Our six stages will present music and dance traditions that stretch across centuries and cultures.

History
Initiated as a fundraiser to save the Takoma Theatre in 1978, the Festival has grown over the years to include multiple stages and roving acts, a juried craft show, international foods and representatives from local community organizations. True to its roots, the Festival is free and family-friendly, and it continues to have a charitable mission by supporting local youth organizations that provide volunteers.

Takoma Park Middle School provides a great setting. Kids can safely ramble and play games organized by the Cub Scouts. Enjoy performances indoors and outside. Bring a picnic or buy food and treats from our vendors. The Festival complements a vibrant year-round music scene in the area, and many Takoma Park residents cite a visit to the Festival as the reason they chose to live here.

Performance
The Festival kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with the D.C. Labor Chorus leading a singing procession, and it continues until 6:30 p.m. (stage performances end at 6 p.m.). Check the schedule for performance specifics at our six stages.

New this year, dancing will move outside and will be at or near our outdoor stages. For the second year, the Field Stage will be atop the hill near Piney Branch Road in a shadier location that provides better interaction between performers and the audience. For Festival visitors with children and teens, the Grassy Nook area will likely remain a focal point for the day.

Food
No festival is complete without great food! Enjoy a wide selection of food and treats from these loyal local vendors. Most will be located on the lawn in front of the school.

- Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream
- Carmen’s Italian Ice
- Cyndi’s Catering
- Delights of the Garden
- East Fresh
- Food Corner & Grill
- Harry’s Fresh Squeezed Juices
- Hoffman’s Quality Meats
- Island Grill
- Little Olive
- Nittaya’s Grill
- R.J. Cafe
- Rita’s Concessions
- Saleh’s Treats
- Sherri’s Fun Foods
- The Chicken Smells Good
- TK Grill

Sunday, September 8, 2013
10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
7511 Piney Branch Road
Takoma Park, MD

Access and Safety
The Festival is located at Takoma Park Middle School. We have no general on-site parking and only limited parking for people with disabilities. Neighborhood parking is sparse, too. Please walk or ride a bike or shuttle to the Festival.

We operate two FREE shuttle buses all day. Park in the Montgomery College East Garage at Fenton and King Streets or at the Takoma Metro Station, and ride to the Festival in air-conditioned comfort on our free shuttles. Washington Adventist Hospital returns as our First Aid provider this year. We ask that you leave your dog at home. Certified guide dogs are welcome.

Colleen Clay, TPFF Chair
CLAY
Karin Abromatis
Functional stoneware pottery for kitchen and home
Desiree Darden
Functional stoneware
Maia Rhee/Good Elephant Pottery
Handmade functional pottery

FIBER
Barbara Berman/Craftbar
Original totebags
Lisa Dashiell/I Saw Totes
Quilted totebags, quilted wall hangings, and more

CDYDIE and Alfred Griffin
Handmade Especially For You
Handmade skirts, scarves, and purses

Steven Haines/Tiedyed clothing
Hand-dyed clothing in vibrant contemporary designs

Patricia Poczeka/Rec the Boc
Original hand-painted clothing

Marla Strofollino/Bricetle Tia Dye
Tie-dye clothing and accessories

Laurie Summers
Woven wall hangings and pillows

FOOD
George Meyer/BeesGeorgeHoney
Honey

JEWELRY
Barbara S. Cromer
Barbara Cromer Artisan Jewelry
Jewelry in silver, vermeil, and gold, accented with stones, crystals, beads, etc.
Nancy Kahn DeMulder/By Jewellartlet
Fine jewelry in sterling silver and/or 14-karat gold with gemstones, perals, and beads
Sarah Lindsey Holmes
Zara Handcrafted Jewelry
Necklaces, earrings, bracelets in silver, copper, bronze
Arelle Hughes/Arelle Hughes Designs
Handmade jewelry that incorporates photographs, crocheted, beaded, and wire-wrapping
Tamara Mariner
Tie rings with inset crystals
Jackie Swartz/ISS Designs
Jewelry made from handcrafted beads of polymer clay, with silver and crystals
Nathanial Williamson
Silver jewelry

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

PAINTING
Lettita Lee/LEEEME Art and Design
Original paintings

PAPER
Jine Yang/Paper Fantasies
Drawing and paper sculptures, combined with cutting

PRINTS
Fred King/Fred King, Cards and Prints
Photographic note cards and prints
Keith Patterson/Moonline Graphics
Watercolors, block-print greeting cards, and children's books

SOAP
Michelle Burns/Mystic Water Soap
Soap and other bath products made from natural products through traditional methods

WOOD
Allen Eady/Craftworks
Chairs, bread boards, curved benches
Nicholas Phillips/Affine Creations
Handcrafted wood boxes, cutting boards, sushi plates, and more
Tom Yates/Wild Wood Studio
Carved and assembled wood sculptures

MONEY
Bucket Brigadiers or at the information tables.

COURTSEES
To make everyone’s day at the Festival joyful and safe, we ask that you follow a few rules:
• No food or beverages inside the school. Enjoy our shaded picnic area near the Grove Stage.
• Please don’t talk loudly or make phone calls during performances.
• Performers have asked that they not be videotaped or recorded without their permission.
• No smoking on school grounds. It’s the law!
• No pets. Only service dogs are permitted on school grounds.
• Help clean up. Place trash and recyclables in proper containers. If you can stay for a few minutes after 6 p.m. to help us clear the site, that’s even better!

SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL!
Your donations keep the Takoma Park Folk Festival strong! Get your TPFF sticker from our colorfully attired Bucket Brigadiers or at the information tables.
**Takoma Park Folk Festival**

10:30 am - 6:30 pm

**Takoma Park Middle School**

7611 Piney Branch Road Takoma Park, MD 20912

Free Admission

**tpff.org**

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**Field Stage**

- Roots, folk, soul, rock and everything in between

**Takoma Park Middle School**

performer & volunteer check-in

- Shuttle bus to Takoma Metro & Montgomery College East Garage. Only handicap parking on site.

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**Grove Stage**

- Singer-songwriters and more

**Grassy Nook**

- Performances by and for kids and teens

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**Abbott Stage**

- Traditional, labor & maritime songs

**World Stage**

- International music and dance

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**7th Heaven**

- Musical melting pot of styles and performers

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**Sponsors**

- Fifth Estate Communications & Focus Music
- D.C. Labor Chorus
- The Honest MISTakes
- Cousin John Band
--driven to clarity
- Urban Funk
- 3-4
- 4-5
- 5-6
- Eli August & The Abandoned Building
- Roving the Festival: Banjo Man Frank Cassel, Foggy Bottom Morris Men, Arlington Northwest Morris Women, Rock Creek Morris Women, Hicks with Sticks and Cutting Edge Sword Dance.

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**Sign Language Interpretation**

Volunteer interpreters are provided by Capital Sign Language (capitalsignlanguage.com) and First Quad Interpretive Productions (firstquadinterpreters.com) at no cost. We extend our appreciation to CSL’s Judi Rasschel and FCPC’s Kevin Dyskir for coordinating this service, as well as to each interpreter this year.

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**Abbott Stage**

- Songs celebrating American songs of the Spanish Jewels (Sephardim)
- D. C. Labor Chorus
- Woman
- Blues, roots, American music

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**World Stage**

- Music Pilgrim Trio
- Mark H. Rooney
- Kalam Zennia
- Afghan music
- Sligo Creek Hike
- Irish Teen Band

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**Grassy Nook**

- QueenEarth
- Anna Savage
- 1:30 Minunedo
- 2:00 Stunahzz
- 3:00 Chloe Antulov
- 4:00 Davison

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**7th Heaven**

- The 9
- Lisa Null
- Conjure Woman
- 11:45 Lisa Null
- The 9
- 11:30 Ruby Rules
- Pat Clark
- 11:15 Drum Circle
- 12:30 Katie and Joe
- 1:30 Minunedo
- 2:00 Stunahzz
- 3:00 Chloe Antulov
- 4:00 Davison

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**Crafts**

- Fun for kids

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**First Aid**

- Festival Sales
- Shuttle bus
- Bike racks
- Bathroom
- Food
- Stages
- ATM
- Picnic area
- Information
- Community Tables
- Crafts

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PACKAGES

$60 Wednesdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 16, 6 - 7 p.m.

$15 drop-in (with $20 fee)

$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or 8 week pass

Saturdays, 8 - 9 a.m. (on-going)

Ages 16 and older

TP residents $35

Non-residents $30/per dog

Saturday, Oct. 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents $20/per dog

Non-residents $30/per dog

TP residents $85

Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - 23

TP Recreation Center Multi Media Lab

Ages 25 and older

Intro. to video editing using Apple's latest software such as key framing, motion effects, color correction, composition, filters, slow motion and graphic manipulation.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - 23

7:30 p.m.

TP residents $95

Non-residents $95

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Intermediate Knitting Class

Ages 55 plus

Go beyond scarves. Review stitches and techniques and get help with your hat, sweater or other garment. Bring your pattern, yarn and needles to class. Come to the “Needlework Get-together” on any of the following dates prior to the start of class for instructor’s review of your project selection:

Class I:  Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - noon

Class II: Saturday, Sept. 14, noon - 2 p.m.

Free

Introduction to Smart Phones

Ages 55 plus

An introduction to Smart Phones (iPhone, Android, Windows phone) and Tablets (iPads, Galaxy, Kindle Fire, etc.). Each two-hour workshop covers brand comparison, basic operation, taking photos/video, browsing the Internet and much more. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices (and questions) for a more hands-on experience. Choose the day that’s convenient for you.

Instructor: John Pitt. In-person registration is required.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Class I:  Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - noon OR

Class II Tuesday, Sept. 14, noon - 2 p.m.

Free

HEALTH/FITNESS

Self-Help Reflexology

Ages 55 plus

Participants learn how to create better health and well-being by applying pressure to reflex points on the body to help reduce pain, enhance circulation, lower stress and induce relaxation. Three one-hour classes: first class, the hands; second class, the ears; third class, the feet. Instructor: Maebelle Algee. In-person registration is required.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11 and 18, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Free

Tai Chi Shibashi

Ages 55 plus

The 18 Healing Movements of Shibashi, a soft form of Tai Chi, uses a gentle approach, one movement blending into the next, and helps the body become limber while encouraging relaxation, leaving students rejuvenated, calm and focused. Instructor: Elisabeth Larson. In-person registration is required.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Thursday, Oct. 3 - Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

TRIPS

The Anderson House, Washington, D.C.

Ages 55 and older

Experience the history and splendor of Washington, D.C.’s Gilded Age as we tour the home of Larz Anderson, an American diplomat. Anderson House, a beautiful National Historic Landmark on Embassy Row, contains a fabulous collection of fine and decorative arts. Bring spending money for lunch at a local eatery. In-person registration is required.

Friday, Oct. 4, 9:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents $200/per dog

Non-residents $330/per dog

DOGGIE TRICKS AND GAMES

Dogs of any age

In this series of one-day sessions, we will show you a variety of new activities your family can enjoy with your dog. Some of the things we intend to cover are 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 do not know how to resolve, our trainer will work with you on that too.

Helfner Park Community Center

Next Sessions:

Saturday, Sept. 21, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents $200/per dog

Non-residents $330/per dog

RECREATION

ENVIRONMENTAL

Extending Your Growing Season - All Year Long

Ages 16 and older

The pleasure of growing your own food doesn’t have to stop just because the weather is getting cooler. In this class we’ll learn about the many crops that prefer cool temperatures and the various methods that can be implemented for insulating and growing healthy, delicious food all four seasons.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

TP residents $20

Non-residents $45

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

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

Saturdays, 8 - 9 a.m. (on-going)

$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

$110/8 week pass

$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or 8 week pass

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Sept. 11 - Oct. 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

$60

Zumba

Ages 16 and older

An exhilarating, effective-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness program, Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Sept. 11 - Oct. 5, 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6 - 6:35 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

$40/4 weeks (season)

$10 (Drop-in)

TELEVISION/VIDEO

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro - Beginners

Ages 25 and older

Introduction to video editing using Apple’s latest version of Final Cut Pro. Participants will learn the general interface, keyboard shortcuts and all pertinent terminology. Learn how to create and organize projects, log and capture video, add transitions and effects, basic text manipulation and time line based storytelling.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab

Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - 23

6 - 7:30 p.m.

TP residents $95

Non-residents $95

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro - Intermediate

Ages 12 and older

This course involves a brief review of some Final Cut Pro interface basics. The course will cover some of the more advanced concepts in Final Cut Pro such as key framing, motion effects, color correction, composition, filters, slow motion and graphic manipulation.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab

Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - 23

7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

TP residents $110

Non-residents $130

BACK TO SCHOOL SUMMER BLOWOUT TEEN ONLY DANCE

Ages 11 - 17

EXCLUSIVE TEEN ONLY EVENT!

School is back in session and we're excited! Come celebrate and start this new school year off right. This is one end-of-the-summer bash you don’t want to miss!

Special Invite to Junior High and High School Students (under age 18)

DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

No Sagging Pants. No Backpacks. No Purse.

Enjoy the DJ and refreshments.

Student ID Required

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Fri, Sept. 13, 8 p.m. - midnight • Free

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WORKSHOPS

AARP Driver Safety Program

Ages 55 and older

The AARP Driver Safety Program, the nation’s largest classroom refresher course for drivers 50 and older, is designed to help tune up driving skills, explain safe driving strategies and cover the latest State of Maryland rules of the road. Some Maryland insurance companies may offer discounts to drivers who take this course. Check with your agency.

In-person registration is required. Bring your check (payable to AARP), AARP Card and driver’s license to class.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Saturday, Oct. 5, noon - 4:30 p.m.

$12 for AARP members

$14 for Non-members

Get Cluttered? Get Organized!

Ages 55 plus

Judy Tiger, professional organizer and owner of D.C.-based Just That Simple, will share her top tips on taming clutter. Whether your challenge is papers, clothes, photos, memorabilia, books, the pantry, the attic, the basement or the garage, you'll learn from her personalized, nonjudgmental and soothing approach to "stuff." As Tiger says, "Clutter can be overwhelming and stressful. But a few 'simple' steps can change chaos to calm."

In-person registration is required.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1 - 2 p.m.

Free
CALCULATED EXPENSES FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Section 1: Project Description

The proposed improvements to the Takoma Park Library include the following:

- Addition of a new wing
- Renovation of the existing building
- Enhanced outdoor space

Section 2: Cost Breakdown

- Engineering and Design: $500,000
- Construction: $2,000,000
- Furnishings and Equipment: $500,000
- Site Development: $300,000

Total Estimated Cost: $3,300,000

Section 3: Funding Sources

- Federal Grant: $1,000,000
- State Matching Grant: $500,000
- Local Contributions: $1,800,000

Section 4: Timeframe

- Design phase: 6 months
- Construction phase: 12 months
- Completion: 18 months

Section 5: Project Timeline

- Design phase:
  - Month 1: Conceptual planning
  - Month 2: Preliminary design
  - Month 3: Fine-tuning
- Construction phase:
  - Month 1: Site preparation
  - Month 2: Framing
  - Month 3: Insulation and drywall
  - Month 4: Electrical and plumbing
  - Month 5: Completion
- Completion:
  - Month 6: Final inspection
  - Month 7: Public opening

Section 6: Project的影响

The proposed improvements will enhance the library's capacity to serve the community, improving access to resources and fostering a more engaging and inclusive environment.

Library

Reference materials available to kick off school year

By Karen MacPherson

Now that schools are back in session, residents will want to keep in mind some of the online resources offered by the Library to help make learning easier for all ages.

We’ve got online books and databases of all types: newspapers and magazines; encyclopedias and dictionaries; career guidance and test preparation, health information and history facts, etc. All of these resources can be easily accessed — 24 hours a day, seven days a week — via our website, www.takomaparkmd.gov/library, or through the reference link on the left of most of our web pages or via the “Online Resources” button on our mobile site.

Here’s a brief summary of our online resources, a number of which are new.

1. Some of the resources require a library card:
   - Magazines, newspapers and journals: Read hundreds of magazines, journals, and newspapers via EbscoHost and eLibrary and enjoy National Geographic magazines from 1888-Present.
   - Dictionaries and general encyclopedias: Check out such resources as the Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus, the impeccable Oxford English Dictionary, Encyclopaedia Britannica (including Britannica editions in French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese), and the World Book.
   - Subject encyclopedias: We offer several hundred e-reference volumes on all kinds of subjects for kids and adults. Each article or chapter can be downloaded as either text or mp3. Don’t forget that we also offer print versions of many of these volumes as well. Also check out the Oxford.

The Scoop on colleges in 2013

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

Dr. Herr Davis will kick off the series on Tuesday, Oct. 1 with his in-depth discussion of college financing issues. He will address the financial aid timetables, scholarships, loans, work-study, college savings plans, the FAFSA application and more. One of the nation’s foremost college aid authorities, Davis heads the National College Scholar-ship Foundation and directs College Financial Aid Counseling and Educa tion Services. He is also a consultant.

Focus on Richard Ford’s “Canada”

By Tim Rahn

The FTPM bimonthly book group gathers on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to discuss “Canada,” the award-winning novel by Richard Ford. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center, and all interested residents are welcome.

Fiction is about the “consequences of human nature, human action, not just ac tion,” Ford told Stephen Colbert in a June 2012 interview. Ford added that while it took him three years to write “Canada,” he had had the story in mind since 1989.

Using the voice of a first-person narrator, “Canada” tells the story of human nature in its many forms. In the first part of the novel, narrator Dell Parsons, 15, watches his parents bumble a bank robbery, which effectively orphans him with his twin sister, Berner.

The second part of the novel finds Dell in Canada, placed in a newly tenuous situation with a fugitive from America. After being drawn into this man’s plans, he witnesses a horrific act and learns more from the consequences of man’s nature and acts.

In addition to these themes, Ford’s characters are rendered with a detached sense of detail that makes them believable. He depicts the plains of Montana and Saskatchewan as a place both empty, yet rich with life when examined closely.

Labeled with Raymond Carver, Tobias Wolff and others of his generation as “dirty realists,” Ford uses his novels to look into the lives of the lower middle class and see how they adjust to the world. He is the only novelist to win the Pulitzer Prize and PEN/Faulkner Award for a novel, in 1995 for “Independence Day.” In 2013, Canada was awarded the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction.

We regret that a number of people missed the long-anticipated discussion of Elizabeth Bowen’s “Death of the Heart,” due to an unexpected schedule change. If you are interested in attending an informal discussion of this work on a new date, please contact Ellen Robbins at the Library ellens@takomaparkmd.gov.
National Night Out
Takoma Park Police officers mingled with residents at annual National Night Out festivities on Maple Avenue last month, distributing crime prevention information, meeting community members and promoting safety. Clockwise from left, Sgt. Kurt Gilbert gets to know one of our youngest residents; Gilbert and Capt. Tyrone Collins; and friends and neighbors; Daryl Perry from Snaxery D's staffs the grill; and Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Jarboe demonstrates safety tips. 

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Summer Quest Celebration
Come celebrate the end of another successful Summer Quest summer reading program on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at our annual End of Summer Quest party! We’ll talk about books we enjoyed (or didn’t!) and discuss ideas for next year’s Summer Quest. We’ll finish with cupcakes and lemonade, and all participants will go home with a new book or two. Registration is highly encouraged so we can be sure to have enough cupcakes for all. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

A huge thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our Summer Quest program and all related activities.

Online learning
This fall, we’re following two "MOOCs" - Massive Open Online Courses. They are "Ideas of the 20th Century," an interdisciplinary course presented by University of Texas/Austin (beginning Sept. 15) and "Fantasy and Science Fiction: The Human Mind, Our Modern World," presented by the University of Michigan (beginning Oct. 15). These distance learning courses are free, and you follow them at your own pace in your own space. What we do at the library is gather together once a week on Sunday afternoons to "close the distance" on these distance learning classes to discuss what we have been learning on our own. Come join us for some wonderful discussions! If you have any questions about signing up for the MOOC classes or our "Closing the Distance" program, just give us a call at 301-891-7259.

Fashion calling
Calling all Fashionistas ages 10 and up! Our new librarian, Ms. Kati, is ready to help you create some special new looks at our Fashion Design program on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. We’ll provide the paper (including a variety of model templates), markers and other materials – you provide the creativity. No registration required.

Friends to Tackle Proust
Beginning in October, the Friends of the Library “Big Book” group will tackle selected volumes of Marcel Proust’s monumental work “Remembrance of Things Past,” described by the critic Andre Maurois as “one of the greatest works of the imagination of all time.”

New York Times reviewer Peter Brooks wrote: “In the [91] years since Marcel Proust’s death, ‘In Search of Lost Time’ has come to seem ever more indispensable. It’s remarkable that this 3,000-page novel, initially dismissed by many as the work of a self-indulgent neurotic dilettante, has become the crucial modernist work, overtopping the books of even such giants as Joyce and Mann. Proust has moved from avant-garde to mainstream, perhaps because he pioneered in the exploration of questions that have come to preoccupy our culture – childhood affect, social depression, sexual obsession, sadomasochism, possessive jealousy, the wiles of memory and the ways in which these all lead to a passionate quest to know. It’s not at present Proust the aesthetic that engages us so much as Proust the anguished exponent of the drives and frustrations of love.”

Look for our discussion schedule soon, which will begin with a lecture by a noted scholar of Proust’s work. We will most likely be discussing Books 1 and 7, which the Library will have available in different editions. If you wish to keep one for more than three weeks, we recommend you purchase your own copy. All are welcome to join the Friends Reading Group discussions.

College Bound
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for Peterson's financial publications and author of "College Financial Aid for Dummies."

Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre will continue the series on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with her overview of the college selection process. Selecting a college is like selecting a new home for four years. Which schools might provide the right fit – academically, academically, financially and personally – for you? Topics include: what colleges are like in 2013, sorting out your personal criteria and goals, and how the admissions process really works. Potts-Dupre is a Certified Educational Planner, and has had a private counseling practice in Texas since 1997. She has evaluated more than 350 colleges nationwide.

On Tuesday Oct. 22, Dr. Lorie Ness will conclude the series a workshop entitled “Taking the Plunge Without Drowning: Tips for Thriving During the Transition to College.” This seminar is designed to help future college students and their families successfully navigate the transition to college. She will demystify the process by preparing prospective students and parents for the changes related to a student’s social life, emotional adjustment, academic environment, living situation and family structure. Ness is a clinical psychologist in Silver Spring, offering individual, couples and family therapy.

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

The Firehouse Report
By Jim Jarboe
As of July 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 358 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 1,630 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,988. Totals for 2012 were 368 and 1,835, representing a decrease of 215 incidents.

During the month of July 2013, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,469.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,654 in July 2012. Grand totals as of July 31, 2013 is 8,209.5 hours, compared to 7,910.5 hours in 2012, an increase of 299 hours.

Maryland Fire Deaths Update
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported on Aug. 13, 2013, 45 people have died in fires, as compared to 29 in 2012. Your best defense is to have working smoke alarms on all levels of the home. Test them monthly, and have a family escape plan.
**Notice of 2013 nominating caucus**

*(To accept nominations of candidates for Mayoral and Councilmember for the November 5, 2013 City election)*

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmember. The meeting will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. Only registered Takoma Park voters may participate in the Nominating Caucus. Residents may register on site before the meeting is called to order.

Nominations of candidates for Mayor shall be made on motion by any qualified voter of the city, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the City, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. Nomination of each candidate for Councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of her/his ward, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of her/his ward, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. Any nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the nomination meeting. A person may only accept a nomination of one office. The name of each person nominated for the office of Mayor and Councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she files a declination with the City Clerk within three (3) days after his/her nomination.

Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which she/he is nominated.

**Thinking about running for office in Takoma Park?**

Contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, 301-891-7267 or review the information at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

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**ELECTION 2013**

**Takoma Park Elections 101**

How to register, vote, or run for office in the City of Takoma Park

**Running for Office – the Nominating Caucus**

In Takoma Park, all members of the City Council and the Mayor are elected to two-year terms. Elections take place in November of every odd-numbered year. Takoma Park has a mayor, elected at large, and six city councilmembers, one from each of the city’s six wards.

Takoma Park’s election season officially begins with the nominating caucus held on a Tuesday evening five weeks before an election. This year’s caucus falls on Tuesday, Oct. 1. On the night of the caucus, potential candidates, their supporters, and the voting public gather in the Takoma Park Auditorium to nominate candidates for mayor and council city.

Any registered voter of Takoma Park may nominate a candidate for the office of mayor. If that nomination is seconded by another qualified voter, the individual’s nomination is complete. Other supporters may also second the nomination if speakers have no more than three minutes each to place a name in nomination or second a nomination.

Candidates do not speak the night of the caucus.

After the nominations for mayor, nominations are taken for city councilmember. The process is the same as for mayoral nominations, but the person putting a name in nomination for a councilmember or seconding a nomination must reside in the ward of the candidate.

All those nominated will have their names placed on the ballot for the November 5 election, assuming they meet the qualifications for candidacy.

**Voter Registration**

All residents of Takoma Park who are at least 18 years old and who do not claim the right to vote elsewhere can vote in this November’s elections. Every voter must register to vote. Takoma Park has election day registration, but we recommend that all eligible voters register before then. If you are already registered, you do not need to do anything further. Most residents are able to register using the state registration form, which will also register you to vote in state and national elections. Some residents must use a city registration form and will not be eligible to vote in state and national elections.

Generally, you can register using the State of Maryland form as long as you meet all of these conditions: you are an American citizen, you are at least age 18, you do not claim the right to vote elsewhere, and you are not incarcerated or under supervision due to a felony conviction.

Those residents eligible to vote in Takoma Park elections but not eligible to register with the State of Maryland may use the City of Takoma Park form. Typically, this includes residents who are not United States citizens or who are under supervision or on parole due to a felony conviction. Residents who are not yet 16 but wish to prepare for voting in Takoma Park elections may register using the City form once they are 14 years of age.

**Voting**

Takoma Park encourages all residents to vote and provides several options for voting: 1) election day voting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center; 2) early voting on the Wednesday through Sunday before election day, 3) voting by mail (or absentee voting).

Additional information on running for office, the nominating caucus, registration, voting, or any other facet of the election is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at 301-891-7267.

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**Reunión electoral del 2013**

*(Para aceptar nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de alcaldía y miembros del consejo para las elecciones el 5 de Noviembre del 2013)*

La Reunión Electoral empezará a las 7:30 p.m. el Martes, 1 de Octubre. Se aceptarán nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Solamente votantes calificados en Ta- koma Park podrán participar en la reunión. Los residentes de Takoma Park podrán registrarse para votar antes que comience la reunión.

Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecho por cualquier votante calificado en la Ciudad, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante calificado en la ciudad Takoma Park, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Nominaciones de cada candidato para el Paso de Alcalde y Miembro del Consejo se hará con una moción por cualquier votante calificado en el distrito de tal candidato. Cualquier candidato nominado podrá rechazar una nominación durante la reunión. La persona nominada podrá aceptar solamente una nominación de un solo puesto. El nombre da cada persona que satisface los requisitos y que sea nominado por el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro del Consejo será notificado en la boleta oficial a menos que esa persona entregue una carta por escrito rechazando la nominación a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal dentro de los 3 días después de su nominación. Cualquier persona nominada como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.


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**ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED**

The Takoma Park Board of Elections is seeking qualified voters to serve as election judges. This year, there will be a variety of opportunities for early voting judges, election day judges, and election day closing judges. Details and application forms are available at takomaparkmd.gov or by calling 301-891-7214. The deadline for applications is Oct. 4, 2013.

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**Se Busca Votantes para Servir como Jurado**

La Ciudad de Takoma Park está buscando votantes calificados para servir como jurado. Este año será necesario contar con jurados para la votación temprana, para el día de las elecciones y para el cierre de las elecciones. Detalles y formularios están disponibles por internet en la página web www.takomaparkmd.gov o llame al 301-891-7214. La fecha límite para entregar aplicaciones es el 4 de Octubre del 2013.
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Calendario de las Elecciones Municipal del 2013

MARTES 1 DE OCTUBRE, 7:30 P.M. – Reunión Electoral, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.

INICIO EL MIÉRCOLES 16 DE OCTUBRE HASTA EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES
Presenciarán en persona para registrarse para votar en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3er piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.

MARTES 29 DE OCTUBRE, 4 P.M. – Es la fecha límite para solicitar por correo una boleta electoral de voto en ausencia. Puede solicitar en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3er piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.

MIÉRCOLES, 30 DE OCTUBRE HASTA EL DOMINGO, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE – Se permitirá votar antes del día de las elecciones en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. El horario se anunciará posteriormente.

MARTES 5 DE NOVIEMBRE – Día de las Elecciones, las cabinas (urnas) electorales estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. Asimismo es la fecha límite para recibir las boletas electorales de voto en ausencia hasta las 8 p.m.

LUNES, 11 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 P.M. – Inauguración – Alcaldes y Miembros del Consejo oficialmente tomarán su puesto, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.

LAS ELECCIONES DE LA CIUDAD DE TAKOMA PARK

Como registrarse para votar, votar en las elecciones o postularse para el puesto de alcalde o miembro del consejo en la Ciudad de Takoma Park

Postularse para el Puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo – La Reunión Electoral

En la Ciudad de Takoma Park, se elige a los Miembros del Consejo y el Alcalde por un término de dos años. Las elecciones se lleva a cabo en el mes de Noviembre cada año. La Ciudad de Takoma Park tiene un Alcalde elegido por los residentes calificados de la Ciudad de Takoma Park y 4 Miembros del Consejo, cada uno representando uno de los distritos de Takoma Park.

El tiempo de las elecciones comienza oficialmente con la reunión electoral que se lleva a cabo el martes por la noche, cinco semanas antes del día de las elecciones. Este año la reunión electoral se llevará a cabo el martes, 1 de octubre. [La noche de la reunión Electoral candidatos potenciales, los residentes que quieren ser parte del proceso se reunirán en el auditorio de Takoma Park para la nominación de algún candidato(s) para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro del Consejo.

Cualquier votante calificado en Takoma Park puede nominar a un candidato para el puesto de Alcalde. Se completa la nominación cuando la nominación es apoyada por otro votante calificado.

Un voto calificado puede apoyar una nominación. Se permite solo tres minutos para anunciar su apoyo de un candidato.

Los candidatos no se dirigirán al público la noche de la reunión electoral.

Después de las nominaciones para el puesto de Alcalde, se harán las nominaciones para el puesto de los Miembros del Consejo. El proceso será igual, pero el residente de Takoma Park tendrá que ser residente del distrito del candidato.

El nombre da persona que satisface los requisitos y que se haya nominado para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro del Consejo será nominado en la boleta oficial para las elecciones el 5 de Noviembre.

Registro del Votante

Todos los residentes de Takoma Park que tienen por lo menos 16 años de edad y que no han registrado en otra parte, puede votar en las elecciones en Noviembre. Todos los que desean votar tienen que registrarse para votar. Se puede registrar el mismo día de las elecciones, pero se recomienda registrarse antes de las elecciones. No tiene que tener nada más si esta registrado para votar.

La mayoría de residentes pueden registrarse para votar usando la aplicación del estado de Maryland que le permite votar en las elecciones del estado y las elecciones nacionales. Algunos residentes solo pueden registrarse para votar usando la aplicación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park. Registrándose con la aplicación de Takoma Park solo le permite votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park y no en las elecciones del estado o las elecciones nacionales.

Generalmente, si satisface los requisitos, se puede registrarse usando la aplicación del estado de Maryland: es ciudadano Americano, tiene por lo menos 16 años de edad, no está registrado para votar en otra parte y no está encarcelado o bajo libertad condicional por ser condenado por un delito.

Los residentes que califican para votar en elecciones de Takoma Park pero no califican para registrarse para votar en el estado de Maryland pueden usar la aplicación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park. Esto normalmente incluye residentes de Takoma Park que no son ciudadanos Americanos o residentes que están bajo libertad condicional por ser condenado por un delito.

Los residentes que tienen por lo menos 14 años de edad pueden registrarse para votar para prepararse para votar cuando cumplan los 16 años de edad.

Votando

La Ciudad de Takoma Park quiere animar a los residentes que voten en las elecciones municipales y proporciones varias oportunidades para votar. 1 voto el día de las elecciones el 5 de Noviembre de 7 a.m. 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 2 voto temprano – de Miércoles a Domingo antes de las elecciones. 3 voto por correo (voto con una boleta para votantes ausentes). Información adicional sobre el voto se puede encontrar en la página web takomapark.gov o puede ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal al 301-891-7214.

NOMINATING CAUCUS

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COMMUNITY CLINIC

is hoping to maintain a wound care clinic on the current site, and will propose that benefits of health services repair, as well as Obstetrics would move to White Oak, but on a delayed schedule, so that Takoma Park would continue to maintain those services indefinitely.

The news came at a July 22 City Council meeting, where Washington Adventist Hospital President Joyce Newmyer outlined the plan just before filing a letter of intent on Aug. 2. She also noted that the hospital facility will be undergoing millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades, and that she anticipates the near-future Washington Adventist University will lease thousands of square feet of space there for education, office and administrative use.

The new Certificate of Need application follows the withdrawal of an earlier application filed in 2009. That application, delayed due to the death of the health commissioner in charge of the case, was recommended for denial by the hearing examiner in December 2012 due to concern over the viability of the proposal, especially regarding financial resources to pay for both relocation and maintenance/establishment of a health campus in Takoma Park. Also at issue is the impact the move would have on existing providers, including hospitals closer to the White Oak area.

Washington Adventist has been trying to move out of Takoma Park so that it can expand beyond the boundaries of the resi-
dential neighborhood where it is currently located. City councilmembers and other City residents have urged the hospital to avoid abandoning Takoma Park’s health care needs by leaving behind primary and urgent care facilities, even if the main hospital moves away.

Establishing a clinic

The clinic at the hospital campus would open with two primary care providers and support staff, then expand to five providers in 2014, after renovations are completed on a larger space. Services will focus on patients who are discharged from emergency rooms and need follow-up care for chronic illness. The idea, says Jose Luis Diaz, communications and marketing di-
rector for Community Clinics, Inc., is to keep patients from having to return to the emergency room by providing education about prevention and maintenance care around conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity. He expects the clinic to serve about 5,400 pa-
tients each year.

Community Clinics Inc. already oper-
ates one site in Takoma Park, at University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. It is one of the busiest of its seven loca-
tions in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, with 12 to 16 providers serving about 7,000 adults and children each year with primary care. The clinic accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay, and use a sliding scale to determine payment.

Community Clinics, established in 1972, serves 17,000 to 18,000 patients an-
nually, and is the designated provider for WIC (Women Infants and Children) pro-
grams for the state of Maryland, serving an additional 30,000 low-income families with health services specific to that popula-
tion. Staff reflect the diverse popula-
tion they serve, says Diaz, who notes the physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, counselors and assist-
tants, even finance personnel come from 28 different countries and speak 23 differ-
ent languages. “We not only understand the limitations of having a language bar-
rier,” he says. “We also adapt the way we provide information based on our under-
standing of their culture.”

One example: nutrition classes are cen-
tered around the cuisine of patients’ eth-
icities, so they are relevant and practical. Another: the separation and respect of gender in the Muslim community is main-
tained by Muslim staff who can serve that population with sensitivity.

“At the end of the day we really are all about the patient,” says Diaz. “We want to be sure people feel safe and comfortable and well cared for at our facilities.”

The Community Clinic at the WAH campus will focus on health maintenance for people with chronic disease like high blood pressure and diabetes.
Controlling mosquito invasions

During the summer months, mosquitoes can become a major nuisance in our area. In order to cut down on the number of mosquitoes in your yard, the main thing to do is eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.

All mosquitoes require standing water in which to breed, so it is important to remove containers that will allow water to pool like tires, buckets and barrels. They do not need much water to breed, so even overturned garbage lids and children’s toys can become a mosquito haven. It also helps to turn canoes or boats over, and empty any water that collects on tarps or covers or arrange them so that the water will drain off.

It is also recommended that you empty your bird bath and pet dishes once a week, and flush water from the bottom of plant holders once or twice a week. Standing water in gutters can also become a problem, so ensure that your gutters are clear. By following these steps, you can help rid your community of mosquito breeding grounds and enjoy your yard without having to deal with mosquitoes.

September '13

Do you have an item for the City calendar?

Do you have an item for the City calendar? Let us know if you have a non-profit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we will consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 16, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Sept. 27.

To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov.

“TP Community Center” is the Takoma Park Community Center, 700 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

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_2s@yahoo.com www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Takoma Park Play Day
Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School

Crossroads Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
7676 New Hampshire Ave.
New lunchtime hours, new vendors.
Produce, meats, cheese, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Every Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

MarVa Harvest produce stand
Every Saturday, noon to 3 p.m.
7777 Maple Ave.
Local, sustainably grown produce

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

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 $207.40, 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. White Oak, Willow Oak, Black Gum, American Linden and Sycamore—all native shade trees that usually retail for about $350—are available to residents at $195, installed. Each has a 2-inch diameter.

Sale dates run through Nov. 1

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 Bixton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 10.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
Phone ____________________________

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

____ White Oak $195 • Willow Oak $195 • Black Gum $195
American Linden $195 • Sycamore $195
+ 6% sales tax

Total ____________________________

Tree walk highlights local canopy

Join your neighbors and members of Takoma Park’s Tree Commission on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10:30 a.m. – noon, in a free Tree Tour of Ward 3 to learn about the importance of the urban canopy and what you can do to help sustain it.

The tour will highlight how the tree canopy contributes to the environmental quality and beauty of Takoma Park’s homes and neighborhoods, with discussion of benefits such as increased home values, wildlife food and habitat, storm water management and reduced energy consumption. Commissioners will point out trees of particular interest and opportunities for planting new trees, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the care and maintenance of existing trees.

The Tree Tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Hancock and Sheridan avenues (near the rain garden and Opal Daniels Park) and will walk along Sheridan, Hancock and Sherman, ending back at Opal Daniels Park, where light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Tree Commission at treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov.

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