



## WHAT'S NEW?



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### Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Old Takoma

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### Trash collection

No change in schedule this month

Mayor & Council  
7500 Maple Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912



### PIE-LICIOUS

Lucy Holland, with co-baker, Cece Sieffert, won first place in the kids' category at the second annual Takoma Park Farmers Market Apple Pie Baking Contest. Best Pie Ever went to Sarah Goupell; Most Beautiful Pie to Nicole Williams; Most Unusual to Greta Ehrig and Jim Baird; and the Yummy Mess Award went to Roberta Hammond's Apple Galette. The event raised more than \$330 for the market's SNAP fund for low-income families.

Photos by Amy Schwenkmeyer



## New fees for parking in Old Town

Starting on Oct. 1, the parking lot behind the shops on Laurel Avenue (accessible via the driveway between S and A Beads and Suntrust Bank) will become paid parking. This decision was made by property owner John Urciolo, to protect the spots for his tenants – the businesses on Laurel Avenue – and their customers.

Urciolo and other business and shop owners in Old Town say they have seen more and more people leaving their vehicles in the lot all day while they take Metro to work, or work in office buildings nearby. The result: Few spots are left for Old Town shop customers dropping by the post office, picking up flowers, shopping for gifts or coming through for lunch.

The following pricing was designed to encourage customers who patronize local businesses in Old Town, but discourage those who are using the lot as free parking for entire days. The pricing will begin on Oct. 1.

- The first hour is free
- Thereafter, parking is \$2 per hour with a maximum of \$14 daily
- Lost tickets are \$14
- Sundays are free

A gate will become operational on Oct. 1, and will dispense tickets to vehicles entering the lot. Users then insert the ticket at the exit gate, and pay with cash or credit card there. On Sundays, the entrance gate will require that drivers take a ticket, but the exit gate will be open so there will be no fee for parking that day.

Fees for parking will help pay for the recent lot renovation, and for lot maintenance. "This is not a money-making venture by any means," says Zoe Stern, property manager for Urciolo Properties.

Questions about the new parking arrangements may be directed to Stern, at [zoe.stern@comcast.net](mailto:zoe.stern@comcast.net).

## Council finalizes pesticide limits

### Measures take effect in spring

By Virginia Myers

Despite lingering opposition, the city council passed the safe grow ordinance on July 22, prohibiting the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. Next up: a blueprint for residents trying to comply.

The ordinance has been under discussion for 18 months, and generated passionate support as well as doubt at public forums and in online discussions. Those in favor of the ordinance point to a deep well of evidence indicating the health risks presented by pesticide use, for individuals and for the environment. Those opposed question the efficacy and relevance of the research, object to government intrusion on private property, and cite a lack of enforcement provision in the ordinance.

Proposed by Takoma Park residents

Catherine Cummings and Julie Taddeo, Safe Grow makes it unlawful for the City to use pesticides on City-owned property or in a City right-of-way, and also makes it illegal to apply restricted pesticides on private property. Exceptions are made for plants that are poisonous to the touch, such as poison ivy; insects that bite, sting, are venomous or are disease carrying, like mosquitoes and wasps; and animals, insects or plants that may cause damage to a structure or infrastructure, such as termites.

Cummings and Taddeo cite statistics from organizations such as the Committee on Environmental Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Academy of Sciences, which show links between pesticides and reproductive dis-

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## County Proposes Smaller Duplicated Tax Rebate

By Suzanne Ludlow, Deputy City Manager

The Montgomery County Council Government Operations Committee is considering a proposal that could significantly reduce the amount of money Takoma Park gets from the county in exchange for providing services such as police, road maintenance and park clean-up.

The proposal, from the county's Office

of Legislative Oversight (OLO), recommends changes to the county's municipal tax duplication law. Current law requires that the county rebate the City of Takoma Park for the money the county receives from property, income, cell, energy, and other taxes for services it does not provide but would have provided county residents who live in Takoma Park if the municipality did not exist.

These services include police, crossing guards, road maintenance and park maintenance. (The county also contributes to the library, through a separate program.)

But the county has not paid the full amount for these services for several years.

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## TAKOMA TOPICS:

“The National Bicycle Dealer’s Association has named Takoma Bicycle, 7030 Carroll Ave. as one of “America’s Best Bike Shops” for 2013! We knew that!”

— [www.facebook.com/mainstreettakoma](http://www.facebook.com/mainstreettakoma)

## City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings\*  
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

### NOMINATING CAUCUS

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### VOTING TASK FORCE

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

### Notice on ADA Compliance

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact the deputy city manager at 301-891-7229 or [suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov) at least 48 hours in advance.

## 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](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). For additional information, contact the city clerk at [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov).

### RESOLUTION 2013-58

Adopted Sept. 9

Poet Laureate

*The resolution appoints Merrill Leffler as Takoma Park Poet Laureate.*

### RESOLUTION 2013-59

Adopted Sept. 9

Recreation Committee Appointment

*The resolution appoints Vineda Myers (Ward 4) to the Recreation Committee.*

### RESOLUTION 2013-60

Adopted Sept. 9

Program Open Space Annual Program

*The resolution approves the city’s FY 2014 Program Open Space Annual Program to include the Lee Jordan Sprinkler Replacement project, Colby Avenue Park renovation, Sligo Mill Overlook Park development, and development of a dog park in the city. The Annual Program does not bind the city to any project; but must include any projects that the city undertakes during a given fiscal year in which POS funds are anticipated to be*

*expended.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-37

Adopted Sept. 9

Contract for Exterior Home Repair Program

*The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract with G&D Construction, LLC for the Exterior Home Repair Program.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-38

Adopted Sept. 9

Contract for Exterior Home Repair Program

*The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract with TITO Contractors, Inc. for the Exterior Home Repair Program.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-39

Adopted Sept. 9

Contract for Exterior Home Repair Program

*The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract with Colossal Contractors, Inc. for the Exterior Home Repair Program.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-40

Adopted Sept. 9

Vehicle Purchase

*The ordinance authorizes the purchase of three replacement vehicles from Lindsay Ford: one Ford Fusion Hybrid (\$19,070) to serve as an administrative pool vehicle, one Ford Transit Connect (\$23,643) for the Public Works Equipment Maintenance Division; and one Ford Transit Connect (\$22,746) for Parking Enforcement.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-41

Adopted Sept. 9

Fueling Station Leak Detection System

*The ordinance awards a contract to L.A. Fritter for installation of a fueling station leak detection system at a cost of \$10,750.*

### ORDINANCE 2013-42

Adopted Sept. 9

Air Compressor for the Equipment Maintenance Shop

*The ordinance awards a contract to United Rentals for purchase of a replacement large air compressor for the equipment maintenance shop at a cost of \$13,366.*

## VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

(Three vacancies)

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) provides community input into the City’s planning for emergencies and encourages residents and others to be prepared. Committee membership includes seven Takoma Park residents appointed by the City Council, senior city staff selected by the city manager, and several members representing other agencies. Resident members serve three-year terms. Currently, the EPC meets the fourth Thursday of each month, alternating between morning meetings (8:30 to 10 a.m.) and evening meetings (7:30 to 9 p.m.).

### RECOGNITION TASK FORCE – SHORT TERM COMMITMENT

(new - vacancies) Last call! Apply now.

The city council is looking for how best to recognize and/or memorialize Takoma Park volunteers, leaders, advocates, mentors and others who serve the community. To this end, the council is forming a Recognition Task Force to propose ideas and programs. The task force will consist of up to seven members, one appointed by each member of the council and the mayor. The Task Force will be asked to complete its work within three to four months. Residents who are interested in making a short term commitment to assist with this process should submit an application form or contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov).

### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

(vacancies)

The Safe Roadways Committee will advise the city council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues and transit services. The committee will also encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling and transit. Members will be appointed to staggered two-year terms. Residency is required. The meeting schedule will be set based on members’

preferences. Appointments will be made Oct. 14.

### RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE TASK FORCE

(new – vacancies)

On June 3, an ad hoc committee 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://citycouncil-takomapark.s3.amazonaws.com/agenda/items/2013/060313-1-improving-the-tp-streetscape.pdf>. 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. Apply by Oct. 11.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Arts and Humanities Commission

Board of Elections

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (landlords or property managers needed)

Committee on the Environment

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee

Recreation Committee

Task Force on Voting

Tree Commission

*\*Wards 4, 5, and 6 are especially invited to step up. Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing an application form and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications to the city clerk. Go to [www.takomaparkmd.gov/boards-commissions-and-committees](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/boards-commissions-and-committees) for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7267 or [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov).*



City of Takoma Park Maryland

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Monday, Oct. 7  
7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium

7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

The City of Takoma Park will be holding a public hearing on Monday, Oct. 7 to solicit community input regarding priority needs and proposed projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The CDBG program, initiated in 1974, is one of the oldest programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is designed to fund activities that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents. CDBG grants are provided on an annual basis to communities such as Takoma Park to ensure decent affordable housing for all, provide services to the most vulnerable, create jobs and expand business opportunities.

For more information on the CDBG program and the upcoming public hearing, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.



City of Takoma Park Maryland

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Traffic Calming at the Intersection of Flower Avenue and Jackson Avenue

Monday, Oct. 7  
7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium

7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park Md.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, Oct. 7 to hear comments on residents' request to install traffic calming measures at the intersection of Flower Avenue and Jackson Avenue. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

### MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mayor Williams welcomes comments and suggestions. Community members are invited to meet with him during his office hours on Tuesdays:

2 – 5 p.m. by appointment

5 – 6 p.m. drop-in hours (check in at the information desk and let the receptionist know you are here to see the Mayor)

6 – 7 p.m. by appointment

The office hours may change on weeks when Monday is a holiday. For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at peggyew@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.



# Baseball Academy Serves Local Youth

By Kevin Adler

For baseball fans, October is World Series time, the climax and culmination of the Major League season.

On the other hand, for thousands of young and teenage players, baseball season never ends. They work on their skills throughout the year at batting cages and indoor training facilities. The newest—and, possibly, best-equipped—is the Washington Baseball Academy a few blocks south of the Takoma, D.C. line.

Opened in January 2013, the Academy is in an industrial section of Oglethorpe Road, NW. Driving through a tall security gate to the former printing plant doesn't evoke the green of a baseball diamond. But step inside the 10,000-square foot warehouse, and the Academy is all baseball.

On a large rectangle of synthetic grass, action is everywhere. In batting cages, machines or coaches fling balls at batters, with coaches offering suggestions after every few pings or thuds of bat hitting ball. Elsewhere, players loosen up by snapping throws back and forth, and others field grounders in rapid-fire succession.

Up to 25 players and four coaches can work at a time. "You can do just about anything you can do outside," says Antoine Williams, founder of the Washington Baseball Academy and a highly respected youth coach. "We've got the three batting cages, which are retractable to give us more space. We have four portable mounds. With the turf field, players can work on fielding and base running. We've got a full gym, so they can do conditioning, too," he says.

### Life Fulfilled by Baseball

Teams reserve space for practices, but Academy coaches also provide one-on-one training. In specialized sessions, players' swings and pitches are videotaped and immediately analyzed on iPhones or laptops. "Giving that instant feedback is so important," says Williams. "Maybe a pitcher is having trouble throwing strikes. We can see what's happening on the spot."

Sam Strongin, a ninth-grader who plays on Blair High School's junior varsity, as well as on a travel team, has seen the benefits of individual attention. "The instruction at the Academy has been great. Whatever I need, whatever I'm doing wrong, the coaches can fix it," says Strongin, who lives in Takoma Park.

During hitting lessons this summer, one of the coaches at the Academy, Mark Allen-Gifford, worked with Strongin to improve the consistency of his batting stroke. "He'd tell me not to drop my



The Washington Baseball Academy training facility, just outside the Takoma Park line, keeps players like these, shown rallying with their coach and the academy's founder, Antoine Williams, focused and ready to play. The academy includes three batting cages, four portable mounds, a turf field and a full gym.

Photos courtesy Washing Baseball Academy



hands, to wait longer on my swing," says Strongin.

Allen-Gifford honed his skills while playing for Williams at The Maret School, where Williams has built a perennial city champion. Williams, in turn, is passing along the knowledge he received from his coaches, who helped him become the D.C. Player of the Year when he was a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School and two-time Most Valuable Player at Catholic University. "I tell the players the same things that coaches told me: Repetition is recognition. Go out and develop good habits. If you're not developing good habits, you're developing bad ones," says Williams.

Despite college stardom, playing in the Majors was not Williams's destiny when he graduated from Catholic in 1996. Instead, the 40-year-old has stayed close to the game as the varsity baseball coach at Maret (where he is also the athletic director for the middle school) and founder of the youth travel baseball teams known as DC Dynasty.

His mission as a coach and mentor is to help each player reach his potential. "The little things in baseball make a difference," says Williams. "I tell kids that every one of you won't be able to throw 90 miles per hour or hit the ball over the fence. But you can learn to play the right way—base running, defensive positioning, bunts, pickoffs."

Baseball is the dream that has driven Williams since he was a teenager. "I grew up in Mt. Pleasant in the late 1980s, an

African-American kid in a city without a baseball team. The other kids played basketball and football. They called me a dinosaur for playing baseball," says Williams.

**"The little things in baseball make a difference."**

— Antoine Williams

Founder, Washington  
Baseball Academy

The dinosaur's game has survived and even flourished, thanks to the arrival of the Nationals and youth teams such as DC Dynasty. Williams believes that the Academy can have a big impact, too. "Little League teams, high schools, and even some adult softball teams use our facility," he says. "We have individual training, clinics, and camps...everything to make you a better player."

With commitments as a coach, entrepreneur, school administrator, husband and father, Williams doesn't have time to play much baseball these days. But sometimes, after everyone has gone home for the night, he steps into the batting cage and cranks up the pitching machine to its maximum 90 mph. "I want to see if I've still got it," he says.

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# BUILDING COMMUNITY



Friends and colleagues are saying farewell to Regina Reese, who has worked with City TV for two years. Reese pioneered news coverage for the station, hosting the “We Are Takoma” show, City TV News, and Snapshots with Akili Brown and Bienvenido Martinez. She is leaving for a network affiliate position in Fargo, N.D. Staffers say Reese’s enthusiasm, initiative and smile will be greatly missed, and they wish her every success in her new professional adventure.

Photo by Bianca Delaglio

## Reaching out to your landlord

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

*I am a new Takoma Park tenant and I'm not sure how I should let my landlord know when*

### HOUSING MAILBOX



*there are repairs that need to be done in my apartment. And how about painting? How often is the landlord required to paint my apartment?*

### Welcome to Takoma Park!

The best way – and in fact the only officially recognized way – to report any repairs needed in your apartment to your landlord is in writing. Write a letter and send it by first class mail – this is better than e-mail since an e-mail is not a confirmed delivery to the landlord. You can also send the letter by certified mail with a green card delivery confirmation. The letter should include the date, your list of problems and your contact information. Be certain to sign the letter and keep a signed copy for your files. This letter will establish when you informed the landlord of the issues(s).

If you do not receive a response within a week, you may report your complaint to the Montgomery County Code Customer Service Center either on line at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311) or by calling 240-777-0311. On-line complaints go directly to the code enforcement division. This will initiate a code inspector coming to your apartment, by appointment, to confirm that the problems are code violations. If code violations are confirmed, the inspector will send a notice giving your landlord, typically, 30 days to correct the problems. A re-inspection takes place after the 30-day period to confirm compliance.

On to painting: Section 6.16.050H of the landlord-tenant law requires landlords to paint all rental units in their entirety at least once every five years. Although repainting is not required between tenancies, all painted surfaces must be in clean condition and free of any peeling or chipping paint at the beginning of a new tenancy.

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the city's Landlord-Tenant and COLTA Laws may contact me at [mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7215.

## Security deposit returned

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

**Wagner v. JRW Barclay Ave. Revocable Trust**  
**COLTA Case 2013-4T**

On Sept. 6, 2013, COLTA issued a decision on a former tenant's complaint that the landlord had



### COLTA'S CORNER

failed to return her security deposit. The tenant sought the return of her security deposit plus interest and penalties.

Following a hearing, COLTA ruled that the landlord failed to comply with the requirements of Section 8-203(g) of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code which requires the landlord to send, via first class mail, a written list of damages to be withheld from the tenant's security deposit within 45 days of the termination of the tenancy.

The Commission awarded the tenant the original \$5,400 security deposit plus the accrued interest of \$234 for a total refund of \$5,643. The Commission declined to award the tenant punitive damages finding that the landlord misunderstood the obligation regarding the timely return of the tenant's security deposit.

COLTA case decisions may be viewed online at [takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/COLTA-case-summaries](http://takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/COLTA-case-summaries).

To file a landlord-tenant complaint with COLTA, please contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7215 or online at [MosesW@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:MosesW@takomaparkmd.gov).

### TENANT RIGHTS CLASS IN TAKOMA PARK

Thursday, Nov. 7  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### LEARN ABOUT

- Your Tenant Rights and Responsibilities
- How to Protect Your Security Deposit
- How Does Rent Stabilization Work?
- Is Your Rent Legal Under the Law?
- How to Report Repairs Needed in Your Apt.
- How to Give Proper Notice To Vacate

#### TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

7500 Maple Ave.

Pre-Registration Required – Call 301-891-7215

Light Refreshments

### FIRST TIME HOME BUYER CLASS

SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 8:30 A. M. – 1:30 P.M.

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

#### TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

7500 Maple Ave.

Pre-registration required

**FREE for Takoma Park residents/\$25 for non-residents**

[lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7222

Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

# THE ARTS



Victoria Gau, center, will conduct the debut performance of the new Takoma Ensemble Oct. 19. Including Gau, the ensemble includes four Takoma Park residents among its 14-member cohort.

Photo by Nelson Rietzke Photography

## Classical music to fill the halls of the community center

### Takoma Ensemble

Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:30 pm

Suggested donation \$20

The Takoma Ensemble makes its debut performance under the baton of Takoma Park resident Victoria Gau, associate conductor of the National Philharmonic. The Ensemble will perform string music including Grieg's energetic Holberg Suite and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings.

Gau is a familiar face in the Washington area, having conducted such groups as The Other Opera Company (which she co-founded), The Washington Savoyards, the IN-Series, and the Friday Morning Music Club Orchestra.

This concert will feature 14 professional string musicians from all over the region, including violinist and co-founder Susanna Kemp, cellist Johnathan Velsey, violist

Kim Teachout and Gau, all Takoma Park residents.

Gau first conceived of the idea a decade ago when Silver Spring was designated an Arts and Entertainment District by the Maryland State Arts Council. Gau explains, "We are filling a niche ... Takoma Park has a rich folk and artistic community, but there wasn't a home grown professional classical ensemble until now."

Gau is interested in making classical music accessible to all audiences. A core part of concerts will be explanations of the music, helping the audience understand the composition and pointing out things to listen for.

"We are really excited to get the group off the ground... and very excited to make music at home."

This performance is part of the We are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission.

## OCTOBER Arts

### Loosen up with Washington Improv Theater

Washington Improv Theater

Oct. 25, 8 p.m. - Performance

Oct. 26, 3 - 5 p.m. - Intro Workshop

This October, Washington Improv Theater (WIT) once again unleashes its creative juices in Takoma Park. After a successful performance at the Community Center last spring, WIT will be back for a one-two punch: a performance and workshop. WIT improv troupes will be performing on Friday, Oct. 25 and then the following afternoon, offering a free intro workshop from 3 - 5 p.m.

"We were beyond happy with our first outing in Takoma Park...After the show, I was inundated with questions about how to see more WIT performances and sign up for classes. So coming back to Takoma to do more shows and a workshop was a no-brainer," says Mark Chalfant, artistic and executive director at WIT.

With improvisational theater, most or all of what is performed is created on the spot, in the moment it is performed. The dialogue, the action, the story and the characters are created

collaboratively by the players as the improvisation unfolds.

"People like improv because it's so exciting and spontaneous. The performers are making everything up on the spot, so each show will only be seen once. That creates a special bond between the performers and the audience," adds Chalfant.

This performance is part of the We are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission.

### Documentary about Communist lawyer has present day parallels

Her Red Father

Thursday, Oct. 9

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

In partnership with Docs in Progress, the City of Takoma Park will screen *Her Red Father*, a new documentary by filmmaker Tov Beck-Friedman, about Bernard Ades, a Communist lawyer whose legal efforts in the 1930s resulted in African Americans earning the right to serve on juries in the state of Maryland.

Ades gained notoriety defending



*Her Red Father*

African Americans in capital cases. He faced disbarment for his methods promoting the interests of the Communist party. Aiding his defense was Thurgood Marshall, a noteworthy factor of historical importance not just because Marshall went on to become a Supreme Court justice, but because he was the first black lawyer to defend a Caucasian.

Beck-Friedman says Ades' story is particularly "relevant because it ties in with the current NSA surveillance discussion. Bernard Ades was constantly followed by the FBI even though he didn't commit an unlawful act."

A discussion with filmmaker Tova Beck-Friedman will follow the screening.

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orders, birth defects, learning disabilities, neurological disease and cancer. They collected signatures from more than 200 residents who support a pesticide ban, and described experiences involving children whose asthma has been triggered by lawn chemicals, and dogs that have been poisoned.

The ordinance prompted a proposal that the decision to restrict pesticides be put in the hands of residents, through referendum in the November City elections. City Council eventually voted not to pursue that option.

City staff estimate that Safe Grow will cost \$15,000 during the first year of implementation, as educational materials are developed, and \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year after that for enforcement. Funding will help to pay a part-time consultant assigned to educating residents about safe pesticide and herbicide use.

Enforcement of the ordinance, originally slated for January, was delayed to provide time for residents to learn about its specifics. It goes into effect in March 2014. In the mean time, the City will develop a list of banned pesticides and work to inform all residents of its restrictions (see box for informational meeting time).

If residents violate the ordinance, they will be cited for a Class D offense for the first citation (\$200), Class B offense for a second (\$400) and second offense Class B for a third or subsequent offense (\$800).

Once enacted, Safe Grow will make Takoma Park the second city in the U.S. to restrict the use of pesticides on private land, according to Cummings. The first is Washington, D.C. Other government entities – among them, Greenbelt, Md. – have restricted their own use of pesticides. Though pesticide restrictions are preempted by state law in most states, Maryland is among the nine states (and D.C.) that allow such local restrictions.

### Fall Lawn Renovations, Naturally: Everything You Need to Know for a Safe, Organic Landscape with Paul Tukey

Presented by the Safe Grow Zone Education Campaign

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. – noon

Department of Public Works

31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring

Paul Tukey is a journalist, author, filmmaker, TV host, consultant and motivational public speaker who is internationally recognized for his expertise in environmental issues related to landscape management and water quality. Tukey is lauded for his ability to turn a mundane subject — lawn care — into a rousing public discourse. Currently, Tukey is Chief Sustainability Officer for Glenstone, a museum in Potomac, Md., where he will help create a living classroom about organic landscaping.



### Are you interested in the Old Takoma area?

Join the City's Façade Advisory Board, a Council appointed advisory panel that focuses on maintaining the quality and character of the historic commercial areas of Old Town and Takoma Junction. The Board, composed of architects, designers and local business owners, reviews projects for exterior façade work such as signs, renovations, awnings, etc. Get a sneak preview of changes and updates in Old Takoma!

**For more information about the Façade Advisory Board, contact Roz Grigsby at 301-891-7205 or RosalindG@TakomaParkMD.gov. To apply, send a completed application to the City Clerk's office. Application can be downloaded at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc).**

## ART

**MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations***Ages 8 – 10*

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. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Thursdays, Oct. 31 - Dec. 12, 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$150

Non-residents: \$170

## TRIPS

**Fun Day Program: Port Discovery***Ages 5 – 12*

Participants will explore Port Discovery in Baltimore, Md., where they'll see munchkin houses and meet Dorothy's friends the scarecrow, the cowardly lion and the tin man; play at the kaleidoscope and prism stations; and climb the mountain to the wicked witch's castle to capture her broom from winged monkeys. Spaces are limited – don't wait! Paperwork must be submitted prior to leaving on the trip.

Meet at the TP Community Center Azalea Room

Friday, Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$35

Non-residents: \$45

**Fun Day Program: Trolley Museum***Ages 5 – 12*

All aboard to the Trolley Museum! The guided tour includes exhibits, a ride on the vintage street car, a look at the street car collection and a visit to the model of a Connecticut Avenue street railway in the 1930s, with a silent movie featuring street cars. Spaces are limited – don't wait! Paperwork must be submitted prior to leaving on the trip.

Meet at the TP Community Center Azalea Room

Friday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$35

Non-residents: \$45

## TEENS

**Fall Harvest Festival**

Celebrate the new season with a Fall Harvest Festival at the Teen Lounge. There will be games, crafts and fun activities. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Friday, Oct. 18, 4 - 8 p.m.

Free

## RECREATION



## MONSTER BASH 2013

**Saturday, Oct. 26 • Open to all ages**

~Rain or Shine~

**Annual Costume Contest**

5 p.m. in the public parking lot beside the TPSS Co-op

Get all decked out and strut your stuff

Categories include most original, funniest and scariest

Categories: ages 2 and under; 3 - 4; 5 - 7; 8 - 10; 11 - 12; Teen and Adult; and Overall Group. Join in the Fun! Limited Parking due to street closures.

**Costume Parade**

Approximately 6:15 p.m., immediately following the costume contest

All are welcome to participate in this walking parade. Follow the Takoma Park

Fire Department Fire Truck as it escorts you down the parade route. This year a new route leaves the parking lot beside the TPSS Co-op and goes down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park

**Costume Award Ceremony and Celebration**

Join us for refreshments, sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club, following the parade. A musical performance sponsored by the Recreation Department is suitable for all ages.

Approximately 7 p.m., immediately following the parade

Old Town Takoma Park (Carroll and Laurel avenues)

**Teen Fall Classes Have Begun – Spaces Still Available**

Are you interested in learning a few skills or participating in activities you've never tried before? Stop in at the Recreation Department to ask about our fall classes, including SAT preparation, photography, Mac software, dance, charm school, job training, resume writing, fitness and more. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

## ADULT

## ART

**Ceramics (Mondays)***Ages 16 and older*

Learn to sculpt and cast heads and figures. Learn techniques for larger sculpture. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People

TP Community Center Art Studio

Mondays, Sept. 30 – Nov. 25, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$80

Non-residents: \$100

**Ceramics (Wednesdays)***Ages 16 and older*

Instruction on using the potter's 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, Oct. 2 - Nov. 20, 6 - 8 p.m.

TP residents: \$80

Non-residents: \$100

**Ceramics (Fridays)***Ages 16 and older*

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

Fridays, Oct. 4 – Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$80

Non-residents: \$100

**Collage***Ages 16 and older*

An introduction to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and exploration of creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction includes surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available. A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Tuesdays, Oct. 29 - Dec. 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TP residents: \$210

Non-residents: \$240

**Make Your Own Masks***Ages 16 and older*

Masks have been used in ceremony since time began. It is said that when we put on a mask, we take on the qualities of that person or thing. Just in time for the upcoming holiday, or any occasion, we will make masks out of plaster using our own faces as the mold and create and decorate them using recycled materials, paint, feathers and other treasures. Bring a towel and bandana to hold hair back. No artistic experience necessary! Supplies are included.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. - noon

TP residents: \$45

Non-residents: \$55

## EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

**GRE Crash Course***Ages 18 and older*

Dreaming of graduate school but dreading the GRE? Unsure of how to get started? The GRE Crash Course is designed for students who need a jump start on studying, guidance on how to get started, or a math refresher. Course book: GRE Math Simplified with Video Solutions. Book fee of \$25 due to instructor on the first day of class.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TP residents: \$50

Non-residents: \$60

## 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: \$35

Non-residents: \$45

**Free Fried Fish Friday**

Free Fried Fish Friday is back at the Takoma Park Community Center. Come out on Friday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. to the basketball court at 7500 Maple Ave. Bring your friends, bring your family and bring your appetite! For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

*Co-sponsored by the Rec Department and Project MOVE*

RECREATION

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Fall Soil Prep for a Bountiful Spring Harvest

Ages 16 and older

In the past, back breaking labor was a requirement for fertile garden soil...but not anymore. Sheet mulching is the process of building up and preparing the soil in the fall and letting nature do the rest, without all the digging. Instructor: Hillary Banachowski

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 - 11 a.m.

TP resident: \$35

Non-resident: \$45

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Aerobics: Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength

Ages 16 and older

Heart pumping and easy to follow, Hi-Low Aerobics flows to the beat of a great sound system. with high-energy moves interspersed with moments that really make you sweat! Following the beat liberates the body and mind to move in the moment. Muscle-building strength work with resistance tools follows, and then a well-earned stretch.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Mondays, Oct. 21 - Dec. 2, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m.

TP residents: \$60

Non-residents: \$70

Drop-in: \$15

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/eight-week pass

\$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or eight-week pass

\$15 drop-in

Ladies’ Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$85/eight weeks

Pilates I

Ages 16 and older

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body’s “core” – abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline and realign their body.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Wednesdays, Oct. 30 - Dec. 4, 6 - 7 p.m.

\$60/six weeks

Pilates II

Ages 16 and older

Strengthen your abdominals as well as your glutes, back and shoulders. We build long, lean muscles using a variety of tools and approaches. A challenging workout that is surprisingly

enjoyable. Gain a stronger, more flexible core and better posture that will benefit you 24 hours a day. Participants are required to bring a mat and their own three-pound weights.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Tuesdays, Oct. 29 - Dec. 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$60/six weeks

Yoga Nidra: Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older

Feeling stressed, fatigued, or just need to relax? This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Practitioners report decreased insomnia, anxiety and chronic pain. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable position. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets, and a pillow. Instructor: Carol Mermey.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Mondays, Nov. 4 – Dec. 9, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

TP residents: \$60

Non-residents: \$70

Drop-in \$15

TELEVISION/VIDEO

City TV Academy: Documentary

Ages 12 - 17

Learn Electronic News Gathering (ENG) production, videography and editing in this seven-week course.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab

Saturdays, Oct. 26 - Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - noon

TP residents: \$50

Non-residents: \$60

City TV Academy: PSA Production

Ages 12 - 18

Learn to script and produce public service announcements. Must have already completed City TV Academy: Documentary course.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab

Saturdays, Oct. 26 - Dec. 21, 1 - 3 p.m.

TP residents: \$50

Non-residents: \$60

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 - Oct. 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

TP residents: \$85

Non-residents: \$95

WORKSHOPS

Linda Nunez-Schrag Special Presentation

Open to adults 18 and older

Linda Nunes-Schrag will share her reflections on her journey to rural Wintertveldt (north of Johannesburg and Pretoria), South Africa. Located in a semi-desert area with few natural resources, it was part of a region set aside in the 1960s for black South Africans. Hear the story (through slides) of seven women from a shelter for abused women, who rise to the challenges of making their lives meaningful through managing the Othandweni “Place of Love” Day Care, after school program and small guest house.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Monday, Oct. 21, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free. Drop-in.

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

ART

Watercolors and Silk Paintings for Beginners

Ages 55 and older

A special class in creating works of art with watercolors on synthetic, smooth Yupo paper. Magically the watercolor painting extends in a gentle transition from Yupo paper to silk. Both media provide a healing experience, calming the body and mind as the spirit expresses personal creativity. Two sessions are assigned to watercolor painting, followed by two sessions for silk painting. Limit 12 students. In-person registration required. For more information, call 301-891-7290.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Wednesdays, Oct. 9 - 30, noon - 2 p.m.

The class is free, however a \$5 materials fee, payable directly to the instructor, is due first day of class.

HEALTH/FITNESS

Tai Chi Shibashi

Ages 55 plus

The 18 Healing Movements of Shibashi, a soft form of Tai-Chi, use a gentle approach, one movement blending into the next; they help 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

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

Free

TRIPS

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Gaithersburg, Md.

Ages 55 and older

Lovers of fine crafts and art will find more than 250 top artisans displaying and selling their unique creations in pottery, glass, jewelry, fashion and home décor. Bring your lunch or spending money for lunch. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person registration is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290. Friday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\$5.50 per person admission, non-refundable, due at time of registration. No cost for transportation.

Carroll Community College Art Galleries, Westminster, Md.

Ages 55 and older

Tour the Scott Center (Artist: Joseph Paul Cassar) and the Babylon Great Hall (Maryland’s Photographer of the Year: Tammy Thompson). Afterwards, we’ll have lunch at the popular Baugher’s Restaurant and Farmer’s Market. Bring your lunch or spending money for lunch. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person registration is required. For more information, call

301-891-7290.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free admission. No cost for transportation.

WORKSHOPS

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Ages 55 plus

The AARP Driver Safety Program, the nation’s largest classroom refresher course for drivers 50 plus, is designed to help tune up driving skills, explain safe driving strategies, and covers the latest State of Maryland rules of the road. Some Maryland insurance companies may offer auto premium discounts to drivers who take this course. Check with your agency. In-person registration is required. Payment will be collected by the AARP instructor on the day of class.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

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

AARP members: \$12

Non-members: \$14

Bring checks only (payable to AARP), AARP card and driver’s license to class

Got Clutter? 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

PETS

Doggie Tricks and Games

Dogs of any age

Are you looking for more fun things to do with your dog? This series of one-day sessions includes a variety of new activities your family can enjoy with your dog, including hide and seek, tricks, put the toy away, pick the toy, fetch, Frisbee, agility ground work and maybe even bowling and basketball. Instructor: Francine Holland

Heffner Park Community Center

Saturday, Nov. 16, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TP resident: \$20

Non-resident: \$30

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



WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2014

K - eighth grade

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball. Volunteer coaches are always needed, training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested at 301-891-7282. Special requests for particular players must be submitted once you register.

Takoma Park Recreation Department

Saturdays, Jan. 18 – March 15

TP residents: \$60

Non-residents: \$70

# CALENDAR

## Circle Time

Every Tuesday

Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

## Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

## Ideas of the 20th Century

Sundays through Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m.

Discussion for those taking the free online class offered by edX. Call the library if you have questions. Registration encouraged

## Library Online Tools: History Resources

Sunday, Oct. 6, 4 p.m. Computer Center

## College Bound: College Financing

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

National expert Dr. Herm Davis talks about paying for college. Please register

## Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Singing and rhyming in French with Madame Marie. Registration highly encouraged so participants can be updated with upcoming program dates

## Bedtime Stories

Monday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

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

## Comics Jam

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m.

Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club. No registration required

## College Bound: Choosing a College

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

Dr. Lori Potts-Dupree gives tips on college selection. Please register

## Comics Author/Illustrator Paul Pope

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

A look at Pope's new graphic novel, "Battling Boy." Registration encouraged

## Fantasy and Science Fiction: "The Human Mind, Our Modern World"

Sundays, Oct. 13 through December, 2 p.m. Discussion group for those taking the free online course offered by Coursera. Contact the library if you have questions

## Yoga Storytime

Sunday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m.

Ages 3-5 and their grown-ups. Spaces limited; registration required.

## Library Online Tools: Language Resources

Sunday, Oct. 13, 4 p.m. Computer Center

## Newbery Medalist Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Community Center Auditorium. Registration encouraged.

## Proust Discussion Kick-Off

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Community Center Azalea Room

Professor Elena Lozinsky launches the Friends' Big Book discussion of Marcel Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past." All welcome

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10-3

Library Lawn (inclement weather, Community Center Azalea Room)

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# LIBRARY



Paul Pope



Phyllis Reynolds Naylor



Peter Lerangis

## Trio of authors part of Politics and Prose series

by Karen MacPherson

In October, the Library will host three nationally-known authors for children and teens — a Newbery Medalist, a best-selling series writer, and a graphic novelist — courtesy of its partnership with Politics and Prose Bookstore. All of the events are free and open to the public; those who wish to do so will have the opportunity to purchase books for sale from Politics and Prose representatives. Authors will be available to sign books after each event.

First up is award-winning graphic novelist Paul Pope, who will speak on Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. about "Battling Boy," his first graphic novel for young readers. In this book for kids ages 10 and up, Pope tells the story of a spoiled 13-year-old warrior god named Battling Boy, who is the only hope to save the city of Acropolis from the demons and monsters who threaten its inhabitants.

Pope has won three Eisner Awards, the top award in the graphic novel world, for his adult work, and "Battling Boy" already has won kudos from reviewers. In its re-

view, Publishers Weekly noted: "... Pope, in his first work for young readers, trades his signature dark and heady aesthetic for a pulpy Technicolor fantasy with a flair that is expected of one of the industry's most acclaimed creators. But the book is more than just eye candy, matching its style with substance and tackling all-too-human problems (despite a cast of mostly otherworldly characters) like the fear of failure and the pressures of legacy. It's another notch in Pope's belt, and a worthy addition to any comics fan's library."

On Oct. 15, Newbery Medalist Phyllis Reynolds Naylor will launch a nationwide tour beginning with a 7:30 p.m. discussion of "Now I'll Tell You Everything," the final book in her acclaimed "Alice" series. This event, which is aimed at teens and adults, will take place in the Community Center Auditorium. If you've ever been an "Alice" fan, this event is a must!

In "Now I'll Tell You Everything," Naylor takes Alice from college through age 60, answering the many questions fans have had over the years since she published the first book, "The Agony of Alice,"

in 1985. The books have a special resonance for Takoma Park residents, as Alice first lives in Takoma Park before moving to Silver Spring with her teenaged brother and widowed father, who works at a music store modeled on Dale Music on George Avenue in Silver Spring.

The "Alice" books are perennially popular among young readers, for whom Alice's joys and challenges with friends, boys and family readily resonate. The "Alice" series has 2.5 million copies in print; our library has all of them.

But the "Alice" books also have been the subject of controversy. Like author Judy Blume in her novels, Naylor writes frankly about Alice's growing sexuality. While young readers find comfort and companionship in the books, the series has been the focus of a number of challenges by adults — not at our library — who believe it shouldn't be on library shelves. As a result, the "Alice" books have frequently made the top 10 "banned" books list issued annually by the American Library

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### Family books

Our Caldecott Club — a family book club — is back! We'll meet once each month, October through February, at 7 p.m.; our first meeting is Oct. 21. Our goal is to read some of the best picture books published this year, with an eye towards choosing which one we think might capture the 2014 Caldecott Medal, which is given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for children ages birth through age 14. We'll make our final Caldecott choices in January, just before the actual winner is announced at the ALA's mid-winter meeting in Philadelphia. Then, in February, we'll read and

discuss the actual 2014 Caldecott Medal-winning book, and any 2014 Caldecott Honor books. Come for all or some of our Caldecott Club meetings; no registration is required for these programs, which are great for all ages. Cookies and lemonade are served at each meeting.

### Yoga stories

Preschoolers ages 3-5 and their grown-ups are invited to join our new librarian, Ms. Kati, in a "Yoga Storytime," on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. Ms. Kati will share some stories and teach some gentle yoga postures to all participants. We'll supply the yoga mats, just bring your willingness to share some special relaxation time with your little one. Spaces are limited, so registration is required. In addition, we will require

adults to sign a safety waiver for the program.

### Library Book Sale Returns

The Friends of the Library will hold its semi-annual book sale on Saturday, Oct. 19 on the library grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In case of rain it will be held in the Community Center Azalea Room.

The Friends book sales provide a rare opportunity to find terrific bargains to give as gifts or to add to your own library. The library will have fiction and non-fiction for all ages in superb condition at low prices.

The Friends book sales are one of the most important sources of revenue for the Friends, and all proceeds go to the

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Association.

Interestingly, Naylor's most prestigious award, the 1992 Newbery Medal, was for "Shiloh," a non-Alice book. "Shiloh," which was followed by two sequels, tells the story of an abused beagle who is befriended by a young boy.

Our final Politics and Prose event in October will feature Peter Lerangis, who is one of the authors of the best-selling "39 Clues" series. But Lerangis will speak on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. about his newest books, the "Seven Wonders" series; the second book in the series, "Lost in Babylon," will be released for publication that same day.

Best-selling author Rick Riordan is a fan

of the "Seven Wonders" series, calling the first book, "The Colossus Rises," "a high-octane mix of modern adventure and ancient secrets." The series revolves around 12-year-old Jack McKinley who discovers that he is descended from the lost civilization of Atlantis and has fantastical powers.

But those powers will destroy Jack and his friends (fellow Atlanteans) and even Earth itself unless Jack and friends can find seven magical orbs from the lost civilizations in time to stop the destruction.

The first book in the series, "The Colossus Rises," was published earlier this year and was immediately popular with young fans. On Oct. 29, Lerangis will talk about both of those books, and might even discuss future volumes in the series. Registration encouraged.

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library in the form of gifts. The Friends have funded a variety of public programs, including Spanish and French Circle Time, a unique summer reading program for children, lanyards for kids' library cards, new e-resources for adults and children, and many research tools, now available on-line.

The library always needs volunteers to help out at the sale, in two-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Service learning hours are available for high school students, and adult volunteers have an opportunity to spend a pleasant afternoon meeting their neighbors, as well as helping their community library. For information on volunteering at the book sale, contact Ellen Robbins at [ellen@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ellen@takomaparkmd.gov).

Book donations will be accepted through Oct. 16. Donated books must be of general interest, in good condition and must be brought by appointment if there are more than three boxes. Donated books cannot be accepted at the sale.

### Plan for the Library's Future

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is the only municipal community public library in Maryland. Throughout its nearly 80-year history, it has surmounted many challenges. It has evolved from a neighborhood library sustained through donations and staffed by volunteers to one that embraces emerging technology and educates a diverse community through an abundance of programs, with experienced and professional staff. It strains against the confines of a small and aging

building – but has developed and managed a computer center, organized public discussions around open online university courses and engaged the community with book discussions, resume building workshops and other public programs in the adjacent Community Center.

Nonetheless it remains an anomaly – a small independent library in an urban setting surrounded by large county systems – and supported mainly by city taxes. It maintains close ties with neighborhood families and students of the five schools that are within walking distance. Because it has continuously evolved and used its flexibility to adapt and to identify and respond quickly to community needs, it has retained a supportive constituency.

What then is the next step?

If you are interested in the Takoma Park Library and would like to help in planning its future, you are invited to participate in one of a series of focused community conversations this fall. The time commitment is minimal – but your participation is potentially of great value to the library. With the guidance of a trained facilitator, library staff will be seeking answers to these questions:

What role does the Takoma Park Library play in the lives of its residents?

What does the community see as the strengths of the Library today?

What is the Takoma Park community's vision for library service, and what changes are needed to insure that the Library continues to support that vision in the future?

For further information, please contact Library Director Ellen Robbins at [ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov).

Community Center Hydrangea Room  
"Canada" by Richard Ford. All welcome

### Scary Stories

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween early with master storyteller Candace Wolf. Best for ages 5 up.

### Fashion Design Workshop: Halloween Edition

Sunday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m.  
Fashion crafts from paper and duct tape. Make a costume accessory. Ages 8 up.

### "39 Clues" Author Peter Lerangis

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Lerangis will introduce the second book in his "Seven Wonders" series. Registration encouraged



# AT YOUR SERVICE

## Service day includes drug take-back, property I.D. and more

Takoma Park Police are offering several services to residents at an event Oct. 26: prescription drug collection, two types of property protection, voter registration and emergency preparedness information.

The day coincides with the Drug Enforcement Administration's Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Police will be accepting prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Ave. Collection boxes will be set up in the first floor police lobby. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications will be accepted.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the

U.S. are alarmingly high – more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than use cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

The overwhelming public response to nationwide Take-Back events not only rids homes of potentially harmful prescription drugs, but is an unprecedented opportunity to educate everyone about the growing prescription drug abuse problem. "Studies have shown that, for many, prescription drugs are the very first drugs they abuse – and all too often they aren't the last. That is why we are committed to helping Americans keep their homes safe by ridding their medicine cabinets of expired, unused and unwanted drugs," says DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart.

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## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Aug. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 414 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 1,882 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,296. Totals for 2012 were 418 and 2,063, representing a decrease of 185 incidents.

During the month of August 2013, the Takoma Park Volunteers put in a total of 1,340.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,868 in August 2012. Grand totals as of August 2013 is 9,550 hours, compared to 9,779 hours in 2012, an increase of 229 hours.

### Maryland Fire Deaths Update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as Sept. 23, 2013, 45 people have died in fires, as compared to 33 in 2012.

### Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, an annual event that not only helps save lives, but also commemorates one of America's most devastating fires.

**The Great Chicago Fire** At about 9 p.m. on Oct. 8, 1871, one of America's most deadly fires began, the Great Chicago Fire. Two hundred fifty people died and 100,000 people were left homeless due to the enormous blaze that burned 2,000 acres.

Legend has it that the two-day fire actually started after a cow kicked over a lantern, setting a barn and the entire city on fire. On the very same day, Oct. 8, 1871, America's biggest fire and the worst recorded forest fire in North American history killed between 1,200 and 2,400 people. The Great Peshtigo Fire ravaged upper Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin and covered about 2,400 square miles. While the fire covered a large area, nearly half of the deaths occurred in the village of Peshtigo.

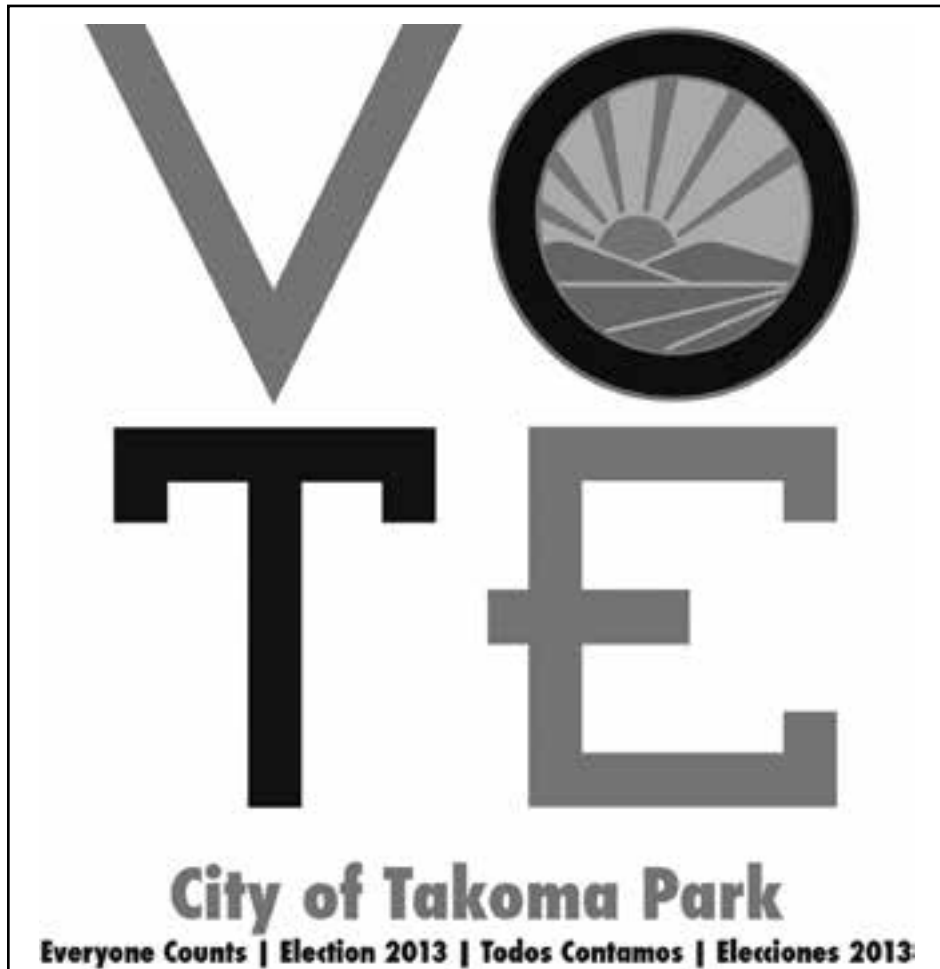
United States President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Day in 1920. Fire Prevention Week, which began in 1922, takes place each year on the Sunday through Saturday when Oct. 9 falls. The 2013 Fire Prevention Week takes place from Oct. 6 through Oct. 12. The 2013 theme is "Preventing Kitchen Fires." Your best defense when cooking – NEVER leave cooking unattended.

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, to accept nominations of candidates for mayor and city council for the Nov. 5, 2013 City of Takoma Park election. The meeting will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. While open to the public, only registered voters of the city may participate in the meeting. Residents may register before the start of the meeting.

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 his/her 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 city office. The name of each eligible person nominated for the office of mayor and councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she shall file a declination with the city clerk within three days after his/her nomination. Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which she/he is nominated.

La Junta de Nominación de Candidatos (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 para las elecciones de la Ciudad de Takoma Park el 5 de Noviembre. La Reunión Electoral se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. La reunión está abierta al público pero solamente residentes de Takoma Park que están registrados para votar podrán par-



The Takoma Voice and Takoma Park Board of Elections will sponsor a candidates' forum on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave. The forum will be cablecast and streamed live, and then saved as an archive on the City's website.

El foro de candidatos será patrocinado por Takoma Voice y la Junta Electoral de Takoma Park. El Foro se llevará a cabo el Miercoles, 23 de Octubre, 7 pm en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario, 7500 Maple Avenue. El foro sera televisada por cable y transmitido en vivo por internet donde el video será archivado en la página web de Takoma Park.

participar en la reunión.

Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecho por cualquier votante calificado en la Ciudadad de Takoma Park, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante en la Ciudad de Takoma Park, la

persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Nominaciones de cada candidato para Miembro del Consejo se hará con una moción por cualquier votante de Takoma Park en el distrito de tal candidato. Cualquier candidato nominado podrá rechazar una nominación durante la

reunión. Una persona podrá aceptar solamente una nominación de un sólo puesto. El nombre de cada persona que satisface los requisitos y que sea nominado por el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro de Consejo será nombrado 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 nominado como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.

All residents of Takoma Park who are at least 16 years old and who do not claim the right to vote elsewhere may vote in this November's election. 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.

Generally, you can register using the State of Maryland form as long as you meet all of these conditions: you are a U.S. citizen, you are at least age 16, 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.

Complete information and voter registration applications are available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov).

Todos los residentes de Takoma Park que tienen por lo menos 16 años de edad y que no están registrados 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 re-

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**TUESDAY, OCT. 1, 7:30 p.m. - Nominating  
Caucus, Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 THROUGH ELECTION DAY** – In person voter registration at the City Clerk's Office, Third Floor, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 29, 4 P.M.** - Last day to apply to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot by mail.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 – SUNDAY, NOV. 3 –**  
Early Voting at the Takoma Park Community  
Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 5 – ELECTION DAY,** Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls.

Early voting will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1, 2 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

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

**INICIO EL MIÉRCOLES 16 DE OCTUBRE** hasta el día de las Elecciones – Presentarse en persona para registrarse para votar en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3r piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 7500 Maple Avenue.

**MARTES 29 DE OCTUBRE, 4 P.M.** — Es la fecha limite para solicitar por correo una boleta electoral de voto en ausencia. Puede solicitar solicite en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, 3r piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 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 votos en ausencia hasta las 8 p.m.

Vote temprano en el Centro Comunitario de  
Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue:

Miercoles, 30 de Octubre, 2 pm – 8pm

Jueves, 31 de Octubre, 2 pm – 8pm

Viernes, 1 de Noviembre, 2 pm – 8 pm

Sabado, 2 de Noviembre, 10 am – 4 pm

Domingo, 2 de Noviembre, 12 pm – 4 pm

## TAX DUPLICATION

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vide a full rebate — it hasn't since 2009 — the city would have received \$4.4 million last year. Instead, the city received \$3.5 million in FY 2013. If the recommendations of the OLO report had been in effect then, that number would have gone down to \$1.7 million.

### Proposing change

The primary recommendation of the report is that county law should change so that the county will be required to pay just 40 percent of the formula amounts to municipalities — that 40 percent would correspond with the portion of overall county tax revenue that is property tax, effectively eliminating any other tax as a source of revenue for duplicated services. The OLO argues that state law only requires certain counties to pay back the duplicated property tax portion of county revenue slated for services that municipal residents do not receive from the county — not revenue from income tax or other taxes.

Since Montgomery County currently receives about 40 percent of its general fund revenue from property taxes, 40 percent from income taxes and 20 percent from a mix of other taxes, the proposal would allow the county to legally keep all duplicated non-property tax revenue, including income tax, from Takoma Park. These funds — paid by Takoma Park residents — would then remain in the general county coffers to pay for services provided to all county residents, including those who do not reside in Takoma Park.

### County, city and state

Montgomery County property owners

and residents pay a combination of the following local taxes:

- Property tax to the county for services it provides and, if the property is within a municipality, property tax to the municipality for services it provides.
- Income tax to the county for services it provides. If the income tax filer lives within a municipality, 17 percent of that income tax goes to the municipality for services it provides. In some of the smaller Montgomery County municipalities, where income is generally higher and the number of municipal services comparatively low, the 17 percent is sometimes more than is needed to cover costs. In Takoma Park, where income is generally lower and municipal expenses are higher, the 17 percent falls short of actual costs.
- Energy, telephone and other miscellaneous taxes to the county for services it provides; municipalities receive none of this revenue.

How does Montgomery County spend this money?

- 75 percent of the combined tax revenue goes to schools, social services, corrections and other similar services.
- 16.5 percent of the combined tax revenue goes to services that municipalities cannot provide, such as county administration.
- 8.5 percent of the combined tax revenue pays for services provided by municipalities either exclusively (such as police service in Takoma Park) or jointly (such as recreation). If the county does not provide a particular service, it still collects the money of municipal taxpayers. Under county law, the county rebates the total of such funds to the

municipality, though it has not done so in recent years. When that money is returned to the municipality, and if the amount covers the expense of services, the municipality is then able to lower its property tax rate or provide additional services, as decided by the municipality.

Montgomery County municipalities are coordinating their response to the OLO proposal. They want Montgomery County to continue to compute rebates at the full county cost basis — the amount the county would have spent on a service if the county had to provide it.

Takoma Park is working particularly hard on this issue as it has the most to lose of any Montgomery County municipality. Takoma Park provides many services, including full police service, and also has relatively fewer wealthy residents so that income tax revenue is low on a per capita basis.

The Takoma Park City Council has discussed this issue at length and opposes the proposal. Members have asked residents who agree with them to contact the Montgomery County Council and ask it to reject the proposal. They say the full county cost basis of the current municipal tax duplication law is fair to municipal and non-municipal residents alike and should be maintained.

To read the OLO Report, go to <http://bit.ly/15mouZW>. To contact the Montgomery County Council, email [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov). Council President Nancy Navarro is chair of the Government Operations Committee. Councilmembers Valerie Ervin and Hans Riemer are the other members of the committee.

*For more information, please contact Suzanne Ludlow, deputy city manager, at [suzanne.ludlow@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:suzanne.ludlow@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7229.*

## Fall leaf collection program

Loose leaf collection will be provided by the City from Nov. 18 through Dec. 20. Residents can rake leaves to the curb at their convenience during the five-week period. Most streets do not have an assigned collection day. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather and rain or freezing conditions can slow collection.

There are five streets that receive collection days on scheduled days. These streets are State Highway routes and have a heavy volume of traffic.

Carroll Avenue, (7000 to 7800 block), Ethan Allen Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue, from the 7900 to 8600 block, will have collection on Saturday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Piney Branch Road and Flower Avenue (7900 to 8600 block) will have collection on Monday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Dec. 13.

There will be no collection on the Thanksgiving holiday which is observed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29. Also no other streets will receive collection on the dates when the posted streets are collected (Nov. 23 and 25 and Dec. 13 and 14).

During the collection in November, the crews will concentrate on picking up large piles of leaves. In December, when the crews are making the last collection on each street, they will thoroughly collect all remaining loose leaves from the gutter and grassy strip along the curb.

The Public Works Department welcomes your comments and suggestions about the service we are providing. Please contact Public Works by phone: 301-891-7633. You can also call the leaf collection hotline at 301-891-7626 to notify us when your leaves have been raked out. Our goal is to collect leaf piles reported on the hotline within 10 days of the call.

### Please follow these guidelines:

1. Rake leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. Leaf piles can create traffic hazards.
2. Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile and when raking please try to avoid piling leaves where cars are likely to be parked.
3. The vacuum leaf collection is for leaves only. Do not include branches, brush, vines, rocks or debris. These items can seriously damage equipment and delay collection.
4. Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

The City also provides weekly Monday collection for bagged grass, leaves, branches and brush all year long. The Monday collection requires leaves and loose yard materials to be in paper bags, trash cans or stiff-sided containers. Plastic bags cannot be used for yard material because these items are composted and the plastic interferes with the composting process. Branches must be less than 4 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter and tied into small bundles or stacked in a trash can.

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comienda registrarse antes del día de las elecciones. No tiene que hacer nada más si ya está registrado para votar.

Generalmente, si satisface los requisitos, se puede registrar usando la aplicación del Estado de Maryland, sí: 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 las 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 los residentes de Takoma Park que no son ciudadanos Americanos o residentes que están bajo

libertad condicional por ser condenado de un delito. Residentes que tienen por lo menos 14 años de edad pueden registrarse para votar para prepararse para votar cuando cumplen los 16 años de edad.

### Voting

Takoma Park encourages all residents to vote and provides several options:

- Election day voting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center;
- Early voting on the Wednesday through Sunday before election day;
- 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](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 301-891-7267.

### Vote

La Ciudad de Takoma Park quiere animar a sus residentes que voten en las elecciones municipales y proporciona varias oportunidades para votar:

- Vote el día de las elecciones el 5 de Noviembre de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park;
- Vote temprano —de Miércoles a Domingo antes de las elecciones ;
- Vote por correo (o vote con una boleta para votantes ausentes).

Información adicional sobre el puesto de Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo, la Junta de Nominación de Candidatos (Reunión Electoral) o cualquier otra información sobre las elecciones de Takoma Park se puede encontrar en la página web [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) o puede ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal al 301-891-7214



**Wonder what ward you're in since redistricting in the city?**

**Check the map and street directory**

**¿Quiere confirmar en qual distrito de Takoma Park usted reside?**

**Vea el mapa y directorio de calles en la página web:**

**[www.takomaparkmd.gov/ward-map-and-street-directory](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/ward-map-and-street-directory)**



# OCTOBER '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'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the November issue is Oct. 14, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Oct. 25.

To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov).

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park.

All addresses are in Takoma Park unless otherwise noted.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

#### City Council

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

For agendas, see [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov)

#### 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](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)

[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://www.educaresupportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. through Nov. 20

7676 New Hampshire Ave.

New lunchtime hours, new vendors

Produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods

#### Takoma Park Farmers Market

Every Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. year round

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. through Nov. 23

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.

Trohv, 232 Carroll Street, NW

Various food vendors

#### Fried Fish Friday

Oct. 11, 6 p.m.

7500 Maple Ave.

Food and fellowship with the Recreation Department and Project MOVE

Free

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### Jazz Jam

Open mic for jazz musicians

## Thirty-Second Annual Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Old Takoma

Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Md. to Carroll Street, NW in Takoma, D.C.

Three stages, 18 local bands

Indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae and everything in between

More than 150 artisans



Paintings, photographs, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, wood-working, textiles, ceramics, kids' items and much, much more

Community groups, children's activities, inflatables, food vendors and green companies

Admission is Free

[www.takomafestival.com](http://www.takomafestival.com)

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 4th 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

#### Coral Cantigas

Choral music from Latin America – kid friendly!

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

[www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts](http://www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts)

#### Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 – 5 p.m.

18 bands on three stages, arts and tasty eats

Free

[www.takomafestival.com](http://www.takomafestival.com)

#### Her Red Father Film

Screened in partnership with Docs in Progress, discussion to follow

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

[www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts](http://www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts)

#### Acoustic Blues

Phil Wiggins, Rick Franklin and Eleanor Ellis

Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Café, Seekers Church

276 Carroll Street NW

\$16 in advance, \$20 at door

[www.carrollcafe.org](http://www.carrollcafe.org).

#### Celtic Voices

Lisa Moscatiello, Barbara Tresidder Ryan and Loralyn Coles

Benefit for the American Parkinson's Disease Association

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

\$20/ \$24 door; students \$16/\$20 door

[lmtfolk.org](http://lmtfolk.org)

#### 3rd Thursday Poetry

Featuring Dan Gutstein, Mary Beth Hatem, Judith McCombs, Rosanne Singer

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

[www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts](http://www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts)

#### Takoma Ensemble

Debut performance of professional ensemble, led by Victoria Gau

Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Suggested donation, \$20

[www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts](http://www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts)

#### Made in Takoma Park

Featuring Karen Abromaitis, Lindsay Abromaitis-Smith, Sheila Blake, John Guernsey

Exhibit runs through Nov. 3

Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

Free

[www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts](http://www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts)

### FOREVER YOUNG

Ages 55 and older

#### Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Gaithersburg, Md.

Friday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Includes transportation

See page 7 for more more info

#### Carroll Community College Art Galleries, Westminster, Md.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Galleries plus lunch and Farmer's Market

Includes transportation

See page 7 for more info

### SERVICE DAY

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#### I.D. etchings can prevent theft

Police will simultaneously host a V.I.N. etching event, in partnership with the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (MAIF). The V.I.N. (Vehicle Identification Number) can be permanently etched into all the glass panes of a vehicle as a proven vehicle-theft deterrent. Criminals tend to avoid vehicles that have been etched, as the numbers make it harder for "chop shops" to make a profit. For more on V.I.N., see [www.maif.net](http://www.maif.net). Residents attending the event can also enroll in the "Watch Your Car" program and immediately receive program decals for their vehicles. The decals identify vehicles by driver, so if officers see a vehicle being driven by an unauthorized driver they can investigate. Decals also serve as crime deterrents. Both V.I.N. and Watch Your Car services are free.

#### Voter registration and emergency prep

City staff will partner with police during the same event to provide voter registration and information for the upcoming city elections on Nov. 5. Election volunteers will be on hand to register voters and answer questions. Information will be available on early voting, election day voting and voting by mail, and about changes to the city's election law. Those changes extended the right to vote in city elections to 16- and 17-year-old residents and to residents who have been convicted of a felony but have completed serving any court-ordered sentence for the conviction. Residents of Takoma Park who are not United States citizens have been eligible to register and vote in City elections since 1993.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee will have a table set up with safety/emergency information. There will also be representatives to make sure children's car seats are secured properly in residents' vehicles.

For questions about any of these activities, contact Catherine Plevy at 301-891-7142 or [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE PLANT A TREE

### Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the city. As last year, there is an added incentive of the city paying \$100 towards the cost of the first tree purchased (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal permit). Residents can add a tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year.

Established discounts still apply as well, through the city's annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. 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 Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 17.

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

