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**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.

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 zoes@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 disorders.

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CITATION

**Takoma Park 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 Tokama 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.

If Montgomery County were to pro...
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
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 Ogletorpe 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 pops or Finals 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 Joanne 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 and 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’s 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 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 some times, 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 still got it,” he says.
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 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 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 6-16.050(h) 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 mosews@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7213.

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 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 $5,634. 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/hicd/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.

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 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
linda@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7222
Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

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 Abhil 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.

Byline: Bianca Delaglio
**OCTOBER Arts**

**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 Johnthan 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.

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**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 Ossewa 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.

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**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 facades 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.
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 1860s, 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

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT
GRE Crash Course
Ages 16 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

RECREATION GmbH
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Fall Soil Prep for a Bountiful Spring Harvest
Ages 16 and older
In the past, backbreaking labor was a requirement for fertile garden soil. But now, there's no need for hard work and muscle. 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. 1 - 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.
Saturday, 8 - 9 a.m. (on-going)-
$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)
$110/eight-week pass
$45 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 hand 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.
$50/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.
$50/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 every day 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 Mermay.
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
Saturday, Dec. 26 - Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - noon
TP residents: $50
Non-residents: $60

City TV Academy: PSA Production
Ages 12 - 18
Learn script and produce public service announcements. Must have already completed City TV Academy: Documentary course.
TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Saturday, Dec. 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 the tools 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 - Dec. 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
TP residents: $85
Non-residents: $95

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS
ART
Watercolors and Silk Paintings for Beginners
Ages 35 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 35 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 decor. Bring your lunch or spending money for lunch. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Mapleview Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person registration is required. 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 Casari) and the Babylon Great Hall (Maryland’s Photographer of the Year: Tammy Thompson). Afterwards, we’ll have lunch at the popular Baughers’ 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, Mapleview Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person registration is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290.
For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on our Fall Guide. For more information call 301-891-7290.

WORKSHOPS
Linda Nunez-Schrag Special Presentation
Open to adults 18 and older
Linda Nunez-Schrag will share her reflections on her journey to rural Winterveldt (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 by one of the last women to leave the shelter for abused women, who rise to the challenges of making their lives meaningful through managing the Dithandwe “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.

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 301-891-7292. 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
Thursday, Dec. 19, 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

Get 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
Days of any age
Are you looking for 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 up the toy, fetch, Frisbee, agility ground work and maybe even bowling and basketball. Instructor: Francine Holland.
Hefner Park Community Center
Saturday, Nov. 16, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
TP resident: $20
Non-resident: $30

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LIBRARY

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 review, 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!

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The Friends of the Library will have fiction and non-fiction — 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.

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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 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 4. 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 any 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 Library.
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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 publica
tion 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 civiliza
tion 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 civi
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cuss future volumes in the series. Regis
tration 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 chil
dren, and many research tools, now available online.

The library always needs volunteers to help out at the sale, in two-hour shifts be
tween 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Service learning hours are available for high school stu
dents, and adult volunteers have an op
tunity to spend a pleasant afternoon meeting their neighbors, as well as help
ing their community library. For infor
mation on volunteering at the book sale, contact Ellen Robbins at 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 li
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nations and staffed by volunteers to one that embraces emerging technology and educates a diverse community through an abundance of programs, with expe
rienced and professional staff. It strains against the confines of a small and aging

LIBRARY CALENDAR
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Library Online Tools: Children’s Resources
Sunday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m. Computer Center

Colcedott Club: A Family Book Club
Monday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
A look at some great new picture books; lemonade and cookies served. No registration

College Bound: Transition to College
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.
Navigating the transition to college.

Friends Book Group Discussion
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

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

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 En forcement 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, ex
pired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Police will be accepting prescrip
tions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tako ma 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 sus
ceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the

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 depart
ment 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 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,868 in August 2012. Grand totals as of Au gust 2013 is 9,550, compared to 9,779 in 2012, an increase of 229 hours.

The Great Chicag 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 oc
curred in the village of Peshtigo.

tection Week, which began in 1922, takes place each year on the Sun
day 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 cook
ing unattended.

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Nominaciones de candidatos para Alcaldía y Miembro del Consejo se Aceptarán el 1 de Octubre
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 participar en la reunión.

Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecho por cualquier votante calificado en la Ciudadal de Takoma Park, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante en la Ciudadal 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 solo puesto. El nombre de cada persona que satisfaga los requisitos y que sea nombrado por el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro de Consejo será nombrado en la boleta oficial a menos que esa persona entregue una carta de escrito rechazando la nominación a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal dentro de los 3 días después de su nominación. Cualquier persona nombrada como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.

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

Votar Registro
 Todos los residentes de Takoma Park que tienen por lo menos 16 años de edad y que no están registrados en otra parte, pueden votar en las elecciones en Noviembre. Todos los que desean votar tienen que registrarse para votar. Se puede registrar el mismo día de las elecciones, pero se recomienda que se registre antes de la fecha de las elecciones.

Regreso de votantes
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Calendario de las Elecciones Municipal del 2013

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Horas de Votación Temprana
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Jueves, 31 de Octubre, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Viernes, 1 de Noviembre, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sábado, 2 de Noviembre, 10 am – 4 p.m.
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Complete information and voter registration applications are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

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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; 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 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.
- 15 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 desired 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/1souZW. To contact the Montgomery County Council, email county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov. Council President Nancy Navarro is chair of the Government Operations Committee. Council members Valerie Ervin and Hans Riemer are the other members of the committee.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Ludlow, deputy city manager, at suzannel@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 on a scheduled basis. 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 materials to be in paper bags, trash cans or side-silled 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.

Wonder what ward you’re in since redistricting in the city? Check the map and street directory

¿Quiere confirmar en cual 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
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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 tnewseditor@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

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 educate_ss@yahoo.com
www.educatesupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Crossroads Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. through Nov. 20
7876 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. – 1 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.
Train, 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

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

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
S20/ $24 door; students $16/20 door
Imfolk.org

3rd Thursday Poetry
 Featuring Dan Gutstein, Mary Beth Hatem, Judith McCombs, Rosanna Singer
Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Free
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

Made in Takoma Park
 Featuring Karen Abramols, Lindsay Abramots-Smith, Sheila Blake, John Guernsey
Exhibit runs through Nov. 3
Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center
Free
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 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

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 ________________________________

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 replace 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