

December
2013



WHAT'S NEW?

HOLIDAY ART SALE

Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Dec. 24, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 25

Jan. 1

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Wednesday, Dec. 25 collection moved to
Thursday, Dec. 26

Wednesday, Jan. 1 collection moved to
Thursday, Jan. 2

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Cameras were snapping and video was rolling on Election Day in Takoma Park, as national media followed the first 16- and 17-year-olds in history to vote in U.S. elections, inset. Above, Alana Natanson was the first to cast her ballot in early voting on Nov. 1

Photo by John Pitt; inset by Virginia Myers



Young voters create buzz around city elections

By Virginia Myers and Alvaro Calabia

With no contested races, last month's municipal elections for City Council and Mayor would not generally be considered the most exciting in the city's history – unless you were among the elite group of people who became the first in the U.S. to vote before you turned 18.

This is the first election since the City Council passed a charter amendment allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections. As a result of the change, 254 under-18 residents registered to vote. The amendment also allows former felons to vote, and changes voter registration to allow same-day

registration and extended early voting.

On Election Day, Nov. 5, national media like NBC News and Al Jazeera America followed the story, declaring the change in Takoma Park historic and rolling cameras on the influx of young people who came to the Community Center to cast their votes just after high school let out.

A total of 59 under-18 residents voted, of the 254 who registered. Two hundred twenty six people voted early, and 89 residents registered and voted during the days of early voting or on Election Day. Overall, a total of 1,199 residents voted in the election. The "new"

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Giving from the heart

Alternative gift fair is a local holiday tradition

By Virginia Myers

Takoma Park holidays go beyond the usual traditions: besides the fire department Christmas tree sale, we have the Community Center menorah, Morris dancers at the Gazebo and neighbors shopping in their pajamas.

But perhaps most meaningful is the Alternative Gift Fair, celebrating its 15th year this Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Takoma

Park Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Tulip and Maple avenues. Held annually on the first Saturday of December, the event magnifies the season's gift-giving spirit in a way that satisfies some of the most steadfast do-gooders in town by reaching out to help the needy.

Here's how it works: Shoppers forego (or supplement) conventional gift-giving and instead donate to charities in the name of the person they are gifting. At the fair, shoppers

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Public hearing explores hospital move

Council urges residents to weigh in on impact of Washington Adventist Hospital relocation

By Suzanne Ludlow
Deputy City Manager

Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) is again asking the Maryland Health Care Commission for permission to move its hospital from Takoma Park to a location in White Oak. The request is via an application for a Certificate of Need (CON), to be considered over the coming year.

During the consideration of the CON by the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Takoma Park City Council will be weighing in with its recommendations or concerns, as one of several stakeholders permitted to submit formal comments. The decision will be made by the Health Care Commission.

The Council wants to hear from the Takoma Park community on the matter before submitting its comments. This Newsletter overview of the hospital proposal is designed to provide background information in advance of the council's consideration of its comments.

In addition to this information, a presentation from WAH President Joyce Newmyer and a public hearing are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. The public is invited to hear the 30-minute presentation and then provide comments to the council for its consideration. The presentation will also be available on Takoma Park City TV via the city's website, www.takomaparkmd.gov, or on cable channel 13/28. Comments can be submitted to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov or to the city clerk at 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912.

At some point in the coming months, the council will vote on a resolution stating its position on the Certificate of Need application. The position will be based in part on public comments and in part on information and advice provided by the city attorney and the city's consultant on hospital finance and Certificate of Need matters. Public comments will be accepted up to the time of the vote on the resolution. The council encourages public comment on this important issue.

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“ Mayor Bruce Williams was recently appointed to the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission! Congrats, Mr. Mayor! Read up on the commission here: <http://bit.ly/1cGZz1S> ”

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City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Dec. 2 - No City Council meeting
Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. (special meeting,
Washington Adventist Hospital relocation)
TPCC Auditorium
Council is on break for most of December

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD TENANT AFFAIRS

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Third Floor Atrium

VOTING TASK FORCE

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the Takoma Park Newsletter deadline. For the most up to date information, check www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/calendar. Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the city clerk at 301-891-7267 or clerk@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 at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the Takoma Park City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. For additional information, contact the city clerk at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

RESOLUTION 2013-65

Adopted Oct. 14

Safe Roadways Committee Appointments

The resolution appoints Sylvia Borenstein (Ward 6), Elizabeth Cattaneo (Ward 2), Jason Cheek (Ward 6), Joe Edgell (Ward 2), Sheryl Gross-Glaser (Ward 1), Katherine Kostiuik (Ward 3), Ryan Morden (Ward 5) and Scott Williams (Ward 2).

RESOLUTION 2013-66

Adopted Oct. 14

Voting Task Force Appointment

The resolution appoints Ward 3 resident Leandra Carrasco to the Task Force.

RESOLUTION 2013-67

Adopted Oct. 14

Agreement with Old Takoma Business Association

The resolution authorizes execution of an amendment to the three-year agreement with OTBA. For FY 2014, \$35,000 has been granted to the organization with an additional \$5,000 provided upon demonstration of matching funds in the amount of at least \$5,000 from the District of Columbia.

RESOLUTION 2013-68

Adopted Oct. 28

Takoma Metro Development

The resolution comments on the proposed EYA

development at the Takoma Metro and requests that WMATA consider the city’s comments prior to any action; asks WMATA and EYA to modify the design prior to a vote on the Amended Joint Development Agreement; and asks that EYA coordinate closely with the city.

RESOLUTION 2013-69

Adopted Oct. 28

Recognition Task Force Appointments

The resolution appoints members to the Recognition Task Force: Howard Kohn (Ward 3); Diana Kohn (Ward 3); and Richard O’Connor (Ward 1).

ORDINANCE 2013-48

Adopted Oct. 14

Police Vehicle Equipment

The ordinance authorizes the purchase and installation of police vehicle equipment (lights, sirens, computer docks and related equipment) in four recently purchased vehicles. The contract for \$50,407 was awarded to Breckford Corp.

ORDINANCE 2013-49

Adopted Oct. 28 (first reading Oct. 21; second reading Oct. 28)

Traffic Calming at Flower and Jackson

The ordinance authorizes installation of stop bar humps at each of the three stop signs at the intersection of Flower and Jackson avenues.

ORDINANCE 2013-50

Adopted Oct. 28 (first reading Oct. 21; second reading Oct. 28)

Election Judge Appointments

The ordinance appoints election judges for the 2013 city election. Judges are paid \$140 for election day, \$70 for early voting days, or \$35 if working as closers on election day. The following judges were appointed: Anne Sergeant (Ward 3); Mary Ellen Payne (Ward 4); Achamma S. Vedamony (Ward 6); Abby Alcott (Ward 1); Beverly Toler (Ward 1); Eugene Herman (Ward 1); Alex Koroknay-Palicz (Ward 5); Monica Jordan (Ward 1). The following were appointed but did not serve: Elizabeth Wallace (resigned to run for office as a registered write-in), Dylan Burke and Kathleen Zaffina. Board of Elections members also serve as election judges.

ORDINANCE 2013-51

Adopted Oct. 28 (first reading Oct. 21; second reading Oct. 28)

FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 3

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

ORDINANCE 2013-52

Adopted Oct. 28

Compost Collection

The ordinance awards a contract to The Compost Crew for collection of compost from 500 homes at the cost of \$45,063 for 34 weeks.

ORDINANCE 2013-53

Adopted Oct. 28

Fuel Tank Replacement

The ordinance awards a contract to Apex Companies for the purchase and installation of two fuel tanks, three fuel dispensers and a temporary above ground fuel tank at a total cost of \$229,277.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

(two vacancies)

The Board of Elections plans and conducts city elections in coordination with the city clerk. Meetings are generally held monthly but will be more frequent around election time. Board members also serve as election judges in city elections. Although the council will consider all applications, an appointment from Ward 5 and Ward 6 each would ensure that all wards are represented on the board.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

(two 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 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and evening meetings (7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.).

RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE TASK FORCE

(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://bit.ly/1eKIW6I>. 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.

Additional Opportunities

Arts and Humanities Commission

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

Committee on the Environment

Facade Advisory Board

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee

Recreation Committee

Task Force on Voting

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. View information at 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.

AGENDA FORMAT CHANGE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council agendas will look a little different in 2014. Several changes are in the works to make meetings more efficient. Residents or others who wish to comment on legislation to be voted on at a meeting may comment early in the evening rather than when the agenda item comes up for discussion. Other changes include:

There will be more emphasis on council discussion of legislative items at work sessions so that the public, and the council, has more notice of pending items.

Written testimony received after the work session and before the Friday agenda packet deadline will be included in the agenda package and posted online.

The focus of the first and third meetings of the month will be on work session items. Legislation will be voted on at regular meetings to be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month and for the most part after being first discussed at a work session. Major public hearings will begin at 7 p.m. and before the regular public comment session, council comments, or comments by the city manager.



Shoppers peruse the many items available at the Holiday Art Sale, hosted each year at the Takoma Park Community Center. The juried event features carefully selected artists and a wide variety of useable, wearable art as well as display art that would be especially suited for gift giving. Photo by Sara Daines

City showcases select gifts at holiday art sale

Saturday, Dec. 14

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Already becoming a center for local art, the Takoma Park Community Center will welcome a crowd of artists and art-lovers, along with holiday shoppers, to its seventh annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is a hybrid: It is juried, meaning it is limited to artists who have been carefully selected for the quality of their art and for an appropriate mix of media, so it is an art show in that sense. But the event is also an art sale, with much of the art selected with gift-giving in mind. That means many of the items for sale are artistically designed for everyday use and enjoyment, rather than for formal exhibit.

Among the selections expected this year — from the 35 elite artists — are ceramics, textiles, jewelry, sculpture, clothing and accessories as well as straight-up paintings, drawings and photography.

David Prete, who participated in the



Mathematically Inclined exhibit at the Takoma Park Community Center earlier this year, will be selling jewelry designed using software that translates mathematical functions and equations into three dimensional shapes.

Elizabeth Graeber will be selling illustrations on mugs, tote bags and holiday cards. Her work has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post

and in a new book, “The Illustrated Guide to Cocktails.”

“The holiday art sale has so many unusual and original things,” says Sheila Blake, a Takoma Park resident and member of the Arts and Humanities Commission, which helps organize the event. “While I’m looking for beautiful things to give as gifts, I always have to buy something just for myself.”

Led Zeppelin played here?

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Did you know Led Zeppelin’s first live show in the D.C. area *may* have been at the Wheaton Recreation Center? There were 50 people there, or so goes the legend.

With no photos, articles or a paper trail to prove the concert ever happened, in 2008 filmmaker Jeff Krulik set out to explore this enduring regional tale. Five years later “Led Zeppelin Played Here” is ready for the silver screen. It debuted at the AFI Silver Theatre earlier this fall and will be showing at the Takoma Park Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 12.

“Led Zeppelin Played Here” features interviews with rock writers, musicians and fans, and several people who claim they were there witnessing history that night.

The stage at Wheaton Recreation Cen-

ter, formerly known as the Wheaton Youth Center, sits adjacent to the Wheaton Regional Library on Georgia Avenue. Built in the early 1960s, the building was the same in 1969 as it looks today. There’s even been some recent controversy about it. Montgomery County wants to tear it down and replace it with a \$36 million complex

called the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity; local preservationists want it to stay, citing both the building’s history and its iconic mid-century architecture.

The film screening is part of the We Are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park’s Arts and Humanities Commission.

DC Labor Chorus presents non-traditional holiday tunes

Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Free

The D.C. Labor Chorus is back for its annual holiday concert at the Takoma Park Community Center this month. With songs sung in Spanish, Hebrew and English and spanning South African, African American and Peruvian traditions, the performance is not the traditional holiday fare.

The song selections are made by the choristers themselves, who also are tasked with arranging each piece. With nearly 20 songs in two sets of music, there will be something for everyone.

This year’s selection includes the Hebrew peace song, “Shir l’shalom,” Joe Glazer’s “The Mill Was Made of Marble,” Bob Marley’s “Redemption Song,” and “Order My Steps” a popular song in African American churches. The chorus also will sing a special tribute to Jon Fromer with “It’s Gonna Take Us All.” Fromer was a west coast labor songwriter who died this past January.

The chorus will also invite kids up to the stage for some traditional holiday favorites, including “Jingle Bells.”

The D.C. Labor Chorus sees music as an instrument of justice. “We try to energize for social change and speak up for people who don’t have a voice,” explains Pam Larson, a co-producer of the concert.

Active in the Washington area for 15 years, the D.C. Labor Chorus sings at rallies, demonstrations, picket lines, folk festivals and religious services. It is affiliated with the Labor Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to preserve and promote knowledge of the cultural heritage of the American worker through the arts.

This concert is part of the We Are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park’s Arts and Humanities Commission.



D.C. Labor Chorus



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Part-time Recreation Department staff member Jenny Wagner shoots pool at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Photo by Hazel Hodgson

TOTS

CLASSES

Kindermusik – Village (Cock-A-Doodle-Moo)

Ages newborn – 18 months

(See Recreation Department insert for older children)

Village classes are designed for lap babies, crawlers and walkers, ages newborn through 17 months. Through a unique blend of multi-level activities that include creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration, and a colorful literature component, baby's growth and development are stimulated and all senses are engaged. Required \$35 home materials fee included in registration fee. Materials include a home CD, instrument, board book and banner.

Heffner Park Community Center

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 – March 12, noon – 12:45 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 9 – March 13, 9 – 9:45 a.m.

Saturdays, Jan. 11 – March 15, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

TP residents \$185

Non-residents \$215

Let's Pretend

Ages 2 ½ - 5 years

Preschoolers love to exercise their imaginations through pretend play. Let's Pretend class members will develop this natural creative behavior through dramatic readings, improv, sensory exploration, physical experimentation, imagination exercises, singing/movement, props and games. We will warm up (like real actors), read a story, engage in exercises and experiments based on the story, and finally perform the story.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Thursdays, Jan. 16 - March 16, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

TP residents \$110

Non-residents \$130

YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations

Ages 8 – 10

Elementary students create exciting two and three dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media — every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for third through sixth graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Thursdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.

TP residents \$155

Non-residents \$175

MAKE/Shift Studio II - Drawing and Watercolor

Ages 11 – 14

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25 will be paid directly to the instructor.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 18, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

TP residents \$145

Non-residents \$165

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

Ages 5 – 12

Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their holiday break with holiday games, group activities and crafts.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Weekdays Dec. 26 – 31, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents \$100

Non-residents \$120

Before Care

7 – 9 a.m.

TP residents \$25

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER ACTIVITIES, CLASSES AND PROGRAMS BEGINS DEC. 15, 2013!

For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please see the enclosed Rec Guide for Winter 2014 or visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Non-residents \$35

After Care

4 – 6 p.m.

TP residents \$25

Non-residents \$35

CLASSES

Sign Language: For Beginners

Ages 6 – 15

The American Sign Language is not only reserved for hearing challenged individuals, communicating in signs is a creative experience when put to music and songs. It can be fun when signing to a friend across a crowded room or when sharing special information in a silent world. This visual language encourages and demands attention. At the end of the course, students will be able to participate in a basic sign language course.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – 28, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents \$59

Non-residents \$69

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

Ages 4 – 16

This ancient form of self defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform. TP Community Center Dance Studio

Saturdays, Jan. 11 – March 15

Beginners 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Advanced 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

TP residents \$129

Non-residents \$149

Taekwondo

Ages 5 and older

The Korean martial art of Taekwondo promotes fitness and strength in a fun and social environment. Taekwondo (foot-hand-way) is known for beautiful and powerful kicks. Students learn self-defense and practice drills, forms and sparring. The Tenets of Taekwondo – courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self control and indomitable spirit – are emphasized. Adults are welcome to register with their children. There is a one-time fee paid to the instructor at the first class (non-refundable) for uniform (\$40 children, \$50 for adult).

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 – March 12, 6 – 7 p.m.

Saturdays Jan. 11 - March 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

TP residents \$125

Non-residents \$145

TEENS

Teens on the Move Winter Edition

Ages 12 – 17

Don't want to be stuck in the house during winter break or tired of going to the same hang out spots? Join us during winter break as we take some great trips. New ideas are always welcome. Advanced registration is required. Some trips may

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SAVE THE DATE

Fitness Expo 2013; Commit to Stay Fit!

All Ages

Making fitness fun and accessible is what this Fitness Expo is all about. Free and fun for all ages! Find ways to keep your New Year's resolution this year. Twenty-minute demonstrations (such as: Jazzercise, Zumba, Teen Fitness, Pilates, Karate Self-Defense), interactive presentations, health screenings/seminars and much more

Saturday, Jan. 4, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

Free

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require admission and/or money for food. Register for one day or all four. Paperwork required prior to the start of the program.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Weekdays Dec. 26 – 31, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
TP resident \$25/day
Non-resident \$35/day

ADULT

ART

Ceramics (Mondays)

Ages 16 and older

Learn to sculpt and cast heads and figures. 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, Jan. 13 - March 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105

Ceramics (Wednesdays)

Ages 16 and older

Receive 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, Jan. 15 - March 5, 6 - 8 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105

Ceramics (Fridays)

Ages 16 and older

Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals and more. Your imagination is your only limit! All glazes are food safe. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Fridays, Jan. 17 - March 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105



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Create Your Own Healing Bath Salts

Ages 16 and older

Baths are a great way to unwind from a busy day, no matter what the season. It’s inexpensive, easy and fun to make bath treats for yourself or as a gift. In this class we will learn how to blend soothing herbal bath potions that heal, nourish and pamper the body, mind and spirit.

Collage

Ages 16 and older

You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two and three dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in 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, Jan. 7 - Feb. 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$215
Non-residents \$245

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, Jan. 6 - Feb. 14, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$65
Non-residents \$75

Yoga for Beginners (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 17, 6 – 7:15 p.m.
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - March 25, 6 - 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$125
Non-residents \$145

Intermediate Yoga (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older

For the Intermediate student, Iyengar Yoga takes one deeper into the poses. As one gains strength and stability one moves towards the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (beginner’s class). Introductory

TP Community Center Art Studio
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – noon
TP residents \$45
Non-residents \$55

Creating Herbal Vinegar Gifts for the Holidays

Ages 16 and older

Giving a homemade gift for the holidays that can be used for cooking is a gift that keeps on giving. Herbal vinegars add a whole new twist to meals and contain healing properties for good health at the same time. Bring a decorative bottle or jar of your choice.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Saturday, Dec 14, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
TP residents \$45
Non-residents \$55

Enjoy Your Own Indoor Herb Garden This Winter

Ages 16 and older

pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - March 25, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
TP residents \$125
Non-residents \$145

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP-IN

Adults 55 Plus Multi-Activity Room

Open For Your Leisure

This comfortable room is available for adults age 55 and older to read, play cards and board games, use the computers, and attend classes at various times each month. Daytime hours may be adjusted at various times during the month to accommodate special events and classes for seniors.

Monday – Friday, noon – 8 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

Food and drinks are not permitted except at City of Takoma Park Recreation Department sponsored events. Four computers are available to seniors. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. For more information about the library cards and computers, please contact the library at 301-891-7259. Computers are also available in Computer Labs A and B and the library.

Bingo

Try your luck Win a prize. Drop-in event, no registration required
TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Dec. 19, noon – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare offers a free monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in event, no registration required.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free

55-Plus Recreation Advisory Group Meeting

Seniors and boomers, we want to hear from you. Join other active adults 55 and older at the next recreation advisory group meeting. Bring your suggestions and ideas for this recreation program in Takoma Park. Light refreshments will be served. Come to an open and relaxed meeting and get involved! Drop-in event, no registration required.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Friday, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free

Just because the green of summer has passed doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy your favorite herbs all winter long. Come learn how to create your own indoor herb garden. Bring three of your own small pots (or creative containers with holes in the bottom for drainage). Plants and soil will be provided.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 – 8 p.m.
TP residents \$39
Non-residents \$49

Fun with Planting Indoor Succulents

Ages 16 and older

Think you don’t have a green thumb? Planting and growing hardy succulents is easy and fun. Come learn how to grow and care for these ornamental favorites. Bring three small glass jars or containers. Plants and soil will be provided.
TP Community Center, Art Studio
Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 – 8 p.m.
TP residents \$39
Non-residents \$49

Historic Takoma Archival Display by Diana Kohn

Nov. 24, 2013 marked the 130th anniversary of the official establishment of Takoma Park. In honor of that eventful date, Diana Kohn of Historic Takoma has set up a special display from the Historic Takoma archives highlighting some of the people and stories that shaped our community. Drop-in event, no registration required.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Dec. 1 through Jan. 5
Monday – Friday, noon – 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Forever Young 55-Plus Tennis Tournament

Would you like to participate in a table tennis tournament for adults 55 and older? We are planning a January 2014 tournament. For more information, and to register with Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, Takoma Park Recreation Department, call 301-891-7280, or email paula@takomaparkmd.gov

TRIPS

Holiday Display - U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D.C.

Despite the cold outside, the conservatory, a warm tropical paradise, has one of the largest collections of decorated trees in Washington, D.C, and a poinsettia showcase. The fantasy train display and World’s Fair exhibitions fill the East Gallery with the sights, scents and sounds of the season. Bring spending money for lunch at a local eatery. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person, advance pre-registration is required.
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free
No cost for transportation.

PETS

Dog Obedience Training Dogs of any age

Getting your dog started with a solid foundation of obedience training is one of the most critical and rewarding things you can do for your dog. Improve your relationship with your dog and build your dog’s confidence with proven positive rewarding techniques that use not only food, but real time rewards such as praise, play time, toys and freedom.
Heffner Park Community Center
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11, 7 – 8 p.m.
TP residents \$109 per dog
Non- residents \$129 per dog

HOSPITAL MOVE

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Background

The hospital first applied for a Certificate of Need application to move in 2006. The City of Takoma Park monitored the process closely and submitted comments to the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding the application. The city expressed its concern that the proposal did not adequately protect the primary health care needs of those Takoma Park residents least able to travel to the White Oak location. The city was also concerned that the proposal for the Takoma Park campus might not be economically feasible.

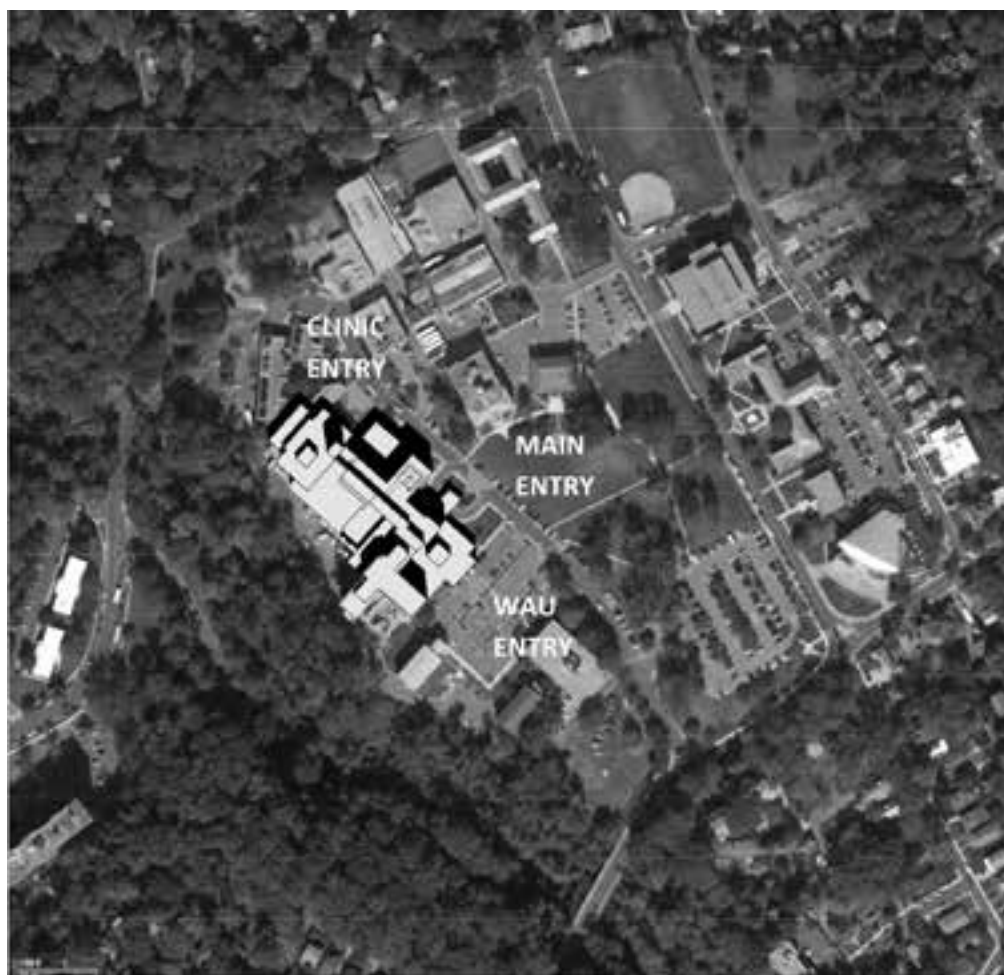
After a lengthy review process, the first Certificate of Need application was recommended for denial by the reviewing commissioner. Before the full commission acted on the recommendation, WAH withdrew its application in order to revise and resubmit its application.

When the hospital first announced its desire to move, the Takoma Park City Council established two committees to provide recommendations to the council. One, the Health Services Impact Committee, looked at the health needs of the Takoma Park community, and the other, the WAH Land Use Committee (WAHLUC), was to look at land use issues related to the Takoma Park property. Over time, WAHLUC also made recommendations about community health needs and the hospital's first Certificate of Need application. The term of both committees has expired. The Council has not yet determined if a new committee would be helpful to the council.

There are many decisions and determinations that will be made over the coming months that may affect the hospital's proposal and that may affect Takoma Park. These include:

- Whether or not the hospital is permitted to operate two campuses under one hospital license
- Changes in Maryland health care law and allowable payments that have not yet been finalized
- Zoning provisions regarding the Takoma Park campus that may be affected by the changes of uses on the site

The City of Takoma Park staff and consultants are reviewing the new Certificate of Need application and will be following the process of its consideration. Information regarding the application will be posted on the city's website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/wah-relocation-application. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Suzanne Ludlow, deputy city manager at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomapark-md.gov.



What would the move mean for Takoma Park?

The new hospital proposal submitted in October would maintain many primary services on the Takoma Park campus. Washington Adventist Hospital would continue to own the property. The new application has a number of significant changes from the first request, several of which affect Takoma Park:

- Operation of both the new White Oak hospital and the medical services remaining on the Takoma Park campus under a single hospital license, rather than having a hospital license for the White Oak facility only
- WAH-run operation of a walk-in primary care clinic (to be run, at least initially, 24 hours per day) in the current emergency room
- Keeping the WAH-run adult in-patient psychiatric facility and the separately-owned in-patient and out-patient Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital in the Takoma Park hospital building
- Keeping a number of WAH-run primary care services on the Takoma Park campus, including laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, wound care and prenatal and postpartum services
- Keeping and expanding an appointment-based clinic operated by Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI) on the Takoma Park campus to, in part, work with certain patients who have been discharged from the hospital but are at risk of readmission without careful care
- Leasing 55,020 sq. ft. of space on the main floor of the current hospital building to Washington Adventist University for approximately \$1.5 million per year
- Leaving several floors and sections of floors of the current hospital building vacant; this space may be available to use or lease in the future

Washington Adventist Hospital outlines its Certificate of Need proposal

[Washington Adventist Hospital was asked to provide a summary of its plan, which follows.]

**By Diana Troese
Public Relations and Marketing Manager**

When Washington Adventist Hospital opened in 1907 as Montgomery County's first hospital, it had 40 beds and provided care in a tranquil setting. At the time, Takoma Park was considered a rural escape, far from the bustle of Washington, D.C.

Over time, the hospital expanded to meet the growing needs of the D.C. region as development occurred around the campus. Today, the 252-bed hospital remains focused on its mission to deliver excellent health care to all, regardless of ability to pay. It has opened its doors to patients and families for generations as the region has grown.

While once an advantage, the location of the hospital has become a challenge. The hospital is in a residential area, accessible only by narrow, two-lane streets, making it difficult for emergency personnel, patients, physicians, employees and others to reach

the hospital. Also, Metrobus service is unavailable to the Takoma Park campus, creating a hardship for Prince George's County residents who rely on this mode of public transportation.

Now, in order to continue meeting the health needs of a growing community and to reflect the coming changes under the Affordable Care Act and Maryland's new reimbursement model, the hospital has proposed the construction of a 201-bed replacement hospital facility on approximately 49 acres in the White Oak area of Silver Spring, while retaining an array of health-care services on its current Takoma Park campus.

"This combination of outpatient and in-patient services in White Oak, along with robust medical and health services in Takoma Park, addresses the changing nature of the health-care delivery system in Maryland and across the nation," said Joyce Newmyer, President of Washington Adventist Hospital. "It's the best possible plan to ensure a vibrant future for Washington Adventist Hospital and the communities we

have the privilege to serve."

"The new facility will be located off major connecting roads with enhanced public transportation options, dramatically improving access for the communities we serve," Newmyer explained. "In addition to not being a cost-effective solution, rebuilding on our current campus will cause great disruption to our patients, staff and community because of nighttime demolition."

The projected total cost for the renovations to the Takoma Park campus and development of the White Oak facility is \$373 million. This includes approximately \$339 million for the construction, and capital costs related to construction of the White Oak hospital facility and approximately \$34 million for the renovations and capital costs related to facilities/services on the Takoma Park campus. The new facility in White Oak is currently scheduled to open in late 2018.

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Robust Medical Services in Takoma Park

The services in Takoma Park are designed to meet the needs of the community while at the same time making the best use of the existing buildings. The combination of a new facility in White Oak, complete with inpatient and outpatient services within the hospital’s primary service area, along with behavioral health services, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), outpatient clinics, doctor’s offices and other services in Takoma Park, provides additional points of access to care for the community while also reducing traffic on the campus. Following are services planned for the Takoma Park campus:

24/7 clinical services

The existing Emergency Department will be converted into outpatient clinic space. In response to the Takoma Park community, a primary care clinic will initially operate 24/7 and future hours of operation will depend upon how much the service is utilized by the community.

Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland/Takoma Park

Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland/Takoma Park will remain in its current space on the fifth floor of the hospital building to provide specialized inpatient treatment for persons with functional limitations. The following inpatient rehabilitation services are offered including:

- Amputee program
- Brain injury program
- Spinal cord injury program
- Stroke program
- General rehab program
- Orthopedic rehabilitation
- Prosthetics and orthotics

Ancillary services

Existing hospital services such as laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will remain in their current configuration. The Center for Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine at Washington Adventist Hospital will also remain on the Takoma Park campus, providing specialized treatment for patients with chronic or non-healing wounds.

Federally Qualified Health Center

The Takoma Park campus will retain a Federally Qualified Health Center operated by Community Clinic, Inc. to improve access to primary and preventive care. CCI currently serves the uninsured or underinsured in the hospital’s catchment areas of Montgomery and Prince George’s counties.

In addition, the program will specifically target, through discharge and transition planning, underserved patients at high risk of hospital readmission. The program will link these patients with primary care physicians and disease management specialists integral to a population-based care model.

The FQHC is expected to open to patients this year in Takoma Park, and an expansion is planned as early as next year to accommodate CCI staff including three primary care providers, four part-time disease management specialists and treatment rooms to accommodate 12,000 patient visits a year.

Behavioral health services

The 40-bed behavioral health unit and its affiliated outpatient and partial hospitalization services will remain in place at Takoma Park in an upgraded and expanded space.

Women’s Center

The Women’s Center provides prenatal, postpartum and related gynecological services to the community served by Washington Adventist Hospital. The program was designed to meet the needs of both women who meet the criteria for Maryland Medical Assistance as well as women who are participants in the Montgomery County Maternity Partnership Program. Deliveries for patients of the Maternity Partnership program will take place in White Oak.

Educational Space

The Takoma Park campus will also include more than 55,000 square feet of space to be leased to Washington Adventist University, a growing higher education institution with an adjoining campus.

“Washington Adventist University is supportive of the proposed move of Washington Adventist Hospital to a site that is much more conducive to providing 21st century health care,” said Weymouth Spence, President of Washington Adventist University. “Due to the recent development and enrollment growth of the University we are in need of additional instructional and residential space. It is our intention to satisfy this need by expanding university opera-

tions to some of the space now occupied by the hospital.”

Various clinics and office space

Physician offices, various clinics and office space for administrative staff of Adventist HealthCare, the parent company of Washington Adventist Hospital, will remain on the Takoma Park campus.

Transportation expansion

Washington Adventist Hospital will provide an employee shuttle bus service between Takoma Park and the hospital’s White Oak campus. Washington Adventist Hospital has agreed to make this shuttle bus service available to hospital patients, visitors and others for a modest fee. The shuttle program will consist of two buses that will operate from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New Facility in Current Service Area

The proposed new medical campus is located at Plum Orchard Drive and Cherry Hill Road in the hospital’s current service area (just six and a half miles from current campus). The new campus will have improved access for public transportation, and is located off major interconnecting roads enhancing access for ambulances, the communities we serve in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, and employees.

The new site will allow for a modern, 201-bed hospital that will have private rooms for patients, and more space for clinical care and state-of-the-art equipment and technology. The White Oak campus will also have ample space for physician offices, outpatient services and parking, in contrast to the current campus which has limited expansion options and access that is restricted by narrow, two-lane roads.

The relocated hospital will include the following:

- An emergency department with 35 treatment bays
- Eight operating rooms (five for general surgery, two for cardiac surgery, one for hybrid/specialty surgery)
- Six cardiac/vascular angiography suites
- 32-bed telemetry unit
- 28-bed critical care unit
- Maternity unit (21 post-partum rooms, seven labor and delivery rooms, two C-section rooms)

- 20 short-stay observation beds (eight in a dedicated unit in the patient tower, 12 adjacent to the ED)
- Approximately 750 surface parking spaces

The hospital is organized to maximize patient safety and efficiency with a patient tower of five medical-surgical floors on a “base” with emergency, radiology, surgery, cardiac and maternity services. The patient rooms are designed around the family care model and will contain dedicated areas for family members in each room.

The hospital design is compact and efficient. Efficient buildings are less costly to construct and operate, easier for visitors and staff to navigate, and retain more space for future expansion.

Sustainable features of the building include:

- Energy efficiency: the design includes a goal to exceed code requirements.
- Envelope efficiency: the design will incorporate an efficient envelope to maximize light while minimizing heat gain.
- Efficient lighting will reduce energy use and improve interior environment quality.
- The project will be commissioned and will employ sophisticated control systems and measuring sensors to ensure the operation meets the design intent.
- Stormwater design: the project will control for both quality and quantity within the site.
- Light-colored roofs will reduce the heat island effect.

Next Steps

Washington Adventist Hospital has developed a project designed to meet community needs for health services within an environment where health care, influenced by the Affordable Care Act and other factors, is rapidly changing. The hospital is still in the early phases of the regulatory process and will continue its dialogue with the community.

Washington Adventist Hospital considers itself a valuable community asset and a major health-care provider in the region, and is committed to continuing that role, fulfilling its mission and serving the community.

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get to choose which organizations to help by interacting with the people who run them, learning first-hand how their dollars can improve the lives of needy people.

Some examples: A donation to Blue Mountain Project covers the monthly electric bill at a rural Jamaican health clinic, a gift to Stargazing Farm pays for a week of fresh greens for bunnies there and a gift to Youth Artreach/Class Acts Arts provides supplies for a mural project with 12 teens inside a detention center. Other gifts have included books for underserved children, disaster relief, asthma medication for low-income families and work clothes for a newly employed person.

Donations are often matched to the in-

terests of the people receiving the gifts – an educator gets to give books to children, for example, or a health professional turns on the lights at that clinic in Jamaica. Gift prices range from \$5 to \$40; gifts are tax-deductible and include a certificate to drop into a holiday card. One hundred percent of the money donated goes to the charities at the fair.

About 16 organizations participate, and with up to 200 shoppers visiting over a four-hour period, the fair becomes a festive, feel-good celebration among like-minded people working to make the world a better place.

There’s also a visit from Santa, children’s games and crafts (supervised so that parents can shop), live music, baked goods, cookie decorating and free seated massage. The combination of fun activi-

ties and charitable giving is a popular vehicle for teaching children about the importance of giving, writ large.

Anna White, who suggested starting the fair during a brainstorming session at the Center for a New American Dream, was inspired by a similar event at her childhood church. While it raised significant funds, “the intangible benefits went far beyond, [to] a feeling of connection to and solidarity with others less fortunate, hope and inspiration, and community with others involved with the fair,” she says. “The festive and joyful nature of the fair was beautiful and alive.”

CNAD staffer Tracey Rembert organized the first fair in Takoma Park. Since then it has been run by volunteers, including long-time co-chairs Jim Baird and Mimi Ikle-Khalsa, who admits her

initial attraction was not just altruistic. “I had a big crush on the man running it.” A decade later, she is married to him – Sat Jiwan Ikle-Khalsa — and has taken his place as an organizer.

Why does she do it? “I don’t want to raise my daughter in a world where there is a pressure to buy, buy, buy. I don’t want her to have a holiday season so full of stress that it drains the life out of you,” she says. “I love that I see folks I know, get a free massage, and get to decorate cookies for my neighbors that are too sick to get out of the house. I love that I can generate up to \$30,000/year for charities that make a critical difference to folks local and abroad.”

To learn more, or to volunteer, see www.aggw.org/TakomaPark.html.

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. 8, 12:30 p.m.
Discussion for those taking the free online class offered by edX, as well as those interested in the topic
Registration encouraged

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

Sundays through Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Discussion group for those taking the free online course offered by Coursera, as well as those interested in the topic
Registration encouraged

Friends Big Book Group

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Concluding discussion of Proust

Yoga Storytime

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.
Ms. Kati offers stories and gentle yoga for kids ages 3-5 and their grown-ups
Spaces limited; registration required

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
Looks at great new picture books; lemonade and cookies served
No registration

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 4 p.m.
Comics guru Dave Burbank runs our monthly comics book club
No registration required

Bedtime Stories – NEW NIGHT!

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion of stories by Nobel Laureate Alice Munro

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.
Singing and rhyming in French with Madame Marie
Registration highly encouraged so participants can receive program updates

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:45 p.m.

Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Annual solstice celebration features drummer Bill Jenkins and the Foggy Bottom Morris Men
No registration

Holiday Sing-a-Long

Saturday, Dec. 21 11 a.m.
Local musician Wendy Lanxner and her students lead holiday songs
No registration

Holiday Gift-Making

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m.
Kids make gifts or cards for parents, teachers or other special people
Registration encouraged

Fashion Design Workshop

Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
Create fashion crafts and accessories from paper and duct tape
Ages 8 up.

LIBRARY



Drawing the classics

Local author turns Shakespeare into comics

By Karen MacPherson

As a child, Gareth Hinds loved reading comics and often had fun drawing his own, which featured a character named “Gareth the Hero.” But while Hinds was a natural artist, words weren’t quite as easy for him. So, in his earliest childhood comic strips, “Gareth the Hero” is given one thing to say: “I do not want to write at all.”

It’s a bit of interesting foreshadowing for Hinds, who today regularly wins critical kudos for the artwork in his graphic novel interpretations of classic tales like “Beowulf” and “The Odyssey,” as well as William Shakespeare’s “King Lear” and “The Merchant of Venice.”

Now, Hinds – a new Takoma Park resident — has just published his visual retelling of another of Shakespeare’s best-known plays, “Romeo and Juliet.” Brimming with energy and color, Hinds’ graphic novel interpretation of Shakespeare’s tragic love story offers a unique twist: the Capulets, dressed in reds, are from India, while the Montagues, wearing blue, are from Africa.

The story is best for ages 12 and up.

This twist underlines the timeless and universal nature of the story. Yet, Hinds also has endeavored to make his book relevant to today’s teens. While he sets the book around the time that Shakespeare wrote the play – 1597 – the younger characters, including Romeo and Juliet, are portrayed in a more modern way, with the men wearing their shirts open and sporting tattoos, for example, while the women have knee-length dresses.

“It’s historically improbable, but it’s more interesting to young readers,” Hinds said during a recent book launch event at the library, jointly sponsored by Politics and Prose and the library.

“One of the reasons that I wanted to do this book is that it is one of the most taught in schools around the country. The characters are all a little foolish, but the language is so exquisite.”

Hinds’ “Romeo and Juliet” has received raves from critics. Writing in The Horn Book, Joanna Rudge Long noted: “From swirling action to subtly delineated emotion, [Hinds] delivers the play’s essence and beauty, its glorious language, furious con-



flict, yearning love, and wrenching tragedy. This is not only a wonderfully accessible introduction to a full text or (better yet) theatrical production; it’s a visual delight for anyone.” The Kirkus review, meanwhile, summed up Hinds’ “Romeo and Juliet” this way: “As thrilling and riveting as any stag-

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

Holiday fun

Celebrate the holidays with a trio of library programs in December. First, on Thursday, Dec. 19, we’ll mark the change of seasons with our annual Winter Solstice Celebration. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a drumming circle led by musician and educator Bill Jenkins, who will provide dozens of different types of percussion instruments for all ages to play. Then at 7:30 p.m., the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will swoop in with songs, dances and high spirits. All ages are welcome to this fun celebration, a long-running Takoma Park tradition.

Then, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m., local musician Wendy Lanxner and her guitar students will lead us in the fourth annual “Holiday Sing-a-Long.” It’s a fun event where we sing songs like “Jingle Bells” and “Frosty the Snowman.” Song sheets are provided, and all ages are welcome.

Finally, that same day, from 2-4 p.m., we’ll have our annual Holiday Gift-Making Workshop for kids to make simple, once-of-a-kind gifts and cards for parents, grandparents, teachers and other special people in their lives. Materials will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Library — kids just need to provide the creativity. Registration is highly encouraged so we

can have enough materials; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Winterquest twist on Summerquest reading

Rev up your reading this holiday season by participating in our first-ever Winterquest program. Dave Burbank, our in-house artist extraordinaire, has crafted a unique, streamlined twist on our popular Summerquest program as a way to promote more reading by kids, teens and adults. Titled The Abominable Snow Carrots, the Winterquest program takes place in a magic wonderland of snow and, as readers complete the various reading tasks, they’ll find themselves going through a series of interesting misadventures. Our Winterquest program will begin on Friday, Dec. 13 and end on Monday, Jan. 13. Participants can sign up any time, however, and enjoy some extra reading over the holidays.

Closing the distance

Get ready for the next session of Closing the Distance programs on Sundays in January. We’re considering holding a discussion group for those taking the massive online learning course (MOOC) titled “Everyday Morality.” The course is offered by Yale University, and like all MOOC courses, it is free. Here’s how it works: you sign up for the course, and do the reading and as-

signments (if you want to do them) yourself. Then, once a week, we gather together others who also are taking the same class to “close the distance” on such online programs and provide an in-person discussion forum. If you have questions, just give us a call.

Bedtime news

Starting on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., Bedtime Stories will take place on a new night: Tuesday evenings (instead of Mondays). Come join Ms. Kati for a fun program of songs, rhymes and stories. Pajamas and stuffed animals are optional!

Holiday Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a special holiday book sale at Historic Takoma on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will feature new books for children, youth and teens and quality books of interest to adults. This is an opportunity to take home some great bargains and support Library programs as well. This special sale is for people in the Takoma Park community; book dealers are not invited. Historic Takoma is located in Takoma Junction across from the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op, at 7328 Carroll Ave. For more information contact the Takoma Park Maryland Library at 301-891-7259.

Friends to discuss Nobel Prize winner

Join the Friends Reading Group on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center for a discussion of stories by Alice Munro, winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Here is what the critics say: Alice Munro “...has quietly emerged as one of our greatest living writers...Munro has an unerring talent for uncovering the extraordinary in the ordinary.” (Newsweek)

“Her stories are like few others. One must go back to Tolstoy and Chekhov... for comparable largeness.” (John Updike in The New York Times Book Review)

“Spanning almost 30 years and settings that range from big cities to the small towns and farmsteads of rural Canada... Alice Munro makes lives that seem small unfold until they are revealed to be as spacious as prairies and locates the moments of love and betrayal, desire and



Alice Munro

forgiveness, that change those lives forever.” (Publishers blurb, “Selected Stories”)

Our discussion will focus on several stories from “Selected Stories” (1996) written at different points in Munro’s career, including “The Dance of the Happy Shades” (1961), “The Moons of Jupiter,” (1978) and “Carried Away” (1991). Participants are also invited to share their own favorites and discoveries from the many collections by this prolific author. All are welcome to attend the Friends’ Reading Group discussions. Collections of Munro’s stories are available at the Library.

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ing.”

For Hinds, such praise is proof that he’s on the right path in choosing to create visual interpretations of other people’s stories. At the recent “Romeo and Juliet” launch event, he acknowledged that he’s always felt more confident as an illustrator than an author. By illustrating classic tales like “Romeo and Juliet,” he has “the chance to collaborate with amazing authors from the past.” As a result, Hinds said, “I don’t have to worry about the quality of the story” and instead can focus on “trying to do that story justice in the way I adapt and illustrate it.”

Hinds also notes, however, that “I’m walking a fine line. I want my book to give you everything that you can get out of the original, but I still want people to read the original story.”

Hinds had no clue that he would end up making a living by visually re-telling classic tales. An only child, he grew up in small town Vermont and says he was “a nerdy kid who drew all the time.” His parents encouraged his artistic tendencies; Hinds and his father used to play a game where one of them would write an idea on a piece of paper and the other would have to illustrate it.

Hinds did illustrations and comics for his high school newspaper and even painted a mural on one of the school’s hallway walls. At one point, Hinds flirted with the idea of being an engineer but says that he finally “decided to do the sensible thing” and went to art school.

After graduating from Parsons School of Design, Hinds found work making computer games and began drawing graphic novels in his spare time. He self-published his first book, “Bearskin,” in 1997. His second book, “Beowulf,” also was self-published (in 1998), but was picked up by Candlewick Press and re-published in 2007.

Candlewick Press also re-published Hinds’ self-published version of “King Lear” and then published the original version of his interpretation of “The Merchant of Venice” in 2009.

“At this point, I cut loose from my day job and totally committed to doing my next book, ‘The Odyssey,’” Hinds said.

“The Odyssey” was Hinds’ break-out book, bringing him to the notice of both mainstream readers and reviewers. Along with “The Merchant of Venice” and now “Romeo and Juliet,” “The Odyssey” has allowed Hinds to tap into the school market.

Hinds, meanwhile, says he sees his job as “making the classics more accessible to anyone, kids or adults, who might be intimidated by the language of the originals.” Right now, he’s working on an interpretation of “Macbeth,” and plans to do offer visual re-tellings of other Shakespeare plays in the future, including “Julius Cesar” and “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream.”

In addition, Hinds would love to do his own version of “The Iliad” as a companion to “The Odyssey.”

While Hinds also dreams of doing a picture book someday, he concludes that “I think graphic novels will always be the main place where my heart is located.”



A good season for Kay’s Garden

This is the third year vegetables and flowers have bloomed like a green oasis in the blacktop parking lot of the Community Center, thanks in large part to Councilmember and long-time Takoma Park resident Kay Daniels-Cohen. “Kay’s Garden” was planted and is maintained by volunteers from the Recreation Committee, the Recreation Department teen programs, and others. On Nov. 10, many of them gathered to dedicate the garden to Daniels-Cohen, shown here with Mayor Bruce Williams. Daniels-Cohen was deeply moved by the tribute, and is wiping away a tear.

Photo by Jay Keller

CORRECTION:

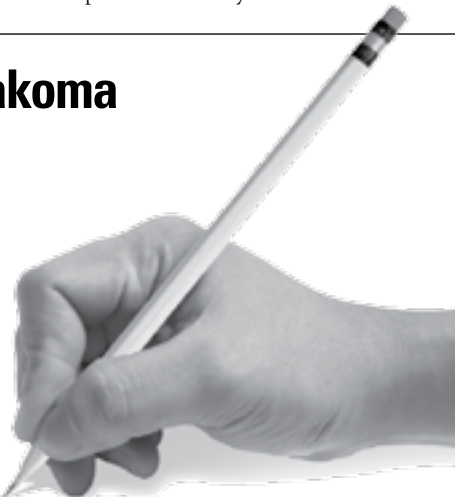
In an article on page one of the November 2013 issue of the Newsletter, “City registers low greenhouse gas emissions, sets new goals,” the information on Takoma Park’s emissions was incorrect. The city’s 2013 emissions register at 94,572 MTC02e (metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents), not 94,572 MTC02e (million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents). We regret the error.

Help Us Plan for the Takoma Park Library’s future

Fill out the on-line survey before Dec. 20
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TakomaParkMarylandLibrary>

or...

Request a printed survey
 Available at the Library or Computer Center
Fill it out and return it by Dec. 13.




Friends of the Takoma Park Library
 Take home great bargains that help support library programs
 at our special...

Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, Dec. 14

10am–2pm

at Historic Takoma
 7328 Carroll Avenue
 Takoma Park, MD


 Takoma
 Junction
 (Carroll at
 E-W Hwy)



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New Children’s Books

New Youth and Teen Books

and quality books of interest to adults

All at great prices!

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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Rental housing licenses required

Renewal applications due Dec. 31

By Code Enforcement Staff

By Nov. 30 information will be sent out to all Takoma Park landlords informing them that they must apply online for the renewal of their rental housing license. All applications must be submitted online as the city no longer accepts paper copies of the license renewal form. Be aware that e-mail addresses will be mandatory beginning this year. All 2014 renewal applications are due by Dec. 31.

While the process to renew a rental license may have changed, the requirements have not. If you own a rental housing property in Takoma Park, you are required to obtain a rental housing license or you could face court actions and fines for operating an illegal rental facility.

There are five requirements that must be satisfied before you can get your rental license renewed. You

must 1) complete the online application form, 2) pay the License Fee (\$102 per unit), 3) maintain a valid Landlord Certification, 4) provide the city with a copy of your MDE Lead Certificate, and 5) successfully pass a Property Maintenance Code inspection. Licenses are issued for the calendar year and only after all requirements have been met.

If your landlord certification has expired, we offer a monthly class here at the Community Center that introduces and briefly reviews the requirements and laws that apply to rental housing in Takoma Park. The classes are held the third Thursday of every month on alternating mornings and evenings. If you plan on attending, please call 301-891-7255 to register for the class.

If your property was built before 1950, the state's lead risk reduction requirements must be satisfied. Additional information is available online www.MDE.state.md.us/lead or by contacting the Maryland Depart-

ment of the Environment at 800-633-6101 x4199 / 410-537-4199.

These same requirements apply to new, previously unlicensed rental facilities. The one exception is that new landlords will be unable to submit their license application online. To obtain the required application form, ask questions, or register for the Landlord Seminar, please call the Code Enforcement Division at 301-891-7255. We are located on the third floor of the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) and encourage you to stop by if you need assistance.

Why be licensed? If your property is not licensed, neither the tenants nor the landlords are protected by Takoma Park's laws governing rental properties. This is especially important in dealing with health and safety issues, repairs, security deposits and issues with leases and rents. Please ensure that your rental property is licensed so that the rights of all parties involved are ensured.

COMMUNITY Briefs

Vehicles must follow parking regulations

One of the most common complaints to Takoma Park's Code Enforcement department is about abandoned or nonoperational vehicles. Those on the street may be reported to the police, but those on private property are subject to the Takoma Park property maintenance code. It states that all vehicles must be parked on a paved or surfaced area.

Vehicles may not be parked on green space, yards or sidewalks. Vehicles must also be operable and may not be in a state of major disassembly. Finally, vehicles must have license plates and current registration stickers displayed on the vehicle. Residents may store a vehicle in an enclosed garage, but if a vehicle is covered with a tarp or car cover, it is still subject to the requirements of the city code.

Condominium fee assistance available

A new program called "Home Savers" is being offered by Asian American Home Ownership Counseling Inc. to condominium owners who are behind in the payment of their condominium fees. The program offers an interest free loan of up to \$4,000 for eligible county residents. To qualify, you must be current in your mortgage payments, must attend two financial education classes, qualify financially (Montgomery County medium income applies) and the condo must be your primary residence. The loan has to be repaid within two years, although an extension may be applied, depending on your financial situation.

Additionally, for those homeowners (single family homes or condos) who are having financial difficulty and cannot pay their mortgages, one-on-one counseling and assistance is available at the Gilchrist Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Suite 220, Wheaton, Md. 20902. To schedule an appointment for either program, call 301-760-7636 or e-mail counseling@aa-hc.org. AAHC is a 501c3 non-profit and HUD approved housing counseling agency. Everyone is encouraged to apply. You do not have to be Asian to participate in these programs.

Landlord-Tenant administrative regulations proposed

Administrative regulations are being proposed that pertain to 1) fees that can be charged to tenants for amenities and 2) the process for transferring the cost of utilities to tenants. The regulations supplement Sections 6.16.090 and Section 6.16.100 respectively of the Takoma Park Code.

Pursuant to the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (authority; Chapter 2.12 "Administrative Regulations" of the Takoma Park Code), notice of the city's intention to adopt an administrative regulation must be published in the Takoma Park Newsletter and such notice must provide a minimum of 30 days for comment on the proposed regulation. A copy of the regulations is posted on the city's web page, www.takomaparkmd.gov.

Comments may be mailed to the city clerk, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912, sent by e-mail to jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or faxed to 301-270-8794 by Dec. 30, 2013.

Passport service

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Passport service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center

Please call Sofia Visurraga, customer service representative, at 301-891-7100 for information.

Servicios de pasaporte

La oficina de Pasaportes está abierta de Lunes a Jueves de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No necesitas hacer cita para presentar su aplicación. Por favor llama al 301-891-7204 para obtener información para aplicar por su pasaporte americano.

HOUSING MAILBOX



Law guides locks and maintenance access in rentals

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

I just moved into an apartment and want to install a new lock on the door. Can I do that? Also what is the process for scheduled maintenance and exterminations?

Hang on! This is one that requires permission from the landlord.

First, city law requires that landlords rekey locks on all doors between tenancies, so you may not need to change the locks after all. The cost of rekeying is the sole responsibility of the landlord. Talk to your landlord to make sure he/she has done this, and take a look at our landlord-tenant law, which covers this and other lock-related issues (Obligations of landlords-Section 6.16.050).

If you still want to change the lock, you must obtain written permission from your landlord prior to the installation of any new or replacement lock and provide the landlord with keys to the new or replacement lock within seven calendar days of installation (Obligations of tenants-Section 6.16.040H). If you fail to comply

with these requirements, it may be viewed as a breach of lease with resulting negative consequences.

Now, about that maintenance question: Landlords must provide tenants with 48-hour written notice of entry into a unit (Section 6.16.110), and that includes all scheduled maintenance as well as exterminations. In addition, tenants must prepare their rental units in accordance with written instructions provided by their landlords for that scheduled maintenance, including extermination services, painting or other requested repairs (Section 6.16.040).

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the city's Landlord-Tenant and COLTA Laws can contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.

"Selfies" newest distracted driving menace

AAA Mid-Atlantic says social media is showing the latest dangerous distracted driving behavior: taking "selfies" while driving.

According to AAA, drivers are using Twitter and Instagram to send out photos of themselves while driving with the hashtags #drivingselfie, #drivingfast, #drivingto-work, #rainx and #drivingintherain. Some of the photos show the speedometer, which indicates the car is moving while the driver is taking his or her own picture, according to AAA.

The hashtag #rainx "includes videos of people holding their phones to the windshield while driving in the rain

in order to see the beading of rain produced by using the product Rainx. In some cases, the driver lowers the phone enough to see the speedometer, which shows that the vehicle is moving at nearly 70 miles per hour while the driver is distracted," according to AAA in a press release.

AAA is encouraging drivers to put the camera down. "Don't let that driving selfie or video be the last photo you ever take," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs.

Hang up and drive. It is Maryland law – and, it makes sense.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Oct. 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 529 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 2,334 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for total of 2,863. Totals for 2012 were 531 and 2,512, representing a decrease of 180

incidents.

During the month of October 2013, the Takoma Park Volunteers put in a total of 1,362.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,011.5 in October 2012. Grand totals as of October 2013 are 11,990.5 hours, compared to 12,148 hours in 2012, a decrease of 157.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as Nov. 17, 2013, 53 people have died in fires, as compared to 43 in 2012.

A special safety tip for your Thanksgiving

Never leave home cooking unattended. Cooking is still the number one cause of home fires.

Christmas tree sales

The Takoma Park VFD will open up for business starting the weekend following Thanksgiving. The hours will 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. The lot is located between the fire station and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op, at Carroll and Ethan Allen avenues.

Toys for needy children

The Takoma Park VFD will start its 33rd annual Toys For Needy Children Program. We need toys! We will start collecting on Dec. 1 until Dec. 22. If you have new or like new toys, you may drop them off at the fire station during this period. Families needing assistance with toys, please contact the fire station at 240-773-8954.

Note: This service is for children under 10 years old only.

Safety tips for a safe Christmas

- Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh. Shedding needles is a sign of a dry tree.
- Never place a tree so that it blocks an exit.
- Only buy electric lights that are approved by a national testing lab.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Never run electrical cords through doorways and under rugs.
- Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water. Check the water daily.
- Place the tree away from direct sources of heat.

ELECTION BUZZ

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council was installed Nov. 18. Members are: Bruce Williams, mayor; and council members Seth Grimes (Ward 1), Tim Male (Ward 2), Kay Daniels-Cohen (Ward 3), Terry Seamens (Ward 4), Jarrett Smith (Ward 5) and Fred Schultz (Ward 6).

Alanna Natanson became the first 16-year old to vote in an official election in the United States. She took advantage of the early voting period and voted on the first day she could, Friday, Nov. 1.

“I was nervous that the process would be difficult, but it was a very easy one-two step process,” Natanson told City TV, which ran a segment on the new voting policies. “I think it’s important that we do our part to show our government that we care. And as a generation... we want our government to represent us... [and] pass legislation we care about.”

Another first-time voter was 17-year-old Mattan Berner-Kadish. “Regardless of how many people are in the ballot... it’s important to have an opinion and to have a belief and express those,” he said. Aaron Richards, also 17, was excited about his

opportunity to vote. “I think it’s really great to be able to vote in a local election,” he said. “You should be able to choose who represents you in a democratic government.”

“I wanted to participate,” said Eliza Adler, also 17. “It’s a privilege to be able to vote at a young age... Everyone should take advantage of that opportunity and help our community.”

Lucas Richie, another teen voter who promoted the change to the city’s charter that allowed the vote, says local politics have “a huge impact” on teenagers, but more importantly, getting them to

vote early will set up a habit of voting as adults. “To me, lowering the voting age is all about raising awareness for the rest of their lives,” said Richie. “A lot of people in this country don’t care enough about their government and about making a change.”

Richie believes younger people should also be allowed to run for office, and was disappointed the council voted against such a measure. “It displays a certain lack of confidence in our elected officials if they are worried to run against a teenager.”

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK ELECTION RESULTS – NOVEMBER 5, 2013

OFFICES AND CANDIDATES	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	WARD 5	WARD 6	TOTAL	ELECTED
MAYOR								
BRUCE R. WILLIAMS	228	221	188	172	65	116	990	BRUCE R. WILLIAMS
ELIZABETH FORBES WALLACE (registered write-in)	21	18	15	2	6	1	63	
WRITE-IN	31	36	29	8	12	6	59	
							1112	
CITY COUNCIL								
WARD 1: SETH GRIMES	229							SETH GRIMES
WARD 1: WRITE-IN	25							
							254	
WARD 2: TIM MALE		242						TIM MALE
WARD 2: WRITE-IN		18						
							260	
WARD 3: KAY DANIELS-COHEN			189					KAY DANIELS-COHEN
WARD 3: WRITE-IN			23					
							212	
WARD 4: TERRY SEAMENS				218				TERRY J. SEAMENS
WARD 4: ERIC MENDOZA (withdrew from race)				10				
WARD 4: WRITE-IN				1				
							229	
WARD 5: JARRETT SMITH					72			JARRETT K. SMITH
WARD 5: WRITE-IN					7			
							79	
WARD 6: FRED SCHULTZ						125		FRED SCHULTZ
WARD 6: WRITE-IN						3		
							128	

DECEMBER '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 January issue is Dec.16, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Dec. 27.

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

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

All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C. unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council

Monday, Dec. 2 - No City Council meeting

Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. (special meeting, Washington Adventist Hospital relocation)
TPCC Auditorium

Council is on break for most of December

For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov

Building Local Economy in Takoma Park: Exploring Ideas and Strategies

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Sponsored by Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER)

Deadline, Library Use Survey

Online submissions due before Dec. 20

Printed surveys due Dec. 13

Christmas Holiday

From 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 and

Wednesday, Dec. 25

City offices closed

New Year's Holiday

Jan. 1 – City offices closed

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.

Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families

240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com

www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Shop and Sip Thursdays

Thursdays beginning Dec. 5, 5 – 8 p.m.

Old Town Takoma

Holiday refreshments and shopping at participating businesses

A visit from Santa

Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Nature Lab, 7003 Carroll Ave.

Mayor Bruce Williams stands in for Santa for fun and photos

Benefits Old Town Business Association

www.mainstreettakoma.org

Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, Dec. 7, noon - 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave.

Donations to various charities as gifts, plus fair activities

D.C. Arts Studios Open House and Holiday Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7, noon – 5 p.m.

6925 Willow Street NW (formerly A Salon studios)

Make-your-own gift demos, dance performances, beer tasting

Takoma Park Craftwomen's 32nd Annual Holiday Show and Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, noon – 4 p.m.

7208 Maple Ave.

Handcrafted gifts by local artists; refreshments

Adults only 301-270-5367

Cedar Ave Artists' Holiday Show

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

7209 Cedar Ave.

Six local artists display pottery, painting and mixed media work at the historic Boathouse.

14th Annual Pajamarama

Sunday, Dec. 8, 7 – 10 a.m.

Old Takoma

Shop early in your pajamas and receive discounts at participating businesses

www.mainstreettakoma.org

Dance Afire Community Fire Show

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Gazebo in Old Takoma, Carroll and Westmoreland avenues

Fire dancers welcome winter

Free

Write for Rights with Amnesty International

Saturday, Dec. 14, 3 – 5 p.m.

Capital City Cheesecake, 7071 Carroll Ave.

Participants join the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Chapter of Amnesty International to write letters to prisoners and their captors

Randy Marks, 240 604 1754,

rmarksftc@yahoo.com

Nuclear Free Committee 30th Anniversary

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens Center

Highlights from 30 years as a stronghold of nuclear activism, plus speakers from Peace Action ad Beyond Nuclear, and the story of activist mayor Sam Abbott from Nancy Abbott Young

Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 – 7 p.m.

Gazebo in Old Takoma, Carroll and Westmoreland avenues, 6 p.m.

Takoma Park, Md. Library, 7:30 p.m.

The Foggy Bottom Morris Men dance in the season

www.fbmm-morris.org

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

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

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Jazz Jam

Open mic for jazz musicians

Tuesdays, 7 - 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 14th Street NW

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll Street NW

Autumn Colors

Featuring Takoma Park Water Color Group, Fran Abrams, Helene Baribeau, Amy Jackson

Exhibit runs through Jan. 5

Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

April Verch in Concert

Canadian fiddler, singer, songwriter and step dancer

Monday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

\$18 Advance/ \$22 door/ Students \$14/ \$18

www.imtfolk.org

Annual Takoma Park Authors Book Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave.

Local authors available to discuss and sign their books

D.C. Labor Chorus

Annual concert

Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free, donations suggested

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer's Blanket and Pillow Concert

The 28th Annual Winter Family Concert/ sing along/ pajama party with special guest Justin Roberts

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road

\$12 advance, \$15 door

Groups of five or more in advance \$10 each

www.imtfolk.org

Led Zeppelin Played Here

Documentary about a 1969 Led Zeppelin concert at the Wheaton Recreation Center

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Brother Sun

Acoustic folk trio

Friday, Dec. 13

\$20 advance/ \$25 door

Carroll Café, 276 Carroll Street, N.W.

www.carrollcafe.org

Holiday Art Sale

Featuring work from 35 local artists

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Young Takoma Concert Series by Brian Weber

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Gazebo in Old Takoma, Carroll and Westmoreland avenues

Songs of the season at 1 and 2 p.m.

Third Thursday Poetry

Featuring Sara Burnett, Chris Farago, Ashira Malka, Kati Nolfi, Linda Rabben

Thursday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Takoma Park, Md. Library

Annual solstice celebration features drummer Bill Jenkins and the Foggy Bottom Morris Men

Ensemble Galilei Holiday Concert

Scottish, Irish, and early music

Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm

Takoma Park Community Center

\$22 advance/ \$26 door; Students \$18/ \$22

www.imtfolk.org

Holiday Sing-a-Long

Saturday, Dec. 21 11 a.m.

Takoma Park, Md. Library

Local musician Wendy Lanxner and her students lead holiday songs

SENIORS

Holiday Display - U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Recreation Department trip

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. The goal of the program is to collect leaf piles within two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather and rain or freezing conditions can slow collection.

There are five streets that receive collection 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. The Monday yard waste collection is cancelled when a holiday is observed on Monday.