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Take a book and leave a book at this Little Free Library, at Hilltop Road near Maple Avenue. This is one of several miniature libraries in the Takoma Park area.

Photo by Virginia Myers

Little Free Libraries inspire reading

By Pat Hanrahan
President,
Friends of the Takoma Park Md. Library

What's better than a library that is open seven days a week? A Little Free Library where you can find a good book 24 hours a day!

Little Free Libraries (LFL) are small containers for books. They have one or more shelves and a door that is easy to open but protects the contents from bad weather. Located in public spaces,

the books inside may be borrowed by anyone.

LFL proponents hope to promote a love of books and reading. As this is also a goal of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, the Friends have purchased an LFL to install outside the Takoma Park Food Co-op.

That sturdy post near the sidewalk in front of the Co-op will soon hold a two-shelfed LFL containing an array of

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Council directs funding to green street, immigrants, youth and microenterprise

City Council recently directed funds toward helping African immigrants, supporting micro-enterprise in food services, addressing the emotional health of local middle schoolers and advancing a sustainably built streetscape project during the annual distribution of Community Development Block Grants in November.

The CDBG money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is distributed by Montgomery County, but specific projects are vetted and recommended by a committee of volunteer residents, then recommended by the Takoma Park City Council. All funds must directly benefit low and moderate income residents of Takoma Park, or be located in and serve an area that is predominantly inhabited by them.

The funds were distributed as follows:

- \$106,250 to the Flower Avenue Green Street project
- \$5,000 to the African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation's Catching Up Program
- \$5,000 to the Crossroads Community Food Network's Micro-enterprise Development in the Local Food Network project
- \$5,000 to the YMCA's Smart Choices with Emotions program at Takoma Park Middle School

A committee of volunteers reviewed seven applications for the funds, and held a public hearing with the city council to consider the needs of low-income residents of Takoma Park.

The committee strongly supported the Flower Avenue project. They reasoned that the \$2 million project, which involves building environmentally-friendly storm-water management gardens, drains and paving, improving sidewalks, and adding additional lighting and other pedestrian-friendly elements, builds on an existing initiative and incorporates a variety of features that will impact the economic and social well being of the area. It is primarily funded through the State Highway Administration, Montgomery County and the federal Transportation Alternatives Program as well as by grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the National Fish and Wildlife Federation.

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Republic one of several new businesses in town

By Virginia Myers

There's a whole lot of buzz about the new restaurant in town: Republic, named for Takoma Park's revolutionary moniker, "The People's Republic of Takoma Park." Run by Takoma Park native Danny Wells, Republic is part of the well-respected Black's Restaurant Group, a local chain of six fine dining establishments in the D.C. area, but is striving to stay hyper local, featuring signature drinks like The Local (sourced with locally distilled gin and honey from a nearby apiary) and the Fascist Killer (with a nod to the town's politi-

cal reputation).

Besides the write-ups in every publication from Washingtonian to the Prince of Petworth blog, locals are giving the restaurant's food, service and atmosphere good reviews on neighborhood list serves – along with a few comments about what it's like to have such shiny new attraction in town.

If you visit, you're likely to find at least as many out-of-towners seated at the bar and tables as there are neighbors. Republic is expected to be a destination restaurant,

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City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECOGNITION TASK FORCE MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:30 a.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 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.

ORDINANCE 2013-54

Adopted Nov. 25

Consulting Services Contract with PDA, Inc.
The resolution authorizes the city manager to enter into a contract with PDA, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 for consulting services related to the Certificate of Need application of Washington Adventist Hospital.

ORDINANCE 2013-55

Adopted Nov. 25

Repeals Ordinance 2013-42 and Re-authorizes Purchase of a Large Air Compressor
The vendor that was awarded a contract by Ordinance 2013-42 was not able to honor its bid. This ordinance repeals 2013-42 and awards the contract for a large air compressor to Washington Air Compressor for a price of \$14,500.

RESOLUTION 2013-70

Adopted Nov. 18

FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant Projects

The resolution accepts CDBG eligible projects for consideration for FY 2015 funding: Flower Avenue Green Street (\$106,250); Catching Up Program

(\$5,000); Microenterprise Development (\$6,480); and Smart Choices with Emotions (\$7,270). The approved projects are to be forwarded to Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs for further review and action.

RESOLUTION 2013-71

Adopted Nov. 25

Removal of Class B Sunset Provision

The resolution requests the General Assembly to remove the sunset provision regarding Class B on and off-sale license availability in Takoma Park as specified in proposed bill MC 18-14. (Voting No: Seamens)

RESOLUTION 2013-72

Adopted Nov. 26

Amended Contract with City Attorney

The resolution authorized an increase in the hourly rate paid to the city attorney (Susan Silber and the law firm of Silber, Perlman, Sigman and Tilev, P.A.) from \$150 per hour to \$175 per hour.

RESOLUTION 2013-73

Adopted Nov. 26

City Council Winter Recess

The resolution sets the City Council's recess to run from Dec. 10, 2013 through Jan. 5, 2014.

RESOLUTION 2013-74

Adopted Nov. 25

Purple Line Corridor Coalition

The resolution supports the city joining the Purple Line Corridor Coalition which has been established to bring together communities, businesses and organizations along the Purple Line corridor with the goals of preserving and providing affordable housing, promoting economic development, stimulating and sustaining small business growth, advancing workforce development and fostering a sense of place through cultural and historic roots.

RESOLUTION 2013-75

Adopted Nov. 25

Residential Streetscape Task Force

The resolution appoints the following residents to serve on the Residential Streetscape Task Force: David Cookson, John Lorenz, Thomas Luebke, Pierre Perrolle and Frances Phipps.

RESOLUTION 2013-76

Adopted Nov. 25

Appointment to the Emergency Preparedness Committee

The resolution appoints Claudine Schweber to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

New Year – New Opportunities to Get Involved

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 from 7:30 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://citycouncil-takomapark.s3.amazonaws.com/agenda/items/2013/060313-1-improving-the-tp-streetscape.pdf>. As a follow up to the presentation, the city council agreed to seek volunteers to serve on a temporary task force to review guidelines for residential streetscapes and make recommendations to the council. Initial

appointments were made in 2013. Interested individuals are still invited to apply.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

(vacancies)

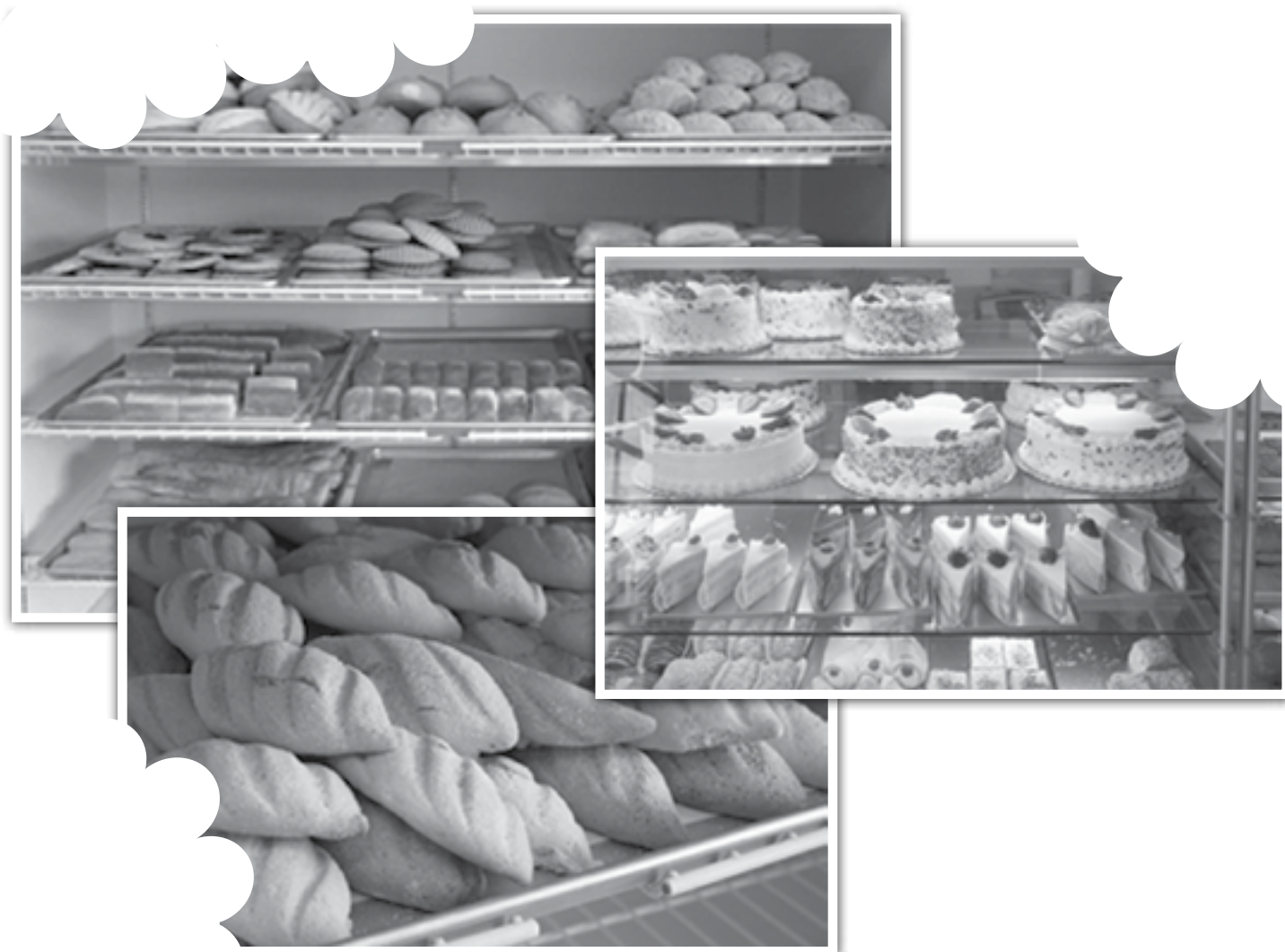
The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) serves in an official advisory role to the city council on all matters related to the arts and humanities. The commission promotes, coordinates and strengthens public programs to further cultural development of the city. At least 2/3 of the members must be Takoma Park residents. The AHC generally meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For information, contact Sara Anne Daines, sarad@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-892-7224.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The City of Takoma Park has one seat on Montgomery County's Cable and Communications Advisory Committee (CCAC). The city council is seeking a volunteer to serve as the city's representative on the CCAC who is knowledgeable and/or excited about new technologies, the use of video on multiple devices, and the possibilities of interactivity with residents through these technologies. Additionally, the City of Takoma Park and Montgomery County are in the process of negotiating the franchise agreement with Comcast, and the agreements with Verizon and RCN expire in 2014. The CCAC will have an advisory role in the franchise renewal process. For more information, contact Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7229.

Limited opportunities are also available on the Committee on the Environment, the Facade Advisory Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Recreation Committee, and the 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.*



Discovering Takoma Park, one sweet bite at a time

By Virginia Myers

I have lived in Takoma Park for 25 years. I know the place pretty well, right?

Well, yes and no. I know my neighborhood. I know Old Town, the Junction, the parks, the library, the schools. My bank and the Crossroads Farmers Market take me to Takoma/Langley, and I've taken aerobics classes at the Rec Center on New Hampshire Avenue (what a workout!). Still, there's plenty that is unfamiliar to me.

So this month I went exploring. The New Ave was a great place to start: the city-sponsored web site/concept works hard to expose the intriguing little nooks and crannies of New Hampshire Avenue and Takoma/Langley Crossroads to folks who are more commonly wrapped up in all things Old Town and historic district.

The New Ave walking tours each list a handful of destinations that echo one of five themes: Latin America and the Caribbean, South Asia, groceries, fabrics or sweets.

I choose sweets. Yum.

butcher, a produce section, and my destination: the prepared food counter.

Hanging out in this store is half the fun, so I take my time getting to the sweets. Wandering the aisles I feel like a tourist, wondering about this oddly shaped root vegetable (eddes) and finding an item I remember from a trip to the islands, where I slurped calaloo soup. The market has fresh calaloo, a spinach-like vegetable I've never seen at Safeway. The meat case has whole legs from various animals, as well as hoofs and organs. I'd need a guide to describe a lot of the produce accurately, but I recognize mangos, avocados and bananas. The spice aisle is great for bulk buying: there are one-pound bags of curry, and five-pound jugs of cayenne pepper.

Finally I make my way to the prepared food. Posted above are photographs of each dish: jerk chicken, pumpkin and roti, cow foot, ackee and salt fish. I'll definitely have to return for the curry goat.

The sweets are in the case, and I have to ask to be sure that these are sugary foods, and not savory. There's black cake,

currant roll, banana cake and cassava pone.

I ask for a pine tart, which is flaky and full of tiny diced pineapple. Then I see a coconut pie on the counter filled with toasted coconut. How could I pass that up? On my way to the cash register, I find tamarind balls, another treat I can't refuse. The round, sugar-coated spheres of tart tamarind pulp and sugar are a blast of flavor.

To wash down my treats, there's spicy ginger beer. I take all this to go, but promise myself I'll return to sit at one of the tables tucked in a corner, where I can easily imagine I am on a Caribbean island miles from Takoma Park.

Casa Blanca and Sam's Donuts 7988 New Hampshire Ave.

It's a two-fer at Casa Blanca and Sam's Donuts, side-by-side bakeries with similar arrays of Central American-style sweets plus meal options like tamales, refried beans, pupusas and more. Customers, nearly all of them Latino, know

the drill: they pick up a tray and tongs, serve themselves from displays of light, flaky breads, gooey bread pudding, and fruit-filled turnovers, and bring the trays to the cashier, who bags the items and rings them up.

In Casa Blanca, it's hard to choose amidst all the various shapes and ingredients, so my friend and I wind up with a bag that includes four different selections. When we ask, the accommodating server writes down the name of each, which seems easier than translating from Spanish: We have lengua, literally "tongue," a long, crisp, sugar-crusty sweet bread; a plain sweet bread called concha (like the conch shell, named for its round shape), chanpurradas, a sesame seed-topped, airy cookie; and a huge square of bread pudding with bananas and raisins. The whole bag of treats cost \$3.25, and on our way out the friendly woman server gives us a small piece of torta de leche to try. Literally "milk cake," it is not only moist, creamy and light, unlike any American equivalent I've encountered, it is beautiful: the whole cakes on display are trimmed with fresh fruit and sliced almonds, picture-perfect and ready for special occasions.

Next door at Sam's Donuts, we jostle ourselves in with a crowd of men and women who must be regulars, standing around the coffee machine and visiting at small tables. We order coffee (\$1 a cup) and friendly customers direct us to powdered cream, milk and sugar. We also choose from the bakery trays, again filled with a variety of shapes and sizes of sweet breads and pastries. The pineapple turnover looks flaky and I love a fruit filling, so we go with that and a piece of tres leches cake, recommended by one of Takoma Park's police officers earlier in the week (apparently Takoma Park's finest have discovered this place, too!).

Then we settle down at a table beside two young women and an adorable baby girl eating frijoles and platanos for breakfast. Outside the big windows, the rain falls, but we are cozy inside and linger over our coffee and sweets, discovering (as The New Ave website advises) that the dry, sugary lengua and chanpurradas are perfect dipped in coffee.

Ten-4

1401 University Blvd. East

It is time for an afternoon pick-me-up, and I have before me an array of sand-colored pastries and cookies on a plate beside my mug of tea. I've carefully cut each in half so that I will not eat them all at once, but these are so addictive I am afraid I might break into the rest before it's all over.

The booty is from Ten-4, a tidy panade-

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Caribbean Market

7505 New Hampshire Ave.

Reggae drifts out the doors of the Caribbean Market, a grocery store and eatery tucked into the lower level of a mixed-use building that includes professional offices at the back, and retail stores on the ground floor. Despite its hidden entrance, inside it's a big space, with aisles of dry goods as well as a full

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BUILDING COMMUNITY



COLTA'S CORNER

by Jean Kerr, Housing Specialist

Fair Return Rent Increase Petition(s)

240 Manor Circle (2013-8L)

The owner of this eight-unit apartment building filed a fair return rent

increase petition on July 26, 2013, seeking a rent increase above the Rent Stabilization Allowance. Landlords are entitled to a rent increase above the Rent Stabilization Allowance if they can show that their net operating income has been reduced due to escalating operating costs.

After review of the required documentation by COLTA's rents analyst, an \$89 rent increase was approved for each of the units. Tenants had a 30-day period to comment on the decision. No comments were received.

The landlord is required to give the tenants a two-month written notification of the fair return rent increase. This fair return rent increase granted by COLTA substitutes for the 1.4 percent rent stabilization increase that the landlord was entitled to take during the current recording period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

To review the full decision, please access it on the city's website at www.takomaparkmd.gov, click on "Landlord-Tenant" and scroll down to "COLTA Case Summaries."

Music headlines Takoma Radio benefit event

The folks who are supporting efforts to establish and operate a non-commercial radio station in Takoma Park are presenting a full line-up of musicians plus radio bits from around town and some fun surprises during a benefit event for Takoma Radio, a project of Historic Takoma.

The event, *Hula on the Radio*, is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW in Takoma, D.C. It will feature Pam Parker with Brian Kooke; the Hula Huskers: Jonna Huseman and Moe Nelson; Joe Uehlein, Anna Grace Uehlein, Avril Smith and Mindy McWilliams; Emma's Revolution; and radio bits from a posse of radio producers preparing for



the eventual launch of the station. The show, with Caroline Casey of Coyote Network News hosting, will be presented and recorded as if it were live radio, to be broadcast later on Takoma Radio.

In addition to entertainment, presenters will offer homemade cupcakes and other refreshments from blogger Lauren Seat (seatatthetable.wordpress.com) during intermission.

Takoma Radio is being created as a hyper-local, non-commercial listening alternative. The coverage area includes neighborhoods in Northeast and Northwest D.C. and Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The programming, as well as the deejays, announcers, and board members will be local.

Tickets to the event are \$20 in advance (available at www.carrollcafe.org) and \$25 at the door.

For more information, see www.takomaradio.org or www.carrollcafe.org.

COMMUNITY Briefs

Brighten Up Takoma

With longer winter nights, you can help improve pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety on city streets by reporting street light outages in your neighborhood and around town:



The tall "cobra head" street lights on wooden poles are maintained by Pepco, and outages can be reported at 202-833-7500. All poles have a 10-digit number that can be referenced along with street address, or use the online map to locate and report the outage, www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight.

Decorative streetlights on the city's commercial streets (Carroll Avenue, Holton Lane, etc.) and in city parks (Spring Park) are maintained by the Takoma Park Public Works Department. Damaged lights and outages should be reported to 301-891-7333, or by filling out a complaint online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/report-a-problem.

Some parks in the city are maintained by Montgomery County, such as Takoma Urban Park on Carroll Avenue. Issues with lights in county-maintained parks should be reported to the service center at 301-670-8080, or Service.Center@MontgomeryParks.org.

Traffic lights in the city are maintained by the State Highway Administration, and problems with either the vehicular or pedestrian signals should be reported to 410-582-5650, or online at www.chart.state.md.us/contacts/contacts.asp.

Don't forget, street lights and signals outside of the city are maintained by the departments of transportation of Montgomery County, Prince George's County, or the District of Columbia.

TAKOMA SWEETS

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ria – bakery – in the strip mall just east of Walgreen's on University Boulevard. By 5 p.m., when workers begin making their way home, it will be busy, but when I purchase my bag of treats (again, around \$3), the young woman at the counter has time to explain the differences among a dizzying array of pastries.

There are some now-familiar items, like concha. But the cookies come in different shapes, and few are labeled. Some are flour-based, others made with cornmeal, some have fruit or cream fillings, others are plain. Using the tray and tongs, I choose a tart-like cookie called pichardine, with a smear of sweet strawberry jam baked on top. Hojaldras is a plain cookie that turns out to be perfect for dipping. The pañuela manzana is an apple turnover, flaky and a little light on the filling; and the pastelito leche is a hand pie of sturdy pastry filled with light cream, another great dipper.

I read on the New Ave web site that this bakery is Salvadoran style, and the staff confirms it: The owner is from El Salvador, but the bakery specializes in

Guatemalan-style goods as well. A sign (in Spanish) advertises milk and beans for sale, there is queso blanco (a bland cheese for pupusas and tortillas) in the case, and I spy chocolate covered frozen bananas that I'm sure will lure me back one hot summer day.

FroZenYo

1137-B University Boulevard East

This spot is not on the walking tour yet – but since it's a relative newcomer to the neighborhood, I'm curious. Founded in Washington, D.C., FroZenYo is a small chain with just under 20 locations in the region. The hook is that you get to load up your own cup of yogurt with whatever flavors and toppings are your favorites – and the choices are impressive.

I'm the only customer in the shop when I arrive, but it is winter, so I imagine the place is busier in the warmer months. Another nod to the season: there are seasonal flavors, like peppermint and egg-nog.

I choose from 16 possibilities – along with the expected chocolate and vanilla, there are flavors like birthday cake and wildberry tart. But my favorite part is the toppings, everything from Cap'n Crunch



Julio Soto, supervisor for the meat department at Caribbean Market, takes a duck from cases that also display chicken, goat and fish. Sweets at the market include treats like black cake, pine tart and coconut pie.

Photo by Virginia Myers

cereal to chunks of mango or pineapple, Heath Bar crumbles, pound cake, brownies and peanut butter. I choose the berry flavor, and chocolate and vanilla, all in one cup, then top it with fresh strawberries, shredded coconut, and walnuts.

Next step: pay at the register, where

I pay by weight: my selection comes to about \$5 for what would amount to a double scoop of ice cream with toppings.

There's a café table in the window, where I take a seat and dig in.

Sweet. To see the walking guide, go to thenewwave.com/explore/walking-tours.

THE ARTS



David Camero

Kid friendly costume artist performs at TPCC Auditorium

Venezuelan born artist David Camero will present an interactive performance with a repertoire of songs from Spain and Latin America. Camero will perform as six different characters in colorful costumes, crossing borders between fantasy and reality.

This 45-minute performance is a great activity for a wintery Saturday afternoon. Kids will be entertained and ready for a long nap afterwards.

The event is part of the We Are Takoma series, sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission.

**DAVID CAMERO AS MYSTICAL
DRAGONFLY**

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m.

**Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium**

Ballad've to warm your spirits on a mid-winter's eve

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

The local folk trio Ballad've will be coming to Takoma Park to warm up the night, performing its modern interpretation of traditional shape note songs. Shape-note singing dates back to the early 1800s and became a popular way to teach music; shapes were added to musical notation to help singers find pitches. The music has mostly been performed in a religious context, and though it originated in New England, it is now mostly practiced in the South.

Rather than performing the hymns in the traditional unaccompanied manner, Ballad've fuses sacred singing with a variety of styles including folk, blues and a mix of percussive elements from around the globe. This reinterpretation reflects the group's American cultural roots and pays tribute to the music, all "while challenging and expanding the stylistic boundaries of the tradition itself," explains the band.

The D.C.-based band gets its name from the ubiquitous phrase, "Ballad of," (or, the quickly-pronounced "Ballad've") that appears in the title



Anders Fahey, Manny Arciniega and Margaret Wasaff of Ballad've

of countless folk songs (e.g. "The Ballad of Casey Jones") as well as many popular songs (e.g. "The Ballad of John and Yoko"). Ballad've consists of banjoist and ethnomusicologist Anders Fahey; vocalist, songwriter and guitarist Margaret Wasaff; and Manny Arciniega, a classically trained percussionist, arranger,

composer and music educator.

A question and answer session will be held at the end of the evening along with a group sing-through of a selected hymn.

The evening is part of the We Are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission.

Hidden Books – The art of Kumi Korf

Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Free**

This award-winning short film about internationally known artist Kumi Korf (an early contributor to the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center), unfolds very much like one of Korf's artworks. "Hidden Books – the Art of Kumi Korf" gives a unique perspective on Korf's life as a painter, print-maker and book artist, and how the world around her influences her work.

The film is being screened in partnership with Docs In Progress. A question and answer session with filmmaker Sam Hampton will follow the screening. This event is part of the We Are Takoma series sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission.

Old-time Appalachian music

Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

**Takoma Park Community Center
Suggested \$20 donation**

The father-son duo of Ken and Brad Kolodner will be coming to the Takoma Park Community Center this January for a set of traditional and original Appalachian Old-Time Music played with modern sensibilities. Ken is a world-renowned hammered dulcimer player and fiddler who has been teaching and performing full-time for nearly 30 years. His son Brad is a rising star in the music scene. He is a 2013-14 Strathmore Artist in Residence. Together, the Kolodners have recorded two studio albums. These multi-instrumentalists will be playing hammered dulcimer, banjo, twin fiddles, guitar, gourd banjo, banjola, hammered mbira and vocals. They will be accompanied by Alex Laquement on bass.



Ken and Brad Kolodner

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

Gallery openings – Transformations and Into Dreamland

Jan. 9, 7 – 9 p.m.

Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

On Jan. 9 the artists in the new exhibit, Transformation, will be hosting a reception for their latest installation at the Community Center. Exhibit openings are a great opportunity to meet the artists and learn about the inspiration behind their work.

The quest for personal transformation unites the work of artists Mary Freedman, Jackie Hoysted, Megan Peritore and Lisa Rosenstein in this multi-media show, which features drawings, assemblages, paintings and sculpture. The show poses the question: Is art transformation or manipulation?

Freedman's drawings and Peritore's sculptures are motivated by nature and reflect their quest for balance and unity with the world. Conversely Hoysted's cigarette project and Rosenstein's white paintings are driven from within. Hoysted uses art as a tool to manipulate herself and ensure success with her goal to quit smoking, while Rosenstein wraps or marks canvases in an effort to control time, seeking solace and solitude from a world that is too demanding at times.

Also exhibiting work in January is Teruko Bowens whose show in the Dempsey Gallery, Into Dreamland, seeks to capture the beauty in the world around her. Bowens was born in Tokyo in 1930. After World War II, she worked for the U.S. Army in Shinagawa, Japan, where she met her husband. She emigrated to Benton Harbor, Mich. in 1952 and made history as the town's first war bride.

The exhibits are sponsored by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Commission and run from Jan. 9 to March 2.



RECREATION

Join the Recreation Department at the Fitness Expo on Jan. 4. For more information, see Save the Dates, page 7.

TOTS

CLASSES

Let's Pretend

Ages 2 ½ - 5
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 \$115
Non-residents \$135

YOUTH

CLASSES

Sign Language: For Beginners

Ages 6 – 15
The American Sign Language is not only reserved for hearing challenged individuals, but is an exciting new language to learn. 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 this four week course, students will be able to participate in a basic sign language course.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Jan. 28, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$59
Non-residents \$69

DROP IN

Comics 101 (an introduction to comics)

Ages 6 – 12
Jump into the world of comics. Learn about your favorite heroes and villains and their origins. Learn how superman became the "Man of Steel" or how Batman became the world's "Greatest Detective." Join us in discovering new worlds and fighting crime.
TP Recreation Center front room
Fridays ongoing, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

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, and mental and spiritual strength. There is a onetime, 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

Age 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

DANCE

Let Your Emotions Be Your Rhythm

Ages 12-17
Educates teens on alternative and creative methods to displace their emotions; teaches team work and bonding skills through dance, workshops and open discussions. Every member will learn new therapeutic movements, dance techniques, routines and more about themselves as individuals.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Feb. 4 – April 29, 3 – 5 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents \$20

DROP IN

Smashing Smoothies and Movie Rap Night

Ages 12-17
Hang out with your friends, watch movies, make smoothies and be Takoma Park's own movie critic. Watch the movies and tell us what you think!
TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Second and fourth Thursday of the month
Jan. 23 – March 27, 6 – 8 p.m.
Free

Teen Night

Ages 12-17
Nothing to do on Friday night? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house.
TP Recreation Center
Second and fourth Friday of the month
Jan. 10 – March 28, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

Xpression Tuesdays

Ages 12 – 17
Join Ms. Leicia as you express yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home or leave in the Teen Lounge as a display. We are always looking for more ideas of ways to create and express ourselves.
TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 25, 3 – 5 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Job Training - Resume Writing-Mock Interviews

Ages 13-17
This training will help teens create a resume, participate in mock interviews and receive evaluations from instructors. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

TEEN

Teen Fitness

Ages 12-16
Teen Fitness will show you how to do a workout appropriate for your ability level, concentrating on cardio and strength. These two healthy and energizing routines will help you burn calories and strength while building muscles, to help you build a lean, healthy body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.
TP Recreation Center Fitness Room
Mondays, Jan. 6 – March 31, 7 – 8 p.m.
No class on Jan. 21
Free with membership card

ADULT

Aerobics: Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength

Age 16 and older
Heart pumping and easy to follow, Hi-Low Aerobics flows to the beat of a great sound system. Fifty minutes of high-energy moves interspersed with moments that really make you sweat! Following the beat liberates the body and mind to move in the moment. Revel in a free flow of endorphins; your own "feel-good" chemicals. Muscle-building strength work with resistance tools follows, and then a well-earned stretch.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Mondays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$65
Non-residents \$75

Jazzercise

Age 16 and older
Jazzercise is the art of Jazz combined with

For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please see the Rec Guide for Winter 2014


or visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Mondays, Feb. 3 - March 31, 3 – 4 p.m.
TP residents \$10
Non-residents \$15

Young Entrepreneurs Program

Ages 12-17
The Young Entrepreneurs Program (Y.E.P) encourages teens to develop their business skills and inspires them to be entrepreneurs. Through this program students will gain transferable business skills for both self employment and the job market, understand the relevance of education, choose to stay in school or pursue higher education, and develop life management and problem solving skills.
TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Fridays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
TP residents \$10
Non-residents \$15

Let Your Emotions Be Your Rhythm
Dance Performance
TP Community Center Auditorium
Friday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m



RECREATION

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

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays ongoing, 7 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays ongoing, 8 – 9 a.m.
No class on Jan. 20
\$45 PER MONTH EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)
\$110/8 week pass
\$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or 8 week pass
\$15 drop-in (with \$20 fee)

Karate/Self Defense Club

Age 14 and older
Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). Beginners welcome. This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays on-going
7 – 8:30pm
No class on Jan. 20
Free

Pilates (Beginner)

Age 16 and older
A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core" -- abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline and realign their body.
TP Recreation Center Front Room
Wednesdays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 12, 6 – 7 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

Pilates (Advanced)

Age 16 and older
Strengthen your abdominals as well as your glutes, back and shoulders. We build long lean muscles using a variety of tools and approaches. A challenging workout that is surprisingly enjoyable. Gain a stronger, more flexible core and better posture that will benefit you 24 hours a day. Participants are required to bring a mat and their own 3-pound weights.
TP Recreation Center Fitness Room
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

Tai Chi Chuan

Age 18 and older
Tai Chi Chuan is often referred to as moving meditation and offers many health and relaxation benefits to people of all ages. Regular practice can improve posture, balance, coordination, strength, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and concentration. In this introductory class the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible and more efficient.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Thursdays, Jan. 16 – March 20
Tai Chi Basics: 6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
The Tai Chi Form: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Continuing: 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.
TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85

Yoga Nidra: Meditation and Relaxation

Age 16 and older
Feeling stressed, fatigued, or just need to relax? This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Practitioners report decreases in insomnia, anxiety and chronic pain. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable position. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets and a pillow.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Mondays, Jan. 13 – March 24, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP-IN

Adults 55 Plus Multi-Activity Room:
Open For Your Leisure
Ages 55 and up
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.*
Monday – Friday, noon - 8 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday, noon - 5 p.m.

*Daytime hours may be adjusted at various times during the month to accommodate a variety of special events and classes for seniors. Food and drinks are not permitted except for 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.

Needlework Get-together

Ages 55 and up
Are you bored sitting and knitting alone? Join us for fun, conversation and support with needlework projects. Bring your projects with you. This is not an instructional class. The group will not meet during inclement weather.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Mondays ongoing, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Computer Classes

Ages 55 and up
Learn to use the internet, a word processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card* to access the computers, and take this course. Limit six participants. Instructors: Phil Shapiro, Jim Mueller, Jane Hawkanson. Registration is required.
TP Community Center Computer Lab
Session I: Wednesdays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 12
Class Fee: \$10 per session
*Library card fees: Free/Takoma Park residents, \$37/ Montgomery County residents, and \$60/non-county residents.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Community Celebration

The Community Center is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday holiday on Jan. 20, but please join Takoma United from 5 - 8 p.m. for the MLK Jr. Community Celebration and potluck supper.

The event will be held at Piney Branch Elementary School on Maple Avenue with music, dance, and speakers, including Takoma Park's own children and youth, and local civil rights activists sharing their historical struggle and current work.

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



WE WANT YOU!

**Summer Camp Opportunities
Open Feb. 1**

**Teach Sports And Games –
Outdoor Activities – Arts And
Crafts – And More**

*For job openings and application
information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers*

SAVE THE DATES!

Fitness Expo 2014; 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

**Forever Young Table Tennis Tournament –
Looking for players**
Would you like to participate in a table tennis tournament for adults 55 and older? We are planning a March 2014 tournament. For more information, and to register with Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, Takoma Park Recreation Department, call 301-891-7280, or email paulal@takomaparkmd.gov

Zumba Gold – Saturdays!
Ages 55 and up
Zumba Gold was designed for the active senior with less intense dance routines for beginners and older adults using modified

movements. 10 weeks. Limit 20 students. In-person pre-registration is required.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Saturdays, Jan. 11 - March 15,
2 - 2:45 p.m.
Free

**Enjoy Your Own Indoor Herb Garden
This Winter**
Ages 16 and older
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



Celebrate Takoma Steering Committee Members Needed

The Recreation Department is beginning to plan the Second Annual Celebrate Takoma Festival for Sunday, May 18 and we need your help. The festival celebrates the cultural diversity of Takoma Park. We will be looking for food, merchandise vendors and local entertainers. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Steering Committee please email Debby Huffman at DeborahH@takomaparkmd.gov. The committee meets monthly in the evenings. Come join the fun!

Inclement Weather Info:

For information, cancellations and updates, call our weather hotline:
301-891-7101 ext. 5605

If the Federal Government declares it is closed, or announces a delay (such as a 2-hour delay), the City of Takoma Park follows that declaration. If the Federal Government delays opening, then regularly scheduled classes, which normally take place after the delayed start time, will be held at their normal time.

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

Moralities of Everyday Life

Sundays beginning Jan. 26, 12:30 p.m.

Discussion for those taking the free online class offered by Coursera and taught by Yale's Paul Bloom

Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tpmorality

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Have fun singing and rhyming in French with Madame Marie.

Registration highly encouraged so participants can be updated with upcoming program dates.

Little Free Library Launch

Saturday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.

Takoma Park Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.

Yoga Storytime

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m.

Ms. Kati will lead a program of stories and gentle yoga stretches for kids ages 3-5 and their grown-ups.

Spaces limited; registration required.

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.

Join us for a look at some great new picture books. We'll also be voting for our "winner." Lemonade and cookies served.

No registration.

Bedtime Stories – NEW NIGHT!

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

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

WinterQuest Wrap-Up

Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of the books you read during our first-ever WinterQuest program. We'll end with a party!

Registration encouraged to ensure we have enough cupcakes!

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Jan., 14, 4 p.m.

Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club.

No registration required.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:45 p.m.

Fashion Design Workshop

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.

Please join us to create fashion crafts and accessories and rainbow loom bracelets. For ages 8 up.

Graphic Novelist George O'Connor

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special program with the acclaimed author/illustrator of "Athena," "Zeus" and other Greek hero graphic novels.

Salvage the Bones

Friends Reading Group meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center

See briefs for more info

LIBRARY



French book collection expands to include fiction for adults

By Nadia Pazolis-Gabriel

Nadia Pazolis-Gabriel is a native of France, a librarian, and a member-at-large of the Board of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. On a recent trip home, she agreed to select some adult and children's French books for the library, with funding from the Friends of the Takoma Park Library. Though the library has had an expanding collection of French books for children for some time, as well as a subscription to Jeune Afrique, which is especially popular with West African patrons, this selection of new French fiction for adults is something new. Library staff hopes Pazolis-Gabriel will lend her expertise to help make it grow.

Live from France, fresh from Paris, are 14 fiction books awaiting your reading at the Takoma Park, Md. Library.

Chantal Thomas' new historical novel, "L'échange des princesses" follows her novel-made-into-a-movie "Farewell my Queen." The French magazine L'Express said: "Remarquablement documentée, nourrie d'anecdotes surprenantes, cette tranche d'Histoire se savoure avec délectation. Et un peu d'effarement aussi..." ("remarkably documented, full of surprising anecdotes, you will relish this slice of history... and it may frighten you a bit, too"). Based on true events, the book recounts the plans of Louis XV's regent to arrange political marriages among the children of the French and Spanish royal families in the 1720s.

Back to the 21st century, the strangely entitled "L'extraordinaire voyage du fakir qui était resté coincé dans une armoire Ikea," or "The Extraordinary Journey of the Fakir who got Stuck in an Ikea Closet" is repetitive at times but quite goofy and witty, with insights in today's global world and the clandestine populations. The book, written by Romain Puétoles, was released in France a few months ago and has already been published in 30 other countries.

The Princesses and the Fakir books are both part of the French Rentrée Littéraire

frenzy. It's new books season every year between late August and early October. A few weeks before the literary prizes season, hundreds of books are published, prompting weeks of discussion in the media. Deciding which to offer the readers is a librarian's dilemma. According to the official figures, 555 new titles appeared this year, down from 646 in 2012.

Typically, the new publications fall in three categories: French fiction, foreign fiction and non-fiction. Sometimes, an extra category is included: La francophonie. Thus the distinction is made between Metropolitan French authors and authors from other countries who write in French. Among our new books, you will find Canadian author Jocelyne Saucier's "Il pleuvait des oiseaux." The title, "It was Raining Birds," refers to the great fires that took place in the Abitibi-Temiscamingue region of western Canada in the early 20th century. The book section of Le Monde, Le Monde des Livres, called it a naturalist thriller and a roman lumineux (a novel full of light). Among the many prizes for this book, Saucier received

the Prix des cinq continents de la Francophonie, and the Prix France-Québec.

Our selection also includes three collections of short stories by two authors, ideal for the intermediate level speaker of French. Author Bernard Comment's "Tout passé" received the Goncourt prize for the short stories collection in 2011. The other two books, "La femme au miroir" and "Odette Toulemonde et autres histoires," are from best-selling author Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt. His stories are usually simple and optimistic, focusing on one person's life, emotions, and secrets. He often makes us smile.

Some of our other new French books include: "Pietra viva" by Léonor de Récondo; "14" by Jean Echenoz; "La grâce des brigands" by Véronique Ovaldé; "Fleur de tonnerre" by Jean Teulé; and "La Délicatesse" by David Foenkinos.

We think we made un bon choix for you, so... à bientôt à la bibliothèque!



BOOK SALE SUCCESS

Friends Board members and book sellers Rebekah Zanditon, Merrill Leffler, Nadia Pazolis-Gabriel and Pat Hanrahan helped organize a successful book sale for the library this past fall. The event netted approximately \$900.

Photo by Michelle Morgan

LIBRARY BRIEFS

"Salvage The Bones" chosen by Friends Reading Group

Described as "the first great novel about Katrina" (Kate Tuttle, Boston Globe), "Salvage the Bones" by Jesamyn Ward has been chosen by the Friends of the Library Bi-Monthly Book Club for its next discussion on Feb. 11. Written from a teenager's point of view, the book dramatizes how one black Mississippi family – a widowed father, three sons, and the narrator Esche – endured poverty, sexual abuse and

violence, and then braved Hurricane Katrina.

"Salvage the Bones" won the 2011 National Book Award for Fiction, as well as numerous other awards. It has been described as "an intense book, with powerful direct prose that dips into poetic metaphor...We are immersed in Esch's world, a world in which birth and death nestle close, where there is little safety except that which the siblings create for each other. That close-knit familial relationship is vivid and compelling, drawn with complexities and detail" (Carolyn Kellogg, the Los Angeles Times).

Join us in the Takoma Park Community

Center at 7:30 p.m. for a spirited discussion of this widely praised novel. Copies are available at the Takoma Park Library.

Greeks in graphic form

Greek mythology has become all the rage among younger readers because of the popularity of the "Percy Jackson" books by Rick Riordan. Among the best new books of Greek mythology are the "Olympians," a series of award-winning graphic novels by George O'Connor.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m., O'Connor will be at the library to talk

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REPUBLIC

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and will likely draw people from all over the Washington metropolitan region.

Many city officials and merchants are happy about that. “We have already seen the positive benefit from Republic. Retailers are reporting more late night foot traffic in their shops from their patrons,” says Laura Barclay, co-executive director of the Old Town Business Association. “Plus Republic kindly offers to text-message customers after they put their name on the list for dinner that their table is ready. While waiting, the diners have been spotted having cocktails at The Olive Lounge or shopping at Art Spring Community Arts Store or Now and Then.”

Over the past five years or so, Takoma Park has developed a solid base of restaurants: Takoma Bistro, Roscoe’s and Capital City Cheesecake have joined Mark’s Kitchen and Middle Eastern Market as mainstays in Old Town. In Takoma, D.C. the newcomers -- Horace and Dickey’s, Cedar Crossing, Souper Girl and La Mano – join stalwarts Spicy Delight and Takoma Station. At Takoma Langley Crossroads, there’s a new Chuck E. Cheese, plus a FroZenYo and Little Caesars Pizza.

There are also some new businesses that have nothing to do with eating out – like



Republic may be high-profile, but it is far from the only new business in town.

the Walgreen’s that opened on University Boulevard in 2011, and the Expo E-Mart on New Hampshire Avenue, here since 2009. Here’s the rundown of the latest newcomers in town:

Emma’s Beauty Salon opened in Summer 2012 at 1333 Holton Lane, and Beauty and Barber Supplies opened last month at 1335 Holton Lane. Comfy Dental, at 7505 New Hampshire Ave., opened Nov. 7 under Dr. Ying Meng (taking over from Christine Hinds-Noel). Sardi’s Pollo a la Brasa at 1159 University Blvd. East is expected to open

within the next few weeks.

Bele’s Accounting, which handles taxes and accounting, recently moved two doors west to 1356 Holton Lane (into the ezStorage building), to take advantage of a larger space. Sisters Juana Soto and Santa Lucia Perdomo just took over Julie’s Hair Salon, at 1171 University Blvd. East, from Juliana Marcial. Other relative newcomers include 7 Brothers Cleaners, #1 China Restaurant, Gold Design, Acute Spine and Injury Center, Star Halal Meat and Grocery, and Yasmin Insurance.

LITTLE LIBRARIES

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books that neighbors will be able to borrow at any time, day or night. There is more information on the Friends website and Facebook site, and at the Co-op.

Friends and the Coop will formally open the LFL’s door on Saturday, January 4 at 11 a.m. At that time, it will be filled with books.

Two LFLs already exist near the Takoma Park Library. One is on Hilltop Road near Sligo Creek, and is the project of Cub Scout Troup 33. The other is in Takoma, D.C., on Aspen Street NW, and was erected by Ken Samson. They have been “open” to visitors for some time.

LFLs originated in Wisconsin when Tod Bol constructed a small replica of a one-room schoolhouse and filled it with books for public use. He was inspired by Andrew Carnegie who launched public libraries, by librarians who in the late 1800s traveled throughout Wisconsin making books available to readers in isolated places, and by grassroots empowerment movements worldwide.

The idea was contagious. When others



This Little Library is in a front yard on 13th Avenue in Takoma Park.

Photo by Virginia Myers

learned about Bol’s effort to put books into readers’ hands, they started erecting LFLs in their home towns. This was in 2009. By 2011, there were nearly 400 LFLs in the U.S. The movement has grown far beyond Wisconsin or even the United States.

The Little Free Library program born of this groundswell estimates there will be 10,000 to 12,000 LFLs around the world by January 2014. Read more about them and see examples of creative LFLs the world over at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

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about the quartet of books currently in the series: “Zeus,” “Hera,” “Hades” and “Athena.” O’Connor will discuss why he chose to focus on Greek mythology, show a bit about how he works, and finish by signing books.

The program is co-sponsored by Politics and Prose Bookstore, which will be selling copies of O’Connor’s books at the event. But the program is free, and no purchase is required. Anyone interested in Greek mythology – kids and adults – will enjoy this event; registration is encouraged but not required. To register, please go to: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Draw with Dave

“Scribbler’s Cabal,” a.k.a. “Draw With Dave,” returns on Friday afternoons after school at the library. At the program, young artists are invited to spend time drawing in the Children’s Room with Dave Burbank, our in-house artiste extraordinaire. The program requires no registration and will take place most Fridays.

Morality play

You’re invited to join the sure-to-be lively discussion related to our new MOOC (massive online open course) choice: “Moralties of Everyday Life.” Each Sunday at 12:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 26, a group will meet to discuss what they’re learning in this course, which will be taught by Paul Bloom of Yale University. In the course, Bloom will tackle such topics as “How can we explain kindness and cruelty?” “Where does our sense of right and wrong come from?” and “Why do people so often disagree about moral issues?” The course offered by Coursera is free, and is done at your own pace and in your own space. Our discussion is designed to close the distance of online learning by creating a weekly discussion group for people who all are taking the same course. Register for the course at <https://www.coursera.org/course/moralties> and then register for our library discussions at www.tinyurl.com/tpmorality.

Calling all young fans of the “Rainbow Magic” series

On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m., we’re having a Rainbow Fairies party. You can make a wand, a crown or a fairy house; we’ll also read some fairy tales and enjoy light refreshments. Participants also are invited to come dressed in their favorite clothes. The suggested ages for the program are 5-12, and registration is required, as spaces are limited. To register, go to: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

CDBG GRANTS

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The Catching Up Program will pay for two staff members to oversee a homework club for 20 African immigrant students who live in the Essex House on Maple Avenue. The students will receive 12 hours of tutoring and generalized help each week for ten months.

The micro-enterprise development from the Crossroads Community Food Network is a suite of services offered to residents who want to develop food-

related businesses. The project will provide financial counseling, business plan development, marketing advice, mentoring, and assistance in finding space for production of sale items like ready-made salsas, jams, breads and baked goods.

Smart Choices is designed to teach at-risk sixth through eighth graders coping skills that will help them manage their strong emotions, like anger, anxiety and stress. Students attend an in-school program of therapeutic group sessions and take an interactive, outdoor field trip. The project also involves workshops for parents. It is designed to address the high

suspension rate at Takoma Park Middle School.

Proposals that were not accepted for funding included recreation scholarships for City of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs; a job readiness and employment program by EduCare Support Services, Inc.; community life programs at 7610 Maple Avenue, run by the Montgomery Housing Partnership; and a free performing arts summer camp through Washington Adventist University.

To find out more about all the projects, see the city’s web site, takomaparkmd.gov.

Has Weather Canceled City Programs?

For General info: 301-891-7100

Recreation: 301-891-7101 ext. 5605

Library and Computer Learning
301-891-7259

City of Takoma Park government offices follow federal government policy for opening in the morning during inclement weather. Recreation follows Montgomery County Public Schools for program cancellations.

The Police Department is open at all times.

Scam artists posing as IRS callers

The Takoma Park Police and the IRS are warning the public about a phone scam that has targeted individuals in Takoma Park and across the nation, including recent immigrants. Callers claiming to be from the IRS tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license.

The callers who commit this fraud often:

- Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
- Know the last four digits of the victim's Social Security number.
- Make caller ID appear as if the IRS is calling.
- Send bogus IRS emails to support their scam.



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- Call a second time claiming to be the police or DMV, and caller ID again supports their claim.

The truth is the IRS usually first contacts people by mail – not by phone – about unpaid taxes. And the IRS won't ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The agency also won't ask for a credit card number over the phone.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do:

- If you owe federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can

help you with your payment questions.

- If you don't owe taxes, call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.
- You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

Be alert for phone and email scams that use the IRS name. The IRS will never request personal or financial information by email, texting or any social media. You should forward scam emails to phishing@irs.gov.

Don't open any attachments or click on any links in those emails.

Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

Coat drive a success

The Takoma Park Police Department's coat drive collected more than 500 coats during its annual winter coat drive. These coats will go to local people in need this winter.

The department is no longer collecting coats, and has given them to a local church for distribution.

Bikeshare takes off in Takoma

Takoma Park is most definitely a biking town: the Gazebo in Old Takoma is among the top ten busiest stations (out of 42) in the Montgomery County expansion of Bikeshare.

Use your cell phone to send an anonymous tip to the Takoma Park Police Department.

- Text to 847411
- Type TPPDTIP at the beginning of your message.
- Type your message, including as much detail as possible, to ensure that your tip is thoroughly investigated.
- Or report on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-City-of-Takoma-Park-Police-Department/238446732028?id=238446732028&sk=app_190322544333196

If you see a crime in progress, contact the Takoma Park Police at 301-270-1100. If you need to report an emergency that involves the need for fire or rescue services, call 9-1-1.

Takoma Park Crossing Guards advise child car safety

Takoma Park's crossing guards are worried: While they direct traffic and help children get to and from school safely, they are seeing drivers still talking on their cell phones, with the phone in their hands. They also see children without seatbelts, some even standing up in the vehicle while it is moving.

As of Oct. 1, police in Maryland are able to pull drivers over for talking on a hand-held cell phone as a primary offense. Even if your phone is on speaker, if you're holding it in your hand, you will be violating the law.

Drivers caught driving while using a hand-held cell phone can be fined \$83 for a first-time offense, up from \$40 un-

der prior law, \$140 for a second offense and \$160 for a third and subsequent offense. The ticket carries no points unless the action contributed to an accident, in which case three points will be assessed in addition to the fine.

Drivers are no longer allowed to have more passengers than seat belts in a car.

The following carries an \$83 fine:

- Failing to secure a child under the age of 8 in a child safety seat when transporting in a motor vehicle.
- Failing to transport a child under age 16 in a seatbelt.
- Using a child safety seat or seatbelt to

restrain more than one individual.

- Operating a motor vehicle with the driver and any occupant not restrained by a seatbelt.

Forty thousand people die each year in car accidents, the leading cause of death for people under the age of 35. Safety belts can prevent death in about half of these accidents.

Children should never be standing up in a moving vehicle. And talking on the cell phone while driving is dangerous.

Takoma Park Police will be running details at various times and locations in the mornings and afternoons for violators of the cell phone and seatbelt laws.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Nov. 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 582 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 2,542 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for total of 3,124. Totals for 2012 were 591 and 2,712, representing a decrease of 179

incidents.

During the month of November 2013, the Takoma Park Volunteers put in a total of 1,296.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 812 in November 2012. Grand totals as of November 2013 are 13,287 hours, compared to 12,960 hours in 2012, an increase of 327 hours.

Maryland fire deaths update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as December 15, 2013, 66 people have died in fires, as compared to 51 in 2012.

Christmas tree sales

The Christmas tree sales project was once again a sell-out. On behalf of the Takoma Park VFD, we want to thank all of you that made this year's annual tree sale a success. We look forward to your

support again next year, same time and same location. We also hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

New Year's resolution for a fire safe year

* Check your home for potential fire hazards.

* Install smoke alarms on all levels of your home. Test them monthly.

* Teach children the dangers of matches and lighters.

* Practice EDITH – Exit Drills In The Home. Draw an escape plan for your family that shows two ways out of every room in the event of fire. Review and practice the plan on a regular basis.

* Never leave cooking unattended.

* Check all appliances for broken plugs or frayed wires. Repair or replace them before using.

* Have your fireplace checked thor-

oughly, if it has not been used in the last year. Make sure the chimney is clear. Don't forget your other heating devices.

Your Christmas tree is a potential hazard, make sure you remove it from your house once you are finished with it to a pickup area.

Thank you for Thanksgiving

A special thanks from Thanksgiving dinner coordinator Jim Jarboe to the following, for making the 19th annual Dinners for Needy Families at Thanksgiving a success: the Takoma Park Lions Club, Cissel Saxon American Legion Auxiliary and the Takoma Park VFD. They provided the funds to purchase the dinners.

Also a special thanks to TPVFD member Dave Hooker for his assistance with the delivering the dinners.

Snow removal on the move

As we prepare for this winter's snow and ice storms, the Public Works Department is ready, set, go with a winter weather response plan. Here are some of the details:

For snow and ice control, the city is divided into five zones, each with an assigned response vehicle. Each zone has three types of streets, and each type gets a different snow-and-ice treatment.

Primary Streets:

These roads carry the most traffic and connect neighborhoods.

Any street with a steep hill is also included.

Secondary Streets:

These are neighborhood streets connected to the primary streets. Roadways with slight inclines are also included.

Tertiary Streets:

These are short streets with few homes, including courts and alleys.

City crews are first dispatched to the primary streets. Once these roads are passable crews proceed to the secondary streets. After these receive treatment, the tertiary streets are addressed.

The goal of the city's snow and ice response plan is to have two travelable lanes on each primary street within a 12-hour shift, if the snow fall is six inches or less. If the snow fall is six inches or more, the goal is to have one travelable lane.

Snow removal equipment remains in service around the clock until all the roads are cleared. Often, when severe weather is on the way, the city begins anti-icing procedures on the primary streets. Once snowfall has accumulated to an inch on the street, the snow plows are put into use. If the storm produces only sleet and ice, the city treats roadways with sand and salt.

The city provides snow plowing, sanding and salting on city roadways except for the following roadways, which come under the responsibilities of State Highway Administration (301-948-2477) or Maryland National Capital Park and Planning (301-650-2600).



Keep your sidewalks clear of snow

Did it snow? That means you must clear the sidewalk and driveway in front of your home or business. Snow removal is the responsibility of the resident or property owner/manager in Takoma Park, and it is required for safety reasons, by city law.

Snow must be cleared, but not into the street – piles of snow in the street can cause problems with passing vehicles.

Roadway/Snow Response Agency

Carroll Avenue/State Highway
Ethan Allen Avenue/State Highway
Philadelphia Avenue/State Highway
Piney Branch Road/State Highway
Sligo Creek Parkway/Park and Planning

However, as city vehicles often travel these roads to get to city streets, they supplement the other agencies' snow removal activities.

All residents are encouraged to remove vehicles from the roadway, if possible, when a snow storm has been predicted. The fewer cars on the street, the easier and safer it is for plows to clear the roadways. On Maple Avenue, the city's one marked Snow Emergency Route, all parked cars are required to be removed from the street.

Please remember that removal of snow in driveways and sidewalks in front of

residential or commercial property is the responsibility of the resident or property owner/manager and is required, for safety reasons, by city law. When clearing snow from your sidewalk or driveway we ask that you pile it in a yard, when possible, and not out in the street. Piles of snow shoveled out into the street can cause problems for passing vehicles.

The city can provide special services to residents who have health issues which require them to be able to use their street to access health care. Residents need to contact the Public Works Department to notify the city of those needs. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-891-7633 between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Environmental survey calls for local resident input

The Takoma Park Committee on the Environment is collecting the opinions of Takoma Park residents about their local environment through a new environmental survey. The survey's 12 short questions are accessible through Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5R5RYQ9>, or you can pick up a copy at the Takoma Park Library or the Takoma Park Community Center. Completed surveys can be returned to the receptionist desk in the main lobby of the community center. The survey runs till Jan 21.

The committee is encouraging all residents to participate, as the city endeavors to be certified as a Sustainable Maryland Municipality.

The Sustainable Maryland initiative is designed to support Maryland's 157 municipalities as they look for cost-effective and strategic ways to protect natural assets and revitalize communities. Using best practices in resource areas like water, energy, planning, health, food and economy, a municipality can earn points toward sustainability certification. Your responses to this community survey will help shape the city's Action Plan, and meet a pre-requisite of certification.

The Committee on the Environment was re-established by the City Council in January 2012. Major first year projects are Sustainable Maryland certification and a sustainable energy plan for residential and commercial properties in Takoma Park.



GET THE WORD OUT!

The City of Takoma Park is now on Twitter and Facebook! Keep up to date on events, news and other community info. It's a great opportunity to get the word out about your own events as well: just send an email to craig@takomaparkmd.gov. Help us build an on-line community that supports arts and culture right here in Takoma Park!

<http://twitter.com/TakomaParkMD>
<http://facebook.com/TakomaParkMD>



A warm car can mean a stolen car

The cold weather is upon us. Although many of us would like to start our cars and have them warm by the time we slip into them for the drive to work, school, etc., Takoma Park Police are reminding residents that leaving your vehicle running is not a good safety habit.

Leaving your car running gives criminals the perfect opportunity to steal it. In fact, some potential car thieves carefully watch the neighborhood, waiting for residents to go out, start the car and go back inside the residence.

Police recommend that residents are especially careful at day-care centers and schools. Parents who are rushing to get their children inside may leave the

car running to make it easier when they come back out—but there's nothing easy about having your car stolen.

If you have acquired the habit of leaving your car running unattended, police advise that you spare yourself and break it. A criminal will select a target because it offers him the best opportunity to carry out his crime undetected and with the fewest number of obstacles in his way. The more time he has to spend stealing a car, the greater the chance of detection. That's why he'll take the easy route - it's faster. Don't help him out!

Please, maintain good safety habits as we approach the winter season.

JANUARY '14

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 February issue is Jan. 27, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Feb. 7.

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 offices closed

Wednesday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day

City Council

Monday, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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.
Trove, 232 Carroll Street, NW
Various food vendors

Fitness Expo 2013: Commit to Stay Fit!

Saturday, Jan. 4, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Demonstrations of Recreation Department programs like Jazzercise, Zumba, teen fitness, Pilates and Karate plus health screenings and seminars
Free

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

Genticorum

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Traditional music from Quebec, with guitar, electric bass and vocal harmony, includes dance music and foot percussion. With Pascal Gemme, Alexandre de Grosbois-Garand and Yann Falquet.
\$21 Advance, \$25 door/students \$17 Advance, \$21 door
All tickets are general admission.
Imtfolk.org

Hidden Books: the Art of Kumi Korf

Filmmaker Sam Hampton profiles internationally renowned artist Kumi Korf, born in Japan but now at home in the United States
Thursday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts



Jackie Hoysted's *Erica's Last Cigarette*

Transformations Gallery Opening

Featuring work by Teruko Bowens, Mary Freedman, Jackie Hoysted, Megan Peritore and Lisa Rosenstein
Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts



Emma's Revolution

Takoma Radio benefit concert

Friday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW
Local artists support the formation of hyper-local Takoma Radio (www.takomaradio.org). Features Pam Parker with Brian Kooke; Hula Huskers: Jonna Huseman and Moe Nelson; Joe Uehlein, Anna Grace Uehlein, Avril Smith, Mindy McWilliams; Emma's Revolution; and radio bits from posse.
\$20 in advance online/\$25 at the door



Third Thursday Poetry

Thursday, Jan. 16, – 7:30 pm
Featuring David Ebenbach, Donald Illich, Riggan Waugh, Mary-Sherman Willis
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Mystical Dragonfly

In the Commedia Dell'arte style, David Camero presents a multicultural show with traditional songs from Ibero-America
Saturday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Appalachian Music and Crankies

Anna Gevalt Roberts and Elizabeth LaPrelle present traditional songs in unique ways.
Jan. 18, 8 p.m.
\$20 (\$15 FSGW members); the workshop separately is \$20 (\$15 FSGW members).
Admission for the combined workshop plus concert is \$30 (\$25 FSGW members)
Seekers Church
www.annaandelizabeth.com

Lilt, with Eileen Estes

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center

Irish traditional music duo of Tina Eck on flute and tin whistle and Keith Carr on bouzouki and banjo, celebrate a CD release with a few friends, including Eileen Estes.

\$16 advance/\$20 door; students \$12/16

www.imtfolk.org

Shape-Note Reimagined

Ballad've presents reinterpreted hymns from the sacred harp tradition

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts



Ballad've

Passing Down the Folk Tradition

Ken and Brad Kolodner with Alex Lacquement
Traditional and original Appalachian old-time music played with modern sensibilities, featuring hammered dulcimer, banjo, bass, fiddle and more
Thursday, Jan. 30, 7:30 pm

TP Community Center Auditorium

Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Suggested \$15 donation

Jazz Band Brawl

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2:30 – 6 p.m.

El Golfo restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring

Competition between three bands to earn a spot at the June 8 Takoma Jazz Fest

High school bands featured; \$500 prize.

Free

www.tpjazzfest.org

Argentine Tango and Latin Rhythms

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Cantor Ramon Tasat, tango instrumentalist Emmanuel Trifilio; and Latin music duo Cantosur.

\$16 in advance/\$20 at the door

www.carrollcafe.org

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.