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No changes this month

Councilmember Kay Daniels-Cohen remembered

Lifelong Takoma Park advocate dies Feb. 20

City Councilmember and long-time Takoma Park activist Kay Daniels-Cohen died Feb. 20 after a long battle with cancer. Because she touched so many people in the Takoma Park community, City Council abbreviated its meeting Feb. 24 to make room for public remembrances of a woman who will be deeply missed in countless households across the city.

The mood in the Community Center auditorium was mixed. City staff, councilmembers and community members were clearly mourning the loss of a vibrant, buoyant and relentlessly active member of the community. But as the tributes began, Daniels-Cohen's exuberant spirit prevailed, and the evening became a celebration of her determination, irrepressible optimism and unflagging love for Takoma Park. It was testimony to the indelible mark she leaves not only on the city, but on the lives of countless individuals who live here.

Kay Daniels-Cohen was 71 when she died. She was elected to city council in November 2011 and was reelected in November 2013. She continued to attend city council meetings and city events until just a few weeks before her death, determined to contribute to the end.



A self-described "home grown" phenomenon, Daniels-Cohen moved to Takoma Park in 1946. She attended Takoma Park Elementary School, Takoma

Park Junior High School, Montgomery Blair High School, the University of Maryland and West Virginia University. A park in Takoma Park near her home is named for her mother, Opal Daniels, who was another deeply involved community activist.

Daniels-Cohen was a steady presence at Takoma Park events, and carried her civic pride with her everywhere. She was a particular advocate for young people, and used her career in health, physical education and recreation to serve them. With the teens in the Takoma Park Recreation Department she established

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Packed meeting addresses spike in armed robbery

Police chiefs, multiple politicians address standing room only crowd

By Virginia Myers

A rash of armed robberies and carjackings has shaken the Takoma Park community, and residents have responded by organizing a meeting of high-profile law enforcement leaders and political representatives to try and turn the trend around. On Feb. 25, Takoma Park resident Peter Franchot, who lives in one of the victimized neighborhoods and is also Maryland Comptroller, led a town hall meeting at the Community Center where a standing-room-only crowd listened first to Takoma Park crime victims, and then to police chiefs from area jurisdictions and agencies who described what measures they have in place to prevent such crimes from continuing.

Joining Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg on the dais were D.C. Police

"I never had a gun pointed at me, I never want it to happen again, I don't want it to happen to these people."

— TP Resident Jen Ujifusa

Chief Cathy Lanier, Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger and Prince George's County Police Chief Mark Magaw. Other officials included Maryland Superintendent of Police Marcus Brown, Washington Transit Authority Police Chief Ron Pavlik, Montgomery Park Police Chief Antonio DeVaul, and a representative of the University of Maryland Police. In the audience were gubernatorial candidate Heather Mizeur, several state delegates and/or their representatives, multiple police officers from each jurisdiction, and the county executives from

both Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The meeting began with sometimes emotional testimony from five Takoma Park crime victims. Shar Serwa was carjacked at the corner of Sycamore and Beech avenues when a young man approached her and demanded she give him her property. "He raised the gun to my face and was very specific," she said, choking up. He asked for her keys, purse and phone; she gave him everything. "I was the fifth victim of an armed robbery in January," she said. "One is too many and five according to my rules make us easy target."

Jen Ujifusa was similarly threatened, coming home after she'd fed a neighbor's cats near Eastern Avenue, around 6 p.m. "I never had a gun pointed at me, I never want it to happen again, I don't want it to

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“Woohoo! Capital Bikeshare now installed at the Takoma Metro! Takoma Metro now has a (19-dock) bikeshare station!”

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City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. (Budget Public Hearing and City Manager's Presentation of the FY 2015 Proposed Budget)
TPCC auditorium
*When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meeting may begin at 7 p.m. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 27, 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 2014-2

Adopted Jan. 27
Authorizing a Contract for Repairs to HVAC Components in the Community Center
The ordinance awards a contract to Summer Winter Automation for the repairs. The quoted price for the repairs is \$17,948.

ORDINANCE 2014-3

Adopted Feb. 24 (first reading Feb. 10; second reading Feb. 24)
Ethics Chapter Amendments
The ordinance amends the Ethics Ordinance to eliminate the requirement that elected officials and candidates disclose mutual fund holdings.

ORDINANCE 2014-4

Adopted Feb. 24 (first reading Feb. 10; second reading Feb. 24)
Amending the Takoma Park Code to Opt Out of Montgomery County Tree Protection and Tree Canopy Preservation Regulations
The ordinance amends the code to opt out of the county regulations since the city's code provides greater protection to existing trees than the county's legislation.

ORDINANCE 2014-5

Adopted Feb. 24 (first reading Feb. 10; second reading Feb. 24)
Authorizing FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 4
The ordinance authorizes various amendments to the FY 2014 budget.

ORDINANCE 2014-6

Adopted Feb. 10
Authorizing a Contract for Stormwater System Cleaning and Video Inspection

The ordinance authorizes a contract with Video Pipe Services, Inc. for stormwater system cleaning and video inspection.

ORDINANCE 2014-7

Adopted Feb. 10
Authorizing a Contract for Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Inspection Services
The ordinance awards a contract to Stormwater Maintenance LLC and Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc., Joint Venture

ORDINANCE 2014-8

Adopted Feb. 10
Authorizing an Indefinite Quantities Contract for Street and Sidewalk Construction and Stormwater Facility Projects
The ordinance awards a one-year contract to NZI Construction.

ORDINANCE 2014-9

Adopted Feb. 10
Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of a Replacement Phone System
The ordinance awards a contract to Clear Connection, Inc. for up to \$106,924 for phone replacement equipment and installation.

ORDINANCE 2014-10

Adopted Feb. 10
Authorizing a Contract for Lighting Upgrades at the Community Center
The ordinance awards a contract with Elysian Energy to retrofit existing light fixtures at the Community Center for a not-to-exceed amount of \$26,678.

RESOLUTION 2014-3

Adopted Jan. 27
Authorizing the Closure of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market
The resolution authorizes the closure of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from May to November for the Crossroads Farmers Market.

RESOLUTION 2014-4

Adopted Jan. 27
Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with M.A.N.U.P.
The resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a \$15,000 grant agreement with M.A.N.U.P. (Making a New United People) for its College Bound program.

RESOLUTION 2014-5

Adopted Jan. 27
Providing for an Appointment to the Emergency Preparedness Committee
The resolution appoints James F. Wolf (Ward 1) to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for a term that expires March 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION 2014-6

Adopted Jan. 27
Providing for an Appointment to the Board of Elections
The resolution appoints Paras Shah (Ward 6) to the Board of Elections for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2014-7

Adopted Feb. 10
Adopting a Revised Community Grants Program and Establishing a Grants Review Committee
The resolution adopts guidelines for a revised grants program and establishes a grants review committee to recommend grant awards to the City Council.

RESOLUTION 2014-8

Adopted Feb. 18
Omnibus Resolution of Support for 2014 Maryland State Legislation
The resolution supports enactment of SB 394 (The Statewide Container Recycling Refund Program); SB 811/HB 1243 (Corporations and Associations – Maryland Securities Act – Registration and Filing Exemptions); and HB 879 (The Maryland Marijuana Decriminalization Act).

SMALL COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE THIS SPRING

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 14

Funding is available for small, community driven projects designed to create stronger, more connected neighborhoods. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. Applicants are encouraged, though not required, to partner with city departments in the development and implementation of projects. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to neighborhood newsletters, block parties/neighborhood celebrations, trail development, installation of bike or scooter racks, community gardens, rain gardens, clean-up projects, oral or pictorial histories, energy saving measures, transportation costs associated with a specific activity, memberships in recreational or transportation programs (i.e. bike share), etc.

See complete information and application materials at:
www.takomaparkmd.gov/cityclerk/fy14-mini-grants

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing an application form and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications to the city clerk. Go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/boards-commissions-and-committees for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

Board of Elections
Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA)
Committee on the Environment
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
Recreation Committee
Residential Streetscape Task Force
Safe Roadways Committee



From left, 4-H President Juliet Marshall, and Vice President Lucy Cangelosi with an eight-week-old pit bull puppy at the Washington Animal Rescue League.

Photo by Marcelle Fozard

Rural kids' 4-H Chapter finds a place in Takoma Park

By Rick Henry

That 4-H, an organization founded more than 100 years ago as an after-school club devoted to promoting vocational agriculture in rural schools, still exists in a time when kids and pre-teens are fixated on the latest phone apps is a remarkable success story. That new chapters are starting, or have recently started, in densely packed urban areas such as Takoma Park is an even greater testament to its enduring message and core principles.

According to Kirsten Dill, organization leader of the Takoma Park 4-H chapter, it is also a reflection of a very real shift in the attitudes of many American families and communities.

"People are starting to reconnect with those old agrarian skills that we used to have," said Dill. "Families around the country are embracing, rather than abandoning, many of the traditional practices associated with 4-H, such as gardening, canning and raising and caring for animals."

Marcelle Fozard, mother of chapter president Juliet Marshall, 11, describes the activities 4-Hers engage in as "old school."

Dill, who grew up on a farm in Nebraska, said these practices really resonant in a place like Takoma Park. She said com-

munity interest has been strong since she decided to form the chapter three years ago.

"There were already some people interested in 4-H when I decided to form a chapter," she said. "There were even a few who were trekking up to Germantown to be part of a chapter. Right away we had 26 kids."

There are currently 21 enrolled in the chapter, which meets once a month from September through June. In the summer they participate in the annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair held in August, displaying everything from art work to vegetables they grew at home.

The organization continues to endure in part because today's 4-H has evolved far beyond its agricultural roots. Besides learning traditional agrarian practices, Takoma Park 4-H members, boys and girls who range in age from 8 to 13, also address broad environmental issues such as climate change, sustainable energy, food safety and childhood obesity. In addition, the organization espouses a values and leadership philosophy from which kids of any generation can benefit.

Head (managing, thinking), Heart (relating, caring), Hands (giving, working), and Health (being, living) are the four Hs

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NOTICE OF WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY AND SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF COUNCIL VACANCY

Ward 3 City Councilmember Kay Daniels-Cohen passed away on Feb. 20 after a long battle with cancer. Pursuant to Section 308 of the City Charter, if a vacancy on the City Council occurs more than 240 days before the next regularly scheduled city election, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The Ward 5 special election will be held on Tuesday, April 8. The single polling place will be at the Fire Station, 7201 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

COUNCIL TERM

The term of office for the person elected will be from April 21, 2014 to Nov. 16, 2015. Subsequent term(s) will follow the normal two-year council term schedule, with elections held in November of odd-numbered years.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Ward 3 City Council seat shall have resided in Ward 3 for at least six months immediately preceding the election. Candidates shall be registered voters of the city. Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office. Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during their term of office and are prohibited from serving on any city board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

PETITIONS FOR CANDIDACY

In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the special election ballot, he or she must submit a petition at least 20 days prior to the election, on a form provided by the city clerk, and signed by at least ten eligible voters in Ward 3. There is no nominating caucus for the special election. Petitions must be delivered to the city clerk by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION – YOU MAY STILL REGISTER AND VOTE IN THIS ELECTION!

To vote in this election, a voter must be a qualified voter of Ward 3 in the City of Takoma Park and must have resided within the corporate limits of the city for 21 days immediately preceding the election.

Ward 3 residents not yet registered may register at the city clerk's office up to and including the day of the election.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

Expanded voter eligibility includes residents who are 16/17 years old, on parole or probation after a felony conviction, and residents who are not U.S. citizens.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Any Ward 3 registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

Complete election information is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov. Questions may be addressed to Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, 301-891-7267, or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

AVISO DE UN PUESTO VACANTE DE CONCEJAL DEL DISTRITO 3 Y DE UNA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

AVISO DE PUESTO VACANTE DE CONCEJAL

Kay Daniels-Cohen, concejal del Distrito 3, falleció el 20 de Febrero del 2014 después de una larga batalla con cancer. Conforme a la sección 308 de la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad, sihay un puesto vacante en el Concejo con 240 días antes de la próxima elección ordinaria de la Ciudad, se convocará a una elección especial para cubrir dicha vacante.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

La elección especial del Distrito 3 será el Martes, 8 de Abril. Las urnas de votación estaran ubicadas en la Estación de Bomberos de Takoma Park, 7201 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Maryland. Las urnas de votación estaran abiertas desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 8:00 p.m.

PERIODO DE MANDATO DE CONCEJAL

El periodo del mandato para la persona que resulte electa abarcará desde el 21 de Abril del 2014 hasta el 16 de Noviembre del 2015. El(Los) periodo(s) subsiguiente(s) seguirá(n) el término normal de 2 años, con elecciones todos los años impares, en Noviembre.

CALIFICACIONES DE LOS CANDIDATOS

Candidatos para la posición de concejal del Distrito 3 deberán haber residido en el Distrito 3 por lo menos seis meses justo antes de la elección. Los candidatos deberán estar inscritos para votar en la Ciudad. Los miembros del Concejo deberán tener su residencia principal en la Ciudad y en su distrito electoral durante su periodo de mandato. Los miembros del Concejo tienen prohibido ocupar cualquier otro puesto para el cual hayan sido elegidos públicamente durante su periodo de mandato y tienen prohibido servir en un concejo de administración de una ciudad, comisión u otra entidad que tenga autoridad para actuar

como árbitro o bien para resolver litigios.

PETICIONES PARA LA CANDIDATURA

Para que el nombre de un candidato aparezca en la boleta de la elección especial, él o ella deberá presentar una petición por lo menos 20 días antes de la elección utilizando un formulario que le facilitará la Secretaria Municipal y firmada por lo menos 10 residentes del Distrito 3 que son votantes calificados. No habrá una reunión electoral para esta elección especial. La petición tendrá que ser entregada a la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal antes de la 5 p.m. el ____.

INSCRIPCIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES – ¡SE PUEDE REGISTRAR COMO VOTANTE Y VOTAR EN ESTA ELECCIÓN!

Para poder votar en esta elección tendra que ser un votante calificado en el Distrito 3 y deberá haber residido en el límite corporativos de Takoma Park por lo menos 21 días inmediatamente antes del día de la elección.

VOTANTES CALIFICADOS

Se extendio la elegibilidad para poder votar en Takoma Park a residentes de 16/17 años de edad y a residentes en libertad condicional después de una condena por delito mayor.

CALIFICACIÓN DEL VOTANTE

Cualquier votante calificado del Distrito 3 puede votar por medio de una boleta de voto en ausencia.

Se publicará información adicional en la siguiente dirección de la página web www.takomaparkmd.gov. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, llame la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, al 301-891-7214 o a través del correo electrónico jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Tracking development projects in Takoma Park

Takoma Park is seeing new and reactivated development in and around the area. For those keeping score at home, here is a quick review of projects that have been in the works and in the public conversation.

What's happening with the...?

AZALEA SCULPTURE: The Azalea sculpture produced by artist Howard Connelly is expected to be installed on Flower Avenue at Piney Branch Road in the upcoming weeks (weather permitting). Stay tuned to the April Newsletter for the official ribbon cutting date next month.

TAKOMA/LANGLEY CROSSROADS TRANSIT CENTER: Roadway and intersection work continues on this transformative project at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard. Bilingual signs have been placed to help pedestrians navigate and customers find businesses during construction.

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE BRIDGE OVER SLIGO CREEK: After a few months of no activity, construction has restarted on the bridge at the intersection of Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue. Some issues with the concrete delayed the job but repairs are now underway. The project is expected to be finished in October.

NEW RETAIL SPACE NEARING COMPLETION IN ETHAN ALLEN GATEWAY: More than four years after fire destroyed the retail space at the old Allen Theater site at 6822 New Hampshire Ave., reconstruction is nearing completion. The building will once again house Gussini Fashion, a discount clothing store.

TAKOMA JUNCTION DEVELOPMENT ON THE CITY-OWNED LOT: The city has released a Request for Proposals for development at the city lot between the TPSS Co-op and the Takoma Auto Clinic (see February Newsletter).

The RFP was released in late January with a submission deadline of May 28. Details are available on the city website: www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/takoma-junction-rfp.

TAKOMA METRO STATION EYA DEVELOPMENT: The proposed financial agreement for the development of residential units on the Metro station site will be reviewed by the WMATA Planning, Program Development and Real Estate Committee at the March 13 meeting. The PP-DRE committee will vote on the Takoma Amended Joint Development Agreement and set a date for the Compact Public Hearing. Materials from the February meeting are available online at <http://bit.ly/Ns0EUL>.

TAKOMA CENTRAL: The development of the residential/commercial Takoma Central project at the intersection of Carroll and Maple streets, NW, is on pace to begin renting the first of 150 apartments in the spring, with final completion of the project expected in late summer or early fall. The development will include a Busboys and Poets restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating. Other commercial tenants have not yet been announced.

TAKOMA THEATRE: The historic Takoma Theatre, built in 1923 at 4th and Butternut streets, NW, is the focus of a proposal for adaptive reuse with 20 residential units and commercial space. The current proposal received tentative approval from D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board last fall, though no time frame has been given for next steps.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TOOL

Now you can track development in Montgomery County online, with a new user-friendly tool that provides public access to information about development projects and applications. Check it out at www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/finder.shtm.



Councilmember Fred Schultz tests a red Bikeshare bike from one of the four stations in Takoma Park. The bikes are available for anyone to use for short trips.

Takoma Park Bikeways

The City of Takoma Park has been working with neighbor jurisdictions and leveraging state funds to improve bicycle facilities on city streets and at city buildings. Much progress was made in 2013 with the formalized bicycle connection on Grant Avenue, repainted sharrows – indicating a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles – on Maple Avenue, printing of the city's first bike map and installation of Capital Bikeshare stations throughout town. Join the conversation on March 24 and share your thoughts on proposed improvements for city bikeways and the updated city bike map. Give us suggestions for the updated 2014 Takoma Park Bike Map, available at www.takomapark.gov/had/transportation/planning.

TIME: 6 – 8 P.M. (DROP IN ANY TIME)

**PLACE: TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
HYDRANGEA ROOM, 7500 MAPLE AVE.**

Can't make it to the meeting? Share your thoughts on anything bike-related in Takoma Park with city staff at planning@takomaparkmd.gov.

COMMUNITY Briefs

Owner-occupied group house registration required

Do you rent out a room in your home? If you do, now is the time to register your home with the city as an owner-occupied group house.

An owner-occupied group house is defined as a single family home that is occupied by the owner or a family member and by one or more non-related individuals who pay rent or share in the costs of utilities. The kitchen, bathrooms and common areas are shared by everyone living in the house. The registration process is designed to ensure that the house is safe for all of the occupants.

The registration process is quite simple. You will need to complete a short application form, pay a \$50 processing fee and schedule an inspection with the city. The house will be inspected by the city for any serious life safety hazards. The inspectors will verify, among other things, that all of the smoke detectors work, that there is a safe means of exiting the bedrooms in case of a fire and that the house is free of other safety hazards. Once the house has passed inspection, a Certificate of Registration, valid for a period of three calendar years, will be issued.

To learn more about the registration process and to get an application form, please contact the City of Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7255. All owner-occupied group houses must be registered by June 30, 2014.

Do You Qualify for a Reduction in your Property Tax?

The State of Maryland's tax credit programs are designed

to help lower income home owners and renters by limiting the amount they must pay in property taxes. Eligibility is based on household income. For the homeowners program, household income must be below \$60,000. For the renter's program, it is somewhat more complicated and based on a comparison of household income and what has been determined to be a maximum amount of rent.

Homeowner and Renter Tax Credit applications must be filed before Sept. 1, 2014 for the 2014 tax year. However, if you file before May 1, the credit may be directly applied to your July tax bill. You must submit an application and all supporting documentation to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Further information about the programs and an application can be obtained by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 or by going to the state's website, www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html.

Microenterprise Food Network Holds Training

If you are interested in establishing or enhancing a small scale food production business, this is an important opportunity. The Crossroads Community Food Network, a recipient of a community development block grant, is sponsoring a series of trainings designed to help entrepreneurs launch into the business world. The next two meetings will take place as follows:

- March 22, 9 a.m. to noon, panel discussion with successful food entrepreneurs
- Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m., field trips to area food outlets

The program will offer one-on-one counseling in May. To attend, please contact Christie at cbalch@

crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org. The program is conducted in English and Spanish.

Protecting against lead paint hazard

Lead based paint is often present in older houses, like many in Takoma Park, and can be a cause for concern.

The Maryland Department of the Environment has instituted a state wide requirement for rental properties that all units built before 1950 must be inspected to ensure they meet the lead risk reduction standards. All units are inspected before they are rented and during every turnover of tenants. Information on the state requirements can be found at www.mde.state.md.us.

A federal program has been put into effect by the Environmental Protection Agency that applies to all housing and child-care facilities built before 1978. The EPA requires that any workers involved in painting or certain repairs and maintenance be EPA-certified to ensure safe practices. Specifically, any renovation, demolition, window replacement or disturbing more than six square feet of painted surfaces for interior painting and more than 20 feet for exterior paint must be conducted by a certified contractor. The certification includes training, certification and work place practices to ensure proper procedures are followed when dealing with lead paint.

Homeowners wishing to do the work themselves do not have to be certified, but the EPA encourages them to use lead-safe work practices in order to protect themselves, their families and the value of their homes. For more information on the program, visit www2.epa.gov/lead.

THE ARTS



Two Indian dance companies will perform in Takoma Park this month, to celebrate the Hindu festival, Holi.

Takoma Park celebrates Holi

South Asian music, dance timed to celebrate Hindu spring festival of color

Takoma Park celebrates spring this year with a nod to South Asian culture and the Holi Festival of Color. Indians, Nepalese and, increasingly, westerners who have learned about the festival's playful tradition, mark the occasion by throwing bright, vibrant colored powders at friends and strangers alike. The result can be clouds of brilliant yellows, reds and purples, and faces and clothing sprayed with color.

Holi marks the end of winter, and is an exuberant celebration; it also recalls a Hindu story of the triumph of good over evil. The colors of the holiday come from Lord Krishna, who as a boy played mischievous pranks on village girls by drenching them in water and color.

Takoma Park will not be throwing colors, but the city has booked Indian artists for Saturday, March 15, two days before the March 17 holiday, as part of the We Are Takoma series, sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Commission.

Performances will include two local dance companies, the Natraj School of Indian Dance, and the Natyabhoomi School of Dance, as well as mridangum drum-

mer Vishnu Balajee. Both dance companies will feature the Mysore style of Bharatanatyam, the South Indian classical dance form. Natyabhoomi has performed for the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Dance Asia - Dance DC Festival, and the Washington Folk Festival. The show, at the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium, is free, and begins at 7:30 p.m. on March 15.

It's easy to extend the celebration to Takoma Langley Crossroads, where several Indian shops are well-established anchors in the business community. Tiffin Indian Kitchen, at 1341 University Blvd., is one of the best known among them. Its Indian cuisine features meat and vegetable curries, biriyani rice dishes and other traditional dishes like samosas, and naan and chapathy breads. Woodlands Restaurant, across University Boulevard at 8046 New Hampshire Ave., is another authentic Indian eatery, and is especially popular for its vegetarian buffet of specialties like masala dosa, rice pullavs, paneer and curry dishes.

There are also three South Asian grocers, a sari shop and a jewelry store that reflect Indian culture at the Crossroads. For a more complete guide, see the list at the right, or download the South Asian Walking Guide at www.thenewave.com/explore/walking-tours.

You can get a taste of India for a fraction of the price of airfare right here at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard. For a map of the following businesses, see www.TheNewAve.com.

Woodlands Restaurant

8046 New Hampshire Ave.
301-434-4202 • www.woodlandsrestaurants.com

In 2012, Washingtonian Magazine gave Woodlands' South Indian vegetarian food the top nod with a Best Bargain award. The lunch buffet is especially popular. Try palak paneer (spinach simmered with cheese), malai kofta (dumplings in a creamy almond sauce), or ask the friendly server for recommendations, such as spicy dosas.

Priti's Fashion and Jewelry

1157 University Blvd. East, Takoma Park
301-431-7430 • www.ninajewelersmaryland.com

Now in a new location, Priti's has served the community since 1992 as Aanchal Sari and Nina Jewelers. The store specializes in fashion and fine jewelry, as well as watches and perfumes.

Halal Meat and Grocery

1335-A University Blvd. East, Takoma Park
301-431-3361

This butcher and grocer carries a wide variety of food products from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Also known as Jasmine Bazaar, the store specializes in halal meats humanely killed and always fresh.

India Sari Palace

1337 University Blvd. East, Takoma Park
301-434-1350 • www.indiasaripalacedc.com

Since 1979, India Sari Palace has offered beautiful silk, chiffon, rayon, polyester and cotton fabrics in a rainbow of colors; solid or printed, embroidered, beaded or spangled. Purchase for your own unique creations or have the in-store tailor make what you want, drawing inspiration from their extensive collection of saris, sherwanis, kurtis and embroidered tunic suits.

Tiffin Indian Kitchen

1341 University Blvd. East, Takoma Park
301-434-9200 • www.tiffinrestaurant.com

This popular restaurant provides an upscale dining experience with traditional homemade vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes, from both northern and southern India.

Bismallah Halal Meat

1401 University Blvd. East, Hyattsville
301-434-0051 • www.mytabeer.com

Bismallah specializes in fresh Halal meat: beef, lamb, duck, quail, Cornish hens, as well as fish.

Customers place their orders in a line at the meat counter, then shop for other foods to complete the meal – dried fruit, teas, flours, grains, beans and legumes and spices. They also sell cookware, books and traditional Pakistani clothing.

Tabeer Restaurant

1401 University Blvd. East, Hyattsville
301-434-2121 • www.mytabeer.com

Tabeer is a locally-owned buffet-style restaurant serving a wide selection of Indian and Pakistani foods, including delectable kabobs and handmade breads. Tabeer also boasts a large banquet hall for parties.

Malik Grocers / Sardana

1355 Holton Lane, Takoma Park
301-434-9000

Malik has a large selection of South Asian spices, lentils, rice, dried fruits, snack and frozen foods and vegetables, as well as South Asian cookware and decorative materials. Visit Star Halal Meat next door to complete your shopping.

Scottish Folk Revival with Reid Van Sante

Sunday, March 23, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Suggested \$15 donation

Scottish folk music takes center stage at the Takoma Park Community Center this month in a pseudo-revival of the Battlefield Band.

Local audiences may remember Alan Reid as the backbone of the Battlefield Band, one of the preeminent Scottish folk groups in the 1970s and running strong well into the 21st century. Rob Van Sante may not be as familiar—he worked with Battlefield Band for 13 years as sound en-



Reid Van Sante

gineer.

Battlefield Band made more than 30 recordings and worked with such artists as Garrison Keillor, Van Morrison and Mike Oldfield. The award-winning band showcased Reid's deft keyboards underpinning the traditional bagpipes and fiddle. In 2010 Reid and Van Sante formed a duo. Their concert at the Takoma Park Community Center will feature both old and new music, including familiar Battlefield Band favorites. This event is produced in partnership with the Folklore Society of Greater Wash-

ington and is part of the We Are Takoma series sponsored by the city's Arts and Humanities Commission.

Memories

Exhibit Open March 6 – May 2

Featuring work by Keren Coxe (paintings) Drucilla Litz (wood sculpture) and Denny Arant (painting) and Richard Spector (Photography)

Memories features work by artists who are no longer alive. The artists include Denny Arant, Keren Coxe, Drucilla Litz and Richard Spector. All of these artists were actively involved with the local arts scene. The family members of the artists, most of whom are not artists themselves, have made this show possible.



Denny Arant (1926 – 2006) created in many media including wood and metal sculpture, oils, acrylics and watercolor paintings. His work is in collections at the Chicago Art Institute, the Corcoran Gallery and the Smithsonian Institution.

RECREATION



This is the 10th year that Becky Linafelt has enjoyed teaching young children rhythm and melody through the Kindermusik program at the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Her classes continue in early April. See www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

YOUTH

ART

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.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Tuesdays, March 4 – Apr. 8, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$145
Non-residents \$165

DRAMA AND THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 9 - 18

They creep through the twilight, quiet as

For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please see the 2014 Spring and Summer Guide included in this newsletter or visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group "survive."

TP Community Center Auditorium
Thursdays, Mar. 6 – Mar. 27, 4 – 6 p.m.
TP residents \$45
Non-residents \$55

DROP IN

Kid's Night Out

Ages 6-12

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out! This will be a fun filled night for children. It will involve activities such as games, art and

crafts, movies and theme nights.

TP Recreation Center
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

TEENS

DROP IN

Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only

Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to a 60-inch plasma television, X-Box 360 games, workstations, games and a comfortable sitting area for socializing with friends.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 3 – 7

p.m.
Tuesday, 3 – 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, closed

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 Fridays of the month (ongoing), 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

Teen St. Patrick's Day Party: Go Green

Ages 12 – 17

Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick Day by going green. Participate in Irish-themed games, food and fun all while helping our community and saving energy — the green way to go. Bring a plain white t-shirt for our tie-dye craft. Come dressed in as much green as you can find.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Monday, March 17, 3 – 7 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Apprenticeship Informational Workshop

Ages 18-25

Young people ages 18 to 25 can visit with members of the local AFL-CIO to learn about a six-week pre-apprenticeship program for construction and building trades. Participants can possibly complete a pre-qualifying exam.

TP Community Center Azalea Room
Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free

ADULTS

ART

Collage

Ages 16 and older

Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. 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 include surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for all levels.

TP Community Center art studio
Tuesdays, March 11 - April 15, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$215
Non-residents \$245

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Apprenticeship Informational Workshop

Ages 18 – 25

See earlier entry under Teens.

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REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR SPRING BREAK CAMPS

YOUTH

Dribble, Pass and Shoot Spring Break Camp

Ages 5-12

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent

coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Monday-Friday, April 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Standard fee: \$200

Spring Break Camp

Ages 5 - 12

Come explore with us as we experience nature. Go on a scavenger hunt finding nature's little secrets. Find out why the sun is so important and why water is essential to all living creatures. Hiking, swimming, crafts and fun!

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Monday-Friday, April 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

TEENS

Spring Break Career Week

Ages 13-17

During Career Week a few professionals will stop by and guide participants in exploring some of today's hottest careers. Participants will also receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. This week you will be able to connect with experts, aspire to new heights, make friends and explore multiple options for your future. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away trips like bowling, laser tag,

roller skating and more. For more information, please contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283. Limited spaces are available.

TP Community Center teen lounge
Monday-Friday, April 14 – 18, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents: \$25/Day, \$100/Week
Non-residents: \$30/Day, \$120/Week

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

CAMP LISTINGS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.TAKOMAPARKMD.GOV/RECREATION

RECREATION

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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, March 3 – April 7, 6:10 – 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$65
Non-residents \$75

Boom! Body Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

This high-intensity boot camp is a workout for those who are serious about getting in shape. Our boot camp focuses on all areas of the body, improving stamina and overall health through the use of agility drills, plyometrics, Pilates and strength training. We will use great music to keep you energized and motivated. Class meets twice a week on Monday and Saturday.

TP Community Center dance studio
March 10 – April 12, Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.;
Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$120

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays (ongoing),
7 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m. (ongoing)
\$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)
\$110/8 week pass
\$25 joining fee required for EFT
\$15 drop-in (with \$20 fee)

Ladies' Boot Camp I

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 4 – April 24,
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85/8 weeks

Zumba

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center front meeting room
Wednesdays 6 – 6:55 p.m. and Saturdays 9:15 –
10:15 a.m. (ongoing)
Feb. 19 – April 19
\$40/4 weeks (session)
\$10 (Drop-in)

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

AARP Free Tax Aide Service

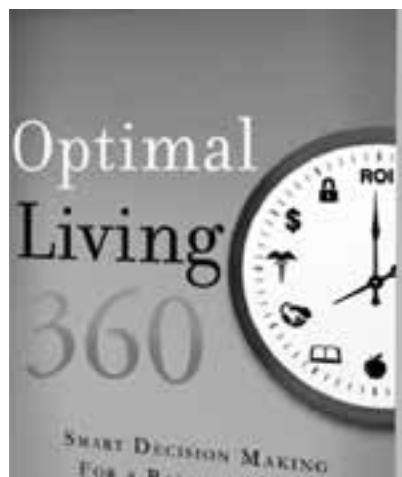
The Takoma Park Recreation Department is partnering with AARP and Montgomery County RSVP to bring the annual free tax aide program to Takoma Park. Offered to low-income adults

Optimal Living 360 - Smart Decision Making for a Balanced Life

Adults, age 18 and older welcome

For many of us, one of life's biggest challenges is figuring out how to make decisions that improve our overall quality of life. Dr. Sanjay Jain, author of Optimal Living 360: Smart Decision Making for a Balanced Life introduces Integrative Decision Making, an approach that focuses on the big picture and teaches us how to make decisions to receive the highest "return on investment" in life. Join Jain, who is an internationally known speaker, to find out why Optimal Living 360 is a refreshingly comprehensive and revolutionary approach to personal fulfillment. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center auditorium • Thursday, March 27, 7 – 9 p.m. • Free • Drop-in



age 55 and older, this service covers personal tax returns only (no businesses, schedule C, or rentals, schedule E returns). You must call the AARP appointment office to schedule your tax aide appointment, 240-777-2577

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Thursdays, March 13 or March 27

10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon

Free

Introduction to Smart Phones and Tablets Workshops

Learn how to get the most out of your smart phone or tablet (i.e. iPhone, iPad, Galaxy, Android, Kindle, etc.) Level 1 workshop will focus on the very basics for those who are unfamiliar with this technology. Level 2 workshop will cover some of the more advanced functionality of these devices. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices. Instructor: John Pitt. In-person advance registration is required. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Level I Beginners: Saturday, March 8,
Noon – 2 p.m.

Level II Advanced: Saturday, March 15,
Noon – 2 p.m.

Free

Beginning Knitting

Learn basic knitting stitches and how to read pattern directions. Materials will be provided to complete a simple project. In-person advance registration is required. Limit six students. Four classes. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center senior room

Mondays, March 10 – 31, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Free

SPORT/FITNESS/HEALTH

Table Tennis Tournament

Join us for our first annual 55-plus table tennis tournament. The tournament will be a friendly and fun event with simple rules and basic skill levels. If you are interested in participating, please register for this event by March 20. Official Judge: Mr. Donn Olsen, Table Tennis Coach, Club Joola, Rockville. We will supply paddles but you are welcome to bring your

Save the Date: Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 11a.m.

Ed Wilhelm Field

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg" citing time! There are four age categories: 2 and under, 3 – 4 years old, 5 – 6 years old, and 7 – 8 years old. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. SHARP! Don't miss out. Don't forget to bring your basket to Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School) for a morning of fun. Monday, April 21 is the rain date.



TAKOMA 4H

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in 4-H, and they are the four values that guide members.

The organization cultivates leadership among its members. Members, not parents or adult leaders, elect officers and run the meetings. Each meeting begins with a 15-minute member-led business meeting, followed by a session featuring a parent and child addressing a particular skill or topic area.

"The parents shape, not lead, the meetings," said Dill. "It provides kids with a chance to build self-esteem and it's hard for them to get that these days."

"The structure gives the kids room to come up with what they want to do," said Fozard.

The members choose three to four community service projects a year on which to work. The main project taken on by the Takoma Park chapter, a pet donation drive for the Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL), will take place from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23 in the Takoma Park Library parking lot. Members will be collecting new and gently used pet belongings, such as towels, bathmats, blankets, food and toys. They will then take those donations to WARL, which is located on Oglethorpe Street, off Blair Road, just over the Takoma Park border in D.C.

According to chapter president Marshall and vice president Lucy Cangelosi, both 11, the members voted to take on this project because they all feel compelled to "help animals."

"A lot of the kids had gotten pets from WARL and wanted to do something for the shelter and the animals there," said Dill.

For Marshall, the donation drive and other animal-related projects she's involved in as president of the chapter reflect her interests and passions. Her family is raising four chickens, and has two dogs and two rabbits. She says simply, "I want to be a farmer."

Cangelosi, whose family owns two fish, a cat and dog, said her favorite part of being in 4-H is being able to help animals and the animal shelter.

"These animals need our help and it's our job to help them," she said.

And according to Debra Duel, Director of Humane Education for WARL, the donation drive does help, in a big way. "They show up with bags and bags of stuff and we need it," said Duel, who notes that the shelter is "pretty much doing laundry 24-7."

Duel said that the shelter can utilize old blankets, towels, comforters, bath rugs, beach towels, socks, bed spreads and some toys. Even better, the pets at the shelter aren't picky about fashion or color.

"If you no longer want your pink polka dot blanket, donate it. The dogs and cats will put it to great use."

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

Comics Jam

Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m.
Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club.
No registration required.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, March 15, 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.

Craft Workshop

Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.
Please join us to make some crafts. For ages 8 up.

St. Patrick's Day: A Family Celebration

Monday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Come hear some stories with an Irish flavor, make a craft and enjoy some special treats. Registration encouraged.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 7:45 p.m.

The Iliad

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Friends Reading Group begins discussions of "The Iliad" with an introductory lecture by Dr. Fred Winter.
Takoma Park Community Center
All invited.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Speaker: radio journalist Armando Trull

Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
All invited to hear our speaker and enjoy some goodies.
Library

"Harriet the Spy" 50th Birthday Party

Monday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Kids and adults: join us for a discussion of this iconic book, followed by some Harriet-inspired games and crafts. We'll finish with a birthday cake.
Registration encouraged.

Discussions of "The Iliad" continue

Wednesdays April 2, 16 and 30 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center

Graphic Novelist Danica Novgorodoff

Monday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Novgorodoff will discuss her new book, "The Undertaking of Lily Chen."
Our program is sponsored by Politics and Prose Bookstore and is best for teens and adults.

Friends Book Group

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Our book is "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride.
All welcome

Friends Reading Group discusses "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center (see article)

Favorite Poem Evening

Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Choose and read a poem to share.
Contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

LIBRARY



"Good vs. Evil Sundays" explore morality

By Patti Mallin
Library Instructor

On six Sundays in January and February, a dozen men and women ranging from high school students to lifelong learners met in the Library's computer room to discuss the nature of good and evil. During the week, they watched video lectures and TED talks and read articles and book chapters at their own pace, along with 60,000 other students around the world, gathering on Sundays to hash out the "Moralties of Everyday Life."

"For me the real-time interactions viscerally satisfy me as more richly human, much more connective," says Bhagwant Khalsa, one of the group members. "I find person to person in person to be my most real, most enjoyable, and most meaningful part of the MOOC."

A MOOC is a Massive Open Online Course — this particular one is led by Yale professor Paul Bloom. Tens of thousands of students often register for any one particular MOOC, but only a small percentage complete each course. The Chronicle of Higher Education, in an April 2013 article about Coursera (the host of the Moralties MOOC), says, "In general, the rate of completion in MOOCs is believed to be around 10 percent."

In earlier MOOC programs at the library, participants credited the meetings with helping them stay on top of the course materials and follow through until the end. This sentiment is echoed by Beth Allen, a member of the current group. "Participating in this group helped keep me on track and helped me stick with the course," she says. "I really enjoyed the course material, but without the group I may have let other things get in the way."



The March 9 MOOC discussion on the nature of good and evil included Sparky Breeskin, Claudine Schweber, Wayne Sherwood, Bhagwant Khalsa, David Meyers, Hannah Joyner, Rebecca Brown., Abraham Joyner-Meyers, Patti Mallin and Beth Allen.

Photo by Michele Morgan

It also led me to think more deeply about aspects of the course that I may have only glossed over if I were doing it in isolation."

Lectures and readings presented research and big pictures and historical context. Group members learned about the "Trolley Problem": Do you throw the switch on the tracks to keep the trolley from killing five track workers even if it will then kill one on the other track? They learned about research into altruism via the Ultimatum and Dictator games. They discovered that young children would rather take less themselves if it keeps their partner from getting more. Of course you save the girl drowning in the pond in front of you, but do you save the one drowning on the other side of the globe?

These ideas are by design a bit distant from our own lives, but participants quickly found themselves speaking from personal experience in the small group.

They drew from their lives as parents and children, teachers and students, workers, activists, neighbors. They talked about difficult moral decisions they faced as individuals and how they worked through them. "I have been surprised and pleased with the universal capacities and communications of all the dozen or so folks in the circle," Khalsa observes. "It's an intimate size allowing everyone time to share."

Members of the group noted that as the course progressed they filtered current events through the lens of this class — the State of the Union address, labor organizing at the VW plant in Tennessee, the shooting in Florida of a carload of kids.

Rebecca Brown, Takoma Park Maryland Library's public services coordinator and instigator of the Library's MOOC series, adds another layer of richness to the studies. Each week, she assembles

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

Celebrating 50 years of 'Harriet'



Published one year after "Where the Wild Things Are," the novel "Harriet the Spy" by Louise Fitzhugh is regarded as ground-breaking in the world of children's literature as Maurice Sendak's

classic picture book. This year, "Harriet the Spy" celebrates its 50th anniversary, and we're having a party to mark this special birthday. Please join us on Monday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of the book, as well as some special related activities. We'll finish up — naturally — with a birthday cake. We invite both kids and grown-up fans of "Harriet the Spy" to join us for this unique event. Registration is encouraged.

It's easy being green in March

You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Come join us on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. for a special holiday program featuring stories, a craft and some lemonade and cookies. No registration required for this program, which is great for kids and families.

It's graphic

Adults and teens: mark your calendars for our next special graphic novel event. On Monday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m., author/artist Danica Novgorodoff will discuss her new graphic novel, "The Undertaking of Lily Chen." The program is sponsored by Politics and Prose Bookstore, and copies of "The Undertaking of Lily Chen" will be for sale. But our program is free, and no purchase is required.

"The Good Lord Bird" to be next Friends Reading Group Selection

Join us on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30

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Danica Novgorodoff



DANIELS-COHEN

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“Kay’s Garden,” a vegetable garden in the parking lot of the Community Center; she was also instrumental in establishing the Winter Basketball League, which now serves some 700 children. She was always on hand for the Recreation Department’s annual Egg Hunt and Monster Bash, where she judged costumes; she helped re-open the Piney Branch Pool and has long been an eye-popping cheerleader for the city’s Fourth of July festivities, during which she would wear outlandish red, white and blue costumes to celebrate.

Active in the Friends of the Library, Daniels-Cohen ran board elections and helped at book sales; she participated in the Favorite Poem Evening, and was largely responsible for extending library hours to Sunday. She was also a staunch advocate for local business, and had a par-

ticular interest in development at Takoma Junction. She pushed hard for the return of the ladder truck to the fire station, was unceasingly supportive of the Washington Adventist Hospital during its ongoing transition, and made a difference wherever she went – including at the Maryland Municipal League annual meeting, where she helped establish a miniature golf tournament to fund a scholarship program.

Daniels-Cohen was known for her positivity: Many will remember her for the virtual “Gold Stars” she gave to local businesses, city staff and event coordinators for contributing to the Takoma Park community she loved. By all accounts, her contributions were genuine and selfless; her interactions made the people she met feel as though theirs was the most important issue of the day.

“Kay was the quintessential booster of all things Takoma Park,” noted Mayor Bruce Williams. “No one was more interested in making sure that everyone, especially kids, knew about and took advantage of all of the opportunities around them. She expressed joy and enthusiasm about everything in the world around her. She valued her time on the City Council, and we all appreciate her efforts to make this city a better place.”

Daniels-Cohen’s spirit was reflected in the gathering Feb. 24, where community members took turns at the microphone to share stories, poetry and music of remembrance. The entire group of about 100 sang a hearty rendition of “You Are My Sunshine,” and joined in on a chorus of a Sy Kahn song: “People like you help people like me go on.”

There were many hugs – or “huglets,” as Daniels-Cohen would have said – particularly for her brother, Buddy Daniels, and husband, Jack Cohen, who expressed

deep gratitude to the community for its support through Daniels-Cohen’s illness.

Speakers included City Manager Brian Kenner, Police Chief Alan Goldberg, Washington Adventist Hospital President Joyce Newmyer and many of the people who served with Daniels-Cohen on city committees and projects. Several people wore novelty eyeglasses similar to the star-shaped glasses Daniels Cohen favored, and at least two crowns nodded to her penchant for all things sparkly. Plastic Mardi Gras beads in the colors of the Takoma Park flag were distributed to everyone in attendance. Mayor Williams proudly displayed his fake pearls – another Daniels Cohen trademark – and his colorful socks.

But Daniels Cohen was about much more than whimsical getups. There were many stories of how she inspired people to do more, to persevere, and also to be more generous and thoughtful. Councilmember Seth Grimes remembered how supportive she was when they worked together on a project; Councilmember Terry Seamens called her “inspiring.” Others described her positive attitude as infectious. “She did not tolerate bureaucratic excuses,” said activist Lorig Charkoudian, remembering that Daniels-Cohen often threatened that if whatever group she was advocating for couldn’t get a bureaucrat’s attention, they might have to “dance naked on the table.”

“She was full of possibility,” said WAH’s Newmyer. “She was a woman of peace,” said Takoma Park Peace Activist Pat Lovell. “She caused you to just want to go out and do better,” said City Manager Brian Kenner, and heads nodded throughout the room.

And Tebabu Assefa, whose business, Blessed Coffee, enjoyed Daniels-Cohen’s



support, described her “bliss” during a community celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, as the roomful of people sang the civil rights anthem, “We Shall Overcome.” She believed those words could come true, he said. “Kay showed us how to live.”

To read or share more “Kay stories” and photos, see the Takoma Park Councilmember Kay Daniels-Cohen remembrance page on Facebook.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

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p.m. in the Community Center, when the Friends Reading Group will discuss “The Good Lord Bird” by James McBride.

McBride, author of the widely acclaimed autobiographical “Color of Water,” recently won the National Book Award for this, his newest novel. It tells the oft-told story of the white abolitionist John Brown, who in 1859 led an unsuccessful raid on the federal armory in Harpers Ferry, Va. McBride’s version takes “a comedic tack, beginning with a narrator, Henry Shackleford, a young escaped slave who is mistaken for a girl by Brown, who makes it his mission to lead Shackleford to freedom,” writes Julie Bosman in the New York Times.

New York Times reviewer Baz Dreisinger praises McBride for writing “masterfully, like a modern day Mark Twain: evoking sheer glee with every page.” And the Washington Post’s Marie Arana describes his book as “a boisterous, highly entertaining, altogether original novel.”

In announcing McBride’s award, the National Book Foundation describes “The Good Lord Bird” as “daringly irreverent, but also wise, funny and affecting.”

Reading Group founder and sometime facilitator Merrill Leffler observes that in

2005, the Friends Reading Group met for the first time to discuss McBride’s narrative about his search for his mother, “The Color of Water.” This spring, “more than 50 books later,” they will take up McBride once more.

Armando Trull to be guest speaker at Friends annual meeting

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Board election will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Special guest speaker Armando Trull will open the meeting, and all are invited to attend. Trull is a well-known senior reporter for WAMU Radio, a director/producer of Spanish films, video and ra-

dio, a Spanish voice-over artist at ArmandoMedia DC, and a freelance reporter at WUSA-TV. He is a Hispanic/Latino broadcast journalist with more than two decades of experience covering local, national and international news. He has reported from all over the world, covering major political and athletic events from White House Summits and the UN, to political conventions, summer Olympics, Pan American games and the World Cup.

A brief election for board officers will follow Trull’s talk. Positions up for reelection include president, vice president and secretary. Anyone wishing to run for a board position should contact Ellen Robbins at the Library, ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov. All who are members of the Friends may vote in the election, and

memberships may be paid or updated at the meeting.

Refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to visit with your neighbors.

The Friends of the Library Takoma Park Maryland Library raise funds, promote visibility and advocate for the Takoma Park Library. Their donations have paid for the Library’s Spanish and French circle time, our Summer Quest and Winter Quest reading programs for kids, a variety of public programs at the Library, and the Spring Poetry Walk. Most recently they established a “Little Free Library” in front of the Takoma Park Co-op. More Friends activities may be viewed at www.ftpml.org.

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additional resources to build on the lectures and readings provided by Professor Bloom. Group members are encouraged to suggest links to research, news items and pop culture offerings for inclusion in the collection.

This MOOC series has been warmly received by participants and will continue into the spring and fall. Participants are looking forward to another Coursera class, this one on Andy Warhol and led by

the University of Edinburgh, beginning in late April, and American Capitalism: A History, led by Cornell via EdX, begins on March 23. Stay tuned to the library web site, Facebook page and Twitter feed, and of course signs in the library to stay updated on those opportunities. Don’t let concerns about time commitments hold you back — following the MOOCs online and attending our discussion groups are entirely voluntary. You are welcome to participate at whatever level you are comfortable.

“Anyone can participate,” says Allen.

“So often in formal schooling we learn in age-segregated groups. Community learning like this lets us benefit from the perspectives of people whose perceptions were shaped by very different historical influences. And you don’t have to have any particular expertise — again, it’s all about different perspectives.”

Khalsa arrived at the penultimate meeting of the Moralities Group asking, “So is this going to be a Good Sunday or an Evil Sunday?” and then added, “No, they are all Good Sundays here.”

Emergency exercise scheduled March 18

On Tuesday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a full-scale emergency exercise at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park will simulate a casualty incident resulting from a terrorist attack. The exercise, conducted throughout the National Capital Region, is designed to test local agencies' and organizations' capabilities to handle large-scale emergencies.

Fifteen Maryland hospitals will participate in the critical care surge event. Volunteers will be playing the part of victims, with mock injuries and instruction to make the event as realistic as possible.

It is possible that there will be a larger volume of ambulance traffic at the hospital during the drill.

Safe Grow Act restrictions go into effect

The Safe Grow Act, which restricts the use of pesticides for cosmetic lawn care in the City of Takoma Park, takes effect on March 1, 2014. As of that date, commercial applicators are prohibited from applying restricted pesticides for lawn care purposes on private property or public rights-of-way in the city. Starting Jan. 1, 2015, those restrictions will extend to all property owners and tenants.

Passage of the Safe Grow Act marks the first time that a United States municipality the size of Takoma Park has used its authority to broadly restrict pesticide use on private and public property.

The Safe Grow Act requires the development of a registry of restricted pesticides which can be found on the city's website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/safegrow. The list includes pesticides identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as carcinogenic to humans, likely to be carcinogenic to humans or classified as a "restricted use pesticide." In addition the registry includes pesticides classified as Class 9 by the Canadian Ministry of the Environment, and those identified as Category 1 Endocrine Disruptor by the European Commission.

As of March 1, 2014, commercial

applicators are prohibited from using pesticides from the restricted list for cosmetic lawn care purposes. Commercial applicators are further required to post a notice when providing cosmetic lawn care services verifying that any chemical they are applying is not a restricted-use pesticide.

The law provides for a waiver process to be used to request permission to use a restricted pesticide. The waiver request is to be reviewed by the city manager or his designee and requires documentation of the problem as well as the alternatives tried or determined to be ineffective. If a waiver is granted, a notice must be posted on the property identifying the use of the restricted pesticide.

The Safe Grow Act addresses restrictions for pesticide use for cosmetic lawn care. The law does not restrict pesticide use for noxious growths, noxious weeds, invasive species or for control of insects that are venomous or disease carrying.

In addition to the registry of restricted pesticides, the city's webpage also provides detailed information about how to maintain healthy lawns and landscapes, safe alternatives for treatment of lawn problems and other educational materials.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Jan. 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 58 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 249 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 307. Totals for 2013 were 59 and 248. There was no overall increase or decrease in incidents.

During the month of January 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,345 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,187.5 in January 2013. That is an increase of 157.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Feb. 23, 2014, 10 people have died in fires, as compared to 23 in 2013.

Things to Remember – before and during a fire.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.

Plan and practice your home fire exit plan with your entire family at least twice a year.

In a real fire situation, get out of the house first and then call the fire department from a neighbor's house or cell phone.

Leave valuables behind.

Go to your family's pre-determined meeting place immediately after escaping the fire so all family members may be accounted for.

Never re-enter a burning building. If you believe a family member is trapped, alert firefighters of their possible location.

A Farewell to One of Takoma VFD's Finest

On Feb. 11, Sergeant John H. Parsly passed away after a long illness. He was a Life Member, serving the department and community with dedication and commitment for more than 55 years. He joined the Takoma Park VFD on Feb. 12, 1958.

Some of Parsly's accomplishments during those years included: serving on the Board of Directors, responding to well over 5,000 emergency calls as a volunteer, dressing up as Sparky the Dog for many of the fire prevention activities, assisting with many of the fundraisers for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, assisting with training of volunteers and career personnel, and much more.

Parsly also received many awards over the years, including the 1978 Takoma Park Lions Club "Fireman of the Year" for saving a juvenile from a church fire.

On Jan. 16, 1960 Parsly was hired as a career fire fighter with the department. He earned promotions of Private First Class and Sergeant, and was one of the platoon officers for more than 20 years. He retired on Jan. 15, 1988. On Feb. 15, 2014, the Takoma Park VFD's 702 Bravo pumper lead the funeral procession from the funeral to Fort Lincoln Cemetery. The procession made a special drive by of the Takoma Park fire station. As it passed by, personnel were standing in front of the station at attention to honor this Life Member – a very moving and special moment.

Following the service at the cemetery, a luncheon was held at the Beltsville VFD fire station, allowing time for relatives, friends and members of the fire department to share many fine memories about Sergeant Parsly.

He will be truly missed.

Preparing your Pet for Emergencies

By the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

Takoma Park is no stranger to weather emergencies and power outages. Disaster can strike anywhere and at any time. House fires, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, hazardous material spills and acts of terrorism may all force you and your family from your home – temporarily or maybe permanently. Responding to and recovering from such events requires advanced planning.

All members of your family must be taken into account in these plans, including pets. Knowing what supplies to have available, how to evacuate with your pet, where your pet will stay, and how you will meet your pet's needs throughout the disaster are all critical questions that must be addressed.

Emergency Supplies and Traveling Kits

Keep an emergency kit and supplies handy for your pets. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is. This kit should be clearly labeled and easy to carry. Items to consider keeping in or near your pack include:

- Pet first-aid kit and guide book
- Three to seven days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (rotate every couple months)
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes

- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires
- Bottled water, at least seven days' worth for each person and pet (store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months)
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Flashlight
- Blanket or pillowcase (for scooping up a fearful pet)
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)
- Especially for cats: toys, scoopable litter
- Especially for dogs: extra leash, toys and chew toys, a week's worth of cage liner

Evacuation Preparation

If you must evacuate your home in a crisis, plan for the worst-case scenario. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store an emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification. Your pet's ID tag should include name, telephone number and any urgent medical needs. Be sure to write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier.
- The ASPCA rec-

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TOWN HALL MEETING

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happen to these people,” she said, gesturing to the crowd. The crime changed her, she said: she no longer expects that an approaching stranger will ask for directions. Instead, she is so fearful she hides in the bushes when cars pass.

Others described multiple home burglaries and commercial robberies. Franchot himself was burglarized twice in two weeks, 18 months ago, and others in the audience discussed their own experiences with burglaries, robberies and thefts. Police statistics show that Ward 3 burglaries increased from 15 to 39 from 2012 to 2013; Chief Goldberg says part of the jump was due to a particularly low year for burglary in 2012.

Peter Marra, who lives on Sycamore Avenue, followed the victims' stories with a white paper from the citizens' group, the Sycamore Avenue Crime Prevention Group. Reciting statistics that included numerous burglaries in the Sycamore Avenue area as well as noting the long-term presence of crime in Takoma Park, he also reviewed crime prevention research and urged the police department to consider several approaches found to be effective in other areas. Among them were:

- Security cameras in public places and on private homes
- Automatic license plate readers that help police track getaway cars
- Temporary or permanent street closures to limit access to neighborhoods
- More police patrolling on Segways and bicycles
- Increased cross-jurisdictional cooperation among police departments
- An independent review of Takoma Park Police Department crime deterrent practices

Law enforcement officials responded to the presentation by assuring residents that many of these approaches are already being used. Chief Goldberg described inter-jurisdictional cooperation that involves broad cell phone and email communication.

He also lauded the automated license plate readers (LPRs), which help officers track cars used by offenders. “We have closed so many cases through LPR,” said Goldberg, who called the system a “force multiplier.” He also mentioned two limitations on the system: two of the three used by TPPD were broken at the time of the meeting. And there is a 30-day limit in Takoma Park on how long the information from LPRs is kept; the Montgomery County and Maryland Police limits are a year. The more restrictive timing is the result of a City Council vote designed to protect resident privacy.

Goldberg also described Takoma Park bicycle and foot patrols, a special assignment team of plain clothes officers and a victim assistance coordinator who

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– TP Police Chief
Alan Goldberg

strengthen the local force. Takoma Park has 42 sworn officers, said Goldberg, though there are currently several vacancies.

D.C. Chief Lanier also described current cross-jurisdictional cooperation. She attributed a recent reduction in the District robbery rate to several practices, all of which Goldberg had mentioned: resident involvement, communication through email list serves, and home security and home camera systems. The only missing element, she said, is coordination with supervision agencies such as parole agencies, schools and recreation services, coordination that has helped the D.C. force know exactly who its repeat criminals are.

In Montgomery County, a recently-announced 9 percent reduction in crime can be attributed in large part to special teams of several officers who are dispatched to crime hot spots, said County Chief Manger. While he admitted that there is a cost

Police make arrest in carjacking case

Just two days after a town hall meeting on crime, police arrested the person they believe is responsible for two of the crimes that were largely responsible for inspiring the meeting in the first place – a carjacking on Sycamore Avenue and an armed robbery near Walnut and Eastern Avenues.

On Feb. 26 Quinton Andro Battle, age 17, of Suitland, Md., was arrested for armed carjacking, armed robbery, felony firearm use, possession of handgun, theft of \$10,000 to under \$100,000, and theft of less than \$1,000. Battle has been charged as an adult.

Battle is being charged with the Jan. 24 carjacking that took place at Sycamore Avenue near Beech Avenue in Takoma Park, when the victim was robbed at gunpoint and forced to give up the keys to her car. He is also charged with the Jan. 11 armed robbery, where again the victim was robbed at gunpoint and forced to give up her property, near Walnut and Eastern Avenues. The Battle arrest followed Takoma Park Police detective work linking the Takoma Park crimes to a Feb. 8 robbery in Columbia Heights in D.C. In that incident, two suspects robbed a victim at

8 p.m. while she was walking on the street. The first suspect, a juvenile, was arrested and charged by the Metropolitan Police (D.C.) with robbery force and violence, unlawful use of vehicle and receiving stolen property. The suspect is currently at the Department of Corrections. The second suspect was Battle, who police found hiding under the deck of a residence on 4th Street NW. He was charged with trespassing.

The suspects were linked to a car that was carjacked from Takoma Park. Further investigation by Takoma Park Detectives led them to believe that Battle was responsible for the Jan. 11 and Jan. 24 incidents in Takoma Park

On Feb. 26, Takoma Park's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Special Assignment Team (SAT) and Prince George's County SWAT executed a search warrant for Battle's residence. They found items of evidentiary value there and arrested Battle. Some of the evidence links Battle to other crimes outside the city. Battle was charged and at press time he was at the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit in Rockville, being held on a \$300,000 bond.

involved in that sort of resource – the county hired an additional 100 officers in the last two years – the practice has worked. Networking private business security cameras has also been invaluable, he said.

In summing up the meeting a week after it occurred, Chief Goldberg called the event “a productive dialog.”

“I appreciate participation of both the citizens of the community as well as our law enforcement partners,” said Goldberg. Drawing on statistics that will be published in the police department's crime report in about a month he added, “While we have seen a 43 percent reduction in crime over the past five years and an overall 4 percent reduction from last year alone, it is of little comfort to the victims of crime and the fear that accompanies

these types of events. Many of the suggestions, especially those involving new and existing technologies help to deter crime as well as enhance our ability to investigate and close these cases. A very few number of individuals are responsible for the vast majority of crime. Most of those we arrest are repeat offenders. To that end, when we take them off the street, we usually see a drop in crime.”

Goldberg added that frequently, jurisdictions tend to become islands unto themselves. “We cannot view our city as such and must look to solve and prevent crime through regional efforts,” he said. “We have built strong relationships with our neighbors over the years but we can always improve. I believe this meeting helped to open more doors in that regard.”

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- Recommends micro-chipping your pet as a more permanent form of identification.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home during a crisis.
- Consider your evacuation route and call ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet outside of the danger zone at the first sign of disaster.

If emergency officials recommend that you stay in your home, it's crucial that you keep your pets with you. Keep your emergency kits and supplies close at hand. Your pets may become stressed during the in-house confinement, so you may consider crating them for safety and comfort.

Special Considerations for Birds

- Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.

- In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over your pet's cage.
- In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to periodically moisten your bird's feathers.
- Have recent photos available, and keep your bird's leg bands on for identification.
- If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels that you can change frequently.
- Keep the carrier in as quiet an area as possible.
- It is particularly imperative that birds eat on a daily basis, so purchase a timed feeder. If you need to leave your bird unexpectedly, the feeder will ensure his daily feeding schedule.
- Items to keep on hand: Catch net, heavy towel, blanket or sheet to cover cage, cage liner.

Special Considerations for Reptiles

- A snake may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and

secure housing for it when you reach a safe place.

- Take a sturdy bowl that is large enough for your pet to soak in and a heating pad or other warming device, such as a hot water bottle.
- Lizards can be transported like birds (see above).

Special Considerations for Small Animals

Small animals, such as hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs, should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls.

Items to keep on hand: salt lick, extra water bottle, small hidebox or tube, a week's worth of bedding.

A new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center in Derwood, Md., which celebrated its opening March 1, has a County Animal Response Team that supports animal sheltering during emergencies.



GET THE WORD OUT!

The City of Takoma Park is 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>

MARCH/APRIL '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 April issue is March 24, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning April 4.

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, March 10, 7:30 p.m.*
Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. (budget public hearing and city manager's presentation of the FY 2015 proposed budget)
TPCC Auditorium
For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov
*When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meeting may begin at 7 p.m. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

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.educare-supportservices.org

Candidates Forum on Food, Agriculture and the Environment

Saturday, March 22, 1 – 4 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
Presented by the TPSS Co-op as part of its Food and Public Policy Series

Progress in the Maryland General Assembly on Food, Agriculture and the Environment

Saturday, March 29, 1 – 4 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
Presented by the TPSS Co-op as part of its Food and Public Policy Series

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Takoma Park Pet Donation Drive

Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23
10a.m. – 3p.m.
Takoma Park Library parking lot
Accepting new and used pet belongings for Washington Animal Rescue League

Sweep the Creek

Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6
Community clean-up of Sligo Creek
See web site for times and specific locations
Fosc.org

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
See page 6 for details

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Games and activities just for teens
See page 6 for details

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

Cash Mob hits Old Town Takoma

Friday, March 14, 6 – 8 p.m.
Drawing from the popular flashmob, when crowds congregate in what appears to be a spontaneous spasm of dancing, singing or playing music, Main Street Takoma is planning a "cash mob" to support local businesses. Popularized through the shop local movement, cash mobs target specific commercial areas to support, and businesses collaborate to attract a mob of shoppers who come with cash, ready to "shop, explore and celebrate localism," as Main Street Takoma describes it – in others words, to pump up the volume on local business for two hours. The idea is to make an economic impact on small businesses that often struggle through the doldrums of winter.
The cash mob begins at Trohv (232 Carroll Street NW), where participants can pick up a Cash Mob Passport. The passport is stamped at each participating business, then turned in to be entered into a drawing for a prize.
After the two-hour shopping spree, Trohv will host a party for Localist members; non-members can join on the spot for \$15. The party will feature live music, local drinks and food.
For more information, see mainstreettakoma.org.



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

Billy Coulter Band

Americana unplugged from a hometown favorite
Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts



Guy Davis
Acoustic music from a legendary bluesman
Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Café, 276 Carroll Street NW
\$16 advanced/\$20 door
<http://carrollcafe.org>

Open Mic Nights

Sundays, March 9 and 23, 9:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
Three pieces or 12 minutes, all original material
No amps or drum kits
<https://m.facebook.com/events/293168890832101>

Broken Hearts and Butterflies

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Film about concert photographer and artist Hali McGrath, in partnership with Docs In Progress
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Colors of India

Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Celebrating Holi, the Indian Festival of Color, with music by mridangam drummer Vishnu Balajee and dance performances by Natraj School of Indian Dance and Natyabhoomi



School of Dance
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Takoma Park Scene Study

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Elementary students from Gretchen Weigle's scene study class perform scenes using the Stanislavski acting technique
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Third Thursday Poetry

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Ellen Cole, Katie Herman, Susan Okie and Anne Sheldon
TP Community Center auditorium
Free



www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Alan Reid and Rob Van Sant

Sunday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.
Scottish folk music presented in partnership with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington
TP Community Center auditorium
Suggested \$15 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Masters of Tradition: Irish Music in its Purest Form

Thursday, March 27, 7:30p.m.
Cultural Arts Center Theatre 1, Montgomery College Takoma campus
7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring
\$15-\$25
www.montgomerycollege.edu/cac

Seeking Berenice Abbott's New York

Friday, March 28
This event, listed in We Are Takoma flier, has

been canceled

Lisa Moscatiello in concert, with Fred Lieder
Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Lustrous vocals combined with a "cello-caster" for Celtic folk, jazz and Americana
Free, donations accepted

Cheick Hamala Diabate

Saturday, April 5, 8 p.m.
Cultural Arts Center Theatre 2, Montgomery College Takoma campus
7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring
\$5, students free
www.montgomerycollege.edu/cac

American Artifacts: Early Motion Pictures

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
A look at the earliest films from the Library of Congress collection
Free

Hello, Sailor! Bawdy Songs and Singalong

Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Jennifer Cutting leads a quartet in tunes from brothels, pubs and tall ships
Free, donations accepted

Tomas Kubinek, Certified Lunatic and Master of the Impossible

Saturday, April 12, 7p.m.
Cultural Arts Center Theatre 1, Montgomery College Takoma campus
7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring
\$15-\$25
www.montgomerycollege.edu/cac



Memories Gallery Exhibit

Featuring work by Keren Coxe, Drucilla Litz, Denny Arant and Richard Spector
Through May 2
Galleries at the TP Community Center
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

The Grapevine Storytelling Series

Celebrate the timeless art of the bards with stories of all kinds. Truths, myths and everything in between
Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

SENIORS

Art of Fire Studio (Art Glass), Laytonville, Md.

Wednesday, March 12, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Recreation Department trip
See page 7 for details

Spamalot, Toby's Dinner Theatre, Columbia, Md.

Friday, March 21, 5:30 – 11 p.m.
Recreation Department trip
See page 7 for details