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WHAT'S NEW?

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26
City offices closed

TRASH COLLECTION
No yard waste collection
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NEW YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
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Phil Sardelis, left, who owns the new Sardi's restaurant in Takoma-Langley Crossroads with his cousin, also named Phil, dishes up some sides to go with rotisserie specialties.

Photo by Selena Mallot

Two new eateries add to Takoma options

Takoma Park's growing selection of restaurants now includes two new spots in two different neighborhoods and from two different cuisines. Sardi's Pollo a la Brasa, at the Takoma-Langley Crossroads, is famous for the mouth-watering aroma of its rotisserie chicken, also known as Peruvian chicken. Everlasting Life has built its reputation on healthy, vegan soul food, from cheese-less mac and "cheese" to fried "chick-un."

Pollo with the works

Sardi's Pollo a la Brasa is a local chain with six locations: Beltsville, Fred-

erick, Gaithersburg, Capitol Heights and Manassas as well as Takoma Park. Rotisserie chicken aficionados know it as among the very best in the business, and there was a bit of buzz when it opened here, at 1159 University Blvd East, in January. The chicken is finger-licking juicy and tender, redolent with spice and slow-cooked for hours.

Although it is famous for a distinctly Latin American dish, Sardi's was first established in 1980 by a Greek American family on 19th Street NW in Washington, D.C. The Beltsville store was

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Takoma Park makes an impact on regional politics

By Virginia Myers

Takoma Park is known for its activist population, but usually the image involves hyper-local issues: sidewalks, potholes and dog parks; solar panels vs. tree preservation; and whether the city's nuclear-free or sanctuary city status is being violated.

The fact is, Takoma Parkers carry their political influence beyond the city's borders. Three Takoma Park residents are running to represent District 20 in the Maryland House of Delegates in the primary election June 24. Three of the nine members of the Montgomery County Council are from Takoma Park, and are running for re-election; another city resident will join them on the ballot for the first time.

Takoma Park resident Heather Mizeur is running for governor; resident Peter Franchot, state comptroller, is running for re-election; and resident Jamie Raskin is running for re-election as a state senator.

Governor

This year's governor's race is hard to miss, with a heated contest underway. Among the candidates is Takoma Park resident Heather Mizeur, who was a member of the City Council beginning in 2003, until she was elected to the House of Delegates in 2006.

Heather Mizeur advocates for progressive policies around children's health care, reproductive rights for women, environmental safeguards and new technology jobs for Maryland. She is known as a strong advocate for same-sex marriage and championed marriage equality legislation in the state. Running with her is candidate for lieutenant governor Delman Coates.



Mizeur

Mizeur is running in the democratic primary against front-runners Anthony Brown and Doug Gansler, as well as Ralph Jaffee, Charles Smith and Cindy Walsh. Republican primary candidates are David Craig, Ron George, Larry Hogan and Charles Lollar. Libertarian Shawn Quinn will be on the ballot in the general election. Each candidate is running with a lieutenant governor candidate partner.

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State Comptroller

Peter Franchot, a long-time Takoma Park resident, was a state delegate for 20

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Kate Stewart Elected to Represent Ward 3

Ward 3 residents came out in high numbers to vote in the April 8 special election to fill the vacancy on the City Council left by the death of Kay Daniels-Cohen. Kate Stewart was elected by a margin of just eight votes.

Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) was implemented for only the second time in a Takoma Park election before the final result was reached. In the first round of counting, Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum received 20 votes; Roger Schlegel had 315 votes; Kate Stewart had 323 votes; and there were two write-ins. Neither of the two vote leaders had a majority; an instant



Stewart

runoff was required.

In the second (final) round of counting, Noel-Nosbaum and "write-in" were eliminated. If one of the advancing candidates was the second choice on these ballots, the ballot was redistributed to that advancing candidate. After the redistribution, Kate Stewart had a majority of votes with 332 or 50.61 percent. Roger Schlegel had 324 votes or 49.39 percent.

Over the course of the election, which included two days of early voting, 660 voters cast ballots. That represents 27.9 per-

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TAKOMA TOPICS:

“While you are thinking of summer camps don't forget we are registering for the two after school programs during the MCPS 2014-2015 school year. Don't miss out!

— www.facebook.com/takomaparkmd.gov

City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.*

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

*When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meetings may begin at 7 p.m. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Rose Room

NUCLEAR FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Atrium

RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE TASK FORCE

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Lilac Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 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 Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzanne@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 2014-21

Adopted April 7

Authorizing the Purchase of a Parking Pay Station

The ordinance authorizes the purchase of a parking pay station to be installed on the city-owned lot in Takoma Junction.

ORDINANCE 2014-24

Adopted April 21

Awarding a Contract for Design of Sligo Mill Overlook Playground and Colby Avenue Tot Lot

The ordinance awards a contract to Symbiosis, Inc. for design of the two playgrounds. The contract amount is \$48,992.

RESOLUTION 2014-13

Adopted April 7

Extending Terms for Volunteers from the Small Grant Review Committee.

The resolution extends the terms of the members of the Small Grant Review Committee to June 30 so that they can complete review of the final round of small grant applications. Members are: Elizabeth Boyd, Franca Brilliant, Gary Cardillo, Lesley Perry and Jacqueline Schick.

RESOLUTION 2014-14

Adopted April 7

Providing for Reappointments to the Facade Advisory Board

The resolution reappoints Darsie Cahall, Rick Leonard and representatives of Historic Takoma, Inc. (James DiLuigi, representative, and Caroline Alderson, alternate).

FY 2015 LIVING WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED

Each year on April 1, the city manager establishes the living wage rate, which shall be equal to the Montgomery County living wage rate established and published by Montgomery County pursuant to Section 11B-33A of the Montgomery County Code and any applicable regulations, as amended from time to time.

The current living wage rate is \$13.95 per hour. Effective July 1, the living wage rate will be \$14.15 through June 30, 2015.

TASA DE COSTO DE VIDA FUE ESTABLECIDO PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2015

El 1 de abril de cada año, el administrador de la ciudad establece la tasa de costo de vida, el cuál será equivalente a la tasa de costo de vida establecida por el Condado de Montgomery siguiendo la sección 11B-33A de el Código del Condado de Montgomery y cualquier regulación aplicable.

Actualmente, la tasa de costo de vida es \$13.95 por hora. Efectivo el 1 de julio de 2014, la tasa de costo de vida será \$14.15 hasta el 30 de junio de 2015.

NOTICE OF MAXIMUM TENANT FEES

Notice of Final Action - Administrative Regulations Regarding 1) Optional Fees for Tenants Residing in Rental Housing and the 2) Requirements for Transferring the Cost of Utilities to Tenants

The December 2013 edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter posted a notice informing readers of the city's maximum rental housing tenant fees for optional services like wi-fi and having pets (See 6.16.090 of the Takoma Park Code). The fees have been updated, and the code now allows landlords to apply to the city to charge fees not included in the written regulation.

The notice also described requirements regarding transferring utility costs from landlord to tenant (See 6.16.100 of the Takoma

Park Code), and the forms landlords may use to compute the average cost of the utility transfer.

The notice was published in accordance with the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (Authority: Chapter 2.12, Administrative Regulations, of the Takoma Park Code), so that residents would have the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The proposed regulations have been available for inspection at the city clerk's office.

Three comments were received by the office since the notice appeared. None resulted in any change being made to the regulations.

This notice is to inform residents that the final regulations will become effective on May 12, 2014.

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.

Arts and Humanities Commission
Board of Elections
Committee on the Environment
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
Recreation Committee
Residential Streetscape Task Force
Safe Roadways Committee

CITY Briefs

Purple Line a Reality

Long discussed and barely imaginable, the light rail project that will create a much-needed East-West transportation link is finally moving forward. The Federal Transit Administration made a Record of Decision on March 19, approving the Environmental Impact Study, and full funding of the project was recommended. Maryland Transit Administration's final request for proposals from contractors who could do the work is June 2014, and proposals are due October 2014. In January, MTA will award a contract and construction will begin. The Purple Line is expected to open in 2020. MTA has begun acquisition of properties along the 16-mile route for the rail alignment and power stations.

MTA has created a workforce development program with the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing, and plans to hire local residents as much as possible for Purple Line jobs. A business assistance program has been created to help businesses impacted by Purple Line construction.

If you are a Takoma Park business owner beginning to wonder how your business may be impacted, the Crossroads Development Authority, the business advocacy group for businesses in the Takoma-Langley Crossroads area, can arrange a meeting with MTA representatives. For more information go to www.takomalangley.org or call 443-451-3706.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

2 – 5 p.m. by appointment

5 – 6 p.m. drop-in hours

(check in at the information desk and let the receptionist know you are here to see the Mayor)

6 – 7 p.m. by appointment

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



TAKOMA PARK: BIKES WELCOME



There's no doubt that bicycling is on the rise in America, with the nation's capital leading the way on programs and infrastructure that make biking a safe, convenient and enjoyable everyday activity. In response to these regional trends, and with sustained leadership from Takoma Park residents and business owners, the city is working to become a more bicycle-friendly place to live, work, learn, play and do business. So what does a more bike friendly Takoma Park look like? In the last five years, the city has:

- Completed the Metropolitan Branch Trail segment in Takoma Park
- Installed dozens of bicycle (and scooter and skateboard) racks at local schools
- Installed bike route wayfinding signs on local streets, and a map on Sligo Creek Trail
- Coordinated the first Bike to Work Day and Bike to School Day events in Takoma Park, held annually
- Leveraged new state grant funding for

Are abandoned bicycles taking up valuable storage space in your apartment or condominium building?

Bikes for the World could help. The U.S.-based nonprofit humanitarian organization collects used and abandoned bicycles to support community development programs both here in the U.S. and overseas, helping people use bicycles for access to jobs, school and health care. You can contact them at 3108 N 17th Street, Arlington, Va. 22201-5202; by phone at 703.740.7856, by email at office@bikesfortheworld.org, or online at www.bikesfortheworld.org.

additional bike route signs, pavement markings and bike lanes

- Strongly supported the Montgomery County expansion of Capital Bikeshare in Takoma Park, and key connections in D.C. at the Takoma and Fort Totten metro stations

- Developed the city's first printed bike map
- Incorporated bike-oriented recreation programming, like a Bike-In Movie night, and bike workshops
- Re-instated the Safe Roadways Committee, with a focus on bicycling
- Incorporated best practice bicycle facilities into long-range plans for the New Hampshire Avenue multiway boulevard

Together, all of these projects and programs work to invite more residents, students, shoppers and workers in Takoma Park to travel by bike. But there is still much to do and several projects are in the works. To gather community input on progress so far and the direction of future improvements, city planning staff hosted a Bikeways Open House in March. Residents and area cyclists provided a wealth of comments and suggestions on topics ranging from artistic bike rack design to special signage for bikes and cars at tricky intersections.

With the warmer weather and longer days, expect to see more bikes on city streets and trails. Check out the red Capital Bikeshare brochure, inserted in this month's Newsletter, with information on program details and a list of helpful safety tips. To encourage folks to try out the program and incorporate biking in their everyday activities, there's a coupon code on the brochure for both daily and annual memberships.

Have questions, suggestions, or comments about bike routes and facilities in Takoma Park? Contact the city's planning division at planning@takomaparkmd.gov.

Celebrate Bike Month with Local Activities and Events:

Bike to School Day – Wednesday, May 7

Last year, nearly 200 students participated in local Bike to School Day festivities. This year, parent volunteers are needed to help greet students at Takoma Park Middle School. To get involved, contact Lucy Neher, Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator, at: lucyn@takomaparkmd.gov.

"Ride for Your Life" Bike Workshop – Tuesday, May 13

Curious about basic bike safety, maintenance (like fixing a flat tire), and the kinds of items to take on longer rides? The Takoma Park Recreation Department is hosting a free biking workshop for riders and commuters, called "Ride for Your Life." This evening workshop is open to cyclists of all skill levels, ages 8 and up, at the Takoma Park Community Center. Bringing your own bicycle along is not required. To register, see: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>.

Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 16

If you've been telling yourself this will be the year you start commuting to work by bike, then why not start on Bike to Work Day? For the past several years, thousands of commuters in the greater D.C. region participate in this morning event that celebrates bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Three Bike to Work Day pit stops will again be in Takoma Park: at the Gazebo in Old Takoma, on Sligo Creek Trail at New Hampshire Avenue, and at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Professional Building (7676 New Hampshire Ave.). All three locations have been a big hit with local riders as the event grows every year. Registration is free and participants receive a T-shirt, refreshments and are entered into a raffle for a bicycle and other fun prizes. Register today at: www.biketoworkmetrodc.com.



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Crossroads Farmers Market

The weekly farmer's market at Takoma Langley Crossroads starts up again on Wednesday, June 4 at a new location. This year, the market will be held at the edge of the business district, just behind Expo Emart at 1021 University Blvd., on the corner of University and Anne Street.

The selection of goods will still include fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs along with pupusas and other prepared food. Market hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will run from June 4 through Nov. 19.

On Saturday, May 10 the Essex House Farmers Market at 7777 Maple Ave. will begin its season, opening every Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. It is associated with the MarvaHarvest farmers markets.

The Takoma Park Farmers Market in Old Town will continue year-round, Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Laurel Avenue.

Two new parks call for resident input

Designs for two parks in Takoma Park are about to launch, and the design firm, Symbiosis, Inc., wants to include resident input as it begins creating plans. The parks are Colby Avenue Park at the corner of Cherry and Colby avenues about two blocks from Sligo Creek Park; and Sligo Mill Community Overlook Park at Sligo Mill Road and Orchard Avenue. The Colby Avenue Park currently features benches, grills, picnic tables and a playground, which may be repurposed in some way. Sligo Mill has a community garden and open grassy area – the goal is to add a playground to the space.

City Council has budgeted about \$50,000 for the design.

Residents are encouraged to attend the planning meetings as follows: for Colby Avenue, Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at a location to be determined; for Sligo Mill, Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m., at 6411 Orchard Ave.

For more information, contact Emily Cohen at emilyc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Parking pay station coming to Takoma Junction

City Council recently authorized the purchase of a parking pay station at the city-owned parking lot at Takoma Junction, the corner of East West Highway and Carroll Avenue. Currently unregulated, the lot will now restrict vehicles to parking for no more than two hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Sundays and holidays. Parking fees will be at the established city-wide rate of 75 cents per hour, and will be payable with cash or credit card.

City staff considered installing meters or pay-by-phone options but the pay station was less expensive and more flexible. It will cost approximately \$12,000 to purchase and install, and \$4,000 a year to operate, and it can be moved should the city develop the lot for something other than parking. It will be installed within the next few months.

City officials point out the improvements to the lot over the last few years: there is now just one entrance and exit, and lines have been restriped to create more spaces and delivery areas for the adjacent Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Coop.

Flower sculpture sprouts in Long Branch neighborhood

A public art piece is being unveiled this month in the heart of the Long Branch community at the bustling intersection of Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road. Commissioned by the City of Takoma Park in 2012, the piece was created by Howard Connelly, a Montgomery County artist who has contributed to other local art projects, including last year's Please Sit on the Art along Carroll Avenue.

The azalea-inspired piece of colorful metal and recycled rail tracks will make a prominent and celebratory statement at the city's northern gateway, and honor Takoma Park's Azalea City profile. The unveiling event will take place near 8646 Flower Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8.



Annual Rent Increase Set at 1.6 percent

Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Takoma Park's Landlord Tenant law maintains the affordability of rental units in the community by limiting the number and amount of rent increases that may be charged for a specific rental unit. Generally, the rent may be increased only once in a given 12-month period and a two month written notice is required.

Multi-family rental units and rental condominium units are additionally sub-

ject to Rent Stabilization whereby the rent increases are limited to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index. Starting on July 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2015, the Rent Stabilization Allowance is 1.6 percent. Landlords required to comply with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

The following units may be exempt from Rent Stabilization upon application to the city. The exemption is not automatic and is subject to the approval of the

City.

- Rental units leased to tenants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program;
- Any rental facility where the rents are regulated under contract by a governmental entity; and
- Newly constructed rental units for a period of five years after construction.

For more information about the requirements of Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law, please contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216 or jeank@takomaparkmd.gov.

Planners seek input on the Ethan Allen Gateway

City staff is encouraging residents to view the latest plans for the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project at a meeting on Wednesday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. The refined plans include modifications made to the concept design and additional details on proposed landscaping, sidewalks, lighting, bus stops and bike lanes. The meeting is an open house format, so residents can get up close and personal with the large-format plans, and share input and suggestions before the designs are finalized later this year.

Place: Takoma Park Community Center Hydrangea Room, 7500 Maple Ave.

Time: Wednesday, May 21, 6-8 p.m.

For project background and more information, see: www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/eag.



Grant management needed

Takoma Park is seeking a qualified and experienced agency or entity to administer its Community Grants - Mini Grant Program, soliciting grant applications, reviewing and approving awards to eligible applicants, disbursing grant funds and monitoring grant recipients. The Mini Grant program is intended to provide funding for small, community-driven projects designed to create stronger, more connected neighborhoods, address community needs and foster community pride. A total of \$10,000 has been budgeted and will be available for distribution to eligible grant recipients in FY15 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). This amount does not include the costs of administering the grant program.

Bids must be received by 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2014.

Additional information is available online at takomaparkmd.gov/bids-and-contracts.

THE ARTS



Washington Improv gets creative on stage.



ing cultures with positive results.”

Theatre Musick

Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Suggested \$10 donation

This month mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass will present music drawn from the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Late 16th and early 17th century England was a time when music, poetry and drama flourished as never before, or, perhaps, since. Between 1597 and 1620, 30 books of lute songs by 20 composers were published, and hundreds of pieces for solo lute were written and preserved in manuscripts.

Hollinshead and Bass have performed recently at the Italian Embassy, the National Gallery of Art and at the Washington Early Music Festival. Hollinshead, a member of Artek, specializes in baroque and early music and is a much-sought-after soloist for oratorios and chamber music. Bass, a member of Trio Sefardi, has performed and recorded as a soloist, accompanist and ensemble member throughout the U.S.

Bringing It Home

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

Hemp - it's not just for hippies anymore. It is used in everything from salad dressing to auto parts to building materials. American consumers purchase over \$450 million in industrial hemp products annually, but it cannot be legally grown in the United States.

The documentary *Bringing It Home* explores the question of why a crop with so many widespread benefits cannot be farmed domestically. The film explores hemp's history and its current use, and talks to both opponents and proponents of the industrial hemp farming legalization effort. This film was workshopped at Docs In Progress' Peer Pitch program in 2011 and has since been completed and screened at dozens of film festivals and community screenings around the world. Following the 52-minute film, Docs In Progress Executive Director Erica Ginsberg will facilitate a question and answer session with filmmaker Linda Booker about the issues the film raises, and about the making of the film.

Loosen up with Washington Improv Theater Performance

Washington Improv Theater

Friday, May 30, 8 p.m. – Performance

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Suggested \$10 donation

Saturday, May 31, 3-5 p.m. – Intro to Improv Workshop

Takoma Park Community Center Lilac Room

Free

After successful performances in Takoma Park last year, Washington Improv Theater (WIT) is back this month for a one-two punch: a performance and workshop.

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

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

For those inspired by the performance there will be a free intro to improv workshop the next day. Through fun improv games the class will explore the concept of “saying yes.”

Dance Along the Silk Road

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free

Transport yourself to the Central Asia with rare dances from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Iran and beyond. The award-winning Silk Road Dance Company will be performing at the Community Center as part of the We Are Takoma series this month. Its memorable choreography, lavish costumes and compelling mu-



Silk Road Dance

Silk Road Dance Company has earned deep respect from the members of the communities represented by the company's repertoire and was the first American dance ensemble invited to perform in Samarkand, Uzbekistan at the UNESCO-sponsored Sharq Taronalari International Festival; it was also the subject of a special show on Uzbek television. Its performers have been featured at events for the embassies of Egypt, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey and Russia, and they are frequently engaged by numerous cultural organizations in the local Turkish, Iranian and Arab communities for festivals and celebrations.

Gray views her work as an opportunity to expose American audiences to the ecstatic, esoteric side of Islamic culture. “As one familiar with the culture and history of both East and West, I feel it is imperative to use art to build a bridge of understanding between Americans and the Islamic world,” she says. “Instead of falling prey to the false notion of a ‘clash of civilizations,’ we need to remember that East and West have interacted for millennia, often cross-

sic make its members true ambassadors for the music and culture of Central Asia.

Founded by choreographer and professor Dr. Laurel Victoria Gray in 1995, the



Urban Menagerie Gallery opening

Thursday, May 8

7-9 p.m.

Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

Free

Exhibit runs through July 6

The May Takoma Park Galleries exhibit features urban-themed artwork, including paintings of buildings and architecture and photographs of colorful graffiti.

Featuring artists Sardar Aziz (large scale acrylic and oil paintings), Mei Mei Chang (paper installation), Sara Anne Daines (graffiti photographs), Katie Helms (art books), and Keith Kozloff (photography).

RECREATION



Young people like these, who are already active in Recreation Department programs, will have a new opportunity to participate in a work program this summer.

Photo by Recreation Department staff

New Jobs Program Launched for Local Youth

This summer, the Recreation Department is bringing together young people and the business community through a new Youth Summer Employment Program. Designed to engage young people and keep them moving in a positive direction toward productive adult lives, it is also meant to connect businesses and residents in a unique and mutually beneficial way.

Calling it an “adventure” as well as a “true learning experience,” the Recreation Department is piloting the program this summer with a limited number of part-time jobs for participants aged 16 to 21.

Among the local for-profit and non-profit businesses that have expressed interest in participating are the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op, Richardson

School of Music, Washington Adventist University and the Crossroads Community Food Network.

The six-week program, which will run from July 7 through Aug. 15, will give young people real-world job experience, and help them build resumes for future career and/or college preparation.

Here are the details: Interested participants must RSVP and attend an Interest Workshop on May 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Community Center. General information and deadlines will be discussed at this meeting. Teens are encouraged to bring one adult with them. Candidates will be interviewed by the local businesses and go through an extensive three-day employment boot camp prior to starting work in July. Employers will be responsible for training and super-

vising them once they are on the job, and work will cover everything from bagging groceries and customer service to marketing. The workers are paid by the City of Takoma Park.

Recreation staff expect that having a young, local worker in any organization will refresh the existing staff with new ideas, energy and creativity, could increase diversity and more obviously deliver extra help for office projects, at minimal cost.

To register for the Interest Workshop or learn more about the Youth Employment Program and how you can participate as either a business or a worker, contact Hazel Hodgson, 301-891-7290 or hazelh@takomaparkmd.gov.

YOUTH

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

Ages 4 – 16

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise to help students learn self defense, strengthen hand-eye coordination and improve physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. A onetime, non-refundable \$50 fee is due to the instructor at the first class for uniform.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Saturdays, June 7 – Aug. 16

Beginners 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Advanced 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

TP residents \$129

Non-residents \$149

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Girls Lacrosse Clinic

Ages 8 – 11

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in the area and this popular program is great for anyone who wants to learn the sport. The clinic will emphasize skill development in shooting, passing, catching and field alignments. The five-week clinic will also cover basic rules and interpretations of the game. Lacrosse sticks will be provided. No experience is required.

Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School)

Wednesdays, May 14 - June 11

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Resident \$25

Non-resident \$35

T-Ball League 2014

Kindergarten-first grade

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring their own

baseball glove. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Volunteer coaches are a key element of this program's success. Games are played on Saturday mornings.

Belle Ziegler Park, or Ed Wilhelm or Lee Jordan fields

Saturdays, June 7 – July 26, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TP Residents \$55

Non-residents \$65

Youth Tennis Clinic

Ages 10 – 13

This clinic offers youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness.

Takoma Park Middle School Tennis Courts (7611 Piney Branch Road)

Tuesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

May 6 – June 3

Residents \$25

Non-Residents \$35

TRIPS

Tremendous Trips

Ages 5 – 12

Spend a day or two with us between the end of the school year and the first day of camp. Each day offers a different experience. Before and after care are not available. Trips are subject to change.

Monday, June 16 - National Zoo

Tuesday, June 17 - Spy Museum

Wednesday, June 18 - Gaithersburg Water Park

Thursday, June 19 - Watkins Park

Friday, June 20 - Natural History Museum

TP Community Center Azalea Room

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

TP resident \$40/trip

Non-resident \$50/trip

ADULTS

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. Fifty minutes of high-energy moves interspersed with moments that really make you sweat!

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Mondays, June 2 – June 30, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m.

TP residents \$65

Non-residents \$75

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Mondays and Wednesdays (on-going),

7 – 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m. (on-going)

\$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

\$110/8 week pass

\$25 joining fee required for EFT

\$15 drop-in

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, May 6 – 29,

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$45/4 weeks

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.

Thursday, May 22, Noon - 2 p.m.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

Free monthly blood pressure screening with Adventist Healthcare

TP Community Center Senior Room

Thursday, May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

RECREATION

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Meet Frank J. Pietrucha, Supercommunicator

Adults, age 18 and older

In our increasingly complicated and data-driven world, many new developments are so complex that communicating technical content to the lay person has fast become a critical skill. In his book, "Supercommunicator: Explaining the Complicated So Anyone Can Understand," Frank J. Pietrucha translates complex ideas to deliver content with meaning. Pietrucha will present an entertaining and informative session to share his communication techniques. A signed book will be given away to a lucky winner. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

Free

TP Community Center Auditorium

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class

Ages 55 and older

Learn to use the internet, a word processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers, and take this course. Limit six participants. Instructors: Phil Shapiro, Jim Mueller, Jane Hawkanson. Registration required.

For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Computer Lab

Wednesdays, May 21 – June 25, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$10

SPORT/FITNESS/HEALTH

Cardio Groove

Ages 55 and older

Get in the Groove – join in these fun new classes with our energetic instructor Nancy Nickell. Choose the day that fits in your schedule so you can keep moving and grooving to the happy beat. High energy and easy to follow. Start with a warm-up, followed by fast-paced, low impact aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, then a well-earned cool down and stretch. Moves follow the beat of music designed for aerobics. In-person pre-registration is required. Mail-in registration available.

For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Dance Room

Thursdays, May 1 - June 5, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. or

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Saturdays, May 3 - June 7, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

TRIPS

Art Museum of the Americas, Washington, D.C.

In 1976 the AMA opened in the historic 1912 building designed by noted architect Paul Cret, to exhibit an extensive collection of contemporary Latin American and Caribbean art created by established and emerging artists. Bring spending money to buy lunch at a local restaurant. Rain or Shine! In-person advance registration is required.

For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Recreation Office

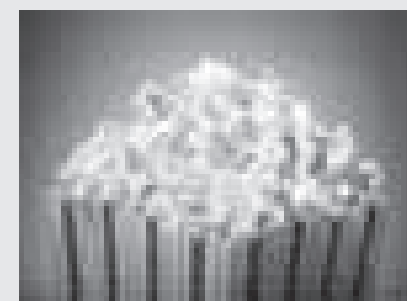
Wednesday, May 21, 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free

Times may be adjusted, check trip itinerary at registration

RECREATION

Notes



Family Outdoor Movie Night

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a family-friendly G-rated movie under the stars! Bring snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. Bring a flashlight for after the movie.

Saturday, June 7, dusk

Ed Wilhelm Field



Celebrate Takoma Festival

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. All vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees for food and vendor stands.

Sunday, May 18

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

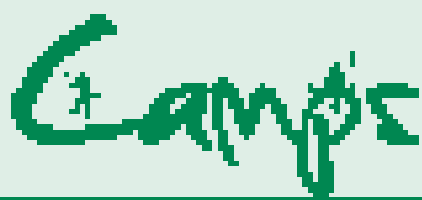
Takoma –Piney Branch Neighborhood Park (behind Piney Branch Elementary School)

Event held rain or shine

For more information call 301-891-7290 or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma.

Looking for more information?

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



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!

For a full listing and most current camp information, Please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on our Camp Guide.

Some of our Specialty Camps include:

Super Sports Camp (**UPDATED**)

Ages 6 – 12

The Super Sports Camps are being moved from the Takoma Park Community Center to the Takoma Park Recreation Center located at 7315 New Hampshire Ave. The affected camp weeks are July 14 - 18 and August 4 - 8. Before care (7 - 9 a.m.) and aftercare (4 - 6 p.m.) will also be held at the new location.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium

Ages 6 - 9

Monday - Friday

July 14 – 18

Ages 10 - 12

Monday - Friday

August 4 – 8

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP resident \$160

Non-resident \$180

Rookie Sports Camp (**UPDATED**)

Ages 3 – 5

The Rookie Sports Camps are being moved from the Takoma Park Community Center to the Takoma Park Recreation Center located at 7315 New Hampshire Ave. The affected camp weeks are June 23 - 27, June 30 - July 3, and July 21 - 25.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium

Monday - Friday

Session 1: June 23 – 27

Session 2: June 30 – July 3

Session 3: July 21 – 25

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

TP resident \$80

Non-resident \$90

On Stage: Footlight Camp

Ages 5 – 7

Get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing! We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination and focus building warm-ups. We'll perform story based theater and work on at least two musical numbers from a Broadway show.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Monday - Friday

July 14 - 18

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TP resident \$230

Non-resident \$260

On Stage: Spotlight Camp

Ages 8 – 12

Get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing! We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination and focus building warm-ups. We'll perform scene work and work on at least three musical numbers from a Broadway show.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Monday - Friday

July 7 - July 11

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

TP resident \$295

Non-resident \$335

Science Explorers Camp

Ages 6 – 9

Here is your chance to become a forensic scientist, analyzing the evidence to solve crimes. Join us as we take on daily CSI challenges, with games, outdoor play, experiments, impression evidence and finger printing.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Session 1: Monday - Friday, July 21 - July 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session 2: Monday - Friday, July 28 – Aug. 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TP resident \$160

Non-resident \$180

Dance Camp

Ages 6 – 12

Ballet, hip hop, jazz and creative dance are geared to allow girls and boys the opportunity to enhance talents with skills and techniques taught during the session. Children will learn basic dance skills, rhythm, musicality and improvisation.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Monday - Friday

Session 1: July 21 - July 25

Session 2: July 28 – Aug. 1

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP resident \$175

Non-resident \$195

Visual Arts Camp

Ages 11 – 14

Have fun and express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design! Each session includes a new art-related theme and group of art processes and activities. Sharpen your drawing skills, explore new materials and exercise your imagination with inspiring art projects. To register please visit: <http://katedellkaufman.com/registration-for-makeshift-studios-summer-camp>

TP Community Center Art Studio

Monday – Friday

Session 1: June 23 - June 27

Session 2: July 7 - 11

Session 3: July 14 - 18

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

TP residents \$295

Non-residents \$325

TEEN CAMPS:

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Ages 14 – 17

Sign up for a two-day training to become a CIT while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. Work with children ages 5-12 during our youth summer camps and earn your SSL hours while having fun! For more information, contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

May 6, 8 and 10, various times

Resident: \$25

Non-resident: \$35

Teens on the Move

Ages 13 – 17

Register today for our teen summer camp July 7 – 25. Three weeks of summer fun, fun, fun (one-week sessions)! Each day is a trip to a new adventure. Broaden your horizons and maximize your courage and strength. Take trips such as rock climbing, horseback riding, ziplining, etc. Challenge yourself and overcome your fears this summer! Registration is already open. For more information, contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Teen Room

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Resident: \$100 per week

Non-resident: \$120 per week

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

American Capitalism

Sundays through May 11, 12:30 p.m.
Discussion for those taking the free online class offered by Cornell University through edX. Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tpmcap

Warhol

Sundays, beginning April 27, 2 p.m.
Discussion for those taking the free online class focused on artist Andy Warhol
Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tpwarhol

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

The Iliad

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.
Concluding discussions of this classic
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

"Llama, Llama" Author Anna Dewdney

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.
The author of these popular picture books talks about her work.
Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Author/Artist Maira Kalman

Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Kalman will discuss her newest kids' book, "Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything" and take questions on her books for teens and adults
Registration highly encouraged at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Celebrate Children's Book Week by reading some classic picture books with us. Bring your own Caldecott Medal favorite to share!
Lemonade and cookies served
No registration

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 13, 4 p.m.
Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club
No registration required

Friends of the Library Book Sale (see article)

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Library Lawn

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, May 17, 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

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 7:45 p.m.

"Zita the Spacegirl" Author Ben Hatke

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Hatke will demonstrate drawing

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Reaching for diversity through literature

By Karen MacPherson

It's a troubling fact: the wonderful diversity of our multicultural society isn't reflected in books for children and teens. According to the latest statistics gathered by the Co-operative Children's Book Center (CCBC) at the University of Wisconsin, of 3,200 children's books published in 2013, just a fraction were either by, or about, people of color. In just one example, of those 3,200 books, only 93 had "significant" African or African American content, and only 67 were by African American authors and/or illustrators.

The lack of multicultural books for children is, unfortunately, a stubbornly persistent problem. The issue broke into the national consciousness back in 1965 when Nancy Larrick, a former president of the International Reading Association, sparked a heated debate when she wrote in the Saturday Review about the "all-white world of children's books."

Things remain much the same today, and there are varying theories as to why that is the case. K.T. Horning, the respected children's literature expert who heads the CCBC, believes it could be the result of the clout that "big box" bookstores hold today

in the children's book market. Horning contends that top officials in these bookstore chains "are not interested in stocking multicultural books because they don't think they will sell. Then, of course, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Years ago, Horning noted, libraries were the "primary market for children's books," thanks to federal funding for book purchases by libraries, especially school libraries. That federal funding was eventually cut, thus lessening the increasing influence of commercial forces.

Other experts contend that it is just harder for authors and illustrators of color to get published because of the lack of diversity in the publishing industry. Robin Adelson, executive director of the Children's Book Council, noted in a recent article in Entertainment Weekly that children's book editors are predominantly white females and that, traditionally, "publishing houses are run by white men. Hiring a diverse array of people would help reflect the different children we're publishing for."

Elizabeth Bird, a noted blogger and collections development specialist at the New York Public Library, also argues that, despite

the recent flurry of articles in the mainstream media about the issue, "the public outcry for more multicultural books has so far been more of a public whimper. My hope is that with the rise of the Common Core Standards Curriculum we're going to see more and more people asking for materials starring and written by diverse people."

Although it's been a perennial issue, the lack of multicultural children's books recently became national news once more when African-American author Walter Dean Myers and his son Christopher Myers, both award-winners, published a pair of provocative essays in The New York Times.

Walter Dean Myers, who just finished a two-year term as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature (a post created by the Library of Congress), wrote: "Books transmit values.... What is the message when some children are not represented in those books?"

Christopher Myers was even stronger in his essay, which was titled: "The Apartheid of Children's Literature." He wrote bluntly that "the business of children's literature enjoys ever more success, sparking multiple

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All things LEGO

We're starting a LEGO Club at the library! Our first program will take place on Sunday, June 1 from 1:30-3 p.m. and is best for ages 5-12. Kids are welcome to work in teams on a theme and then enjoy free play. Registration is encouraged at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents. Please DON'T bring your own Lego! We'll have plenty for everyone, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. We're also looking for interested teens who would like to earn Student Service Learning hours by helping out at our LEGO programs, which will take place every month or so.

Why a LEGO Club? Building with LEGO improves children's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and storytelling skills. We will work on themes such as bridges, vehicles, water, cityscapes and more. And don't forget to check out our new collection of books on LEGO!

Three authors, three dates

Join us in May at three great author events, which are offered as part of our partnership with Politics and Prose Bookstore. Each event will conclude with the authors signing their books, which will be on sale at the programs, courtesy of Politics and Prose. But all of the programs are free, and no purchase is required to attend.

At our first event, Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m., Anna Dewdney, picture book author/illustrator of the best-selling "Llama, Llama" books, will read her new book, "Nelly Gnu and Daddy Too." She will also demonstrate her drawing techniques.

On Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m., nationally-acclaimed author/artist Maira Kalman will discuss her latest picture book biography for kids, "Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything." Kalman also will take questions about her books for teens, such as the award-winning "Why We Broke Up," and for adults, including "And the Pursuit of Happiness," a book created from her 12-part New York Times blog. NOTE: the Kalman program, which is

perfect for kids, teens and adults, will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

Finally, on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m., graphic novelist Ben Hatke will discuss "The Return of Zita the Spacegirl," the final book in his award-winning "Zita the Spacegirl" trilogy. As part of the program, Hatke also will demonstrate his drawing techniques for the series, which is great for readers ages 7-12.

Children's Book Week

Come celebrate the start of Children's Book Week with us on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. for a special edition of our Caldecott Club. At our program, we'll look at some of our favorite Caldecott Medal-winning books; you're encouraged to bring your favorite for us to read as well! Lemonade and cookies will be served. No registration is required for the program, which is great for all ages.

Friends Book Sale Planned for May

The Friends of the Library will its semi-

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movie franchises and crossover readership, even as representations of young people of color are harder and harder to find.”

Christopher Myers raises another related issue: most of the multicultural books that are published for children are historical in nature or culturally specific. Books featuring kids of color in general fiction or in genres like mysteries or fantasies remain rare.

As author Matt de la Pena recently asked in a CNN interview: “Where’s the African-American Harry Potter or the Mexican Katniss (heroine of ‘The Hunger Games’)?”

Unfortunately, there’s no easy answer at the moment to addressing the lack of diversity in children’s and teen books (and the related issue of the low numbers of books featuring gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender characters). But there are some ways that librarians are tackling the challenge.

For example, while the Newbery and Caldecott Medals get the most attention each year, the American Library Association (ALA) also sponsors a number of other awards, including some for children’s and teen books by and/or about people of color. These include the Coretta Scott King Awards for African-American authors and illustrators, the Pura Belpre Awards for Latino authors and illustrators, and the literature awards given by the Asian Pacific American

Librarians Association.

In addition, the ALA sponsors the American Indian Youth Literature Awards, which are given every two years. Then there are the ALA’s Stonewall Book Awards, highlighting books focused on the gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender experience.

At our library, we try to order as many of these award winners as possible. Some of the new multicultural books we have just purchased include: “How I Became a Ghost” by Tim Tingle (a 2014 American Indian Youth Literature Award winner); “P.S. Be Eleven” by Rita Williams-Garcia (winner of the 2014 Coretta Scott King Author Award); and “Nino Wrestles the World,” a picture book written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales, winner of the 2014 Pura Belpre Illustration Award.

In addition, we search out well-reviewed books by and/or about people of color. Among our newest teen books, for example, are “The Living” by Matt de la Pena, and “Darius and Twig” by Walter Dean Myers. We also try to ensure that we have as much diversity as possible in our non-fiction collection, especially in the biography section.

And we try to offer patrons as many general fiction books featuring people of color as we can find. Examples of such series in our library are the “Zapato Power” books by Jacqueline Jules, the “Sassy” books by Sharon Draper, and the “Alvin Ho” books by Lenore Look.

of the estate of her late boyfriend, Pierce Inverarity. “As she diligently carries out her duties, Oedipa is enmeshed in what would appear to be a worldwide conspiracy, meets some extremely interesting characters, and attains a not inconsiderable amount of self-knowledge” (publisher’s note).

“I read it on the train without stopping, reminding myself to breathe,” wrote *nybooks.com* reviewer Edward Mendelson. “That night, on the return trip, I read it again...since then I’ve read it 20 or 30 times, often with the same excitement that I felt when I read it twice in one day.” He compares it to Virginia Woolf’s “Mrs. Dalloway”: “...both books point toward the kind of knowledge of the inner life that only poems and novels can convey, a knowledge that eludes all other techniques of understanding, and that the bureaucratic and collective world distains or ignores.”

Praised in the *Chicago Tribune* as “The work of a virtuoso with prose...his intricate symbolic order is akin to that of Joyce’s ‘Ulysses.’” And in *Library Journal*: “Mr. Pynchon’s satirical eye doesn’t miss a thing, including rock ‘n’ roll singers, right-wing extremists, and the general subculture of Southern California.”

All are invited to join this discussion, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

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annual book sale on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the library lawn. A major source of income for the Friends, the book sales offer fiction and nonfiction for adults and children of all ages at bargain prices. All proceeds go to the library in the form of gifts – and have been used to provide Spanish and French Circle Time, original art and story for Summer Quest, crafts and special performances and workshops, as well as refreshments for special events.

Volunteers are needed to work at the sale in two hour shifts beginning at 8 a.m. High school students may earn service learning hours. To volunteer, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

We will accept donations of used books that are in good condition and of general interest at the library during open hours through May 13. Larger donations must be made by appointment. We cannot accept books at the sale.

Thomas Pynchon Chosen by Friends Reading Group

On Wednesday, May 21, the Friends of the Library Reading Group will discuss “The Crying of Lot 49” by the acclaimed novelist Thomas Pynchon.

Published in 1965, it tells the story of Oedipa Maas, who is made the executor

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years before he became comptroller in 2007. He calls himself an independent fiscal watchdog for taxpayers and is known for opposing slot machines based on their effects on the economy and quality of life.

Franchot is running unopposed in the primary. He will face Republican William Campbell, of Howard County, in the primary; Campbell is also running unopposed in the primary.

State legislature

Takoma Park is in District 20, which is represented by one senator and three delegates. Senator **Jamie Raskin**, who has held his office since 2007, is running unopposed in the primary.

The House of Delegates election is more lively: ten candidates are running for three seats. One will be vacated since Delegate Heather Mizeur entered the governor’s race. A second seat is open because Delegate Tom Hucker is running for Montgomery County Council. The third seat is held by long-time incumbent Sheila Hixson, and she is running for re-election.

Nine of the candidates for these positions are democrats, and are competing in the primary. The tenth, Dan Robinson, is running for the Green Party. There are no republicans running for these seats.

Candidates for the House of Delegates, District 20, include the following Takoma Park residents:

D’Juan Hopewell, who has experience working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Human Rights Campaign and as Maryland Advocacy Manager of Share our Strength. His four primary issues are building a local, green economy; the war on carbon emissions; expanding healthcare by ending the war on drugs; and school renovation and construction.

David Moon, who was born in Takoma Park, is known as the editor of *Maryland Juice*, an activist, progressive political blog; and program director for Demand Progress. His priorities are advocating for the middle class, pushing for women’s pay equity, fighting corporate influence in elections, reducing school class size, addressing climate change and ending the war on drugs.

Dan Robinson, a 28-year resident of Takoma Park, was a two-term City Council member here and is known among long-time residents as a co-founder of the *Takoma Voice* newspaper. He is running for the Green Party, and will be on the ballot during the primary election, Nov. 4. His priorities are developing smart government, creating a more innovative economy, and ensuring local empowerment.

Other candidates for the seat who do not live in Takoma Park are Justin W.

Chappell, William Jawando, Jonathan Shurberg, Will Smith, Darian Unger, George Zokle, all from Silver Spring. Each has a web site with more information about their background and policies.

Montgomery County Council

The County Council is divided into five districts, with a councilmember assigned to each. In addition, there are four at-large seats, three of which are currently filled by Takoma Park residents Marc Elrich, George Levanthal and Hans Reimer. Takoma Park lies within District 5, currently represented by Cherri Branson.

There are 11 candidates for the four at-large seats. Among them are the three incumbents from Takoma Park, and one Takoma Park green party candidate who will not appear on the ballot until the primary.

Marc Elrich was elected ten times to the Takoma Park City Council, and moved on the County Council, where he is completing his second term. As a former school teacher, he frequently advocates for education policy, as well as affordable housing, smart development, transportation and environment.

George Levanthal has been a Takoma Park resident since 1985, and a councilmember for nearly three terms. He advocates for health care reform, environment and transportation.

Hans Reimer has been on the council since 2010. He prioritizes public education, a healthy tax base, great jobs, high quality affordable child care, environmental protection, public transportation and development near transportation hubs.

Other at-large candidates who do not live in Takoma Park are democrats Beth Daly, Nancy Floreen and Vivian Malloy; and republicans Robert Dyer, Chris Fiotes, Jr., Adol Owen-Williams and Shelly Skolnick; and green party candidate Tim Willard.

In District 5, there are five candidates including one from Takoma Park, Terrill North.

Terrill North is known in Takoma Park for founding Making a New United People (MANUP), a mentorship program for local at-risk youth. He is also active in organizations promoting green policies and equity in education.

Also running in District 5 is former 17-year Takoma Park resident Chris Barclay, who recently moved to Silver Spring. He has been a County School Board member for seven years and active in the local community as well.

Other District 5 candidates are Evan Glass, Tom Hucker and Jeffrey Thames.

Other races include county executive, school board, attorney general, judges and more. For additional information, including candidates’ web sites and where and when to vote, see www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2014.

CALENDAR

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techniques and talk about his popular graphic novel series for kids.

Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Our book is “The Crying of Lot 49” by Thomas Pynchon (see article)

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Spring Fairy Party

Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Enjoy fairy crafts and fairy snacks! Wear your favorite fairy clothes!

Ages 5-12; register at: tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

LEGO Club

Sunday, June 1, 1:30-3 p.m.

Ages 5-12 (see article)

Registration encouraged at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.

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

Protect bikes, outdoor gear from theft

Summer is here and your bikes and outdoor property may be vulnerable. These tips will help you protect your property:

- When you are at home, keep your bike secure and locked at all times.
- When you are out, always lock your bike, even if you are only leaving it for a few minutes.
- Avoid parking your bike in isolated or dimly-lit places. Always park your bike in a well-lit, well-populated area when possible. Thieves are less likely to commit a theft where they can be easily seen.
- Get a good bike lock. The hardened steel D shaped locks are recommended as the minimum standard.
- If you would like a national registration of your bicycle, please visit the National Bike Registry's web page at www.nationalbikeregistry.com.



The theft of garden ornaments, furniture, yard tools and planters is another spring and summer seasonal trend. Consider the security of your yard and remember that valuable planters and ornaments are safer in the back garden where passersby are less likely to see them.

- Secure garden furniture by using an anchoring device and other devices to make it harder to move.

- Use brackets to protect hanging baskets and plants.
- Consider marking and photographing your valuables. If they are difficult to mark, take a photograph anyway to help with identification if the worst happens and they are stolen.
- The tools and equipment in sheds and garages are more attractive to thieves

who find them easier to sell as the weather improves. Never leave your sheds or garages unlocked. Fit strong padlocks to doors.

- Mark your property with your postal-code and house number, and make markings visible where possible.
- Consider getting a shed alarm – they are fairly inexpensive and easy to install.

Five officers promoted, two in training

Several officers have been promoted within the Takoma Park Police Department this spring. On March 5, Chief Alan Goldberg announced the following:

Cpl. Charles Hoetzel and Cpl. Jerome Erwin were both promoted to Sergeant. Pfc. Joseph Butler, Pfc. Matthew Barber and Pfc. David Quante were all promoted to Corporal.

The Takoma Park Police Department currently has two cadets in training at the Montgomery County Police Training Academy; they are expected to graduate in September 2014.

Two new dispatchers have also been hired: Yohanna Molina and Daniel-Bushman. Both are currently training in their positions.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Takoma Park Police Dispatcher
301-270-1100

Montgomery County Crisis Center
(24 hrs/7days a week)
240-777-4000



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of March 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 160 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 689 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 849. Totals for 2013 were 155 and 706, representing a decrease of 12 incidents.

During the month of March 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,247.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,034 in March 2013. Grand totals as of March 2014 are 3,617.5 hours, compared to 3,155.5

hours in 2013, an increase of 462 hours.

Maryland fire deaths update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of April 21, 2014, 24 people have died in fires, as compared to 34 in 2013.

FIRE SAFETY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Did you know that people over the age of 65 are twice as likely to die or be injured in a fire as the population at large? By age 75 that risk increases to three times and by age 85, four times. Those are scary numbers, but you don't have to become another statistic.

Just follow these important fire safety tips.

Smoke Alarms

- A working smoke alarm can more than double your chances of surviving a fire.
- Be sure to have a smoke alarm on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas.
- Make sure everyone in your home is awakened by the sound of the smoke

alarm. If someone is hearing impaired, invest in an alarm that uses flashing lights or some other visual aid.

- Test your smoke alarms once a month. If this is difficult for you, ask a neighbor or family member to assist you.
- Change your smoke alarm batteries twice a year. A good rule of thumb to follow: change your clocks; change your smoke alarm batteries.

Fire Escape Planning

- If you are still using the same escape route you used when the kids still lived at home, it's time for a new one!
- Sit down with all household members and discuss your escape plan.
- Plan at least two ways out of each room of your home, especially the bedrooms.
- Consider any limitations you may have that would keep you from implementing your plan.
- If any family member will need assistance, remember to plan accordingly.
- Make sure that your exits are wheel-

chair or walker accessible, if necessary.

- Put your plan to the test and practice it.

What to Do if There is a Fire

A home fire is an experience no one would like to have. But if one does happen to you, preparation can help you survive!

- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out of bed and stay low to the floor.
- Feel the door. If it is cool, open it slowly and get to the nearest exit. If the door is warm or hot, follow your alternate escape route.
- Do not stop to collect valuables or pets. Most pets will find their own way out.
- If you are unable to leave your room, call the fire department and be sure to tell the dispatcher that you are trapped. Then you can try to seal the door with wet towels, duct tape, etc.
- When you get out, stay out! Go to the nearest neighbor's house.

Keeping mosquitoes at bay this summer

Summer is fast approaching, which means mosquito season is upon us. In addition to being a nuisance, mosquitoes spread West Nile virus, so controlling them is important for health as well as comfort.

What can you do to decrease the number of mosquitoes and protect your outdoor living space?

Reduce potential breeding grounds! Mosquitoes need standing or slow moving water to lay their eggs. In residential areas, standing water can accumulate in any receptacle or surface that can collect water. Water standing just a few days can produce an entire crop of mosquitoes, which can enter homes through unscreened windows or doors, or broken screens.

- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers or insert small holes in the bottom so they drain.
- Remove all discarded tires or other trash from your property.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, empty and cover.
- Drain water from furniture, grill or table covers.
- Change the water in bird baths at least every three or four days.
- Turn over plastic wading pools, watering cans and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Rake and remove leaves and remove



English ivy from the ground.

- Check for and fix any leaks in outdoor watering equipment.
- Keep the water in any ponds or fountains clean and moving, and consider adding fish (gambusia)
- Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or holes.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites on their properties.

Avoid Pesticides

Mosquitoes are annoying, and it may be tempting to spring for a service that sprays your yard with chemicals to kill mosquitoes.

Keep in mind that in addition to being expensive, these services provide only temporary relief and will require additional treatment every couple weeks. Unfortunately, these chemical sprays (typically organophosphates and pyrethroids) are neurotoxins and kill beneficial insects, such as bees and butterflies. The chemicals can be toxic to humans and animals and must be handled with special care. If you absolutely must use pesticides, only use an EPA-registered product and carefully follow label instructions.

When it comes to mosquitoes, the best approach is preventing their proliferation in the first place. If we all do our part to reduce breeding grounds in our yards, then everyone can enjoy the great outdoors.

Takoma Park's First Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Public Works yard, 31 Oswego Avenue. Please enter on the Oswego Avenue side.

Accepted items include - insecticides, herbicides, pesticides, paint thinner and solvents, oil base paints (no latex paint), used gasoline, kerosene, photographic chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, swimming pool chemicals.

No Latex paint, explosives, medical waste, pharmaceutical waste or radioactive waste.

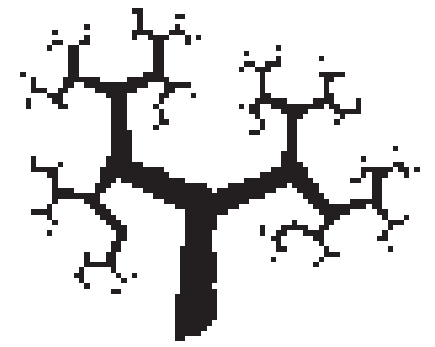
Help preserve Takoma Park's beautiful tree canopy

Trees cool your property, reduce storm water runoff, shelter and feed wildlife and sequester carbon dioxide. Follow these tips to help keep Takoma Park green:

WATER IS ESSENTIAL! Newly planted trees should get 25 gallons a week if rainfall is less than 1.5 inches per week. Use gator bags, plastic buckets with holes or a slowly dripping hose. Even mature trees need water in droughts. Soaker hoses are best, but a slowly dripping hose works too.

NO MULCH VOLCANOES! Place no more than two inches of leaf mulch or pine bark around your trees (but not against the base).

CLEAR VINES: Keep vines off trees.



PROTECT ROOTS! Avoid trampling roots, and don't cut into root zone.

PLANT NEW TREES or allow volunteers to grow, to ensure a future generation for our children and grandchildren.

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 craigt@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>



STEWART

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cent of the registered voters in the ward; there are 2,366 registered voters there, including those who used same-day registration to vote in this election.

City administrators and others who follow voting policy were interested to see how the new city charter change, which allows younger voters into the polls, might affect the election. They report that 14 voters were 16 or 17 years old.

Twenty three residents took advantage of the opportunity to register and vote on the same day. Of these, seven were non-U.S. citizen voters.

Two days of early voting were conducted at the Community Center prior to election day. On April 6, 157 ballots were

cast. On April 7, 93 residents voted. Election day voting took place at the Takoma Park Fire Station on Carroll Avenue. A total of 398 voters cast ballots that day.

Stewart was welcomed to the City Council with a reception on April 21, and began work immediately after at the meeting that followed. She is a 20-year resident of Takoma Park, and in her candidate profile for this Newsletter, said her priorities are revitalizing Takoma Junction, building a sustainable future and ensuring a safe and welcoming community. She supports the Community Kitchen, small business opportunities, affordable housing and programs for seniors who want to stay in the community as they age.

NEW EATERIES

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the first suburban location, run by two cousins, each named Philip. "The Phils" continue to run the business, drawing on their deep experience in the food industry – Philip G. Sardelis learned from his father, Sardi's founder Mike Sardelis, who managed such landmark establishments as Duke Zeiberts, San Souci and La Maison Blanche in D.C. Philip E. Sardelis runs Sardi's \$1.2 million catering operation; after starting it in his home kitchen he has catered such memorable events as The People's Inaugural Ball for President Obama.

For Takoma Park, the menu is simple: grab a quarter, half, or whole bird and then choose sides like fried yucca, black or pinto beans, and sweet plantains.

Spice-laden sauces, served on the side, are the not-so-secret ingredient that make Sardi's so distinctive, and so hard to resist for its loyal customers. The menu also offers a wide range of other specialties from ceviche to souvlaki, charbroiled steak and vegetarian options like mixed vegetables and salad.

Sardi's Pollo a la Brasa

1159 University Blvd. East, 301-755-5777

Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

www.sardischicken.com

Soulfully vegan

Just over the D.C. line in Takoma, D.C. Everlasting Life has taken over the former Cedar Crossings Tavern. The bar is still a popular watering hole (with a full bar including local craft brews on tap), but the

menu is dramatically different: all vegan, and grounded in a taste for soul food.

Everlasting Life has two locations – the other is in Capitol Heights – and was originally located on Georgia Avenue near Howard University (a location that has since changed hands). The Takoma location, steps from the Metro station at 341 Cedar St NW, opened in February.

As the name indicates, the focus is on health, and the restaurant celebrates a nutritious, plant-based diet. But it pairs that commitment with an enthusiastic nod to a D.C. tradition: home-cooked soul food. Think collards, macaroni and cheese, fried fish, fried chicken and barbeque – but minus any animal products. By using soy products and other meat substitutes and creative cookery, the chefs at Everlasting Life have developed a loyal following among vegans who still crave comfort

food.

"The goal is to be able to extend or expand the existing restaurant landscape a bit to include a southern restaurant as well as at the same time something that is compassionate," says founder and owner Baruch "Doctor Baruch" Ben Yehuda, who started his business 19 years ago in his garage and has since developed a following. "We are concerned about the planet, we are concerned about the inhabitants of the planet."

That said, Ben Yehuda's approach is hardly radical: "As a restaurateur, I just want to make vegan food taste good."

He plans to open another vegan eatery about a block away some time in May.

Everlasting Life

341 Cedar Street NW, 202-882-8999

Monday-Wednesday, 12- 10 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 12-11 p.m.

MAY '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 June issue May 26, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning June 6

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, May 5, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 19, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

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

Save the Date

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day
Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Public Works yard, 31 Oswego Ave.
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
See www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Games and activities just for teens
See www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

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

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning June 4
New location: Behind Expo Emart at 1021 University Blvd.
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food

The Essex House Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, 12-3 p.m., beginning May 10
7777 Maple Ave.
Locally and sustainably grown fruits and veggies

Food Truck Fridays

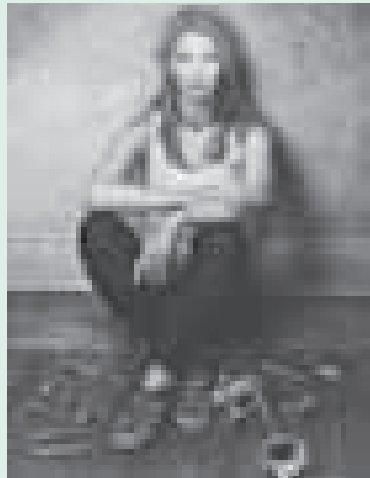
Fridays, 5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Trohv, 232 Carroll Street, NW
Various food vendors

Nuclear Savage: The Secret Islands of Project 4.1

Friday, May 2, 7-9 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Award-winning documentary and shocking expose about atomic bomb testing in the Marshall Islands, followed by commentary by Robert Alvarez, Takoma Park resident and Institute for Policy Studies senior scholar.
Co-presented by TP Nuclear-Free Committee and Beyond Nuclear
Free

Screening of "Lunch Hour"

Saturday, May 3 6:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Lunch Hour examines America's national school lunch program, which exposes children to



unhealthy, but culturally acceptable foods at a young age
Free

Takoma Park 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 4, 7 a.m.
TP Community Center
Takoma Park's 6th annual Safe Routes to School 5K
\$10-\$30

Takoma Park House and Garden Tour

Sunday, May 4, 1 p.m.
Between Eastern and Philadelphia avenues
Explore a variety of homes and architectural styles with creative renovations and additions, and discover the tales of those who lived on Holly, then and now.
\$18-\$20
www.historictakoma.org

Grant Avenue Market

Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Takoma Junction, at Grant and Carroll avenues
Antiques, collectibles and funky finds
Also June 8, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12

Mother's Day Tea

Sunday, May 11, 1-5 p.m.
Cady Lee Mansion, at Piney Branch and Eastern avenues
Fancy hats and gloves, tea and treats by Girl Scout Troop 6754
Seatings at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.
\$15 per couple or \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Celebrate Takoma

Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park (behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Celebrating Takoma Park's cultural diversity with international food, crafts and traditions
www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Jazz Jam

Open mic for jazz musicians
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW

Takoma Spark House Jam

Wednesdays after 8 p.m.
7206 Carroll Ave. across from the firehouse
Bring an instrument or sit back and listen

Blues Mondays

Mondays 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Art Hop

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 – 4

Takoma Park Jazz Festival

The 19th Annual Takoma JazzFest, Celebrating Jazzy Women, will fill the streets of Old Town Takoma on Sunday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. The festival includes two stages and 12 performances, plus street food and some 70 crafts vendors.

Among the musicians is headliner and up and coming trumpeter/vocalist/ composer Bria Skonberg.

For more information, see www.tpjazzfest.org.

Old Takoma

The work of more than 60 visual artists will be installed in the shops, restaurants and galleries of Old Takoma
Free

Aaron Frye, live music

Saturday, May 3, 10-11:59 p.m.
Roscoe's Pizzeria, 7040 Carroll Ave.
No cover

The People's Open Mic

Sunday, May 4, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Bringing it Home

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The film explores the history of hemp and the current farming legalization effort. Screened in partnership with Docs In Progress.
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Urban Menagerie Gallery Opening

Thursday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.
Galleries at the TP Community Center
Featuring work by Sardar Aziz (acrylic and oil paintings), Mei Mei Chang (mixed media), Sara Anne Daines (photography), Katie Helms (art books) and Keith Kozloff (photography)
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Takoma Park Jazz Festival Benefit

Thursday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.
El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring
Concert/fundraiser
Suggested donation \$10

Magpie and Bob Zentz

Friday, May 9
Carroll Café - Seekers Church
276 Carroll Street NW
\$16 advanced/ \$20 door
<http://carrollcafe.org>

Theatre Musick

Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass present music drawn from the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Third Thursday Poetry

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
Open reading featuring Bonnie Auslander, Don Berger, Samantha Magrath
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free

www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Dance Along the Silk Road

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
Rare and exquisite dances from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Iran and beyond, with memorable choreography, lavish costumes and compelling music
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners Showcase

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW
Presented by the Institute of Musical Traditions and the Songwriters' Association of Washington
\$15 advance, \$18 door plus \$2 administrative fee, discounts for SAW members and students
www.imtfolk.org

Robin Bullock

Saturday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW
Composer/musician blends Celtic and Appalachian music on guitar, cittern and mandolin
Institute of Musical Traditions
\$15 advance, \$18 door plus \$2 administrative fee, discounts for SAW members and students
www.imtfolk.org

Washington Improv Theater – Performance

Friday, May 30, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Audience suggestions inspire comedic performances created on the spot
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Washington Improv Theater

Saturday, May 31, 3 – 5 p.m.
TP Community Center Lilac Room
Find out what the improv lark is all about and learn about the joy of saying yes!
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

The Grapevine – Storytelling Series

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Celebrate the timeless art of the bards with stories of all kinds. Truths, myths and everything in between
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Ayreheart

Saturday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Traditional and contemporary acoustic music with lutes, guitar, mandolin, violin, komuz, bass and colascione
Suggested \$10 donation
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Takoma Park Jazz Festival

Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Old Town Takoma Park
Two stages, food, crafts, dancing
www.tpjazzfest.org

SENIORS

Art Museum of the Americas

Wednesday, May 21, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
Washington, D.C. contemporary Latin American and Caribbean art
For adults ages 55 and older
See page 7 for details