WHAT’S NEW?

JAZZ FEST
Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Old Town Takoma

METRO DEVELOPMENT HEARING
June 18, 5 p.m.
See page 12 for details

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Parade, 10 a.m.; Fireworks, 9 p.m.
See page 12 for details

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
July 4 and 5

Budget passes, includes slight revenue increase

By Virginia Myers

The City Council has unanimously passed an FY2015 budget of $27.6 million. On a 4 to 2 vote, the council voted to maintain the tax rate at 57 cents per $100 of assessed real property value, increasing revenues by about $118,000. Residential property owners who have lived in their homes for more than a year will see little change in their property tax bill. Most increased revenue will come from increased property value on recently purchased properties or commercial properties.

Had the tax rate been kept at the “constant yield rate,” it would have been 56.4 cents per $100 of assessed value. Councilmembers Tim Male (Ward 2) and Jarrett Smith (Ward 3) voted against the 57-cent rate, as they favored a constant yield rate. In an earlier straw vote, Councilmember Terry Seamens also voted against the 57-cent rate. All other councilmembers present at the meeting May 19 voted in favor.

Two public hearings on the overall budget as proposed by City Manager Brian Kenner were held, on April 7 and 28. Several residents testified to request funding for particular projects (the dog park, for example) and to question the reserve funds, deficits and other details within the budget structure.

A few increases

Highlights of the FY2015 budget remain essentially as they were proposed (and as reported in the April issue of the Newsletter), with the exception of a few increases. Those changes were the result of two months of budget work sessions and the two public hearings. These changes, called budget reconciliation, include:

- Additional $10,000 for a recognition task force and anniversary celebration of the city’s 125th anniversary of incorporation
- Additional $20,000 (for a total $270,000) for sustainability program initiatives such as the sustainability coordinator position, food waste composting expansion, energy action plan consulting and a sustainability coordinator for sustainability program initiatives
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Quality of life expenditures, sustainability initiatives lead council changes

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MacPherson

New bakery, fitness studio to open at Takoma Junction

Myofascial release, immigration law, discount services also open

By Virginia Myers

After months of vacancy, two storefronts at Takoma Junction will soon be occupied by two new, independent businesses: Spring Mill Bakery, known for its all-natural breads and sweets; and MAD Fitness, a mother-daughter enterprise offering personal training and fitness programs.

Spring Mill is known as a “small batch bakery,” and has four locations in the Washington Metro area – Bethesda, Capitol Hill, Gaithersburg and Rockville. The Takoma Park location, at 7300 Carroll Ave., will offer soft crust breads, sweets, soups and sandwiches in a café setting. Renovations of the 1,800 square foot space will precede an anticipated fall 2014 opening, and will include space for both indoor and outdoor seating.

“The management and bakers at the Spring Mill Bread Co. are very excited to have finally secured a location in Takoma Park,” owner

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PROFILE

Takoma Park librarian profiled online

By Virginia Myers

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ORDINANCE 2014-15
Adopted April 28 (first reading March 24; second reading April 28)  
Awarding a Contract for Paving of Niagara Court  
The ordinance authorizes a contract to Paver Restoration Services LLC to replace the gravel surface on Niagara Court with a permeable bonded aggregate surface at the cost of $21,600.

ORDINANCE 2014-20
Adopted April 28 (first reading April 7; second reading April 28)  
Amending Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 8, Emergency Preparedness Committee  
The ordinance amends the code to ensure that the duties of the committee are aligned with its activities and to provide the council some flexibility in appointing additional representative members.

ORDINANCE 2014-22
Adopted April 28 (first reading April 21; second reading April 28)  
Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the Police Department  
The ordinance authorizes the purchase of a Honda vehicle for $34,442 from Criswell Automotive.

ORDINANCE 2014-23
Adopted April 28 (first reading April 21; second reading April 28)  
Awarding a Contract for Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
The ordinance awards a contract to Clean Harbors Environmental Services to conduct an annual drop-off event for the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste generated by city residents.

ORDINANCE 2014-25
Adopted April 28  
Awarding a Contract for Tenant Capacity Building  
The ordinance authorizes a contract with Rozanne Look and Mario Cristaldo for services required for the continuation of the Tenant Capacity Building Initiative.

ORDINANCE 2014-26
Adopted April 28  
Awarding a Contract for an Emergency Financial Assistance Program  
The ordinance authorizes a contract with Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park for services required for the administration of the Emergency Assistance Fund.

ORDINANCE 2014-27
Adopted May 19 (first reading May 12; second reading May 19)  
Establishing the FY 2015 Tax Rates  
The ordinance establishes the following tax rates: real property, $0.57 per $100 of assessed valuation; personal property, $1.55 per $100 of assessed valuation; and railroad and public utilities, $1.57 per $100 of assessed valuation.  
(VOTING NO: Councilmembers Male and Smith)

RESOLUTION 2014-15
Adopted April 28  
Authorizing a Fee Waiver for Use of the Auditorium  
The resolution grants a fee waiver for the rental and staffing cost of $450 for use of the Auditorium for screening of the movie, Lunch Hour.

RESOLUTION 2014-16
Adopted May 12  
Providing for an Appointment to the Ethics Commission  
The resolution appoints Anthony Pegues (Ward 4) to the Ethics Commission.

RESOLUTION 2014-17
Adopted May 12  
Providing for Appointments to the Arts and Humanities Commission  
The resolution appoints the following individuals to the Commission: Iva Saller (non-resident); Gelynne Hunt (Ward 3); Elizabeth Mosche (Ward 5); and Susan Strasser (Ward 1).

RESOLUTION 2014-18
Adopted May 12  
Providing for an Appointment to the Committee on the Environment  
The resolution appoints Kirby Rootes-Murdy (Ward 4) to the Committee.

RESOLUTION 2014-19
Adopted May 12  
Providing for Appointments to the Grants Review Committee  
The resolution appoints the following individuals to the Grants Review Committee: Alkina Allen (Ward 3); Elizabeth Boyd (Ward 6); Franca Brilliant (Ward 1); Gary Cardillo (Ward 2); Doris Duarte (Ward 6); Vineda Myers (Ward 4); Lesley Perry (Ward 2); Jennifer Wofford (Ward 3).

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Nuclear Free Takoma for the new millennia
An iconic committee updates its database and continues its mission

By Rick Henry

Thirty years after its formation, the Nuclear-Free Takoma Committee remains a powerful energy force.

Its influence over the city government is still prominent and its members are still passionate, even if its mission is often misunderstood.

The city’s standing as a Nuclear Free Zone, one of only approximately 130 such jurisdictions in the United States, is well-known and often cited as a classic example of the type of ordinance that helps define the so-called “People’s Republic of Takoma Park.” Declaring a ban on nuclear weapons and nuclear waste, it is viewed by many as outdated – “No Nukes” was a long time ago – and impractical – what about X-rays at the hospital?

Both critiques are badly off the mark, say committee members.

An issue for today

“Such issue is more important today than it’s ever been,” says committee member Paul Gunter. “Nuclear weapons are still a threat to civilization. There are more nuclear possessing countries than ever.”

“Nuclear power is a ticking time bomb,” adds Polly Kanazaki, another committee member. Kanazaki has lived in Japan and says the Fukushima nuclear power plant incident in 2011 is a powerful reminder of the dangers of nuclear power.

Committee members also point to concerns over disposing of and transporting nuclear waste – the latter an issue that could directly affect the area of Takoma Park that parallels the railroad track along Eastern/Takoma Avenue. And it declares its intent to influence policy-makers so that they route resources for nuclear weaponry and nuclear power and instead “promote and enhance life,” with services such as child care, housing, schools, health care, public transportation, energy conservation and jobs.

Jay Levy, one of the founding committee members and its current chair, stresses that educating the public about the dangers of nuclear weapons and nuclear power is one of the committee’s most important functions. “It’s been a part of our mission to inform [the public],” says Levy, who wrote the initial draft of the law that was submitted to the City Council in 1983. The committee continues to reach out at street festivals and other public events, offering literature and information about nuclear weaponry and nuclear energy.

Fearful beginnings

At the time the nuclear free status was established, the Cold War with Russia was very much alive and nuclear fears were omnipresent, culminating in the ABC movie, “The Day After,” which showed the effects of a nuclear attack. It was watched by more than 100 million people and spurred lots of activism and civic action.

In that spirit, Levy crafted a document declaring Takoma Park a nuclear free zone. Sam Abbott, the city’s mayor at the time, was a major proponent. The document was submitted and immediately accepted by the City Council and, per the charter, the Nuclear-Free Takoma Committee was created.

“A lot of people don’t understand the ordinance [Chapter 14.04 of the Takoma Park Municipal Code], but if they read it, they would clearly understand what it means and what’s involved,” says Levy. “It is quite literal.”

The ordinance prohibits producing, storing or transporting nuclear weapons within the city – a policy that has admirably prompted some eye-rolling among outsiders who point out that such activity is unlikely in a leafy suburb like Takoma Park.

But transportation is a real threat, as noted in 2004 when a proposal to ship nuclear waste to Nevada involved routing it along CSS tracks through Takoma Park (the proposal appears to be dormant now).

The ordinance also bans the city from investing in or contracting with any company that is connected to the manufacture of nuclear weapons – a commitment that has proved to be a challenge.

No nuke contracts

It is the committee’s job to review all existing and proposed city contracts, purchase orders and investments to ensure that Takoma Park does not do business with any companies that are involved with the production of nuclear weapons. While nuclear weaponry may seem far from something a municipality would encounter, many corporations have a broad range of products.

For example, Honeywell International, which sells thermostats, humidifiers and GPS systems, among other things, produces non-nuclear components for nuclear weapons, according to NukeWatch and others.

In Takoma Park, purchases and contracts reviewed might involve police vehicles, building maintenance supplies or office equipment. (Among the exceptions are medical devices and research as well as applications that use fissionable materials, such as smoke detectors and light-emitting watches and clocks.)

“The city comes to us and if we say ‘no’ (you can’t do business with this company), then they have to get a waiver,” says Levy.

The task has grown increasingly difficult in recent years as corporations have diversified and expanded their acquisitions, and governments and corporations have become less transparent. Sources of information about which companies are involved with the nuclear industry have also disappeared – most notably, the regularly updated list supplied by the now-defunct Nuclear Free America, was last published in 2002.

“It has become very hard to track down the information,” says longtime member Julie Boddy.

One particular incident highlights her point. In 2012, the Takoma Park Library purchased a desk-top computer system made by Hewlett-Packard. The purchase was made through a company called Userful, which handled the library’s computer orders and tech support.

Userful had no ties to the nuclear industry, but the committee informed the mayor and the council that Hewlett-Packard did. The committee recommended the deal be scrapped, but the mayor and council said reversing the purchase would be too costly and drain too many resources. They approved a waiver, and purchased the computers.

The incident spurred the committee to update its databases and, as it turned out, at the time of the purchase Hewlett-Packard was no longer involved in nuclear weapons contracts. The database they’d been using was out of date.

The committee is now tasked with researching and providing recommendations for an updated database on companies with nuclear ties.

A personal commitment

The committee is also pushing governments and individuals to go a step further by divesting from any financial institutions that invest in nuclear companies. It references “Don’t Bank on the Bomb,” a 284-page report identifying 298 financial institutions in 30 countries that invest heavily in companies involved in the U.S., British, French, Indian and Israeli nuclear weapon programs.

“We want people to start from their own situation,” said Kanazaki. “Someone can go to the website www.dontbankonthebomb.com, read the report and look up his/her own personal investments and make a decision about whether to divest.”

Such strategies are not only in line with the committee’s agenda, members say, but with Takoma Park in general.

“Boycott is a tool for social change,” says Gunter. “It is a demonstration of open government and direct participation.”

“I am honored that the city has taken on this whole issue of boycotting nuclear weapons manufacturers and proud of the fact that we as a community buy nuclear-free electricity.”

Indeed, Takoma Park’s electrical power comes from renewable wind and solar power, a powerful and long-lasting testament to 30 years of dedicated work by the committee.

In January 2014, Historic Takoma organized a celebration, “Takoma Park, 30 Years Nuclear-Free,” honoring the work of the committee. You can view a snapshot of the celebration by watching the January 2014 edition of “Snapshots” on City TV online at http://bit.ly/1g0z3Rd.
First-time Home Buyers Class

Saturday, June 28
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.

Expert speakers from a lending institution, title company, real estate office and inspection firm. Learn the entire process for buying a house/condo. Provided by a HUD-approved housing agency. Certificate of completion awarded to attendees.

Registration required
Call 301-891-7222 or contact Linda@takomaparkmd.gov

Free to Takoma Park residents
$25 fee for non-residents (continental breakfast and lunch provided)

Housing Mailbox

Damage or wear?

What’s the difference?

By Moses A. Wilds, Jr.
Landlord-Tenant Mediation Specialist

I am vacating my apartment and as I look around at what I’m leaving behind, I wonder: what is the difference between ordinary wear and tear, and actual damage? I don’t want to be charged for damage if the apartment’s condition is normal for the amount of time I’ve lived here.

For you, the county’s Landlord-Tenant Commission has a definition for that: “Ordinary wear and tear means deterioration that occurs without negligence, carelessness or abuse of the premises, equipment, furnishings or appliances.” Above is a chart to show you exactly what that means.

But leaving your apartment is not just about damage vs. wear and tear. Tenants are also expected to leave rental properties clean. That means getting busy ... about damage vs. wear and tear. Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the city’s Landlord-Tenant and COLTA laws can contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Building Community

Ordinary Wear and Tear Damage

- Minor marks/nicks on walls
- Faded, cracked or chipped paint
- A rug worn thin by ordinary use
- Minor wood floor scuffing
- Worn countertop
- Slightly dusty blinds

- Holes in wall larger than nail size
- Crayon marks, unapproved paint color, excessive dirt requiring more than one coat to cover
- Stains and odors in rug caused by pets, spills or leaks
- Large gouges/scratches on wood floor
- Burns/cuts in countertop
- Missing, broken or bent blinds slats

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Tenant Rights Seminar

June 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

- Learn About:
  - Protecting Your Security Deposit
  - Giving Proper Vacate Notice
  - Your Legal Rent Amount
  - Reporting Repairs

7500 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park Community Center

Pre-Registration is required
Call 301-891-7215

Light Refreshments

CITY Briefs

First Adult Play Day June 14

Takoma Plays, the committee known for the Play Days it hosts every few months, is offering a new twist in June with its first Adult Play Day. Saturday, June 14 from 7-10 p.m. at the VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave. in Takoma Park. The free event, for people ages 21 and older, will feature live music from Groove Quest, food and drink for sale by the VFW, and loads of games, from bocce to corn hole, croquet, four square, Frisbee and hula hoop.

Other Takoma Plays events this summer include participation in the Independence Day Parade on July 4, and a mud pie-making session, from 10 a.m. noon on June 14 at Fair Day’s Play, 7501 Carroll Ave.

For more information about these events or Takoma Plays, or to see a TED talk by “the Play Lady,” Takoma Plays founder Pat Rumbaugh, go to www.takomaplays.org.

Exterior home repairs offered

After two successful years of conducting exterior home repairs, Takoma Park has renewed its commitment to the Exterior Home Repair Program, approving $80,000 in this year’s city budget to fund it.

This program is dedicated to improving the homes and lives of low-to moderate-income homeowners. Homeowner eligibility is based on annual household income, which, for example, cannot be higher than $47,950 for a one-person household or $54,800 for a two-person household. Households that have previously participated in exterior home repair programs are not eligible.

Work that would be acceptable for the program includes, but is not limited to, roof, gutter, concrete, siding, wood and storm door repair or replacement, installation of exterior handrails, tree trimming or removal, and painting. The work is conducted by licensed contractors and there is no cost to the homeowner.

If you are considering the program, city staff advises that you do not delay.
Street art, world music, folk on stage this month

Ayreheart blends old and new Saturday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. $10 suggested donation

The music of Ayreheart reflects elements of many kinds of music including folk, classical and Celtic. The combination of lute, fretless bass and a variety of percussion instruments blends the old and new to create a unique and timeless sound. The lute dates back to ancient Greece and was popular throughout Medieval Europe. It was first brought to Europe by the Crusaders and is known in Arabic as al oud. More recently musicians, especially guitar players, have found their way to this historic instrument.

Ayreheart is led by Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane. McFarlane and his bandmates – Will Morris (colascione, fretless bass, violin, mandolin), Brian Kay (vocals, lute, komuz, mandolin) and Mitias Rucht (percussion) – strive to bring the lute – the most popular instrument of the Renaissance – into today’s musical mainstream and make it accessible to a wider audience.

Film explores street art in Barcelona, D.C. and beyond Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. TP Community Center Auditorium Free

Beginning with a film screening of Las Calles Hablan, which translates to “The Streets Speak,” this evening will explore the world of street art. Set in Barcelona, the film documents the vast array of murals and graffiti throughout this Spanish coastal city. While the opinions on graffiti span the gamut from love to hate to indifference, this film explores how street art can spark discussion and community transformation for good.

Following the screening will be a question and answer session with D.C. area graffiti artists 181 and Anieken Udofia. The first, 181, is a self-taught contemporary artist who shows in the traditional gallery setting and also produces large scale murals nationally and internationally. Anieken Udofia was a 2011 lead artist and Murals D.C. and is one of the District’s most well-known visual artists. The community may be familiar with his murals of Frederick Douglass in Anacostia, the Duke Ellington building mural, and the George Washington mural on U Street NW.

Sitar virtuoso Jay Kishor’s work has been described as “world music on the edge of jazz.” His performance in Takoma Park will be improvised on the electric guitar and will draw from elements of Indian raga music as well as classical, jazz and rock.

Kishor is a former visiting artist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, a rostered artist for the Kennedy Center, and panel member for the development of the ethnomusicology program at Peabody Conservatory. For more on his work see www.thirty3music.com.

Electric guitar inspired by Indian Ragas Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. TP Community Center Auditorium $10 suggested donation

$params.coming-soon

Third Thursday Poetry Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Celeste Doaks, Buck Downs, Tafisha Edwards, Greta Ehrig, Max Ochs and Luc Phinney

TP Community Center Auditorium Free www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Community grants Deadline July 9

The City of Takoma Park is accepting applications for its FY15 Community Grants Program. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for a range of activities in the following program areas:

Cultural and STEM Grants:
Projects, programs and events that contribute to the livability of Takoma Park, engage diverse populations, and strengthen the community’s commitment to the arts, humanities and sciences.

Operating Grants:
Programs designed to have long-term impact, providing residents and organizations with the support and resources needed to address current or future challenges and develop the sustainable skills needed to realize their full social, economic, and physical potential.

Capital Grants:
One time capital projects designed to advance Takoma Park’s desire to create a vibrant and sustainable community that is economically efficient, environmentally sound and socially equitable.

Program details can be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/community-grants. The deadline for submission of the online application is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

For more information, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.

Arts apply for Folk Festival

The 37th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival is accepting applications from artisans who want to participate in the craft show portion of the event, which will be Sept. 7 at the Takoma Park Middle School. Applications are due June 30.

The show is a big attraction at the Folk Festival, which includes seven stages of local and regional musicians, food and community tables as well. This year the festival’s theme, community and home town, is reflected in the crafts which, says Gina Gaspin, a fiber artist and 2014 craft show organizer, “have always been part of the folk tradition. They are historically linked to community, when you consider the traditional quilting bees or one-lein towns.”

Craft show participants are selected by a jury of artists, and include everything from weaving to pottery to photography to jewelry in their work. This year artisanal food producers will be considered as well.

Past participants praise the friendly, family-oriented and easily accessible festival and its broad, community-minded audience. “It’s the perfect show to create dialogue and develop a clientele through community involvement,” says Lauren Summers, a long-time volunteer and craft show organizer.

For more information or to apply for a crafts booth, see www.tpfsl.org.
Counseling program promotes responsibility, community connection among local youth

For people like Isaiah Brown, the Takoma Park Recreation Department is a big part of life in this city. He enrolled in the winter basketball league when he was small, then volunteered as a Counselor in Training (CIT) as a teenager. This summer, Brown is on staff as a recreation aide for summer camp.

The CIT program was a great experience,” says Brown. “I learned a lot about child development and mentoring. I also learned other job skills I can use in future endeavors, practicing patience and learning to step away from a situation before reacting.” He even learned CPR and first aid.

Brown is just one of many young people who have grown up with the Recreation Department. Hundreds of local kids have attended the before and after school programs, joined field trips during vacation days, tried out summer camps and enrolled in activities like flag football, basketball, arts and crafts and Dungeons and Dragons.

Taking the Recreation Department experience a step further, the CIT program has mentored 15 teens over the last few years, offering them real-world lessons in responsibility and safety, the importance of personal connections and the satisfaction of volunteering.

Showing local youth the impact they can have on younger children enrolled in the same programs they attended themselves is not only empowering – it also deepens connection and engagement with the community.

The CIT training involves lessons in interacting with children, job skills like showing up on time and demonstrating reliability and initiative, and practical training in safety, including CPR and first aid. There are still spots available in the last training for this year, which begins June 10. For more information please contact the Recreation Department office at 301-891-7290.
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 Aug. 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 Gym

Ages 6 – 9, July 14 – 18

Ages 10 – 12, August 4 – 8

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents $160

Non-residents $180

On Stage: Footlight Camp

Ages 5 – 7

In On Stage: Footlight, we will get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing. Each day starts with physical, vocal, imagination and focus building warm-ups. Perform in story-based theater and work on at least two musical numbers from a Broadway show.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Camps

DROP IN

Adult Dog Basic Manners

6 months and older

Whether you have an older puppy that needs to expand on a puppy class, or an older dog that needs to learn the basics, this class is for you. Using reinforcement-based training, this class covers sit, down, stay, come, leash walking, leave it, drop and polite greetings, and transferring skills to the real world. For dogs that know some basics, we will add distraction and difficulty. For dogs that are new to training, we’ll start with the basics.

Heffner Park Community Center

Wednesdays, July 16 – Aug. 20, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

TP residents $119

Non-residents $139

Puppy Manners and Socialization

5 months and younger

Each class will include off leash play in a supervised setting where you will learn about dog body language, appropriate play and when to take breaks. Using reinforcement-based training techniques, we’ll teach basic skills (sit, down, leash walking, come, and polite greetings), discuss common puppy issues (chewing, nipping, jumping), and focus on appropriate socialization. Puppies must be 5 months or younger.

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TP residents $119

Non-residents $139

Science Explorers Camp

Ages 6 – 9

Here is your chance to become a forensic scientist that actually analyzes the evidence to solve crimes. Take on the daily CSI challenges, with games, outdoor play, experiments, impression evidence and finger printing.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Session 1: July 28 – Aug. 1, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP resident $160

Non-residents $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

Session 1: July 21 – July 25

Session 2: July 28 – August 1

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents $175

Non-residents $195

Visual Arts Camp

Ages 11 – 14

Express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design. Each session includes a new art related theme and group of art processes and activities. To register visit: www.katieedellauferman.com

TP Community Center Art Studio

Session 1: June 23 – June 27

Session 2: July 7 – July 11

Session 3: July 14 – July 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 the youth summer camps and earn your SSL hours while having fun. Contact Leicia Manfort at Leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Tuesday, June 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Residents $25

Non-residents $35

Teens on the Move

Ages 13 – 17

Register for our teen summer camp July 7 – 25. Enjoy three weeks of summer fun (one week sessions). Take trips such as rock climbing, horseback riding and zip-lining. Registration is already open. Contact Leicia Manfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

TP Community Center Teen Room

Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Residents $100 per week

Non-residents $120 per week

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 Monsters University 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

Howard L. Feinstein, author, speaker, educator and musician

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. What better way to remember and commemorate the challenges and victories than to hear Howard L. Feinstein, former prosecutor with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, recount events that took place during the enforcement stage of the civil rights movement? Feinstein’s new book, “Fire on the Bayou: True Tales from the Civil Rights Battlefront,” is both history and memoir of his civil rights work, which included prosecuting Ku Klux Klan cases.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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Free popcorn in just part of the fun at Outdoor Movie Night, held this year at dusk on June 7 at Ed Wilhelm Field, behind Piney Branch Elementary School. For more information, see note, top right of this page.

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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

Father’s Day Crafts
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.
All ages

Summer Quest Kick-Off
Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.
Join us for the start of our unique summer reading program

Comics Jam
Tuesday, June 10, 4 p.m.
Comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club

No registration required

Teaching With Heart (see article)
Wednesday June 11, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
“Teaching with Heart” book reading, featuring local editor, Megan Scribner, and contributors Liam Corley, Kathleen Glaser, Dennis Huffman, Christine Intagliata and Jamie Raskin, followed by a Q&A

TP Community Center Auditorium

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time
Saturday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.
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, June 17, 7:45 p.m.

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club
Monday, June 30, 7 p.m.
Spotlighting some great, newly-published picture books.
Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

Bedtime Stories
Tuesday, July 1, 7 p.m.
Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

LEGO Club
Sunday, July 6, 1:30-3 p.m.
Come have fun with LEGO! Best for ages 5-12.
Registration required; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryearvents

Friends Reading Group (see article)
Wednesday, July 16, 7:30-9 p.m.
“Alias Grace” by Margaret Atwood.
TP Community Center; All welcome

LIBRARY

By Karen MacPherson


Kalman also works specifically as an illustrator, creating the artwork for “Food Rules,” the healthy eating bible written by Michael Pollan, as well as the illustrations for “The Elements of Style,” the classic writer’s manual authored by William Strunk and E.B. White. She’s even published an award-winning book for teens, “Why We Broke Up,” which was co-authored by Daniel Handler (a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, the author of “A Series of Unfortunate Events”). The two also just released a new collaboration for teens and adults, “Girls Standing on Lawns.”

Currently, Kalman is curating an exhibition of various objects from the collection of the Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York, the exhibit is part of a grand re-opening of the museum after a lengthy renovation.

Critics have described Kalman’s work as “narrative drawing,” a type of journalism in which she both illustrates and writes about the world around her.

“I do see myself as a journalist,” Kalman told the crowd of adults and kids who came to hear her at a recent event, co-sponsored by Politics and Prose Bookstore, in the Takoma Park Community Center. “I am an artist at large, going around the world and reporting on what I see.

“Sometimes, it’s very pointed, like the books on Lincoln or Jefferson. But sometimes, it’s whimsical, like The Principles of Uncertainty.” But still, I’m always trying to make a human connection between the experience of being alive and trying to make sense of – the world.”

Kalman, 64, doesn’t have a college degree or even any formal art training. But her unique vision of the world has won her millions of fans around the world, who delight in the way her books combine research, thoughtful humor and quirkiness. All of those qualities were on display at her Takoma Park program, which was focused on her non-fiction books for kids: “Fireboats,” “Looking at Lincoln” and “Girls Standing on Lawns.”

Renowned illustrator Maira Kalman draws Takoma crowd

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Summer Quest begins
On Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m., the library will unveil its latest Summer Quest summer reading program. All are invited for the kick-off event for Summer Quest 2014, with the artwork and story created, as always, by staff artist extraordinaire, Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park is the only library in Maryland to offer its own summer reading program, so it’s a unique experience! The read-to-play program starts when kids pick a character and give it a name. Then they move their character along the big gameboard in the Children’s Room as they read a book for each of the 10 reading challenges.

The reading challenges are open-ended – i.e. “read an adventure book” – as all of the research shows that kids will read more if they can choose their own books. Library staff will have plenty of reading suggestions, however, for those who want them. If participants can’t make the June 10 kick-off, they can start Summer Quest any time over the summer. The program will conclude Summer Quest with a party in early September. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring Summer Quest.

Caldecott Club Expands
The library’s popular Caldecott Club – a family book club – is expanding to go all year round. In this fun program, participants spend an hour reading – via the library’s special projector and the big screen – some of the best new picture books for kids. Participants and librarians also talk about whether the books might be contenders for the Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for children ages infant through 14. This wide age-range for Caldecott contenders allows the club to read a variety of books, from those that appeal to very young children to those aimed at school-agers.

The next meeting is on Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m. It’s a great way for families to have fun while reading and discussing books together, and enjoying some lemonade and cookies.

Book-sale hits a home run
The Friends of the Library enjoyed perfect spring weather at its May 17 book sale, netting $2,500. All proceeds go back to the library in the form of donations for SummerQuest, lanyards for kids’ library cards, Spanish and French Circle Time and other programs and services.

The Friends’ book sales are sustained entirely through the tireless work of volunteers. Those who worked at the May 17 sale are: Tom Gabriel, Suzanne Morgan, Geoff Burkhart, Sherelyn and Jerry Ernst, Walter and Rachel Mulbruy, Tim Rahn, Phil Shapiro, Dee and Mel Raff, Katherine Dixon-Peugh, Sam Wolde, Nate and Andy Saindon, Sam McCollin, Pat McMahon, Pam Colley, Jim Williams, Emily Van Loon, Rebekah Zanditon, Enid Hodes, Kimley Mannix, Dave Burbank, and book sale organizer and spiritual advisor Merrill Leffler.

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**Celebrating Teachers**

By many measures, teachers have the toughest – and the most important – job in America. How do they maintain their passion, energy and enthusiasm for teaching? For many, the spark that stokes their fire for teaching comes from poetry.

In “Teaching With Heart: Poetry That Speaks To The Courage To Teach,” 90 diverse teachers, educators and administrators share the poems that inspire them, along with heartfelt, moving stories about what each poem means to them and how it guides their teaching. On Wednesday, June 11 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Takoma Center Auditorium “Teaching with Heart” editor Megan Scribner and local contributors Liam Corley, Kathleen Glaser, Dennis Huffman, Christine Inhtaglia and Jamie Raskin will gather for an evening of lively readings, followed by a question and answer session.

“Teaching with Heart” is the highly anticipated sequel to the bestselling “Teaching with Fire” (2003), which was number two on Edudemic’s list of 50 Most Popular Books for Teachers.

**Teaching with Heart** is a book by teachers for teachers. Books will be available for purchase – and for autographs for that special teacher in your life.

**Friends Reading Group looks ahead**

The Friends of the Library’s next book discussion – scheduled for Wednesday July 16 in the Community Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. – will examine “Alias Grace” by Margaret Atwood (1996).

This ambitious novel tells the story of a “historical figure, the notorious Grace Marks, a handsome but hapless Irish immigrant who worked as a scullery maid in Toronto in the 1840s,” wrote Francine Prose in a New York Times review. “At the age of 16, she was convicted of abetting the brutal murder of her employer, Thomas Kinnear, and his pregnant wife, Sarah Rutherford. The trial judge, a local lawyer named James Monteith Montgomery… Alias Grace’ has the physical heft and weighty authority of a 19th century novel…the book evokes the high Victorian mode, spiced with the slyly plot twists and playfully devious twists of the equally high Gothic – the literary styles of the period in which the book is set.”

In the fall, the book club will begin discussions of the next “big book” – “The Dove” by Miguel de Cervantes. Here is an enticing excerpt from the acclaimed translation of this classic novel by Edith Grossman: “His fantasy filled with everything he had read in his books, enrichments as well as combats, battles, challenges, wounds, couplings, loves, tortures and other impossible foolishness, and he became so convinced in his imagi- nation of the truth of all the countless grandiloquent and false inventions he read that for him no history in the world was true.”

To participate in the Friends Reading Group check at the Library for further dates and announcements.

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Lincoln” and “Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything.

In “Fireboat,” Kalman tells the story of the John J. Harvey, a fire boat that was long past its heyday when some New Yorkers bought and restored it in the late 1990s. When ter- rorists struck on September 11, 2001, the Harvey was instrumental in fighting the fires at the site of the World Trade Center buildings because the water mains there were buried under the rubble.

Kalman said “Fireboat” is “a story of being resilient in a tremendous way.” She added that stories like “Fireboat” are “a way to talk to kids about tragic events… It says, ‘This is what happened and this is how we deal with it.’”

“Looking at Lincoln,” Kalman said she tried to give young readers “a sense of his extraordinary presence… If you study him, there’s no way not to fall in love with Abra- ham Lincoln.” In fact, Kalman joked, she herself is famous for saying that she’s in love with Lincoln “to the point that I always say that I would have been a better wife than Mary Todd Lincoln.”

During her talk, Kalman talked about illustrating Lincoln artifacts like his trade- mark stovepipe hat as a way to make him more alive for young readers who only now know him as an important person who lived long ago. Kalman, however, believes that objects like Lincoln’s hat or Jefferson’s packet, which he lined with socks to make it warmer, can offer readers a “humanizing” connection to a historical figure.

Writing about Jefferson was much harder than writing about Lincoln, Kalman noted. Jefferson “is a different guy. I don’t admire and respect him tremendously,” Kalman said, adding that Jefferson “doesn’t come across as having a sense of humor like Lincoln.” But Kalman was clearly taken by what she called “the genius of his brain and the breadth of his interests,” which she un- derlines in the subtitle of her book: “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything.”

That’s what makes Jefferson’s refusal to give up his slaves “so heartbreaking,” she added. Trying to sum up such a significant and complex person like Jefferson for children can be daunting, Kalman said. That’s where the illustrations she does can be so helpful in conveying facts without adding more text.

Asking whether the words or the images come first to her, Kalman said that they mostly come together. Kalman, who emi- grated to the United States from Israel when she was a child, said that she fell in love with the English language at a young age, and “so words live for me in their own kind of visual flowy thing.”

“Then, I’m always seeing a lot of things that I know I want to paint. Somehow everything [words and pictures] gets smoothed together in this amazing way.”

*Note: The Library has a number of Kalman’s books for kids, teens and adults; we also have The New Yorker magazine, to which she is a fre- quent contributor. Come in and check out Kal- man’s work!*

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Katherine Burka told the Old Town Business Association in April “Twenty years ago, the TPSS Food Coop and its members were the first business that offered Spring Mill Bread Co. the opportunity to tap into an ever- growing market in natural foods.”

Right next door at 7302 Carroll Ave., MAD Fitness – for Mother And Daughter – will feature personal training from Sue Immer- man and Eve Kenney. Known around town for their contributions on the softball and Babe Ruth baseball diamonds, this mother- daughter team has turned to a new mission: providing instruction and training through functional exercise. Immerman, the mom, is a personal trainer certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, with several specializations; she also has an M.A. in adult development and aging. Kenney, the daughter, is also a certified personal trainer, and is studying kinesiology at the University of Maryland.

The duo will offer small group and semi- private classes in body weight training, flex- ibility, sport-specific training, partner work- outs, pre- and post-natal fitness and more. The signature element at MAD Fitness is fun – using targeted, themed workshops and a sense of humor, Immerman and Kenney want to turn fitness from being a chore to being a pleasure. They already have follow- ers from the classes they co-teach at Roda Movements.

MAD Fitness will open this summer. See www.madfitnessus.com for more information.

**More new businesses**

Other new businesses in town include Emily Jacobs’ myofascial release and massage therapy services, in the studio at 7040 Car- roll Ave., above Roscoe’s Pizzaria. Myofascial release involves gently loosening the fascia, or connective tissue system, which can get tight and brittle. Treatments are designed to stretch and release the system for pain relief, improved function, and decreased stress.

Jacobs is also a licensed massage therapist, practicing deep tissue massage. For more in- formation on her services, see BodyMind- SpiritMFR.com.

In Takoma-Langley Crossroads, Solu- ciones Inmigrantes has opened at 1338 Holton Lane. The multi-service firm helps new Americans transition to the U.S., with translation services for various legal forms, and related services associated with employ- ment, housing, education and benefits ap- plications. SI can assist with permanent resident/green cards, petitions for alien relative/hance, passport applica- tions, finger-printing, notary and evaluat- ing horror movies such as transportation access, leases, location analyses and total costs. It can also advise on educational op- tions, provide classes in ESL, computers and citizenship, offer computer rental services, and higher education information.

Discount Mart opened in February at 7673 New Hampshire Ave., with a wide range of merchandise from men’s, women’s and children’s clothing, linens and bedding, personal care items and small appliances like rice cookers and coffee makers.

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bunch of preschoolers. It involves careful study of the art of children’s book mak- ing, awareness and responsiveness to the distinctive needs of the children who visit your library, creativity in choosing a broad array of subjects and styles among your book selections, open-mindedness for engaging and dynamic programming – and yes, it helps to know a few good toddler tunes.

MacPherson, who raised two children in Takoma Park, came to the Takoma Park Library after 30 years as a reporter for Scripps Howard News Service. She re- turned to school for a master’s degree in library science and began working at the Takoma Park library seven years ago. Her optimistic nature shines through in the Vox Populi interview, where she enthusi- astically tells the reporter, “I’ve gotten to do the two things I really wanted to do with my life. I’ve gotten to be a newspaper reporter and I got to be a librarian.”

It was not an easy transition, as it took five years to earn the advanced degree re- quired for the job. But, says MacPherson, “I love working with kids. I love finding the right book for the reader. When you do that it’s magical.”

MacPherson also reveals some of her favorite book characters (the librarian in the Beezus and Ramona series), her wish that all parents would take time to read with their children, and the reason Takoma- ma Park’s library is known as an “outlaw.”
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THE FIREHOUSE REPORT
By Jim Jarboe
As of April 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 206 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 899 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,105. Totals for 2013 were 193 and 933 representing a decrease of 21 incidents.

During the month of April 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,307.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,200.5 in April 2013. Grand totals as of April 2014 are 4,925 hours, compared to 4,356 hours in 2013, an increase of 569 hours.

Maryland fire deaths update
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of May 27, 2014, 30 people have died in fires, as compared to 38 in 2013. That’s a 21 percent drop from last year.

Outside cooking can spell danger
It’s that time of the year, for one of the great pleasures of summer is eating and cooking out of doors with family and friends. The popularity of this activity is attested to by the great number of outdoor grills being sold each year. Such grills can be fun to cook on and provide delicious food, but they can also be dangerous. None of them are foolproof, and all should be handled with care.

Grill Safety
• Keep at 20 feet from any structure.
• Use only in a well ventilated area.
• Keep children away from all cooking equipment.
• Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.
• Never leave foods cooking unattended.
• Use only approved fire starters.
• After cooking, soak the coals.
• Clean the grill with water and detergent to avoid grease buildup.

It’s a fact... cooking on apartment balconies is against the law.

Fireworks are illegal
All fireworks are illegal in Maryland, regardless of where they may have been purchased. Simply by having fireworks in your possession you may face a fine of $1,000 or up to six months in jail. Don’t let foolishness cause you to spend the holiday in jail. And don’t let carelessness cause you to spend the holiday in the hospital.

Two rules to follow: Don’t handle fireworks yourself, and stay away from those who do. Leave the fireworks displays to the pros. Let’s have a safe holiday.

From the Takoma Park Lions Club
At the recent 92nd District 22 Convention held in Ocean City, Maryland, Takoma Park Lions Club member Mike Bigler was nominated by his daughter Beth for the prestigious position of 1st Vice District Governor. TPLC Milestone ... In June, Beth will become Takoma Park Lions Club first female President. Congratulations to both!

Join Advancing the Avenue, a new community art-making program led by Dance Exchange, a Takoma Park-based intergenerational dance company. These free, participatory workshops will gather people of all ages and abilities to make art, share stories, get to know our community, and imagine the future of New Hampshire Avenue. No experience necessary. Community members are welcome to attend either or both workshops. Advance registration for these free events is requested but not required. To get involved, contact Shula Strassfeld at shulas@danceexchange.org or 301-270-6700.

Bernadette’s.
30-July 2, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m at $250 for each three-day session. The location is also St. Bernadette’s, 80 University Blvd. East in Silver Spring, across from Blair High School. The cost is $205 per week except for week of July 4, which is $175.

We also offer THREE-DAY SPECIALTY CAMPS for kids ages 11-16, with intensive training from Thunderbolts coaches on batting (Day 1), pitching and catching (Day 2), and the camper’s choice of an expanded session on pitching or catching (Day 3). There will be a 3 to 1 camper to counselor ratio. Dates are June 16-18, June 23-25, and June 30–July 2, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m at $250 for each three-day session. The location is also St. Bernadette’s.

For more information, visit www.tbolts.org, or call 301-270-0794.

Home games are at Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium
51 East University Boulevard, Silver Spring, Md. in the Four Corners Area
Admission Prices: Adults, $5; Children under 18, $2

THUNDERBOLTS 2014 SEASON HOME SCHEDULE

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Keep it tidy.
During the warmer months, maintaining your yard can require a little more work. The city’s code states that the height of all grass and weeds must be kept below 12 inches. Vines, shrubbery, hedges and other vegetation must also be maintained. It is also important that vegetation not encroach onto the public sidewalk or extend out over the public sidewalk, including any vegetation overhanging the public sidewalk below 8 feet. Help maintain our community and keep our city beautiful.

Takoma Park Code Enforcement Staff

ATTENTION - Takoma Park Code Enforcement Staff
The Purple Line light rail crosses the region.

Takoma/Langley Crossroads studies expand, anticipate the Purple Line

On March 21, more than 250 regional leaders from nonprofit, government, business, and philanthropy attended “Beyond the Tracks” at the University of Maryland-College Park, to learn from other regions how to fulfill the Purple Line’s promise of improving the environmental, social and economic conditions of communities along the proposed 16-mile light rail corridor. The Takoma/Langley Crossroads, Takoma Park’s largest commercial district, is a future Purple Line stop near the geographic center of the corridor. The conference was organized by the newly-formed Purple Line Corridor Coalition, in the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland. The City of Takoma Park is a member of the coalition, and Housing and Community Development staff and Councilmember Fred Schultz participated in the conference.

The coalition’s research shows that the best way for communities to reap the benefits of new transit while protecting their interests is to coordinate their efforts corridor-wide. The intent of the conference is to move from the engineering and planning for the Purple Line, led by the Maryland Transit Administration, to a more regional planning approach that addresses the community, economic and environmental impacts and opportunities of the project. Leaders from state and local governments, educational and nonprofit institutions, and members of the business and development sector discussed topics including housing along the Purple Line corridor, workforce development, supporting local businesses and building community through design and development.

The coalition has produced dozens of maps showing a range of economic, demographic and transportation scenarios that will possibly develop when the Purple Line is implemented. Visit the coalition’s website to learn more about its research and objectives: http://smartgrowth.umd.edu/experience.html.

Meanwhile, a panel of real estate, housing and development professionals from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) chose the Takoma/Langley Crossroads for a two-month project providing expertise on how communities can achieve local planning goals while also making the greatest regional contribution toward sustainable and equitable development. In particular, the panel was tasked with providing the city guidance to help existing businesses survive tumultuous construction and re-development, as well as encourage existing and future independent businesses to prosper and flourish after the area is re-developed as a more pedestrian-friendly area.

At the May 12 City Council meeting, the panel provided recommendations to encourage and foster a thoughtful, incremental approach to redevelopment of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads’ commercial centers that builds on existing strengths of the district in light of anticipated re-development and transit investments like the Purple Line. The presentation can be streamed with the May 12 City Council meeting online, and is also available for download at www.thefnewave.com.

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in applying, as the number of participating homeowners is limited each year. Homeowners who have been cited for code violations to their properties and cannot afford to do the work are especially encouraged to apply. For an application, contact Linda Walker at 301-901-7232 or lindaw@takomapark.md.gov.

School lunch trays go green

After several years of advocacy, led in large part by the Piney Branch Elementary School-based Young Activists Club, local environmentalists are celebrating the Montgomery County School Board’s vote to ban polystyrene (styrofoam) lunch trays from county schools. Instead, students will use more environmentally friendly cardboard trays. YAC has been fighting for a switch away from polystyrene since 2010, and raised $10,000 to purchase a dishwasher, intending to replace polystyrene with reusable trays. The school board denied that request, reasoning that purchasing dishwashers county-wide would be too costly. Students say they will continue to pursue the dishwasher option.

The change to cardboard has already taken affect at several schools in Montgomery and officials expect the program to be county-wide in the fall.

BUDGET

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• Additional $6,000 to support summer camps for youth at Washington Adventist University
• Additional $500 for a grant to the Piney Branch Pool
• Additional $5,000 to study the possibility of connecting Orchard Alley and Sheridan Street

Other changes include transfers from the Special Revenue Fund to provide $5,000 more for a Program Open Space grant supporting the dog park.

Where the money goes

The largest expenditure in the city budget is for personnel, as it is every year, when parsed out from the rest of the budget, personnel costs account for about 65 percent of the city’s spending. Costs such as salaries, health care and workers’ compensation are expected to rise by 3 percent.

Other big-ticket items this year include:
• $840,000 for the Equipment Replacement Fund
• $270,000 for sustainability initiatives
• $200,000 for financial software
• $176,000 for police cars

Additionally, about $254,000 in funds obtained from federal programs will be applied to the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project, which will bring fresh landscaping, bike lanes, benches and other pedestrian/fiker-friendly enhancements to the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Ethan Allen Avenue/Rte. 410.

Quality of life: dogs, recreation and more

One budget item attracted the most attention at the public hearing podium: the proposed dog park, a first for Takoma Park. Initially budgeted at $50,000, after testimony from several residents, including representatives of the advocacy group Takoma Dogs, the amount was increased to $70,000. Three quarters of that will come from Program Open Space, the rest in matching funds from the city. The funds will cover initial study and possible construction of a facility at an as-yet-undecided location, and a study to explore the possibility of creating additional, smaller parks at various locations throughout the city. After a public hearing and City Council work session June 2, council has indicated approval for a pilot at Helfner Park.

Other quality of life expenditures include:
• $85,000 for a study to consider facility improvements at the police station
• $50,000 to study facility improvements at the library
• $45,000 for a study of development opportunities around the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center
• $30,000 to support the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority, which supports businesses in the commercial district at New Hampshire and University avenues
• $10,000 for a pilot program that would provide summer jobs to Takoma Park youth
• $10,000 to support a 125th anniversary celebration of Takoma Park’s incorporation as a town
• $20,000 for a mentoring/coaching college prep program for high school students; and funding for various city festivals, including the Folk Festival, Celebrate Takoma and the Independence Day parade and fireworks

The final budget will be posted online later this year. For a copy of the proposed budget, go to www.takomapark.md.gov/finance/budget. Council meetings and work sessions are also available for review at www.takomapark.md.gov/citycouncil/meetings.
Public Hearing on Metro Property June 18

A public hearing regarding Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) plans to build a mid-rise apartment building at Takoma Metro will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the Takoma Education Campus (7010 Piney Branch Road). An information session will begin at 4:30 p.m.; the public hearing will run from 5:10 p.m. To register to speak, submit your name and organizational affiliation, if any, to speak@wmata.com. While the city does not have any decision-making power in WMATA’s development, the transit authority works closely with local jurisdictions in implementing any changes. With that in mind, the Takoma Park City Council passed a resolution regarding the development, urging WMATA to address such concerns as building height and setback, retaining green space, preserving sufficient parking for Metro users, providing appropriate parking for mass-transit-oriented housing built on the site, safety for people with disabilities and other issues. The city’s concerns may be found at http://bit.ly/1KWW91. The proposed development can be viewed on WMATA’s website at http://bit.ly/1nmxjJO.

Food Truck Fridays
Friday, 5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Troby, 223 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Takoma Park Jazz Festival
Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Old Town Takoma Park
Two stages, food, crafts, dancing
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Washington Musica Viva house concert
Sunday, June 22, 7 p.m.
7502 Flower Ave.
Classical piano, violin, viola, cello
$15 plus food and/or drink contribution
www.dcmuscaviva.org

Third Thursday Poetry
Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Celeste Doskas, Buck Downs, TafiSha Edwards, Greta Ehrig, Max Ochs and Luc Pinney
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMD.gov/arts

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7502 Flower Ave.
Classical piano, violin, viola, cello
$15 plus food and/or drink contribution
www.dcmuscaviva.org

Thirty3
Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Jay Kishor performs improvised electric guitar inspired by Indian Ragas
Suggested $16 donation
www.TakomaParkMD.gov/arts

Cathy Fink and Orin Star
Friday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Cafe - Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
$10 advanced/$20 door
www.carrollcafe.org

Dance Exchange Advancing the Ave Community Workshop
Thursday, June 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Bringing community members living and working along New Hampshire Avenue together as part of an art-making experience to explore what this corridor is, was, and could be.
Free
www.TakomaParkMD.gov/arts

Las Calles Hablan – The Streets Speak
Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Discussion about street art in Barcelona; discussion with local graffiti artists
www.TakomaParkMD.gov/arts

Fourth Thursday Poetry
Thursday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested $10 donation
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TPSS Co-op, 7071 New Hampshire Ave.
Wednesday, June 11, 5 p.m.
Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry
Free

Grant Ave Market
Sunday, June 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grant and Carroll avenues
Shoecareing antiques, collectibles and other funky finds
Free

Frank Cooling, civil war historian
Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
Part of Historic Takoma Author Series, local historian details the 1864 Confederate attack on Part of Historic Takoma Author Series, local historian details the 1864 Confederate attack on

A yellow on the Bayou: True Tales from the Civil Rights enforcer
VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave.
Saturday, June 14, 7 – 10 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
Monday, June 9 (no City Council meeting)
Monday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 23, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. (tentative meeting)
Monday, July 7, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

*When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meetings may begin at 7 p.m.
For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Family Outdoor Movie Night
Saturday, June 7, dusk
Ed Wilhelm Field, behind Piney Branch Elementary School
G-rated, family-friendly film, bring a lawn chair or blanket
Free

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Part of Historic Takoma Author Series, local historian details the 1864 Confederate attack on Maryland and Washington, D.C.
HistoricTakoma.org

Adult Play Day
Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave.
See page 4 for details

Howard L. Feinstein
Civil rights enforcer
Tuesday, June 17, 10 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Author of “Fire on the Bayou: True Tales from the Civil Rights Battlefront” recounts civil rights encouement
See page 7 for details

Celebrate July 4th!
Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m.
Beginning at Carroll and Ethan Allen avenues

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