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## WHAT'S NEW?

### City facilities closed

Sunday, Aug. 31  
Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1

### Trash collection

No yard waste pickup Sept. 1

### Back to School

Monday, Aug. 25  
Public schools in session

## Sustainability manager energizes Takoma Park's environmental program

By Rick Henry

**A**s Takoma Park's first Sustainability Manager, Gina Mathias is charged with promoting energy efficiency and sustainability throughout the community. Enacting the bold agenda she and the city have set will require her to personally employ those same elements.

On the job less than two months, Mathias is already practicing energy efficiency, simultaneously juggling and shepherding several key sustainability initiatives. "She has definitely hit the ground running," said Daryl Braithwaite, the city's Director of Public Works, who oversees Mathias. "She has a great depth of knowledge, knows the key players in the field and has been in the trenches doing this kind of work."

Indeed, Mathias says that having the opportunity to work on so many different projects is what drew her to the position from her previous job directing large energy-efficient projects for apartment buildings for eco-beco, a Rockville company that addresses eco-friendly home solutions.

"My scope there was small. I was focusing on light bulbs and shower heads," she said. "I really wanted to focus on sustainability, which encompasses more than just energy efficiency."



Gina Mathias hopes to organize installation of more solar panels in the city by linking investors with people who have solar-friendly rooftops.

Photo by Selena Mallot

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## City survey indicates high satisfaction among residents

**Quality of life, feelings of safety on the rise and higher than national benchmarks**

By Virginia Myers

According to the 2014 Takoma Park Resident Survey, people who live in Takoma Park are a pretty happy lot. Of those surveyed, 93 percent said their quality of life was excellent or good, much higher than the national benchmark (Takoma Park ranked 86 of 361 communities who were asked this question). At least 84 percent of those surveyed said that, as a place to live and a place to raise children, Takoma Park is excellent or good – also much higher than the national benchmarks (Takoma Park ranked five out of 13 and 80 out of 300, respectively).

The survey, which was distributed to 3,000 households of about 6,700 households in the city, was completed by 1,071 for a 37 percent response rate (138 surveys were returned because of vacant addresses). That's remarkably high for these sorts of surveys, though at a City Council meeting involving a presentation of the results, city staff acknowledged some possible limitations. While the survey company, National Research Center, attempted to reach a broad spectrum of residents, the respon-

dents skewed more white and more highly educated than the general population of Takoma Park as it is shown in census information.

Nevertheless, the information gave an interesting snapshot of resident satisfaction. Among the areas considered: quality of life, police services, city services, customer service, communications, interaction at Washington Adventist Hospital and commercial opportunities. In nearly all categories, satisfaction is rising, according to the survey.

Overall quality of city services was viewed favorably, with 87 percent of respondents reporting them as excellent or good; 21 percent of the 43 city services listed – such as trash collection, arts and cultural events and parks – received an average rating of at least 70, or between good and excellent. Compared to service ratings nationally, 19 services were rated higher than the national benchmark; two (library collections and safety of parks) were about the same and one (web site) was rated lower.

Residents generally feel safe in the city, but also cited safety as a concern. Residents would like to see increased police presence in their neighborhoods. Crime was rated as

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## It's a new age in aging

**Takoma Park focuses on how best to grow older**

By Virginia Myers

"Seniors."

Who among the 50- to 70-year-old crowd embraces this label? Not many. But there are few appealing choices. Elders? Elderly? Old people, as opposed to old-old, which might apply to those, say, over 85?

Karen Maricheau, Takoma Park's Lifelong Takoma manager, has settled on "55-plus." It is direct, non-judgmental and difficult to misinterpret.

But she still qualifies the term, because her work also includes people of all ages who have disabilities, and need transitional support.

Maricheau, who started her job in April, is addressing a growing need in Takoma Park, where a significant portion of the population — just over 23 percent, according to the 2010 Census — is over 55. Her aim is to help people ages 55 plus and those living

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## City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings  
Aug. 1 – Sept. 8  
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council will be on recess in August.

The first meeting after the recess will be Monday, Sept. 8, 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](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas)

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Rose Room

### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

### GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

### NUCLEAR FREE TAKOMA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Atrium Room

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

\*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the Takoma Park Newsletter deadline. For the most up to date information, check [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc). 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](mailto: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 [suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov) at least 48 hours in advance.

## City Council Action

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

### ORDINANCE 2014-32

Adopted June 23 (first reading May 27; second reading June 23)

Amending Takoma Park Code Chapter 8.36 Commercial Management Districts and Authorities

*The ordinance amends the code to extend the term of the Takoma/Langley CDA, requires that the CDA report annually to the City Council, increases the annual license fee for businesses in the CDA and allows for an annual increase, makes certain changes to the composition of the Board of Directors and expands the boundaries of the CDA.*

### ORDINANCE 2014-35

Adopted June 23 (first reading June 16; second reading June 23)

Authorizing FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 5

*The ordinance authorizes FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 5 to account for a variety of events that have transpired to require the budget modification.*

### ORDINANCE 2014-36

Adopted June 23 (first reading June 16; second reading June 23)

Authorizing FY 2014 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 1

*The ordinance authorizes a stormwater budget amendment to account for receipt of grant funds for the Ritchie Bio-Retention Project.*

### ORDINANCE 2014-37

Adopted June 23 (first reading June 16; second

reading June 23)

Authorizing Additional Expenditures for the Fuel Tank Replacement Project

*The ordinance authorizes additional expenditures in the amount of \$121,762 for the fuel tank replacement project.*

### ORDINANCE 2014-38

Adopted June 23

Authorizing a Contract with Capital Flexi-Pave

*The ordinance authorizes execution of an indefinite quantity contract with Capital Flexi-Pave for installation of porous pavement. The contract award is for three years in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 depending upon the allocated budget in each year.*

### ORDINANCE 2024-39

Adopted June 23

Awarding a Contract for Government Services Financial Software

*The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract for services with Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$189,124 for government services financial software.*

### ORDINANCE 2014-40

Adopted June 23

Authorizing Reimbursement to the Takoma Park Folk Festival for Certain Expenditures related to the 2013 Festival

*The ordinance authorizes the city manager to reimburse the Folk Festival for expenditures related to the 2013 Festival in the amount of \$10,000.*

## 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. View information at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc) for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7267 or [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov).

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS** (one vacancy, seeking representative for Ward 5): The board plans and conducts city elections in coordination with the city clerk. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/board-of-elections](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/board-of-elections)

### COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT

**AFFAIRS** (three vacancies): The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) adjudicates and mediates complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides appeals from the city manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses. Residency required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. COLTA holds one business meeting per year. Commissioners are assigned to three-member panels for hearings, which are held as needed. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/COLTA](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/COLTA). Property managers and landlords are particularly invited to apply at this time.

### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

(two vacancies – preferably from Wards 2, 4, 5 or 6): The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act. The membership is to have collective experience in the areas of science, research, finance, law, peace and ethics. Residency is required. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/nuclear-free-takoma-park-committee](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/nuclear-free-takoma-park-committee)

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

(up to five vacancies): The Recreation Committee advises the city council on matters related to recreation programming and facilities. Residency is required. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/recreation-committee](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/recreation-committee)

### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

(up to three vacancies): The Safe Roadways Committee advises the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues and transit services, and encourages Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/safe-roadways-committee](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/safe-roadways-committee)

### ORDINANCE 2014-42

Adopted July 14

Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicles

*The ordinance authorizes the purchase of four police interceptor utility vehicles at a total cost of \$109,928 from Hertrich Fleet Services. VOTING NO: Male, Seamens.*

### RESOLUTION 2014-20

Adopted June 23

Endorsing Certain Zoning Map and Zoning Text Amendments for the Historic District

*The resolution supports the Montgomery County Planning Department's alternative proposed translation from C-1 to NR in the Takoma Park Historic District with the explicit understanding that, if the proposed zoning translation is enacted, the Montgomery County Council PHED Committee will incorporate certain corrections to the Takoma Park East Silver Spring Overlay Zone which are intended to retain existing development rights, controls and permissions outlined in the current overlay zone.*

### RESOLUTION 2014-21

Adopted June 23

Authorizing Submission of MML Legislative Action Requests

*The resolution authorizes transmittal of Legislative Action Requests to the Maryland Municipal League. The three requests are: to ensure that an adequate, ongoing formula for Highway User Revenue for municipalities is established and fully funded each year; to ensure that municipal residents are no longer harmed by tax duplication laws or the lack of appropriate tax duplication laws, and that reimbursement or tax differential eligibility is extended to all tax-duplicated services regardless of how those services are funded by a municipality or county; and to pursue the creation of an innovation fund from which municipalities could receive grant funding to undertake innovative efforts to advance one or more high priority goals of the State of Maryland.*

### RESOLUTION 2014-22

Adopted June 23

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee

*The resolution authorizes the city manager to sign a grant agreement with the Takoma Park IDC for disbursement of \$15,000 for the 2014 fireworks display.*

### RESOLUTION 2014-23

Adopted June 23

Providing for an Appointment to the Board of Elections

*The resolution reappoints Marilyn Abbott (Ward 1) to the Board. Her term will expire June 30, 2017.*



# Takoma Park artists look at lighter side of life

By Kevin Adler

“The only thing harder than making a living as a musician is making a living as an artist,” says Takoma Park resident John Guernsey.

He should know. Guernsey is a jazz and blues pianist and music teacher, as well as a painter and printmaker. He’s also a playwright and a novelist, and he’d like to find a collaborator for a ballet he’s started. Somehow, for more than four decades, Guernsey has pieced together a career and a living from art.

“I follow my creative impulses,” he says.

Those impulses have filled the two-bedroom apartment that’s his home and work space. Guernsey’s enthusiasms and inspirations are visible and audible in every direction.

First, Guernsey demonstrates chords on his Steinway, at which generations of Takoma Park kids have learned jazz and blues. Then he moves to his large, brightly colored canvases leaning against the walls and couch, gently arranging them for display. And then his attention shifts to a small TV, where he shows video clips from his play. Meanwhile, his CD plays in the background.

Musical compositions come to Guernsey almost as



John Guernsey

Photo by Selena Mallot

dreams. “It’s subconscious; it just starts to come out,” he says. “When I hear it, I get it on tape very fast so I won’t forget it. I’ll run the tape while I’m composing, and then I can fill in the other instruments.”

On his most recent CD, “Dreams Gone By,” Guernsey’s light touch on the keyboard is accompanied by guitars, flutes, congas and more, played by musicians he’s met during his years in the local music scene. “I’ve been lucky to find talented musicians who want to play with me,” he says.

Yet, he’s just as comfortable going solo. Every Friday and Saturday night, Guernsey plays jazz and blues standards at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt. “They’re beautiful songs, and I try to bring my interpretations to them,” he says.

Playing piano led Guernsey to songwriting, which led to writing a musical, “Love at Last Sight,” that’s been produced in Takoma Park and Greenbelt. The plot centers around a Mormon girl who runs away to New York City, only to have her four moms come to The Big Apple to try to bring her back.

“It’s a throwback to the lighter comedies of the 1940s and 1950s. It’s full of corny jokes, and there’s nothing wrong with that. Things have become too serious,” Guernsey says, adding that he hopes to produce it again in the near future.

Guernsey’s paintings demonstrate optimism and whimsy, too. Most are colorful, with an element of fantasy. In some works, women and men float beside triangular mountains; in others, they are superimposed on swirls of color. He has a knack for portraying people living in harmony.

Although his painting and prints have a flat perspective that feels like folk art, Guernsey is not an untutored artist, nor is his art simple. He’s been a student at several local arts programs and has an ongoing scholarship from the Bethesda Women’s Club to study printmaking. He likens his work to a New England stone wall, which looks like a plain wall until you get close to it and see the thousands of closely fitted stones from which it’s made.

When he develops a visual form he likes, he uses it again and again, like a jazz musician exploring a musical theme. He will make paper cutouts of an image so that he can manipulate its size and orientation while working out his ideas. Lately interested in hand tools, his workspace contains a pile of oversized hammers, pliers and scissors cut from paper.

Meanwhile, he stays open to new possibilities. One recent painting began as a horizontal road that was receding into the distance, with a flower superimposed on it. But when Guernsey turned it on its side, he saw a female

dancer in the beam of an overhead spotlight—and that’s how the painting was finished. “Same image, different perspective,” he says.

Staying true to the creative process, rather than a fixed style or media or even art form, is what drives Guernsey. “If I get an idea, I try it out, but I don’t force it,” he says. “I don’t have a ‘style.’”



Randall Cleaver

Photo by Selena Mallot

## Randall Cleaver

Walk into the home of Randall Cleaver and Beth Richwine, and you hear something familiar, but almost forgotten: the tick of clocks.

Not one clock or even two, but more than a dozen of them are in motion as they adorn the walls and shelves of nearly every room in the house. The clocks represent the imagination of Cleaver, an artist-craftsman whose found art sculptures are sought after for shows throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

“I think of them as story clocks. There’s usually a punchline or a title in my head, and I try to tell a story around it,” says Cleaver.

One work, “Angel of Time,” features a doll’s head with blinking eyes; two fabric wings are attached, and the doll looms over a panel of blinking fiber optic lights, like stars. Another clock, “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere,” is built from a film reel and piano legs. A meat grinder turns the reel to one of six clocks showing different times in different cities, and a bell rings as each city is reached.

Found and repurposed objects are at the heart of Cleaver’s clocks. He cuts animals out of tin containers. He houses marching figurines of Mexican pro wrestlers

## CITY COUNCIL ACTION

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### RESOLUTION 2014-24

Adopted June 23

Providing for Appointments to the Arts and Humanities Commission

The resolution reappoints Janie Meneely (Ward 6) and M. Charlene Porter (Ward 3) to the Arts

and Humanities Commission. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2017.

### RESOLUTION 2014-25

Adopted June 23

Providing for Appointments to the Recreation Committee

The resolution reappoints Carolyn Leary Bobb (Ward 6), Jay Keller (Ward 3), Howard Kohn (Ward 3) and Jen Wofford (Ward 3) to the

Recreation Committee. Their terms will expire on April 30, 2016.

### RESOLUTION 2014-26

Adopted June 23

Providing for an Appointment to the Emergency Preparedness Committee

The resolution appoints Dr. Herma Percy of Washington Adventist University to serve on the committee. As a representative appointee, her term does not have a fixed expiration date.

### RESOLUTION 2014-27

Adopted July 14

Authorizing Submission of Community Legacy Application

The resolution authorizes submission of an application for FY 15 Community Legacy Program funding for three distinct projects: the 6450 New Hampshire Avenue Project, the Bus Shelter Project, and the Parkview Towers Streetscape Improvements Project.

### RESOLUTION 2014-28

Adopted July 14

Providing for Appointments to the Committee on the Environment

The resolution reappoints Denis Borum (Ward 6), Paul Chrostowski (Ward 1) and Sarah Mazur (Ward 1) to the Committee on the Environment. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2016.

### RESOLUTION 2014-29

Adopted July 14

Providing for Appointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

The resolution reappoints Ward 4 residents Lauren Price and Victoria Sutton to COLTA. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2017.

### RESOLUTION 2014-30

Adopted July 14

Providing for an Appointment to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee

The resolution reappoints Jay Levy (Ward 1) to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee. His term will expire on March 31, 2016.

### RESOLUTION 2014-31

Adopted July 14

Providing for an Appointment to the Board of Elections

The resolution appoints Rizwan A. Qureshi (Ward 3) to the Board of Elections. His term will



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Animals in our midst assist and serve in multiple ways

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

When it comes to pets, rental policies vary widely. But when it comes to service or assistance animals, the law is clear: people with disabilities that lead them to own service or assistance animals may keep them despite rental policies excluding pets.

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act protect the rights of people with disabilities to keep emotional support animals, even when a landlord's policy explicitly prohibits pets. Because emotional support and service animals are not pets, but rather are considered to be similar to assistive aids like wheelchairs, it is generally accepted that landlords will make an exception to their no pets policy so that a disabled tenant can fully use and enjoy their dwelling. In most housing developments, so long as the tenant has a letter or prescription from an appropriate professional such as a physician or therapist and meets the definition of a person with a disability, he or she is entitled to a reasonable accommodation that would allow an emotional support animal in the apartment.

The definition of assistance animals is different from service animals, and is quite broad. It includes animals such as cats and small monkeys. Animals that provide emotional support, may relieve depression and anxiety, and/or help reduce stress-induced pain in persons with certain medical con-

ditions are considered assistance animals.

A service animal, on the other hand, is defined by the U. S. Department of Justice as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. To be considered a service animal the following specific criteria must be met:

- Only dogs may be considered service animals;
- The tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability;
- The service animal must be trained by a professional or owner to perform a task;
- The service animal needs no documentation or vest.

Examples of tasks that a service animal may perform for an individual may include:

- Assisting a blind person with navigation and alerting him or her to changes in surroundings;
- Assisting a person with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) by creating personal space and retrieving medicine;
- Giving auditory clues to people around a deaf owner whose audible communication is limited
- Assisting an owner with limited mobility by retrieving items or assisting with balance.

Animals that provide assistance to people with disabilities but do not meet the definition of service animals are considered assistance animals. To be considered an assistance animal the following two criteria must be met

- Does the person using the assistance animal have a legally recognized disability?
- Does the animal serve to improve at least one of the conditions of the recognized disability?

If these criteria are met, the animal can be kept as a service or assistance animal, rather than a pet.

That said, a person who uses an assistance animal is still responsible for the animal's care and maintenance. A housing provider may establish reasonable rules in lease provisions requiring, for example, that the animal's owner has the responsibility for the picking up and disposing of the animal's waste.

Damages to a unit or common area caused by a service or assistance animal may be charged to the tenant for the cost of repairing the damage. A housing provider may exclude an assistance animal from a housing complex or evict a disabled tenant if the animal's behavior poses a direct threat and its owner takes no effective actions to control the animal's behavior so that the threat is reduced or eliminated.

For additional information on service and assistance animals, contact the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services at 240-777-1246.

## Community development block grants available

**Applications due Sept. 8**

The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services.

Approximately \$13,500 is available for programming which primarily benefits individuals or households of low and moderate incomes. Proposed programming may be something that an organization does on its own or in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Funds would be available in fall of 2015.

Applications are available online [www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/community-grants](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/community-grants).

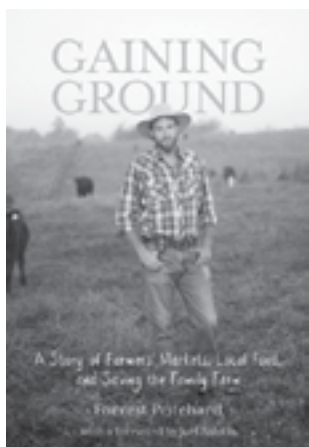
**Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.**

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

### Takoma Parkers making news

Takoma Park is full of famous folks – you probably know some of them as your neighbors. We won't out all of them, but over the past couple of months a few have popped up that we thought were worth noting.

**FORREST PRITCHARD** is not only selling you meat and eggs at the Farmer's Market on Sundays, at his Smith Meadows Farm stand – he is also writing for the Huffington Post ([huffingtonpost.com](http://huffingtonpost.com)). Check out his columns on why he can't raise a \$1 cheeseburger and how TV has made us stupid about farming. Pritchard published a book about his experience on Smith Meadows Farm: "Gaining Ground" came out in 2013 and is available locally. He is working on a new book, tentatively titled, "The Face of our Farms," documenting sustainable farming across the country.



Also on Huffington Post is **SUE KATZ MILLER**, whose book, "Being Both, Embracing Two Religions in One In-

## NEIGHBORS in the news



terfaith Family," has made a splash in the interfaith community and beyond. Katz Miller was for years a monthly columnist for the Takoma Voice covering parenting issues; she is still active in the community and keeps a blog, On Being Both, at <http://onbeingboth.wordpress.com>. Her Huffington Post entries include thought-provoking entries on subjects like how to celebrate both Hannukah and Christmas, mixing Muslim and Christian faiths and an interview with a rabbi heading a Unitarian Universalist church.

**DAVE ENGLEDDOW** is also creating buzz with his series of "world's best father" photos. The images are tongue-in-cheek takes on misguided parenting: there's the one of toddler Alice Bee; grilling with her dad from her perch on the grill; the one of Dad in a tutu and tights, with the ubiquitous "World's Best Father" coffee mug and "Ballet for Dummies" in hand; and another of a befuddled new father squirting breast milk into his coffee. Engledow's series started as a whimsical entertainment for friends and family, became a blog, went viral, and now has produced a book, "Confessions of the World's Best Father" (available at Now and Then in Takoma Park).





# THE ARTS



Kipyn Martin, one of many musicians involved in the Takoma Park Folk Festival.

Photo by Cory Grace

## Takoma Park Folk Festival offers range of music, crafts, community connection

By Emily Kaiser

The Takoma Park Folk Festival is packed with more than 50 performances this year, representing a wide range of musical tastes. The curated selection ranges from Renaissance-inspired traditional folk to indie-folk pop, from old-time Appalachian to rock reggae, and many styles in between. The event is free to the public and includes six stages of music and a stage dedicated to dance. It takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Takoma Park Middle School,

7611 Piney Branch Road in Takoma Park.

Each of the six music stages offers a particular flavor of music. It will be traditional labor and maritime songs on the Abbott Stage, named for festival founder and former Takoma Park Mayor, Sam Abbott. The World Stage offers a global sampling of international music and dance. Located outdoors, the Grove Stage traditionally hosts singer-songwriters, and the Field Stage presents a cross-section of roots, folk, soul and rock. The Grassy Nook Stage is a platform for local youth to take the stage and share their developing

musical talents.

The newest and most eclectic stage is 7th Heaven, featuring a melting pot of musical styles. Finally, the Dance Stage is a family-friendly feature designed to get the crowd moving. This stage offers dance lessons, too, from the waltz to a free-form dance with the Arlington Northwest Morris Women.

The festival line up weaves together fresh faces and local favorites to provide sounds and traditions from across the globe. A few highlights include Shenandoah Valley-grown singer-songwriter Kipyn Martin and Ayreheart, a band that spans centuries of musical tradition combining lute, fretless bass and a variety of percussion instruments. Chaquil Maliq, a soulful singer-songwriter and producer, aims to empower the crowd. Pete Seeger's legacy will be honored by Grammy Award-winning music studio engineer Andy Wallace at the Abbott stage.

Hailed as "one of the most gorgeous vocal instruments in all of folk-tinged pop" by Billboard Magazine, Lisa Moscatiello will collaborate with cellist Fred Lieder. The Music Pilgrim Trio delivers a grab bag of style including klezmer, gypsy, Russian and jazz. Youth appearing on the Grassy Nook Stage include Pan Lara, a steel band and Juels Bland, a singer-songwriter with a penchant for bow ties.

For a full schedule of festival performances visit [www.tpff.org/performers](http://www.tpff.org/performers).

This year marks the 37th year for the Takoma Park Folk Festival. An all-volunteer committee organizes the festival, and performing artists donate their time and talent in an effort to raise money for local youth activities and organizations. The festival also features a craft show and sale, food and community tables.

For more information go to [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org) or follow the festival on Facebook.

## ARTS Briefs

### Jazz fest call for volunteers

The annual Takoma Park Jazz Fest, held in June each year, takes hours to organize, and this year needs fresh volunteers. The festival involves multiple stages and many musicians, plus food vendors and info tables set up throughout the site in Old Town. There are also fundraisers leading up to the event.

To learn more about opportunities to volunteer and make this community event a success, contact Bruce Krohmer, producer of the festival, at 240-293-6001 or [clarinet1@netzero.net](mailto:clarinet1@netzero.net).

### Poetry proposals

The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series will begin its 10th season in September 2014. As in the past, the monthly series will showcase some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and in the region.

Each event features three to four poets. Readings are filmed and broadcast live on City TV and can also be watched online during and after the event.

The City of Takoma Park will promote each reading via its monthly newsletter and through email, web and social media platforms; poets are encouraged to do additional marketing and promotion.

Submissions are due at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5.

Submit your proposal at <http://takomaparkmd.gov/arts/callforproposals/poetry>.



## A Festive Fourth

This year's Independence Day Parade was called "A Gold Star Celebration" in memory of Kay Daniels-Cohen, the city councilmember and community activist who died this year. Her "gold stars" were famous around Takoma Park, where she made a point of praising community leaders for their contributions.

Heading up the parade was Grand Marshal Pat Rumbaugh, "The Play Lady." A retired P.E. teacher and tennis coach and a 27-year resident of Takoma Park, Rumbaugh founded Takoma Plays! The organization has sponsored 45 free play events – and counting – for the city. Rumbaugh has expanded her efforts to advocate for the health and fun of unstructured play by founding Let's Play America.

The parade itself was a familiar mix of regimen and whimsy, with everything from military veterans to Calypso bands and political causes. Cash prizes from \$100 to \$300 went to the following participants: Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department (only entry in Fire Companies category); Washington Adventist University Acro-Airs (first place, performing arts); Panquility Steel Drum Band (second place, performing arts); Greenbelt Rhythm and Drum Festival (third place, performing arts); Washington Revels (first place, costumed entries); Maryland Green Party (second place, costumed entries); Boy Scouts Troop 33 and Pack 33 (first place, youth groups); Daleview Pool (second place, youth groups); Greenbelt Dog Marching Drill Team (first place, Roscoe Award for animal groups); Woodland Horse Center (second place, Roscoe Award); Takoma Park Kinetic Sculpture Racing Team (first place, Wacky Tacky Takoma Award); Sherman Ave. Precision Grill Team and The Morning Few (TPIDC Memorial Awards, in honor of Belle Ziegler, Ernie Weisman, Ed Hutmire, June Aloï and Kay Daniels-Cohen).

— Photos by Lloyd Wolf







Teens taking a break from one of the many classes the Recreation Department offers.

Photo by Recreation Department staff

## YOUTH

### DROP IN

#### Kid's Night Out

*Ages 6 – 12*

Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out! It will involve games, art and crafts, movies and theme nights.

TP Recreation Center

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Free with membership card

## TEENS

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Back to School Summer Blowout: a teen-only dance

*Ages 11 – 17*

Come celebrate and start this new school year off right. This event is for middle and high school students (under age 18) only, with student ID. No sagging pants. No backpacks. No purses. Dress code will be strictly enforced. Enjoy the DJ and refreshments. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7283.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Friday, Sept. 12

8 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Free

### DROP IN

#### Teen Lounge

*This special room is for teens only*

Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to a 60-inch plasma television, X Box One games, workstations, games and a comfortable sitting area for socializing with friends. A parent/legal guardian must give consent for children under age 18 to participate by signing a permission form complete with rules and regulations.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Mondays and Wednesday through Friday 3 – 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, 3 – 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, closed

#### Teen Night

*Ages 12 – 17*

Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house.

TP Recreation Center

Second and fourth Fridays of the month (ongoing), 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Free with membership card

## ADULTS

### SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

#### Jazzercise

*Ages 16 and older*

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 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.

Mondays and Wednesdays (ongoing), 7 – 8 p.m.

Saturdays (ongoing), 8 – 9 a.m.

TP Recreation Center

\$45 PER MONTH EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

\$120/8 week pass

\$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. It's a challenging workout within a quick hour. Eight

weeks. Instructor KJ Total Fitness.

TP Recreation Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Aug. 21 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$45/4 weeks

#### Zumba

*Ages 16 and older*

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving people toward joy and health. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Wednesdays 6 – 6:55 p.m. and Saturdays 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (ongoing)

\$40/4 weeks (session)

\$10 (Drop-in)

## FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

### DROP IN

#### Bingo

*Ages 55 and older*

Try your luck. Win a prize.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Thursday, Aug. 28, noon – 2 p.m.

place Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Week 7: Aug. 4 – Aug. 8

TP Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

\$80 per week

### Dribble, Pass and Shoot Summer Camp

Ages 6-12

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Before and after care is available for an additional fee.

TP Recreation Center

Aug. 11 – 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$200

Free

#### Blood Pressure Screening

*Ages 55 and older*

Adventist Healthcare's monthly blood pressure screening

TP Community Center Senior Room

Thursday, Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Free

#### Needlework Get-together

Are you bored sitting and knitting alone? Join us for fun, conversation and support with needlework projects. Bring your projects with you. This is not an instructional class.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Ongoing Mondays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

### Free Senior Fitness Pass

*Ages 55 and older*

This is a pass that is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for seniors 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. You can register today at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.

TP Recreation Center Fitness Room

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. until Aug. 15

Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 9 p.m. beginning Aug. 18

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, closed

Free

#### Table Tennis

Come play this fun, energetic game. A great way to improve hand-eye coordination; help keep the body healthy and the mind sharp. Drop-in. Game room.

Ongoing, Mondays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – Noon

Free

## TRIPS

#### Senior Day, Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg, Md.

We will return again this year to enjoy a good old-fashioned county fair with animal and agricultural exhibits, craft shows, commercial vendor booths and festival foods. Bring your lunch, or spending money to buy lunch, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Some, but not all, of the fairground's buildings and grounds are accessible by wheelchair. Rain or shine. In person advance registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Recreation Office

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free admission. No cost for transportation.

Times may be adjusted. Check the trip itinerary supplied to registered participants for each trip for details, or call 301-891-7280.

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**Calling all  
teens  
(ages 13 to 17)**

### Registration opens Aug. 15 for the following:

- Charm School
- SAT Preparation: Reading
- Beginners Photography
- New field trips and much much more!

Be sure to look at the new City Guide insert for a full list of teen classes!

**For more information on teen programs please contact Ms. Leicia at leicam@takomaparkmd.gov**



# After the Bell expands after-school program

With the new school year right around the corner, the Takoma Park Recreation Department is taking the opportunity to expand its aftercare program to include more children.

The program, held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue, is being completely revamped and will be marketed toward children, from kindergarten through fifth grade, in a wider geographic area. Its new name: After the Bell.

"We feel that there are many wonderful opportunities at Takoma Park Recreation Center," says Jurrel Cottman, facility director at the Recreation Center. "We no longer want to limit our outreach to one segmented area of Takoma Park." Cottman expects the program to increase its number of participants from 10 to 20 students, up to 25.

Aside from expanding its reach, After the Bell has several new activities in store including a garden project, reading programs and health awareness activities. The garden will open the door to learning about nutrition and good eating habits; After the Bell is also emphasizing physical fitness in both traditional and non-traditional ways, including dance. Takoma Park



Spaces are still available for the new After the Bell Program at the Recreation Center.

Photo by Recreation Department staff

has expanded its partnership with The Dance Exchange Company, which already meets weekly with children in the center's summer camp program.

Cottman says the company will meet with After the Bell participants once a month to "teach basic dance moves, teamwork and building leadership skills."

In addition to homework time, children will be able to participate in interactive, educational games such as word puzzles, spelling bees and plays.

Parents have been asking for an enhanced afterschool program for their children and the changes this year offer

just that, Cottman says, along with an infusion of volunteer energy from the community.

"We have staff and volunteers from the community that have agreed to work with our aftercare program to give them a chance to plant vegetables in our garden," Cottman says.

"We wish to share with everyone in Takoma Park the magic that happens at Takoma Park Recreation Center" Cottman says.

The program runs from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year. For more information on the program, call 301-891-7289.

## RECREATION Notes

### New City Guide covers numerous city services

**Recreation listings include old favorites, new activities**



Recreation, Housing and Community Development, the Takoma Park Library, Public Works and Police departments have partnered to create one new City Guide, tucked into this issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter. The guide, which replaces the Rec Guide, includes basic information like hours and services for each of these city departments.

Readers will find lists of special events from different departments, important dates such as leaf collection from Public Works, and more, plus the full listing of the Recreation Department's upcoming fall classes, activities and programs.

This fall, Recreation offers its usual slate of programming designed to serve a variety of interests and abilities. Many popular activities will be repeated, including yoga, Dungeons and Dragons, and SAT prep in reading and writing. New offerings include Adult Story Writing, a series of Montgomery College classes for residents 55 and older; and a revamped After the Bell extended care program at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue.

Fall registration begins Aug. 15, unless otherwise noted in the guide. To help ensure accurate merging with the ActiveNet online registration system, staff is rechecking all walk-in and paper registrations and updating all records. Families can only register for programs for individuals listed on their household accounts. Once family information is updated, future registrations will be faster and easier.

For more information on Recreation registration and policies, see page 37 of the City Guide.

### Instructors needed (to teach ages 11-17)

Seasonal, year round, flexible, afternoon/evening preferred

The Teen Program is seeking instructors to facilitate a variety of classes for ages 11 – 17. Current instruction is needed for drama, SAT prep – math portion, job training, dance, art, etc. For more information, contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

### Looking for Teen Room Staff

The Recreation Department is currently seeking part time staff to work and program the Teen Room at the Community Center. Hours vary between 3 and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some weekend work required. Must love to have fun and want to be a positive influence on local teens.

For more information, email leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov. Apply online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

### REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR EXTENDED CARE FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

#### After the Bell

Grades K-5

This afterschool childcare program will provide a safe environment for children in grades K - 5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time, enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Center. The "After the Bell" program will not operate on days MCPS is closed.

TP Recreation Center

Aug. 25 – June 12, 2015

Monday – Friday, 3:30 – 6 p.m.

\$1,250/year or \$125/month

#### Afternoon Addition (After Care)

Grades K – 5

Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include the computer learning center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. We have some exciting activities planned this year including: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Aug. 25 – June 12, 2015

Monday – Friday, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

TP residents \$210/month

Non-residents \$260/month



### Say 'YES' to Takoma Park players

Out is In" in Takoma Park, where recreation can mean anything from an organized outing to a pick-up game of basketball. Here, Tenise Quick gets ready to shoot, in the park behind Piney Branch Elementary School. You can catch some great ball playing at the YES basketball championships this year, Aug. 6 starting at 6 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School.

Photo by Selena Mallot

# 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

## LEGO Club

Sunday, Aug. 10, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Come have fun with LEGO! Best for ages 5-12.

Registration required; to register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents)

## Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

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

## Third Sunday Crafts

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2-4 p.m.

Ages 8 up, no registration required.

## Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

Come read with us as we spotlight some great, newly-published picture books.

Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

## Back to School With Picture Book Creator Peter Brown

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

Brown will read his newest book, "My Teacher Is a Monster (No, I Am Not!)."

All ages welcome, no registration.

## Meet Author Kate DiCamillo

Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

All welcome

## Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

## "Mouse Guard" author/illustrator David Peterson

Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.

## LEGO Club

Sunday, Sept. 7, 1:30-3 p.m.

## End of Summer Quest 2014 Party

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

## Author Dave Zirin

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30

# LIBRARY



## Headlining children's author Kate DiCamillo visits library

By Karen MacPherson

Mark your calendars to meet a true children's literature star!

Kate DiCamillo, the current National Ambassador for Young People Literature as well as the current Newbery Medalist, will speak on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium. The program will offer a rare chance to see a big name in children's literature up close and personal as DiCamillo answers questions from the audience and then signs books after the program.

DiCamillo, 50, is an engaging, inspiring speaker, who truly enjoys talking with young readers about books and reading. As she put it in her recent Newbery Medal acceptance speech, children's writers "have been given the sacred task of making hearts large through story. We are working to make hearts that are capable of containing much joy and much sorrow, hearts capacious enough to contain the complexities and mysteries and contradictions of ourselves and of each other."

"We are working to make hearts that know how to love this world."

It's been a big year for DiCamillo. In early January, she was named as the fourth National Ambassador for Young People Literature, a post created by the Library of Congress and the Children's Book Council to put a spotlight on the importance of children's literature. DiCamillo's ambassadorial "platform" is centered on the theme "stories connect us."

Just a couple of weeks after she was named ambassador, DiCamillo won the 2014 Newbery Medal for her wonderfully quirky novel, "Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures." The Newbery Medal is given annually by the American Library Association to the best-written children's book for kids through age 14.

It was DiCamillo's second Newbery Medal. She won her first in 2004 for "The Tale of Despereaux." DiCamillo's first book, "Because of Winn-Dixie," won a 2001 Newbery Honor. Other novels by DiCamillo include "The Miraculous Jour-

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Children's author Kate DiCamillo

### Other upcoming author events

Our program featuring Kate DiCamillo is just one of a number of upcoming author events for kids, teens and adults.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, the night before DiCamillo speaks, picture book creator Peter Brown will demonstrate his drawing techniques and talk about his newest book, "My Teacher Is a Monster! (No, I Am Not)." Brown, who won a 2013 Caldecott Honor for "Creepy Carrots," also is the author/illustrator of "Mr. Tiger Goes Wild," "Children Make Terrible Pets," and "The Curious Garden." Brown's presentation is a perfect way to celebrate the first week of school.

### Fall 2014 Visiting Authors:

**Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.** – "Mouse Guard" author/artist David Peterson talks about his graphic novels for kids.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.** – Takoma Park resident Dave Zirin, the sports editor at The Nation magazine, discusses his newest book for adults, "Brazil's Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, the Olympics, and the Fight for Democracy."

**Monday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.** – Graphic novelist Eleanor Davis talks about her newest book for adults, "How to Be Happy."

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.** – Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator Marla Frazee speaks about her newest picture book, "The Farmer and the Clown."

**Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.** – A trio of authors who write fantasy books popular with girls ages 7-11 spotlight their latest books. The authors are: Annie Barrows; E.D. Baker and Jessica Day George.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.** – Newbery Honor-winning author Shannon Hale speaks about "The Princess in Black," the first in a projected series of early chapter books.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.** – Authors Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin present the newest book in their "Doll People" series, "The Doll People Set Sail."

## LIBRARY BRIEFS

### Monster campfire

Kids: come create your own monster at our annual "Summer Quest Campfire" program on Monday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. Dave Burbank, creator of our unique Summer Quest summer reading program, will provide the materials; kids just need to provide the creativity. Registration encouraged so we can be sure to have enough materials for all; to register, go to: [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call us at 301-891-7259.

### Change your bedtime

In August, our Bedtime Stories, normally held on the first Tuesday evening of the month, instead will be held on the second Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. Join Ms. Kati for this program of stories, songs and a craft.

## Paying the social costs of the World Cup in Brazil

Come hear Takoma Park resident Dave Zirin speak about his newest book, "Brazil's Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, the Olympics and the Fight for Democracy" on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

In his book, Zirin takes a sobering, critical look at the history of the World Cup – ending with a scathing but immensely well-informed account of preparations for the 2014 games – and their ultimate cost to the people and neighborhoods of Brazil.

"This book...speaks truth to the pow-

ers that be, from Brazil to the U.S. to FIFA to the IOC," says said John Carlos, 1968 Olympic Medalist. "It hits you like an up-percut that rattles your brain and sets it straight. I cannot recommend this book highly enough."

"With his unique sports-politics lens and artful storytelling, this book focuses on Rio's...World Cup and Olympics," says Nancy Hogshead-Maker, civil rights attorney, senior director of advocacy at Women's Sports Foundation and Olympic gold medalist. "Readers will never again allow

their love of sports to blind them to the repurposed political ends of big international sporting events,"

Zirin is the author of five books, including "Game Over: How Politics has Turned the Sports World Upside Down" (2013). One of UTNE Reader's "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World," he is the first sports editor for "The Nation." He also writes for The Los Angeles Times, SportsIllustrated.com, and the weekly sports blog "Edge of Sports."



# Food waste collection expands

After a successful pilot and initial expansion, Takoma Park is expanding its food waste collection program.

Currently, the city collects from approximately 900 households on the Tuesday and Thursday trash routes and on part of the Wednesday trash route. The expansion will now include households from the Friday trash route and the remaining part of the Wednesday trash route.

The city began collecting food waste in February 2013 and since then has diverted more than 150 tons of waste from the county incinerator. On average, each

participating household puts out 11 pounds of food waste per week. Evaluation of the city's collection data indicates that adding food waste to the city's solid waste collection service could reduce the quantity of trash requiring disposal by about 10 percent, considering a participation rate of about 30 percent.

Households that have not yet participated in the program will get an opportunity to participate through targeted mailing. Residents will receive a mailing from the city notifying them of the program in August. Residents can register online.

Each new participating household will receive a 5-gallon bucket and a bag of compostable liners. The collection for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday trash routes will be on Monday morning while the food waste from the Friday trash route will be collected on Friday morning. Details about the program, such as accepted and unaccepted items and holiday schedules can be found at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection). For further information, contact [nimau@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:nimau@takomaparkmd.gov) or call Public Works at 301-891-7633.

## LETTERS to the editor

### Adding history

I enjoyed the article on Fort Stevens [Newsletter, July 2014], but no history of President Abraham Lincoln's presence at the battle there can be considered complete without mentioning what Lincoln was told when he poked up his head from behind the battlements: "Get down, you damn fool!" The speaker? A young officer named Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., who later became a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court for three decades.

— Steve Davies, Takoma Park

Send letters to the editor to [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov) or Newsletter, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912. Include name, address and phone. Editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, style, spelling and grammar.

## TAKOMA PARK ARTISTS

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in an old wood radio cabinet. He turns beer cans into towers.

"I have bins of stuff," Cleaver says, sweeping his arm across his workshop basement, packed with boxes of old metal globes, chrome car parts, and eyes from dolls. "My dad was a pack rat, and I guess I am, too. He saved stuff from his father and grandfather, and I have some of it now. I use some of their tools."

Cleaver learned to make things by following 1920s and 1930s "Popular Mechanics" magazines that his father gave him, and he's more or less doing the same thing today. He still has the magazines, and he refers to them for inspiration.

"I start with a basic idea, and then pull things out and think about what might work together," he says. "But I like to be surprised in the end with what it's become."

When he built the bench that's in front of Dolci Gelato in downtown Takoma Park as part of the current reCYCLE art program, Cleaver began with bowling balls for the base. Then, while in Asheville, N.C., he saw bowling pins at an antique store. "Perfect for the arms of the bench," he laughs.

Making a piece can take a couple of weeks or more. Because most of his clocks have motion, the mechanical aspects can only be solved through trial and error.

"Each work is an experiment, but I'm not just throwing things together," Cleaver says. "It should look as if everything belongs together, while it's not obvious what things are when you first look at them."

A few years ago, he added labels that listed the objects that went into each clock. "Now I see people looking at my work and trying to find everything, like a scavenger hunt: 'Oh, there's the waffle iron, there's the headlamp,'" he says.

Cleaver has gallery representation in Philadelphia, but only a few years ago judges at shows couldn't even decide if he was doing a craft or making art. "It's hard to label what I'm doing, and it doesn't seem to matter," he says. "I have fun making the clocks, and I want people to laugh and smile when they see them."

## DICAMILLO

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ney of Edward Tulane," "The Magician's Elephant" and "Tiger Rising."

DiCamillo has written a couple of picture books, including "Louise: The Adventures of a Chicken," and she also is noted for her comical early chapter books. She won a 2011 Geisel Award for "Bink & Gollie," the first in a series about two seemingly mismatched but clearly loving friends. The Geisel Award, named for Theodor Geisel — better known as Dr. Seuss — is given annually by the ALA to the best book for beginning readers.

In 2007, DiCamillo won a Geisel Honor

for "Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride," one of a series of hilarious books about a buttered-toast-loving pig who lives with two humans. The "Mercy Watson" books are set on Deckawoo Drive, and DiCamillo is just about to publish "Leroy Ninker Saddles Up," the first in a new, connected series called "Tales from Deckawoo Drive."

DiCamillo's program at the Takoma Park Community Center is the result of a partnership between the Takoma Park Maryland Library and Politics and Prose Bookstore. With this partnership, the library is able to offer programs featuring top-name authors like DiCamillo; Politics and Prose sells books at the events, but no

purchase is required to attend.

The program featuring DiCamillo came about because she will be one of the headliners at the National Book Festival on Aug. 30 at the Washington Convention Center. The Politics and Prose folks asked DiCamillo's publisher if she would consider doing an event the night before the National Book Festival; DiCamillo immediately responded with a resounding "yes!"

Please join us at this very special event! No registration necessary; seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Politics and Prose will be selling DiCamillo's books, but no purchase is required to attend this free program.

## CITY SURVEY

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at least a "moderate" problem by 38 percent of survey respondents, moderate being the lowest rating (compared to "major" and "extreme.") That's a significant decrease from the 2009 rating when 55 percent of respondents rated crime as a moderate problem.

At least three-quarters of survey participants felt "somewhat" or "very" safe during the day at five specific locations in the city. Nearly all respondents (96 percent or more) feel at least somewhat safe in their neighborhood, the Takoma Metro station area and the Old Town/Takoma Junction area.

Forty-five percent of survey participants reported being in contact with the police department in the last 12 months. The quality of that contact was viewed positively by most respondents reporting contact, with an average rating of 65 (about "good") on the 100-point scale. Thirty-eight percent of respondents would like to see more police presence and patrols; however, this percent was significantly lower than reported in 2009.

When asked what services they'd like to see more of in the city, respondents typically came up with what city manager Brian Kenner called "food for thought": they'd like to see more grocery stores, wine and beer outlets, and restaurants and bars. Respondents also indicated they would patronize the commercial areas more if they were more attractive (in areas other than Old Town) and had a broader range of goods.

Other information collected reflects the demographics of Takoma Park. For ex-

ample, many households include people who speak a language other than English (though many are comfortable in English as well). In Ward 4, 17 percent of the respondents speak Amharic, and 10 percent speak French. In Ward 5, 14 percent speak Tigrinya, a language spoken in Eritrea and North Ethiopia. In Ward 2, 11 percent speak German and 12 percent speak Spanish, though the number of Hispanic people responding to the survey is larger (17 percent) in Ward 4.

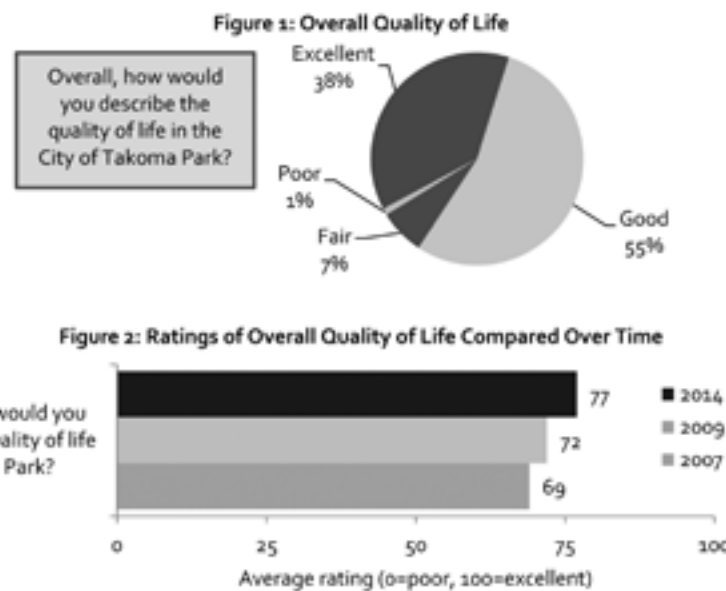
Wards 1 and 2 had the higher percentages of respondents in households with people age 65 and older. And among all respondents, 52 percent have graduate degrees; an additional 24 percent have bachelor's degrees.

An interesting note for Newsletter readers involved how residents get information about the city: "Good old-fashioned

newspapers are still number one," said Kenner, citing the statistic that 93 percent of respondents had read the Takoma Park Newsletter within the last 12 months.

In addition to multiple choice questions, the survey gave respondents an opportunity to comment, and that section makes for interesting reading. Comments range from complaints about having to pay for parking permits in the neighborhoods to the other end of the spectrum: one resident complained that the city should more strictly enforce parking meters to collect more revenue. When asked what commercial establishments they'd like to see added in the city, responses included everything from coffee shops and Cosco, Dollar Stores and book shops and fitness centers.

The complete survey is available for viewing at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/resident-surveys](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/resident-surveys).





## AGING

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with some physical, cognitive or related limitations live out their lives comfortably and safely, satisfied and engaged in the community they call home.

In the few months since she's joined city staff, Maricheau, whose position is part time, has met with dozens of people in Takoma Park to learn what services they need and want. She's visited Victory Towers, Franklin Apartments, New Hampshire Towers and Parkview, multi-family homes that tend to include many people 55 and older. She's met with tenant associations, and invited residents to the Community Center for a meet-and-greet.

Turns out it's not just services that people want. They want connection. "It's not just about people coming to Takoma Park to get what they need," says Maricheau. "It's also about engaging with each other." People do ask for specific services, like more computers in the library – but it's just as important to work with the resident who offers to teach Chinese, and to find social outlets for a caregiver who feels isolated.

People simply want to feel "acknowledged," says Maricheau, so that "they feel they have a voice in the community where they live."

### What we need

As Maricheau assesses need in the community, a few things have surfaced as most pressing: transportation; assistance at medical appointments, where a partner would be helpful in remembering questions and recording doctors' instructions; housekeeping; and companionship. People have called for help finding more affordable housing after losing a job due to illness; others, with disabilities, needed help communicating with landlords.

There are existing services that Maricheau shared with residents, including Recreation Department programming here in the city and, from the Montgomery County Office of Aging and Disability, services like in-home care, respite care



*Lifelong Takoma manager, Karen Maricheau*

(for short-term breaks for caregivers), assistance navigating health insurance and Medicare/Medicaid, family caregiver support, financial assistance, food and nutrition programs, and housing support. She also connects people to Meals on Wheels; Educare, which assists with food distribution; and hospitals such as Washington Adventist, where everything from a walking club to blood pressure and cholesterol screenings serve a wide range of residents.

Community needs are dynamic, Maricheau says, and she expects them to change over time. Her job is "keeping up with these changes, and making sure [seniors] remain connected with support."

### It takes a village

One key player in this network is Takoma Park resident Wolfgang Mergner, who began advocating for older people in Takoma Park about four years ago. In fact, his early efforts led to the establishment of the part-time position Maricheau now holds.

While he recognized the value of extensive programming through the city's Recreation Department – from the popular bone builders fitness class to museum visits and bingo – Mergner noticed that most participants were from multi-family homes. He wanted to reach out to older

people who might be more isolated. He called his first meeting at the Community Center to explore residents' interest in aging in place, and was surprised at the enthusiastic response: The gathering drew an overflow crowd.

From there, Mergner, an 81-year-old retired physician, established the group Takoma Park Seniors and Those who Care for Them. He held informational sessions around transportation, aging in place and adult daycare; and, working with the Jewish Council for the Aging, he established a Village of Takoma Park extension of the Village Rides program, which uses a pool of local volunteers to provide rides for those who need them.

One of the most popular concepts around aging comfortably involves "villages" of neighbors who help one another on a relatively informal basis, connecting aging neighbors to county and state agencies and assisting with errands and shopping, or tasks like changing light bulbs or shoveling snow. Creating and supporting such networks, and providing resources for them, called for a more institutionalized commitment – which is why Mergner advocated for the staff position Maricheau holds today.

But even without Maricheau in place, villages have begun to thrive in Takoma Park. A web site, <https://sites.google.com/site/villageoftakomapark>, features general information (such as how to arrange for a ride, or where to go for computer skills) as well as contacts for neighborhood villages on Sherman Avenue, in the Long Branch/Sligo neighborhood, the "PEN" neighborhood, Takoma Overlook and New Hampshire Towers.

### Many options

Takoma Park resident Beth Baker knows a thing or two about villages. Her book, "With a Little Help from our Friends: Creating Community as we Grow Older" (Vanderbilt University Press, 2014) explores the concept as one of several ways to live a rich and rewarding life in later years. She profiles several in the D.C. area, including the 260-member Capitol Hill Village, and the 450-member Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors.

Some of these villages have a central administrator and an office; others are all volunteer. But one theme is constant: they are as much about connection as they are about getting the groceries up the stairs, or finding a ride to the doctor. Examples of services include finding temporary housing for a member whose apartment had a terrible mold problem, negotiating with an elder-law attorney on her behalf and helping her line up contractors to correct the problem. Another example is the intergenerational aspect of Palisades Village, where a 96-year-old woman hosted children from her neighborhood school for holiday cookies and milk; she was then invited to their school for a tea

## Lifelong Takoma Day

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 1 – 4 p.m.**

### Annual Event on Wellness and Connection

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

An event planned by and for residents ages 55 plus

Compelling presenters, engaging workshops, health and wellness screenings, mini conference by seniors, for seniors and their families

Recreation Department program information, fitness class demos

Door prizes, music and give-a-ways

Snacks from TPSS CO-OP and Capital City Cheesecake

Additional volunteers welcome!

**Contact Karen Maricheau, Lifelong Program Manager, 301-891-7232 or [kmaricheau@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:kmaricheau@takomaparkmd.gov)**

party, and they've enjoyed other holidays together since.

Another concept that has gained popularity is cohousing, and Baker profiles Takoma Village Cohousing in her book. Different from the "villages" described above, cohousing involves individuals who maintain their own homes, but share some common space. At Takoma Village, in Takoma, D.C., near the Metro, residents are a mix of ages, and people maintain their own townhouses and apartments, but the units are designed around shared spaces. Residents can share meals and holiday celebrations in the large kitchen-dining area, and might use the common living room to watch the Olympics or election returns together. In addition to a playground, there is a playroom designed for toddlers to share. In 2012, the community had 87 residents ages 1 to 85, including about 21 children.

Baker's book explores many options for aging outside the conventional assisted living model. She considers living with family, living independently (and trying to balance independence with the need for interaction) and aging in place. There are chapters on cooperatives, affinity groups, house sharing and extended family.

Baker gives this example of cohousing interaction in her book: a little girl whose parents go to work early has breakfast with an older neighbor who is home each morning. It happened in a Seattle cohousing community, but could just as easily happen in Takoma Village – or in a neighborhood in Takoma Park.

To find out more about what is happening for people ages 55 plus, residents can attend Lifelong Takoma Day, Sept. 20. See box for details.

## What can Lifelong Takoma do for you?

As she has settled in to her responsibilities as Lifelong Takoma manager, Karen Maricheau has discovered that many residents are unaware of existing services. Here are three that are especially helpful, and are offered right here in Takoma Park.

- CARES, a program run by the Takoma Park Police Department, helps keep safe Takoma Park's older people or others who are physically frail or vulnerable in some way. Participants make a daily call to the police station to check in; if they do not call, a police officer is dispatched to the home to make sure they are safe.
- The city's landlord-tenant services have been helpful for many renters ages 55 and older as they encounter landlord/tenant disputes. Staff from Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department often assist people with official paperwork and other business regarding rentals.
- Code enforcement officers often encounter residents who are unable to maintain their homes due to physical limitations. They can refer these residents to Maricheau, who is developing a volunteer program to help with light repairs and landscaping.

## GET THE WORD OUT!

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

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





# AT YOUR SERVICE

## National Night Out takes crime out before it starts

**Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6 – 9 p.m.**  
**Piney Branch Elementary School**  
**7510 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md.**

National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). In Takoma Park, the police department hosts the event at Piney Branch Elementary School with a festive array of activities, games, giveaways, food, face-painting and more.

The department's goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local



police department.

The event is free, so residents are encouraged to bring the whole family and

invite friends! There will be plenty of informational brochures on various safety topics and crime prevention plus food, ice cream, games, give-aways, and more. Police vehicles will be on display, and officers and their horses from the Park Police mounted division will be on hand. There will be a canine demonstration, child fingerprint kits and child fingerprinting, a moon bounce and other fun activities.

Locally-based organizations that would like to be part of this year's event can reserve a spot at no cost by contacting Cpl. Cynthia Conrad at 301-891-7140 or [cconrad@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cconrad@takomaparkmd.gov). National Night Out is a great way to promote an organization and build a relationship with the local police department and with community members.

## Young City TV interns act like pros

If you've ever been to a city-sponsored event, you have probably seen City TV's young interns hard at work. Every year, the Hispanic Business Foundation of Maryland provides Takoma Park's cable news, information and entertainment station with these young people, who help produce a variety of programs. Working a total of 150 hours during the last quarter of the school year, they learn to operate cameras, sound, switchers and editing software.

This past school year five high school interns became part of the City TV staff:

Walter Blanco and Eric Hernandez from Blair, Efrain Mendez and Junior Francisco from Wheaton and Francisco Ducos all the way from Clarksburg High School. They participated in the Partnership Youth Initiative (PYI) which the HBF sponsors in collaboration with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

"Most of these students come to us with no experience in the work force, much less in the TV field," says Alvaro Calabia, City TV manager. "We teach them the ba-

sics and they all end up excelling in some area of production, behind the camera, in front, or in editing. I'm very impressed by the professional attitude they bring to us."

The interns get a stipend through the Hispanic Business Foundation, which prepares them to present themselves in a professional manner to possible employers. The HBF emphasizes helping the Latino Youth, but its programs are open to any high school students, especially the underprivileged.

For more information on the program or to get involved, contact Calabia at [alvaroc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:alvaroc@takomaparkmd.gov).



Interns Eric Hernandez behind the camera (left) and, from left, Junior Francisco and Walter Blanco at the controls (right). The interns contribute significantly to City TV operations including event coverage and community features.

Photos by Rob Ratcliffe

## Lions select new leadership



The Takoma Park Lions Club recently announced the organization's new leadership for the 2014-15 year. They are from left to right: Immediate Past President and new LionTamer Jim Jarboe; Tail Twister Kirk Szymanski; King Lion Beth Szymanski; First Vice President and Membership Chair Jeremy Hall; Secretary Mike Hall; and Directors Paul McGarvey, and Pat and Keith Ness. (Not pictured: Treasurer Heath Winter).



Beth (Bigler) Szymanski, center, of Takoma Park was recently elected president of the Takoma Park Lions Club. She is the first woman in the club's 84-year history to hold the top leadership position. Pictured with her are Past District Governor Sandy Halterman of the Gateway Lions Club and her father, Michael Bigler, First District Governor for Lions Clubs in Maryland and the District of Columbia.



## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of June 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 306 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 1,381 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,687.

Totals for 2013 were 304 and 1,393 representing a decrease of 10 incidents.

During the month of June 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,328 hours of standby time in the station, compared to 1,132 in June 2013. Grand totals as of June 2014 are 7,697 hours, compared to 6,740 hours in 2013, an increase of 957 hours.

### Maryland fire deaths update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal reported as of July 21, 2014, 36 people have died in fires this year, as compared to 43 in 2013. That's a 16.28 percent drop from last year.

### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often call the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide detectors, like smoke detectors, can save lives. To insure they are effective:

- Follow the manufacturer's instruction for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors, or place yourself near an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrives.
- If you use a generator be sure to place it in a well-ventilated location outdoors.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO—only use them outside.

### FACTS

- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,000 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.



## SUSTAINABILITY

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Mathias, who graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in natural resources, says sustainability also involves renewable energies and other environmental issues, such as composting, activities in which the city has been engaged for a long time.

Because of these myriad initiatives, many city leaders and environmental activists had been pushing for a long time for the city to hire a sustainability manager to coordinate all of the efforts. "People have been discussing the benefits of this position for years," said Braithwaite. "We've had a lot of ongoing activities in the [environmental and sustainable] area and it took a while to figure out what to focus on and how to structure such a position."

The final justification came after a consulting group hired by the city to examine sustainability issues developed and presented a Sustainable Energy Action Plan. "That plan really coalesced the idea and

provided us with a structured roadmap for what a sustainability manager can do," said Braithwaite.

Mathias is already doing a lot. Her first project involves collaborating on a pilot project with the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) to help residents of 13 of the city's apartment buildings reduce energy costs. Mathias said the effort focuses on educating residents about ways they can make simple behavioral changes to reduce their energy bills.

"Things like turning up your thermostat when you are away and unplugging all of your gaming equipment when you are not using it are free things that can have a big impact," she said.

The effort will begin in earnest in August. Information packets will be sent to residents and informational events will be held throughout the fall. If the results are successful, ACEEE plans to replicate it in other jurisdictions.

"They [ACEEE] see Takoma Park the way many of us see it as environmentally

engaged and innovative," Mathias said of the group's decision to pilot the project in the city.

Mathias is also hard at work on a pair of major solar energy projects. The first involves trying to put together enough individual homeowners who are interested in purchasing a solar panel to be able to purchase them at a reduced bulk rate price.

The other involves finding a commercial or organizational "host site" that is interested in switching to solar power but cannot afford the investment. In this case, individual investors would band together to pay for the panels and would earn their money back from the host site's electricity payments. Mathias points out that the arrangement is a great deal for both the host site and the individual investors as well the community as a whole, which benefits from increased sustainability.

Individuals who are interested in the discounted solar panels or in investing in the host site should contact Mathias at [ginam@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ginam@takomaparkmd.gov). Representatives of potential host sites, which should

have "roofs in good shape that receive constant sunlight" should also contact her.

Mathias is also working on two other priority projects. She has entered the city in the Georgetown Energy Prize competition. The competition awards a \$5 million prize to the community "that can reduce energy the most with innovative and replicable ideas." Mathias expects to hear if the application was accepted in the next few weeks. She is also working on creating a sustainability website that would coordinate all the city's sustainability efforts in one place.

If it sounds like a lot, it is. But Mathias is energized by her new position and the community.

"I have never worked anywhere where I don't have to justify everything I want to do," she said. "But people here get it [sustainability] and are excited about doing things."

With Mathias leading the way, there is little doubt that excitement will be sustained.

# AUGUST '14

## Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit 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 September issue is Aug. 18, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Aug. 29.

To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto: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

City Council is on summer break until Sept. 8

#### Labor Day

City Offices closed for Labor Day  
Monday, Sept. 1

#### 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](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)  
[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://www.educaresupportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### National Night Out

Tue, Aug. 5,  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Piney Branch  
Elementary School  
7510 Maple Ave.  
Takoma Park Police  
Department hosts a  
community festival  
with crime prevention  
information, food, games, giveaways, canine  
demos a moon bounce and more.  
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#### Kid's Night Out

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

#### Teen Night

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

#### Takoma Park Farmers Market

Every Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### Year-round

Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town  
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats,  
cheeses

#### Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
New location: Behind Expo E Mart at 1021  
University Blvd.  
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs  
plus pupusas and other prepared food

#### The Essex House Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.  
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

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### Colorification Exhibit

Works by Deborah Gay, DC Arts Studio, Alicia  
Geller, Jackson Berger and Mei Mei Chang.  
Galleries at TP community Center  
Through Aug. 31

#### Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Takoma Park Gazebo  
Community drum circle facilitated by Katy  
Gaughan and friends.

#### How-To Cowboy Joke Fest

Saturday, Aug. 16 and  
Sunday, Aug. 17  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Takoma Park Gazebo  
Tell a joke and get  
a book with Edward  
Faine



Author/Illustrator Peter Brown

#### Picture Book Creator Peter Brown

Thu, Aug. 28, 7 – 8 p.m.  
Takoma Park Maryland Library  
Peter Brown, author/illustrator of "Mr. Tiger Goes  
Wild" and illustrator of the 2013 Caldecott Honor  
book "Creepy Carrots," will talk about his newest  
book, "My Teacher Is a Monster (No I Am Not).

#### Kid Lit Star Kate DiCamillo

Fri, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
Award-winning author and National Ambassador  
for Young People's Literature  
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#### The Grapevine - Storytelling Series

Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
A new series of old-fashioned storytelling, with  
stories of all kinds.  
\$10 suggested donation

#### Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.  
Takoma Station, 6914 4th Street NW  
Open mic for jazz musicians

#### Blues Mondays

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

Local blues musicians  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

#### Danza Latina

Fridays, lesson 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. followed by  
dancing  
El Golfo restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave.  
Long Branch neighborhood, Silver Spring  
\$10, first visit free  
301-608-2121

### SENIORS

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older  
Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly  
blood pressure screening.  
TP Community Center Senior Room  
Thursday, Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Free



#### Senior Day, Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg, Md.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ages 55 and older  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2014 Lifelong Takoma Day

Ages 55 and older  
Saturday, Sept. 20, 1-4pm  
TP Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.  
Workshops, health and wellness screenings and  
a mini-conference  
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