Would you like a coffee with those photos?

Two new businesses offer a variety of services along the “New Ave”

By Bob Guldin

New Hampshire Avenue ain’t what it used to be.

With a boost from the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, a number of new businesses have opened along New Hampshire between East-West Highway and University Boulevard – and area known as “the New Ave” – further diversifying a neighborhood already known for its international flavor.
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. Adoption legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. For additional information, contact the city clerk at jessec@takomaparkmd.gov.

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 $190,928 from Henrich Fleet Services.
VOTING NO: Male, Seamens.

ORDINANCE 2014-41
Adopted July 28 (first reading July 14; second reading July 28)
Amending the Takoma Park Code, Title 7, Chapter 7, Source Selection and Contract Formation to add Provisions on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.
The ordinance enacts an environmentally and energy preferable purchasing policy and allows for a price preference of up to 15 percent, and also allows for a locality preference.

ORDINANCE 2014-43
Adopted July 28 (first reading July 21; second reading July 28)
Adopting FY 2015 Budget Amendment No. 1.
The ordinance authorizes FY 2015 Budget Amendment No. 1 to account for certain events that transpired since adoption of the budget.

ORDINANCE 2014-44
Adopted July 28
Authorizing a Contract for Renovation of the Teen Room in the Community Center.
The ordinance authorizes the city manager to enter into a contract with Imperial BMS Services at the contract amount of $35,743 for renovation of the Teen Room.

ORDINANCE 2014-45
Adopted July 28
Authorizing Additional Design and Engineering Work for the Flower Avenue Green Street Project.
The ordinance authorizes the city manager to revise the original contract with Rummel, Klepper and Kahl to add $176,794 for the Flower Avenue Green Street Project.

RESOLUTION 2014-32
Adopted July 21
Adopting a Policy on Use and Retention of License Plate Recognition Scanner Data.
The resolution supports the sharing of automated license plate recognition scanner data with the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center where it will be kept for one year pursuant to the retention policy of the MCAC to enable the information to be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes. The police chief or his or her designee shall report to the council on the use, effectiveness, and any challenges with employment of the automated license plate recognition scanner program at least annually. If appropriate, the report should be part of the Police Department Annual Report. If the MCAC changes its retention or sharing policy, the police chief or his or her designee shall inform the council immediately after learning of any changes.
(VOTING NO: Councilmembers Grimes, Seamens, and Smith)

RESOLUTION 2014-33
Adopted July 28
Setting Forth the Dates for the City Council’s 2014 Summer Recess.
The resolution schedules the 2014 summer recess to begin on Tuesday, July 29 and extend through Sunday, Sept. 7.

RESOLUTION 2014-34
Adopted July 28
Appointing Members to the Safe Roadways Commission.
The resolution appoints Michael Vincent McCabe, Jr., Kathryn Noll and Curt Seiss, and reappoints Sylvia Borenstein, Sheeryl Grass-Glaeser and Katherine Kustok.

RESOLUTION 2014-35
Adopted July 28
Appointing a Member to the Committee on the Environment.
The resolution reappoints Allyson Piazza to the Committee on the Environment.

Vacancies on City Boards, Commissions and Committees

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

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. Property managers and landlords are particularly invited to apply at this time. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/colta

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

Recreation Committee
(Up to five vacancies).
The Recreation Committee advises the City Council on matters related to recreation programming and facilities. Residency is required.

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 public transit. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/safe-roadways-committee

Ethics Commission
(One vacancy, terms expiring Sept. 30).
The Ethics Commission oversees implementation of the Ethics Ordinance. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/ethics-commission

Notice of Proposed Administrative Regulations for Implementation and Enforcement of Takoma Park Code, Chapter 14.28 Restricted Lawn Care Pesticides (Safe Grow Act)

An administrative regulation is being proposed to implement and enforce Chapter 14.28 of the city’s code, Restricted Lawn Care Pesticides. The regulation establishes procedures and criteria for notices and waiver applications under the Safe Grow Act.

Pursuant to the requirements of the “Administrative Regulations Ordinance” (Authority: Chapter 3.12 “Administrative Regulations,” of the Takoma Park Code), notice of the city’s intention to adopt an administrative regulation must be publically noted, allowing residents the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The proposed regulation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk. To obtain further information about the proposed regulation, contact Daryl Brathwaite, director of the Public Works Department, 41 Owsego Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910, 301-891-7215, darylbt@takomaparkmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed regulation may be sent to: City Clerk, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912, or e-mailed to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. The deadline for receipt of public comments is Sept. 30.
Pawn shop plays many roles

Neighborhood fixture becomes bank, support center, museum

By Rick Henry

A s the owner and proprietor of the G & G Pawn Shop in Langley Park for more than 33 years, Victor Goodman holds many jobs: banker, psychologist, detective, antique collector, jeweler, appraiser and historian, to name a few.

“Three weeks in, I knew it was my calling. It was like getting punched in the face by Muhammad Ali, it was that strong. I just knew,” he said.

Goodman’s street smart sensibility was well suited to the job, he said. After working at Livingston’s, he and a partner decided to open their own shop. They settled on Langley Park and still occupy the same location, at 1325 University Blvd. E (near Walgreens). Goodman is now the sole owner and his sensibility still serves him well today, after more than 50 years in the business.

On a daily basis, Goodman is constantly navigating between his various roles. Like banker.

“We are like a bank,” he said. “You need a loan for your house or a vacation and you need to borrow some money, and we provide that.”

Except, Goodman notes, the banks require credit checks and applications and the process can take some time, a key issue for many people in need of loans.

“They can walk out of here with $500 in three minutes,” he said. “You also don’t want to go to a bank for $50 or $75.”

Pawnbrokers hold customers’ personal items as collateral on the loans and charge an interest rate (10 percent a month at G & G) If customers do not pay back the loan within three months, the pawnbroker legally takes possession of the item and puts it up for sale.

Goodman says that approximately 80 percent of the customers pay back the loans on time and reclaim their possessions. He also says G & G goes out of its way to work with customers, sending them repeated notices and calling them to remind them, actions that are not required.

Goodman’s view, which is not shared by all in the industry, is that having customers reclaim their items is good for business.

“We operate better when they come back,” he says. “It’s a better business when people are happy. If they pick the item up, we don’t lose a customer.”

That attitude has generated a loyal base of customers, many of whom have been frequenting the store since it opened. It is also one of the reasons the store was named one of the D.C. area’s best pawnshops by the readers of the Washington City Paper.

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This is where Goodman’s role as a psychologist come in.

“Our customers confide in us and tell us stories. You would be surprised what $15 or $20 can do for somebody in a certain situation,” he said. “Ninety percent or more of our customers are good, honest people.”

But 90 percent is not 100 percent, which brings us to Goodman’s detective role.

Given the nature of the industry, criminals will often bring in stolen items to pawn, looking for some quick cash. Goodman says that regulations and tracking procedures have tightened considerably over the years, but he inherently knows when something is stolen or not. Because of this knowledge, he has helped police solve several cases, often taking in something he knows has been stolen to keep it from finding its way to a less reputable store. He then marks it and reports it.

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Goodman says that despite perceptions, the store is extremely safe. Cash, jewelry and other valuables are kept and stored behind a bulletproof partition because he wants his customers to feel that their valuables are properly protected and because of an incident approximately 40 years ago where “thieves took over the store in a matter of minutes.”

He said there have been no major incidents since and points out that he has always employed high school students, including his own daughter, to work in the store.

One of them, Ingrid Espinal, started when she was 19. Fifteen years later she is still on the job.

Espinal said she has never been nervous on the job and feels completely safe. She loves interacting with customers, many of whom she knows by their voice when they call on the phone, and says she has learned a lot from Goodman.

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City TV's Latino music program serves the community

Takoma Park City TV has launched its new program, "El Barrio Tambien Canta," a Spanish language music program conducted by Claudia Pellegrino and co-producer Rhadames Avila.

"El Barrio Tambien Canta" goes live the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. and focuses on supporting artists in the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia who perform a range of Latin-flavored music, including merengue, bachata, hip hop, love songs, rancheras, salsa, cumbia and more.

Pellegrino is a young television presenter for several programs in the Washington, D.C. area. Avila is president and founder of "Los Ninos de Maria," a nonprofit organization that supports various socio-cultural humanitarian events, including song competitions, festivals, marathons, beauty pageants and dance competitions to raise funds for low-income children in Latin America.

"This is an opportunity to reach the Latino community," says Bienvenido Martinez, one of the producers of the show. "We hope to open doors with this music, and also to provide important information about our community services, voter registration, environment, traffic safety, promote our leaders, and guide our youths and the community on all services offered by the city and county."

Community development block grants available

Applicants 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. An additional $77,500 is available for capital projects benefiting low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. 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 at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hood/community-grants.

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

BUILDING COMMUNITY

HOUSING MAILBOX

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

When the landlord knocks

I rent in Takoma Park and would like to know what type of notice my landlord is required to give me before entering my apartment. I don't think he can just walk in, unannounced – can he? And what if I'm not home when he comes over to fix something, or sends a contractor in? How will I know they were there?

This one’s easy: In cases other than emergencies your landlord is required to provide you with written notification at least 48 hours before he comes over. The notice must contain the date, approximate time frame, and purpose of the proposed visit. It must also contain the telephone number, address and e-mail address of the landlord or managing agent.

As long as the landlord has provided this written notice, he can enter, even if you haven’t responded. But he may not enter the apartment if you contact him and object. (As long as your objection is reasonable — a tenant may not unreasonably withhold consent to the entry.) Entry is covered in Section 6.16.110 of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law.

If you request a repair, the rules are a little different. If the landlord agrees to make the repair in less than 48 hours, you must provide written consent to enter prior to your landlord’s or his/her agent entry. This may be accomplished by e-mailing your landlord and getting a response or by posting a note giving your approval for entry on your apartment door.

Once the landlord enters your apartment, the law requires that he leave a “Report of Entry” in plain view in your apartment if you are not at home. It must include the name of the person(s) who entered, the reason for the entry and the work performed, if any, along with the time of the departure, the address and phone number of your landlord.

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the Landlord-Tenant and COLTA Laws can contact me at 301-891-7215 or at moswes@takomaparkmd.gov.
The Arts

Hispanic Heritage Month Festivities in Takoma Park

Mexican Independence Day Dance Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 13
7:30 p.m.
Free

Rhythm and Song: A Latin American Music Journey
Sunday, Oct. 5
4:30 p.m.
Free

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Takoma Park Community Center with performances by traditional Mexican folk dance groups and choral music sung in Spanish by the Rockville-based Coral Cantigas.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and provides the opportunity to recognize Americans whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The Sept. 13 event features Mexican folk dance troupes from across the country. Dancers will mingle with audience members prior to the show so that attendees can see their colorful costumes up close.

The concert by Coral Cantigas on Sunday, Oct. 5 will include an interactive sing-along, appropriate for all ages, featuring rhythms and dances from the Spanish Caribbean.

Coral Cantigas is lead by conductor Diana Sáez, a specialist in the field of Latin American music. Cantigas has performed at the Kennedy Center, a host of festivals, museums and embassies, as well as during international tours in Argentina, Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

Residents are invited to celebrate Hispanic heritage with music, dancing, and brightly colored traditional costumes on Oct. 5 at the Community Center.

Cancer surgeons rock on in documentary film

No Evidence of Disease
Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Free

If you have ever wondered what happened to a film you first heard about when it was still a “doc in progress,” this is your opportunity to see the “after” and talk to the filmmakers about the process of making the film as well as its content.

Below-the-belt cancers and a below-the-radar cause enter the spotlight when six gynecological cancer surgeons take on the Big C with rock ‘n’ roll. The band’s name—and film title—comes from the words every patient prays to hear: “No Evidence of Disease.” This unconventional rock band is made up of six “GYN” surgeons who are each passionate about making the film as well as its content.

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Creation tale tracks Honduran immigration struggles

La Bestia: Sweet Mother
Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 pm
Suggested $10 donation

Playwright Tom Block’s new production, La Bestia: Sweet Mother – An Immigrant’s Tale, explores the fine line between creation and destruction as told through the tale of a Honduran immigrant. La Bestia – the Beast – refers to the freight trains that traverse Mexico and are used by U.S.-bound migrants from Central America.

Block’s play is a creation story, which he explains is in the same vein as myths from the book of Genesis, not to mention tales from the Babylonians, Egyptians, Zoroastrians, Hindus and Greeks. “Through the creation of something, God destroyed the original perfection of ‘no thing,’ ‘created’ death and decay, and obliterated eternity,” explains Block. The theme of a “creator” replacing desperation and loneliness for a universe of strife and opposition underpins the piece. Block’s multicolored paintings provide the backdrop to the otherwise minimalist set, while a solo dancer embodies women’s anguish, with cello and soprano accompaniment offering further emotional shading.

This multimedia work features the We Are Takoma series. To learn more about his work, go to www.tomblock.com.

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New music collection offers something for everyone

by Ellen Robbins

The famous jazz musician Charlie Parker is quoted as saying: “Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don’t live it, it won’t come out of your horn.”

The new music CDs now available in the Takoma Park Library offer a rich variety of recordings by dedicated, inspired musicians, that will appeal to every mood, taste and individual experience.

A review of Rufus Reid’s “Quiet Pride: The Elizabeth Catlett Project” (CD 1976) offers this: “Rufus Reid’s most ambitious project to date was born out of his love for the sculptures of Elizabeth Catlett, a talented African American artist and civil rights activist. Catlett’s work triggered something deep within Reid’s being so he yearned to capture or reflect the meaning of her sculptures through music” (allaboutjazz.com). The original four-movement suite, which premiered in 2006, won the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Competition Prize.

On her new album, “Go Back Home” (CD 1975) Emmy winner Audra McDonald has chosen personal favorites. She includes classics by Stephen Sondheim and Richard Rodgers/Oscar Hammerstein, as well as compositions by younger composers such as Zina Goldberg and Marcy Heisler (“Baltimore”), and Adam Gwom (“I’ll Be Here”). The title song is from “The Scotsboro Boys” musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb. Lake Street Dive is an indie jazz and soul band that was founded in 2004 in Boston. “Bad Self-Portraits” (CD 1991) is its breakout album, “which shows a band so in command of its style that it rarely feels like shuck – and even when it does, it’s tight, fun and feisty” (Rolling Stone).

In her latest album, “Burn Your Fire for No Witness” (CD 1985) vocalist Angel Olsen has created “a collection of songs grown in a year of heartbreak, travel and transformation.” “Olsen is opening up to us...at the very essence of these songs, when the thread of creation is most vulnerable and least filtered,” (Matthew Dieter, in jagajuguar.com). “Xscape. Michael Jackson, 1958-2009” (CD 1980) draws on Jackson’s archival material recorded between 1983 and 1999. “For the most part, the producers chose to work with a cappella vocals, in an effort not to be overly influenced by the original tracks. The result is an album that puts Jackson’s vocal abilities...front and center.”

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

Teens on LGBTQ+

A group of Takoma Park teens will present information about different sexual orientations and gender identities at a special “LGBTQ+ Awareness” program on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome at this program at which the teen presenters will answer such questions as “Do you know the difference between gender identity and gender expression?” and “Do you know how to support someone who comes out to you?” Audience members also will receive a book list of LGBTQ-themed books for all ages, prepared by Kati Nolfi, assistant children’s/teen librarian. Please join us for this special program prepared by a group of local teens!

Graphic novelist and happiness

Award-winning graphic novelist Eleanor Davis will talk about her newest book for adults, “How to Be Happy,” a series of short stories told in comics form, on Monday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Francoise Mouly, founder of TOON Books for kids and the art director of The New Yorker, called Davis’ newest book “imaginative and funny and fearless,” while Etelka Lehoczky of NP Books said that Davis “draws comics full of hilarious surrealism, gut-tugging tropes and eloquent despair.” Adults and teens are invited to join us at this event, where Davis will read from her book and then sign books. Copies of “How to Be Happy” will be available for purchase, courtesy of Politics and Prose bookstore, but no purchase is required to attend this free event.

Caldecott winner

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. when Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator Marla Frazee presents her newest picture book, “The Farmer and the Clown.” Frazee won a 2010 Caldecott Honor for her illustrations in “All the World,” by Liz Garton Scanlon, and she’s also well-known for her illustrations for the popular “Clementine” chapter books. At our event, Frazee will read from “The Farmer and the Clown” and do a drawing demonstration before signing books. Politics and Prose will be selling copies of Frazee’s books, but no purchase is required to attend this free event.

Dork Diaries

Calling all “Dork Diaries” fans! Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium for the official launch of the eighth book in the best-selling series, “Tales from a Not-So-Happily Ever After.” Author Rachel Renée Russell, joined by her daughters Erin and Niki Russell, will read from the newest book, take questions from the audience, and then sign copies for all of those interested. Copies of “Dork Diaries” books will be available for purchase.
All-day fun for the whole family. Free!

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Music and dance on seven stages, special activities for kids, juried craft show, community tables and international food.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014
10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — rain or shine
Takoma Park Middle School • 7611 Piney Branch Road
Takoma Park, Md.

On-site parking only for those with handicap permits.

Free shuttles, from Takoma Metro and Montgomery College’s East Garage, 7730 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Md. (entrance on King Street). Shuttles will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Festival day.

For more information, visit www.TPFF.org

PARTIALLY FUNDED BY:

Washington Adventist Hospital
A Member of Adventist HealthCare
City of Takoma Park
Welcome to the 37th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a festival veteran, we have much to offer at our seven performance stages and many other activities spread across the Festival site.

Enjoy the singer-songwriters at the Grove Stage and Seventh Heaven Stage. Sing along with a Pete Seeger Tribute at the Abbott Stage, dance to the beat at the Field Stage, or learn new steps from experienced teachers at the Lenore Robinson Dance Stage. Check out emerging young performers at the Grassy Knoll Stage, or absorb multiple cultures at the World Stage.

We also encourage you to venture past the stages for our Juried Craft Show, Community Tables, Kids’ Games Area and Food Vendors.

The Juried Craft Show, on the basketball court, provides an opportunity to meet crafters and artisans who are keeping traditions alive and adding their modern twists. You’ll find fine art, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, soaps, clothing and more.

Community Tables are spread throughout the Festival grounds. We have more than 60 participating organizations that are eager to share information with you.

If you come with little visitors, don’t forget the kids’ games organized by the Cub Scouts near Grassy Knoll.

Hungry? Check out the list of Food Vendors on page 3 of this brochure, and enjoy our Picnic Area near the front of the school. (Note that we are trying to reduce our waste this year with biodegradable plates, cups and utensils, and well-marked composting trash bins.)

Our Mission and Commitment
The Takoma Park Folk Festival was started in 1978 by Sam Abbott (who later became our town’s mayor) as a fundraiser to save the Takoma Theatre. In the second year, the Festival raised community awareness to stop construction of a highway that would have sliced through our city.

We keep the spirit of activism alive today by working closely with Beneficiary Groups that serve local youth. Members of these organizations form the core of our 150-plus on-site volunteers each year. In return, our donations support their activities.

Our singers, musicians and dancers live by the same spirit. They have inspired us with their creativity, and they make this event possible by performing for free every year.

Finally, the Festival would not happen without the contributions of the entire community. To our individual volunteers and the staffs of the City of Takoma Park and Takoma Park Middle School, we say thank you.

- The Festival Committee

**JURIED CRAFT SHOW AND SELLERS**

The crafts area is located on the basketball court. Artisans’ contact information follows:

### CLAY

- Echo Lipton
  - Hand-built functional pottery, garden ornaments

- Susanne Reinhalter - Mad Mud Studio
  - Functional food-safe stoneware, sculpture

### FIBER

- Norma J. Brooks - NJB Basket of Jewels
  - Fabric-wrapped, machine-stitched coiled baskets, bowls and more

- Sue Dahan - I Sew Totes
  - Quilts, tote bags, table runners, wall hangings, place mats and more

- Steven Helmburg - Tiedyeclothing.com
  - Hand-dyed tie-dye clothing in vibrant contemporary designs for adults and children

### FINE ARTS AND PRINTS

- Sue Kay - Sue Kay Watercolors
  - Watercolor paintings and cards

- Fred King - Fred King, Cards and Prints
  - Photographs, available in bubble cards, prints, canvas and metal

- Letitia Lee - Lee NEE Art and Design
  - Original paintings and prints

- Keith Patterson - Moon Graphics
  - Block printed and watercolor greeting cards, block prints

### JEWELRY

- Eche Lipton
  - Hand-built functional pottery, garden ornaments

- Susanne Reinhalter - Mad Mud Studio
  - Functional food-safe stoneware, sculpture

- Daraya Cohen - Designs by Daraya
  - One-of-a-kind jewelry using bead-weaving techniques

- Barbara S. Cromer - Barbara Cromer Artisans
  - Jewelry

  - Handmade earrings, bracelets and necklaces using silver, vermeil, gold, with stones and natural materials

- Joan Danoff - Starland by Hand
  - Handcrafted modern and affordable sterling, copper jewelry

- Nancy Kahn DeMulder - By Jewelartist
  - Fine jewelry in sterling silver and/or 14-kt gold with gemstones, pearls, fossils and beads

- Melissa Dent - Jewelry Designs by Melissa Dent
  - Handcrafted jewelry using precious metals, gemstones and cabachon stones

- Gay Durland - Arabicesque Design
  - Jewelry using metalwork and wirework with silver, copper, brass and niobium

- Nancy Ennis - Silver Lace Studio
  - Handmade jewelry using chain-mail and beadwoven pieces

- Arlette Hughes - Arlette Hughes Designs
  - Handmade jewelry incorporating crochet, knits, bead embroidery and wire-wrapping

### COURTESIES

To make everyone’s day at the Festival joyful and safe, we ask that you follow:

- No food or beverages inside the school. Enjoy our shaded picnic area near the Grove Stage.

- Please don’t talk loudly or make phone calls during performances.

- Performers have asked that they not be videotaped or recorded without their permission.

- No smoking on school grounds. It’s the law.

- No pets. Only service dogs are permitted on school grounds.

- Help us clean up. If you can stay for a few minutes after 6 p.m. to help us clean up, that’s even better! Report to the volunteer check-in table.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

- Washington Adventist Hospital
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MIXED MEDIA
Laura Hummel - Painted Whimsery
Handmade books, collage, paper items, 3-D pieces
Rebecca Grace Jones
Mixed-media wall pieces
Richard Roussell and Liva Logan-Roussell - Roussell Family Arts
Cigar-box resonator guitars and kalimbas, tongue drums, sterling, copper and found-art jewelry.
Suzanne A - Aluri Botanicals
All-natural vegan skin- and hair-care items including soaps, butters and more
Michelle Burns - Mystics Water Soap
Artisan natural bath soap, hair care, creams and oils, men's shaving products and more
Kimberly Melahit - Clean Bee Soaps
Handcrafted small-batch soaps, lotions and more

WOOD
Donna and Keith Ellingsworth - Blue Ridge Cutting Board Co.
Edge- and end-grain hardwood handcrafted cutting boards and kitchen accessories
Jennifer Alexander - Great Ape
Unique hand-sewn sock primates
Linda Jacobson - Linda's Leaves
Leaves cast in concrete for bird baths, fountains and decorations
George Meyer - Bee George Honey
Local honey

OTHER
Joan Danoff - Starland by Hand
Fine jewelry in sterling silver and/or 14-kt gold
Dareya Cohen - Designs by Dareya
Handcrafted jewelry using silver, copper, beads and stones
Steven Holmberg - Tiedyeclothing.com
Hand-dyed tie-dye clothing in vibrant contemporary designs for adults and children
Laurie Summers
Accessories
Maria Stroffolino - BriteCloth Tie Dye
Hand-dyed tie-dye clothing in vibrant contemporary designs for adults and children
Echo Lipten
Garden ornaments
Martin Green
Woodwork
Cutting Board Co.
Donna and Keith Ellingsworth - Blue Ridge Cutting Board Co.
Edge- and end-grain hardwood handcrafted cutting boards and kitchen accessories

FOOD
No festival is complete without great food! Enjoy a wide selection of food and treats from these loyal vendors. Most will be located on the lawn in front of the school.

**BEN AND JERRY’S GRILL**
Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, lo mein, egg rolls, fish sandwiches, lemonade
**CARNIVAL’S ITALIAN ICE**
Italian ice, custard, gelati, milkshakes
**DELIGHTS OF THE GARDEN**
Veggie burrito, veggie salad plate, lemonade
**EAST FRESH**
Fruit smoothies, lemonade, limeade, funnel cakes
**FOOD CORNER & GRILL**
Teryaki, pad Thai, egg rolls, lo mein, corn dogs, chicken on a stick
**GO FISH**
Fish/shrimp tacos, lobster rolls, salmon roll, crab-cake sandwich
**HARRY’S FRESH SQUEEZED JUICES**
Lemonade, lime fizz
**J & D CATERING**
Fried fish, fried chicken, fried chicken wings, veggie sides
**LITTLE OLIVE**
Veggie mousaka, spinach pie, baklava, quesadilla-giros, veggie collard wraps, hummus dips, feta fries, lentil balls

**NITTYGRAY’s GRILL**
Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, lo mein, egg rolls, fish sandwiches, lemonade
**RITA’S CONCESSIONS**
Polish sausage, cheese steak, gyros, hot dog, funnel cake, taco bowls
**R.J. CAFE**
Tandoori chicken platter, vegetable biryani, spinach and potato, masala
**SHERY’S FUN FOODS**
Crab cake sandwich, cream of crab soup, lemonade, iced tea
**SUHA TO GO**
Nigerian chicken kabob, jerk chicken, spinach stew, fried plantains
**SWEET AND NATURAL**
Spinach lasagna, veggie fried chicken, vegan macaroni, candied yams, black-eyed peas
**TK GRILL**
Chicken teriyaki, egg roll, veggie noodles, veggie fried rice
**WOODLANDS VEGAN BISTRO VEGAN FOODS**
Chick’n, crab, and fish sandwiches, burgers, smoothies, cupcakes

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**COMMUNITY TABLES**
Please visit with these organizations and find out about how you can get involved in our community.

- 350 Montgomery County
- ACLU of Maryland
- Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten and Nursery
- Action Committee for Transit
- American Councils for International Education
- Amnesty International Group 297
- Bahai’i Community of Takoma Park
- CASA de Maryland
- CHEER
- Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County
- Conservation Montgomery
- Dining for Women
- District 20 Progressive Leadership Team
- Docs In Progress
- emma’s revolution
- Fabrangen Chees
- Fallen Arrows Association of DC
- Folklore Society of Greater Washington
- Friends of Sligo Creek
- Friends of Tom Hucker
- Fund Our Communities
- Georgetown University Children’s Digital Media Center
- Georgetown University Learning and Development Lab
- God Glorified Church of God in Christ
- Historic Takoma
- Hungry Harvest
- Jewish Voice for Peace
- Jobrei Fellowship
- Knock On Wood Tap Studio
- Labor Heritage Foundation/DC Labor Chorus
- Machar, The Washington Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism
- Maryland Committee to Amend
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Montgomery County Board of Elections
- Montgomery County Green Party
- Montgomery County Renters Alliance
- Montgomery Symphony Orchestra
- Progressive Neighbors
- Seekers Church
- Shirat HaNeftesh
- Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board
- Silver Spring Nursery School
- Takoma Attachment Parenting
- Takoma Foundation
- Takoma On Track
- Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission
- Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer
- Takoma Park Community Band
- Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School
- Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative)
- Takoma Park Jazz Fest
- Takoma Park Police Department
- Takoma Park Republicans
- Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department
- The Epoch Times
- Tifereth Israel Congregation
- Whyslam

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NEW MUSIC

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and center." (Billboard Magazine)

“Nomad” by Omara “Bombino” Moctar (CD 1982) "showcases a firebrand guitarist from Niger rooted in the electric-blues tradition of the nomadic Tuareg tribes. Bombino’s style is raw, spacious, tuneful, deeply hypnotic and remarkably fluent – even when he’s shooting rapid-fire notes, the effect is like ripples gently unfurling in a pond." (www.rollingstone.com)

One of the children of political exiles returning to Chile after the fall of Augusto Pinochet was French-Chilean rapper Ana Tijoux. Since her first album in 1977 “Tijoux’s musical evolution has been mesmerizing because it’s so real: she follows no formulas or marketing equations, and every album feels like it narrates a moment in her life." As relaxed as her approach is, Tijoux is clearly a perfectionist, because the music of “Vengo” (CD1987) is virtually flawless." (npr.org)

On her second album, “All or Nothing” (CD1988) Nikki Lane “worked with decades of gear to get a sound that sprawls across eras…’ (CD1988) Nikki Lane “worked with decades of gear to get a sound that sprawls across eras…’ (npr.org).

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Anthony Gray, the Takoma Park City Council member who introduced the resolution. "Selecting a college is like selecting a new home for four years. Which schools might provide the right fit – academically, financially and personally – for you? Topics include: what colleges are like in 2014, sorting out your personal criteria and goals, and how the admissions process really works. Potts-Dupre is a Certified Educational Planner, and has had a private counseling practice in Takoma Park since 1997. She has evaluated more than 350 college nationwide."

The College Bound Speakers Series is presented by the Takoma Park Maryland Library with support from the Friends of the Library. Please pre-register by calling us at 301-891-7259, or on-line at www.tipurl.com/tplibraryevents.

LICENSE READERS

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Amidst concerns City Council members discussed and considered with their constituents were neighborhood safety; trust (or lack thereof) in federal agencies such as Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), who could have access to LPR information, the extent to which LPR information would be available; how effective the exchange of information among law enforcement entities is when it is applied to fighting crime; and at what point it would be legal and appropriate to gather the information. Council members learned that LPR technology has been effective in tracking missing persons, stolen vehicles and the people who steal them, though may not have been effective in solving recent crimes in Takoma Park.

They also learned that a new Maryland law mandates the information from LPRs must be used only for “legitimate law enforcement purposes” and requires reporting and auditing of LPR use. Proponents of the change in city policy cited the new law as one reason they were more comfortable sharing information from LPR scans. The information will go into a general database at MCAC.

Voting for the change in city policy, which now allows LPR information to be shared, retains the 30-day period for destroying that information, and requires an annual review of the policy, were Mayor Bruce Heyman, Councilmembers Tom Male (Ward 3), Kate Stewart (Ward 3), and Fred Schulz (Ward 6). Voting against were Seth Grimes (Ward 1), Terri Sears Mann (Ward 4) and Jarrett Smith (Ward 5).

LIBRARY BRIEFS

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Chase, courtesy of Politics and Prose book store. But no purchase is required to attend this free – and fun – program.

Friends of the Library to discuss author Nadine Gordimer

Join the Friends of the Library Reading Group on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room for a discussion of Nadine Gordimer’s acclaimed novel "The Conservationist.”

“Hidden in the gullies and acacia groves of the grassy plains outside Johannesburg are the century-old homesteads of white farmers. Nearby are the villages of black South Africans, whose ancestors tended cattle and hunted game there for hundreds of years before white settlers arrived. The land has divided them ever since, fueling a cycle of violence and uneasy détente.”

What ‘The Conservationist’ shows as well as any of Ms. Gordimer’s 15 novels is how her pen punctured apartheid’s hypocrisy. Her relatively liberal white peers were beneficiaries of a society built on cruelty – that she. Characters like [the wealthy industrialist at the novel’s center] Mehri reflect a degree of guilt she felt in being part of the system. When it awarded her the Nobel Prize in 1991, the Swedish Academy said ‘Gordimer takes the question of the justification of the privileges of white people – even benevolent white people – to its extreme.’” (The Wall Street Journal).

Gordimer died on July 13 at the age of 90. All are welcome to join the Friends Reading Group discussions.

The Scoop on Colleagues 2014

Now is the time to reserve your spot for the popular College Bound Speakers’ series at the Library. This informative series of workshops is designed for college bound high school students and their parents.

Dr. Herm Davis will kick off the series on Wednesday, Oct. 1 with his in-depth discussion of college financing issues. He will address the financial aid timetable, scholarships, loans, work-study, college savings plans, the FAFSA application and more. One of the nation’s foremost college aid authorities, Davis heads the National College Scholarship Foundation and directs College Financial Aid Counseling and Education Services. Davis is a consultant for Peterson’s financial publications and author of “College Financial Aid for Dummies.”

On Monday, Oct. 13, Dr. Lorie Ness will continue the series with “Taking the Plunge Without Drowning: Tips for Thriving During the Transition to College.” This seminar is designed to help future college students and their families successfully navigate the transition to college. She will demystify the process by preparing prospective students and parents for the changes related to a student’s social life, emotional adjustment, academic environment, living situation and family structure. Ness is a clinical psychologist in Silver Spring, offering individual, couples, and family therapy.

Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre will conclude the series on Tuesday, Oct. 21, with her overview of the college selection process. Selecting a college is like selecting a new home for four years. Which schools might provide the right fit – academically, financially and personally – for you? Topics include: what colleges are like in 2014, sorting out your personal criteria and goals, and how the admissions process really works. Potts-Dupre is a Certified Educational Planner, and has had a private counseling practice in Takoma Park since 1997. She has evaluated more than 350 college nationwide.

SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

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The Junction parking lot between the TPSS Co-op and Takoma Auto Clinic is now paid parking, effective Sept. 2. The new regulations allow up to four hours of parking from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Overnight parking is prohibited.
TODS
DROP-IN
Community Playtime
Ages 6 months – 6 years
Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. We provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snacks. Community Playtime is not open when Montgomery County Schools are closed. Visit www.TakomaPlaytime.org for more information. Heffner Park Community Center.
Mondays starting Sept. 8, 10 a.m. – noon
Free
EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT
KINDERMUSIK Village
(Zoom Buggy)
Ages 2 months – 3 years
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
TP residents: $140
Non-residents: $170
Our Time (Milk & Cookies)
Ages 1 – 3 years
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 3, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Dec. 4, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
TP residents: $205
Non-residents: $235
Family Time (Our Kind of Day)
Ages newborn – 6 years
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Dec. 4, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Satutdays, Sept. 6 – Dec. 6, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
TP residents: $205
Non-residents: $235
Move & Groove
Ages 2½ – 6 years
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Dec. 2, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Dec. 4, 2 – 2:45 p.m.
TP residents: $205
Non-residents: $235
For more information and to register for Kindermusik, visit www.zkmwithbecky.kindermusik.net.
Spanish for Tots
Ages 3 – 5
This class is composed of a mix of high-energy games, projects, music and movement, treasure hunts and other activities. Children will learn the Spanish vocabulary needed to express themselves and their needs through complete language immersion. There will be a $10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of the class. TP Community Center Lilac Room
Mondays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13, 10 – 11 a.m.
TP residents: $85
Non-residents: $95
RECREATION
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YOUTH
SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH
Outdoor Street Hockey
Ages 7 – 13
This program is ideal for any child who wants to have fun and be active. This sport is based on ice hockey, but is played on foot and with a special ball made specifically for street hockey. Games take place on the outdoor basketball court, next to the Takoma Park Community Center. TP Community Center Outdoor basketball court
Thursdays, Sept. 25 – Oct. 23, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
TP residents: free
Non-residents: $10
Step Team
Ages 6 – 12
Stepping is a form of dance in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping and words or chanting. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. No experience is necessary and we welcome all who are willing to learn. TP Recreation Center front room
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
(ongoing)
Free with a Recreation Center Membership
Tae kwon do
Ages 5 and older
Tae kwon do is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. “Tae” means “foot,” “leg,” or “to step on.” “Kwon” means “fist,” or “fight,” and “Do” means the “way” or “discipline.”
There is a $15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.
TP Community Center art studio
Hand Building: Come learn hand building and make bowls, soap dishes, trays and whatever else you think of.
Mondays, Sept. 22 – Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Sculpture: Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals and more.
Fridays, Sept. 26 – Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Wheel Throwing: Receive instruction on using the potter’s wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and dishes. Tools and other materials provided.
Mondays, Sept. 22 – Nov. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents: $85
Non-residents: $95
Collage
Ages 16 and older
Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principles of design, and explore creative 2- and 3-D assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for all levels.
TP Community Center art studio
Fridays, Sept. 26 – Nov. 14, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents: $105
Non-residents: $110
Drop in: $12
Qi Gong - Moonlight
Ages 16 and older
Moonlight Qi Gong enhances the quiet, gentle, peaceful Yin side of your energy in the fall months, balancing the warm, active, bright sunlight yang energy. These six beautiful movements strengthen and align the body, focus the mind, reducing stress and tension while bringing body and mind, together in the breath. No experience necessary.
TP Community Center dance studio
Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 18, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents: $60
Non-residents: $70
Drop in: $12
Tai Chi Chuan
Ages 16 and older
Tai Chi Chuan is often referred to as moving meditation and offers many health and relaxation benefits to people of all ages. Regular practice can improve posture, balance, coordination, strength, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and concentration. In this introductory class the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible and more efficient.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Mondays, Sept. 15 – Nov. 10, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
$275
EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT
Adult Story Writing
Ages 16 and older
Writing our stories can be a satisfying way of sharing those memories with family and friends. This class is for those who would like to write about their lives, or simply want to try creative writing. Classes will include in-class writing, interview skills, and use of games and activities to jump-start our memories. Students should bring a notebook or laptop.
TP Community Center Lilac Room
Thursdays, Oct. 2 – Nov. 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents: $145
Non-residents: $185
ADULTS
ART
CERAMICS
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There is a $15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.
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Foundations of Improv
Ages 16 and older
Ever wonder if improv is as much fun as it looks? (Quick answer: yes, it is.) Get in on the act with Washington Improv Theater’s (WIT) Foundations of improv class. You don’t need any experience to sign up, just be ready to have fun exploring the fundamentals of improv in an environment of teamwork and trust. Taught by experienced teaching artists from WIT, this class establishes a solid framework for good improv and its life lessons are universal.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Mondays, Sept. 15 – Nov. 10, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
$275
DRAMA/THEATER
PHOTOGRAPHY
Ages 16 and older
Learn the basics of digital photography and editing. Students will learn about camera settings, composition, lighting, and digital photography software and editing tools.
TP Community Center art studio
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Nov. 13, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP residents: $165
Non-residents: $175
SPECIAL EVENTS
Back to School Summer Blowout: A Teen-only dance
Ages 11 – 17
Come celebrate and start this new school year off right. Middle and high school students (under the age of 18) only, with student ID. No sagging pants. No backpacks. No purses. Dance code will be strictly enforced. Enjoy the DJ and refreshments. 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
New programming for 55+

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 9, at noon, the Takoma Park Recreation Department will roll out its enhanced 55-and-over program with a new set of fitness and activities opportunities for social interaction at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and the Community Center.

The program is designed to provide more fun and support, health, creativity and socializing among older city residents. The city already offers trips, special events, classes and workshops – but there will be an increase in activities, especially at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue.

Among the new programs are fitness room training, table tennis, self-defense for adults and tennis and fitness classes. Programs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-2 p.m.

Registration for the program will be at both the Recreation Center and Community Center on Tuesday, Sept. 2 during regular business hours.

While mainly at the Recreation Center, new activities will be presented at the Community Center throughout the year. As part of the 55 and over program, they are designed for older people who are working, semi-retired or fully retired.

The program is still seeking instructors to teach the active 55 and over classes. For more information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov or contact Paula Lisowski at 301-891-7280.

RECREATION

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TP Community Center dance studio
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Dec. 11
Tai Chi Basics, 6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
The Tai Chi Form, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Continuing with Tai Chi, 8:15 - 9:10 p.m.
TP residents: $75
Non-residents: $85

Yoga (Iyengar)
Ages 18 and older
TP Community Center dance studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Dec. 23
Beginners: 6 – 7:15 p.m.
Intermediate: 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents: $150
Non-residents: $170
Drop-in: $15

Yoga Nidra Meditation and Relaxation
Ages 16 and older
This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat or blankets or seated in a comfortable position. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets and a pillow.
TP Community Center dance studio
Mondays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 6, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
TP residents: $90
Non-residents: $90
Drop in: $15

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class
Learn to use the Internet, a word processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card* to access the computers, and take this course. Limit six. Instructors: Phil Shapiro, Dave Muller, Jane Hawkinson. In-person pre-registration is required.
TP Community Center computer center
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 15, 10 a.m. – noon
Fee: $10 payable to the City of Takoma Park.
*Library card fees: Free/Takoma Park residents, $37/Montgomery County residents, and $60/Non-Montgomery County residents.

Living Well with Diabetes
Diabetes education program presented by Providence Hospital, designed for persons with diabetes, at risk for diabetes, and those interested in learning more about the disease. The program focuses on “knowing your numbers” and provides point of care (POD) testing in conjunction with diabetes information. In-person registration is required.

Session 1 – Living Well
TP Community Center senior room
Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – noon
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Cardio Groove Classes
Start with a warm-up that gets you in the groove, followed by fast-paced, low impact aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, then a well-earned cool down and stretch.
TP Community Center dance studio
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Saturdays, Sept. 13 – Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(No class on Sept. 20)
Free

Self Defense for Adults 55+
This course is intended to enhance the student’s awareness of threats to personal safety and techniques to avoid them. Various scenarios involving a common-sense approach to self-defense will be integrated throughout each aspect of training. During the course of instruction, students will engage in the 12 basic self-defense techniques, in a dynamic, yet safe and controlled environment. In-person pre-registration is required.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis Skills
Led by Donn Olsen, Club Joola’s coach and instructor, this class provides enjoyable physical exercise and requires no prior experience. Students will learn game rules and practice skills. In-person pre-registration is required.
TP Recreation Center front room
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 30, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

TRIPS
National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, Va.
The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center displays thousands of aviation and space artifacts including the space shuttle Discovery and more than 200 aircraft in its two hangars – the Boeing Aviation hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar. Bring spending money to purchase lunch in the museum cafeteria.
TP Community Center Recreation office
Friday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4 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 301-691-7280.
National Zoo, Washington, D.C.
Cheetahs, zebras, gazelles, oryx, lions, tigers, birds and many other animals can be seen throughout the park outside or in air-conditioned and heated buildings including the Reptile Discovery Center. Maybe you’ll catch a glimpse at Bao Bao the giant panda cub. Bring spending money to purchase lunch from a variety of eateries such as the Seal Rock Café, Mane Grill, or the Panda Grill and Café.
TP Community Center Recreation office
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 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 301-691-7280.

PETS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Dog Manners for Life
Ages 6 months – 6 years
Whether you have a “teen” emerging from puppyhood, or an adult dog that needs some training, this class is for you. Using positive reinforcement, we will teach your dog foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), and polite greetings. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in the classroom.
Heffner Park Community Center
Wednesdays, Sept. 3 – Oct. 8, 8 – 9 p.m.
TP residents: $119
Non-residents: $139

Puppy Kindergarten
Ages 6 weeks – 5 months
Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised, off-leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in the classroom.
Heffner Park Community Center
Wednesdays, Sept. 3 – Oct. 8, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
TP residents: $119
Non-residents: $139

RECREATION Special programs

Tennis Skills for Tots
Ages 3-6
This half-hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small racquets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and eye-racquet-ball coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation is required. (No experience needed)
TP Middle School tennis courts
Sundays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 9
Option 1: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Option 2: 12:30 – 1 p.m.
TP residents $50 / Non-residents $60

Tennis Clinic
Ages 7-9 and 10-13
This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child’s personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. If you do not own a racquet, the Recreation Department will provide one for the clinic.
TP Middle School tennis courts
Tuesdays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 14
Ages 7-9: 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Ages 10-13: 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.
TP Resident $45 / Non-Resident $55

Tennis Skills
Ages 6-12 and 13 and older
For beginners we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. For the more advanced and quick learners, we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys.
TP Middle School tennis courts
Sundays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 9
Beginner/Intermediate
Ages 6 – 12
Option 1: 2 – p.m.
Option 2: 4 – 5 p.m.
Ages 13 and older
2 – 3 p.m.
Intermediate/Advanced
Ages 13 and older
4 – 6 p.m.
TP residents $100 / Non-residents $120

Tennis Fun and Fitness
Ages 55 and older
Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for beginners and indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racquet. Instructor Coach SJ, Moving forward Tennis. In-person pre-registration is required.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Thursdays, September 18 – November 6, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Free

Baby Sitting Class
Ages 11 – 14
This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include: CPR, fire safety, first aid, infant and child care and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all five classes and exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. Five weeks. Instructor Chief Jarboe.
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
Mondays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 6, 7 – 8 p.m.
Free
September is National Sick of Signs Month

Takoma Park is using this year’s national Sick of Signs month to free the community of “street spam.”

Illegal signs – known as “bandit signs” or “street spam” – are becoming an increasing problem not only in Takoma Park but nationwide. These illegal signs, often posted on utility poles, offer to buy your house, tow your unwanted car, mow your lawn, help you lose weight, or encourage you to enroll your kid in camp.

What can residents do to help eliminate this visual pollution? Take it down.

During the month of September, residents and business owners are encouraged to remove illegally posted signs on utility poles, transformer boxes, bus shelters and other public property in Takoma Park. Illegal signs include the free standing signs displayed in the public right of way and along the boulevard (the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb). The signs will be collected and included in the national count. Signs displayed in someone’s front yard are legal and should be left in place.

To be considered in “the count,” the signs you collect must be turned into the Takoma Park Community Center on Wednesday, Oct. 1 by 7 p.m., when the signs will be tallied. Refreshments will be served to all participants during the count, with door prizes awarded for the most signs, the wackiest sign, the most colorful sign (and more) collected during the month.

For more information on the Sick of Signs Month and other Anti-Litter Initiative programs or to find out how you can help please contact Housing and Community Development at 301-891-7119.

**ORDER FORM**

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation (see order form). Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 21 Osawago Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 17.

**Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates in November.**

Name __________________________
Address _________________________
Phone __________________________

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

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**Maryland fire deaths update**

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as Aug. 17, 2014, 36 people have died in fires this year, as compared to 46 in 2013. That’s a 22 percent drop from last year.

**Candle Safety**

Candles are pretty to look at, but remember that a candle is an open flame and can easily ignite anything that burns around it.

- Only burn candles when you are in the room.
- Never light candles if you are tired and might fall asleep.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles. They look, smell, and feel like real candles but won’t cause a fire.
- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.
- Protect candle flames with glass chimneys or containers.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
Celebrating Six Years of Community Spirit, and Support
What started as a modest effort to raise visibility – and funds – for the Takoma Foundation six years ago has grown to be a true Takoma Park tradition that’s become anticipated almost as much as the start of soccer season.

Some 600 guests are expected for Nuclear-Free Beerfest VI, taking place at the historic Cady Lee House on Saturday, Sept. 20, for what the Foundation calls “Takoma Park’s Favorite Night Out.” The event begins at 4 p.m. with last call at 7:30 p.m. and doors closing at 8 p.m. The $40 ticket price ($45 at the door) gets all-you-care-to-taste craft brews from a host of local breweries and snacks and light fare from local restaurants and shops. And, of course, there will be brats hot off the grill. Updates on who will be pouring – and what will be the pouring – can be found at the Foundation’s website at www.takomafoundation.org.

Keep walkways clear
Now that school has started, many children and their parents are walking to and from school. As such, it is important that the sidewalks they use are clear. We don’t want students to have to walk in the street because there is not room to walk on the sidewalk. Please make sure any plants or shrubbery in front of your house are cut back to the edge of the sidewalk so that everyone can commute to and from school safely.

Addressing vacant properties
City Council took up the issue of vacant and/or blighted properties at a July 21 City Council meeting, considering ways to get property owners to repair or sell homes and buildings that are no longer used or maintained. The matter, involving property owners who are sometimes negligent, and sometimes challenged by poverty, illness or other issues, is a complicated one.

The City Council considered increasing taxes on blighted properties, it also considered dedicating city funds to helping owners repair them. The matter will be taken up again at a future council meeting.

Energy auditor or scam?
You have likely received (or will soon get) a knock on your door or a phone call about Pepco energy audits and checkups. Pepco pays outside companies to provide the energy audit services to its customers, and it can be confusing to know whether the person you are talking to is offering an authorized, legitimate service or a pricey scam. The easiest and fastest way to verify you are getting service from an approved provider is to ask for the company name, and go to http://tinyurl.com/ppecolist and look for the name. If you want to call Pepco to verify, skip the general queue and go directly to the Pepco Home Energy Savings line at 1-866-353-5798. You can read more about energy audits and quick energy checkups in our October newsletter.

Litter Free
Takoma Park has new anti-litter car magnets available for folks who want to show their commitment to keeping the city clean – and do it with style. The magnets are available free at shops and businesses all over town.
SEPTEMBER ‘14

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 will consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the September issue is Sept. 22, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Oct. 3. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. “TP Community Center” is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C. unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.*
Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. (tentative meeting)
Monday, Sept. 29, 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 at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry
First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.

Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2002 or Educare_ssi@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid’s Night Out
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
See 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
Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs

Takoma Park Recreation Department
Co-sponsored by Takoma Plays and the Takoma Plays, sports and loads of fun for all ages
Takoma Plays Sixth Annual Play Day
Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.
Games, sports and loads of fun for all ages
Co-sponsored by Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department

Jazz/Folk Music, Poetry with Takoma Park’s Poet Laureate
Presentations on the “Power of Play” and “Living Fully”
Auditorium, 1:30 – 3:15 p.m.
Peer Dialogue Meeting
Auditorium, 3:15 – 4 p.m.

Health and Wellness Screenings
Blood pressure, grip strength, BMI, balance and stability
Eye exams, eyeglass take back and more!
Free flu shots for Medicare Part B patients (bring your card)
Atrium Room, 1 – 3 p.m.

Fitness Demonstrations
Cardio Grove, 1 – 2 p.m.
Qi Gong, 2 – 3 p.m.

Dance Studio
Memoir Creations
Rose Room, 1 – 1:45 p.m. and 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Introduction to Ceramics
Art Studio, 1 – 3 p.m.

Housing Information
Hydangea and Lilac Rooms, 1 – 3 p.m.

CARE, Drug Take Back and Emergency Preparedness
Police Department Lobby, 2 – 4 p.m.

WiFi Fit, Ping Pong, Pool Tables and More!
Game Room (reserved for attendees only)

LIFELONG

Takoma Day
Saturday, Sept. 20, 1 - 4 p.m. • Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.
Free Admission, including refreshments and beverages!
Adult residents 55+ and their families

CONNECTION, WELL-BEING, COMMUNITY

No Evidence of Disease
TP Community Center
Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to incorporate documentary-style storytelling into video communications for nonprofit organizations.
Organized by Docs In Progress
TP Community Center

Video Storytelling for Nonprofits Seminar
Thursday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn how to incorporate documentary-style storytelling into video communications for nonprofit organizations.
Organized by Docs In Progress
TP Community Center

Gallery Opening – Rituals
TP Community Center
Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Artists Lucas Allison, Iboou N’Daiye, Percy Martin and Winston Harris explore the importance of rituals
Exhibit open through Nov. 2
TP Community Center

No Evidence of Disease
TP Community Center
Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
A documentary about a team of surgeons battling cancer through rock ‘n’ roll
Screened in partnership with Docs In Progress, Q&A with director follows film
TP Community Center
Free

Jesse Paidofsky: Dancing Towards the Light
Friday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.
Carroll Café, Seekers Church
276 Carroll NW*
$16 advanced/$20 door
www.carrollcafe.org

Mexican Independence Day Dance Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Back by popular demand – watch folkloric dance performances from across Mexico
TP Community Center
Free

Tom Prasada-Rao
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
$15 advanced/$20 door
Intmfolk.org

Third Thursday Poetry
Thursday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Our monthly poetry reading series kicks off its 10th season
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free

La Bistecia: Sweet Mother
Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Multi-media production with dance, cello and voice, by playwright Tom Block
TP Community Center
Suggested $10 donation

John McCutcheon Songwriting Workshop
Sunday, Sept. 28, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Seeker’s Church, 276 Carroll Street NW
$40
Intmfolk.org

SENIORS

Trip to National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hary Center, Chantilly, Va.
TP Community Center Recreation Office
Friday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Free
Details, page 7

Trip to National Zoo, Washington, D.C.
TP Community Center Recreation Office
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free
Details, page 7

Featuring:
Village of Takoma Park, (Village Rides); CHEER; Montgomery County Aging and Disability; Design for Life (tax abatement/home modification program); Takoma Park Police Department; Takoma Park Library and Computer Center; Meals on Wheels; WMATA; Lions Club; Adventist Healthcare; Adventist Community Services, TPSS Co-op and Capital City Cheesecake providing snacks.

FREE TRANSPORTATION
On the Recreation Bus between Community Center and:
• Franklin Apartments, 7620 Maple Ave.
• Maple View Apartments, 7710 Maple Ave.
• Essex House Apartments, 7777 Maple Ave.
• Victory Tower, 7001 Carroll Ave.
• Recreation Center, 7105 New Hampshire Ave.
For info on the Recreation Bus, contact Paula Losowski, 301-891-7280, paula@takomaparkmd.gov.
From Village Rides
For info on Village Rides, contact Wolfgang Mergner, wolfgang.mergner@gmail.com.
For more information on the event or to volunteer, contact Karen Maricheau, Lifelong Takoma, 301-891-7232, kmaricheau@takomaparkmd.gov.
For any updates to the schedule visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/lifelongtakoma