A newsletter published by the City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Volume 53, No. 9 ■ takomaparkmd.gov

City Council sets policy on license plate readers

Members divided on how to balance law enforcement and civil liberties

By Virginia Myers

The City Council voted July 21 to share more widely the information gathered from police use of automatic license plate recognition scanners, or LPRs. The narrow vote – 4 to 3 – indicates a change of heart, as council members try to balance effective law enforcement with concern over privacy and civil liberties.

A little history

When community members came together last February to express their dismay over a rash of burglaries and robberies in the city, and particularly in Ward 3, police rallied their forces. Everyone from Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg to D.C. Chief Cathy Lanier and Montgomery County Chief Tom Manger were in at-

Several of them tagged automatic license plate recognition scanners, devices that pull up records based on the automobile license plates of cars that have been pulled over for violations, as instrumental in addressing crime. Residents and council members hotly inquired about Takoma Park's use of LPRs, as they are commonly

The awkward answer was that LPR use is limited in Takoma Park because members of the City Council and many residents wanted it that way.

There was deep concern over LPR technology when it was first adopted in 2011. Residents were worried about privacy, and wanted to limit the way the information gathered from the devices was shared. The concern was related to the 2009 revelation that state police had spied on dozens of Takoma Park residents, following their involvement in activism around issues such as the death penalty, human rights and the environment. The individuals were mistakenly labeled terrorists after state police shared information about them with federal authorities.

Two years later, Takoma Park adopted LPR technology, but its policy did not allow sharing LPR information with other entities, and limited the retention period for any gathered information to 30 days. Other jurisdictions do share with other agencies, and they keep their LPR information from 30 days to a year.

LICENSE READERS
Page 7

WHAT'S NEW?

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, Sept. 7 Program inside

Lifelong Takoma Day

Saturday, Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m. See page 12

Takoma Foundation Beerfest

ECRWSS POSTAI

_ CUSTOMER

Saturday, Sept. 20 See page 11

Trash collection

No yard waste collection Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1



John Kirakosian serves up a mango smoothie at his new café in PhotoPress Art, at 914 East West Highway. Customers can also use printing and photo services there.

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.

NEW ALONG THE AVENUE ☐ Page 11

City competes for \$5 million sustainability prize

The City of Takoma Park is a quarterfinalist for a \$5 million energy prize offered by Georgetown University to the city that can demonstrate the most sustainable practices and the most energy conservation. One of just 52 small- to mediumsized cities and counties from across the country that have advanced to the quarterfinalist round of the competition, Takoma Park will compile a two-year implementation plan based on its existing Sustainable Energy Action Plan to continue in the competition. The existing plan can be seen here http://bit.ly/1tzrL1t.

The final winner, to be announced in 2017, will be judged on energy use reduction, innovation, quality of community outreach, sustainability and replicability.

The competition, which is privately funded, is designed to "foster innovative

Inside

approaches to energy efficiency, educate the public and engage students in energy issues, and grow markets for products and services that facilitate energy efficiency," according to the competition web site. Takoma Park qualified after demonstrating a commitment to energy use reduction and sustainability. The only other Washington metropolitan area jurisdiction to be chosen was Arlington County; other cities include Charlottesville, Va.; San Juan County, Wa.; Berkeley, Calif.; and Oberlin, Ohio.

"It's an honor to be chosen," said Gina Mathis, the recently hired sustainability manager for Takoma Park. "This competition is a tremendous opportunity to showcase how innovative the City of Takoma Park is, while giving the city a new, mean-

SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE Page 7

PRE-SORT STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID TAKOMA PARK, MD PERMIT NO. 4422







SAVING ENERGY Page 10

PAWN IT BABE

DOCKET TAKOMA TOPICS: Let's talk tr



Let's talk trash! Specifically: curbside food waste collection....is now available 🦅 to households city wide! Go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/foodwaste-collection to find out if you are eligible and to sign up!

- www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD

City Council & Committee

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS SEPT. 8 – OCT. 6

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. 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: www.takomaparkmd.gov/ citycouncil/agendas.

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. **TPCC Atrium**

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. **TPCC Lilac Room**

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. **TPCC Council Conference Room**

NUCLEAR FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. **TPCC** Rose Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 25, 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. Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the city clerk at 301-891-7267 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

Notice on ADA Compliance

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

CityCouncilAction

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

ORDINANCE 2014-42

Adopted July 14

Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement

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.

ORDINANCE 2014-41

Adopted July 28 (first reading July 14; second reading July 28)

Amending the Takoma Park Code, Title 7, Chapter 7.08, 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

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 vear 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 Committee

The resolution appoints Michael Vincent McCabe, Jr., Kathryn Nolfi and Curt Seiss, and reappoints Sylvia Borenstein, Sheryl Gross-Glaser and Katherine Kostiuk.

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 submit 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 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

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 NuclearFree 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-

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 transportationrelated 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-roadwayscommittee

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 2.12 "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 Braithwaite, director of the Public Works Department, 41 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20910, 301-891-7215, darylb@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.

Page 2 ☐ Takoma Park News

Pawn shop plays many roles

Neighborhood fixture becomes bank, support center, museum

By Rick Henry

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.

"There is no other job like it really," said Goodman.

He should know. Goodman started in the business soon after graduating from high school in the early 1960s. "I wasn't college material and my mom insisted that I take a job," he said. Though he knew "nothing" about the business, he started working at Livingston's Pawn Shop in downtown Washington.

"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 Walgreen's). 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

Victor Goodman, owner of G&G Pawn Shop in Takoma Park, has seen all sorts of items come through his store, and learned to be not only a merchant but a banker, counselor and detective.

them repeated notices and calling them to remind them, actions that are not re-

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

"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."

Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park,

Published material containing opinions

The Newsletter does not accept commercial, classified or political advertisements.

"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

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 pawn-

shops by the readers of the Washington

As one customer noted to Goodman,

"My experience with you has been won-

derful. You always help me and most of all you always understood my situation

This is where Goodman's role as a psy-

whenever I came to you."

chologist come in.

But 90 percent is not 100 percent, which brings us to Goodman's detective

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.

"If I didn't take those items in, chances are good that the people [from which it was stolen] would never see it again," Goodman said.

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.

"This business has a reputation and many of our customers come to us and tell us they were not treated fairly somewhere else," she said. "So we go out of our way to treat them right."

"His name says it all," she says of Good-

Espinal, like Goodman, also finds the job fascinating and interesting.

In no other job would you encounter the items that Goodman has. The sheer variety of items is what requires Goodman to be historian, collector, jeweler and appraiser.

Though the bulk of what comes into the store is unsurprising – electronics, jewelry and musical instruments - Goodman rattles off a litany of unique items that have come across his desk: "A letter written by Abraham Lincoln, two \$300 bottles of cognac, a pocket watch from the Civil War, an Olympic gold medal, a world championship boxing ring, Redskins season tickets when they were worth something."

"I had someone offer me a glass eye," he said. He did not accept it. Nor did Goodman, who is Jewish, accept the Nazi flag someone wanted to pawn, a decision he

"I was so offended that I kicked him out of the store and then I realized I had an opportunity to take it out of circulation," he said.

He did not make the same mistake again, buying a Nazi dagger, which he holds onto so no one will be able to display or circulate it.

Normally, he does not accept weapons of any kind.



THE TAKOMA PARK **NEWSLETTER**

Editor: Virginia Myers www.takomaparkmd.gov Vol. 53, No. 9

The Takoma Park Newsletter is published 12 times a year as the official publication of the City of Takoma Park, takomaparkmd.gov.

Letters to the editor, reports by community groups, calendar items and other submissions will be considered for publication; send to tpnewseditor@

takomaparkmd.gov or Newsletter, City of

Name, address and telephone number must reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, style, spelling and grammar.

does not necessarily reflect the views of the Newsletter or the City of Takoma Park.

The Newsletter is printed on recycledcontent paper.



September 2014 Takoma Park News **Page 3**



BUILDING COMMUNITY

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 Niños 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

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. An additional \$77,500 is available for capital projects benefitting 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 www. takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/community-grants

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



Rhadames Avila (left) and Claudia Pellegrino interview local hip-hop artist "El Pimpinaso" Photo: CityTV

"El Barrio Tambien Canta' is an opportunity of great value to us," says Avila, noting that it motivates the Latino community to not only support its young artists, but to contribute to humanitarian work. "Together we can improve the quality of life for poor children in Latin countries," he says, adding that he is grateful to City TV for the opportunity to air the show.

The taping of "El Barrio" is free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-891-7118.



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Monday, Sept. 15, 2014

7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park MD

The City of Takoma Park will be holding a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 15

to solicit community input regarding priority needs and proposed projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The CDBG program, initiated in 1974, is one of the oldest programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is designed to fund activities that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents. CDBG grants are provided on an annual basis to communities such as Takoma Park to ensure decent affordable housing for all, provide services to the most vulnerable, create jobs and expand business opportunities.

For more information on the CDBG program and the upcoming public hearing, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.



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.

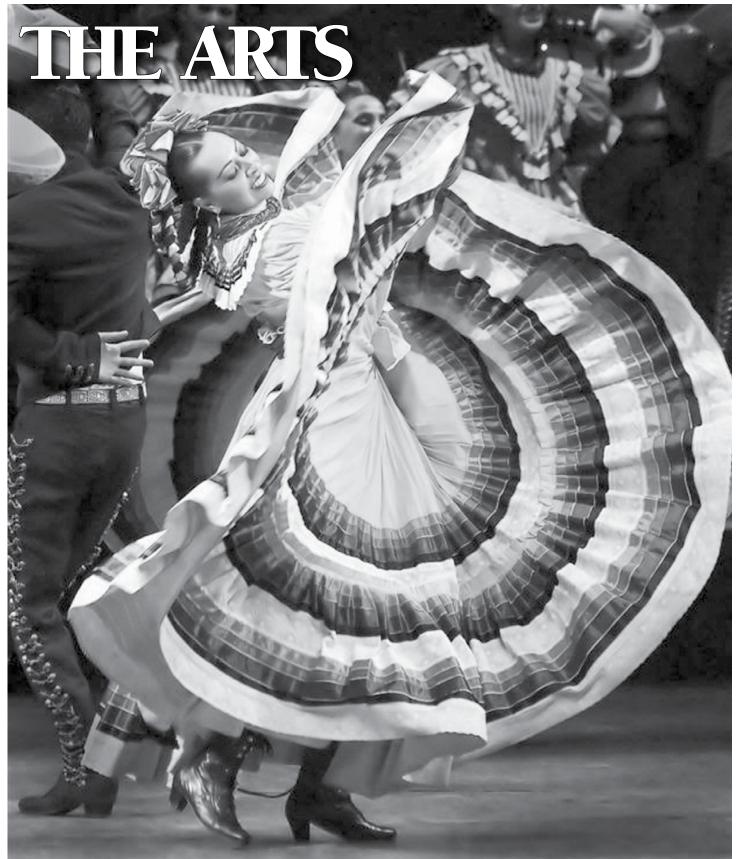
As long as the landlord has provided this written notice, he can enter, even if you haven't responded. But he may not enter the apartment if you contact him and object. (As long as your objection is reasonable — a tenant may not unreasonably withhold consent to the entry.) Entry is covered in Section 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, and 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 mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Page 4 ☐ Takoma Park News September 2014



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

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 singalong, 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.

Cancer surgeons rock on in documentary film

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

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 music and each outraged by the wall of silence surrounding their field. There are more than 90,000 diagnoses of — and more than 30,000 deaths from — GYN

cancers each year. Yet these diseases receive less than 1 percent of the funding that goes into breast cancer research.

Interweaving the harrowing experiences and stunning courage of women, devoted families and dedicated doctors, this documentary takes an alternative approach to a difficult topic. As music and medicine join forces in the fight for life and awareness, our surgeons are transformed into rising rock stars, while their patients and loved ones jump on the train, infusing the struggle for survival with heart, hope and rock 'n' roll.

This award-winning documentary was first "workshopped" at a Docs In Progress program back in 2010. It was released in 2013 and has played at film festivals and specialized screenings ever since. Following the screening, director Andrea Kalin will participate in a Q&A with the audience.

Screened in partnership with Docs In Progress.

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"



Exploring immigration with movement, music and art.

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 an-

guish, with cello and soprano accompaniment offering further emotional shading. This multi-media work features an original musical score by cellist Desiree Miller and a cappella singer Becca Weiss.

This is Block's second production in the We Are Takoma series. To learn more about his work, go to www.tomblock.com.

September 2014 Takoma Park News □ Page 5

CALENDAR

Every Tuesday

Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

"Mouse Guard" author/illustrator David

Come hear this gifted graphic novelist talk about his award-winning series for kids.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 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.

End of Summer Quest Party

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club

Author Dave Zirin

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Zirin will talk about his newest book for adults, "Brazil's Dance With the Devil: The World Cup the Olympics and the Fight for Democracy."

Graphic Novelist Eleanor Davis

Monday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Davis will discuss her new graphic novel for adults, "How to Be Happy."

LGBTQ+ Awareness

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Join a group of Takoma Park teens as they present information about different sexual orientations and gender identities.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:45 p.m.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:30

TP Community Center

Discussion of "The Conservationist" by Nadine Gordimer

All welcome

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Join Madame Marie for another season of songs and rhymes in French in this monthly program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Third Sunday Crafts

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2-4 p.m. Ages 8 up, no registration required.

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

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

Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

"Dork Diaries" Event

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7:30

TP Community Center Auditorium

Join Rachel Renee Russell, the author of the best-selling series, as she launches Book No. 8.

Looking ahead..

 ${\bf College\ Bound\ series-in\ the\ Library}$ Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. – Dr. Herm Davis on financing college

Monday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Dr. Lori Ness on the college transition

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre on choosing a college

Friends "Big Book Club" will begin discussions of Cervantes' "Don Quixote" on Oct. 20 at Historic Takoma. Get your copy and start

LIBRARY

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

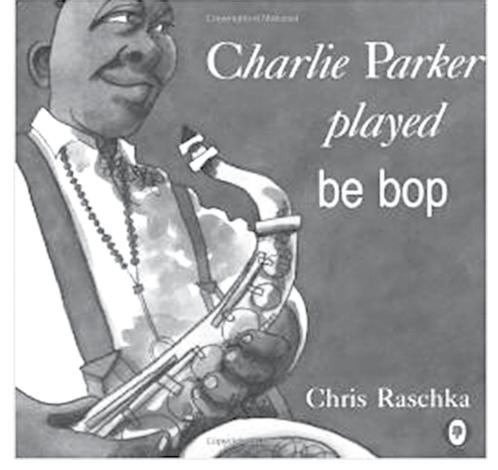
your horn."

he 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: "Bassist 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 Goldrich and Marcy Heisler ("Baltimore"), and Adam Gwon ("I'll Be Here"). The title song is from "The Scottsboro 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 shtick - 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 genesis of these songs, when the thread of creation is most vulnerable and least filtered," (Matthew Didier, in jagjaguwar.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

NEW MUSIC Page 7

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 fanciful," while Etelka Lehoczky of NPR 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 Renee 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 pur-

LIBRARY BRIEFS ☐ Page 7



Takomajeark 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:







SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
Takoma Park, Md.



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 Nook 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 Nook.
- 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 S

The crafts area is located on the basketball court. Artisans' contact inform

CLAY

Echo Linten

Hand-built functional pottery, garden ornaments

Susanne Reinthaler - 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

Ilse Daehler - I Sew Totes

Quilts, tote bags, table runners, wall hangings, place mats and more

Steven Holmberg - Tiedyeclothing.com

Hand-dyed tie-dye clothing in vibrant contemporary designs for adults and children

Maria Stroffolino - BriteCloth Tie Dye

Tie-dye adult and children's clothing and accessories

Laurie Summers

Woven wall hangings and pillows

FINE ARTS AND PRINTS

Sue Kay - Sue Kay Watercolors

Watercolor paintings and cards; paper sculpture

Fred King - Fred King, Cards and Prints

Photographs, available in note cards, prints, canvas and metal

Letitia Lee - LEE MEE Art and Design

Original paintings and prints

Keith Patterson - Moon Graphics

Block printed and watercolor greeting cards, block prints

JEWELRY

Ruth Beer Bletzinger - RuthieLine Jewelry Designs

Handcrafted jewelry using silver, copper, beads and stones

Dareya Cohen - Designs by Dareya

One-of-a-kind jewelry using bead-weaving techniques

Barbara S. Cromer - Barbara Cromer Artisa 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 and copper jewelry

Nancy Kahn DeMulder - By Jewelartist

Fine jewelry in sterling silver and/or 14-kt go with gemstones, pearls, fossils and beads

Melisa Dent - Jewelry Designs by Melisa De Handcrafted jewelry using precious metals

Handcrafted jewelry using precious metals, gemstones and cabachon stones

Gay Durland - Arabesque DesignJewelry using metalwork and wirework with s

copper, brass and niobium

Nancy Ennis - Silver Lace Studio

Handmade jewelry using chain-mail and beadwoven pieces

Arelle Hughes - Arelle Hughes Designs

Handmade jewelry incorporating crochet, knobead embroidery and wire-wrapping



COURTESIES

To make everyone's day at the Festival joyful and safe, we ask that you for

- 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 oschool grounds.
- Help us clean up. If you can stay for a few minutes after 6 p.m. to help us clear the sthat's even better! Report to the voluntee check-in table.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



BENEFICIARIES



SALE

silver

ent

lver,

otting,

ation is at tpff.org

MIXED MEDIA

Rebecca Grace Jones

Roussell Family Arts

Mixed-media wall pieces

3-D pieces

WOOD

OTHER

and decorations

Local honey

Cutting Board Co.

Laura Hummel - Painted Whimsey

Handmade books, collage, paper items,

Richard Roussell and Lisa Logan-Roussell -

Cigar-box-resonator guitars and kalimbas,

jewelry. Soaps and personal-care items

All-natural vegan skin- and hair-care items

Artisan natural bath soap, hair care, creams and

Handcrafted small-batch soaps, lotions and more

Suzanne A - Aburi Botanicals

including soaps, butters and more

Michelle Burns - Mystic Water Soap

oils, men's shaving products and more

Kimberly Mehalick - Clean Bee Soapworks

Donna and Keith Ellingsworth - Blue Ridge

Edge- and end-grain hardwood handcrafted

Leaves cast in concrete for bird baths, fountains

cutting boards and kitchen accessories

Jennifer Alexander - Great Ape

Unique hand-sewn sock primates

Linda Jacobson - Linda's Leaves

George Meyer - Bee George Honey

tongue drums, sterling, copper and found-art

A portion of the proceeds from the Takoma Park Folk Festival will be distributed to youth-oriented organizations in our community. Youth members and parents from these groups work to help make the Festival a success. Invited beneficiary groups are: Blair After-Prom Committee, Boy Scout Troop 97, Cub Scout Pack 33, Friends of Sligo Creek, Girl Scout Troop 5831, God Glorified Church of God in Christ and student groups at Takoma Park Middle School.

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

Baha'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 Cheder

Falun Dafa 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

Johrei 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 HaNefesh

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

WhyIslam



FOOD

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

BEN AND JERRY'S

Ice cream, ice cream bars, root beer floats, bottled drinks

CARMEN'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

Teriyaki, 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, fries, chicken wings, veggie sides

LITTLE OLIVE

Veggie mousaka, spinach pie, baklava, quesadilla-gyros, veggie collard wraps, hummus dips, feta fries, lentil balls

NITTAYA'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

SHERRI'S FUN FOODS

Crab cake sandwich, cream of crab soup, lemonade, iced tea

SUYA 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

llow a few rules:

٧!

site,

Composting and Recycling

We're getting greener! We have placed trash bins for recycling and composting at several locations on the Festival site. Please ask our volunteers for help putting your compostables, recyclables and trash in the right containers.

SUPPORT THE **FESTIVAL!**

Your donations keep the Takoma Park Folk Festival strong! Get your TPFF sticker from the colorfully attired Bucket Brigadiers or at the information tables.











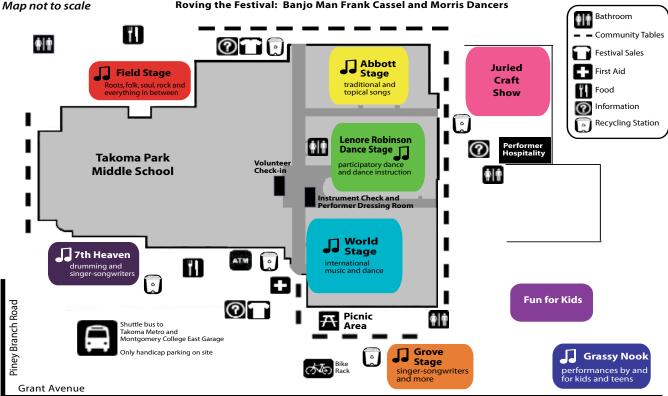














Organizing Folks

Leaders: Kevin Adler, Walter Mulbry, Judy Oliver **Community Tables: Kevin Adler, Karen Elrich Crafts: Gina Gaspin, Janet Stollnitz** Festival Brochure: Kevin Adler, Virginia Myers, **Fred Stollnitz, Janet Stollnitz Food Vendors: Walter Mulbry** Fundraising: Pam Larson, Robbi Klmball **Information: Janet Stollnitz Logistics: Scott Gilkeson, Colleen Clay Construction: Paul Crumrine Groundskeeping/Recycling: Walter Mulbry Parking: Jamie Gilkeson** Setup and Takedown: Gary Cardillo, George French **Shuttle Buses: Diana Kohn, Elaine Feister Performer Hospitality: Karen Vernon Program: Judy Oliver, Chair Roving Performers: Catherine Chapman Sound Coordinator: Art Isaacs Publicity: Kevin Adler, Emily Kaiser, Janie Meneely, Jemma Natanson Publicity Design: Emily Kaiser** T-shirt Sales: Robbi Kimball **Volunteers and Beneficiary Groups: Colleen Clay**

Stage Folks

Field Stage

Coordinators: Derek Hill, Rob Hinkal MCs: Jesse Palidofsky, Susan Heney, Michael Heney Stage Managers: Derek Hill, Les Hatley Sound Engineer: Andrew Roberts

Grove Stage

Coordinators: Susie Markland, Richard Weil MCs: Domenic Cicala, Steve Gnadt, David Holiday Stage Managers: Richard Weil, David Spitzer Sound Engineer: Kirby Yarbrough Assistant: Jemma Natanson

Abbott Stage

Coordinators: Fred Stollnitz, Jennifer Woods MCs: Mary Cliff, Jennifer Woods Stage Manager: Charlie Baum Sound Engineer: Jesse Stern

World Stage

Coordinator: Roger Strouse MCs: Annie Storr, Deborah Thornton Stage Manager: Steve Whitney Sound Engineer: Trevor Higgins

Lenore Robinson Dance Stage

Coordinator: Catherine Chapman MCs: Bruce Krohmer, Brian Weber Sound Engineer: Dave Richardson

Grassy Nook Stage

Coordinators: Marika Partridge, Bobbi Kittner MCs & Stage Managers: Marika Partridge, Rory & Molly Beckett Sound Engineer: Flawn Williams

Seventh Heaven Stage

Coordinators: Scott Holland, Mark Sylvester MCs: Casey Willson, Meg Kinghorn Stage Managers: Mark Sylvester, Scott Holland Sound Engineers: Art Isaacs, Charlie Pilzer

SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION



Volunteer interpreters are provided by Capital Sign Language (capitalsignlanguage.com) and First Chair Interpreted Productions

(firstchairinterpreters.com) at no cost. We extend our appreciation to CSL's Judi Rockhill and FCIP's Kevin Dyels for coordinating this service, as well as to each interpreter this year.

RAIN PLAN

If performances must be moved indoors because of rain, the stages will shift as follows: WORLD STAGE remains in the Cafetorium DANCE STAGE remains in the Main Gym ABBOTT STAGE remains in the Auxiliary Gym GRASSY NOOK moves to Room 102 GROVE STAGE moves to Room 106 FIELD STAGE moves to Room 116 SEVENTH HEAVEN moves to Room 120

NEW MUSIC

■ From page 6

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 Taureg tribes... Bombino's style is raw, spacious, tuneful, deeply hypnotic and remarkably fluid – 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 Nothin" (CD1988) Nikki Lane "worked with decades-old gear to produce a sound that sprawls across eras... 'All or Nothin' simply sounds like the work of a performer who knows when to embrace her contradictions: classic and modern, iconoclastic and approachable, country and rock, urban and rural" (npr.org).

Caetano Veloso's new album, "Abracaco" (CD 1978) "uses the same band as Veloso's previous album 'Ce,' which surprised many listeners with its edgy rock sound....Veloso was a pioneering figure in the Tropicalia movement of the 1960s, which changed the course of Brazil's popular music scene and had a huge impact on wider Brazilian culture" (soundcheck. wnyc.org).

"With a love for music coming from both sides of their family...Laura and Lydia Rogers grew up with a zeal for country music and sang songs with their family by country music artists such as Don Williams," says NPR.org of "Secret Sisters, Put Your Needle Down" (CD 1989). The girls first learned to harmonize through singing a cappella at their hometown church. Their song 'Tomorrow Will Be Kinder,' inspired by the 2011 Alabama tornado outbreak, is featured on the soundtrack for 'The Hunger Games."

Angelique Kidjo speaks four languages fluently and sings in five. Her newest album "Eve," (CD1990) "like its predecessors, features songs in several languages and rhythms of many origins...The power of Kidjo's unflappable voice, the range of her emotional expression, the stellar, genre-bending musicians who back her and the infectious, activist energy that courses through her songs all transcend any native tongue" (npr.org).

"For his latest album, Uruguayan singer-songwriter Jorge Drexler wanted...to write 'from movement – to build the album from the feet up.' 'Bailar en La Cueva' (CD 1979) is more a concept album than a full-on dance record, crafted with that smart and sensitive approach that has made Drexler one of Latin America's essential troubadours" (nydailynews.com).

"Unrepentant Geraldines" (CD 1977) is the 14th studio album by American singer-songwriter and pianist Tori Amos. It "marks Amos' return to pop and alternative rock music, [and] is described as returning to her 'core identity as a creator of contemporary songs of exquisite beauty' with an album of 'inspiring and personal music'" (Wikipedia).

In 1970, Neil Young "booked two nights at New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall, and opted to rehearse for the shows at the Cellar Door, playing two solo-acoustic shows a night," says rollingstone.com in a review of "Live at the Cellar Door" (CD 1992). "After 44 years in the vault, the recordings are finally out!"

These are only some of our new music CDs – check them out!

LIBRARY BRIEFS

■ From page 6

chase, courtesy of Politics and Prose bookstore. 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 hypocracy. Her relatively liberal white peers were beneficiaries of a society built on cruelty - as was she. Characters like [the wealthy industrialist at the novel's center] Mehring 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 to join the Friends Reading Group discussions.

The Scoop on Colleges 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 colleges 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.ti-nyurl.com/tplibraryevents.

LICENSE READERS

■ From page 1

Revisiting LPR tech

The issue has been examined at three different City Council work sessions in the last few months, including one at which representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) presented information. The vote to change the policy occurred at the July 21 City Council meeting.

Among the 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 Williams and Councilmembers Tim Male (Ward 3), Kate Stewart (Ward 3), and Fred Schultz (Ward 6). Voting against were Seth Grimes (Ward 1), Terry Seamens (Ward 4) and Jarrett Smith (Ward 5).

SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

■ From page 1

ingful challenge that will benefit residents, the city, and the environment, regardless of the prize." If, however, the city won the \$5 million, it would represent one fifth of the city's entire budget, which last year was \$26.7 million

During the course of the two year competitions, the program notes that with the competitors striving to initiate new and innovative energy-saving programs, there is the potential to save more than \$1 billion in energy costs over the two-year period, and millions of tons of CO2 emissions. The plan urges municipalities and counties to work closely with local governments, residents, utilities and others to establish new ways of thinking about energy consumption, and more efficient ways to meet their energy goals.

"The communities we selected are leaders in energy efficiency who will develop innovative approaches that will inspire and enable others to follow in their footsteps," said Dr. Frances Slakey, executive director of the prize.

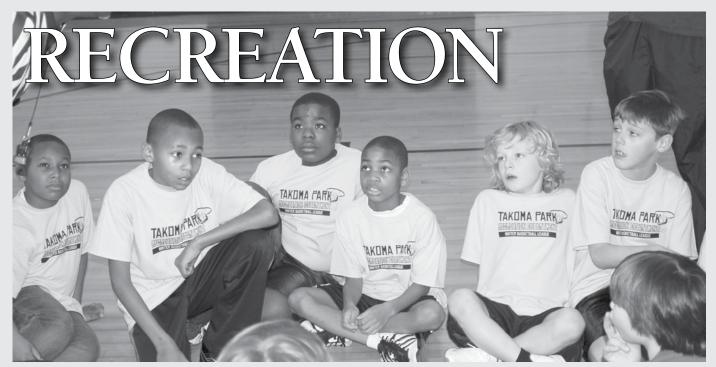
To learn more, see www.guep.org.



Parking meters installed at Junction

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.

Photo by Takoma Park staff



Young players are absorbed in learning the game during last year's winter basketball league. Registration for this year's league is currently underway. For more information go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation or call 301-891-7290.

Photo by Recreation Department staff

TOTS

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 snack. 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

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

KINDERMUSIK Village (Zoom Buggy)

Ages 3 months – 1 ½ 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 $1\frac{1}{2}-3$ years Wednesdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 3, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 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. Saturdays, Sept. 6 - Dec. 6, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. TP residents: \$205 Non-residents: \$235

Move & Groove

Ages 3 ½ – 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.kmwithbecky. 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

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 especially 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.

Free with a Recreation Center Membership

Taekwondo

Ages 5 and older

Taekwondo is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. "Tae" means "foot," "leg," or "leg," or "to step on," "Kwon" means "fist," or "fight," and "Do" means the "way" or "discipline." There is a one-time fee paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform (\$40 children, \$50 for adult).

TP Community Center dance studio Mondays, Sept. 8 – Dec. 8, 6 – 7 p.m. TP residents: \$155 Non-residents: \$175

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. Middle and high school students (under the age of 18) only, with student ID. No sagging pants. No backpacks. No purses. Dress 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

ADULTS

ART

CERAMICS

Ages 16 and older

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.

Wednesdays, Sept. 24 - Nov. 12, 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 2and 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 Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. TP residents: \$215 Non-residents: \$24

DRAMA/THEATER

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,

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Adult Story Writing

Ages 16 and older

7 - 9:30 p.m.

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: \$165

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Boom! Body Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

This high intensity boot camp is a workout for those who are serious about getting in shape. Our boot camp focuses on all areas of the body, improving stamina and overall health through the use of agility drills, plyometrics, Pilates and strength training.

TP Community Center dance studio Wednesdays, Sept. 17 - Oct. 11, 6 - 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 - 10 a.m. TP residents: \$100 Non-residents: \$120

Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength Training

Ages 16 and older

Drop in: \$12

Feels like flying with big, fast, easy-to-follow moves that really get you going. Intensity is always high, interspersed with moments that really make you sweat. We will do strength work with resistance tools, followed by a wellearned stretch.

TP Community Center dance studio Fridays, Sept. 5 - 0ct. 5, 7 - 8:15 p.m. TP residents: \$60 Non-residents: \$70 Drop in: \$12

Qi Gong - Moonlight

Ages 16 and older

Moonlight Qi Gong enhances the quiet, gentle, peaceful yin side of our 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. 19, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. TP residents: \$95 Non-residents: \$105 Drop in: \$15

Tai Chi Chuan

Ages 18 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.

RECREATION Page 9

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 activities and 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-

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



From left, Patricia Barden, Dannie McNamee and Doris Duarte sport new Forever Young t-shirts at a Takoma Park Recreation

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

■ From page 8

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 - 8:10 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 and 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: \$50 Non-residents: \$60 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, Jim Mueller, Jane Hawkanson. Inperson 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-Montgormery 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

(POC) testing in conjunction with diabetes information. In-person registration is required.

Session 1 - Living Well

Session 2 – Keep Moving

Session 3 – Eating Well

Session 4 – Three Month Follow-Up

TP Community Center senior room

Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - noon

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 concepts and techniques to avoid them. Various scenarios involving a commonsense 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

TP Recreation Center gymnasium Tuesdays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 14, noon - 1 p.m.

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

TP Recreation Center front room Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 30, noon – 1 p.m.

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 301-891-7280.

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 airconditioned 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 301-891-7280.

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 - 0ct. 8, 8 - 9 p.m. TP residents: \$119 Non-residents: \$139

Puppy Kindergarten

Ages 8 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

PICK UP A RACKET AND JOIN US!

Tennis Skills for Tots

Aaes 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 eyeracquet-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: Noon – 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: 1 - 2 p.m.

Option 2: 4 - 5 p.m. Ages 13 and older

2 - 3 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced

Ages 13 and older

3 - 4 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 – 9p.m.

September 2014

AT YOUR SERVICE

What brings us to this place? What have we brought with us? What keeps us here?

These questions and others like them have sparked a new creative project, *New Hampshire Avenue: This Is a Place To...*, coordinated by Dance Exchange, an intergenerational dance company based in Takoma Park, in partnership with The New Ave, an initiative driven by the City of Takoma Park's Office of Housing and Community Development. The project is designed to explore what the New Hampshire corridor is, was, and could be.

Over the summer company members have been meeting residents, business owners, youth and community leaders, learning about people and places that are unique to this corridor.

Through movement, storytelling and art-making, Dance Exchange is helping the community explore how they live, work, shop and play along the avenue, and how they have shaped it into the diverse, vibrant place it is today. By connecting neighbor to neighbor and creating opportunities to reflect and celebrate, Dance Exchange hopes to honor diverse voices, hopes and challenges as the community imagines its future.



Dance Exchange facilitates a community workshop at the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Photo by John Borste

To shape the project, Dance Exchange is facilitating several art-making and story-sharing events. The official kick-off will be Sept. 13 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. between Hampshire Towers and Takoma Overlook (7401 New Hampshire Ave.). Residents of all ages are invited to enjoy dance and music performances as well as opportunities to share their stories, make art and get to know

their neighbors. The festival will include food and festivities reflective of the diverse community

For more information about this event and other ways to connect with *New Hampshire Avenue: This is a Place To...*, contact Amanda Newman (301-270-6700 ext. 29, amandan@danceexchange.org) or visit danceexchange.org.

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 elimi-

nate 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE PLANT A TREE Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that

Ine season is right to plant trees, and in lakoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the city. As last year, there is an added incentive of the city paying \$100 towards the cost of the first tree purchased (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal permit). Residents can add a tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year.

Established discounts still apply as well, through the city's annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. White Oak, Willow Oak, Black Gum, American Linden and Sycamore—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed.

Sale dates run through Oct. 17

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, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 17.

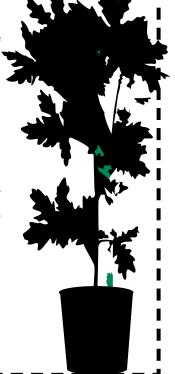
Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates in November.

installation dates in November.
Name
Address
Phone
Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

Red Oak ___ \$195 · Willow Oak \$195 ___ Sweet Gum \$195 ___ American Linden \$195 __ Black Gum \$195 ___

+ 6% sales tax

Total ____





THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

House fire burns Kansas Avenue home

Takoma Park firefighters were called to the 6500 block of Kansas Avenue at approximately 5:48 a.m. on Aug. 15, where multiple floors at the back of a vacant home were engulfed in flames. Some 50 firefighters from area stations converged on the scene with six fire engines, four ladder trucks, two rescue squads and other rescue vehicles to extinguish the blaze. One firefighter experienced a minor burn. Damages are estimated to be at least \$200,000, according to Montgomery County Fire and Rescue.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation at press time.

Monthly Report

As of July 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 377 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 1,642 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,019.

Totals for 2013 were 358 and 1,630 representing an increase of 31 incidents.

During the month of July 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,809.5 hours of standby time in the station, compared to 1,469.5 in July 2013. Grand totals as of July 2014 are 9,587.5 hours, compared to 8,209.5 hours in 2013, an increase of 1,378 hours.

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.

Page 10 ☐ Takoma Park News

Takoma Foundation's Nuclear-Free Beerfest

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-youcare-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 they'll be serving - can be found at the Foundation's website at www.takomafoundation.org.



Revelers enjoy last year's Takoma Foundation Beer Fest. Their contributions help support a myriad of community programs.

More than just another party, however, the Beerfest is the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Because it's run on all volunteer power, and most items are donated, the vast majority of the ticket price goes straight back into the community through grants by the Foundation.

Those grants go to support a broad array of organizations and events that make up the heart of the greater Takoma community. The annual Fourth of July Parade,

Folk Festival and Jazzfest are all supported in part by Takoma Foundation grants. But the Foundation also makes grants to local organizations whose good works are not as visible: groups working with troubled teens and neighbors facing eviction; artists and social entrepreneurs; longtime community activists and newcomers to the community and the country. Grants are solicited and awarded by the Foundation's all-volunteer board, and virtually all the funds the Foundation distributes come from straight from Takoma Park residents.

The hops-powered evening will take place Saturday, Sept. 20 from 4 – 8 p.m. (last call, 7:30 p.m.) at the historic Cady Lee House, 7064 Eastern Ave. NW. Tickets are available online at www.takomafoundation.org, or (by cash only) at Fenwick Beer and Wine, Now & Then, Olive Lounge and S&S Liquors. For updates, follow TKPKBeerfest on Facebook and Twitter @tkpkbeerfest.

from school safely. Addressing vacant properties

CITY Briefs

Now that school has started, many

children and their parents are walk-

ing 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 side-

walk. 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

Keep walkways clear

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/pepcolist 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



Litter Free

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

Photo by Lucy Neher

NEW ALONG THE AVENUE

■ From page 1

Among the most recent are two noteworthy shops – McDoris, an African-style dressmaking, clothing and fabric shop, and PhotoPressArt, a combination photo studio, print shop and gourmet coffee purveyor.

It's not surprising that both stores feature combinations of goods and services not often found together. In the fast-moving business climate of 2014, entrepreneurs need to be creative to survive and flourish.

PhotoPressArt, at 914 East West Highway, is the brainchild of John Kirakosian, who immigrated from then-Soviet Armenia 25 years ago. For many years, Kirakosian ran a one-hour photo studio on 14th Street near the White House, specializing in passport photos. But as the photography business went through upheaval, Kirakosian decided to diversify.

For his first year in Takoma Park, he ran a versatile photo and graphics shop, shooting portraits, restoring photos, selling frames, doing printing and binding, and yes, passport photos. In recent months, seeking to bring in more customers, Kirakosian added a small coffee shop and food specialty sales area to the store.

His principal product is LaVazza Italianstyle coffee. He sells both coffee beans and a variety of coffee drinks at good prices. "The taste is beautiful," Kirakosian brags, and this coffee-drinker has to agree.

Also on offer are baked goods from Russia, Belgium and Turkey, Torani fruit smoothies from Italy, and much more.

Up the road at 7635 New Hampshire Ave., close to University Boulevard, is McDoris Fashion and Fabric. It's been open less than three months, but when we visited on a weekday afternoon, there was a steady stream of eager customers. McDoris offers custom dressmaking, and sells fabric as well as ready-to-wear clothes for women.

The owner, Doris Agbasi, came to the U.S. from Nigeria in 2000, saw the opportunities, and promptly "took a crash program in fashion and design," she says. Before opening in Takoma Park, Agbasi made



Doris Agbasi helps a customer with a head wrap at her shop, McDoris Fashion and Fabric.

Photo by Selena Malott

and sold clothes from her home in D.C. But her business grew, and she saw a great opportunity in Langley Park, where many African people shop, drawn in part by the nearby Red Apple supermarket, which specializes in African foods.

Agbasi is proud of her design and dress-making skills. "I'm good at making large ladies look good," she says. "I tailor dresses to the person."

Agbasi's skills are evident even to the casual observer. While being interviewed, she was cutting fabric for a dress—free-hand. She doesn't need dressmakers' patterns, she says.

She makes skirts, blouses, evening dresses, wedding gowns and more. Almost all of her fabrics show African patterns, though most of them are manufactured in China.

Agbasi's work attracts notice, she says. When Nigerian women buy dresses from her and go back home, "they always stand out." People in Nigeria ask them where they got their dresses, and some women in Nigeria order dresses from McDoris.

Asked how McDoris Fashion and Fabric

got its unusual name, Doris Agbasi says with a smile, "I just wanted to spice up the name." The store will host its grand opening on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The development around Langley Park would not be proceeding nearly as quickly without the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA), a public-private partnership that focuses on building a safe, prosperous neighborhood.

Melanie Isis, executive director of the CDA, points to many projects now under way. A transit center under construction "will be the first and most visible infrastructure improvement," Isis says. Lights and pedestrian pathways have been improved. The Crossroads Farmers Market, held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Anne Street and University Boulevard, draws new customers.

The CDA's jurisdiction recently was expanded down University Boulevard to Carroll Avenue, Isis says, and most of the commercial plazas in the Crossroads are fully leased.

SEPTEMBER 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 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

240-450-2092 or educare_ss@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 produce, baked goods, meats,

Crossroads Farmers Market

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

The Essex House Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, 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

Old Takoma Sidewalk Sale

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14, 8 a.m. midniaht

Sales at shops throughout Old Takoma

Takoma Foundation Beer Fest

Saturday, Sept. 20, 4-8 p.m. Fundraiser for community advocacy Tickets at www.takomafoundation.org, or (cash only) Fenwick Beer and Wine, Now & Then, Olive Lounge and S&S Liquors Cady Lee House, 7064 Eastern Ave. NW

\$40/ticket See story, page 11

New Hampshire Avenue: This Is the Place To...

Friday, Sept. 13, 12:30 -- 2:30 p.m. Between Hampshire Towers and Takoma Overlook (7401 New Hampshire Ave.) Dance-making and storytelling See story, page 10

Old Takoma Clean Up Day

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – noon Join your community and clean and weed throughout Old Takoma. Carroll Avenue from Takoma Theatre to Takoma

Takoma Plays Sixth Annual Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. Games, sports and loads of fun for all ages Co-sponsored by Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road

www.takomaplays.org

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

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

Jazz Jam

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

The Grapevine - Storytelling Series

Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **TP Community Center** Tim Livengood and Noa Baum host this new series of old-fashioned storytelling \$10 suggested donation at the door.

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

Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. Artists Lucas Allison, Ibou N'Daiye, Percy Martin and Winston Harris explore the importance of rituals Exhibit open through Nov. 2

No Evidence of Disease

TP Community Center

Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. A documentary about a team of surgeons battling

Screened in partnership with Docs In Progress,

TP Community Center

Jessie Palidofsky: Dancing Towards the Light

Friday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m. Carroll Café, Seekers Church 276 Carroll Street NW \$16 advanced/ \$20 door www.carrollcafe.org

cancer through rock 'n' roll

Q&A with director follows film

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 Imtfolk.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 Bestia: 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 Imtfolk.org

SENIORS

Trip to National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, Va.

TP Community Center Recreation Office Friday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4 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.

Details, page 7

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

Eye exams, eyeglass take back and more! Free Flu shots for Medicare Part B patients (bring your card)

Azalea Room, 1 - 3 p.m.

Fitness Demonstrations

Cardio Groove, 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

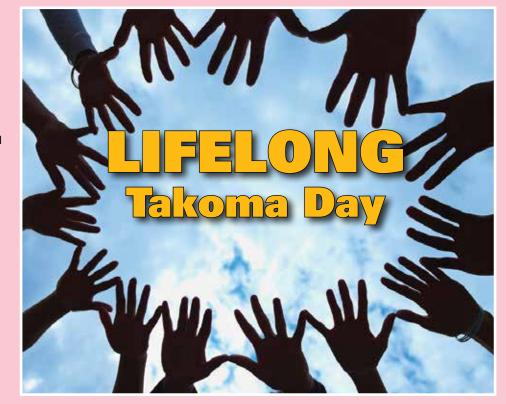
Hydrangea and Lilac Rooms, 1 – 3 p.m.

CARE, Drug Take Back and Emergency Preparedness

Police Department Lobby, 2 - 4 p.m.

Wii Fit, Ping Pong, Pool Tables and More!

Game Room (reserved for attendees only)



CONNECTION, WELL-BEING, COMMUNITY

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

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

- Franklin Apartments, 7620 Maple Ave.
- Maple View Apartments, 7710 Maple Ave.
- Essex House Apartments, 7777 Maple Ave. Victory Tower, 7051 Carroll Ave.
- Recreation Center,
- 7315 New Hampshire Ave.

For info on the Recreation Bus, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280, paulal@takomaparkmd.

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