



WHAT'S NEW?

City offices closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
Monday, Jan. 19.

Trash/recycling collection

No yard waste collection
Monday, Jan. 19

Jan. 19 compost collection
moves to Tuesday, Jan. 20

WAH public hearing

Washington Adventist Hospital move
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.
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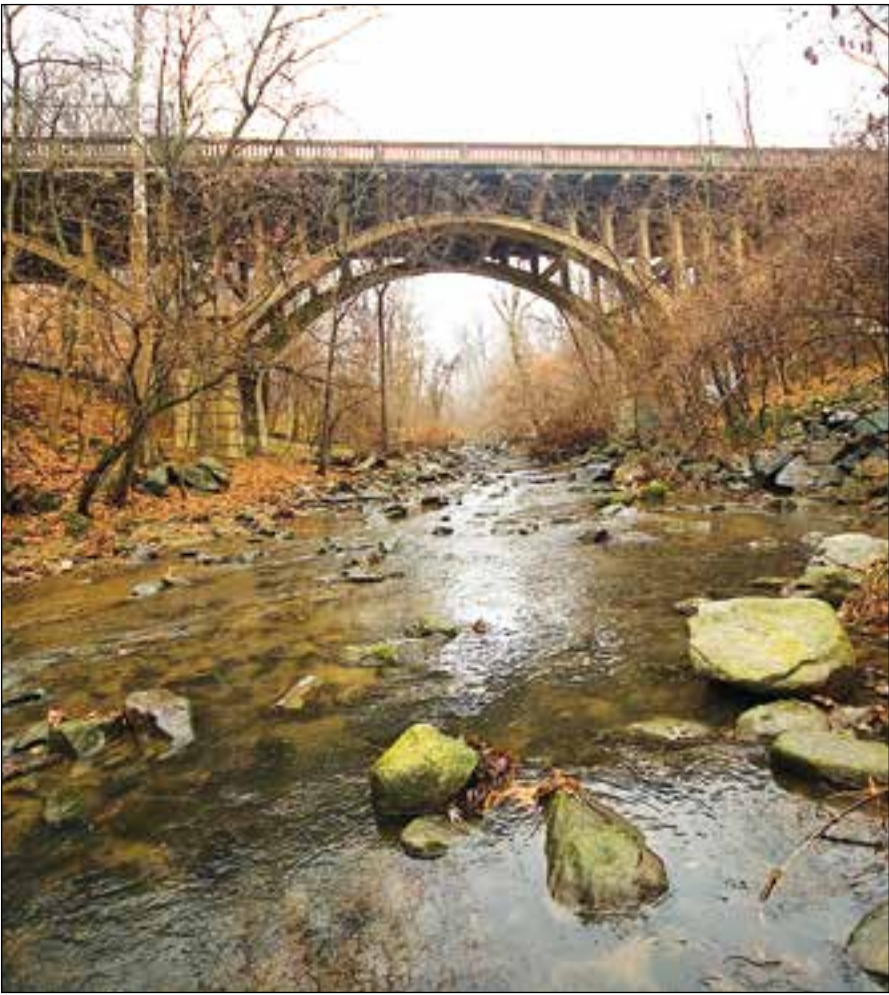


Photo by Selena Malott

The graceful arch of the Carroll Avenue bridge over Sligo Creek needs repair to remain safe.

Carroll Avenue bridge
rehabilitation and construction
scheduled for late 2015

By Rick Henry

When it comes to major transportation projects, the figurative building of bridges is as important as the actual construction of them, a lesson Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and city officials are taking to heart as they prepare for the rehabilitation and temporary closing of the Car-

roll Avenue Bridge in 2015.

Crews working on the bridge, located at Carroll Avenue between Jefferson Avenue and the entrance for the Washington Adventist Hospital, will physically replace the bridge's deck, beams, and columns above the arches, the sidewalks and railings, and the orna-

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Library renovations under consideration

On a cold and rainy evening in mid December, architects from The Lukmire Partnership met with a group of city residents and presented some proposed designs for a renovated and possibly expanded city library. The gathering was among the first of many steps toward improving one of the city's most popular facilities, a place where generations of Takoma Park residents have enjoyed not just reading, but programming and community events

geared for all ages.

Lukmire's proposals are based on exactly what city residents have said they need. Working from the community priorities outlined in the library's 2014 Needs Assessment Survey as well as those discussed during a "visioning process" that involved library patrons, Takoma Park residents, city management and library

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Council
considers
future of
Recreation
Center

By Virginia Myers

The Takoma Park Recreation Center, which hosts numerous Recreation Department programs at 7315 New Hampshire Ave., is a little down at the heels. In fact, the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, which owns the property, wants to transfer the aging facility to the City of Takoma Park.

This makes sense on a number of levels: all programming at the popular facility is Takoma Park-generated and staffed. It is in a lively part of the city's Ward 6, and it is primarily city residents, from across all the wards, who use the building.

So what exactly is the condition of the building? And what is the potential there?

City Council is considering a \$11,855 contract for a study to find out. An additional sum could go toward determining specific needs for recreational services there.

A vibrant center of activity

What is known: the facility was built around 1970. It is on a small parcel of land – most of the surrounding property belongs to the Tenacity Group, which owns the apartment buildings adjacent to the center. "It is an older building and we are filled to capacity a lot of times," says Recreation Department assistant director Debby Huffman. "We have outgrown it." Parking is another problem, so if programming were expanded, it would be a challenge for users to find a spot in the adjoining lot.

Despite these limitations, the center buzzes with activity on most evenings and many afternoons as well. There might be a crowd of women in the gym moving fast to a jazzercise class, or sweating through "Ladies Boot Camp." There

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Takoma Park, MD 20912

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS JAN. 5 – FEB. 2

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Meeting, Monday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting, Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Retreat, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m. (Council retreat, held off site at 6930 Carroll Ave., top floor conference room of Gryphon Scientific)

Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

Special meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 21, meeting to hear comments on Takoma Junction redevelopment, 7 p.m.

Meeting, Monday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

Retreat, Wednesday, Jan. 28 (Council retreat – location and time to be announced)

Meeting, Monday, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC auditorium unless noted otherwise

*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

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

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

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

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

TPCC Atrium Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 22

TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2 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.

City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the 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@takomagov.org.

ORDINANCE 2014-64

Adopted Nov. 24 (First Reading Nov. 10; Second Reading Nov. 24)

Authorizing FY 2015 Budget Amendment No. 2
The ordinance authorizes the second amendment to the FY 2015 budget.

ORDINANCE 2014-68

Adopted Nov. 24

Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Equipment for Police Vehicles

The ordinance authorizes the purchase and installation of emergency lights, sirens, computer docks and related equipment for

four police vehicles. The contract is awarded to Brekford Corporation at a total cost of \$50,400.

ORDINANCE 2014-69

Adopted Nov. 24

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement for Operation of the Piney Branch Pool

The ordinance authorizes execution of a grant agreement with Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc. for an award of \$5,000 for operation of the Piney Branch Pool.

ORDINANCE 2014-70

Adopted Nov. 24

Authorizing a Lease Agreement for Photocopiers

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to enter into a three-year lease agreement with Canon Solutions America for photocopiers at the cost of \$38,136 annually.

ORDINANCE 2014-71

Adopted Nov. 24

Authorizing Purchase of Insight Surveillance Package Software

The ordinance authorizes the police department to purchase the system that enables residents and businesses to register their surveillance cameras with the city. In the event of a crime, police can contact those registered in the area to request review of the video taken for investigative purposes. The purchase is being made from Hyaline Creative in the amount of \$12,750. (VOTING NO: Councilmember Grimes)

RESOLUTION 2014-43

Adopted Nov. 24

Authorizing the Closure of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market

The resolution authorizes the closure of the

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VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Consider visiting a meeting of one of the city boards, commissions and committees listed below to see if you are interested in serving. Meeting dates/times may be found on the city's calendar at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/calendar.

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. Visit 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.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

(five vacancies): The Commission serves in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to the arts and humanities. The Commission promotes, coordinates and strengthens public programs to further cultural development of the city. At least 2/3 of the members must be Takoma Park residents. The AHC generally meets quarterly. For information, contact Housing and Community Development Director Sara Anne Daines at sarad@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7224.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS (two vacancies, at least one from Ward 4): The Board plans and conducts city elections in coordination with the city clerk. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/board-of-elections

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

(NEW!): The City Council has established a Commemoration Commission to document, maintain and preserve past, present and future memorials, commemoratives and recognitions in the city; recommend to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic or civic life of the city as a whole or to a neighborhood/local area as well as programs for individuals to honor others; implement such programs within its scope and budget; and decide on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment. The Commission will consist of five to nine members appointed to staggered three-year terms. The Commission will be appointed in January. Residency is required. Deadline for applications: Jan. 16, 2015.

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT

AFFAIRS (three vacancies): The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) adjudicates and mediates complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides appeals from the city manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses. Residency required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. COLTA holds one

business meeting per year. Commissioners are assigned to three-member panels for hearings, which are held as needed. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/COLTA. Property managers and landlords are particularly invited to apply at this time. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7215.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (two vacancies): The Committee advises the City Council on all environmental issues,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELOCATION OF WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL TUESDAY, JAN. 20 – 7 P.M. TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AUDITORIUM

The Takoma Park City Council is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. regarding the comments the city should make to the Maryland Health Care Commission on the proposal by Washington Adventist Hospital to move its main hospital functions to the White Oak area of Montgomery County. The hospital intends on leaving some primary care functions at the Takoma Park campus, including an urgent care clinic and laboratory, along with inpatient rooms for behavioral health and rehabilitation services. Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) must have a Certificate of Need application approved by the State of Maryland in order to move the hospital. An application has been submitted and may be considered a complete application as early as Jan. 9. Once the application is "docketed" the city has 30 days within which to submit its comments. Information about the hospital's plans and application can be found on the city's website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/wah-relocation.

The public is encouraged to speak at the Tuesday evening public hearing or to submit written testimony to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. Please check the city's website in mid-January in case the public hearing is rescheduled or there is new information on the hospital's proposal. For more information on the proposal and the city's process, please contact Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow at suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7229.

Looking back at a busy year

A 2014 review

IN TAKOMA PARK, we tick off our annual events as a way to mark time: the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in January, the Sligo Creek cleanup in spring and fall; egg hunts and house and garden tours, summer camps and Halloween parades. There's Takoma Porch for homegrown music in May, the Jazz Fest in June, then the Folk Festival and Street Festival, Pajamarama and winter solstice in Old Town. There are so many traditions here we won't try to name them all – and instead will highlight a few of the many events that occurred outside the rhythm of what we expect every year.

From top left, clockwise, Karen Maricheau became the first manager of Lifelong Takoma, coordinating services for people 55-plus, and others who need transitional support; the Takoma Park Community Band celebrated its 40-year anniversary; Gina Mathias became Takoma Park's first sustainability manager, implementing a number of green policies for the city; interest in developing Takoma Junction was renewed with proposals like this one; Little Free Libraries sprouted up all over town (including this one, sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park Library); the city lost a beloved activist and member of city council when Kay Daniels-Cohen died; the battle over development at Metro continued; Kate Stewart became Ward 3 councilmember; and the dog park, slated for the end of Darwin Avenue, got legs.



COUNCIL ACTION

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1100 block of Anne Street from June 2015 to November 2015 on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the 2015 Crossroads Market

RESOLUTION 2014-44

Adopted Nov. 24

Establishes a List of Nuclear Weapons Producers

The resolution adopts the list of nuclear weapons producers purchased from MSCI ESG Research to guide the city in its procurement decisions pursuant to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act.

RESOLUTION 2014-45

Adopted Nov. 24

Establishes the Dates of the City Council Holiday Recess

The resolution sets the Council's 2014 winter holiday recess for Nov. 25, 2014 through Jan. 4, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2014-46

Adopted Nov. 24

Provides for an Appointment to the Safe Roadways Committee

The resolution appoints Ward 3 resident Sharon Rogers to the Safe Roadways Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

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including, but not limited to, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, air quality, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation and recycling. Additionally, the committee serves in partnership with the City Council and city staff to work together to achieve sustainability and other environmental certifications that may help the city meet and be recognized for its environmental goals. Residency is required.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

(two vacancies): The Emergency Preparedness Committee provides community input to and assists in the city's planning and preparations for emergency operations and seeks to further the preparedness of the community. The committee generally meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of every month.

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD (one vacancy):

The Facade Advisory Board serves as a local advisory body to the City Council and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, helping to "ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park." The seven-member board meets on a bi-monthly basis. Residency is

required for at-large members. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby at rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7205.

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE (up to five

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

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE (up to two

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



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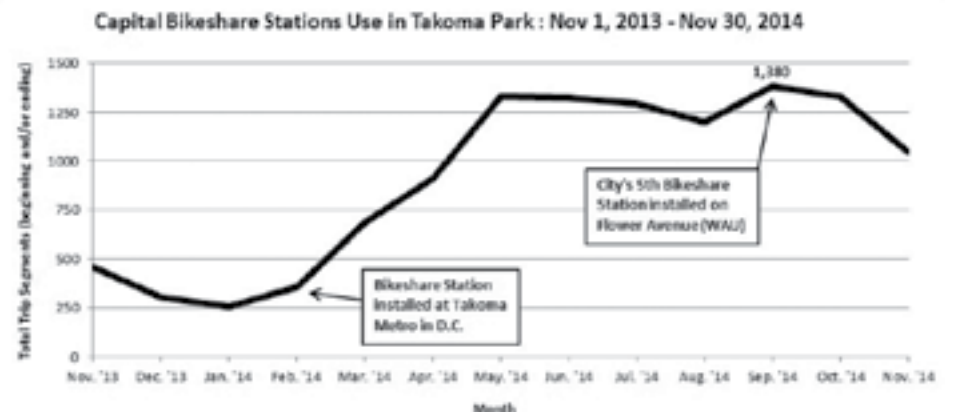
BUILDING COMMUNITY

Bikeshare's popularity speeds into second year

After many months of hard work, Capital Bikeshare was launched in Montgomery County in late September of 2013. The county's program is an expansion of the popular system spanning the District of Columbia, Arlington and Alexandria that lets its members use bikes for point-to-point travel within the network. In October 2013, four stations were initially installed along popular bike routes in Takoma Park at key destinations on Maple, Philadelphia and Carroll avenues. A boon to local bikeshare users, the District Department of Transportation installed stations at the Takoma and Fort Totten Metro stations in February 2014. More recently, a fifth Takoma Park station was installed on Flower Avenue at Washington Adventist University in September 2014.

Just over a year after its launch, 50 of the 346 Capital Bikeshare stations are located in Montgomery County; in Rockville, and in clusters near the D.C. border at Bethesda, Silver Spring and Takoma Park. The stations in Takoma Park have been particularly well-used, with nearly 11,000 rides starting or ending at one of five stations in the city in the first 12 months of use. Since April, the station at Takoma Junction has consistently ranked as the city's most active and the third busiest in the county.

As the stations in Takoma Park increase in popularity, more residents from the city are signing up for annual memberships. The number of annual Capital Bikeshare members from the 20912 zip code (which closely overlaps with



the city boundary) increased by 63 percent from April through September of 2014. Capital Bikeshare also has short-term membership options for visitors

and those wanting to test the program. To learn more about Capital Bikeshare's network and membership options, visit www.capitalbikeshare.com.

Lead paint risks managed with new rental regulations

Lead-based paint is nothing to fool around with. Although it was widely used in homes just a few decades ago, it posed so many health risks it was taken off the market in 1978. Regulations have long been in place to address the remaining lead paint that is still found in older homes.

Exposure to lead paint, most commonly through the invisible dust it generates, can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems and lead to reduced IQ, learning disabilities and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults and can cause high blood pressure and hypertension. Pregnant women are especially at risk since lead poisoning can affect the fetus. (More information on the dangers of lead exposure can be found at www2.epa.gov/lead.)

The Maryland Department of the Environment recently changed the state-wide lead poisoning prevention requirement for rental properties to further protect tenants from lead exposure. Starting Jan. 1, 2015, all units built before 1978 must be registered with the state to ensure they meet the lead risk reduction standards. Previously the requirement applied only to units built before 1950. All units are

required to be inspected before they are initially rented, and during every turnover of tenants. Information on the state requirements can be found at www.mde.state.md.us.

A federal program has been put into effect by the Environmental Protection Agency that applies to all housing and child-care facilities built before 1978. The EPA requires that workers involved in painting or certain repairs and maintenance be EPA-certified to ensure safe practices.

Specifically, any renovation, demolition, window replacement or disturbance of more than six square feet of painted surfaces for interior painting and more than 20 feet for exterior paint must be conducted by a certified contractor. The certification includes training, certification and work place practices to ensure proper procedures are followed when dealing with lead paint.

Homeowners wishing to do the work themselves do not have to be certified, but the EPA encourages them to use lead-safe work practices in order to protect themselves, their families and the value of their homes. For more information on the program, visit www2.epa.gov/lead.

HOUSING MAILBOX



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

Where is my car?

My car was recently towed from my apartment complex lot and I have been charged \$150 by the towing company for towing and storage charges. This is my home! I should be able to park here, and I want to file a complaint about what I believe was improper towing. Where should my complaint should be filed?

We'll give you the short answer, but be sure to read the explanation, too, as this is a tricky question! Short answer: If your vehicle was towed in Montgomery County and you think it was improperly towed or damaged you can submit a complaint to the Office of Consumer Protection, at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/a_z/auto/tow.html.

Now for the rest:

Your question involves "trespass towing," towing of an unauthorized vehicle from private property without the

consent of the vehicle owner. Trespass towing is regulated by Chapter 30 C of the Montgomery County Code-Motor Vehicle Towing and Immobilization on Private Property.

Trespass towing goes far beyond whether or not you're parked in the right (or wrong) lot – it involves signs and restrictions, too. The most common reason for such towing occurs when the towed vehicle does not have a parking permit properly displayed, so be sure you have a permit, if it is required, and that your permit is clearly visible. Cars may also be towed for breaking other residential parking rules in townhouse, condo or apartment community lots.

Parking lot owners have responsibilities, too: Parking lots must have signs posted and at least one sign must be clearly readable from each parking area in the lot, and also at each vehicle entrance to the property. The signs must summarize not just some, but all parking restrictions. They must indicate that vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense, and must list a telephone number that is answered 24/7 by someone who can tell you where your car was taken and how to redeem it.

Montgomery County regulates the

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**Takoma Junction Redevelopment
Public Comment
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center auditorium**

The first of three scheduled opportunities for the community to weigh in on the proposals for development at the Takoma Junction City-owned parking lot. To see the proposals go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/takoma-junction-rfp. Additional comment sessions tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, as needed.

Lifelong Takoma snow shoveling partnership

The city's Lifelong Takoma program and Takoma Park Middle School's Difference Makers student volunteer club have joined together to help residents who are physically unable to remove snow from their steps, walkways and sidewalks.

Are you physically unable to shovel

your snow? Or are you interested in joining student volunteers to shovel? If so, please contact lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7232 and leave a recorded message. Please be sure to include your name, home address, return phone number and specify your interest.

We Are Takoma features performances for the kid set



THE ARTS

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All Stars

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All Stars

Saturday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center auditorium
Ages 0-6

The 2015 We Are Takoma series features more performances for kids – and January is starting off strong with some hot names for the 12 and under set.

Celebrated storytellers Noa Baum and Candace Wolf share the bill for a Saturday afternoon story time on Jan. 10. They will tell stories from around the world that express values of kindness, solidarity and courage under adversity.

Candace Wolf is perhaps most popular for her scary stories around Halloween time for kids (and adults) in the library. She is also a Storyteller-in-Residence with the Kennedy Center. Noa Baum is the host of ‘The Grapevine,’ the new Thursday night storytelling series at the Community Center.

And on Saturday, Jan. 24, popular singer song-writer Mr. Gabe will be performing with his band the Circle Time All Stars. The band’s interactive mix of traditional children’s songs, family-friendly folk and pop songs and Mr. Gabe originals is the perfect set up for a nice long nap afterwards. Throughout his performances, Gabe encourages the audience to sing, shout, stomp, dance and make animal and car noises.

Tales of Magic and Wonder

Saturday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

Ages 5 and up

\$10 suggested donation

Celebrated storytellers Noa Baum and Candace Wolf share a feast of imagination and delight with tales from around the world. These storytellers are local favorites, especially among young children, but the event is for adults too.

Films explore Chinese immigrant experience

“Life of Cheng Se Tseo” and “Chinatown”

Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

Free

In partnership with Docs In Progress, the We Are Takoma series presents two short films that explore the Chinese immigrant experience.

“Life of Cheng Se Tseo” by local filmmakers Simone Fary and Richard Hall, tells the tale of Cheng Se Tseo and his almost fantastical life. Born in rural Southern China around 1904, he defeated an opium addiction in his youth, served in Chang Kai Shek’s Nationalist Army and later in the American Navy during World War II. He returned to China in the chaos of the post-war years but had to flee the country again as the Communists came to power. He spent the last decades of his life creating beautiful pottery. Told in his own words, this documentary presents

a man who has experienced much of the 20th century’s history.

“Chinatown” tells the story of residents in Washington, D.C.’s Chinatown, as experienced through the eyes of three residents over the course of year. Told in the observational style, the film provides an insight into the impact of gentrification on the daily lives of the neighborhood’s residents. Their stories give voice to the community’s attempt to preserve the culture and heritage they value.

A conversation with filmmakers Simone Fary and Yi Chen will follow the screening.

RECREATION CENTER

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could be a scrum of guys dribbling and passing and jostling one another on the basketball court. Young Suto Dance students might be pirouetting across the floor, and others could be step-dancing in the front room. Residents 55 and older could be taking advantage of the free membership in the fitness gym, where they can use fitness equipment and free weights. The programming for this age group is really taking off, says Huffman, with a new indoor walking program, a trainer in the gym and a table tennis class.

The center is so busy, City Council provided extra funding last budget cycle to keep it open an additional two hours, two days a week – on Tuesday and Thursday,

it opens at noon instead of 2 p.m.

All this activity translates into about 1,000 individual visits each month, involving some 60 different programs.

Maintenance is complicated by ownership: while MNCPPC is responsible for larger repairs, such as the roof (if such repair were needed), the city must take care of smaller issues. Takoma Park recently paid for a new paint job, and the gym floor was refinished not long ago. There is also new fitness room equipment (actually purchased used, but it is new to the facility) and new energy-efficient lighting.

“It’s being maintained,” says Huffman, but “we need a bigger building, we need more parking.”

Where do we go from here?

Discussions about the future of the Rec-

reation Center have included many possibilities, but city staff stresses that nothing will happen for some time. At this point, the center will continue to run just as it does now, serving the community with a diversity of services and maintaining its profile as a center of neighborhood activity, a place where people go to socialize, exercise and learn.

That said, the future could bring a radical change – re-arrangement of existing interiors, or new construction added to the building. Tearing the building down and starting something new in the same place or elsewhere has even been discussed. All of this depends on the results of two studies: first the one recently commissioned, to assess the state of the building, then another that will assess the need for recreation services in the community.

The city has budgeted a total of \$45,000 to evaluate development potential and determine the community’s needs.

Actually designing changes is “light years away,” says Huffman. “We are just asking for what the best use of that land would be. We are nowhere near the design stage.” She does say, however, that “The city definitely acknowledges that [the Recreation Center] is key in the recreation that the city provides. We don’t want to get rid of anything, we just want to enhance and add.”

Whatever happens, the city is committed to involving residents in decisions as they occur. “When the time comes around we will absolutely be asking for community input,” says Huffman.



LIBRARY BRIEFS

Note: where registration is required or encouraged, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents, or call us at 301-891-7259.

Graphic Novels

Curious about graphic novels and their skyrocketing popularity? Come find out more about this literary genre on Monday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. At our program, Dave Burbank, the library's graphic novel guru, will present a brief history of graphic novels, and then read snippets from some classics, as well as some wonderful new graphic novels. We'll have annotated booklists of our favorite graphic novels for all ages, as well as information aimed at parents wondering about the literary value of graphic novels so popular with their young readers. Registration is encouraged, but not required for this program, which is best for older kids, teens and adults.

"Bad Kitty" Author

Nick Bruehl, author/illustrator of the best-selling "Bad Kitty" books for kids ages 5-10, will present the newest book in the series, "Puppy's Big Day," on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Bruehl's books are considered "hybrid" books, meaning they are heavily illustrated chapter books, and kids love the antics of his main character, Bad Kitty. As a bonus, Bruehl also will read his new picture book, "A Wonderful Year," which will be published in early January, as well as do a drawing demonstration. Politics and Prose will be selling copies of Bruehl's books for those who wish to purchase them, but our program is free and no purchase is required.

"Winterquest" Party

Please join us on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. for a party to celebrate the conclusion of our second-annual "Winterquest" reading program. We'll talk a bit about the books we read for "Winterquest," as we enjoy some lemonade and cookies. Everyone will then head home with a new book or two. Registration encouraged, but not required.

Caldecott Medal Time

We've got two opportunities this month to enjoy the excitement of the upcoming announcement of the 2015 Caldecott Medal. The medal is given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for kids ages birth-14.

First, on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., the Caldecott Club — our family book club — will meet and vote on our favorite picture book of 2014. Let's see how close we come to the actual winner! All are welcome at this program, and lemonade and cookies will be served. No registration required.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 1-4 p.m., we're going to hold our first-ever Mock Caldecott. We've got a booklist of picture books that are good bets for the 2015 Caldecott Medal; the actual medal winner will be announced on Monday, Feb. 2 at the American Library Association's Midwinter conference. Our Mock Caldecott is aimed at adults, and if you're interested, please pick up a booklist at the library and read as many picture books on the list as possible! We will announce our own list of "finalists" in early January, so stay tuned for that. Registration encouraged for this program, which promises to be both inspiring and fun.

\$80 for vehicles between 8,001 and \$20,000 pounds GVWR.

Tow companies, both at the storage facility and in trucks, are required to accept cash or traveler's checks (with proper ID). Tow companies must also accept VISA and/or Mastercard or personal checks (with proper ID) if the vehicle is registered in Maryland. Tow companies must accept other forms of payment and cannot demand cash.

If you submit a complaint about your vehicle tow (again, see Consumer Protection at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/a_z/auto/tow.html), an investigator will review your complaint to make sure the county code was followed when your vehicle was towed and attempt to resolve the matter. Chapter 30C also gives consumers the right to pursue a tow complaint in District Court.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Spanish Circle Time

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

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Jan. 10, 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.

DIY Bracelet Making

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2-4 p.m.
For ages 8 up

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Come read with us as we discuss and vote on our favorite picture books of 2014. Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club.

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Discussion of "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante
All welcome

Winterquest Party

Thursday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
Join us for a wrap-up celebration of our Winterquest program.
Lemonade and cookies will be served.

"Bad Kitty" Author Nick Bruehl

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7:30
Bruehl will unveil his latest "Bad Kitty" book, plus a new picture book.

"Aviary Wonders" Author/Artist Kam Samworth

Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Best for kids ages 8 up, great for adults as well.

Mock Caldecott

Saturday, Jan. 24, 1-4 p.m.
Join us for our first-ever Mock Caldecott.
Note: This is an adult event.

What's the Big Deal About Graphic Novels?

Monday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Graphic novel guru Dave Burbank and children's librarian Karen MacPherson give a brief overview of graphic novels and why they make good reading.

Looking ahead....

Bedtime Stories and a Craft, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

Children's Novelist Gordon Korman, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Graphic Novelist George O'Connor, Thursday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating 125 years as a town

In the year 1890, the residents of Takoma Park successfully lobbied the Maryland State Assembly for recognition as an incorporated town. The newly-established suburb was barely six years old, with approximately 70 families divided between the District of the Columbia and Maryland. The Assembly granted the request, but at a steep cost — it excluded District residents from inclusion in the new town, formalizing a split that the community itself did not recognize.

The city will mark the 125th anniversary of incorporation throughout the spring

of 2015 with a series of parties, performances and other events that reflect the varied interests of the community. The program pulls together existing community activities like Earth Day, Art Hop, the House and Garden Tour, Celebrate Takoma, JazzFest and the Independence Day Parade as well as an April 18 kickoff and a 125th Anniversary celebration on June 20.

Civic organizations and neighborhoods wishing to add their own events, or volunteers willing to help, can email takomapark125th@takomaparkmd.gov.

"Aviary Wonders" Author/Artist Kate Samworth gives talk

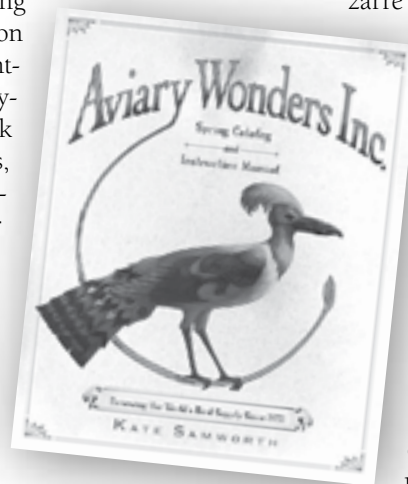
Author/artist Kate Samworth will talk about her debut book, "Aviary Wonders," on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

"Aviary Wonders: Spring Catalog and Instruction Manual" is a thought-provoking, gorgeously-illustrated picture book aimed at older kids, teens and adults. It recently won the first-ever Kirkus Prize, in the category for young readers, with judges calling it "by far one of the most creative books we have encountered." Samworth sets her book in 2035, at a time when many bird species have

disappeared and others are fast becoming extinct. Not to worry! You can assemble your own bird from the "Aviary Wonders" catalog. In a starred review, "Booklist"

noted: "Deadpan rather than didactic in presentation, this is an original, somewhat disturbing, and wholeheartedly bizarre (but in a good way!) picture book for older children. An accomplished artist working here in oil, ink, graphite and colored pencil, Samworth is equally adept at drawing the swoops and spirals of birds in flight or painting the richly colored and patterned bird parts in the opulent catalog.... An impressive picture book debut." Samworth, a Takoma Park resident, will talk about her book, how it got

started, and what she's working on now. Politics and Prose will be selling Samworth's book, but no purchase is required to attend this free event.

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charges to redeem towed vehicles based upon the weight of your vehicle. The current rates are as follows:

Vehicles under 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)

- Incomplete Tow*, \$50
- Hookup, \$100
- Mileage, \$4 per mile (12 mile maximum)
- Storage, \$20 for the first 24 hours, \$40 for each subsequent 24 hours period.

**If your car has not been lifted at least six inches off the ground, the tow company has to release it without charge. If lifted six inches or more the tow company must release it to you and you may not be charged more than \$50 for vehicles under 8,000 pounds GVWR or*

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS
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staff, the architects' proposals include the possibility of more space for collections, adequate space for children including a dedicated programming space, more study space, more space for technology access and study, and a dedicated library space for teens and teen books. Participating residents generally expressed a desire for "a 21st century library," says city manager Brian Kenner, one that diversifies the way people access the library's services and resources, and one that offers an attractive and adequate physical space.

A space program summary provides an analysis of existing space, staff and collections, and the square footage needed to provide shelving, public space and staff work space and the meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Before the December meeting, library staff reviewed an initial half dozen designs for operational requirements such as sight lines from the reference/circulation desk into different areas of the library, ac-

cess to the Community Center and Computer Center, location of restrooms, and adequacy of space for Library programs as well as impact on the landscape and the image from the street.

These deliberations and modifications resulted in three designs: one for a renovated library, and two options of an expanded library (see attached drawings).

Library Director Ellen Arnold-Robbins is pleased with the process thus far. It was prompted in part by the recommendations of Laura Isenstein, who conducted strategic planning for the Howard County Public Libraries — and that library system was named the best public library system in the country by the American Library Association. Arnold-Robbins is also encouraged by the participation from members of the community, many of whom expressed enthusiastic support for the Library in general. But they also want more books, she said, more media, refurbished space with more natural light, and comfy places to sit and read with their children.

In fact, says Arnold-Robbins, there is plenty of room for improvement at the

60-year-old building, which was last renovated in 1990. Other suggestions include space for collaborative work (since there is no study room in the current facility), and space for young adults — currently the growing collection of "YA" books is on a cart outside the children's room. Arnold-Robbins also notes that a quiet reading space would be a great addition: "We try to keep our existing space as quiet as possible, but you don't want to run around shushing people," she said.

"We really desperately want a meeting room, because the children's room is where we have almost all our programs," she added. That means staff must move the furniture two and three times a day, for two sessions of Circle Time (with 50 to 70 young children and caregivers in each session); afternoon comic-book sessions for middle-aged children; adult meetings in the evening and more. "We are constantly moving furniture," she says.

Space in the back of the library is also at a premium. Kenner describes staff office space as "cramped," and with inventory constantly moving in and out, books and

CDs and other media being packed and unpacked, it can get messy, says Arnold-Robbins. The library is also about to transition to a new integrated system used to store patron data and handle circulation and cataloging.

Next steps

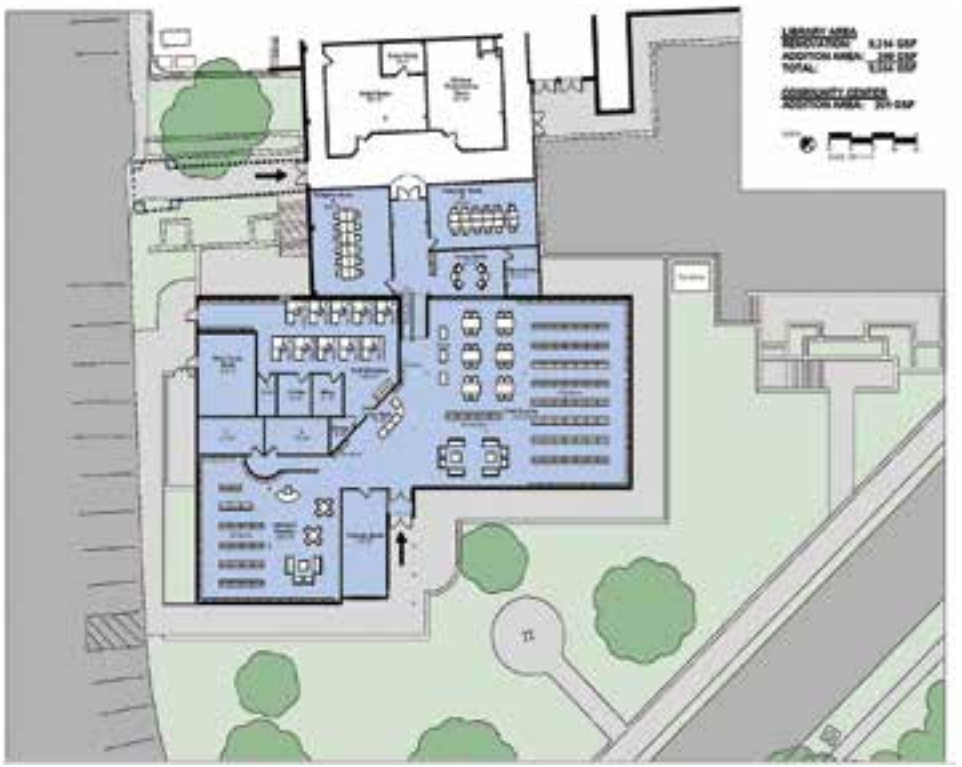
This is the year to consider the various options for library renovation, and begin to collect specifics about furniture needs and building specifications. Next year, if funding is appropriated, the project could move forward by contracting for detailed design development and the preparation of bid specifications.

Along the way, library staff and city staff want to be sure to continue to include residents in the process. The designs presented here are also available outside the Community Center auditorium, in the Library, and in the Department of Housing and Community Development as well as on the city web site.

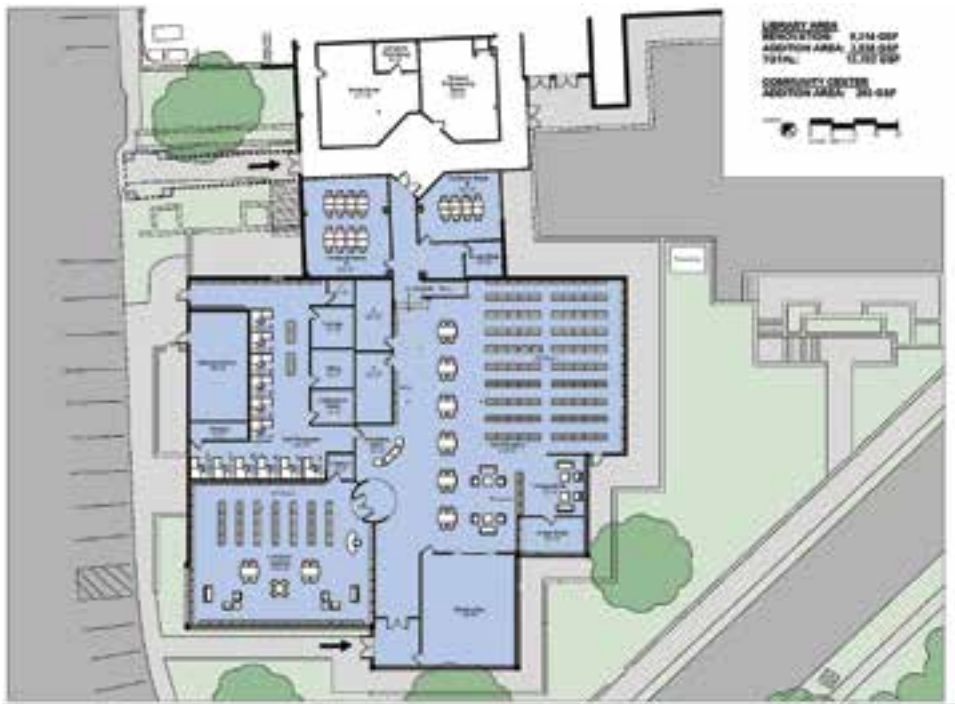
Comments and questions can be sent to Ellen Robbins at the Library, at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.



This drawing shows the library as it exists today.



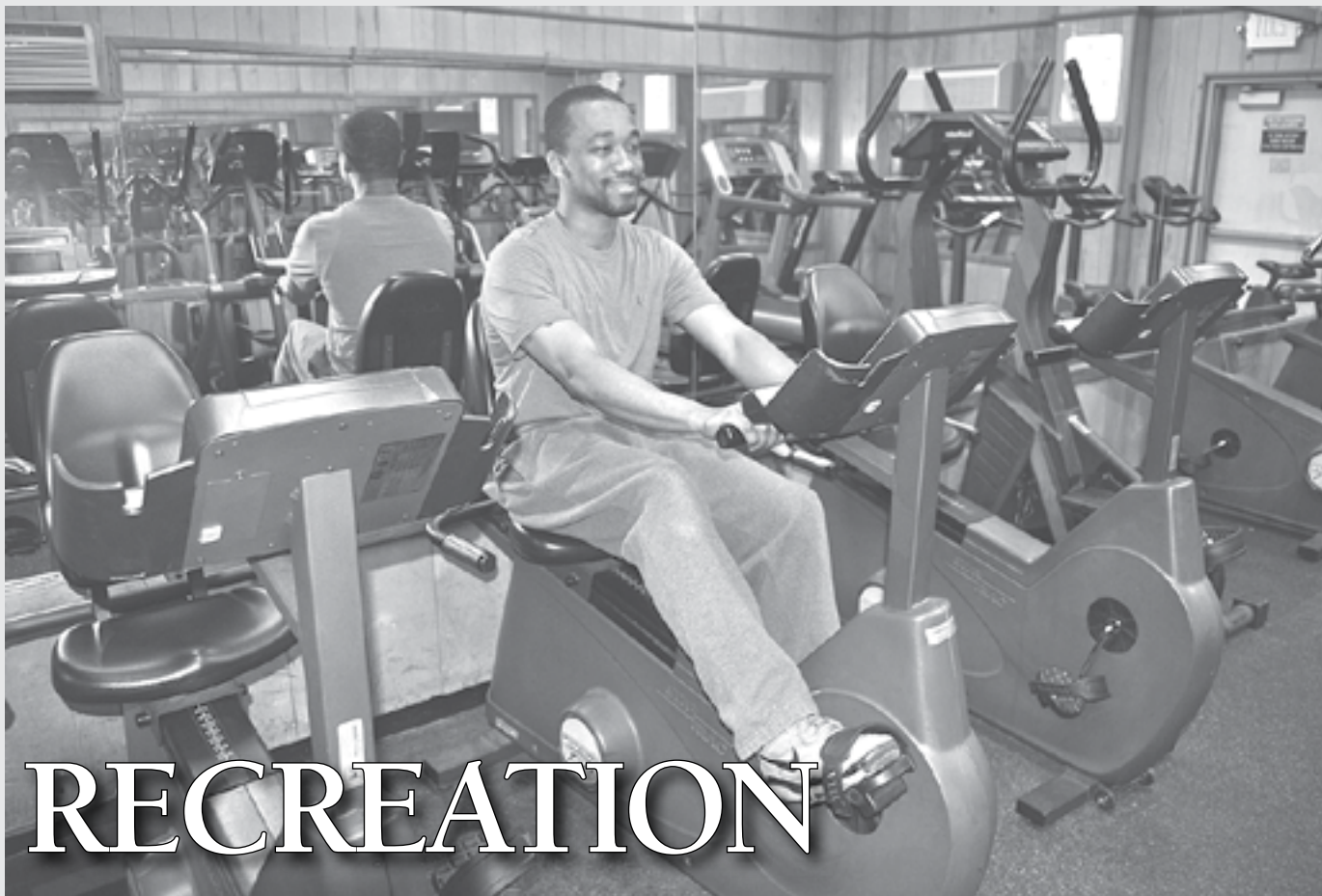
This option would rearrange use of the existing space.



This option would expand library space toward Philadelphia Avenue.



This design would expand toward Maple Avenue and relocate the exterior mosaic wall.



Save the Date: Fitness Expo Saturday, Jan. 3 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

With the New Year right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our Third Annual Fitness Expo at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness classes, programs and local community organizations. Also, we will have seminars and discussion group with community groups involved in the health profession. The expo will kick off at 8 a.m. with our first 20-minute demonstration. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, contact Jurrel Cottman at jurrelc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7289.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
All ages
Free



A full listing of our classes and programs are in the 2015 Winter City Guide or help us go green and visit us online www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

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
English Session: Mondays through June 8 10 a.m. – noon
Spanish Session: Fridays through June 12 10 a.m. – noon
Free

YOUTH

DROP IN

Kid's Night Out

Ages 6 – 12

This will be a fun-filled night for children. It will involve activities such as games, art and crafts, movies and theme nights.
TP Recreation Center
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

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
Ongoing, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Free with a Recreation Center membership card

TEENS

DANCE

Just Dance

12 – 17 years

Sign up now for our new dance class just for teens after school. Learn the fundamentals of hip-hop and modern dance. Build teamwork and communication skills through dance.

TP Community Center dance studio
Mondays, Jan. 26 – March 9, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$10
Non-residents \$15

DROP IN

Teen Lounge

Ages 13 – 17

This newly renovated special room is for teens only. Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED smart TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and special events.

TP Community Center
Teen Lounge
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 3 – 7 p.m.
Tuesday: 3 – 8 p.m.
Ongoing
Saturday and Sunday: closed

Teen Night

Ages 12 – 17

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house.

TP Recreation Center
Ongoing, second and fourth Fridays,
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting 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.

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
Mondays, Feb. 2 – March 9, 7 – 9 p.m.
Free

MULTIMEDIA

Illumination: Photography for Beginners
12 – 17 years

Tell the world your story using your eye and your images. You will explore shooting on location, experiment with creative techniques and develop your eye. No experience necessary. Must bring your own digital camera.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Thursdays, Jan. 15 – March 5, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
TP residents Free
Non-residents \$15

TRIPS

Snow-Tubing Trip

12 – 17 years

Grab your hat, scarf and gloves and join us for an evening in the snow as we head to Liberty Mountain in Pennsylvania to go snow tubing. Race down one of ten tubing lanes solo, or link up with a friend. During a break from snow tubing, hang inside the lodge and have a hot cup of cocoa. It's your day so have fun the way you like. No experience necessary. Space is limited so register now.

Meet at TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2 – 8 p.m.
TP residents \$20
Non-residents \$30

ADULTS

ART

Ceramics (Hand Building)

Ages 16 and older

Learn to sculpt and cast heads and figures. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

TP Community Center art studio
Mondays, Jan. 26 – March 23
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105

Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)

Ages 16 and older

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

TP Community Center art studio
Mondays, Jan. 26 – March 23, 6 – 8 p.m.
Wednesdays, Jan. 21 – March 11
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105

Ceramics (Sculpture)

Ages 16 and older

Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals and more. All glazes are food safe. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

TP Community Center art studio
Fridays, Jan. 23 – March 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$105

MULTIMEDIA

Adobe After Effects

Ages 16 and older

This class will show you how to utilize digital motion graphics and visual effects during the post-production process. Students will also learn how After Effects can be used as a basic non-linear editor and a media transcoder.

TP Community Center multi-media lab
Tuesday, Jan. 27 – March 17
Beginners 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$120
Advanced 7:30 – 9 p.m.



Are You a Business Looking for Summer Help?

The Recreation Department is looking for businesses to partner with for our Summer Youth Employment Program!

For more information please email recreation@takomaparkmd.gov.

Empowering Youth Through Employment

TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

Adobe InDesign

Ages 16 and older

Do you have a basic knowledge of InDesign and want to take your design and technical skills to the next level? Learn crucial design rules and time-saving shortcuts to help you create your next print project. Use the last 30 minutes of each class to develop your next project and practice your new skills under teacher supervision.

TP Community Center multi-media lab
Mondays, Jan. 26 – March 23, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

Intro to Logic Pro

Ages 16 and older

Learn skills like opening Logic Pro, exploring the interface, starting a project with Apple Loops, navigating the project, building an arrangement, mixing the song, and exporting the mix.

TP Community Center multi-media lab
Thursdays, Jan. 29 – March 19
Beginners, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$120
Advanced, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

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. We will use great music to keep you energized and motivated.

TP Community Center dance studio
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.
Session 1: Jan. 14 – Feb. 7
Session 2: Feb. 11 – March 7
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$120
Drop in \$15

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center
Ongoing, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.

Ongoing, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
\$45 per month Easy Fitness Ticket
\$120/8 week pass
\$15 drop-in

Pilates

Ages 16 and older

This fun and invigorating workout teaches controlled movements utilizing the body’s “core” abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the perfect mind and body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline and realign the body.

TP Recreation Center
Wednesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11, 6 – 7 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

Suto Dance

Suto offers professional, well-organized dance programs and annual dance performances. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students. Students are encouraged to participate for the entire 33-week program and also the two annual dance performances.

TP Recreation Center
Ongoing Saturdays
Ages 3 – 4: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Ages 5 – 12: 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ages 12 – 17: 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
Ages 16 and older: 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.
\$176/11 weeks

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 Jan. 26 – Feb. 23, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
TP residents \$50
Non-residents \$60

Yoga for Beginners (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach.

TP Community Center dance studio
Tuesdays, Jan. 20 – March 24, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

TP residents \$125
Non-residents \$145

Intermediate Yoga (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older

For the intermediate student, Iyengar Yoga takes one deeper into the poses. As one gains strength and stability one moves toward the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (beginner’s class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided.

TP Community Center dance studio
Tuesdays, Jan. 20 – March 24, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$125
Non-residents \$145

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.
TP Community Center senior room
Thursday, Jan. 22, noon – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening.

TP Community Center senior room
Thursday, Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis

Ages 55 and older

Come play this fun, energetic game. It’s a great

It’s Snowing – Is My Class Canceled?

The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if city facilities are closed and if Takoma Park Recreation programs are canceled: Get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the city’s webpage; or call the Recreation Department’s Inclement Weather Line (301-891-7101 x5606).

In general, if the federal government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the city does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9 a.m.

Fun Day – Aviation Museum and Swimming

Ages 5 – 12

Come see what it was like to pilot the very first airplane at the College Park Aviation Museum. After the museum we will be going for a swim indoors at the Rollingcrest Splash Park. Must pack a lunch. Space is limited, sign up early.

TP Community Center Azalea Room
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
TP Residents \$40
Non-residents \$50

Celebrate Takoma Committee Volunteers Needed

The Recreation Department is beginning to plan the Third Annual Celebrate Takoma Festival for Sunday, May 17, and we need your help. The festival celebrates the cultural diversity of Takoma Park. We will be looking for food, merchandise vendors and local entertainers. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Steering Committee email Debby Huffman at deborahh@takomaparkmd.gov. The Committees meet monthly in the evenings. Come join the fun.

Takoma Park to begin Multimedia classes

Beginning this month, Takoma Park will be offering several classes related to multimedia. The five classes, which all run over eight weeks, include Intro to Logic Pro, Video Editing with Final Cut Pro: Beginners, Video Editing with Final Cut Pro: Advanced, Adobe After Effects, and Adobe InDesign. Classes for both beginners and advanced users are available for Intro to Logic Pro and Adobe After Effects.

Classes are suitable for people of all experience with the programs, says Gabrielle Moskey, who teaches Adobe InDesign classes.

Moskey, a graphic design consultant in Arlington, says she plans to use her first class to teach about Macs and get students accustomed to their use. But, she says, even those with a lot of experience with InDesign can take away some useful tips and tricks from her class.

The classes are perfect for people with small businesses, she says, to be able to use the design program on their own.

Adobe After Effects, being taught by Will Bockrath, will teach students how

to use the film and television production software to use visual effects during the post-production process.

In Intro to Logic Pro, students will learn to use Apple’s music mixing software. The class, taught by Isaac Asare, will show how to build an arrangement and mix a song.

For both an introduction and more advanced lessons, Video Editing with Final Cut Pro, also taught by Asare, offers students the chance to learn video editing with Apple’s latest version of Final Cut Pro. Beginners will learn the terminology, shortcuts and general interface instructions as well as create and organize a project. For more advanced students, additional sessions cover concepts like key-framing, motion effects, color, correction, filters and slow motion.

Classes will take place in the Multi Media Lab at the Takoma Park Community Center and range from \$100-120 for Takoma Park residents to \$120-140 for non-residents.





THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Nov. 30, 2014, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 626 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 2,608 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 3,234. Totals for 2013 were 582 and 2,542, representing an increase of 110 incidents.

During the month of November 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,239 hours of standby time in the station, compared to 1,296.5 in November 2013. Grand totals of November 2014 are 15,413 hours, compared to 13,287 hours in 2013, an increase of 2,126 hours.

TPVFD celebrates 20 years of Thanksgiving dinners



A special thanks to the following for their donations for Thanksgiving dinners given out to families in need: Takoma Park VFD, Takoma Park Lions Club, and the American Legion Cissel-Saxon No.1 Auxiliary.

From left, TPVFD members Jim Jarboe and Dave Hooker pick up dinners from a local Safeway store. Each dinner cost \$49.99, and would serve six to eight people; when the project began in 1995, a dinner cost \$28.

TPVFD Tree Lot... Sold Out!

On behalf of the Takoma Park VFD we want to thank all of you that visited our Christmas tree lot. In less than two weeks, we sold out. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

Baby Sitters Class to start

The popular Takoma Park VFD Baby Sitters Class will start on Feb. 2. If interested, please contact the City Recreation Department to sign up.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Play all year: Takoma Plays plans for 2015

Pat Rumbaugh, Takoma Park's own "play lady," is hoping to hold at least one playful event each month of 2015 to celebrate the value of play through the organization she founded just a few years ago, Takoma Plays. You can keep track at www.takomaplays.org. Meanwhile, already scheduled events are listed below. Note that April and June plus October through December are



Photo courtesy Takoma Plays
You could be king for a day at a Play Day event, with Takoma Plays giant chess set. Takoma Plays anticipates plenty of fun for 2015.

open for ideas! Takoma Plays is looking for volunteers to arrange for closing off their neighborhood streets so people of all ages can come out and play.

If you want to get out on your own, Takoma Plays shares a collection of equipment such as tennis racquets, board games and jump ropes. Donations for use of the equipment are accepted, but not required. Go to www.takomaplays.org

for more information.

Play events, 2015

- Jan. 3, 2 – 4 p.m. Splash and Play Pool Party, Piney Branch Elementary School pool
- Feb. 8, 1 – 4 p.m. Mid-Winter Play Day
- March, close a street for play in Ward Six
- June 13, 7 – 10 p.m., VFW Second Annual Adult Play Day
- July 4, Picnic, Play and Parade Watch, 7301 Maple Ave., 9 a.m. – noon
- August, join National Night Out to promote play
- Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., TPMS Seventh Annual Play Day

BUILDING BRIDGES

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mental lights, as well as construct new sidewalks, upgrade existing sidewalks and improve roadway drainage.

During construction, the bridge will be closed and traffic detoured. This project is a part of SHA's bridge system preservation program, designed to maintain bridge reliability, ensure safety and extend the life of the 81-year-old structure.

The figurative building of bridges related to the project involves not only coordination between entities such as Takoma Park, SHA, Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission and the Maryland Historic Trust, but also how the city interacts with and involves the neighborhoods that will be most affected by the project.

Such bridge-building efforts were absent when the SHA began work on New Hampshire Avenue and the Sligo Creek bridge in 2013, and the lack of communication caused major problems. In that instance, SHA began the project without ever notifying the city, said Daryl Braithwaite, Takoma Park Public Works director.

"New Hampshire Avenue is a state road and the Sligo Creek Bridge falls under Parks and Planning, so SHA did not think to include the city in the process, but that resulted in us having to put a lot of Band-Aids on after the fact," she said, referring to a lack of formal rerouted traffic patterns as one of the many issues the city faced.

Braithwaite said SHA has not repeated those missteps on the Carroll Avenue Bridge project, however. "SHA has done a much better job of bringing people into the loop, whether it is city officials, the college, the hospital or any other group that will be affected," she said.

Maurice Agostino, the SHA project



Photo by Selena Malott
The Carroll Avenue bridge as seen from the trail running through Sligo Creek Park.

manager for the Carroll Avenue bridge, said that SHA officials learned from their experience with the Sligo Creek bridge. "We recognized early on with this project that a lot of preliminary coordination and public involvement was needed and we decided to get information out early," he said.

Because they have been involved in the process since the beginning and witnessed first-hand the impact of drivers finding their own ways around road closures, city officials have been planning to build bridges with the local neighborhoods that will be impacted by the project. They plan to hold a series of neighborhood meetings to identify temporary measures that

might address increased traffic on side streets adjacent to Carroll Avenue due to rerouting. Among the options, neighborhoods can advocate for are: signage, speed bumps, turn restrictions and timing restrictions.

Currently, such city actions require residents to circulate a petition and receive signatures from 2/3 of the residents in the affected area, followed by a public hearing. Because of the circumstances and its ability to plan in advance of the construction, the City Council may decide to adopt a temporary process, allowing it to coordinate all of the requests simultaneously and authorize the actions it deems appropriate, said Braithwaite.

Whatever traffic calming decisions are made, they will not be enacted until just before the bridge is actually closed for rehabilitation work. The most updated timetable for the actual closure of the bridge and rerouting of traffic is some time late in 2015, said Agostino.

Agostino said that the project design is "80 percent" complete and SHA plans to submit the construction contract for bid in mid-February. "We hope to award the contract in spring and have construction begin in late spring/early summer," he said.

After the contract is awarded, "there is still a lot of work to do before the bridge is closed down," he said.

A temporary pedestrian bridge must be constructed. The utility company will have to relocate power lines and temporary traffic signals will have to be put up before the bridge will be closed down and rehabilitation begun. Agostino estimates those processes will take between six and nine months, resulting in the late 2015 closing of the bridge to traffic.

Agostino estimates that it will then take 12 to 18 months for the project to be finished and the bridge reopened.

Girding for winter in Takoma Park, Part II

Last month we made several suggestions for winterizing your home, vehicle and protecting yourself and family (see December 2014 Newsletter). If you want to enjoy the winter wonderland, here are more areas that need attention:

- **What should you wear when outside in very cold weather?** A) one layer of very heavy clothing; B) lightweight layers of warm clothes; C) water repellent outer clothes; D) gloves; E) hat that makes you look fashionable; F) hat, preferably one that covers the ears; G) none of the above, spend the winter in the Bahamas

Answer: B, C, D, F.

When you are outside, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves. Wear a hat: A hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

- **What is the best way to shovel snow?** A) quickly; B) push the snow rather than lifting heavy loads; C) lift small segments; D) take breaks; E) have someone else do it

Answer: B, C, D

Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.

- **What is Frostbite?** A) when Frosty the snowman takes a bite out of your hand; B) when the body tissue just below the skin freezes;

Answer: B

Frostbite occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose. What to Do: Cover exposed skin, but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it up. Seek medical help immediately.

- **How do you know if someone is suffering from hypothermia?** A) they are shivering; B) they say so; C) they have been outside in very cold weather and have very low temperature.

Answer: C

Signs of hypothermia: Dangerously low body temperature; Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. What to Do: If symptoms of hypothermia are detected take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, (normal body temperature is 98.6) seek medical attention immediately. Get the person to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry

clothing. Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Note: When your body temperature drops, your heart, nervous system and other organs can't work normally. Left untreated, hypothermia can eventually lead to complete failure of your heart and respiratory system and to death.

- **If you are stuck in your car during a serious snowstorm or blizzard you should:** A) get out of the car and seek shelter; B) stay in the car; C) turn on hazard lights; D) leave the engine running the entire time with heat; E) think about why you went outside when there was a snowstorm warning, and resolve to stop this behavior.

Answer: B, C (and maybe E)

Pull off the highway or road; Contact police immediately. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window. Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. (Caution: distances are distorted by blowing snow.) Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning. Be careful

not to waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs — the use of lights, heat, and radio — with existing power. Turn on the inside light at night so work crews or rescuers can see you — drink plenty of fluids and if there are several of you in the car, make sure someone remains awake at all times.

Finally, do you know what insurance coverage you have for emergencies? Review and make necessary changes now.

Enjoy the winter and be glad we have four seasons!

Written by the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

Lawn Care Workshop

Natural Lawn and Landscape Management in Takoma Park

Tuesday
January 20th
10am-4pm

Auditorium
Takoma Park
Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

Learn how you can have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides!

The City of Takoma Park and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management. The workshop will focus on a **Systems Approach to Natural Turf Management**, which integrates three concepts: an understanding of the soil and its biomass; sound management techniques; and the use of natural, organic products. All attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the nation's expert on lawn and turf care!

Workshop Trainers:

Chip Osborne, president of Osborne Organics, has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist.

Jay Feldman, director of Beyond Pesticides (founded in 1981), member of the National Organic Standards Board, is an expert on pesticide effects and alternatives.

Mike Welsh is the city gardener and maintains city gardens. He will be talking about his experience with organic lawn care.

This workshop is being held to support successful implementation of the Safe Grow Act of 2013, which fits into the City's strategic plan to lead community efforts in environmental sustainability.

Learn more at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/safegrow

JANUARY '15

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 February issue is Jan. 20, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Jan. 30. 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, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.*
Monday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 26, 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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

Splash and Play Pool Party

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2 – 4 p.m.
Piney Branch Elementary School indoor pool, 7610 Maple Ave.
Sponsored by Takoma Plays
www.takomaplays.org

Pay to Play: Democracy's High Stakes

Friday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
The film is the second in a series about how unlimited cash in our elections is affecting our democracy.
Free

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
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Teen Night

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

Food Truck Fridays

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

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

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

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

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends
Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St., NW

The Grapevine Storytelling Series

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate the timeless art of the bards with stories of all kinds, featuring Regi Carpenter and Noa Baum.
Suggested \$10 donation
TP Community Center auditorium
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Dichotomy Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Featuring mixed media work by Shanthi Chandrasekar, Elisabeth Hudgins and Nimi Trehan as well as ceramics from Art for the People
Free
TP Community Center
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Sligo Creek Stompers and Lulu's Fate

Friday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Cafe@Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Old-time Appalachian, Celtic and New Orleans music
\$16 in advance \$20 at door
www.carrollcafe.org

RECREATION

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way to improve eye-hand coordination. Helps keep the body healthy and the mind sharp.
Drop-in.

TP Community Center game room
Ongoing, Mondays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class

Ages 55 and older

Learn to use the Internet, a word-processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers, and take this course. Limit six. Instructors: Phil Shapiro, Jim Mueller, Jane Hawkanon. Six weeks. In-person pre-registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Computer Center
Wednesdays, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11, 10 a.m. – noon
\$10
Library card fees: Free/Takoma Park residents, \$37/Montgomery County residents, and \$60/Non-Montgomery County residents

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Cardio Groove Classes

Ages 55 and older

High energy and easy to follow. 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. Moves follow the beat of music designed for aerobics, flowing from a great sound system. Instructor: Nancy Nickell. For more information contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

Tales of Magic and Wonder

Saturday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Celebrated storytellers Noa Baum and Candace Wolf share a feast of imagination and delight with tales from around the world.
For ages 5 and up
Free

Flower Avenue house concert

Saturday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m.
7502 Flower Ave.
Mozart Eb Piano Quartet K. 493; Gabriel Fauré Piano Quartet #2 in G minor, Op. 45
Sonya Hayes, violin; Matthew Maffett, viola; Sean Neidlinger, cello; Carl Banner, piano
\$20
www.dcmusicaviva.org

Joan and Joni Tribute Concert with Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 pm.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Honoring Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell
\$15 advance, \$20 door; students and children \$12 advance, \$17 door
www.imtfolk.org

Third Thursday Poetry

Thursday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Featuring poets Megan Edan, Joelle Bielle and more.
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

TP Community Center dance studio
Thursdays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Free

Fitness Room Equipment Orientation *Ages 55 and older*

Join Rochelle Coleman, certified fitness instructor, for a one-time orientation for instruction on using the fitness equipment. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Recreation Center fitness room
Thursdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Full Body Fusion

Ages 55 and older

Active adults age 55 and older will enjoy this low-impact, full-body workout to music. Elements of balance, movement, strengthening and yoga blend to create a fun, functional and energetic workout. Bring an exercise mat to class. Instructor: Jaylene Sarracino. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Tuesdays, Jan 13 – March 3, 1 – 2 p.m.
Free

Indoor Walking Group

Ages 55 and older

Don't worry about the weather. Join your neighbors and friends for indoor laps. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Thursdays, Jan. 6 – March 31, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Senior Free Fitness Pass

Ages 55 and older

This is a pass that is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for seniors 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. You

Two Documentaries: "Life of Cheng Se Tseo" and "Chinatown"

Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Two short films about the Chinese American experience
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Free

Casa de Lata

Friday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Casona de Lata features Spanish language theatrical performances by actors from across the Washington Metropolitan area. Storytelling, one act plays, poetry and more.
Free

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All Stars

Saturday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Featuring an interactive mix of traditional children's songs, family-friendly folk and pop songs, and Mr. Gabe originals, featuring acoustic guitar, electric bass, violin and singing.
For ages 0-6.
Free

El Barrio Tambien Canta

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
El Barrio Tambien Canta features live musical performances from across Latin America including bachata, ranchera, baladas, cumbia, and reggaeton.

UPCOMING

The Visual Made Verbal

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
TP Community Center auditorium
Joel Snyder uses video and dialogue to lead the audience in a discovery of how performance, film, and visual displays are made accessible for growing audiences of people who are blind or have low vision, using audio description. Snyder has used the same technique for nationally broadcast videos (including both of President Obama's inaugurations on ABC-TV
Free

can register today at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.
TP Recreation Center fitness room
Ongoing, Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 9 p.m.
Ongoing, Tuesday – Thursday, noon – 2 p.m. (55 plus only)
Ongoing, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis Skills

Ages 55 and older

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. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Recreation Center front room
Thursdays, Feb. 19 – March 26, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun and Fitness

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. Instructor: Coach SJ, Moving Forward Tennis.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Thursdays, Jan. 8 – March 5, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold - Saturdays

Designed for the active older adult, this fun class will keep you moving and grooving to the happy beat.
Saturdays, Jan. 17 – March 21, 2 – 2:45 p.m.
TP Community Center dance studio
Free