Neighborhoods to compete for prizes in energy contest

Takoma Park launches sustainability effort to reduce energy use, win $5 million

Neighbors will be vying to see who can get the most homes Green Home Certified this year – and who will win cash prizes as a result – as Takoma Park launches its effort to win the $5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition this month. This Neighborhood Energy Challenge is one way Takoma Park is involving residents in the two-year competition to show the most energy-efficient improvements among cities across the nation.

The Neighborhood Energy Challenge includes apartment and condo buildings as well as single-family homes, with separate prizes for single family homes and multifamily buildings. Everyone can compete, and city staff are challenging residents in the two-year competition to show the most energy-efficient improvements among cities across the nation.

Montgomery College renovation to be complete in fall

By Kevin Adler

A planned $8 million renovation of Pavilion 3 at Montgomery College-Takoma Park/Silver Spring is proceeding on schedule, and although some conflicts have occurred with neighbors over construction activity, the parties say that communication has defused tensions.

“We began in the summer. Our construction firm, HESS Construction, is proceeding as planned,” said Montgomery College Provost Dr. Brad J. Stewart. “They encountered a few unexpected conditions, such as needing to do additional stormwater management, but everything is on track.”

“The College is the single most significant presence in the neighborhood, and it’s difficult to live in such close proximity when major construction is taking place,”}

City weighs in on hospital move

Supports free-standing emergency room, if feasible

By Suzanne Ludlow

On Feb. 9, the City of Takoma Park submitted comments to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) regarding the application of Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) to move its hospital to Plum Orchard Road in the White Oak area of Montgomery County. The comments reflect recommendations the City Council set forth in its Resolution 2015-5 on Jan. 26 as well as a more detailed document submitted on Feb. 9, prepared by the city attorney, responding to the specifics of the hospital’s Certificate of Need application to move.

The resolution states that “the City of Takoma Park supports the ongoing financial viability of WAH and respectfully accepts the likelihood of the proposed relocation.” The resolution goes on to urge the MHCC to ensure the continued 24/7 availability of urgent and emergency health care in Takoma Park, the availability of excellent primary care services in Takoma Park, and the maintenance of the Takoma Park campus as an attractive property.

The resolution also calls for a study of the option of having a freestanding emergency department in Takoma Park. If the option is found to be financially and technically feasible, it calls on Adventist HealthCare to diligently pursue establishing one.

Recognizing the negative economic impact of having a major health facility that is also the city’s largest employer move out of Takoma Park, the resolution calls for Adventist HealthCare and the city to work jointly to pursue resources from county, state and federal agencies to mitigate the economic impacts of the move.

City comments on the proposed move are in part reflective of resident input, gathered at public hearings, during public comments at City Council meetings, and through written submissions to the Maryland Health Care Commission.

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

**ORDINANCE 2015-3**
Adopted Jan. 26, 2015
Amending the Takoma Park Code to add Chapter 8.44, Filming and Photography
Adds a new chapter in the city code to enable a permit requirement, application procedure and standards for review of applications for filming and photography in the city.

**ORDINANCE 2015-5**
Adopted Jan. 26, 2015
Authorizing Renewal of a Contract with Userful for Computers, Software and Support
Authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Userful Corporation for an additional three-year contract for computers, software and support for the Computer Learning Center and Library. The contract amount is $30,135.

**ORDINANCE 2015-6**
Adopted Jan. 26, 2015
Authorizing Purchase of Kronos Timekeeping Software
Authorizes execution of a contract for a time keeping and attendance system for hourly workers on city staff. The initial cost will include $5,000 for implementation and an annual cost of $12,643.

**ORDINANCE 2015-7**
Adopted Jan. 26, 2015
Authorizing Expansion of the Contract with Contract Video Specialists, Inc. for the City TV

**TAKOMA PARK AT 125!**
Takoma Park celebrates 125 years as a municipality in 2015. The celebration kicks off on Saturday, April 18, in the Takoma Park Community Center with a reception for past and present mayors and councilmembers, a cake cutting and a presentation by Historic Takoma in the auditorium. Mark your calendar and watch for additional details next month. For information or to volunteer, contact Peggy Washington at peggyew@takomaparkmd.gov.

**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. View information at www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7257 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

- **City Council**
  - **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/calendar. 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 301-891-7257 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.
  
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- **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 the acting city manager, Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzannet@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

- **REMINDER**: Applications due on #11 for historic preservation credit. Details w/Montgomery County Planning Department & MNCPPC: http://bit.ly/1weheRy

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- **www.facebool.com/TakomaParkMD**
**COUNCIL ACTION**

**ORDINANCE 2015-8**

Adopted Feb. 9

Amends the contract with Contract Video Specialists, Inc. to reflect an equipment upgrade to high definition and related improvements for City TV, for a cost not to exceed $180,000.

**RESOLUTION 2015-8**

Adopted Feb. 9

Recognizes the contributions that Brian Kenner made to the city during his tenure and wishes him well as he moves to his new post as D.C. Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

**RESOLUTION 2015-7**

Adopted Feb. 9

Expressing Appreciation to Those Who Contributed Towards the Purchase of Parcel 3

Expresses deep appreciation to the “Plan B” residents group for their financial donations towards the bid for the Washington-McLaughlin Parcel 3 property, resolves that donations over the $53,000 that was specifically dedicated for the bid will go towards the additional costs related to the acquisition or towards a fund dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of wooded open space in the city, and assures transparency on use of the contributions.

**RESOLUTION 2015-10**

Adopted Feb. 9

Providing for an Appointment to the Safe Roadways Committee

Appoints Nicholas Finio, Ward 3 resident, to the Safe Roadways Committee.

**GREENING TAKOMA PARK**

**Where we are, where we are going**

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**Savings energy all over**

As Takoma Park enters the Georgetown Energy Prize competition (see page 1), we review its already-established sustainability bona fides, illustrated by the following programs. Clockwise, from top:

- The city’s tree programs require tree protection measures when working around a tree, a permit for cutting down a live tree (which requires tree replanting) and a $100 rebate for residents who plant a tree on their property.
- Several community gardens amplify the “eat local” mantra in Takoma Park. This set of organic plots is on Orchard Avenue in Ward 3.
- Capital Bikeshare has five stations in Takoma Park, getting people out of their cars and onto non-polluting bicycles.
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Prepared by Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

YAC Attack
The Young Activists Club celebrated significant accomplishments in creating more sustainably green policies in Takoma Park with a Valentine’s event, Love the Earth, Stop Trashing It! on Feb. 13. The event involved a litter clean-up activity and a press conference describing the club’s recent victories banning styrofoam in local schools and eateries. The club also unveiled its new Adopt-A-Spot and announced a new composting program. For more information, see www.youngactivistclub.org or check them out on Facebook.

First Time Home Buyer Class
Saturday, April 25 • 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

- Expert speakers from a lending institution, title company, real estate office, insurance and inspection firms
- Learn entire process for buying a house/condo
- Sponsored by a HUD-approved housing agency
- Certificate of Completion awarded to attendees

Pre-Registration Required
301-891-7222 or lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov
Free for Takoma Park residents /
$25 for non-residents
Continental breakfast will be served

Emergency Three
Three things to prepare you for emergencies in Takoma Park

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Property tax credit can lower taxes for Takoma Park residents

Homeowners’ and renters’ tax credit applications now available

Many Takoma Park residents are eligible to limit the amount of property tax they must pay, if they meet certain income, net worth and ownership criteria. To find out if you qualify, you can apply for the Homeowners and Renters’ Property Tax Credit.

The program is designed to help low or fixed-income home owners or renters by limiting the amount they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation every year.

Applications are now available for the 2015 tax year, at www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrtc. Deadline for filing is Sept. 1, 2015, but filing by May 1 may mean that the credit is applied directly to residents’ July 1, 2015 tax bill. Otherwise any credit would be received later.

Homeowners’ tax credit

The maximum property assessment eligible for the credit is $300,000, which means that even though your home may be assessed for an amount over this amount, it’s only the first $300,000 of its assessed value that will be counted for this credit. Here are the basic requirements for the program:

- Must own or have legal interest in the property
- Must be your principal residence
- Your net worth, not including the value of your home or qualified retirement savings/accounts must be less than $200,000 as of 12/31/14
- Your gross household income cannot exceed $60,000

Renters’ tax credit

As a renter, you may be eligible if you meet certain guidelines because it has been deemed that a certain portion of your rent is used to pay property taxes. Credits are calculated according to total household income (gross income before deductions).

- Rental unit must be principal residence for a minimum of six months and you must be lease holder.
- Eligibility guidelines are different for persons who are 100 percent disabled or over 60 years old, than they are for those under 60 years old. If under 60 years old, you have to have had at least one dependent under the age of 18 living with you during 2014 and you cannot be receiving federal or state housing subsidies. Income limits for the renters’ tax credit program are more restrictive (for example, people younger than 60 years and living in a household of two cannot exceed $16,057 gross annual household income).

To obtain an application for the home owners’ or renters’ tax credit program go to www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrtc or for further information, you can call the State of Maryland at 1-800-944-7403.

Takoma Junction developer drops out

City continues to consider proposals for revitalization

One developer has dropped out of consideration for the Takoma Junction redevelopment project, and interest among residents remains high as the City Council with proposals that include various options at City Council listen to proposals for revitalization, and Neighborhood Development Company continues to consider various proposals for revitalization at Takoma Junction.

Three developers are still working with City Council with proposals that include a center for developmentally disabled adults, mixed-income cohousing, and an urban farm. Community Three has dropped its proposal for a pedestrian-oriented, three-story build-out of cafes, storefronts, and residences. Citing an increased workload since the proposal began a year ago, Community Three President Grant Epstein said the company could not give the project the level of attention required to move forward effectively – but that the company would continue to look for other opportunities to develop in Takoma Park.

The remaining three developers are The Ability Project, Keystone Eco Housing and Neighborhood Development Company. Their plans are fluid at this point, changing as the needs of the community continue to surface. They met with City Council in early February to discuss details such as financial viability, and they have continued to solicit feedback from the community.

Residents have actively weighed in on the various options at City Council listening sessions, and can stay abreast of the changes and developments in the process here www.takomaparkmd.gov/ncd/tako ma-junction-rlp.

BUILDING COMMUNITY
"Girl Power" events celebrate Women’s History Month

Music, dance and film represent art from India, Lebanon and U.S.

The We Are Takoma series presents three events exploring the role of women in society – through music, dance and documentary film.

Madame Parliamentarian
Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Free

The documentary film Madame Parliamentarian explores the role of women in the Lebanese parliament. Although Lebanon is considered the most progressive nation in the Arab world and women have voted since the 1950s in fairly equal proportion to men, only four of the 128 Lebanese parliament members today are women. This film explores the reasons why and illustrates ways in which women view, and are viewed in, their roles of active participation in Lebanon’s political life.

A discussion with filmmaker Rouane Itani will follow the screening. The screening is presented in partnership with Docs In Progress. Visit www.madameparliamentarian.com to learn more about the film.

Women Folk
Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
$10 suggested donation

While some area music venues may still under-represent female performers in their lineups, “We Are Takoma” is highlighting the feminine with original music from six award-winning mid-Atlantic singer songwriters. Performers include Mary Amato (award-winning songwriter and author of the young adult novels “Guitar Notes” and “Get Happy”), Suzanne Brindamour (award-winning TV/film composer and Just Plain Folks award nominee); Greta Ehrig (winner of multiple Individual Artist Awards from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and the Maryland State Arts Council); Audrey Engdahl (WAMMIE nominee and winner of the Parents’ Choice Award); Kipyn Martin (two-time winner of the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Gold Award); and Annette Wasilik (Mid-Atlantic Song Contest folk semifinalist). Influences range from Irish folk ballads to Americana, from Lucinda Williams to Joni Mitchell, with lyric-driven songs for guitar, ukulele, piano and voice.

The Girl Child Project
Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m.
$10 suggested donation

Through modern dance and Indian classical dance, this event explores the challenges girls face from birth, at home and out in the world. It is a collaboration with internationally renowned flautist Deepak Ram, modern dance company Light Switch Dance Theatre and the classical Indian dance company Natyabhoomi School of Dance.

The dances explore how communities are affected when women experience atrocities and how girls and women transform in their experiences in the world – experiences that are shaped by gender.

Proceeds from this event support the Montgomery County Women’s Shelter.
YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio II – Drawing and Watercolor
Ages 11 – 14
Learn to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed-media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students are welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School.
TP Community Center art studio
Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
TP residents $145
Non-residents $165

Drama and Theater
Dungeons and Dragons
Ages 9 – 10
They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.”
TP Community Center auditorium
Thursdays, March 5 – March 26, 4 – 6 p.m.
TP residents $65
Non-residents $65

Teen Spring Break Career Week
Teen Spring Break Camp – Career Week
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 Xbox 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 on special events for an amazing time.
TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 3 – 7 p.m.
Tuesdays 3 – 8 p.m.

Teen Night
Ages 13 – 17
The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, fun and safe 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

Teen Lounge
Ages 13–17
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REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 15 AT 8:30 A.M. FOR SPRING AND SUMMER CLASSES
Spring and Summer Programs
Extended Care for the 2015-2016 School Year
Ongoing
TP residents $55
Non-residents $65

T-Ball League 2015
Kindergarten – first grade
This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basics of imaginary baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring their own baseball glove. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Volunteer coaches are a key element of this program’s success.
Ed Wilhelm Field and Belle Ziegler Park
June 6 – July 25 (8 weeks)
Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon
TP residents $60
Non-residents $70

SCHOOL YEAR

Teen Cheerleading/Step Camp
Ages 6 – 12
Learn cheer and step routines and chants, and develop coordination, confidence and a positive team attitude. This camp will also help promote technical and artistic growth of the participant. All materials included. Before and after care available for an additional fee. To register, visit www.marylandcheerchargers.org.
TP Community Center auditorium
Monday – Friday, April 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents $175
Non-residents $195

Sportsstacular Camp
Ages 9 – 12
Whether you’re looking for classics or wacky games you’ll love this sports-filled week. Challenge yourself to compete in good old-fashioned games and crazy new ones, plus everything in between; the best part is none is involved in a screen. We’re all about team spirit and good sportsmanship while we explore the world of Super Sports. Before and after care available for an additional fee for youth camps. For more information contact Michael Kurland at 301-891-7259 or michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, April 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents $125
Non-residents $145

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ADULTS

ART

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 principals of design, and explore creative 2- and 3-D assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for all levels.
TP Community Center art studio
Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP residents $515
Non-residents $545

Registration begins March 16 at 8:30 a.m. for Spring and Summer Classes

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

YOUTH

Dribble, Pass and Shoot Basketball Camp
Ages 5 – 12
Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Before and after care available for an additional fee for youth camps.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Monday – Friday, April 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

$200
Cheerleading/Step Camp
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Teen Sportstacular Camp – Career Week
Ages 13 – 17
Spring Break Career Week is quickly approaching. What are you going to do with all of this valuable spare time? Ever wonder what type of profession will fit your future? During Career Week, we’ve invited a few professionals to stop by to guide participants in exploring some of today’s hottest careers. Participants will receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away field trips.
TP Community Center teen lounge
Monday – Friday, April 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
TP residents, $100 per week/Non-residents, $120 per week

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For the past 18 months, fitness coaches Stacey Julien and Jeannette Chandler (owners of StayJay Fitness) have been teaching Boom! Body Boot Camp at the Takoma Park Community Center. This course is designed to provide a high-intensity workout for those who are seriously committed to getting in better shape and living healthier lifestyles. The Boot Camp is geared to women who are ready to make a health change, but too often let careers, family and life get in the way. Both Julien and Chandler are married and parents of young children and know firsthand the obstacles that may arise while attempting to become and stay fit. Julien, a former first-place figure competitor, transformed her body into “the sculpted machine” through diet and exercise during her six-year span as a competitor. During this time, she developed a desire to help others do what she learned to do for herself.

Chandler, a former Washington Redskins Cheerleader, spent four years entertaining, traveling the world and evolving into an elite athlete. Her time spent as a professional cheerleader and dietitian intensified her passion to become a fitness coach.

In April 2013, realizing how tough it is to stay in shape with a time-crunch schedule, Julien and Chandler started StayJay Fitness, a company geared toward motivating women to live healthier lifestyles. Their mission has been to promote health, fitness and spiritual wellness, ultimately creating what they call, “A Better You.” They use music, support and motivation throughout their workouts to keep participants energized and ready to work. “Women are important in this world to let ourselves go,” says Chandler. “Join the revolution of women gettin’ it in.”

Classes are held in the dance studio at the Takoma Park Community Center on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. This has become a popular class in a short period of time, so space is limited. The next session starts March 11 and registration has already opened. To find out more about StayJay Fitness and to sign up visit www.stayjayfitness.com.
The Caldecott Medal and the Newbery Medal are often called “the Oscars” of the world of children’s literature because of the excitement they inspire among kids, parents, librarians, teachers and other children’s book lovers. The American Library Association bestows the awards annually. The Caldecott is given to the artist of the “most distinguished American picture book for children,” while the Newbery is given to the author of the “most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.”

Both awards mean immediate fame and a good amount of fortune for the writing, illustrating, and winning books rarely go out of print. The financial power of the awards is undeniable. Look, for example, at the Amazon sales rank for the just-announced 2015 Caldecott Medal winner, “The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend,” written and illustrated by Dan Santat. Shortly after the February 2 announcement that the book had won the Caldecott Medal, people tell me to get ready for “the book discussion of a lifetime.” Our committee is comprised of 15 members: children’s librarians in both public and school libraries, academics who specialize in children’s literature, and one person who is the head of Quaker school but has a background in children’s literature.

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We had our first meeting in January at the American Library Association’s mid-winter meeting in Chicago. For the rest of this year, we will immerse ourselves in “picture books,” a category that can include everything from traditional picture books to illustrated non-fiction books, and even “The Crossover,” written by Kwame Alexander. In fact, both books briefly went out of print until their publishers could reprint them to meet the new demand.

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ENERGY CONTEST

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dents to get involved to see which team of residents can get the biggest reduction in energy use. Even businesses can help, says Gina Mathias, Takoma Park’s sustainability manager, by supporting the challenge and providing resources to residents. “All of our energy use counts,” she says. “Reducing energy use at home will help the city reduce greenhouse gas emissions — and help the city win the Energy Prize,” says Mathias. “By helping the city achieve its energy reduction goals, we will be showing the country Takoma Park’s long commitment to leading the way for environmental sustainability.” The challenge will also build community, she adds, as residents work together to explore ways to reduce energy use.

The Neighborhood Energy Challenge will run for one full year, from March 1, 2015 through Feb. 28, 2016. Winners will be determined by a panel of judges using a number of criteria including actual utility use data.

Teams can form around already established neighborhood associations or be made up of residents living in close proximity on adjoining streets. Neighborhood teams can register with Mathias by emailing ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

The prize money awarded to the winning neighborhoods(s) and multifamily buildings(s) may be used in a variety of ways. The exact amount of each prize is yet to be determined, but the prize money will allow winning neighborhoods to make community improvements, such as new community gardens, new benches, LED lighting in common areas, or to help neighbors in need. There will be a full suite of prizes and incentives throughout the competition.

Green home certification

The city’s new Green Home Certification program is an important part of the Neighborhood Energy Challenge. The ongoing certification program will evolve each year to emphasize a new annual sustainability effort. This year’s emphasis is on energy, with three Green Home Certified levels — Light Green, Medium Green, and Dark Green.

Think you are Dark Green already? Residents who are ahead of the curve can get certified and then share their strategies with neighbors by becoming “energy champions” and hosting a showcase for neighbors. “Dark Green” homeowners can help others learn how to save energy, and move their neighborhoods toward winning the Neighborhood Energy Challenge.

Light green and just getting started? Those new to the sustainability movement may schedule a free appointment with the Takoma Park sustainability manager for energy coaching.

Renters and multifamily building dwellers can also get Green Home Certified. Saving energy while renting or living in a multifamily building can be a real challenge, says Mathias, but she says she can help residents devise an energy saving strategy just the same. For example, she can help start a green team in a multifamily building; help residents talk with property managers about ways to reduce energy use and available financing and rebate programs; and provide free tenant education and fun events to get everyone involved.

For more information or to get started, contact Mathias at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov, or 301-891-7623.

AWARD SEASON

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to graphic novels. The Caldecott criteria specify that the books must be published this year, and that the illustrator must be American or live in the United States, but that still leaves a lot of books to read!

The 2015 Caldecott Committee’s choices demonstrate the wide variety of possible winners. The committee gave the gold medal to “The Noisy Paint Box,” a picture book for young children, but they also named a record six picture books for young children, but they also named a record six Caldecott Honor books.

The honor books include: a picture book for children ages 13 up, although most previous Caldecott Medal winners and Honor Books have been for young children or kids up through age 10 or so.

As a member of the 2016 Caldecott Committee, I’ll be reading — and studying the illustrations of — hundreds of books this year. I’ll be taking careful notes, making monthly suggestions to other committee members of books they shouldn’t miss (and reading the books they suggest each month), and listening to suggestions by kids, parents, teachers and other librarians of great potential Caldecott books they are reading. Our library’s Caldecott Club is another invaluable source for book suggestions and so are our book-loving library patrons, both kids and adults. Feel free to pass on your suggestions to me.

While we’ll be reading hundreds of books, each committee member only gets seven nominations — three in October, two in November, and two in December. Those nominations will comprise our final list, and one of the books on that list will be the ultimate winner of the 2016 Caldecott Medal. But that list — like the committee’s deliberations — is secret, and must ever remain secret.

The secrecy surrounding the final decision is a key part of the rules governing the Caldecott committee. In fact, we’ll actually be having our final deliberations (at the beginning of January 2016 in Boston) in a locked room, and what happens in that room, stays in that room. As my fellow librarians say, we’ll be carrying the secrets of our discussion “to the grave.”

Overall, my Caldecott year will be filled with both lots of work (all volunteer, but a true labor of love) and great reading. And then there’s the thrill of the moment, when with great fanfare on the morning of Jan. 11, 2016, our Caldecott choices finally will be announced to the world.

Takoma Park resident Karen MacPherson has been the children’s and youth services coordinator at the Takoma Park Library for more than eight years. Originally a journalist with Scripps Howard News Service, reporting on everything from nuclear weapons labs to education policy, she left the high-pressure news world and switched careers to pursue a lifelong love of children’s literature. She earned her master’s in library science from the University of Maryland. Her experience raising two children, writing a syndicated column on children’s books, and her hours spent with the children of Takoma Park amid the stacks, at Circle Time and at the many activities she organizes at the library, also informs her approach to books for children.

Who Can Participate?

You Can Do / How to Participate

Single family homes residents

Home owners and renters

Energy coaching

Get green home certified

Host a neighborhood meeting with the sustainability manager

Tell your friends and neighbors

Help your neighbors get green home certified

Multifamily building residents

Renters and condo owners

Energy coaching

Get green home certified

Host a building or floor meeting with the sustainability manager

Start a “Green Team” in your building

Help your neighbors get green home certified

Volunteers

Help spread the word! Talk with the sustainability manager

If you are interested in volunteering to help with canvassing, mailings, special meetings and special events.

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Help: A phone call away

Street lights are out, a water main breaks, a hazardous tree is about to fall – who do you call?

- Utility emergencies
  - Electricity problems: Pepco 202-872-3432
  - Gas services: Washington Gas 703-750-1400
  - Water or sewer problems: WSSC 301-206-4002
- Street lights: Pepco 202-833-7500
- Have the 10-digit number on the light pole and the street address ready when you call

- Tree problems: Takoma Park Public Works 301-891-7612
- Animal control: Montgomery County, 240-773-5900
- Abandoned vehicles/non-emergency: Takoma Park Police 301-270-1100
- Sidewalk danger, storm drain problems, parking meter problems: Takoma Park Public Works 301-891-7633
- Trash problems: Takoma Park Code Enforcement, 301-891-7255
- Fire hydrant problems: WSSC, 301-206-4002

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College Renovation

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all, vice president of Historic Takoma, who lives about a block from the campus.

Pavilion 3, located off Takoma Avenue near New York Avenue, was built in 1975, and it housed classrooms and offices prior to the renovation. When the upgrade is completed, it will be the home of both the English Department and the American English Language Program, the latter of which helps non-native speakers bring their writing up to college standards.

“Working with these students is integral to what we do,” said Stewart. “Many students who come to our school are immigrants or they are the children of immigrants. English is rarely spoken in their homes.”

Having the English and English Language programs in the same building will be a boon to teachers, who have been scattered in several buildings on campus. Many have been working in cubicles in Pavilion 4 during the construction project next door.

“What I’m most excited about is that we will have six high-tech equipped classrooms in Pavilion 3. The latest pedagogy for English Language Programs is classroom access to computers so that teachers can provide immediate feedback about students’ writing,” Stewart said.

Stewart has been the force behind new buildings on campus, but he and community members say that the hero of the Pavilion 3 project is Dr. G. Dewey Yeatts, vice president for Facilities and Security. Yeatts brokered a compromise in July 2013 to scale back the project, and he has been a liaison between the college, community, the City of Takoma Park, Montgomery County and HESS Construction ever since.

Pavilion 3 was opposed by neighbors when it was built four decades ago, and they have long lobbied for it to be torn down and turned into a small park, according to Pearsall. “It cut right through the neighborhood, and it’s too close to homes,” she said.

The issues came to a head in spring 2013 when the college proposed the renovation that would keep it developed for many decades more. The renovation included expanding both Pavilion 3’s on-the-ground footprint and raising its roof line.

Neighbors and Takoma Park City Council members said that the college was not living up to a 2002 agreement in which the college promised to regularly consult with the City of Takoma Park about “major changes or alterations...at the earliest practical change.” Angry discussions ensued, and there was even informal talk of litigation.

The firehouse report

By Jim Jarboe

As of Jan. 31, 2015, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 49 fire-related incidents in 2015. The department addressed or assisted with 227 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 276. Totals for 2014 were 58 and 249, representing a decrease of 31 incidents.

During the month of January 2015, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,522.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,338.5 hours in January 2014, an increase of 184 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of February 17, 2015, 14 people have died in fires, as compared to nine in 2014.

Slips and falls a seasonal hazard

The cold, snow and ice may still be here, and so is the potential for injuries, whether inside or outside. Please be aware of your surroundings as you move around.

Hospital move

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city clerk. City Council and many residents have pressed Washington Adventist Hospital to keep some health services in Takoma Park, and are particularly concerned about urgent care and emergency care.

Background information, including Resolution 2015-5, and the Feb. 9 submission to the MHCC can be found on the city’s website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/wah. After reviewing the information submitted by various parties, MHCC will determine next steps in its consideration of the hospital’s Certificate of Need application. Steps may include requests for more information or a hearing. As city staff learns more, they will update the website, www.takomaparkmd.gov with that information.

College renovation

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COLLEGE RENOVATION

Pavilion 3, under construction at Montgomery College.
**Skateboarders invited to Shred the Streets 2015**

The phrase “skateboarding safety” may seem like an oxymoron since many people, skateboarding seems like an inherently risky activity. But there is a way to enjoy the thrill of skating and still stay safe.

This month Takoma Park will hold a workshop that shows how, with local skater Matt Verdell leading activities at the city’s own skate park. The event will involve a hands-on skate course and information on a variety of skate-related topics. The skate park has been a popular spot for skaters since it opened in 2012. Many young residents also skate to school on a regular basis. Lucy Neher, Safe Routes to School coordinator, wants to reach this active population of skaters to be sure they continue to have fun—but stay safe while doing it.

The workshop, called Shred the Streets 2015, is scheduled for March 28 from noon to 2 p.m. at the skate park in Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park, behind Piney Branch Elementary School. To participate, skaters must bring their own boards and helmets. There will also be food and prizes. RSVPs are requested—just email lucy@takomaparkmd.gov.

Neher hopes to continue to get the word out about the importance of wearing a helmet while skateboarding, a key way to reduce the risk of head injury. Head injury is the most common injury sustained while skateboarding, she says, but despite public education and parental insistence, teens still view helmet use while skateboarding as “uncool.” Shred the Streets can change that by making safety part of the fun.

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**Code enforcement in the neighborhoods**

A primer on how we keep Takoma Park safe and tidy

It’s not uncommon to see Code Enforcement staff out and about in Takoma Park neighborhoods, on the lookout for overgrown weeds, derelict cars, peeling paint and unshoveled sidewalks. It’s also not unusual for neighbors to get upset about code violation notices—the process can be confusing and even alarming. Who wants a notice of a violation? What will be confusing and even alarming. Who wants a notice of a violation? What will it look like?

Among the most common violations:
- grass over 12 inches high,
- an untagged vehicle,
- peeling paint,
- trash on ground or left out on curb,
- rotted wood or broken fencing.

If there is a code violation, residents get a Courtesy Notice, hung on the door, with the violation(s) listed, and a deadline of seven to ten days for correcting it. The name of the inspector and the phone number is on the notice in case you have questions, or need more time. Staff issues notices so that there will be a weekend available between the time the notice is posted and the deadline for correction.

**Notice of violation**

If during the initial inspection, the violation noted is a major item or a justified complaint from another person, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued. A major violation could be any life safety issue, extensive peeling paint, trash left out, structure damage or graffiti. An NOV is also issued if the items noted on the Courtesy Notice are not corrected. It comes by certified mail, involves no fines, and allows seven to 30 days for compliance.

What if a resident can’t make the corrections? Staff urges residents to call to discuss the issue before the deadline for compliance. If there is more than one violation and one or more have been corrected, residents can request more time to take care of the rest. The decision to extend the deadline is made on a case by case basis.

Still no progress? The city issues a Uniform Civil Citation for each of the violations not abated, and attaches fines to each. Residents have 30 days to correct the violation from the date it is issued, and the option of requesting a trial. Even if you pay the fine, the case is brought to a hearing in District Court if the violation is not abated.

And, even if you’ve got a court date, you should continue to work on addressing the violation. Also be sure to attend the hearing as it is the District Court judge that makes the final decision on fines and abatement dates.

Courts typically issue an order requiring the owner to correct the violation, and the judge may also assess a fine. Once the violations have been corrected, the case is closed and the owner is notified.

Throughout this process, the owner is encouraged to contact the inspector. The city’s goal is to bring the property into compliance with the code, not to go to court.

Examples of typical property maintenance code violations can be found online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcde/property-maintenance-code.

Concerned about the condition of a property? Contact the Code Enforcement staff at 301-891-7119 or submit your concern online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/report-a-problem.

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up this winter.

“The noise has been horrendous, and the lights at night have been awful,” said Francoise De Reeper, whose Etta Mae Inn bed and breakfast is next door to Pavilion Inn because construction vehicles have blocked New York Avenue, she added. Even though the project is an interior renovation, only the metal skeleton of the building remained intact, De Reeper said. With the walls and roof being replaced, noise has escaped during demolition.

“It’s not completely resolved yet, but they have made adjustment,” said Pearsall. “I hope that when they get the building fully enclosed, we will have much less noise and dust.”

“We understand it’s been a disruption. Dr. Yeatts has met with the community, and HESS has made adjustments, such as putting up a plastic ‘shell’ inside to reduce dust and noise. We are working hard to minimize the impact,” said Stewart.

“I feel that we’ve been heard,” said Pearsall. “The positive coming out of this experience is greater communication and responsiveness by the college, and I hope that will have a carryover effect.”

Communication will be important, because Stewart isn’t finished with construction projects. The next piece in the college’s master plan is a new Science and Math Center.

“Our current buildings are more than 40 years old, and most high schools in the county have better lab equipment,” he said.

The Science and Math Center will be less noticeable to the college’s neighbors, said Stewart, because the replacement building will be along Fenton Street, rather than on New York Avenue, next door to homeowners.

Stewart added that, despite belt-tightening in the State of Maryland’s budget, he believes the college stands a good chance of getting the funding it needs. “One of the major criteria for state funding is the level of matching funds. The Montgomery County Council has a very good track record of 50-50 match on funds, so I am optimistic,” he said.
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 April issue is March 16, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning March 27.

To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomapark.gov.

TP Community Center*: is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
City Council Meeting, Monday, March 2
7:30 p.m.*
City Council Meeting, Monday, March 9
7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, March 16
7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, March 23
7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, March 30 (tentative), 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, April 6, 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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Kid’s Night Out

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kidd’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 TPS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Tooby, 230 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Teen College Expo
Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ages 15 – 18 and parents
Bus trip to a college information event in Tarrytown, N.C.
TP residents, $10 per seat/non-residents, $20
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Spring/Summer Recreational Registration Begins
Monday, March 16, 8:30 a.m.
Registering for upcoming spring and summer programs, classes and activities.
Online and in-person
TP Community Center
www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

New Hampshire Avenue Neighborhood Play Day
Saturday, March 28, 1 – 3 p.m.
Potluck 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Play date on Merwood Drive
Takomaplays.org

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People’s Open Mic
Sundays, 9 p.m.
Restaurant, 6839 Laurel Ave.
www.restauranttakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaque MacMillan
Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming
Blues Mondays
Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
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Jazz Jam
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6814 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams
Hosted by Kathy Gaughan and friends
Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St., NW

Women’s Open Mic
Saturdays, 9 a.m.
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Portraits Exhibit
March 5 through May 3
Gallery at the TP Community Center
Drawings, photography, painting and dolls inspired by people and their personalities.
Alycia Cunningham, clay Harris, Danny Carol and Cutie and the Deep.

The Grapevine Storytelling Series
Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Featuring stories by Laura Simms and Bunjo Butler
$10 suggested donation
www.takomaparkmd.gov/art

PB & Jam Session with Takoma Ensemble
Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW
Kindermusik concert with members of the Takoma Ensemble
Ages 2 to 7 and their handlers.
$10
www.seekerschurch.org

Madame Parliamentarian
Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
A documentary exploring the role of women in Lebanon’s parliament.
Free
www.takomaparkmd.gov/art

Pilgrim Music Trio
Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Café, Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Jazz, klezmer, Russian, classical and Latin-American music styles
$16 advance/$20 door
carrillofice.org

Pinot & Augustine
Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Blessing clover from Happenstance Theater, with physical comedy and musical surprises
$10 suggested donation
www.takomaparkmd.gov/art

Family Concert at Takoma Park Child Development Center
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TP Community Center auditorium
Spanish language theatrical performances by actors: storytelling, one act plays, poetry and more.
Free
www.takomaparkmd.gov/art

Women Folk
Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Six award-winning mid-Atlantic singer-songwriters: Mary Anaeto, Suzanne Brindamour, Audrey Engdahl, Greta Ehrig, Kipin Martin and Annette Wassilk.
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55 AND UP

Hirshhorn Art Museum, Washington, D.C.
Wednesday, March 11, 12:45 – 5 p.m.
Ages 55 and older
Recreation Department-organized tour of modern and contemporary art
Free
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National Electronics Museum and Benson-Hammoud House
Friday, March 20, 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ages 55 and older
Tour of the museum in Linthicum, Md.
$50 per person
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Annual Recreation Department egg hunt
Piney Branch Neighborhood Park (behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Rain date April 6, 4 p.m.
301-981-7290

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Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

Takoma Park helps pay for your trees
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Takoma Park has put a priority on saving and replenishing the tree canopy. Not only do we have an arborist, we also arrange for discounts for residents to plant their own trees. You can get $100 towards the cost of the first tree you purchase (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal Permit). That means residents can add a $195 tree to their yards for just $95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a cost of the first tree you purchase (unless it is a replacement tree for residents to plant their own trees. You can get $100 towards the cost of the first tree you purchase (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal Permit). That means residents can add a $195 tree to their yards for just $95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of $100/7. 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.

Swamp white oak, willow oak, red maple, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about $350—are available to residents at $195, installed.

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