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WHAT'S NEW?

College tour road trip

For Takoma Park teens
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Trash/recycling collection

No changes this month



Burning clean

Sat Jiwan Ikle-Khalsa loads up the wagon with pellets for his corn stove. Corn pellets burn clean, and are among the most sustainable ways to heat a home. They are stored in this corn silo, located at Takoma Park Public Works and run by Save Our Sky and Protect Our Planet Home Heating Cooperatives. It's just one way Takoma Park demonstrates a commitment to energy conservation. For more, see page 3.

Photo by Selena Malott

Neighborhoods to compete for prizes in energy contest

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

Neighborhoods 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 Chal-

lenge 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 resi-

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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 promising completion this fall,” 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. But we are pleased that the College has recognized the need to listen to us and make compromises,” said Lorraine Pears-

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City weighs in on hospital move

Supports free-standing emergency room, if feasible

By Suzanne Ludlow
Acting City Manager

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 regretfully 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

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REMINDER: Applications due on 4/1 for historic preservation credit. Details w/ Montgomery County Planning Department & MNCPPC: <http://bit.ly/1wkn9Rq>



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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS – MARCH 2 TO APRIL 6

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

City Council meeting, Monday, March 2, closed session, 6:30 p.m.; open session, 7:30 p.m.*
City Council meeting, Monday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Meetings take place in the 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, March 9, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council conference room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 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/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 301-891-7267 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 the acting city manager, Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzanne@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@takomaparkmd.gov.

ORDINANCE 2015-3

Adopted Jan. 26 (first reading Jan. 12; second reading Jan. 26)

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

Authorizing Renewal of a Contract with Useful for Computers, Software and Support
Authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Useful 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

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

Authorizing Expansion of the Contract with Contract Video Specialists, Inc. for the City TV

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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 Peggye 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 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

(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 via email at sarad@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7224.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS (two vacancies):

The Board plans and conducts city elections in coordination with the city clerk. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/board-of-elections.

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION (several vacancies):

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. Residency is required.

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS (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. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at moses@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7215.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(vacancies): The Committee advises the City Council on all environmental issues, 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.

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE (vacancy):

The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act. Interested residents are encouraged to apply. 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 (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

PERSONNEL APPEAL BOARD (vacancies):

The Personnel Appeal Board is authorized to hear certain employee grievance appeals.

Saving 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.
- The walking school bus is just one way school children are encouraged to walk instead of drive: these children walk together to school each morning, with adults who take turns supervising them for safety.
- Takoma Park hired sustainability manager Gina Mathias last year, and she has already begun to put new energy-saving programs in place. (Here, she stands beside the city's solar panels, which help run the Takoma Park Community Center; a newly established solar co-op assists residents in solarizing their own homes.)
- The city launched a food waste/compost collection program that has proven so popular the collection buckets have become ubiquitous on residential streets.

To learn more about any of these programs, contact Gina Mathias, ginam@takomaparkmd.gov, or 301-891-7623.



Greening Takoma Park

Where we are, where we are going



COUNCIL ACTION

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HD Upgrade

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.

ORDINANCE 2015-8

Adopted Feb. 9

Awarding a Contract for an Integrated Library System

Awards a contract to ByWater Solutions for a new system for checking out and tracking materials from the Takoma Park, Maryland

Library. The contract amount is \$20,900.

ORDINANCE 2015-9

Adopted Feb. 9

Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Municipal Legal Services

Appoints the law firm of Silber, Perlman, Sigman and Tilev, P.A. to serve as city attorney. The contract is for a five-year term with the option for renewal for up to five additional one-year extension terms.

RESOLUTION 2015-4

Adopted Jan. 26

Thanking Brian Kenner for his Service as City Manager

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 2015-5

Adopted Jan. 26

Regarding Relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital

Makes certain requests of the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding resources for the health care needs of Takoma Park residents if the hospital relocates to White Oak. It requests a study regarding the feasibility and establishment of a freestanding (emergency) medical facility on the Takoma Park campus and that the city be recognized by the Commission as a "participating entity" in the Certificate of Need application process (see story, page 1).

RESOLUTION 2015-6

Adopted Feb. 9

Approving the City's Purchase of Parcel 3 of the Washington-McLaughlin School Property at an IRS Auction

Approves and ratifies the city's purchase of 2.68 +/- acres of land, known as Parcel 3, at the IRS Public Auction Sale for the high bid price of \$253,000 and authorizes the city manager to take all actions and sign all documents deemed necessary to accomplish the purchase and then to obtain and record a deed conveying title to Parcel 3 to the City of Takoma Park.

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 2015-8

Adopted Feb. 9

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

Appoints Reid Baron, Ward 3 resident, to the Nuclear-Free Committee.

RESOLUTION 2015-9

Adopted Feb. 9

Providing for an Appointment to the Facade Advisory Board

Appoints Lucy Moore, Ward 3 resident, to the Board.

RESOLUTION 2015-10

Adopted Feb. 9

Providing for an Appointment to the Safe Roadways Committee

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



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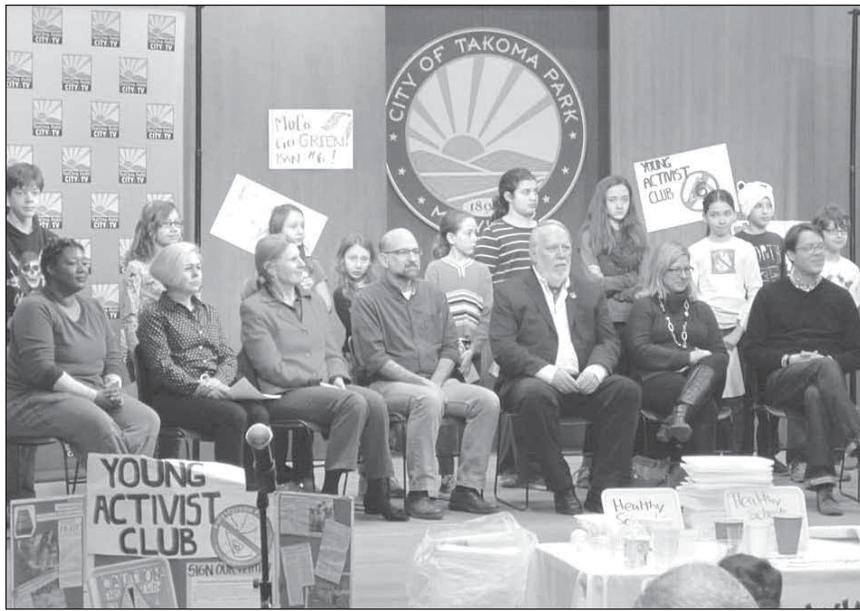
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BUILDING COMMUNITY



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



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#htcrctc. 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#htcrctc 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 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 project 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, Keystar 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/hcd/takoma-junction-rfp.

Emergency Three

Three things to prepare you for emergencies in Takoma Park

- Put "In Case of Emergency" number (ICE#) in your phone contacts. Emergency responders can use this to call that person if you are injured.
- Sign up for Takoma Park Emergency Alerts, www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert
- Sign up for a presentation on emergency preparedness for your group or organization. Contact Ron Hardy, Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Manager, ronh@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126

Prepared by Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

THE ARTS

Pinot and Augustine

Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.

\$10 suggested donation

A sure-fire 45-minute crowd-pleaser, Pinot and Augustine is a classic, family-friendly clown duo inspired by the golden age of circus. Pinot is the authoritarian clown in fancy clothes and white cone hat. Augustine is the appealing red-nosed bumbler who punctures his pomposity. Their show bubbles over with physical comedy, virtuosity and musical surprises from the sublime to the ridiculous: from lyrical melodies on a musical saw to pratfalls and a whoop-ee cushion.

Presented in collaboration with Happenstance Theater and Carpe Diem Arts.

(c) Mukul Ranjan



Portraits – Exhibit Opening

Thursday, March 5, 7 – 9 pm

Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

Free

The newest exhibit in the Takoma Park Community Center features faces and the human form as expressed through photography, painting and caricature dolls.

Artist Alyscia Cunningham presents photographs of girls as young as 7 weeks to women as old as 103 years from her book, “Feminine Transitions,” while rising painter Danny Carroll presents surreal portraits of fleshy figures with large noses. He describes his paintings as “slippery and squishy like a wet cheese cake.” Clay Harris, also a local painter, will exhibit portraits of friends (many of whom are fellow artists) living in the Takoma Park/Silver Spring area.

In the Dempsey Gallery will be handmade dolls by Cutie and Creep. These dolls are often used as characters in stop gap animations—many of which you can watch on YouTube.



“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 song writers. 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

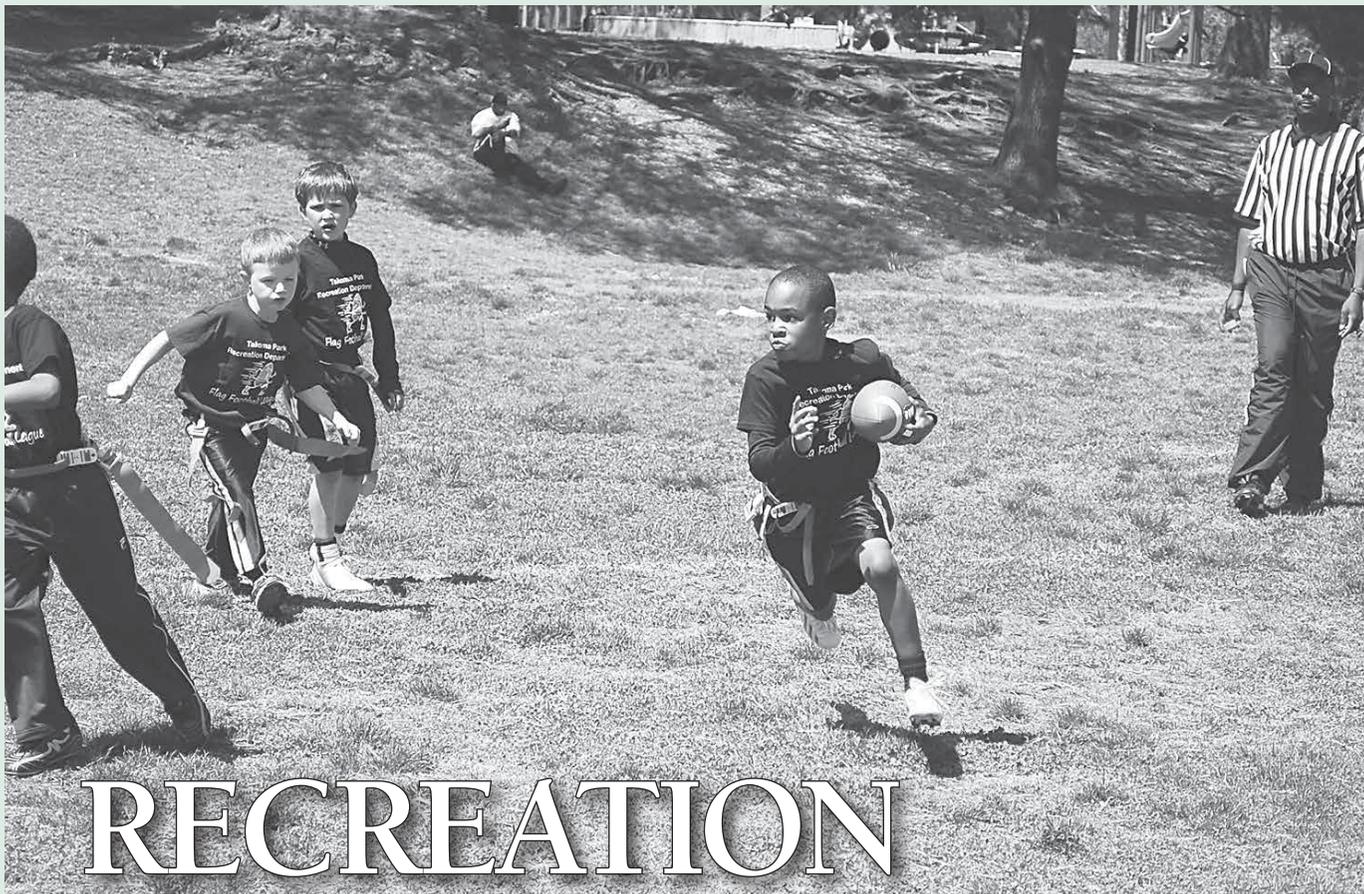
Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m.

\$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 through their experiences in the world – experiences that are shaped by gender.

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

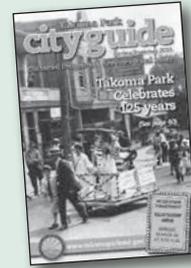


Flag Football League 2015

Ages 6 – 14

Takoma Park Recreation Department brings you the Takoma Park Flag Football League again for its third season. This is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. There are three divisions for 6-8 year olds, 9-11 year olds and 12-14 year olds. Practice one day a week and games will be played on Saturdays. Registration has opened already. Practices begin week of March 30.

Ed Wilhelm Field
 April 11 – May 16 (6 weeks)
 Saturdays, 1 – 4 p.m.
 TP residents \$40
 Non-residents \$50



In this issue:

You can find a full listing of our classes and programs in the 2015 Spring/Summer City Guide or help us go green and visit us online www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

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 – 18

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 \$55
 Non-residents \$65

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, arts 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

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
 MARCH 16 AT 8:30 A.M. FOR:
 SPRING AND SUMMER CLASSES
 SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS
 EXTENDED CARE FOR THE 2015-2016
 SCHOOL YEAR**

T-Ball League 2015

Kindergarten – first grade

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of 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)
 Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon
 TP residents \$60
 Non-residents \$70

TEENS

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 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.

Ongoing
 Saturdays and Sundays: 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

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 \$215
 Non-residents \$245

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

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

Sportstacular Camp

Ages 5 – 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 involve 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 301-891-7285 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

TEENS

Teen Spring Break 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, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 TP residents, \$100 per week/Non-residents, \$120 per week

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Adult Softball League 2015

Ages 16 and Up

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50 percent of Takoma Park residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit is 25. Registration starts in March on a first come, first served basis. All games are double headers. Free Agent Waitlist: Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated fees to that team. Spaces not guaranteed.

Local fields in Takoma Park and Silver Spring
April 12 – June 14 (8 weeks)

Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TP residents Team Fee \$545

Non-residents Team Fee \$645

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.

March 11 – April 4

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 – 9 a.m.

\$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

\$120/8 week pass

\$15 drop-in

Ladies' Boot Camp I

Ages 16 and older

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout in a quick hour.

TP Recreation Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3 – April 23,

6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$85

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

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.

TP Community Center senior room

Thursday, March 26, noon – 2 p.m.

Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

Adventist Healthcare's free monthly blood pressure screening

Boom! Body Boot Camp at the Community Center

For the past 18 months, fitness coaches Stacey Julien and Jeanette 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 first-hand the obstacles that may arise while attempting to become and stay fit. Julien, a former first-place figure competitor, transformed her body into a "lean, 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-crunched schedule, Julien and Chandler joined forces to start 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 too 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 Saturday mornings. 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.

TP Community Center senior room
Thursday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Mental Workout

Ages 55 and older

Exercising your brain is an important part of healthy living. Table games promote cognitive health. Let's start with Scrabble, and sprinkle in a few brainteasers. Looking for players, new and experienced.

TP Community Center senior room

Wednesday, March 18, noon – 1 p.m.

Free

Table Tennis Open Play

Ages 55 and older

Come play this fun, energetic game. A great 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

Drawing with Pencils, Charcoal, Pastels

Ages 55 and older

This course will help students of any skill level develop fundamental drawing skills and learn the basic techniques such as shading, mastering tones, drawing techniques and composition. Limit 12. Six weeks. Course #LL1698.

TP Community Center art studio

Thursdays, March 5 – April 16, 1 – 3 p.m.

(No class on March 19)

Tuition waiver applies

Ages 60 and older: \$89

Ages 55-59: \$171

Registration and payment should be made to Montgomery College Workforce Development and Continuing Education. For more information and registration assistance, call 240-567-5188.

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Senior Free Fitness Pass

Ages 55 and older

Available at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for seniors 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. Registration is open. You can register at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.

TP Recreation Center fitness room

Ongoing, Mondays – Fridays, 2:30 – 9 p.m.

Ongoing, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free

Table Tennis Tournament

Ages 55 and older

This tournament will be a friendly and fun event with simple rules and basic skill levels for competition. Official judge is Mr. Donn Olsen, Table Tennis Coach, Club Joola, Rockville. We will supply paddles but you are

welcome to bring your own. Registration is required by March 27. Contact Paula Lisowski, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center game room

Sunday, April 12, 2 – 4 p.m.

Free

TRIPS

Hirshhorn Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Ages 55 and older

It's the Hirshhorn's 40th anniversary and we'll celebrate it with a docent led highlights tour of this museum of modern and contemporary art. This is our first in a series of "Art in the Afternoon" tours in 2015. Registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Recreation office

Wednesday, March 11, 12:45 – 5 p.m.

Free admission. No cost for transportation.

Times may be adjusted, check the trip itinerary supplied to registered participants for each trip for details.

National Electronics Museum and Benson-Hammond House, Linthicum, Md.

Special Extended Trip – Double Site Tours

Ages 55 and older

A morning tour of the National Electronics Museum, with some 10,000 electronic artifacts that led to the sophisticated products in use today. After lunch, a tour of the historic Benson-Hammond House Museum showcasing antique furniture and textiles of the Victorian era, implements of farm life in the late 19th century, quilts, cooking utensils and other artifacts as well as a large collection of antique dolls. The museum shop offers a wide selection of books on local history, and antiques and crafts for sale. Warning: The museum has stairs. Not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring spending money for lunch at a local restaurant, and shopping. Rain or shine. Registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Recreation office
Friday, March 20, 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\$6 per person admission (covers both locations). No cost for transportation. Times may be adjusted, check the trip itinerary supplied to registered participants for each trip for details.

REC NEWS

Registration is underway for summer camps.

A full listing of classes and programs is in the 2015 Summer Camp Guide, or visit us at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.



Please visit the following websites if you are interested in registering for the following summer camps:

Cheerleading/Step Camp and Dance Camp - www.marylandcheerchargers.org

Enrichment STEM Camp - www.capitalscholars.org

Girls Basketball Camp - www.racbasketball.com

On Stage: Footlight and Spotlight - www.onstagetakoma.com

Visual Arts Camps - www.katiedellkaufman.com

The Art of the Game Basketball Fun Fest

Grades 1 – 12

This one day fun fest is for youth to show their athletic abilities on the court and artistic skills off the court. There will be 3-point contests, dribbling competitions and much more. All youth in the fun fest will not only play in a youth basketball game, but also have the opportunity to come to Pyramid Atlantic Art Center and learn to screen print their very own t-shirt for the game. All participants will choose a date to screen print their t-shirt with their team. Pyramid Atlantic will contact each participant after registration to schedule a screen-printing date prior to the fun fest. Register at: www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org or call 301-608-9101.

Piney Branch Elementary School

Sunday, March 1, 2 – 5 p.m.

\$25

Celebrate Takoma vendors/entertainers/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 on the day of the festival, email Debby Huffman at deborahh@takomaparkmd.gov. Vendor packets are available online at <http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma>



Award season for books

Our own judge's view of the Caldecott awards

By Karen MacPherson

The Caldecott Medal and the Newbery Medal often are 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 author of the “most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.”

Both awards mean immediate fame and a good amount of fortune for the winning authors and artists, 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 Feb. 2 announcement that the book had won the Caldecott Medal, it ranked 17,535 in sales on Amazon; by 5 p.m. that same day, it ranked 25th. It was a similar trajectory for the 2015 Newbery Medal winner,



“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.

This year, I’ve got the great fortune to be one of the decision makers as to which book wins the 2016 Caldecott Medal, and 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.

The majority of us, myself included, were elected to the committee by fellow members of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), the children’s division of the American Library Association. The other members were appointed by the ALSC leadership.

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

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CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Group

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion of “Teach Us to Outgrow Our Madness” by Kenzaburo Oe
Community Center Azalea Room. All invited.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
Join Madame Marie for songs and rhymes in French in this monthly program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Teen Tech Week Activity: “Wreck This Journal”

Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.
For middle school and high school students.

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, March 9, 7 p.m.
Come read with us as we spotlight some great picture books.
Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, March 10, 4 p.m.
Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club.

Friends of the Library “Big Book” Group

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Introductory talk on Tolstoy’s “Anna Karenina” by Dr. Cynthia Martin
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
Refreshments served; all invited.

Kids Author Pam Muñoz Ryan

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Ryan will spotlight her new novel, “Echo.”

Sunday Crafts

Sunday, March 15, 2-3 p.m.

Apps and Kids

Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.
Parents: join us for a program on choosing the best apps for kids.
Registration encouraged; to register, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting (see article)

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring journalist Jeff Bartholet
All invited.

Friends of the Library “Big Book” Group

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
Continuing discussion of “Anna Karenina”
Community Center/Hydrangea Room

Looking ahead....

- Spanish Circle Time resumes, Thursday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Bedtime Stories and a Craft, Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.
- Friends “Big Book” Group, Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., continuing discussion of “Anna Karenina,” at the community center.

College Could Be For You!

Thinking about applying to college but worried about your grades? Or maybe you think it’s just too expensive. Think again! With the right guidance, college can be well within reach. Join Recreation Department staff on a trip via motor coach to Tarboro, N.C. to talk to more than 35 schools about your future – at college! College and university admissions and financial aid staff will be available to help you through application and admissions, and will offer scholarships on the spot.

This trip is for ages 15 through 18, with parents.

Saturday, March 14, 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Leaving from the Takoma Park Community Center

\$10 per seat

Bring money for lunch and dinner.

If you are a senior in high school, please bring multiple copies of your high school transcripts. Application fees are waived on the day of the event, at the event only. Register now at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Echo author visits

Award-winning kids novelist Pam Muñoz Ryan will launch her newest book, “Echo,” at the library on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. In “Echo,” Ryan weaves together history and fantasy as she tells the stories of three children connected by the magical power of a harmonica. School Library Journal notes that “Ryan has created three contemporary characters who, through faith and perseverance, write their own happy endings, inspiring readers to believe they can do the same.” Kirkus Reviews gave “Echo” a coveted star, calling it “a grand narrative that examines the power of music to inspire beauty in a world overrun with fear and intolerance, it’s worth every moment of readers’ time. “ Politics and Prose will be selling copies of Ryan’s book at our event, but the program is free and no purchase is required.

Apps review for parents

Parents: wonder about what apps might be best for your young kids? Join us on Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

as we spotlight some of the best apps for young children. We’ll also look at some of the research surrounding apps and media use by young children, and provide information on credible review sources for apps. Registration is encouraged for this program; to register, please go to: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Award-winning international journalist to speak at annual meeting

Join the Friends of the Library on March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library when their annual meeting will feature a talk by award-winning journalist and Takoma Park resident Jeffrey Bartholet. Bartholet will speak about his experiences as a foreign correspondent, more specifically his experience traveling to the Nuba Mountains of Sudan.

In 2004, Bartholet was responsible for directing foreign news coverage for Newsweek when the weekly won the National Magazine Award for general excellence. The award specifically cited Newsweek’s reporting on the Iraq war. He has also served as the Washington editor for Newsweek, and has reported widely from the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Since leaving Newsweek, Bartholet has written articles on topics as diverse as the Taj Mahal for Smithsonian Magazine, in vitro (lab-produced) meat for Scientific American, and self-immolation protests against Chinese rule by Tibetan citizens for the New Yorker. He currently edits for Politico Magazine.

A brief election for treasurer and several members at large on the Friends’ board will be held after the program, followed by socializing and refreshments. All are invited to attend this event, and members of the Friends whose dues are current may vote in the Board election. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for a Board position should contact Ellen Robbins at the Library, ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7258.

Library designs considered, with cost estimates

On Feb. 9, Greg Lukmire of The Lukmire Partnership presented his final report on design options for the Library to the City Council. He reviewed the scope of work undertaken by their firm, the data gathering process, and the preferred re-design options – one for renovating the existing building and two for possible expansion. He also discussed

the analysis of the existing building, and the constraints posed by ADA regulations.

Cost estimates for a renovated or expanded Library building, including construction costs and other project costs range from \$2,100,168 for renovation alone, to \$3,190,481 for a 3,838-square-foot expansion, or \$3,488,227 for a 4,465-square-foot expansion. The project, which would entail closure of the existing Library during construction, moving services for about a year, and storage of the bulk of the Library’s collections, will be considered by the Council during the upcoming budget season.

An expanded Library would provide a dedicated program room, a space for young adult collections, group study space and more lounge seating for family reading. It would retain the breadth and depth of the existing book collections, which residents have said they value, and which help to characterize this building as a neighborhood library, distinct from larger libraries in the area.

A link to the full report by The Lukmire Partnership may be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/2015/02/24/library-design-update.

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 neighborhood(s) and multifamily building(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 can 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.

Who Can Participate?	What You Can Do / How to Participate
Single family homes residents <i>Home owners and renters</i>	Energy coaching Get green home verified Host a neighborhood meeting with the sustainability manager Tell your friends and neighbors Help your neighbors get green home certified
Multifamily building residents <i>Renters and condo owners</i>	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 Talk to your landlord and get them involved
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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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 Adventures of Beekle," a picture book for young children, but they also named a record six Caldecott Honor books. The honor books include other picture books for young children: "Sam & Dave Dig a Hole," illustrated by Jon Klassen, and "Viva Frida," illustrated by Yuyi Morales.

But the committee also conferred Caldecott Honor status on two illustrated biographies, one of the author's creator Peter Roget ("The Right Word," illustrated by Melissa Sweet), and the other focusing on abstract artist Vasya Kandinsky ("The Noisy Paint Box," illustrated by Mary GrandPré). In a historic move, the 2015 committee also was the first to choose a graphic novel to win a Caldecott Honor -- "This One Summer," illustrated by Jillian Tamaki.

Under the Caldecott criteria, committees must consider not only many different types of books, but also books for a huge age range, from birth through age 14. "This One Summer," for example, is aimed at readers 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 also 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

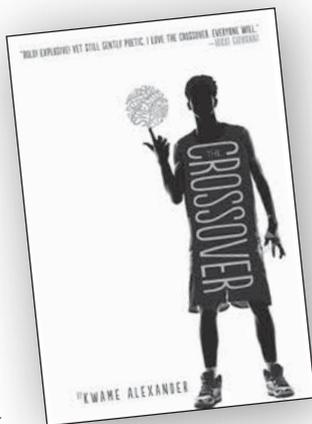
Caldecott committee. In fact, we'll actually be having our final deliberations (at the beginning of January 2016 in Boston) in a locked room, and what happens in that room, stays in that room. As my fellow librarians say, we'll be carrying the secrets of our discussion "to the grave."

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 chil-

dren, 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.





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Empowering Youth Through Employment

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

Youth will complete a soft-line training by the Recreation Department and will be eligible to work up to 20 hours a week during the summer with you! (8 weeks starting June 22)

Be the memorable business that gives a teen their first job and teaches them important life lessons they will carry with them forever.



Limited Spaces ~ RSVP Now
Sign-up for the Business Interest Meeting - March 11, 1 p.m. @ TPCC.
 For more information email: hazelh@takomaparkmd.gov or call (301) 891-7290.

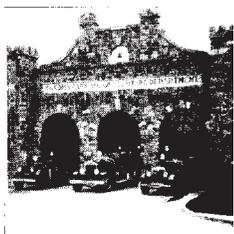
AT YOUR SERVICE



Takoma Park VFD training grads

The following members completed advance training courses held at the County Public Service Training Academy. Front, from left, Richard Thelen, Christie Balch, Kimberly Milhouse and Melvin Sanchez. Back row, from left, Adrian Rice, Bryan Ramirez and Tony Zarrella. Not pictured, Airi Maeno. Special honors: FF Zarrella received the Chief Marvin Gibbons Award (top academic student FFI and FFII class) and EMT Balch the Richard Thompson (top academic student EMT class).

Congratulations to all! A job well done.



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.

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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.



Photo by Selena Malott

Pavilion 3, under construction at Montgomery College.

Instead, Yeatts stepped in with a significantly scaled-down project in July 2013, and the neighbors gave their tentative approval. “Dewey Yeatts was new to the situation, but he ‘got it’ immediately,” said Pearsall.

Among the adjustments is that the footprint of the building will not be enlarged, a proposed outdoor walkway will be enclosed, and the roof will not be raised. Also, as per a request from neighbors, Pavilion 3 will blend into its surroundings, to the degree possible, with pale green walls and a dark roof.

“I’m pleased with the compromise that was worked out with the college,” said Pearsall. “It’s still difficult when you live in such close proximity, but it’s much better than it would have been without Dr. Yeatts.”

Now that the project is underway, Yeatts has again been called in to negotiate the inevitable bumps. Neighbors have objected to the noise and dust generated by construction equipment, as well as lights used for evening work. Stormwater ran into some driveways and yards, then iced

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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



Prepared by Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

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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 submis-

sion 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.

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 the punishment be?

City staff assures residents that the system is not about punishment at all – it's about keeping homes safe and in good repair. It's also meant to take care of the eyesore properties that threaten to pull down property values across the board.

How it works

The Property Maintenance Code applies to the exterior of all buildings and to vacant land, sheds and carports. It establishes basic standards for repair only – it does not address aesthetic choices like paint color. You can paint with any color

you 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, exten-

sive 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/hcd/property-maintenance-code.

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

Skateboarders invited to Shred the Streets 2015

The phrase "skateboarding safety" may seem like an oxymoron since to many people, skating 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 lucyn@takomaparkmd.gov.

Neher hopes to continue to get the word out about the importance of wearing a helmet while skating, 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 educa-



Zane Shafer demonstrates the art of "cool" with his skateboard helmet in place for safety.

tion and parental insistence, teens still view helmet use while skating as "uncool."

Shred the Streets can change that by making safety part of the fun.

Shred the Streets

**Saturday, March 28,
noon to 2 p.m.
Takoma-Piney Branch
Local Park
Free**

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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 3. Guests have had difficulty getting to the 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.



**Saturday, March 28
11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Montgomery College
Takoma Park/Silver Spring
& Jesup Blair Local Park**

Free!

**Celebrate the people and environment
of Montgomery County!**

- Workshops
- Exhibitors
- Environmental Films
- Music & Entertainment
- Electric Vehicle Car Show
- Fun for the Whole Family

montgomerycountygreenfest.org



Shuttle from
Takoma Metro!

MARCH '15

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@takomaparkmd.gov.

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park.

All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council

City Council 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
www.educare-supportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid's Night Out

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Fun and games for kids

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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.

Trohv, 232 Carroll St., NW

Various food vendors

Teen College Expo

Saturday, March 14, 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Ages 15 – 18 and parents

Bus trip to a college information event in Tarboro, N.C.

TP residents, \$10 per seat/non-residents, \$20

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Spring/Summer Recreation 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.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

www.republiktakoma.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.republiktakoma.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

Portraits Exhibit

March 5 through May 3

Galleries at the TP Community Center

Drawings, photography, painting and dolls

inspired by people and their personalities.

Alyscia Cunningham, Clay Harris, Danny Carroll

and Cutie and the Creep.

Free

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/arts

PB & Jam Session with Takoma Ensemble

Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW

Kindermusik concert with members of the

Takoma Ensemble

Ages 2 to 7 and their handlers.

\$10

www.seekerschurch.com

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/arts

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

carrollcafe.org

Pinot & Augustine

Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.

TP Community Center Auditorium

Bumbling clowns from Happenstance Theater,

with physical comedy and musical surprises

\$10 suggested donation

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Family Concert at Takoma Park Child Development Center

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.

Takoma Park Child Development Center,
310 Tulip Ave.

Family-focused, local music to raise funds for the
TPCDC staff development fund

\$8 per ticket at door or online through

brownpapertickets.com (search TPCDC)

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1218987

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Free

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Flower Avenue house concert at BannerArts

Saturday, March 21, 8 p.m.

7502 Flower Ave.

Kate Dillingham, cello, and Carl Banner, piano,

and Tian Jin Sha, cello; Sonata in C, Op. 65 by

Benjamin Britten; Yuan-Chen Li; and Sonata

for Cello and Piano by George Walker.

\$20 in advance, plus contribution of food or drink.

www.dcmusicaviva.org

Free fiddle and violin class

Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Beginning fiddle/violin class taught by multi-

instrumentalist Justin Heath

House of Musical Traditions,

7010 Westmoreland Ave.

Free

www.hmtrad.com

Girl Child

Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Deepak Ram, Light Switch Dance Theatre and

Natyabhoomi School of Dance explore the plight

of the "girl child" and women

\$10 suggested donation

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

El Barrio Tambien Canta

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Live musical performances including bachata,

ranchera, baladas, cumbia and reggaeton.

Free

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Casona de Lata

Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Spanish language theatrical performances by

actors: storytelling, one act plays, poetry and

more.

Free

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Women Folk

Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Six award-winning mid-Atlantic singer/

songwriters: Mary Amato, Suzanne Brindamour,

Audrey Engdahl, Greta Ehrig, Kipyn Martin and

Annette Wasilik.

\$10 suggested donation

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts/

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-Hammond House

Friday, March 20, 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ages 55 and older

Tour of the museum in Linthicum, Md.

\$6 per person

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Annual Recreation Department egg hunt

Piney Branch Neighborhood Park (behind Piney

Branch Elementary School)

Rain date April 6, 4 p.m.

301-891-7290

Takoma Park helps pay for your trees

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

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 total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year.



photo by Jan Stovall

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.

Sale dates run through April 17.

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business April 17.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates, which will occur in May.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

___ Swamp White Oak (2") ___ \$195 Willow Oak (2") \$195 ___ Red Maple (2") \$195 ___ Black Gum (2") \$195 ___ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____