



WHAT'S NEW?

House and Garden Tour

Sunday, May 3, 1 – 5 p.m.

Details, www.historictakoma.org

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

City offices closed

Trash/recycling collection

Monday, May 25

No yard waste collection

Compost collected Tuesday

Tasa de costo de vida fue establecido

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TAKOMA PARK

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Biking around Takoma Park is more and more popular, among children as well as adults. During National Bike Month, the city will sponsor a number of activities to celebrate biking for exercise, for transportation and just for fun.



Photo by Bianca Delaglio

Beyond Bike Month: City plans year-round improvements

As another year passes and winter gives in to spring, bicycling continues to be an important part of life, work, and play in Takoma Park. While the recent utilities work has created challenges for cars and bikes along Carroll Avenue, there is reason to be optimistic as new bike-friendly projects and plans in Takoma Park and beyond take shape.

In March, the city's agreement with the Maryland Department of Transportation was executed, committing \$100,000 to bike improvements in Takoma Park, including bike lanes in the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project and new and

improved bike parking at the Community Center and Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. There will also be "sharrows" – arrows painted on the road surface to indicate a shared road for bikes and cars – along Carroll Avenue where it is too narrow for a bike lane, and on Takoma Avenue near the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT).

Meanwhile, the District of Columbia is moving forward to extend the MBT north from Fort Totten Metro into Maryland (see story on page 11), and the Montgomery County Planning Department is revamp-

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Tabletop, Spring Mill Bakery are open for business

In late April, two new shops opened for business in Takoma Park.

After 12 years in Dupont Circle, Tabletop, a gift shop, opened a second location in downtown Takoma Park. The new address is 6927 Laurel Ave., the space formerly occupied by Now and Then.

Tabletop is known for featuring a variety of goods from design companies such as Orla Kiely, Rifle Paper and Sagaform, as well as smaller craft companies such as Cate and Levi, Xenia Taler and Velvet Moustache. Washington City Paper declared Tabletop the best place to buy gifts in 2015.

The shop celebrated its new space on April 28 with a ribbon cutting attended by Takoma Park Mayor Bruce Williams and others. A grand opening party followed on Friday, May 1.

To learn more, see www.tabletopdc.com, facebook.com/tabletopdc or instagram.com/thetabletopdc.

Meanwhile, at Takoma Junction, the long-awaited Spring Mill Bread Company opened its fifth Washington metropolitan area location, at 7300 Carroll Ave. The retail bakery bakes breads and sweets known for their natural ingredients and freshly-milled whole wheat flour. Selections are baked daily, from scratch. In addition to breads, Spring Mill offers cookies, muffins, brownies, cupcakes and cinnamon rolls. It has a small seating area and will be serving soups, sandwiches and coffee as well.

Spring Mill also celebrated its opening with an April 28 ribbon cutting. To learn more, see www.springmillbread.com or www.facebook.com/pages/Spring-Mill-Bread-Company.

New apartments going up on Willow Street and Maple

The long-vacant land on Willow Street and Maple Street just on the edge of Takoma's Old Town is buzzing with construction activity, as workers begin to erect two apartment buildings. According to news reports, the buildings are expected to be complete by spring 2016.

The project, located in the historic district of Takoma, D.C. behind the CVS drugstore, broke ground in February and is currently in its initial stages: The foundation has been dug, and structure is beginning to rise. Eventually, what is now a hole in the ground will be two three-story buildings with a total of 99 "garden style" apartments, plus three single family homes. The complex will also include three single-family homes: Two existing early-20th-century homes are being preserved but moved elsewhere on the site. A third home was in such poor shape it was demolished, and will be replaced with a house the developer told elevationdcmedia.com will be in keeping with the historic district. Unlike other recent developments in the area, which have combined ground-floor retail with residential units above, the entire project will be residential only.

Although Douglas representatives did not return phone calls to confirm, news reports have described the concept plan for the two apartment buildings as including brick exteriors, red tile roofs and multi-pane windows. Each building has a basement and a roof deck. Recent reports indicate a 92-space parking lot, and parking for each of the single-family homes. Apartments – 49 units in one building, 50 in the other – include studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. Eleven of the project's units will be designated as affordable housing, including 10 apartments and one house.

Douglas Development also owns the 161,798-square-foot building at 6856 Eastern Avenue, where a

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS – MAY 4 TO JUNE 8

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

City Council meeting, Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.*
City Council meeting, Monday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meeting, Monday, June 8, 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.

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, May 27, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, check <http://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 City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

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

ORDINANCE 2015-11

Adopted April 13 (first reading March 23; second reading April 13)

FY 2015 Budget Amendment No. 3

Authorizing FY 2015 Budget Amendment No. 3

ORDINANCE 2015-12

Adopted April 13 (first reading March 23; second reading April 13)

Traffic Calming on the 7700 Block of Garland Avenue

Authorizing the installation of traffic calming

devices on the 7700 block of Garland Avenue, including a curb bump out on the north side (even side) of Garland Avenue near the city line; a curb bump, which will also serve as a bio-retention facility, will be located on the north side (even side) of Garland Avenue across from the alley entrance. The exact location and style of each device shall be determined by the city manager or her designee.

ORDINANCE 2015-13

Adopted March 23

Purchase of Mobile Computers for the Police Department

Authorizing purchase of replacement mobile computers (Panasonic Toughbook 31) for the Police Department. The purchase is to be made from Brekford Corp. in the amount of \$34,104.

ORDINANCE 2015-14

Adopted March 23

Comprehensive Engineering Services

Authorizing a contract with Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LPP for comprehensive engineering services for a variety of infrastructure projects

ORDINANCE 2015-15

Adopted April 13

Computer Work Stations for the Communications Department

Authorizing purchase of four MacPro work stations from CDW-G at the cost of \$47,020

ORDINANCE 2015-16

Adopted April 13

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FY 2016 LIVING WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED

Ordinance 2007-55, amending the City Code to require the payment of a living wage by certain city contractors, became effective Jan. 1, 2008. Effective Aug. 1, 2013 the law was amended to repeal the exemption for having fewer than 10 employees.

Each year on April 1, the city manager establishes the living wage rate, which shall be equal to the Montgomery County living wage rate established and published by Montgomery County pursuant to Section 11B-33A of the Montgomery County Code and any applicable regulations, as amended from time to time.

The current living wage rate is \$14.15 per hour. Effective July 1, 2015, the rate will be \$14.35 per hour.

A full copy of the Living Wage Ordinance, as amended, may be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

TASA DE COSTO DE VIDA FUE ESTABLECIDO PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2016

Ordenanza 2007-55 cambió el Código de la Ciudad para requerir el costo de vida actual para cierta contratistas de la Ciudad. La Ordenanza 2007-55 fue efectiva el 1 de enero de 2008. El 1 de agosto la ley cambio para revocar la excepción de tener menos de 10 empleados.

El 1 de abril de cada año, el Administrador de la Ciudad establece la tasa de costo de vida, el cuál será equivalente a la tasa de costo de vida establecida por el Condado de Montgomery siguiendo la sección 11B-33A de el Código del Condado de Montgomery y cualquier regulación aplicable que puede ser enmendado de vez en cuando.

Actualmente, la tasa de costo de vida es \$14.15 por hora. Efectivo el 1 de julio de 2015 la tasa será \$14.35 por hora.

Para obtener una copia de la ordenanza de costo de vida visite la página web www.takomaparkmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION – NOV. 3, 2015

The next City election for Mayor and Councilmembers will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015. The Nominating Caucus will occur on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015. Watch the City of Takoma Park website and future issues of the Takoma Park Newsletter for complete election information. Any resident thinking of running for office may contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267 to receive preliminary information about qualifications and requirements.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration information and forms are available online. Both U.S. citizens registered with the Montgomery County Board of Elections and non-U.S. citizens registered with the City of Takoma Park are eligible to vote in city elections. View elections. takomaparkmd.gov for information.

ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL – 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2015

La proxima Elección Municipal para Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo se llevará a cabo el martes, 3 de noviembre de 2015. La Reunion Electoral se llevará a cabo el martes, 29 de septiembre de 2015. Si algun residente de la ciudad piensa en postularse por un cargo, por favor póngase en contacto con Jessie Carpenter, Secretaria Municipal, jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov o 301-891-7267 para recibir más información sobre los requisitos.

REGISTRACIÓN PARA VOTAR

Información y formularios para registrarse como votante se encuentra en la página web de la ciudad. Ciudadanos Americanos registrados para votar con el Condado de Montgomery y no-ciudadanos Americanos registrados para votar con la Ciudad de Takoma Park pueden votar en las elecciones municipales. Visite la página web www.elections.takomaparkmd.gov para más información.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Interested in serving? A great first step is to attend a meeting to learn more about the work of the group. 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.

For O'Connors, Blair Theatre is much more than a show

By Kevin Adler

Rehearsal at a Kelly O'Connor theater production is like any other rehearsal—if that other rehearsal has two casts, a full orchestra, ongoing set construction, a dozen volunteers racing around, and the director's husband, mother and father onsite.

That's a typical Saturday afternoon for Kelly, a Takoma Park resident and the director of the Blair Theatre Program since 1998. She is directing this month's "Fiddler on the Roof."

While the lead actors and ensemble run through the song "To Life," Kelly is backstage, working on costume fittings. Former Blair student Vera Belaia, visiting for the weekend, directs the 30 actors, and former student Brandon Crabtree leads the stage crew.

Then Kelly, a sprightly blonde who looks scarcely older than some of her actors, returns to the stage mid-song. When it's finished, she demonstrates a flourish for the dancers and asks the construction crew to move a house at a sharper angle to the audience.

Meanwhile, the understudies take their places for their run-through of "To Life," and Kelly confers with Vocal Director Jennifer McGinnis. During the song, Kelly exchanges whispered observations with husband and collaborator John O'Connor before dashing backstage again.

"How does it come together? As Philip Henslowe says in the movie 'Shakespeare in Love': 'I don't know. It's a mystery,'" says John.

Mystery, but it works. "I tell my students in my theater classes that you have to take risks...like speaking in public or singing. These skills will have benefits for the rest of their lives," says Kelly.

"It's not about making great actors," adds John, though the O'Connors have inspired dozens of students to major in the performing arts in college. "It's about learning teamwork and meeting deadlines. And it's about equipping the students to understand theater, to be prepared to read a play and understand a play."

Directing and acting are year-round activities for the pair, with fall and spring plays at Blair; writing, directing and acting in Lumina Theater's adult group; and a summer Shakespeare course in Oxford, England.

Each spring, Blair's musical fills the stage with casts of 40 or more, plus a live student orchestra. "Fiddler" is the weekends of April 24-26 and May 1-2.

Each fall, Blair does a "black box" performance of a drama or comedy, with bleacher-style seating for about 200. Last fall was "Treasure Island," but two out of three years are Shakespeare. "Shakespeare isn't easy, but it's so important for students to start to get hold of that language. And when they get hold of it, it stays with them



Photo: Luc Picone

Kelly O'Connor directs students at Blair High School's recent production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The Takoma Park resident has been teaching and directing drama there for 17 years.

forever," said Kelly.

And there are practical reasons, too. "No royalties. Lots of speaking parts," John laughed.

Plus, in both spring and fall, the students in Kelly's Blair drama classes perform scaled-down plays from scenes stitched together by John. On May 21-22, they will be showcasing British comic novelist P.G. Wodehouse, free to the public.

Preparation for every show begins with a close reading and discussion of the text, often led by John, a Shakespeare scholar and professor. (Kelly and John met when she took his Shakespeare summer course in Oxford and returned for several years to join his acting company, Cakes and Ale, in England.)

"We ask the kids what questions they have about the scenes they have read. Often what they think is the dumbest question is the one that gets to the heart of the play," he said.

From there, Kelly works on concepts for sets, costumes and on-stage blocking, backed by legions of student and parent volunteers. This year, for example, Blair senior Dio Cramer took almost complete charge of the set design for "Fiddler," evoking Cubist artists such as Georges Braque.

Even when rehearsals begin, change is in the air. "We

don't impose blocking at the start. We watch what the actors do, and our job is to say, 'I really like what you did, keep it in,'" said John.

This level of openness extends to welcoming Blair students from every part of the giant school, magnet programs to ESOL. It means giving new actors big roles earlier than they might expect, and graduating students from ensemble to lead roles over the years.

"Kelly and John will give an opportunity to a student that you just don't see other programs doing. It can be adding a student to the ensemble, or making unexpected choices for lead actors," said Joan McFarland, a parent volunteer whose daughter Samantha Chyatte is one of the leads in "Fiddler."

Langston Cotman was given the role of Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls" as a ninth grader, in the first play for which he auditioned. "I went and hammed it up and smiled my butt off. The O'Connors took a chance on me," he said.

From this start, Cotman was in six plays in four years. "They coach you up, and it's more than just learning your lines. They spent a lot of extra time with me," said the

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COUNCIL ACTION

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Three Replacement Police Vehicles
Authorizing purchase of three Ford Interceptors as replacement Police vehicles from Apple Ford at the cost of \$84,066

RESOLUTION 2015-16

Adopted March 23

COLTA Appointments

Appointing Mark Humbert (Ward 2) to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

RESOLUTION 2015-17

Adopted March 23

Board of Elections Appointments

Appointing Brian Ernst (Ward 3) and Arthur David Olson (Ward 4) to the Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2015-18

Adopted April 13

Piney Branch Pool

Urging Montgomery County to keep the county pool at Piney Branch Elementary School open to the public until necessary renovations begin and to fund the necessary capital improvements for renovations as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION 2015-19

Adopted April 13

Takoma Junction Redevelopment

Authorizing the initiation of negotiations with Neighborhood Development Company, LLC for the redevelopment of the city lot at Takoma Junction.

RESOLUTION 2015-20

Adopted April 13

Zoning Text Amendment 15-04

Opposing ZTA 15-04 which proposes to permit a height of up to 65 feet for Educational

Institution (Private) uses in all applicable zones unless the height limit of the zone is higher than 65 feet.

RESOLUTION 2015-21

Adopted April 13

Employment Agreement with the City Manager Approving an employment agreement between the City of Takoma Park and Suzanne R. Ludlow, as City Manager.

RESOLUTION 2015-22

Adopted April 13

Nuclear-Free Zone Committee Appointments Reappointing Linda Kanazaki (Ward 3), Julie Boddy (Ward 1), and Paul Gunter (Ward 1) to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee.

RESOLUTION 2015-23

Adopted April 13

Facade Advisory Board Appointments Reappointing Eric Sepler (Ward 6) to the Facade Advisory Board and James DiLuigi as the representative to the Board from Historic Takoma, Inc. Lorraine Pearsall will serve as alternate representative from HTI.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Ready, Set, Run: Safe Routes 5K Challenge scheduled May 3

Now in its seventh year, the Safe Routes 5K Challenge road race in Takoma Park is set to break records—and not just in how fast participants reach the finish line. The 5K starts at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 3. A one-mile Fun Run and ¼-mile Youth Run follow at 9 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. respectively. The one mile is timed this year for runners 14 and under.

More than 1,000 people are expected to

participate in this May 3 event.

Started in 2009 as a way to spread the word about the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School program, which promotes pedestrian and bicycle safety, the race also has proved to be a great way to get kids and families active. In addition to encouraging safety and exercise, the program seeks to reduce traffic congestion and emissions around schools by getting people out of their vehicles.

Largely because of this race, the City of Takoma Park's Safe Routes to School program is now recognized as a go-to place for pedestrian and bike safety. In October 2012, the program was featured on Fast Lane, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation's blog, when Deputy Secretary of Transportation walked to school with Piney Branch students and presented a national award to the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School program and the participating schools.

More than 45 organizations and businesses have supported the race this year, with sponsorships and in-kind donations

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge

By the numbers

- 3 - May 3rd is the day
- 8 - 8 a.m. is the 5K start
- 7 - it's the seventh year for the SRTS 5K Challenge
- 45 - generous sponsors contributing to the success of the event
- 1,300 shirts ordered
- 35+ helpful volunteers
- 1 click of the mouse at www.tpk5k.com to learn more!

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Energy Upgrade and Exterior Home Repair Program

Income Eligible Homeowners May Apply - No Cost to Homeowner

Deadline to Apply May 15, 2015

For an application or information, contact:
Linda Walker, 301-891-7222, lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov

Income Eligibility

- 1 person household \$45,900 maximum gross income
- 2 person household \$52,440 maximum gross income
- 3 person household \$58,980 maximum gross income

Energy Upgrades/Energy Audit

- Heating and Cooling Systems
- Insulation Installation
- Appliance Replacement
- Caulk, Weather Stripping, Sealing

Exterior Repairs

- Roof Repairs
- Siding and Wood Repair
- Concrete/Brick Work
- Handrails/Guardrails
- Tree Trimming/Removal
- Minor Exterior Repairs

Race course roads closed

On Sunday, May 3, the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program, in partnership with five area schools, will hold the Takoma Park 5K Challenge, Fun Run and Youth Run. The race course includes Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. From 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Maple Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway will be closed to traffic in order to conduct the race. Sligo Creek Parkway will close one hour earlier at 8 a.m. instead of the normal closing time of 9 a.m. Additionally, no parking will be allowed on Grant Avenue, north of Maple Avenue and Maple Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway on the morning of the race. For additional information regarding the Takoma Park 5K Challenge or to register visit www.TKPK5K.com.



COLTA'S
CORNER

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

Simmons v. Fairweather Property Management-COLTA Case # 2014-10T

On April 6, 2015, COLTA issued a decision on a tenant's complaint that the agent for the landlord improperly failed to return a portion of her security deposit and accrued interest. The tenant claimed that she was not responsible for the alleged damages that were withheld from her deposit.

Following the February 2015 hearing, COLTA ruled that the landlord had properly withheld \$356.23 (\$327 for garbage disposal repair and \$29.23 for light bulbs) from the tenant's security deposit refund. The Commission additionally ruled that the landlord had improperly withheld \$185.89 (\$174 for apartment cleaning costs and \$11.88 for light bulbs) from the tenant's security deposit refund. The landlord was ordered to provide the tenant with the additional payment of \$185.89 within 15 calendar days of the April 6, 2015 order date.

To see the complete COLTA Opinion and Order, go to www.takomaparkmd.gov_Landlord-Tenant (left side of page), then to COLTA Case Summaries.

Annual rent increase set at 0.2 percent Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law maintains the affordability of rental units in the community by limiting the number and amount of rent increases allowable for a specific rental unit. Generally, the rent may be increased only once in a given 12-month period, and a two-month written notice is required.

Multi-family rental units and rental condominium units are subject to rent stabilization which limits the rent increase to the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index from March in the preceding year to March in the current year.

Starting on July 1, 2015 and for any rent increases taken through June 30, 2016, the Rent Stabilization Allowance is 0.2 percent. Landlords required to com-

ply with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

The following units may be exempt from rent stabilization upon application to the city. The exemption is not automatic and is subject to the approval of the city.

- Rental units leased to tenants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program;
- Any rental facility where the rents are regulated under contract by a governmental entity; and
- Newly constructed rental units for a period of five years after construction.

For more information about the requirements of Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law, contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216 or at jeank@takomaparkmd.gov

iCan Shine gives the gift of bicycling

The City of Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program brings iCan Shine Bike Camp to Takoma Park, from July 6-10 at Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Ave.

iCan Shine is a non-profit organization that teaches individ-



uals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle through its iCan Bike program. This five-day camp requires riders to attend one 75-minute session

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THE ARTS



Jeff Krulik: The Thirty Year Overnight Sensation

Thursday, May 14
7:30 p.m.
Free

Jeff Krulik will show clips from documentary films he made over his 30-year career. His work includes “Led Zeppelin Played Here,” “Heavy Metal Parking Lot,” and “Ernest Borgine on the Bus,” among other films. After establishing a cult following as a documentaries, Krulik’s films have been shown at the Museum of Modern Art, Lincoln Center, the American Film Institute and on PBS. His resume includes work for Errol Morris, Discovery Networks and National Geographic Channel. The filmmaker lists Rod Serling, Andy Kaufman and DEVO in his varied list of influences. Krulik will discuss his career after the screening—a career that started in the heyday of public access television and culminated in recognition from the Museum of Modern Art and the Flaherty Film Seminar.

Jeff Krulik: The Thirty Year Overnight Sensation is presented in partnership with Docs In Progress.



Preview of Jazz Fest at Takoma Park Community Center

Jazz! Featuring The Bruce Krohmer Trio
Saturday, May 30
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
\$10 suggested donation

As a preview for the 20th Annual Takoma Park JazzFest on June 14, The Bruce Krohmer Trio will perform in the Community Center. After the performance, the musicians will give a short talk about the local jazz scene and the history of jazz.

Krohmer is the president and producer of the TP JazzFest, but he is also a teacher and dedicated musician. His love for jazz began when he was 7 years old with his brother’s Columbia Records subscription, and grew when he picked up his first clarinet and saxophone. He played professionally in an orchestra and

in a rock band before he got involved with ethnic and revivalist music groups. Later, he produced musical festivals in Kentucky as well as a regional NPR show called “Louisville Homefront Productions.”

Krohmer has been involved with the TP JazzFest since 1996, and has been a producer since 2003. He also plays clarinet for The Hot Club of DC, a gypsy-jazz quartet.

OpenStage DC

Thursday, May 9
7:30 p.m.
\$10 suggested donation

OpenStage DC will present 10-minute excerpts from five new or in-progress plays by local playwrights. OpenStage is a monthly D.C.-based “open mic” style event for theatre artists, which provides



writers and performers a casual, intimate setting to present new works.

Featured work includes Look Back On Us by James Bruns and Finders Keeper by Casey Bauer. Eddie Page will present a political drama with a Shakespearean twist.

In the past, OpenStage playwrights and performers showcased pieces at The Fridge art gallery and at Corner Store Arts in Washington, D.C.



STEAM Gallery Exhibit

May 7 – July 5
Gallery Opening: Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Free

STEAM, the latest gallery exhibit at the Takoma Park Community Center, features work from five artists that combines science and artistic whimsy. The exhibit’s acronymic name stands for science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. STEAM opens on May

7 with a reception from 7 – 9 p.m. in the atrium of the Community Center.

Digital prints from Leda Black’s “Celestial Bodies” series will hang in the Atrium gallery in the Community Center. Black’s images are digital mash-ups of either animal, plant or human-made objects, and all are inspired by particular celestial bodies, such as stars, asteroids and comets. In the suspended space above the Atrium, mathematical artist Martin Levin will display sculptures that explore both the boundaries and the infinite planes that geometric shapes suggest. “The pieces are designed to encourage the viewer to visualize in their mind what is not shown, but only suggested,” explains Levin.

In the Richard Dempsey Memorial Gallery, Historic Takoma will display a series of historic maps dating back to 1922. The display of these maps coincides with Takoma Park’s 125th Anniversary. In the Community Center’s upstairs gallery, Gallery 3, Cleve Overton’s mixed media collages will hang. His pieces are inspired by and made from recycled materials.

The Bridges Organization, which oversees the International Conference of Bridges, will display its two-dimensional and three-dimensional mathematical art,



By Martin Levin

ranging from computer graphics to quilts to geometrical sculptures, in the Corridor Gallery between the library and computer centers. Bridges member and digital artist Reza Sarhangi curated this portion of STEAM. The exhibit will run until July 5.

RECREATION



Teens on the Move Summer Edition

Ages 13 – 17

Each day is a trip to a new adventure. Broaden your horizons and maximize your courage and strength. Enjoy activities such as rock climbing, horseback riding, ziplining, etc. Challenge yourself and overcome your fears during this three-week Adventure Camp.

Registration is by day.

TP Community Center

Teen Lounge

Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 6 – July 24

TP residents \$25 per day

Non-residents \$35 per day



REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR SUMMER CAMPS

A full listing of our campus offerings is in the 2015 summer camp guide or online at 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

TOTS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Zumbini

Ages newborn – 3

Zumbini is a music and movement class for children, newborn to 3 years, to attend with their music-loving caregiver. We combine original Zumba-style music with dancing, singing, instruments and scarves to create a fun and engaging 45-minute class. Each will receive a “Bini Bundle” which includes two copies of our class music and a beautifully illustrated storybook.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Saturdays, June 6 – June 27, 9:30– 10:15 a.m.

TP residents \$50

Non-residents \$60

YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio II – Drawing & Watercolor

Ages 11 – 14

Have fun learning 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, May 5 – June 9, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

TP residents \$145

Non-residents \$165

DROP IN

Kid's Night Out

Ages 6 – 12

This will be a fun filled night for children, with activities such as games, art and crafts, movies and theme nights.

TP Recreation Center

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

Free with membership card

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Girls Lacrosse Clinic

Ages 8 – 11

Clinic will emphasize skill development in shooting, passing, catching and field alignments. This five-week clinic will also cover basic rules and interpretations of the game. Lacrosse sticks will be provided. No experience is required.

Ed Wilhelm Field

Wednesdays, May 13 – June 10, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

TP resident \$35

Non-residents \$45

T-Ball League 2015

Kindergarten – 1st 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 needed.

Contact Bradley Williams at bradleyw@takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

Ed Wilhelm Field and Belle Ziegler Park

Saturdays, June 6 – July 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

TP residents \$60

Non-residents \$70

Tennis Clinic

Ages 7 – 13

This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness.

Takoma Park Middle School tennis courts

Tuesdays, May 5 – June 2

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Ages 7 – 9

4:45 – 5:45 p.m. Ages 10 – 13

TP residents \$45

Non-residents \$55

TEENS

DROP IN

Teen Lounge

Ages 13 – 17

Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED Smart TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

TP Community Center

Teen Lounge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 3 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 3 – 8 p.m.

Ongoing

Saturday and Sunday: closed

Free

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 membership card

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Youth Summer Employment Program Interest Meeting

Ages 16 – 21

Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this eight-week program, which will begin June 22 and end Aug. 14. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The Youth Summer Employment Program provides young people ages 16 – 21 with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. To register for the Interest Workshop or to find out more information, call Hazel Hodgson at 301-891-7290.

TP Community Center auditorium

Wednesday, May 6, 7 – 9 p.m.

Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Tennis Skills

Ages 13 and older

This is a mixed class for students with a variety of experience. For beginners, we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes,

Howard Kohn named volunteer of the year

The Maryland Recreation and Park Association named Howard Kohn its 2015 Community Volunteer of the Year on April 16, during National Volunteer Week. The statewide award, presented at a ceremony in Ocean City, is presented annually to recognize outstanding volunteer service to community parks and recreation program.

Kohn is a familiar face around town, on soccer fields, in city gardens and community festivals, and is known for pitching in just about everywhere he goes. The Recreation Department knows him as a model volunteer who encourages others to pitch in as well.

On the sports scene Kohn was one of the original organizers of the local youth baseball and softball league, the youth soccer



Photo by Eric Bond, Takoma Voice

Howard Kohn played grillmeister at the Takoma Foundation Nuclear Free Beerfest fundraiser — a typical role for this well-known volunteer. Inset, Kohn with his wife, Diana Kohn, left, and Recreation Department assistant director Debby Huffman, right, receiving his award.

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A Summer Youth Employment Program participant, ready to work.

using red and orange balls on a shortened court. For the more advanced and quick learners, we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys.

TP Middle School tennis courts
Sundays, March 29 – May 31
Beginner/intermediate: 2 – 3 p.m.
Intermediate/advanced: 3 – 4 p.m.
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$110

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 principles of design, and explore creative 2- and 3-D assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for levels.

TP Community Center art studio
Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$215
Non-residents \$245

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

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 gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m. (on-going)
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m. (on-going)
\$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)
\$120 per 8-week pass
Drop in \$15

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. It's a challenging workout within a quick hour.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 28 – May 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$45/4 weeks

Soca Motion Fitness
Ages 16 and older

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Soca Motion Fitness program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Caribbean-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving people toward joy and health.
TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Wednesdays and Saturdays, April 29 – May 23
Wednesdays, 6 – 6:55 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:10 a.m.
\$40/4 weeks
Drop-in \$10

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Blood Pressure Screening and/or Bingo
Ages 55 and older

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening. After, try your luck and win a prize.
TP Community Center senior room
Thursday, May 28
Screening from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Bingo from noon – 2 p.m.

REC NEWS

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR EXTENDED CARE FOR THE 2015 – 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

After the Bell
Grades K – 5

It is never too soon to start thinking about next school year. After The Bell After School Program at the Takoma Park Recreation Center will provide your child with the quality experience that you are looking for. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities after school. After the Bell encourages growth through well rounded activities such as homework help, arts and crafts, recreation and special events. Transportation is not provided to this program, but you can contact the MCPS Transportation department and have them change your child's bus route to the New Hampshire Towers Apartments that are behind the Recreation Center and staff will meet them at the bus stop and walk them over each day for after care.

TP Recreation Center
Monday-Friday, Aug. 31 – June 17, 2016, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
\$125 per month for the year

Afternoon Addition
Grades K – 5

Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include the computer learning center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. We have some exciting activities planned this year including: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations.

TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, Aug. 31 – June 17, 2016, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

TP residents \$210/month
Non-residents \$260/month
Morning and Afternoon Addition
TP residents \$285/month
Non-residents \$345/month

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Get ready for another Family Outdoor Movie Night. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family. The movie will be a family friendly "G" or "PG" rated hit. Bring your own snacks. The Recreation Department will provide water and one small bag of popcorn per person. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. Visit our website takomaparkmd.gov/recreation to vote on the movie.

Ed Wilhelm Field
Saturday, June 6, dusk
For more information call 301-891-7290

Instructors and part-time staff needed to teach ages 12 – 17

Seasonal, Year Round, Flexible, Afternoon/Evening available

The Teen Program is seeking instructors to facilitate a variety of classes for ages 12 – 18. Current instruction is needed for Drama, SAT Prep – MATH Portion, Job Training, Art, etc. Also looking for energetic part-time staff to work with teens ages 12 – 17 in the afternoons and for summer camp. Staff will program activities plan/attend field trips, etc. For more information, contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

Celebrate Takoma Festival



Ed Wilhelm Field behind Piney Branch Elementary School
Sunday, May 17, 2015 • 12 pm - 5 pm
Rain or Shine



games • delicious ethnic food
crafts • authentic merchandise
live music • & the Azalea Awards



All are welcome!

Rain or Shine

www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma

LIBRARY



Jorge Luis Borges to be the next Reading Group challenge

Join the Friends of the Library Reading Group on **Wednesday, May 13**, as they discuss selections from the collection "Ficciones," by Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986). The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Community Center.

"Borges was an Argentine poet, essayist, and short story writer who is considered one of the foremost figures in world literature of the 20th century," according to the New World Encyclopedia. "Borges's reputation rests primarily on his complex and startlingly original short stories, which...present relatively simple philosophical propositions or thought experiments – What would it be like to be immortal? What would it be like if one could not forget anything? – and proceed through fantastic dream-like narratives... His works have been included by critics in the category of 'magical realism,' which introduces some magical elements into an otherwise realist narrative."

"The seventeen pieces in 'Ficciones' demonstrate the whirlwind of Borges's

genius and mirror the precision and potency of his intellect and inventiveness, his piercing irony, his skepticism, and his obsession with fantasy," adds the publisher's note. "Borges sends us on a journey into a compelling, bizarre and profoundly resonant realm; we enter the fearful sphere of Pascal's abyss, the surreal and literal labyrinth of books and the iconography of eternal return. To enter the worlds in 'Ficciones' is to enter the mind of Jorge Luis Borges, wherein lies Heaven, Hell and everything in between."

According to John Updike, "...Borges has lifted fiction away from the flat earth where most of our novels and short stories still take place." A reviewer in The Atlantic Monthly wrote that its stories "throb with uncanny and haunting power." And Mario Vargas Llosa has called Borges "the most important Spanish-language writer since Cervantes."

All are welcome to join the Friends' book discussions. Copies of "Ficciones" are available at the Library.



Coming in June:

Discussions on the next steps in planning for a renovated Library – Watch for announcements for ways you can participate! To join our e-mail list, or for further information, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Many May Events

Remember to mark your calendars for three author events in May! First, on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 7:30 p.m., humorist and kids' author Dave Barry will present his newest book for young readers ages 8-12, "The Worst Class Trip Ever." Barry's event will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

Then, on **Wednesday, May 13**, at 7 p.m., author Michelle Knudsen and illustrator Matt Phelan will read their new picture book, "Marilyn's Monster." Finally, graphic novelist Jorge Aguirre spotlights his newest graphic novel for kids, "Dragons Beware!" **Monday, May 18** at 7:30 p.m. Both of these events will take place in the Library's Children's Room.

Politics and Prose will be selling copies of the authors' books at each event, but the programs are free and

no purchase is required. Hope to see you at one or all of these fun events!

Book sale returns

The popular Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library book sale will return on **Saturday, May 16** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Library lawn. Used books in good condition of every description will be available at bargain prices.

The book sales are a major fund-raising event by the Library Friends, and all proceeds go the Library in the form of donations for programs and other services and resources.

Volunteers are needed to help at the sale in approximately two-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to find some great books, meet your neighbors, and help the Library. High-school students may earn service learning hours toward graduation by volunteering at the sale. To volunteer, or for further information, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
Led by Señora Geiza

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, May 2, 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.

LEGO Club

Sunday, May 3, 1:30-3 p.m.
For ages 3-10, registration required.

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

Humorist/Kids' Author Dave Barry

Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center auditorium
Barry will present his newest kids' book, "The Worst Class Trip Ever."
(See article)

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.
Come read with us as we spotlight some great picture books.
Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 12, 4 p.m.
Join comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club.

Picture Book Creators Michelle Knudsen and Matt Phelan

Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.
They will read from their new picture book, "Marilyn's Monster."
(See article)

"Ficciones" by Jorge Luis Borges, discussion by the Friends Reading Group, Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center
(See article)

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Library Lawn
(See article)

Graphic Novelist Jorge Aguirre

Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
Aguirre will read from his new graphic novel for kids, "Dragons Beware!"
(See article)

Looking ahead....

- Bedtime Stories and a Craft, Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m.
- LEGO Club, Sunday, June 7, for ages 3-10. Registration required.
- Kick-off for Summer Quest, our unique summer reading program, Monday, June 8, 7 p.m.

MOOC meetings inspire learning from historic fiction to Hollywood

A Report from the MOOC crew

By Patti Mallin

This spring, the Sunday afternoon MOOC crew investigated the worlds of historical fiction. At each gathering, anywhere from five to a dozen people explored ever-changing definitions of historical fiction, which we found to be quite the moving target. We heard the differences between how an historian and a journalist approach the research and writing of historical fiction, from the authors themselves. And we learned the phrase "anxiety of influence" to label our concern over how readers of fiction might mistake a novel for historical record -- an example would be the enormous number of stories written about the Salem witch trials compared to the small amount of time spent examining primary sources.

In theory, throughout the week and at our own paces, we followed an online class offered by the University of Virginia via Coursera, where we watched lectures and read excerpts from texts written over the course of hundreds of years. In practice, we staked our Sunday claim to Computer Room B where we discussed the lectures and the assigned readings, explored issues in writing our own works of historical fiction, expressed excitement over Wolf Hall finally appearing on PBS, talked about volunteering for Project Gutenberg, and drank increasing amounts of coffee.

New Takoma Park resident Jean Krueger compares this MOOC to a book club. "I get to hear other readers' take on whatever I'm reading and have often gained insights I would not otherwise have. I find that so in this group, as well. I had not previously given much thought to how historical fiction de-

veloped or considered how each author approached it, given known historical facts. I think I will question this more in the future as I read each new book."

Jennifer Bunch, who is currently writing her own work of historical fiction, has a different takeaway from the MOOC. "I'm finding the class discussions extremely helpful in planning my own historical novel by providing the opportunity to hear what other readers of historical fiction like, don't like, and hope to gain from the historical novels they read."

There are a core group of library patrons who participate in almost every MOOC we offer, and others who join for one specific program. In the past we have explored courses titled Ancient Greek Hero and the Moralities of Everyday Life, we have learned "How to Learn" and how Hollywood storytelling changed with advances in technology. As we ease into summer, we are going back to the movies.

Coursera's "Marriage and the Movies" begins online May 18, and we will meet for the five following Sundays at 12:30 p.m. to watch and discuss films that demonstrate how the depiction of marriage has changed over time since the silent film era. To join us, sign up for the online portion of the course at www.coursera.org/course/marriageandmovies and register for our Sunday meetups at www.takomapark.info/library/programs.html.

All are welcome!

Patti Mallin is a Library Instructional Assistant who presides at our popular Sunday afternoon massive open on-line course offerings along with public services coordinator Rebecca Brown.

BIKE MONTH

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ing its 10-year old Bicycle Master Plan.

Takoma Park residents can celebrate Bike Month this May in Takoma Park with the following local events:

Bike to School Day Wednesday, May 6

All Takoma Park elementary and middle school students are invited to ride their bikes to school on Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 6. Get your bike ready for spring and summer fun. Wipe off the spider webs, check the tires, brakes and chain and be sure to strap on your helmet. Here's what's happening in Takoma Park on May 6:

Takoma Park Middle School students participating in Bike to School Day will be met with refreshments when they arrive at school. Bike related prize drawings will occur during the course of the day.

Rolling Terrace Elementary School encourages walking and biking to school every Wednesday throughout the year and especially on Bike to School Day.

Piney Branch Elementary School will meet at the Franklin apartment building parking lot, 7620 Maple Ave. at 8:45 a.m. The ride to school will start at 8:55. Maple Avenue will be closed to traffic during the ride and the Takoma Park Police will escort the bicyclists. Extra bike parking will be available in the Community Center basketball court. Students riding a bike, scooter or skateboard must wear a helmet to participate.



Photo by Lucy Neher

Scooters are another great way to get to school on Bike to School Day, May 6 this year.

Piney Branch will also celebrate the #SaveKidsLives Campaign for Global Road Safety Week (May, 4-10) during its Bike to School Day event on Wednesday, May 6. Piney Branch joins communities around the world working hard to stop deaths and injuries to children on our roads. On Bike to School Day, students, teachers, staff, parents and other community members will have the opportunity to sign the United Nations' Child Declaration urging decision makers to take strong action to make

roads safer for children.

They can also take a #safie (not a selfie - a #safie). Taking a #safie is a fun way to show your support. To take part in this campaign, download the #safie signboard, write a safety message and share it on social media including the #Safie and #SaveKidsLives hashtags. All city residents who are concerned about road safety can sign the Declaration and take a #safie. For more information about the Declaration and to download the signboard go to www.safekids.org/safe-roads-safe-kids.

Bike to Work Day Friday, May 15

If you've been telling yourself this will be the year you start commuting to work by bike, then why not start on Bike to Work Day? For the past several years, thousands of commuters in the greater Washington metropolitan area have participated in this morning event to celebrate bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Three Bike to Work Day pit stops will again be in Takoma Park, at the Gazebo in Old Takoma, on Sligo Creek Trail at New Hampshire Avenue, and at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Professional Building (7676 New Hampshire Ave.). All three locations have been a big hit with local riders as the event grows every year. Even in last year's torrential storms, cyclists made their way to the rain-or-shine pit stops. Registration is free and participants receive a T-shirt, refreshments, and are entered into a raffle for a bicycle and other fun prizes! Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.com

O'CONNOR

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2014 Blair graduate.

Now taking a gap year before starting college in the fall, Cotman got his first chance on a semi-professional stage through the O'Connors. He was in Lumina Theater's adult production of "Our Mutual Friend" in February. Naturally, Kelly played one of the female leads, and John wrote the play as an adaptation of the Dickens novel.

Whether at Blair or Lumina, professionalism is a byword with the O'Connors. Rehearsals start on time; costumes and dances are authentic to their period; actors understand their characters. It even comes down to the smallest detail, like an onstage kiss. "We teach them the 'five-second rule' for kisses," said John. "If they hold that kiss for five seconds, it looks real."

Remarkably, however, neither Kelly nor John have college degrees in drama, though Kelly minored in theater at Catholic University. "I've learned by doing," she said. "I love the rehearsal process, of it all coming together...of seeing what students respond to."

One way the O'Connors incorporate so many students in the musicals is to use "over-studies" and understudies, basically two sets of lead actors. The understudies are guaranteed one performance. For the fall play, the O'Connors build two separate casts, in order to maximize participation.

"It takes a lot of extra work and dedication on their part," said McFarland, who is one of two vocal directors this spring and is a professional choral conductor and singer.

Inclusiveness doesn't just come in numbers, either. "The O'Connors are not afraid to take students who don't have the typical stage 'look' or presence, and work with them," added Judith Arbacher, president of the Blair Theatre Boosters and parent of Rachel, who is the grandmother in "Fiddler."



Photo by Luc Picone

John O'Connor, left, in rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof. He and his wife, Kelly O'Connor, are at the heart of the high school theater program.

"It's marvelous because kids come to the play and see someone onstage who looks like them, rather than what you see on TV," said Arbacher. "For some kids in our community, this might be the only live theater that they see, so it's even more meaningful."

Brothers Audrey and Fridien Tchoukoua, who moved to Silver Spring from Cameroon as teens, are examples of how inclusiveness can change lives. With limited English, neither would have seemed to be a likely theater star, but John and Kelly saw something special. Fast-forward a few years, and the brothers are at Sewanee University on full scholarships, Audrey studying theater.

"I was taking ESOL, and my goal was to learn English, to think in English, to be culturally immersed in it," said Audrey. "I can hold a tune and sing with passion, but I had never acted, never seen a professional play."

His singing audition wowed Kelly, and Audrey instantly became part of the Blair

Theatre extended family. "Kelly worked with me to learn pronunciation of American vowels. And they taught me so much about the importance of the collective work of the theater. Those were some of the most meaningful and memorable moments of my life," he said.

The program's support went a step further when Audrey was a senior and cast as "Les Miserables" star Jean Valjean. With family finances tight, Audrey's mother wanted him to take an after-school job rather than the play. Instead, the Blair Boosters funded a "fellowship" for him that was the equivalent of what he could have earned that spring. "I'll never forget it," Audrey said.

It's all part of the "no detail left unattended" attitude that drives the O'Connors.

Kelly admits she's obsessed with costumes, and she's forever sewing and tailoring for the perfect effect. She, her parents and John haunt local thrifts and craft stores for costumes and props, the latter of which take up residence in the O'Connor

home. "We have a phonograph in our living room that we bought at Value Village that has probably been in a half-dozen shows," says John.

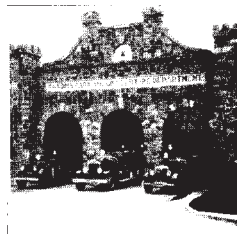
Their house on Tulip Avenue in Takoma Park is a tribute to the written word. Busts of poets and playwrights, packed bookshelves, and theater posters – as well as umbrella stands, medallions, teacups, and many other curiosities – are the perfect backdrop for occasional theatrical readings and a steady flow of visits from students.

Add it up, and it's a package that has influence far beyond a few kids for a few high school years. For 2004 Blair graduate Jordan (McCraw) Thorley, Kelly is a model for her career as a high school drama teacher in Gloucestershire, England. "Everyone wanted to be around her," said Thorley. "It was a happy place to be in high school."

Thorley said that she applies the lessons she learned acting and on stage crew, from how to run auditions to the importance of giving students a voice. "I love how Kelly gave us creative freedom. It's particularly important in England, where academics are so examination-based, even in drama," she said.

A few years ago, Thorley brought some of her students to the U.S., and they watched the Blair performance of "Taming of the Shrew." "My students were awed. They thought there would be no way these Americans would understand it—because my students have trouble engaging with Shakespeare. But Kelly and John have the ability to make classical works relevant for 15 year-olds. It's a gift," Thorley said.

That gift goes both ways, as the students inspire the O'Connors just as much as they inspire the students. "There's something that young actors bring to the stage. I think it's the heart-on-the-sleeve emotions that are a part of teenage life. Even if a professional actor is more technically proficient, the way that kids are living in the moment adds a special quality to the plays," said Kelly.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Mar. 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 168 fire-related incidents in 2015. The department addressed or assisted with 746 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 914. Totals for 2014 were 160 and 689, representing an increase of 65 incidents.

During the month of March 2015, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,402.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,247.5 in March 2014. Grand totals as of March 2015 are 4,412 hours compared to 3,617.5 hours in 2014, an increase of 794.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of March 20, 23 people

have died in fires in 2015, compared to 26 in 2014.

Junk vehicles needed

Do you have an old junker littering your driveway? The Takoma Park VFD can take it off your hands – we are currently looking for vehicles to be used for training. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate, call Chief Glenn Butts at the station, 240-773-8954. We'll be glad to pick it up and dispose of it after we finish training with it.

Be prepared for fire

Plan ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

- **MAKE** a escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should gather in an emergency evacuation.
- **MAKE** sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of the home. Check them monthly.

Prepare for summer storm season

Were you in Washington, D.C. or College Park area in early April when the power went out at the White House, the Capitol, 13 metro stations, the Smithsonian, the University of Maryland campus and surrounding areas? How did you manage? Was your cell phone working to call family or were you underground at a Metro station without power? Were you in College Park wandering around trying to do without street-crossing lights?

Although the April power outage was caused by the failure of a transmission conductor in Charles County, Md. it's a good warning for what may happen in Takoma Park in the summer due to storms or generator problems. So—what can you do?

Long-term outage, continuing storms

The following will ensure you're ready if the power goes out for days:

- Have a plan to stay in touch with your family and a meeting place if you get separated.
- Make a basic emergency kit: 1 gallon of water per person per day; food for three days per person; flashlight and batteries; and a battery-operated radio to stay informed.
- Schedule a block or building prepared-

ness meeting with our City Emergency Preparedness manager Ron Hardy (ronh@takomaparkmd.gov)

- Go to www.ready.gov or www.redcross.org to learn more on preparedness.

Short term outage

Consider this an 'indoor camping' experience – without having to put up the tent! Make sure you have the following on hand:

- A lantern with a large battery (periodically check this to make sure the battery is OK)
- Several flashlights close at hand (near the bed, the desk, and downstairs) that you can easily retrieve when the power goes out
- Working batteries that fit each item (try using masking tape to mark when they were bought)
- Phone numbers for contacts that are easily accessible
- Alternative phone options, such as a non-cell phone or car charger (be careful going down the stairs to get to the car!)
- Easy access to medications that must be taken in evenings (take the flashlight or lantern);
- Bottled water

Jim Jarboe receives NVFC Fire Prevention and Education Award

Award sponsored by First Alert

The National Volunteer Fire Council presented Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Jarboe its 2015 NVFC Fire Prevention and Education Award last month. The award, sponsored by First Alert, honors a volunteer firefighter or non-operational volunteer who exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention.

Jarboe is well known in the community for more than 50 years of service, offering safety education through his long association with Takoma Park Fire Department. What Takoma Parkers may not know is that Jarboe also participates actively with a number of Maryland fire safety groups, including the Maryland State Fireman's Association Fire Prevention Committee and the Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland.

On the home front, Jarboe has coordinated and been the lead instructor of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department's Babysitter's Safety Training Program since 1964. More than 2,500 girls and boys have completed the 10-hour program under his leadership. Since 1982, Chief Jarboe has authored the monthly Firehouse Report column in the city's newsletter, which includes fire safety messages, response statistics, fire loss data and more. Each Halloween he paints pumpkins and displays them throughout the area with safety tips for trick-or-treating. He also coordinates a partnership with the Lions Club and Holy Cross Hospital blood drives to provide fire safety information to blood donors.

Throughout his tenure at the department, Jarboe has helped to design emergency preparedness brochures; developed, organized and coordinated the city-wide Operation Smoke Detector Check proj-



Jim Jarboe

ect; served as a safety monitor at the city's annual Halloween haunted house; and provided a weekly hour-long fire safety segment at the local college radio station. Jarboe also continues to provide fire safety tips during department programs and city events.

The Fire Prevention and Education award was established in memory of volunteer firefighter Marc Mueller. According to NVFC's web site, Mueller "energetically promoted the causes of volunteer firefighters and supported all efforts to elevate the volunteer program to its highest level. He dedicated much of his life to public service and made major strides to bring prestige, credibility and recognition to volunteer firefighters nationwide."

Jim Jarboe exemplifies a similar community spirit.

KOHN

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league, the winter basketball league and the adult coed softball league. He's still a soccer commissioner and the baseball fields coordinator, and "Team Howard" still plays softball, with Kohn occasionally "pitching" in as emeritus coach.

On the civic scene Kohn was in the forefront of the campaign for the community center, chaired the Recreation Committee for many years and helped revive the Takoma Foundation. He's also been active in the Takoma Junction revitalization, the Old Town "main street" effort and upkeep of the woods between Piney Branch Elementary and Takoma Park Middle School. He also helped lead the fight for the new Blair High School and served at Blair as a soccer coach and PTSA officer.

At present Kohn is a member or orga-

nizer of the Independence Day Committee, Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER), Takoma United for an Engaged Community, MLK Service Day, the Celebrate Takoma festival, the Ready-by-21 Youth Collaborative and the Takoma Park Commemoration Commission. His most recent passion is as a weekend teacher at the youth demonstration gardens on Community Center grounds.

Over more than 30 years as a Takoma Park resident, Kohn has led by example, engaging other volunteers and helping to create a vibrant, engaged community here in this small city. As staff members of the Takoma Park Recreation Department, we congratulate him on this well-deserved award and extend our most sincere thanks for his continuing and generous contribution of time and talent to our programs, and to the community at large.

DDOT Plans Met Branch Trail Extension into Maryland

The Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT), long planned to connect Takoma Park and Silver Spring with downtown Washington, D.C. took another crank of the pedal closer to completion last month. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) released early plans for the trail improvement and extension running from the Brookland neighborhood near the Catholic University of America in D.C., up past the Fort Totten Transfer

Station and Metro Station, and snaking adjacent the Red Line tracks, mostly via a new, separated trail on Blair Road. The MBT is an important route for commuters heading both north and south between its termini at the Silver Spring Metro Station in Maryland and Union Station in D.C., with several destinations along the way. Many bicyclists use the current interim on-road routes between the trail segments in Takoma Park and down-

town D.C. The segments currently under design will help bridge these important gaps, providing a cycling facility through difficult areas like the Fort Totten Transfer Station and adjacent National Park Services Lands. The schedule anticipates the final design will wrap up in 2016, with construction beginning in 2017. Not included at this time is the segment along Maple, Cedar and Carroll streets and Eastern Avenue in Takoma D.C.,

though DDOT does plan to extend the Takoma Park segment of the trail to Piney Branch Road. The agency is still planning routes for the trail east and west of the Takoma Metro Station.

For more information, and to download the latest maps and graphics, visit:
www.metbranchtrail.com/resources

SAFE ROUTES

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ranging from \$20 to \$5,000. Top funders include Lusid Media, Finn Family Group, and Social and Scientific Systems, Inc. Money raised from the race supports the PTA at five schools in the City of Takoma Park: Piney Branch Elementary, Takoma Park Elementary, East Silver Spring Elementary, Rolling Terrace Elementary and Takoma Park Middle School. Schools find creative ways to use their funds, 50 percent of which are required to go towards pedestrian and bike education or health and fitness programming. For example, Piney Branch Elementary used proceeds to buy playground equipment and East Silver Spring Elementary now sponsors the popular “run club” which has more than 100 members. This family friendly race is open to all ages and abilities. Participants can run or walk a ¼ mile, mile or 5K (3.2 miles). For more information on how to participate visit: www.tkpk5k.com.



The Takoma Park Safe Routes for Kids 5K is popular among families.

ICAN SHINE

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per day. iCan Shine uses adapted equipment, trained professionals and volunteer spotters. With 75 minutes of instruction over five days, more than 80 percent of riders learn to ride a conventional bicycle independently by the end of camp. Spaces are available for riders ages 8 to 14 years old. To be eligible to enroll, riders must have an intellectual or physical disability, be able to walk without an assistive device such as a walker or cane, be able to side-step quickly to both sides, must have a minimum inseam measure-

ment of 20 inches and weigh no more than 220 pounds. Riders must wear their own bike helmet and must have an appropriate personal bike available for the iCan Bike program by no later than Thursday (Day Four) of the program. The goal is to transition all riders to their own bikes towards the latter part of the week. Two volunteer “spotters” are needed per rider. Spotters work with the same rider for each of the five days and experience the thrill of giving the gift of riding a bike! Volunteers must be at least 16 years old (unless accompanied by an adult); be able to attend 90 minutes at the same time each of the five days of camp (15 minutes of training/daily debriefing, 75 minute session); be able to provide physical, emotional and motivational support to the assigned rider and be able and willing to get some exercise (light jogging/running) for a great cause! This iCan Shine Bike Camp is free. Spaces are still available. To register for the camp or sign on to volunteer, contact Lucy Neher, lucyn@takom-aparkmd.gov.



Everybody can bike at iCan Shine, a week-long summer camp.

APARTMENTS

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number of businesses and services are located. Douglas is planning renovations on that building, which was originally built in 1956 and for many years housed the Seventh Day Adventist offices and publishing operation. The plan is to convert some of the ground-floor space to retail, and use the upper floors for offices. Among the current tenants there are the Takoma Children's School, AYUDA, several offices and an e-commerce business, BrightLife Direct, that sells compression

garments. There are also a number of arts-related businesses there: Washington Opera is on the third floor, with studios, rehearsal space and business offices. D.C. Arts Studios, formerly A Salon, is a collective of about 70 working artist studios there. And two dance studios are on the first floor: The Lab D.C., a break-dancing school, and Knock On Wood tap dancing studio. Around the corner at 6896 Laurel Street NW, Douglas also owns the building currently occupied by the EF International Language Center.

RECREATION

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Free
SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH
Senior Free Fitness Pass
Ages 55 Plus
This is a pass that is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for seniors 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. Registration is open. You can register today at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Ave. TP Recreation Center fitness room Ongoing Mondays – Fridays, 2:30 – 9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free

TRIPS
Fine Arts Festival, Bethesda, Md.
Ages 55 and older
This festival features 130 artists along Norfolk, Auburn and Del Ray avenues plus live entertainment. Bring your lunch or money for a restaurant within walking distance. Rain or shine. Registration is required. Meet at TP Community Center Saturday, May 9, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free
James E. Richmond Science Center, Waldorf, Md.
Ages 55 and older
A film in the 360-degree Digital Dome theatre, a planetarium sky show and access to Science on a Sphere. Bring money for lunch at a local restaurant. Rain or shine. Registration is required. Meet at TP Community Center Wednesday, May 20, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$8 per person admission, free transportation
Takoma Park's 125th Celebration Tea
Ages 55 and older
A Victorian Tea hosted by Historic Takoma at its new home, 7328 Carroll Ave. To celebrate the anniversary of Takoma Park's incorporation. Rain or shine. Registration required by May 11. Meet at TP Community Center Thursday, May 14, 2 – 4 p.m. Free

PETS
Basic Dog Manners
Ages 6 months – 6 years
Whether you have a “teen” emerging from puppyhood, or an adult dog that needs some training, this class is for you. Using positive reinforcement, we will teach your dog foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people) and polite greetings. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom. To register for dog classes visit: rewardsdogtraining.com or call 240-462-8045. Heffner Park Community Center Wednesdays, June 3 – July 8, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. TP residents \$145 Non-residents \$165
Advanced Basic Dog Manners
Ages 6 months – 6 years
Build on your dog's basic skills and take your training to the next level. This class will add difficulty (distractions, combining cues, working off-leash), shaping reliable responses (speed and precision), teaching a few tricks and more. Dogs should have completed a basic manners class using positive training, or equivalent private sessions. Dogs should be friendly and must have current vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in class. To register for dog classes visit: rewardsdogtraining.com or call 240-462-8045. Heffner Park Community Center Wednesdays, June 3 – July 8, 8 – 9 p.m. TP residents \$145 Non-residents \$165
Puppy Kindergarten
Ages 8 weeks – 5 months
Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised, off leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. Most of all, we'll have fun. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom. To register for dog classes please visit: rewardsdogtraining.com or call 240-462-8045. Heffner Park Community Center Tuesdays, June 2 – July 7, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. TP residents \$145 Non-residents \$165

MAY '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 June issue is May 18, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning May 28.

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, May 4, 7 p.m.*

City Council Meeting, Monday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Monday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Monday, June 8, 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.

Lifelong Takoma Meeting

Beyond the Job Interest

Wednesday, May 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

TP Community Center senior room

Exploring self-identity, meaning and productivity when a career is no longer the main focus.

Register at lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov

or 301-891-7232

Takoma Park residents only

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Government offices will be closed. Yard waste pick-up has been canceled, food waste pick-up scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.

Accessing In-Home Care

Thursday, May 28, 10 a.m. – noon

TP Community Center Azalea Room

How to get help in your home, learn the ins and outs of choosing services and programs.

Presented by Lifelong Takoma and Takoma Park Village Collaborative

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.

Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families

240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com

www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid's Night Out

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Fun and games for kids

See page 6 for details

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Games and activities just for teens

See page 6 for details

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round

Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town

Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

Crossroads Farmers Market

Beginning June 3, through Nov. 18

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Anne Street, between University Blvd. and Hammond Ave.

Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food

Food Truck Fridays

Fridays, 5 – 8 p.m.

Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.

Trohv, 232 Carroll St., NW

Remember

Use of Lawn Care Pesticides are Prohibited in Takoma Park

For details on our Safe Grow regulations, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/safegrow

Various food vendors

National Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, May 2

TP Police Station, TP Community Center first floor lobby

Dispose of outdated and unwanted medications in the disposal kiosk.

Play it safe: Keep these out of reach and out of circulation

Takoma Park 5K Challenge

Sunday, May 3, 8 a.m.

TP Community Center

This 5K race will help promote Safe Routes to School, which encourages students to walk to school regularly and safely.

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Grant Avenue Market

Monday, May 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Grant and Carroll avenues

Grant Avenue Market showcases antiques, collectibles and other funky finds.

Celebrate Takoma

Sunday, May 17, noon – 5 p.m.

Ed Wilhelm Field, 2 Darwin Ave.

Culinary tastes, festive performances, visual and performing arts, crafts and games from around the world.

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Crossroads' Inaugural Night Market

Saturday, May 30, 6 – 9 p.m.

Trohv, 232 Carroll St.

Great food and music to fight hunger and celebrate local foods

\$35 – \$40

crossroadsnightmarket.eventbrite.com

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

www.republictakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.

Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.

Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 4th St. NW

Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St., NW

Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

STEAM Gallery Exhibit opening

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center

Five artists interpret the intersection of science and art

Free

The Grapevine Storytelling Series

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Featuring stories by Diane Macklin and Tim Livengood

\$10 suggested donation

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Panorama Jazz Band

Friday, May 8, 5:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

Funky New Orleans Jazz, tropical rhythms of the Caribbean and exotic melodies of Eastern Europe

Free

Brother Sun

Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

276 Carroll St. NW

Male trio of singer songwriters

\$16 in advance and \$20 at the door

www.carrollcafe.org

Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All-Stars

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Takoma Park Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

"The Pied Piper of Takoma Park" is having an album release party.

OpenStage DC

Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

10-minute excerpts from new or in-progress

plays created by local playwrights

\$10 suggested donation

Jeff Krulick – The Thirty Year Overnight Sensation

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

Docs In Progress presents Filmmaker-in-Residence Jeff Krulick, famous for rock documentaries about the local scene.

Free

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www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Bruce Krohmer Jazz Trio

Saturday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

This event features a sneak peak at the Jazz Festival, followed by a short talk about the local jazz scene and the history of jazz.

\$10 suggested donation

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

UPCOMING EVENTS

iCan Shine Bike Camp

The City of Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program brings iCan Shine Bike Camp to Takoma Park, from July 6-10 at Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Ave. The five-day camp requires riders to attend one 75-minute session per day, and teaches individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle.

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BIKE TO WORK DAY 2015
FRIDAY 5.15.15

Item #4

COMMITTED CONNECTIONS
Marriott
Bike Arlington
ExpressLanes
EARTHJUSTICE
KIND
CRYSTALIDE
AAA
KIMPTON
BicyclePASS
ORTLIEB
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Pre-Register by May 8 for free T-shirt* and bike raffles!
FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and GIVEAWAYS at all LOCATIONS
Over 75 Bike to Work Day pit stops located in D.C., Maryland and Virginia
Visit biketoworkmetrodc.org for specific pit stop locations and times.

*T-shirts available at pit stops to first 14,000 who register.
Bike to Work Day is also funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800.745.7433

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