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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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 Totem Metro into Maryland (see story on page 11), and the Montgomery County Planning Department is revamping the Gateway Streetscape project.

BIKE MONTH

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 Sagaforn, 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.
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, LLP 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

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – MAY 4 TO JUNE 8

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL
City Council meeting, Monday, May 4, 7:30 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 begin at 7:30 p.m. Detailed agendas are available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

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

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

COMMENORATION 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 TPCC Abbott Citizens’ Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly City Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the city clerk at 301-891-7287 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.

TAKOMA TOPICS:

City Council Action

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 cambió 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 del 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 Elections. takomaparkmd.gov for additional 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 próxima Elección Municipal para Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo se llevará a cabo el martes, 3 de noviembre de 2015. La Reunión 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.

REGISTRO 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 sección 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 on site.

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 play, 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,” evolving Cubist artists such as Georges Braque.

Even when rehearsals begin, change is in the air. “We ask the kids what questions they have about 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,” evolving Cubist artists such as Georges Braque.

“Keep it in,” said John.

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.)

“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

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.
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.

The race starts at 5K Challenge scheduled May 3

About the Takoma Park 5K Challenge

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.

By the numbers

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• 8 - a.m. is the 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.tkpk5k.com to learn more!

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

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 comply 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: 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 jkerr@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 individuals 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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**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.

**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.

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

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A Summer Youth Employment Program participants ready to work.

Using red and orange balls on a court on a 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 $325/month

Non-residents $350/month

Morning and Afternoon Addition

Monday – Friday, Aug. 31 – June 17, 2015, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

TP Recreation Center

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, 2015, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

TP residents $212/month

Non-residents $236/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 Leiccia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.
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, 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.

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 pace, 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 assigned readings, explored issues in writing our own works of historical fiction, expressed excitement over Will Hall’s appearance on PBS, talked about volunteering for Project Gutenberg, and drank increasing amounts of coffee.

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Led by Sefora Geiza

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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 ellen@takomaparkmd.gov.
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 a.m. 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.

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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 Theatre’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 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 the dynamic duo of 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.”

“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 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 and Fridien studying commerce. “I was taking ESL, 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 “scholarship” for him that was 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 umbrellas, stands, medallions, teacups, and 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 influenced 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’ that they were about to perform. 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-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.
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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 snapping 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 downtown 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

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

SAFE ROUTES
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ranging from $20 to $5,000. Top funders include Lulule, Media, Finn Family Group, 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 300 members.

This family friendly race is open to all ages and abilities. Participants can run or walk 1/2 mile, mile or 5K (3.2 miles). For more information on how to participate visit: www.tkpl3k.com

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APARTMENTS
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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: rewardsoftraining.com or call 240-462-8045.

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Wednesdays, June 3 – July 8, 8 – 9:45 p.m.
TP residents $145
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Advanced Basic Dog Manners
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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@atkomaparkmd.gov.

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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.

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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 pickup has been canceled, food waste pickup 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 edcarr_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
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 SK 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

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 Livingston
$10 suggested donation
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Panorama Jazz Band
Friday, May 8, 6:30 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.
278 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
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Third Thursday Poetry Reading
Thursday, May 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
This popular “Third Thursday” poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.
Free
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Bruce Krommer 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
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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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