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Monday, May 30
City offices closed

Trash collection/recycling

Monday, May 30
No yard waste collection
Compost collected Tuesday

Mayor & Council
7500 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912



Selena Malott

Corrine Ducey makes repairs at Takoma Bicycle.

Working on wheels

By Apryl Motley

On May 20, Bike to Work Day, thousands of people will commute to work on their bicycles. For some this will be a special occasion, but for others, biking to—and for—work is part of their everyday routine. The Takoma Park area is home base for some of these avid cyclists, who have incorporated biking into their jobs.

At Play

"In my late high school and college years, I fully engaged in car ownership," says Sat-Jiwan Khalsa (Coach SJ), owner of Moving Forward Tennis. "It wasn't all that bad, but little did I know of the significant negative impacts on the environment."

Coach SJ, who serves on the City Council's Committee on the Environment, has

commuted by bike for the past 20 years. He can be seen riding around the City with his tennis gear in a bike trailer as travels to teach private tennis lessons or classes for the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

"First, I appreciate the positive environmental impact of biking," he says. "Second, the ease and relative quickness of travel in a semi-urban area is a plus. And with the right equipment, you can carry things that wouldn't fit easily into a car."

And last, but certainly not least, Coach SJ values "the automatic health and exercise benefits" of commuting by bike. He has made "business and living choices that make it easy to walk or bike in [his] work and daily life."

"It was natural to teach tennis or do green building consulting locally," he says. "Fortunately, nice weather for outdoor tennis and nice weather for biking go hand in hand."

On Patrol

For Takoma Park Police Sergeant Jerome Erwin, biking while patrolling goes hand in hand with building positive relationships in the community. "People like to see us mountain bike patrolling," Erwin says. "The positive comments like, 'Thank you, great to see you out here,' motivate me to ride."

"I was certified about 10 years ago by Retired Cpl. Fred Roush, who was the original coordinator of our police mountain bike program," he continues.

Initially Erwin had no interest in participating in the mountain bike program.

However, his sister-in-law, who is also an officer in Takoma Park, was registered for the department's bike training class



Selena Malott

Captain Tyrone Collington, Commander, Operations Division

Bulbs and bubbly, anyone?

By Apryl Motley

It's time to celebrate. This year the Takoma Park Horticultural Club (THC) commemorates its 100th Anniversary and 10 decades of educating local gardeners while furthering its public gardening mission. Activities are planned throughout the year. The club hosted a hospitality suite at the Historic Takoma House and Garden Show. On May 18 at the City Council meeting, the City is presenting a proclamation to the club recognizing its centennial. In July look for club members marching in the City's annual Fourth of July parade to represent 100 years of gardening. And during the club's anniversary year, members are reflecting on their best experiences with the club and the reasons behind its longevity.

Diane Svenonius, current editor of the club's monthly newsletter and a past president, first joined the club in 2010 after attending one of the public programs the club hosts throughout the year featuring notable speakers. "One of my favorites was Sam Droege, who is a vehement enthusiast of native bees and startled everyone by saying that Takoma Park should cut down some of its trees to make meadow habitats that these pollinators prefer," Svenonius recalls.

She's also a fan of the club's open garden series held on Friday afternoons in June and enjoys the club's annual plant exchanges. "I'm not a terrific gardener, and most of what's in my garden comes from the plant exchanges," Svenonius says.

The club's annual plant exchanges are members-only events, but that shouldn't deter anyone. Dues remain a very reasonable \$12 per year. When the club was first started at the Takoma, DC branch of the District of Columbia Library in March 1916, dues were .10 per meeting. According to Svenonius, who serves on the THC history team, club members grew tired of

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

(The June 1 meeting will take place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.)

Meetings take place in the TPCC Auditorium, unless noted otherwise. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 2, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Rose Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up at: takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/sign-up-council-agendas.

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 with a disability who 1) wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing; or 2) cannot attend a public meeting but would like to record an audio comment to be played during the public comment period of the meeting, is invited to contact Jason Damweber, Deputy City Manager, at jasond@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 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.

ORDINANCE 2016-8

Adopted March 9, 2016

Annual Recycling Report (Multifamily Facilities)

Amends the City Code, Ch. 10.12 Private Collection from Multifamily Facilities, to change the date for filing an annual report to coincide with the date for filing a rental license renewal application.

ORDINANCE 2016-9

Adopted March 23, 2016

Stormwater Fees for Condominium Units

Amends the City Code, Ch. 16.08 Stormwater Management Fee System, to prescribe the allocation of stormwater fees to condo units by dividing the total fee for the condominium property by the number of condominium units in the development and billing each condo owner.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE OLD TAKOMA AREA?



Join the City's Façade Advisory Board, a City Council appointed advisory panel that focuses on maintaining the quality and character of the historic commercial areas of Old Town and Takoma Junction. The Board, composed of architects, designers and local business owners, reviews projects for exterior facade work, such as signs, renovations, awnings, etc. Get a sneak preview of changes and updates in Old Takoma!

For more information about the Façade Advisory Board, contact Roz Grigsby at 301-891-7205 or rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov. To apply, send a completed application to the City Clerk's office. Applications can be downloaded at takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Interested in serving? A great first step is to review information at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees. Then, attend a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you. If you have questions, contact the committee, or talk to your City Councilmember or the City Clerk. Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing the online application and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications.

The following groups have vacancies as of April 18, 2016:

The **Arts and Humanities Commission** advises the City Council on ways in which the City might best serve the public with regard to matters involving the arts; encourages and aids the appreciation and awareness of, and participation in, the arts among all Takoma Park residents; encourages cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Takoma Park; and facilitates employment opportunities for artists and the development of self-sustaining arts programs. Up to four vacancies.

The **Board of Elections** plans and conducts regular and special City elections in coordination with the City Clerk; encourages voter registration in the City; conducts voter education programs and prepares and distributes voter outreach materials; recommends to the Council amendments to the City's elections law and regulations when it deems such amendments are necessary and will provide for the improved conduct of elections; and periodically reviews City elections procedures. One vacancy (currently no members from Ward 6).

The **Commemoration Commission** documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommends to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic, or civic life of the City as a whole or to a neighborhood/local area as well as programs for individuals to honor others; implement such programs within its scope and budget; and

decide on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment. Four vacancies (currently no members from Wards 4 or 5).

The **Committee on the Environment** advises the City Council on all environmental issues, including, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, air quality, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation, and recycling; serves in partnership with the City Council and Takoma Park City staff to work together to achieve sustainability and other environmental certifications that may help the City meet and be recognized for its environmental goals. One vacancy (currently no members from Ward 5).

The **Emergency Preparedness Committee** assists in reviewing the City's Emergency Operations Plan and other supporting emergency documents and recommending changes; explores the formation of volunteer teams that can assist City in carrying out emergency activities when called upon; coordinates with the City, County, and other agencies to educate residents on their individual responsibilities in preparing for emergencies; provides information on what residents can expect from the City and County during an emergency; collects and provides research and data and comments on emergency-related events for the Council; identifies and promotes volunteer opportunities in emergencies; and advises the City on strategies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of City preparedness activities. Two vacancies (currently no members from Wards 4, 5 or 6).

The **Ethics Commission** provides written advisory opinions; investigates, hears, and decides in ethics inquiries and complaints; conducts a public education program; recommends legislative changes and

improvements to the Ethics Ordinance; and promulgates regulations to accompany the Ethics Ordinance. Two vacancies (currently no members from Wards 3 or 5).

The **Noise Control Board** assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance. The Board adjudicates noise disturbance complaints. Board members serve staggered three-year terms. Up to six vacancies.

The **Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee** oversees implementation and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act and provides public information and issues related to the Ordinance. One vacancy (currently no members from Wards 2, 4, or 6).

The **Recreation Committee** advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents, including but not limited to reviewing and recommending policies and programs that concern recreational opportunities within the City, with a special emphasis on youth and seniors and broad and diverse participation. Four vacancies (currently no members from Ward 4).

The **Safe Roadways Committee** advises the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services and encourages Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit. Five vacancies (currently no members from Wards 1 or 4).

The **Personnel Appeal Board** adjudicates employee appeals of the City Manager's decisions regarding employee grievances or dismissals. The Board meets annually unless called to convene a hearing. Three vacancies.

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ORDINANCE 2016-10
Adopted March 9, 2016
Window Replacement
Authorizes a contract with Quality Window and Door Inc. for installation of 10 replacement windows in the older portion of the Community Center at the cost of \$11,646.

ORDINANCE 2016-11
Adopted March 23, 2016
Budget Amendment
Authorizes FY 2016 Budget Amendment No. 3.

ORDINANCE 2016-12
Adopted March 23, 2016
Legal Services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project
Authorizes up to \$50,000 to be paid to the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday LLC for legal services related to the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project. (Voting no: Councilmember Male)

ORDINANCE 2016-13
Adopted April 6, 2016

Vacant Property Registry
Amends the City Code by adding Ch. 6.38 Vacant Property Registration to require the registration of vacant properties and establishing vacant property maintenance and security standards.

RESOLUTION 2016-6
Adopted March 23, 2016
Poet Laureate
Reappoints Merrill Leffler as Takoma Park Poet Laureate for a term ending June 30, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2016-7
Adopted March 23, 2016
Facade Advisory Board Appointments
Reappoints William A. Fischer to the Facade Advisory Board, James DiLuigi as the Historic Takoma Inc. representative to the Board and Lorraine Pearsall as the alternate Historic Takoma representative.

RESOLUTION 2016-8
Adopted March 23, 2016
Emergency Preparedness Committee Appointments
Reappoints Kathleen Quinn and Claudine Schweber to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

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and asked him to join it as well.
'I had a great time,' he recalls. 'The positive comments from the citizens in combination with the surprised look on the faces of guys involved in criminal activity when we arrive on scene made me realize that the mountain bike is a great crime deter-



Sat-Jiwan Khalsa

exhilarating way to stay connected to your environment. I enjoy the sights and sounds you experience riding on a bike.'
And it makes his job easier, and his customers happy. 'I can ride directly to sites of litter accumulation and get right to work,' Savage explains. 'It makes it very convenient for me.'
'A large of part of it is also about keeping my business overhead low,' he continues.
'With no overhead for a truck, my rates are very reasonable, and my clients appreciate that.'

In Gear

Customers at Takoma Bicycle have come to appreciate the shop's newest mechanic, Corinne Ducey. She began working there part-time almost a year ago and lives nearby.

Ducey describes herself as a 'beginner, who's learning a lot and asking lots of ques-

tions.' What attracted her to the job? 'I was drawn to it because there aren't many women in the field,' Ducey says. 'I like to be a role model for younger girls in places where there aren't many women. And it's important to know how to fix my own bike.'

While she was a student at Smith College, Ducey's bike was her primary

rent and enforcement tool.'
'It's a great crime enforcement tool because suspects typically watch for the marked patrol vehicle,' he continues. 'Plus, citizens feel more comfortable approaching a bike officer.'
'We've come a long way with the bike lanes, bike traffic signs and the Capital Bikeshare program,' says Erwin when asked if Takoma Park is bike friendly. 'Washington, DC is probably leading the region with its bike lanes in and around the downtown areas.'

Near Nature

While he would welcome more designated bike lanes, Wayne Savage, owner of Mid-Atlantic Litter Cleanup Service, describes Takoma Park as 'a good community for biking.' Savage has always biked for both recreation and transportation.
He still owns his first bike, a Raleigh racer with drop handle bars, purchased while he was a student at the University of Missouri, Columbia. 'I actually grew up in rural area in Missouri without a lot of pavement, so I didn't get my first bike until I was in college,' Savage recalls. 'I still have it in my basement, and I rode it in my one and only triathlon.'

Since getting that first bike, he can't imagine being 'cocooned in a car.' Savage says of biking, 'It's great exercise and an



Wayne Savage

Selena Malott

CITY COUNCIL ON THE ROAD - JUNE 1 MEETING

The City Council wants to encourage residents to attend its meetings and participate in the civic life of Takoma Park. The June 1 City Council meeting will take place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7513 New Hampshire Avenue. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Public comments are always welcome at the beginning of each meeting. For additional information, contact Jessie Carpenter at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267.

FY 2017 LIVING WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED

Every City contract for the provision of services awarded after a competitive bid or proposal process requires the contractor and any subcontractor to pay each employee assigned to perform services under the City contract a living wage. Certain contracts are exempted from this requirement. Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Takoma Park living wage rate will be \$14.40. Additional information can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/services/bids-contracts



Bike to Work on May 20!

This year Bike to Work Day is on May 20 at three 'pit stop' locations in Takoma Park:
1. Takoma/Langley Crossroads (7-9 a.m.)
2. Sligo Creek Parkway at New Hampshire Ave. (7-9:30 a.m.)
3. Old Takoma at the Gazebo (6-9 a.m.)
The event is free and fun for all ages. Register today at biketoworkmetrodc.org.
If you would like to volunteer at the event or are a business that can sponsor with in-kind donations (food, giveaways, etc.), contact Erkin Ozberk at erkino@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7213.



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Resources in Takoma Park

- Bicycle Repair: Two new repair stands with pump and tools, outside the Police Station entrance and on Sligo Creek Trail at New Hampshire Avenue.
- Bike map: The City has created a bike map that shows how Takoma Park fits into the regional bike network of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Download the map at takomaparkmd.gov/about-takoma-park/getting-around.
- Capital Bikeshare: Five stations in Takoma Park, with two more coming to Anne Street in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads and the Takoma Park Recreation Center at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

mode of transportation, and she had the unique opportunity to work at The Bike Kitchen, a repair shop in the basement of her dorm staffed by female mechanics. 'I learned very basic stuff there,' she recalls.
Basic or not, Ducey added that experience to an already rich tradition of biking in her family, starting with learning to ride her first bike in her aunt's driveway at six years old and continuing with her mother becoming a mountain bike racer ten years ago. Today Ducey rides an entry level hybrid bike, which serves as her secondary mode of transportation.
However, she has been known to bike 12 miles round trip to and from her full-time job in Washington, DC. 'I love navigating on a bike,' she says, 'and leaving my car at home so that I'm not using gas and saving money. I get happy when I get on my bike.'



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Rent Stabilization Allowance (Annual Rent Increase)

1.0%

Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

The Takoma Park's law (*City Code Chapter 6.20 Rent Stabilization*) maintains the affordability of rental units in the community by limiting the number and amount of rent increases that may be charged for a specific rental unit. Generally the rent may be increased only once in a given 12 month period and rent increases are limited to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index. The rent stabilization allowance is calculated on an annual basis and applies to all licensed multi-family rental facilities with two or more rental units and to all licensed condominium units.

The 2016-2017 Rent Stabilization Allowance is 1.0% and will be in effect beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Landlords required to comply with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

Multi-family rental properties and in-

dividually-owned condominiums rental units are subject to Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization laws, however the following units may be exempt from many of the requirements of rent stabilization. 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 that is subject to a regulatory agreement with a governmental agency that controls the rent levels of not less than one-half of the rental units in the rental facility and restricts the occupancy of those rental units to low and moderate income tenants; and
- Newly constructed rental units for a period five years after construction.

If you have any questions about the rent on your unit or Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law, please contact Ms. Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216.



How to Buy a House: A seminar for first-timers

Buying a home is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. Here is an opportunity for you to learn from the experts and do it right. Take that first step towards home ownership by attending this free first-time home buyer program. Conducted by the Latino Economic Development Corporation, a HUD certified housing organization, the class will give you the information you need to navigate the complicated housing market and home purchase process.

The class encompasses the entire home buying process, including preparing your credit and finances, the role of the real estate agent and how to identify a good one, home inspection, fair housing and how to obtain a mort-

gage and understand the terms of the loan. Industry professionals will present and answer questions throughout the session.

Participants who attend the entire session will receive the Certificate of Completion required to access available low interest loans.

Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.

**Saturday, May 14,
8:30 a.m. — 2:20 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center,
7500 Maple Ave.**

Perilous Paths

When you are walking to your front door with an armful of groceries, the last thing you want to worry about is falling. As such, you should make sure that any sidewalks, driveways, stairs and stoops on your property are well maintained so that they do not become trip hazards. They should not be crumbling or breaking apart. Sidewalks, including brick, should be level.

If you are patching damaged areas, be aware that patches do not last long and are considered a temporary fix. It is usually advisable to just replace the stoop or section of sidewalk. If there is a tree lifting your sidewalk, be sure to talk to the City arborist before doing any work. We hope these tips will make your path a little less perilous.



Comments? Concerns? Questions?

Stop by on your way to work to talk about issues important to you. Locations will vary; stay tuned on the City's e-news and social media for locations.

Upcoming Community Coffees

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| Friday, May 6, 8 a.m. Pupuseria El Comalito 1167 University Blvd | Friday, May 20, 8 a.m. Spring Mill Bread Co. 7300 Carroll Avenue |
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**"Starting Friday mornings
with coffee and conversations with
residents is the best way to get things
done in Takoma Park!"**

—Mayor Kate Stewart



Lifelong Link

This is a new feature that connects City of Takoma residents with resources. It is brought to you by the Lifelong Takoma Program.

Q: My service dog has cancer, and I am unable to afford treatments. Could you please let me know of any resources that may be available to help him?

A: The Land of Gold Foundation provides grant money that could help you gain treatment for your service dog. In order to apply, go to grants.landofpuregold.com to download and complete an application. Then send your application to Land of Pure Gold Foundation, 3731 Greenway Lane, Owings Mills, MD 2117. The phone number is 410-363-1434.



Upcoming Events

Volunteer Takoma Community Fair 2016 - "Building Community Connections"

Saturday, May 7, 1 – 4 p.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School

Come out to the event to learn about volunteer opportunities that are available with local nonprofits and the City. This event is being hosted through the City of Takoma Park's Lifelong Takoma Program. Its purpose is to connect volunteers with city programs and community nonprofits who may need their help. Residents of all ages and abilities who have interest in volunteering are welcome to attend.

Registration will take place on site on the day of the event. The event and

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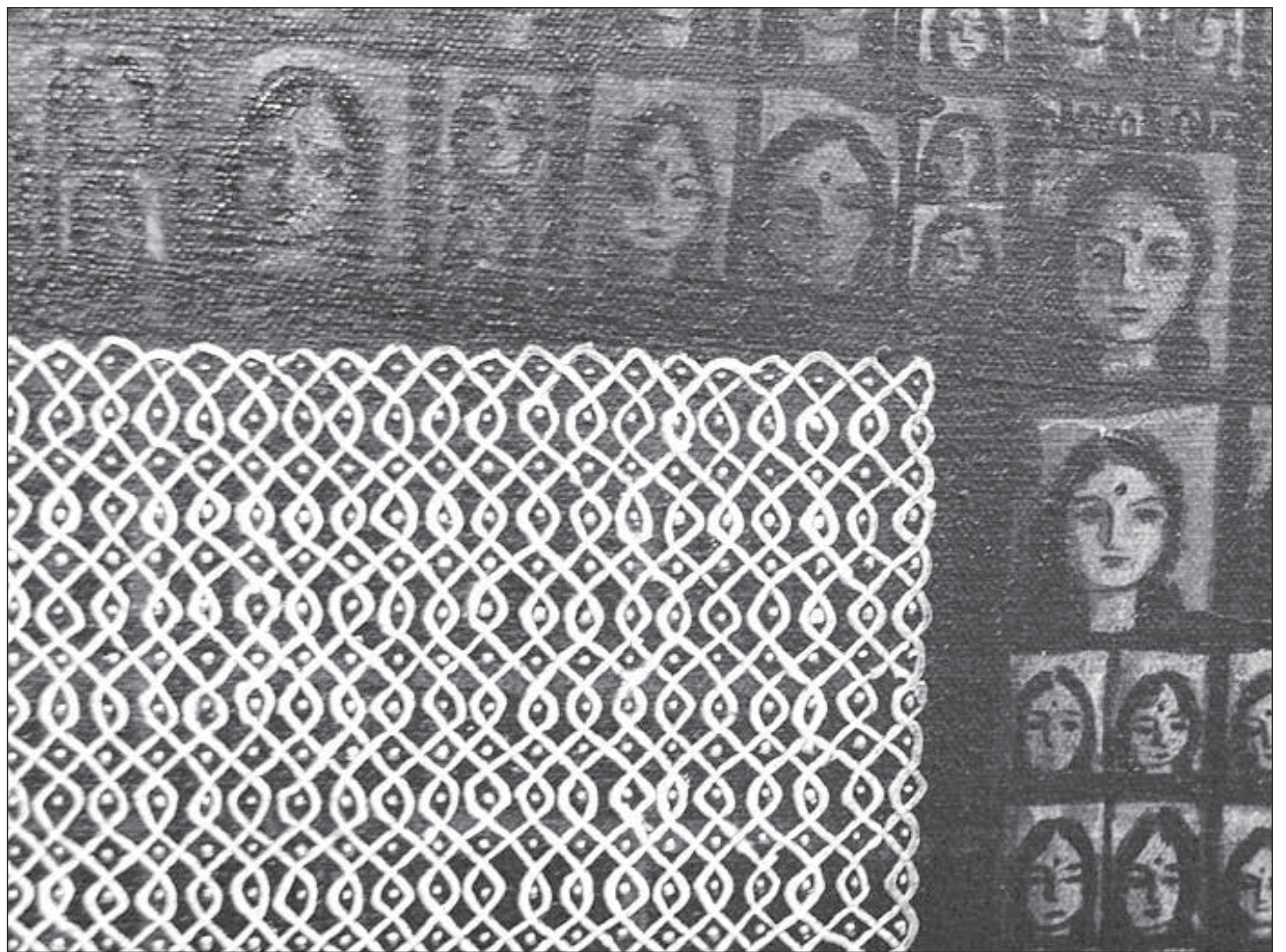
THE ARTS

SPANDA: VIBRATIONS EXHIBIT OPENING

**Thursday, May 5,
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Free

Multimedia artist – and Takoma Park Gallery Coordinator -- Shanthi Chandrasekhar will exhibit her paintings, drawings, handmade-paper installations, and sculptures. While many of her works are influenced by her Indian heritage, her true inspiration comes from the mystery and majesty of the world around her; her muse lives where the scientific overlaps with the spiritual. The exhibit will run through June 30.



Shedding Light on Cuba

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$10

Jeanne Drewes from the Library of Congress will present a lecture on Cuban art and culture through *Ediciones Vigia*, a book collective in Matanzas, Cuba. Drewes will examine this independent publishing house, founded in 1985, that creates handmade books using repurposed materials.

Ediciones Vigia can be translated as Watchtower Editions and is named because of its location on the Plaza de la Vigia, or Watchtower Square, in an old colonial house just east of Havana. Unlike other publishing houses that digitally print hundreds of copies of books on fresh clean paper, *Vigia* uses repurposed materials, such as paper from the local butcher, yarn, fabric, leaves, dried flowers, tin foil, and various other materials, to build a limited number of volumes—a maximum of 200 issues of each book published.

Each issue is made by hand in the Matanzas workshop which results in individual objects that feature the same text, form, and general imagery, but sometimes differ in artistic details. Drewes will share some of her personal book collection for viewing and discussion.

Immigration Film Festival



Preview: 120 Days

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

Suggested donation: \$6

Get a taste of what's in store at the fall Immigration Film Festival with a screening of *120 Days*. This 2013 documentary captures an intimate look at the lives of one family of undocumented immigrants, who have lived and worked in the United States illegally for twelve years.

Father and husband, Miguel Cortes, could be forced to leave the country in four months as a result of his immigration status. In exchange for Miguel agreeing to leave the country voluntarily, and paying a \$5,000 bond, the judge offers him 120 days to get his affairs in order before leaving his wife and two daughters in the U.S. to continue their education. Miguel has

120 days to work hard, save money and weigh his options: returning to Mexico alone or changing his name and disappearing back into another U.S. city illegally with his family.

A Q&A with director Ted Roach will follow the screening. The film and fall festival are organized by the Washington Ethical Society, a nonprofit, humanistic religious congregation.

Parables of War

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Free

Based on excerpts from the creation process of MacArthur "Genius" Award-winning choreographer Liz Lerman's theatrical dance piece, "Healing Wars," "Parables of War" explores the ways in which art can help bind the wounds of war -- both for the soldiers themselves and for those they left behind. "Parables of War" witnesses the journey of three men who are in one way or another all casualties of war: Bill Pullman, the actor; Keith Thompson, the dancer; and Josh Bleill, the former Marine. The film was funded via a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts' Media Arts Program. A Q&A with the director Nina Gilden Seavy will follow the screening.

Dance Treasures from Uzbekistan

Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$10

Uzbekistan, located at the heart of Central Asia, boasts a rich heritage of folk and classical dances. The award-winning Silk Road Dance Company's "Dance Treasures of Uzbekistan" celebrates traditional women's dances from the region and provides a glimpse into a rich and ancient culture.

Quiet Life Motel

Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$10

Quiet Life Motel is a multimedia show by audio artist and Takoma Park resident David Schulman and fellow bandmates Eddie Eatmon (bass) and Felix Contreras (percussion). Felix daylights as host of the alt.latino podcast. The evening will feature original music on electric violin with looping effects and pre-recorded "field audio" as well as improvisation and audience engagement.



Share your talent!

Application deadlines for the fall 2016 event series are due Friday, May 13. (No superstition needed...just apply!) Lecturers, filmmakers, poets, performers and artists are encouraged to apply!

RECREATION

YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations *Ages 8 - 11*

Elementary students create exciting 2- and 3-D projects in this after-school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed-media — every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Thursdays, May 5 - June 9, 4 - 5:45 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

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 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 3 - June 7, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

DRAMA

Dungeons and Dragons *Ages 9 - 18*

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.”

TP Community Center Auditorium
Thursdays, May 19 - June 16, 4 - 6 p.m.
TP residents \$55
Non-residents \$65

DROP IN

Kid's Night Out *Ages 6 - 12*

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out. This will be a fun filled night for children. It will involve activities, such as games, art and crafts, movies and theme nights.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Ongoing first and third Fridays, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center 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 4 - June 1, 4 - 5 p.m.
TP resident \$35
Non-residents \$45

Step Team *Ages 6 - 12*

Stepping is a form of dance in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping and words or chanting. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. No experience is necessary,

and we welcome all who are willing to learn.
TP Recreation Center front room
Ongoing, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Free with a Recreation Center membership card



T-Ball League 2016 *Ages 5 - 7*

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. Volunteer coaches needed. Games are played at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Ed Wilhelm Field and Belle Ziegler Park
Saturdays, June 4 - July 30 (8 weeks)
TP residents \$60
Non-residents \$70



Y.E.S. League Summer Basketball *Grades 5 - 12*

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games, and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. Games will be played at either 6 or 7 p.m.

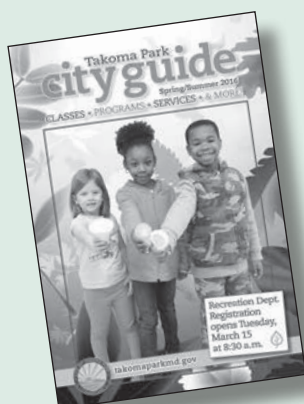
Piney Branch Elementary School Gym
Middle School Division (Grades 5 - 8)
Mondays, June 20 - Aug. 8

High School Division (Grades 9 - 12)
Tuesdays, June 21 - Aug. 9
TP residents \$25
Non-residents \$35

TEENS

CAMPS

Teens on the Move Summer Edition *Ages 13 - 17*



Limited Spaces Left in Camp Recess

Located at 7315 New Hampshire Ave.
You can find a full listing of our classes and programs in the 2016 Spring/Summer City Guide or help us go green and visit us online www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Registration is open and spaces are filling fast. Three weeks of summer fun. Each day is a trip on a new adventure. Broaden your horizons and maximize your courage and strength. Take trips, such as rock climbing, horseback riding, zip-lining, etc. Challenge yourself and



overcome your fears during this four-week Adventure Camp. Registration is by day.

TP Community Center
Teen Lounge
Monday - Friday, July 5 - July 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
TP residents \$120 per week
Non-resident \$140 per week

DROP IN

Teen Lounge *Ages 13 - 17*

This special room is for teens only. Ages 13 - 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED Smart TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time. For more information, contact Chelsea Nunez at 301-891-7281 or chelsean@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center, Teen Lounge
Ongoing, Monday-Friday, 3 - 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, closed
Free

Teen Night *Ages 12 - 17*

Looking for something exciting to do? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Nothing to do on Friday night? 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 gymnasium
Ongoing second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Counselor in Training (CIT) *Ages 14 - 17*

Sign up now for a three-day training to become a Certified CIT while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. Work with children ages 5-12 during our youth summer camps and earn your SSL hours while having fun. This is the only opportunity to work with youth this summer and receive SSL hours.

TP Community Center
Tuesday, May 3, 4 - 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 4 - 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
TP residents \$25
Non-residents \$35

ADULTS

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Go-Go Fitness *Ages 16 and older*

Go-Go Fitness is a comprehensive, 60-minute, high-cardio dance fitness workout that incorporates various dance styles, toning moves as well as the classic call and response of a live Go-Go workout set.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
Saturdays, noon - 1:00 p.m.
\$5 Drop-in Fee

Jazzercise *Ages 16 and older*

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60- to 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. Instructor: Jazzercise

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
Ongoing Saturdays, 8 - 9 a.m.
\$45 per month Easy Fitness Ticket
\$120/8 week pass
\$15 drop-in

Ladies' Boot Camp I *Ages 16 and older*

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

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
\$85/8 weeks

Pilates *Ages 16 and older*

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

TP Recreation Center Front Room
Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

TP Adult Summer Basketball League *Ages 18 and older*

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Assemble your winning team and compete against other area teams to win the league championship. Teams will be provided uniforms. Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team, you will be responsible for paying your registration and any other associated fees to that team.

Takoma Piney Branch Local Park (Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 22 - July 28
Games will be played at either 6 or 7 p.m.
Team Fee \$200

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN Bingo

RECREATION *Special programs*

Celebrate Takoma Festival

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. All vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees for food stands.

Maple Avenue in front of Piney Branch Elementary School

Saturday, May 14, 4 - 7 p.m.

Event held rain or shine

For more information, call 301-891-7290 or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma.



Celebrate Takoma Moves to Maple Avenue

The Celebrate Takoma festival will be back for a fourth year, but with a few changes. The festival is moving from its usual Sunday afternoon time to the early Saturday evening (4 - 7 p.m.) of May 14. It is also moving from the field behind Piney Branch Elementary to the block on Maple Avenue in front of the school with the aim of making the festival more of a street party. The festival will feature music, dance, ethnic food, games, children's crafts (including chalk drawing on the pavement), booths from community groups, an expository display of town history and the annual presentation of the Azalea Awards.

For the first time, children and the young-at-heart will be treated to free ice cream.

After a prelude performance by the Takoma Park Community Band, the steel pan band Panquility will kick off the event with the shake-shake-shake percussion sounds familiar to fans who

dance yearly to their music in the Independence Day parade. The Proverbs band will bring the event to a close with their rollicking blues-beats of reggae. In between will be performances by Ethiopian dancers, a flamenco dancer and an Indie blues singer.

The Azalea Awards will be presented to volunteers and activists who have been selected as the year's best at improving life in the Greater Takoma community. Under the auspices of the Takoma Foundation, nominees are recommended and then voted on by the public at large.

In a town known for musical and cultural events, Celebrate Takoma was started in 2013 by the Recreation Department and the Recreation Committee with a vision that harks back to old-fashioned town celebrations. "The idea is to throw a party for everyone who lives here, the whole wonderful mix of people," said Howard Kohn, a Recreation Committee member.

Save the Date: 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 snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide 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 4, dusk
For more information, call 301-891-7290.



RECREATION

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Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.

TP Community Center senior room

Thursday, May 26, noon - 2 p.m.

Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

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

TP Community Center senior room

Thursday, May 26, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

Table Tennis Open Play

Ages 55 and older

Come play this fun, energetic game. It's a great way to improve eye-hand coordination, and it helps keep the body healthy and the mind sharp. Drop-in.

TP Community Center game room

Ongoing Mondays - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ongoing Saturdays, 10 a.m. - noon

Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Beginning Latch Hook

Ages 55 and older

Learn the technique to create your own designs. Use a latch-hook to knot small pieces of yarn on a mesh canvas and complete an easy wall hanging. All supplies provided at no cost.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Mondays, May 16 - June 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Free

Computer Class

Ages 55 and older

Learn to use the internet, a word-processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers and take this course. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

TP Community Center Computer Center.

Wednesdays, May 25 - June 29, 10 a.m. - noon

Fee: \$10 Payable to the City of Takoma Park

Your Kidneys and You

Ages 55 and older

This short program highlights the many critical roles the kidneys play in maintaining overall health and encourages individuals to take action if they are at risk for kidney disease. If caught early, kidney disease can be slowed

or even stopped. In this presentation you will learn about how the kidneys function, the importance of early detection, two simple, inexpensive tests people can get at their doctor's office and how people can improve their lifestyles to prevent kidney disease.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Monday, May 23, 2 - 3 p.m.

Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Senior Free Fitness Pass

Ages 55 and older

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

FEW SPACES LEFT IN THE AFTER THE BELL EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Ages Kindergarten - 5th grade

It is time to start thinking about next school year. The After the Bell after-school childcare program for the MCPS 2016-2017 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Department. Please contact MCPS Transportation at 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers and we will meet them at the bus stop and walk them over each day for after care. Homework and study time will be provided each day. For more information, contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov

TP Recreation Center

Monday - Friday, 3:30 - 6 p.m. (On-going/School Year)

\$125 per month/\$1,250 for the year

at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.

TP Recreation Center fitness room

Ongoing Monday - Friday, 2:30 - 9 p.m.

Ongoing Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free

TRIPS

U.S. Botanic Gardens

Wednesday, May 11, 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Clark Eliot Oak Farm/Enchanted Forest

Tuesday, May 17, 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov. Registration is required. For trip details and procedures, please see the Forever Young Spring 2016 newsletter online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.

PETS

Puppy Kindergarten

Ages 8 weeks - 5 months

If you have puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten. 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.

Heffner Park Community Center

Tuesdays, May 3 - May 24, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

TP residents \$95

Non-residents \$105

LIBRARY

Friends to discuss prize-winning novel by Ethiopian author

By Ellen Robbins

Join the Friends of the Library Bimonthly Reading club on Wednesday, May 25 for a discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. The author immigrated to America in 1980, when he was 29, after his family fled genocide in Ethiopia.

The protagonist in this novel is Sepha Stephanos, who settles in the Adams Morgan area of D.C., where he runs a small neighborhood grocery store. He lives in near isolation; his only friends at first are two fellow Africans, whose longing and nostalgia are as great as his own. In time he is befriended by neighbors Judith and Naomi – a white woman and her biracial daughter. However, as racial tensions and violence erupt in his community, his chal-

lenges are only beginning.

The New York Times Book Review called this work “A great African novel, a great Washington novel, and a great American novel...In Mengestu’s work, there’s no such thing as the nondescript life. He notices and there are whole worlds in his noticing. He has written a novel for an age ravaged by the moral and military fallout of cross-cultural incuriosity...there’s something hugely hopeful about this young writer’s watchful honesty and egalitarian tenderness.”

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears is a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize winner and Mengestu’s first novel. All are welcome to join the Friends book discussion, which will be held in the Hydrangea Room at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

May Author Programs

By Karen MacPherson

We’ve got a star-studded list of children’s authors and illustrators coming to visit in May, including 2016 Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall and best-selling author and humorist Dave Barry.

In fact, three wonderful author/illustrators will be helping us to celebrate Children’s Book Week (May 2-8) in a big way this year. Our Children’s Book Week celebration will begin with a program featuring picture book star author Mac Barnett on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Barnett is the author of a number of hugely-popular books, including the Caldecott Honor book, *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole*, which was illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Jon Klassen. At our May 3 event, Barnett will talk about his new picture book, *Rules of the House*, illustrated by Matt Myers. In a last-minute addition, Myers also will be part of the program.

On Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., humorist and kids’ author Dave Barry will read from his newest kid’s novel, *The Worst Night Ever*, a sequel to his popular book, *The Worst Class Trip Ever*. Barry gave a crowd-pleasing per-

formance when he visited last year, and we expect this year’s program to be just as good. Note, please, that Barry’s event will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium.

We’ll wrap up Children’s Book Week on Saturday, May 7, at 3 p.m., when Caldecott Honor illustrator Molly Idle present the newest in her series of *Flora* picture books, *Flora and the Peacocks*. Idle also will do some drawing for the crowd.

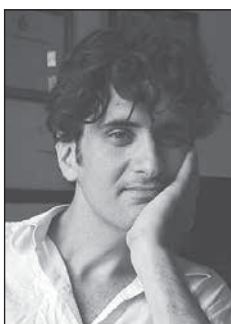
Then, on May 19 at 7:30 p.m., we’re thrilled to welcome “reigning” Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall, along with author John Bemelmans Marciano, to talk about their new series, *The Witches of Benevento*. Our event offers a very special opportunity to meet a newly-minted Caldecott Medal winner; Blackall won the



Molly Idle



Sophie Blackall



John Bemelmans Marciano

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 Senora Geiza

LEGO Club

Sunday, May 1, 1:30-3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 5-12.

Picture Book Author Mac Barnett

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.
Barnett will spotlight his new book, *Rules of the House*.

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Tuesday, Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion continues on *An American Tragedy*
Hydrangea Room, Takoma Park Community Center

Humorist/Kids Author Dave Barry

Friday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Barry will talk about his new kid’s novel, *The Worst Night Ever*.
Note: This event is in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.
Led by Madame Marie

Caldecott Honor Illustrator Molly Idle

Saturday, May 7, 3 p.m.
Idle will talk about her new book, *Flora and the Peacocks*.

Caldecott Club

Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.
All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 10, 4 p.m.
Come read comics with Dave Burbank.

Yoga Storytime for 2-4 Year Olds

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.
Registration required; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

DC Library Bike Tour

Saturday, May 14
The bike tour includes our Library and four others in the area.

For more details, go to dclibrary.org/node/52373.

Crafts for Kids

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

Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion continues on *An American Tragedy*
Hydrangea Room, Takoma Park Community Center

2016 Caldecott Medalist Sophie Blackall

& Author John Bemelmans Marciano
Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Blackall and Marciano discuss their new chapter book series, *The Witches of Benevento*.

Graphic Novelist Maris Wicks

Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wicks presents her new book, *Science Comics: Coral Reefs, Cities of the Ocean*.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (see article)

Friends Bi-Monthly Reading Group

Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu
Hydrangea Room, Takoma Park Community Center (see article)

Looking ahead....

- Debut author (and Tk Pk resident) Minh Le and illustrator Isabelle Roxas talk about their new picture book *Let Me Finish!*



Books for Sale - Support the Library!

On Saturday, May 21, The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual used book sale on the Library lawn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Friends’ book sales have become notable for the quality and variety of their offerings. They will have fiction and non-fiction and many children’s books – all at low prices!

Proceeds from the Friends book sales return to the Library in the form of support for programs, such as Spanish Circle Time, the Summer-Quest interactive summer reading program, lanyards for kids’ library cards, refreshments for children’s programs and many other activities and services.

Helpers are always needed for the sale. Adults, or high-school age students seeking SSL hours, should contact Ellen Robbins at the Library to schedule volunteer time.

All together now: Takoma Ensemble's commitment to community and the classics

By Morgan Fecto

Vicki Gau had a lot on her plate before Takoma Ensemble's "Movable Home" concert on April 9. On the Thursday before the show, she went to Strathmore for meetings, back to Takoma Park to answer emails, then to Silver Spring to secure the April 9 venue, and home again to do some parenting and social media before heading back out. She squeezed in time before rehearsal to explain her robust relationship with music between bites of a sandwich at Kaldi's Coffee.

"It's just part of what makes life worth living," she said of creating classical music. "I want to build Takoma Ensemble into an organization, and to do that requires people who are passionate. It also requires time, and I've got two jobs."

Although Gau is an associate conductor at the National Philharmonic and artistic director of Capital City Symphony, being artistic director of Takoma Ensemble has been her passion project since she founded it with violinist Susanna Kemp in 2013. "With National Philharmonic, it's, 'Here's a concert of Bach,' which is lovely, but I wanted to be a part of the creative process and show that this music is exciting, not a museum piece," Gau said. "Everything we do exists on a continuum from past to present."

In her work with the Takoma Ensemble, Gau collaborates with her contemporaries and pays homage to the greats. In "Movable Home," the ensemble paired pieces by Respighi with titular piece "Movable Home" by Joel Friedman, and "Constellations," a piece written for the ensemble by up-and-coming composer Alistair Coleman.

"Classical music has gotten this really bad rap," she said. "It's not fun, it's stuffy, it's elitist.' Those are the barriers we're trying to get past."

In the past, Gau and the ensemble have collaborated with kindermusik expert Becky Linafelt on "PB and Jam Sessions," concerts that fuse kindermusik concepts



Vicki Gau directs the ensemble's rehearsal

and classical music vignettes. "We work really hard to present the ensemble as lighthearted and fun," she said. "It's how we're facing the challenge of getting people to come to our door."

Gau also wants to recruit more board members, explore alternative venues, and broaden the ensemble's audience. "There are these big folk and jazz fan bases here, so we're excited to learn where we fit in," she said. "Our community is this great niche. From the start we loved the idea of being able to make music right at home."

While Gau aims to convert more Takoma Park residents to classical music-lovers, she's had the City's faith from the get-go. Back in 2013 she and Kemp met with Sara Daines in the Housing and Community Development department to ask for suggestions for growing the new ensemble. They ended up booking concerts in the City's then-fledgling We Are Takoma series.

"She calmly looked at the calendar and said, 'I think that's an idea we can get behind,'" Gau said of Daines. "I told Susanna, 'We've got concerts, so I guess we better get started.'"

To learn more about the ensemble and get updates about upcoming concerts, visit takomaensemble.blogspot.com.

Credit: takomaensemble.blogspot.com

Crossroads' Breakfast Options

If your commute takes you through the Takoma/Langley Crossroads (University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue), delicious and nutritious breakfast offerings are easy to find. If you enjoy a leisurely breakfast out on weekends, you can also find a new favorite in the Crossroads.

If you're looking for coffee and a roll, **Starbucks (7690 NH Ave.)** offers tried-and-true brew and microwaved sides. Alternatively, **Le Pain Bakery (7639 NH Ave.)** offers freshly baked organic French breads, croissants and pastries; Wi-Fi, and coffee (coming soon).

El Marinero (1310 University Blvd.) serves breakfast from 6-9 a.m. daily, offering *tipico Salvadoreño desayuno* of eggs, avocado, beans, plantanos and cream.



They also serve tamales, bread with coffee, pancakes, chorizo sausage, Salvadoran rolls and

pastries, and fried potatoes.

Pupuseria El Comalito (1167 University Blvd.) opens at 6:30 a.m. and offers pupusas, egg sandwiches, coffee, Salvadoran hot chocolate and fresh orange juice.

Subway (1181 University Blvd.) opens at 7 a.m. and serves delicious egg wraps with bacon or cheese.



Starting at 10 a.m., **El Campeon Rotisserie Chicken (902 Merrimac Dr.)** serves *tipico Salvadoran desayuno*, chicken tamales and Salvadoran pastries. **IHOP (7405 NH Ave.)** serves traditional pancakes, omelets and eggs 24/7.

SARDI'S (1159 University Blvd.) will cater breakfast for your next meeting, including continental breakfasts, croissants and eggs with home fries, pastries, fruit platters, bagel trays, assorted juices, yogurt cups and coffee.

Check out the Crossroads for your next breakfast outing.

LIFELONG LINK

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food are free. Prizes will be given to the first 50 to arrive. For more information, please contact Katerina Maltseva at ekat@longandfoster.com or 240-210-2315 or Karen Maricheau at lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov or (301) 891-7232.

Aging Well Network

Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

Our monthly group meeting will be focused on "Food For Thought." Participants are encouraged to bring a light dish or snack to share. Kathie Baker will facilitate a conversation on nutrition, and the group

is invited to share their tips on healthy eating. There will be music for listening or dancing. Come prepared to have a good time, make a new friend, try a new dish and join in the conversation! This event is hosted by the Lifelong Takoma Program and the Village of Takoma Park.

Did you know?

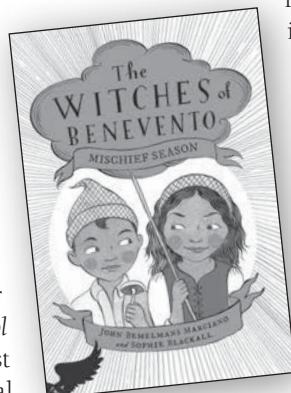
There are tax credits that you may qualify for under the "Design for Life Tax Credit Program" if you have, or plan, to make adjustments to your home to make it more accessible. For more information about the Design for Life Montgomery program, visit designforlifemc.org or call Simin Rasolee in the Department of Permitting Services at 240-777-6283.

LIBRARY

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2016 Caldecott Medal for her illustrations for *Finding Winnie*, which was written by Lindsay Mattick.

For the May 19th event, Blackall will be highlighting the illustrations she did for a new series of chapter books written by Marciano. Titled *The Witches of Benevento*, the series focuses on a five cousins and the way they outwit the many witches who live in their hometown of Benevento. *School Library Journal* noted of the first book, *Mischief Season*: "Magical spells and amusing characters with distinctive personalities, coupled with an engaging story with a twist, will



captivate readers and leave them clamoring for future stories...."

Our final event of the month takes place on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. when graphic novelist Maris Wicks talks about her newest non-fiction comic, in the *Science Comics* series, *Coral Reefs, Cities of the Ocean*. Wicks won acclaim from critics and young readers for her work on two previous non-fiction comics, *Primates* and *Human Body Theater*.

All of our May author/illustrator events are co-sponsored by Politics & Prose Bookstore, which will sell books at each program. But all of the events are free, and no purchase is required to attend. Please join us!

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Parks strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the new City website, public safety notifications via email and text, and this newsletter, to name a few. As we begin a new year, we want to provide you with some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.

- Visit takomaparkmd.gov, where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- Like the City of Takoma Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at @Takom-aParkMD
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AT YOUR SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of March 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue assigned to the station have responded to 133 fire-related incidents in 2016. The department addressed or assisted with 808 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 941. Totals for 2015 were 168 and 746 representing an increase of 27 incidents.

During March, Takoma Park vol-

unteers put in a total 1,268 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,402.5 in March 2015. Grand totals as of March were 3,812.5 hours compared to 4,412 hours in 2015, a decrease of 599.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of May 2, 19 people have died in fires compared to 25 in April 2015.

Safety message

Are you a hoarder? Don't let it be a problem for your family. Hoarding is characterized by the persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions regardless of the value others may attribute to these possessions. Hoarding disorder can cause a fire hazard. Often, blocked exits prevent firefighters from entering the home to do rescue. Hoarding can spell danger!

Takoma Park Police offer home security services

You are going away for 10 days and there's no one in your house. Is there anyone who can do regular checks on the property? You sleep in the back of the house and want to be sure no one takes your car—without your permission—between midnight and 5 a.m., and you don't want to stay up all night. Is there a "car-sitting" service? Here are some free services the Takoma Park Police Department (takomaparkmd.gov/government/police) offers to help residents manage these and similar situations.



House checks: If you are away 4-30 days, the Takoma Park Police will walk through the perimeter of your house and make sure there are no tamper marks in critical areas, check for cut screens, etc. How can you activate this service? Contact the Takoma Park Police Department (301-270-1100) in advance of your departure, and not the day before you leave, if at all possible. If you are away for a shorter period—especially if the area has had problems, contact the Takoma Park Police, who will advise you of the short-term process.

Home security surveys: An officer will do internal and external security assessments: internal checks look for vulnerabilities such as lock security and screens, items next to windows (laptops, TV) etc. External checks include looking at shrubbery near windows, equipment left outside (such as ladders, bolt cutters), whether exterior lights are working as intended,

and more. To activate this service, call Takoma Park Police at 301-270-1100.

Night-time auto security: Want to ensure that your car does not move from its space between midnight and 5 a.m.? You can register the car with the TP Police and get a car sticker.

Community Cam Program: If you wish to have a camera on your property also monitored by the TP Police, join the Community Cam program. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/news/the-citys-community-cam-program.

What you can do right now:

- Maintain an inventory of valuable items, such as jewelry and family mementos; take photos and/or videos and keep them in a safe place.
- Engrave laptops, phones and TVs; record serial numbers for items and put this information in a safe place.
- Move anything valuable that's near a window.
- Save the anonymous tip text information in your phone, TP-PDTIP, as well as the police department's phone number, 301-270-1100.



Baby Sitter Congrats!

On March 21, the following girls and boys completed the five-week Baby Sitters Training Program sponsored by the Takoma Park VFD and Takoma Park Recreation Department. Special thanks to Takoma Park VFD members Tina and Ashlee Willey and EMT/FF Adam Bearne for their assistance. Pictured (left to right) Standing: Maciee Davis, Marcus Bennett, Anna Clark and Madison Brown; Middle row: Nicholas Maynard, Ole Olson, Hannah Tudge and Maddie Whipple; First row: Zoe Schoeneman, Hannah Menghis, Isabella Hawthorne, Kasidy Davis and Kalia Guzman.

BULBS AND BUBBLY

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making change, and dues became \$1 per year with increases to \$2 and eventually \$8 at different points in the club's history.

Perhaps, it's this financial accessibility and openness to gardeners at all levels that has kept the club going. "There are so many people in different stages of gardening," Svenonius says, "and we have a little of everything. We try for that variety."

"People want to learn more about gardening," she continues. "It's that combination of learning more about plants and gardening in a social setting that draws people to the club."

This was certainly the case for Nancy Newton, a 23-year resident of Takoma Park, when she joined THC 10 years ago. "Above all else, I really enjoy learning from other members," Newton says. "I am an amateur, but we have members who are master gardeners or have certificates in landscaping. I have learned from everyone."

Newton notes that the club's listserv, which is open to both members and non-members, is a great learning tool. "People share photographs and ask questions about problem plants," she explains. With the possibility of input from the 500+ people on the list, participants are likely to get a variety of answers to their queries.

Interestingly, according to Newton, who also serves on the THC history team, from the 1920s to the 1960s, the club had up to 500 members at a time, and some were couples. "The level of activity was much higher with seven garden shows a year in addition to monthly meetings and a mas-



Club members select the site of the planned THC Centennial Park.

sive cooperative buying effort for plants and seeds," she notes. "It's quite striking to see how big and active the club was at this time."

Based on newsletters, reports, and other materials made available with the help of Diane Kohn and Historic Takoma Inc., the club's first cooperative buying effort took place shortly after its founding when the Department of Agriculture refused a duplicate shipment of bulbs. A charter member of THC, who was also the Department of Agriculture official in charge of bulb growing, offered the club's officers the opportunity to purchase the bulbs, which were then resold to members.

Thus the first bulb sale was born. According to Newton's article in THC's March newsletter, "Many of the narcissuses, jonquils, and other bulbs seen growing in the gardens of older (and sometimes newer) homes in Takoma, DC and Takoma Park today are likely to be the babies of bulbs from THC." This year's bulb sale will take place on Oct. 2 at the Takoma Street Festival.

"With our bulb sale, I see our bulbs everywhere," says Kathy Jentz, chair of

Thunderbolts 2016 Summer Camps

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts play in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden bat league composed of ten teams in Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. Top college players are recruited to play for the team.

Weeklong: The team runs summer baseball camps in June and July for boys and girls 7 to 15. Instruction is from Doug Remer, the Thunderbolts head coach. He is assisted by T-Bolts coaches and players. This is a camp for baseball players; kids have fun, and they learn the game of baseball. The emphasis is on fundamentals, baseball values and discipline, conditioning and healthy lifestyle choices. Each camp session is limited to a total of 50 campers. After camp in the evenings, campers can attend T-Bolts games where they can cheer on their coaches. We provide bats, balls and equipment. Campers bring their own gloves and lunch. Each camper gets a Thunderbolts T-Shirt. The weeklong camps are June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 5-8 (no camp July 4), July 11-15, and July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The location is Blair High School, 51 E. University Blvd., Silver Spring, Maryland. The cost is \$205 per week except for the week of July 4,

which is \$175.

Three-Day: We also offer three-day specialty camps for kids ages 11-16. These camps will provide intensive training from Thunderbolt coaches and players on batting (Day 1), pitching and catching (Day 2), and the camper's choice of an expanded session on pitching or catching (Day 3). There will be a 3 to 1 camper to counselor ratio. The dates are June 20-22, June 27-29, and July 5-7. The hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, and the price is \$250 for each three-day session. The location for these camps is also Blair High School, 51 E. University Blvd. in Silver Spring.

For early bird, sibling and multi-year discount information, refund policy, and application forms, go to www.tbolts.org. For questions, call 301-270-0794. **The Thunderbolts are not associated with the Takoma Park Recreation Department.**

Players from outside our area stay with host families in Takoma Park and Silver Spring. If you are interested in hosting a player, call 301-270-0794.

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the 100th Anniversary Committee and a past vice president and president of the club, “particularly the ones we donated in parks.”

Jentz joined the club fifteen years ago as a “beginning to intermediate” gardener. “The first meeting I attended was a pruning workshop,” she recalls. “It was a demo and talk about different tools and techniques with which I was totally unfamiliar at the time.”

For her one of the joys of being a THC member is “feeling like you know everyone and that what you’re giving to it is worthwhile.” As such, Jentz was surprised to learn that the first members were all men, and until the 1970s, membership was invitation only; you had to be invited to attend a meeting by a member. Certainly, this has changed. In fact, Jentz attributes the club’s longevity to “the people and the small hometown feel.”

City Gardener Mike Welsh, a THC member since the 1980s, can attest to the contributions the club has made to its hometown. “THC has participated in

plantings of City gardens and contributed funds towards plant purchases as well as THC members donating plants from their own gardens,” he says.

And the best is yet to come. Welsh is working with THC to create a new park on city property at the northwest corner of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue to reflect the 100-year relationship of the club to the City of Takoma Park. It will be called Centennial Park and funded through donations from its members and grants from local organizations to procure plants.

Planting is expected to start in the fall.

A master gardener, Welsh describes the club as a “lifeline for beginning gardeners.” He says, “Many people come to Takoma Park as new homeowners with yards, and the club welcomes new gardeners.”

“Most people who start gardening turn initially to national books, which will only take you so far,” he continues. “The knowledge you get from a regional club is everything.”

Perhaps, the club’s tagline says it best, “a hardy perennial since 1916.” For more information about the club’s anniversary activities, membership, and making donations, visit www.takomahort.org.



Dance Exchange announces 2016 Teen Leadership Institute

As the weather starts to warm up and Takoma Park is setting its sights on the summer ahead, Dance Exchange is inviting youth from across the city to participate in its 2016 Teen Leadership Institute. Happening June 23-25, the Teen Leadership Institute brings together young people ages 13-19 to build their skills as artists and leaders in their community using dance, song, poetry and storytelling.

The Teen Leadership Institute is a summer tradition at Dance Exchange, an intergenerational dance company with a long history in Takoma Park. Teens will experience a range of art forms throughout the three-day Institute. Working alongside professional artists and community organizers in the DC area, participants will build their creative and leadership skills through dance, art and storytelling workshops, group conversations and public engagements.

Dance Exchange Resident Artist Matthew Cumbie explains that this oppor-

tunity “gives teens a chance to explore their capacity to transform ideas into action through artmaking. By the end of the Institute, teens really understand the role of art in building community and creating sustainable change.”

The 2016 Institute will focus on the experiences of LGBT youth, as well as youth who consider themselves friends and allies. “Everyone needs a safe space to tell their story,” notes Teen Leadership Institute Co-Facilitator Amanda Newman. “We’re excited that through dance, storytelling and more, this year’s Institute will create that safe space for LGBT youth and allies to share their experiences, challenges and hopes.”

Teens of all orientations and identities are welcome—with or without dance experience. Registration is now open, and a limited number of scholarships are available through an application process. To learn more or to register your teen, contact Matthew Cumbie at matthewc@danceexchange.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event

The 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City’s Public Works Facility located at 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Below is the list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- aerosol cans containing hazardous products
- antifreeze and hydraulic fluids (5-gallon limit)
- batteries: lithium, lithium-ion, nickel-cadmium, car (lead acid)
- brake fluid
- charcoal containing flammable agents
- driveway sealant, tar
- gasoline, gas-oil mixes, kerosene
- herbicides, insecticides and pesticides
- fluorescent light tubes and ballasts

- thermostats and thermometers containing mercury
- oil based paints, paint thinners and solvents
- photographic chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- latex paint
- commercial, industrial or medical wastes
- compressed gas cylinders or radioactive materials

Takoma Park residents can drop off household hazardous waste for free while non-residents will be charged a \$10 fee

Safe Roadways Committee urges reporting on “My TkPk”

Have you seen a crumbling sidewalk on your way to work? Is that street light still out? Is a street sign in your neighborhood missing or damaged? The Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee wants you to report on transportation safety issues around the city.

You can do that easily with the “My TkPk” app from the city - available on the Android and Apple app stores

for various devices. You can report, directly to the public works department, where you see problems like damaged signs, stormwater drain issues, crumbling streets or sidewalks and more; all directly from the app. Help make Takoma Park a safer place to travel for everyone, and download the app today.

The Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee meets the

third Monday of every month. The next meeting is on Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the TPCC Hydrangea Room. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/safe-roadways-committee.

MAY '16

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the June issue is May 13, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning May 27.

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

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

Monday, May 30

All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

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

Share Your Talent

We Are Takoma is now accepting applications for its Fall 2016 event series. Friday, May 13, is the deadline for submitting program proposals online. We encourage lecturers, filmmakers, poets and performers to apply. Visit "Opportunities for Performers" at takomaparkmd.gov/arts to submit a program proposal.

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

Teen Night

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

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

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Behind Expo E Mart at 1021 University Blvd.
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.
Trove, 232 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Shedding Light on Cuba

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Jeanne Drewes, chief of BCCD at the Library of Congress, discusses Cuban art and culture through Ediciones Vigía, a book collective in Matanzas, Cuba. Drewes will examine this independent publishing house and will offer some of her personal book collection for viewing and discussion.

Volunteer Takoma Community Fair 2016 - "Building Community Connections"

See page 9
Saturday, May 7, 1 – 4 p.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School

Learn about volunteer opportunities that are available with local nonprofits and the City. This event is being hosted through the City of Takoma Park's Lifelong Takoma Program. Residents of all ages and abilities who have interest in volunteering are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Katerina Maltseva at ekat@longandfoster.com or 240-210-2315 or Karen Maricheau at lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov or (301) 891-7232.

Grant Avenue Market

Sunday, May 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grant Avenue at Carroll Avenue
Vendors will be in attendance with furniture, household items, clothing, collectibles, jewelry, records, books, artwork, ephemera and more. DC favorite, Hunted House, will make its Takoma Park debut at the market with a collection of mid-century modern furniture, art and accessories.

Celebrate 10 Years of Crossroads Farmers Market

Sunday, May 15, 3 – 6 p.m.
Republic, 6939 Laurel Ave.
Join us on the back patio of Republic to celebrate 10 years of the Crossroads Farmers Market bringing fresh, local, and affordable produce to the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. There'll be delicious food and drinks by Republic, amazing music by trumpeter/flugelhornist Freddie Dunn Jr. and upright bassist Nicole Saphos, and a silent auction featuring all kinds of awesome local goods and services to benefit Crossroads Community Food Network. This event is free and open to people of all ages.

Celebrate Takoma Festival

Saturday, May 14, 4 – 7 p.m.
Maple Avenue in front of Piney Branch Elementary School
This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. There will be food vendors, community vendors, entertainment, games from around the world and crafts. Come join the fun. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Nominal fees for food stands. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or johnw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Books for Sale

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Library lawn
The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual used book sale.
See article on page 8.

Aging Well Network

Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Our monthly group meeting will be focused on "Food For Thought." Participants are encouraged to bring a light dish or snack to share. Kathie Baker will facilitate a conversation on nutrition, and the group is invited to share their tips on healthy eating. There will be music for listening or dancing. Come prepared to have a good time, make a new friend, try a new dish and join in the conversation! This event is hosted by the Lifelong Takoma Program and the Village of Takoma Park.

GriefShare Support Seminar

Sundays through June 12, 3 – 5 p.m.
6810 Eastern Ave., NW
Help with your journey after the loss of a loved one. Contact Mary-Helen Dove at 301-622-4999 and/or email khadenetaffe@gmail.com and/or thetpchurch.org.

Vintage Classroom Movies

Thursday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Back by popular demand. Local documentary filmmaker Richard Hall presents a screening of short, educational films from the '40s, '50s, and '60s that range in tone from funny and ridiculous, to surprisingly frank and honest. These clips are a window into life in post-WWII America.

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 14th 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

Spanda: Vibrations Exhibit Opening

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Atrium Gallery
Multi-media artist Shanthi Chandrasekhar will exhibit her paintings, drawings, handmade-paper installations and sculptures. Exhibit opens with a reception and runs through June 30.

120 Days Screening

Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The Greater Washington Immigration Film Festival will pre-screen one of its fall 2016 films, *120 Days*, in Takoma Park. Visit immigrationfilmfest.org for more information on the fall screenings.
Free

Parables of War

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Based on the creation process of MacArthur Genius Award-winning choreographer Liz Lerman's theatrical dance piece "Healing Wars, Parables of War" uses dance, documentary and drama to pose the question: How can civilization bind the wounds of war?
Free

Cassie and Maggie McDonald & LILT

Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St.
Cassie and Maggie McDonald are an award-winning sister duo from Nova Scotia known for their scintillating performance that includes hot fiddle, virtuoso piano and inspired step dancing. They are joined by local favorites LILT, Keith Carr on guitar and banjo and Tina Eck on flute and whistle.
\$18/advance, \$20/door.

Dance Treasures of Uzbekistan

Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Uzbekistan, located at the heart of Central Asia, boasts a rich heritage of folk and classical dances. The award-winning Silk Road Dance Company's "Dance Treasures of Uzbekistan" celebrates traditional women's dances from the region and provides a glimpse into a culture unfamiliar to most Americans.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, May 19, 7:30 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. If you have not sat in one on the readings yet, stop by on any third Thursday of the month and check it out.

Quiet Life Motel: 20912

Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.
Quiet Life Motel: 20912 is a serendipitous multimedia show featuring audio artist and violinist David Schulman, whose music has been described as "mysterious and beautiful" by The Washington Post and has been heard nationally on NPR. As a montage of evocative field audio creates a shifting sense of place, David performs on electric violin. He uses live looping to create rich textures, jazz soundscapes and frolicsome grooves. The performance features field audio recorded by international sound gatherer Félix Blume.
TP Community Center Auditorium

Writing a Village

Monday, May 23, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
This monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words, led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park. All levels of experience welcome. Contact annebeck48@gmail.com for more information.

Photo Salon

Monday, May 23, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. Contact Rob Rudick at robrudick@yahoo.com or at 301-270-2323 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide 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. For more information, call 301-891-7290
Ed Wilhelm Field
Saturday, June 4, dusk

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 18, 12:30 p.m.
Takoma Community Center

For the Community Conversation on Youth Success, which will focus on youth programming and is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about current programs and service offerings geared toward youth in our area, engage in a discussion about needs and gaps in what is currently being offered, and consider how the City of Takoma Park



can work toward addressing those needs and gaps. Stay tuned for more details.