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WHAT'S NEW?

127th Independence Day Parade, Concert & Fireworks

Monday, July 4

Parade: 10 a.m.

Fireworks: Approximately 9:30 p.m.

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New EV charging stations

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Tiny home in Takoma Park

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City offices closed

Sunday, July 3 - Monday, July 4

Trash collection/recycling

No collection July 4

Monday yard waste collection cancelled.



Photo: Selena Malott

Pictured here with recreation department staffers, Leicia Monfort, programs supervisor for teens, and assistant recreation director Deborah Huffman, Saron Alemseged (far left) and Fatoumata Sy, both students at Blair High School, helped with planning for the Community Conversation on Youth Success.

#TkPkYTHsuccess: A community in conversation

By Apryl Motley

"What's the key for success?" Laura Furr asked the audience of teachers, parents, students, community organizers, and City staff and government officials assembled at the Takoma Park Community Center on June 18 for "A Community Conversa-

tion: Youth Success."

Furr, the program manager for the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, Justice Reform and Youth Engagement at the National League of Cities, gave one

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Memorial Scatter Garden, Calvary United Methodist Church, Ligonier, Penn.

Local group proposes scatter garden in Takoma Park

By Rick Henry

When one characterizes the typical Takoma Park resident, two of the key attributes that come to mind are loyalty to the city and a commitment to the earth.

So it should be no surprise that a group of city residents wants to take those characteristics to the ultimate degree by

creating a memorial scatter garden in a city-owned park where the cremains of Takoma Park residents can rest for eternity.

A scatter garden is a place where people scatter the ashes of their loved ones and where small plaques marking the names

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Final budget lowers tax rate, creates housing reserve

When City Manager Suzanne Ludlow presented the proposed FY 17 City budget for Council consideration on April 6, she recommended keeping the real property tax rate at the same rate as the current year – 58.5 cents per \$100 valuation. After multiple public hearings and Council budget work sessions, on May 18 the Council adopted a lower tax rate of 56.75 cents and also set aside \$400,000 in a Housing Reserve Fund for advancing affordable housing initiatives in Takoma Park.

The tax rate was a major subject of the Council deliberations because property throughout the City was reassessed this year, which showed that property values had increased significantly since the last assessment three years ago. Although property assessments are phased in over a three-year period, keeping the tax rate the same would have still increased the amount property owners pay.

The City Manager was counting on increased tax revenue to pay the third year of a phased-in wage increase and the cost of a proposed environmental education/code position. These elements were retained in the final budget, although there was significant Council and public discussion about whether the new position should be approved.

The Council, in turn, was looking to put significant funding towards affordable housing and economic development initiatives. The Community Conversation on Affordable Housing showed there was strong community interest in taking steps to keep Takoma Park a community where people of different economic means can live in safe homes and apartments. And there is an understanding that without affirmative efforts to build a strong economic base in Takoma Park, the City won't have the money to continue to offer the services the residents need and want.

Ultimately, several hundreds of thousands of dollars were set aside for both housing and economic development efforts, with specifics to be decided over the coming year. In

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.
Meetings take place in the TPCC Auditorium, unless noted otherwise. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, July 11, 7:15 p.m. &
Monday, August 1, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

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

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 12, 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.

ADA NOTICE

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.

CityCouncilAction

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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

EXTENSION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONE 6 TO INCLUDE THE 1100 BLOCK OF KINGWOOD DRIVE

The City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on residents' petition to extend the Area 6 permit parking zone to include the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive, with parking restricted to permit holders from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week.

If permit parking is implemented on the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive, persons residing on the block must display a parking permit from the City of Takoma Park in order to park on the 1100 block of Kingwood Drive or on any block included in Area 6. One permit may be purchased for each motor vehicle registered at a resident's address within the designated area. Two-year permits will be sold to permanent residents and tenants with a two-year lease at a cost of \$20.00. One-year permits will be sold to tenants with less than a two-year lease at a cost of \$12.50.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend and testify at the public hearing. Questions or written public comments may be directed to the City Clerk, Jessie Carpenter, 301-891-7267 or jessieC@takomaparkmd.gov.

ORDINANCE 2016-17

Adopted May 18, 2016 (First Reading May 11)

FY 2017 Tax Rates

Sets the FY 2017 Tax Rates as follows: Real Property (\$0.5675 per \$100 of assessed valuation); Personal Property (\$1.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation); and Railroad and Public Utilities (\$1.57 per \$100 of assessed valuation). Voting no: Councilmember Male.

ORDINANCE 2016-18

Adopted May 18, 2016 (First Reading May 11)

FY 2017 Stormwater Management Budget

Establishes the FY 2017 Stormwater Management Budget and maintains the base rate for the Stormwater Management fee at \$55.00.

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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 submitting it along with a resume or statement of qualifications.

The following groups have vacancies as of June 10, 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. Two vacancies (currently no members from Ward 2 or 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 **Facade Advisory Board** helps to ensure that facade designs and their maintenance

are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provides guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. One vacancy.

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. Three 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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addition monies for community partnerships were taken from the allocation for the community grants program to better meet the Council’s priorities for fostering youth success and assisting others in need of support.

According to Ludlow, the process of moving from a proposed budget to a final budget went relatively smoothly this year for several reasons:

- The Council established priorities in February that helped staff focus proposals and services and provided a simpler framework for the budget work sessions.
- The Council decided to bond for the City’s \$1 million match for grant funding for the Ethan Allen Gateway improvements rather than to set aside cash, freeing up current year funds for other more immediate priorities.
- Mayor Stewart streamlined the reconciliation process by preparing several alternative groups of Council-proposed changes to help members consider the items as a package and see the relative impacts of the changes on the tax rate.

An overview of the proposed budget was in April’s *Newsletter*. The proposed budget, the budget presentations and the final budget are all on the City’s website on the Budget and Financial Documents page. Also on the website, Mayor Stewart has summarized the final budget in “The Dollars & Cents,” a post on the Mayor and

Council Blog.

Highlights of the reconciliation changes to the budget are:

- A decrease in real property tax revenue of \$367,471 by reducing the real property tax rate from 58.5 to 56.75 cents per \$100 valuation
- Savings of \$580,000 by bonding for street projects rather than paying \$1 million for the Ethan Allen Gateway in FY17
- Postponement of the planned Community Survey, saving \$35,000
- Adding \$4,400 for two additional Play Days
- Opening the City’s MacLab to teens after school for \$23,400
- Adding \$100,000 for planned economic development efforts
- Adding \$280,000 to the \$120,000 for the exterior home repair program to establish a new Housing Reserve with an initial allocation of \$400,000
- Establishment of a Scholarship fund with \$5,000
- Adding \$5,000 to the allocation for the Folk Festival

Other changes to the proposed budget included a savings of \$100,000 in expected health insurance expenses, \$50,000 for additional work needed for streetlights in Old Takoma and a reduction in expected property tax revenue of \$200,000 from assessment challenges.

The FY 17 Budget becomes effective July 1, 2016 and will be in effect through June 30, 2017.

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of those whose ashes are scattered are displayed.

“Takoma Park people are very attached to the city. We don’t want to live anywhere else or be dead anywhere else,” said Jennifer Beman White, the person who initiated the project and enlisted many of her Sherman Avenue neighbors in the effort, including Beth Baker.

“I loved the idea as soon as I heard about it from Jennifer,” Baker said. “I envision a scatter garden as a simple, lovely way for people to remember their family and friends.”

Scatter gardens are common, but are found exclusively within existing cemeteries or churches. What makes the proposed Takoma Park scatter garden unique is that it would be free-standing and located on city-owned land.

“We have done a lot of research and talked with someone from the Cremation Association of America, and we have not found an example of one being started by a municipality for its residents,” Beman White said. “In fact the association was very excited about the proposition and wants us to keep them informed on how it works out.” Baker believes the proposed scatter garden is “in keeping with the city’s tradition of being nontraditional.”

Both Baker and Beman White said they have received nothing but positive feedback from the people they have spoken with about the project, but both also realize that there will have to be a lot of outreach to the community as a whole. “It is a commitment to perpetuity after all,” Beman White said.

To educate the public about scatter gardens and the process of establishing one

in the city, the Committee for a Takoma Park Memorial Scatter Garden has created a website (tpmsg.org), which includes an FAQ of common questions and concerns that some people may have about the project, such as: “Are their health concerns?” (The quick answer is no); “Are the remains actually scattered?” (Not necessarily); and “How much will it cost?” (That depends on which design elements, such as walls, benches and landscaping, are incorporated).

As to the actual process of establishing a scatter garden in the city, the group presented its concept to the city’s Commemoration Commission, which “documents, maintains and preserves past, present and future memorials, commemorations and recognitions” and makes recommendations to the City Council.

Commission member Howard Kohn said that while a scatter garden is “not the most obvious part of our purview,” and is different than the traditional ways of honoring people such as monuments, signs, benches and trees, “it does fall within what we are designated to do.”


He also added that while the commission is supportive of the scatter garden; the biggest challenge is finding a location that is suitable.

“There are very few places that are green and open and where no active recreation takes place,” he said.

Beman White and other members of the group involved with the project did a walk around the city with commission chair Richard O’Connor, and they identified some potential spots, which they plan to share with the City Council as soon as they can get on the agenda. Ultimately, the Council would have to approve the scatter garden.

Important City Department Phone Numbers

City Clerk.....	301-891-7267
City Manager	301-891-7229
City TV	301-891-7118
Finance	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development.....	301-891-7119
Library.....	301-891-7259
Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works.....	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental.....	301-891-7290



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ORDINANCE 2016-19
Adopted May 18, 2016 (First Reading May 11)
FY 2017 Budget
Establishes the FY 2017 Budget
Adopts the FY 2017 operating budget and capital improvement program budget. Voting no: Councilmember Male.

ORDINANCE 2016-20
Adopted May 18, 2016 (First Reading May 11)
Housing Reserve
Establishes a separate reserve fund for use in efforts to meet Council goals related to housing.

ORDINANCE 2016-21
Adopted May 11, 2016
Multimedia Lab Equipment
Authorizes contract with Absolute Mac Inc. for hardware, software, peripherals, server, and installation in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.


RESOLUTION 2016-10
Adopted May 18, 2016
Verizon Cable Franchise
Authorizes the City Manager to sign the Amended Agreement to Implement the Verizon Cable Franchise between Montgomery County and the City, provided that the County agrees to reimburse the City for up to \$5,000 of legal fees incurred in conjunction with the negotiations.

RESOLUTION 2016-11
Adopted May 18, 2016
Comcast Cable Franchise
Authorizes the City Manager to sign the Agreement to Implement the Comcast Cable Franchise between Montgomery County and the City, provided that the County agrees to reimburse the City for up to \$5,000 of legal fees incurred in conjunction with the negotiations.

RESOLUTION 2016-12
Adopted May 18, 2016
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Appointments
Provides for reappointment of Reid Baron (Ward 3) and Jay Levy (Ward 1) to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee.

RESOLUTION 2016-13
Adopted May 18, 2016
Committee on the Environment Appointment
Provides for appointment of Hellen Gelband (Ward 3) to serve on the Committee on the Environment.

RESOLUTION 2016-14
Adopted June 8, 2016
Recreation Committee Appointments
Provides for Recreation Committee appointments and reappointments as follows: Appointments – Ryan Scully (Ward 6) and Jon Worley (Ward 2); Reappointments – Jay Keller (Ward 3); Howard Kohn (Ward 3); Carolyn Leary Bobb (Ward 6); and Jen Wofford (Ward 3).



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

New electric vehicle charging stations

14 New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations have been installed in Takoma Park. The Electric Vehicle Institute provided the stations and three years of maintenance for free to the City in an effort to increase public charging infrastructure in the region. Charging your EV at one of the 14 stations will be free for the time being, and since the City purchases 100 percent wind power, charging will also be emission free. The stations are located at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue), Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue), by Morrison Park and at the City Parking Lot at the "Junction." The City wants to install more stations for free on commercial properties in Takoma Park. If you are interested, please contact the sustainability manager Gina Mathias at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

Lifelong Link

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

Q: I am having difficulty making rent payments while I seek employment. Do you know of any financial assistance resources?

A: Montgomery County Maryland offers three rent assistance programs. These are the County Rental Assistance Program (RAP), the Handicapped Program and Supportive Housing. The RAP Program provides limited monthly assistance with paying rent to low-income seniors as well as individuals and families with disabilities. The Handicapped Rental Assistance Program (HRAP) will give monthly assistance to people who reside in a group home that is licensed either by Montgomery County or the State of Maryland, provided the person in the home has a mental illness, which gives him or her a disabling medical condition. The Supportive Housing Rental Assistance Program (SHRAP) provides those in need with supportive housing, and it will give them a monthly housing subsidy or rent grant and also provide service coordination to Maryland households that are low-income. SHRAP helps both single adults and families with children. For information on these programs, call 240-777-4400.

There are some nonprofits that provide assistance as well, such as Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park Inc. (MUSST). MUSST's mission is to provide

emergency financial assistance to eligible persons living in the lower Silver Spring/Takoma Park, Maryland area who face the threat of eviction, utility discontinuance or who cannot pay for medical prescriptions. MUSST volunteers also help clients to receive other kinds of assistance by screening to ensure they meet eligibility requirements and then referring them for food, clothing, furniture, dental or eye care services through other area agencies. You may reach MUSST for requests at 301-495-4699, 8818 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring. Their hours vary, so it may be best to call before visiting their offices.

Another that non-profit that provides financial assistance is Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities of Montgomery County administers numerous assistance programs, including emergency financial assistance with rent, mortgage, heating bills and utilities, food pantry, holiday baskets and other aid. They have several churches and Family Service Centers in the County. One location is in Silver Spring, Maryland (301-942-1790).

Did you know?

July is Sarcoma Awareness Month. While you are enjoying sunny walks, swimming outdoors or laying in the sun, it may be good to use precaution by limiting sun exposure and wearing protective clothing, such as hats with brims and lightweight long-sleeved shirts and longer shorts. Some health sources say using a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher is also effective.



Condemned Property

Condemning a property is an action that is taken if a property is in serious disrepair. The City will condemn a property for severe conditions on the exterior of the structure. Structural damage to the walls and roof are the usual cause for condemnation. This includes things like fire damage, trees falling on a building and deteriorating, collapsing, or falling roofs. A building may also be condemned if there are missing or broken out doors or windows.

Montgomery County inspects rental properties for the City and may find instances to condemn rental units or buildings for exterior and/or interior conditions. The County will condemn a rental property if the structure lacks heat, water or sanitation facilities. Other issues a property can be condemned for are unsanitary conditions and unsafe equipment like boilers, heating equipment and electrical wiring or devices.

Once a structure is condemned, only those authorized may enter to make repairs. A notice is posted on the structure and a notice to repair or demolish is generally issued to the legal owner. Home owners or tenants are not allowed to live in a condemned structure or unit. The City or County will re-inspect to release the condemnation once the building is made safe again.



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of two keynote presentations designed to set the stage for the afternoon. She offered this response to her own question: "youth having an authentic voice in decisions impacting them."

According to Furr, youth gain this voice through civic engagement. She cited a lower voting age and the existence of a strong youth council as examples of worthwhile engagement. In addition to facilitating youth engagement, Furr said the manner in which adverse childhood experiences are addressed is another factor influencing youth success in that communities need to "rethink how they talk to youth." For example, rather than asking youth what they did, the more important questions to pose might be, what happened to you, and what do you need?

Samir Paul, a computer science teacher at Montgomery Blair High School, believes another important question should be included in this list of queries: "Is there an adult at school who knows your name and cares about you?" Paul shared this sentiment as part of a panel discussion on local insights. From his viewpoint, "extensive wrap-around services are needed, including parent and community engagement and broader community advocacy on behalf of schools."

He said, "If we want to create real environments where kids feel safe, effort from

all sides is needed."

A current student at and recent graduate of Montgomery Blair High School, respectively, Saron Alemseged and Angel Ngatchou, participated on the panel with Paul. Alemseged began her remarks by stating, "I can't see myself living anywhere else." She acknowledged that while she's "always" at the TP Community Center and takes advantage of the many resources available to youth in Takoma Park, many youth don't because they are not aware of them. "We don't use resources enough," she said. "We must come together, and we don't. This must change."

Ngatchou sees herself as part of making the change that's needed to bring youth together and make them more aware of the resources available to them. "I have been in the U.S. for six years since the seventh grade," she said. "When I came here, I was lost and didn't know what to do. Takoma Park helped me, and I want to give back."

The general consensus in the room seemed to be that any conversation about youth success should be focused on a collective, multi-pronged outreach effort. As Karen MacPherson, children's and young adult manager for the City of Takoma Park Library, noted during her remarks on existing youth programs and services, "youth success does not happen by accident."

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THE ARTS



Who Gets to Dance? Screening & Discussion of Trash Dance Sunday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. Free Auditorium

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the pioneering organization Dance Exchange, the City of Takoma Park is partnering with Dance Exchange to screen *Trash Dance*.

Trash Dance follows choreographer Allison Orr as she creates a dance with Austin, Texas, sanitation workers on their daily routes to observe and later convince them to perform a most unlikely spectacle. On an abandoned airport runway, two dozen trash collectors and their trucks deliver—for one night only—a stunningly beautiful and moving performance in front of an audience of thousands.

Trash Dance received numerous awards at film festivals including Best Feature at Cinedans, Sedona and SF Docfest, Special Jury recognition at SXSW Film Festival and Audience Awards at Cinedans, Full Frame and Silverdocs among others.

A discussion with Dance Exchange and Forklift Danceworks choreographers Allison Orr and Krissie Marty will follow the screening.

Stylized Notions

Thursday, July 7,
6:30 – 8 p.m.

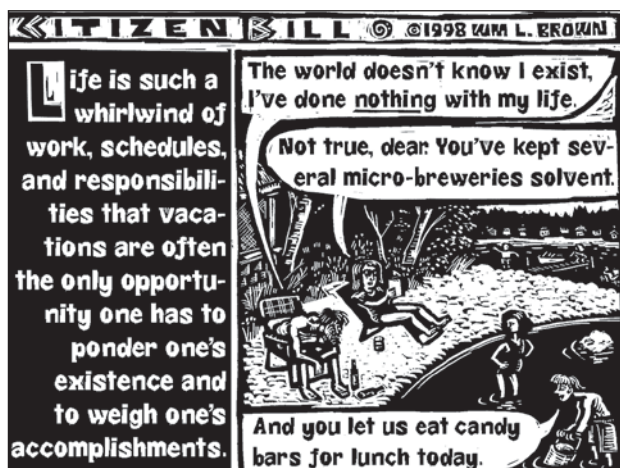
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Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center

A new exhibit opens this month at the Takoma Park Community Center that turns portraiture on its head—with cartoons, paintings and wire depictions. The exhibit features work by nine cartoonists, who joined together in 2013 to form the collective Cartoonists Draw Blood. They devote their time and talents to sketch for blood donors.

Additional artists featured include editor and cartoonist for the *Takoma Voice* William L. Brown, Mike Guy and Timothy Lee Giles. William Brown's selection will include figures key to the political and social history of Takoma Park.

Exhibit open through September 4.



New mural on Conway and Prince Georges

Murals, sculptures and more are coming to a street near you! The City recently re-launched its public art initiative, budgeting \$25,000 to \$45,000 per year over the next five years, commissioning at least one piece of art per year.



Starting this summer muralist Michael Kirby is painting a mural on the poured concrete retaining wall at the corner of Conway and Prince Georges in Ward 2. Stay tuned for photos of this project on the City's website and social media pages. Or swing by the site and meet the artist. He's accepting volunteers to help with the project. www.michaelwkirby.com

Have a seat - on the art!

Presented by the Old Takoma Business Association, reCycle Please Sit on the Art brings public art to the streets of Takoma in the form of seats created by area artists using recycled and repurposed materials. The seats will be available for your enjoyment through October when they will be auctioned off to the public. For more information, visit mainstreettakoma.org.

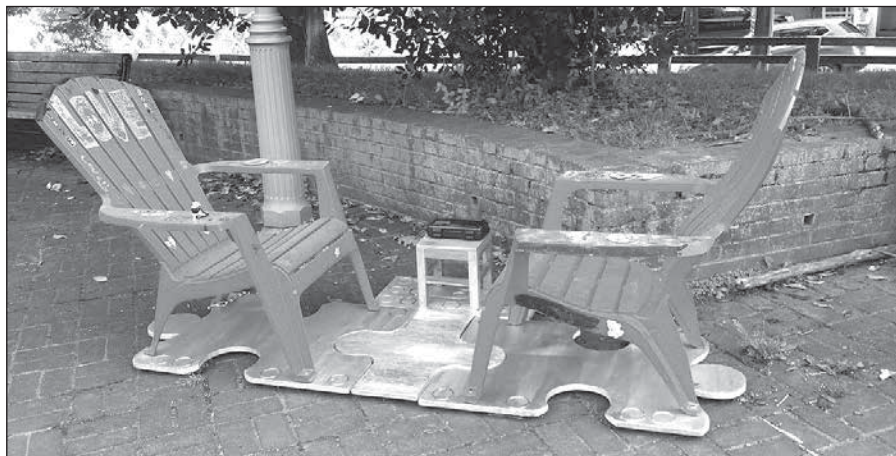


Photo: Otba Photos

"Chatting with Anita," by Friends of Anita Datar Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Avenue.

New solar co-op

Takoma Park and Montgomery County have formed a new solar co-op with the help of MD SUN to make it easier to save money on the purchase of solar panels. Sign up online to learn about solar energy and how the co-op simplifies the process of going solar while providing a discount through its bulk purchasing power. There is no obligation to join, and you will receive a free suitability assessment. For more information, visit www.mdsun.org/montgomery.

In 2015 the first Takoma Park solar-co-op:

- Resulted in 17 new residential solar installations in Takoma Park
- Increased total residential solar installs from 48 to 65 (and growing as others have been inspired), a 35-person in-



Morgan Snyder and Teal Edelen with their new solar pv system

crease in just over one year

- Supported solar installs in Silver Spring and Kensington for a total of 34 new systems

The co-op will result in the generation of about 2,346,600 kWh of clean electricity in Takoma Park over 20 years, and it is carbon equivalent of planting and growing 41,490 tree seedlings for 10 years.

New businesses opening in Takoma/Langley

Several new businesses have recently opened or will be opening in the Takoma/Langley part of the city in the next couple months. In mid-June, **Yama's Clothing & Accessories** opened at 7487 New Hampshire Ave. (near the Salvation Army Thrift Store). Owner Yamatut Faye and her husband Alieu have a store in Gambia, and they are expanding with a second store in Takoma Park. Yama's carries beautiful African fashions including Akara style clothing, kente cloth and everyday wear as well as costume jewelry and shoes.



In late summer **Evita's** will open at 1335 Holton Lane (near Langley Park Post Office), carrying unique bridal wear and unusual lines of dresses. Evita's owners have a successful bridal shop in Adams Morgan, and they are expanding to Takoma Park with Evita's. A new retail store from the owner of Ice Pole Jeans (1165 University Blvd. East) will open at 7665 New Hampshire Ave. (former Fashion LaFama) with different merchandise and a different character. Sometime in the fall **Wingstop** will open another location at 7659 New Hampshire Ave. (near Red Apple Farmers Market).

Fiesta Coin Laundry is finishing renovation of 7601 New Hampshire Ave. into a full-service laundromat. The laundromat will increase the bustle at the already-busy ALDI parking lot and get even busier next month when construction of **Taco Bell** starts at the corner of Holton Lane and New Hampshire Ave. **Union Auto Sales** opened at 1369 Holton Lane in early 2016, selling quality used cars. Their main operation is in Washington, DC.

RECREATION

TOTS

Zumbini

Zumbini is a music and movement class for children, 0 to 3 years, to attend with their music-loving caregivers. We combine original Zumba-style music with dancing, singing, instruments and scarves to create a fun and engaging 45-minute class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Newborn – 4 years old
7 Week Session
Saturdays, July 8- August 27
10:15 – 11 a.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

YOUTH

After the Bell 2016-17

It's time to start thinking about the next school year. This after school childcare program for MCPS 2016-2017 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Dept. 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. The "After the Bell" Program will not operate on days MCPS is closed. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten–5th Grade
Monday-Friday, August 29, 2016-June 16, 2017
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$1,250/year or \$125/month



Kung Fu

Kung Fu helps with our health and mental state of mind. Students will partake in meditation, stretching, strengthening and forms. There is a one-time, non-refundable, fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-12 years
8 Week Sessions
Saturdays
Beginners: July 9 – August 22
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Beginners: July 9 – August 22
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Taekwondo

Taekwondo, it is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. "Tae" means "foot," "leg," or "to step on;" "Kwon" means "fist" or "fight;" and "Do" means the "way" or "discipline." So it can mean the way or discipline of foot and fist martial arts are studied for various reasons, including combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable, \$40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 years and older
8 Week Session
Mondays, June 1- August 29
6 – 7 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

TEENS

M.A.N.U.P.

The programs for MANUP are gender specific to enhance male and female development through the principles of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in cooperation with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. This is a drop-in program, and permission slips are required for trips.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13-17 years
Ongoing Tuesdays
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Free

ADULTS

Go-Go Fitness

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing Saturdays
12 – 1 p.m.
Drop-in: \$5

FOREVEER YOUNG: 55+

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, July 28
12 – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in. No

registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, July 28
11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free



Table Tennis

Come play this fun, energetic game. A great way to improve eye-hand coordination that helps keep the body healthy and the mind sharp.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Summer Hours:
Ongoing Monday – Saturday
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

Senior Free Fitness Pass

This is a pass that is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for adults 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. Registration is open. You can register today at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fitness Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Ongoing Saturdays: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free



PETS

Basic Dog Manners (Dogs 1 & up)

It is never too late to start training with your dog. This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs in "the real world" on leash, at home and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language and how reinforcement works. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 1 year and older
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays
July 7 – August 11
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Puppy Kindergarten

If you have a 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. Class is for Puppies 8 weeks - 6 months. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 8 weeks - 6 months
6 Week Session
Tuesdays
July 5 – August 9
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Puppy II: For the Adolescent Dog

Puppies in adolescence (between of 6-12 months of age) tend to get bolder, less focused and develop "selective listening." This class will teach and build upon basic skills with a focus on impulse control, not jumping and polite behavior around other dogs and people. Whether you've been through puppy class or just adopted your puppy, this class will teach the manners your pup needs. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 8 weeks - 6 months
6 Week Session
Tuesdays
July 5 – August 9
8 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165



After Hours

This new program will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults. The recreation department is partnering with the Takoma Police department to offer futsal and basketball two nights per week over the course of the summer. This program will be from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are looking to provide safe and fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16-24 years
Tuesday and Thursday
9 – 11 p.m.
Free with Registration

No couch potatoes here! Get out and play!

When you come home from work, is your teen parked on the couch watching television or playing a video game? Is he constantly monitoring his social media pages? Does she complain of hand cramps from text messaging? Just about everyone loves a lazy day on the couch with a favorite movie or TV show, but too much time in a sedentary mode can lead to obesity or other health problems.

Studies show that American children become sluggish during their teen years. While 90 percent of 9-year-olds get a couple of hours of exercise most days, fewer than 3 percent of 15-year-olds do. Physical education is no longer being offered as an everyday class in high school, and because of this, teens are getting less and less physical activity each day. If your teen is spending more time on the couch than off it, it's time to help them get moving. Here are a few suggestions:

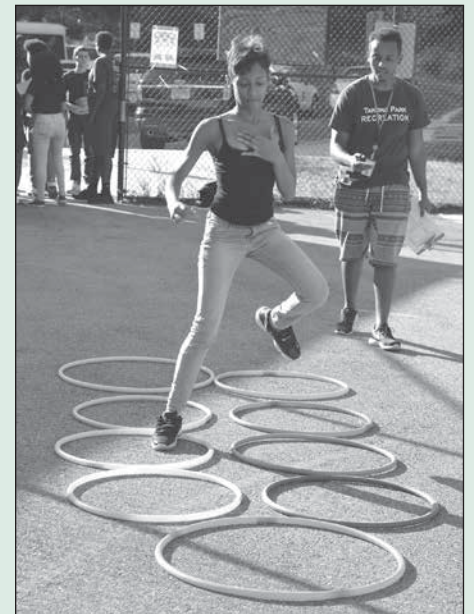
Be an example. Make sure your teen sees that you make exercising one of your priorities. Walk, bike, run or play basketball if that's what you like to do. Just make sure he or she sees you staying active and having fun doing it.

Limit television and computer time. Set limits on television time (no more than one to two hours per day) and keep video game and recreational computer time to a minimum. Don't put a television in your teen's bedroom and keep the computer in a family area as well. If they must be inside, give them a chance to be active around the house or play activity-centered video games.

Create a family exercise time. Rather than a family movie night, get everyone together to go for a walk or a bike ride. Throw in a challenge by giving everyone a pedometer and seeing who can walk the most steps in a week. Another option is to have a family interactive game night.



Teen challenge minute to win it



Teen obstacle course

Register for a recreation activity. The Takoma Park Recreation Department has several activities to keep your teen active during the summer as well

as the school year. Registering your teen in an after school activity or summer camp gives them the opportunity to build friendships outside of school and

motivates them to take part in activities within their community. Active lifestyles lead to being more attentive and active in school, and they will undoubtedly be healthier and happier.

Of course some days are just made for lazing around, and if it happens every once in a while, that's fine. But every teen should have at least a few things he or she likes to do to stay active. Remember, we are our teen's first and best teachers. If we want to effect real change in their lives, we have to be willing to take the first step and effect real change in our own. Only by setting an example can we truly inspire our teens to get up off the couch and out into the world.

The Recreation Department offers a "Teens on the Move" camp each summer, exposing teens to a variety of fun and active programs. There are four one-week sessions held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the month of July. There are limited spaces remaining, so don't wait!

Teens on the Move Camp

The Teens on the Move Camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service and fun activities. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Register for one week or all four, but this fun camp will fill fast.

Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13-17 years
Monday-Friday

Session 1: July 5-July 8*

Session 2: July 11-July 15

Session 3: July 18-July 22

Session 4: July 25-July 29

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

*4th of July week fee:

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident \$120

Teen Lounge

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, work stations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and for special events.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

13-17 years

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
4-7 p.m.

Tuesday: 4 – 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Free



Takoma Park 4th of July Parade at 10:00 a.m.

Be a part of history and attend the Takoma Park 4th of July Parade. The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from the intersection of Carroll & Ethan Allen Avenues, travel south on Carroll Ave., turn right on Maple Ave. and end at Ritchie Ave. Parade programs will be available along the parade route on July 4th. Visit TakomaPark4th.org to see it now and to get additional information.



4th of July Evening Celebration & Fireworks at Takoma Park Middle School (Lee Jordan Field)

Join us in closing out a great day of celebration for the 4th of July. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m. followed by a fantastic fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Visit TakomaPark4th.org to get additional information.

LIBRARY

Libros Nuevos en Espanol!

The Library has books in Spanish for all ages. Here are some new, mostly nonfiction titles for adults. Ven y descubrellos!

Papa Francisco, *El Nombre de Dios Es Misericordia*. In his first book published as pope, Pope Francis shares his thoughts on the topic he believes to be the cornerstone of faith: mercy.

Veronica Cervera, *La cocina Cubana de vero*. Cervera's fully illustrated cookbook offers 100 traditional Cuban recipes.

Juan Morris, *Cerati: La biografia*. A biography of Argentine singer-songwriter, composer and producer Gustavo Cerati (1959-2014) who changed forever the history of Spanish rock

Rosa Barocio, *Disciplina con amor: Como poner limites sin ahogarse en la culpa*. The author gives reasonable and sensible recommendations supporting parents and educators confronted by the challenges of educating children.

Jorge Ramos, *Sin miedo: Lecciones de rebeldes*. Emmy Award winner and journalist Jorge Ramos shares some life lessons and experiences from his 30-year career.

Allan Percy, *Mujica: Una biografia inspiradora*. This biography of Pepe Mujica, former president of Uruguay, introduces his life and heartening way of thinking.

Jose Fernandez, *Reta to Vida: No es dejar de comer sino aprender a comer*. Nutritionist and star coach Fernandez offers inspiration and detailed menus to help

the whole family achieve a healthier diet.

Draco Rosa y Nena Niessen, *El secreto de la vida a base de plantas*. Rosa and Niessen present their best vegetarian recipes, explain the nutritional and medicinal properties of a plant-based diet and propose a plan for healthful eating.

Claudia Molina, *Jugosa y fit: El verdadero secreto de los jugos y ejercicios para tener un cuerpazo*.

Cesar Lozano, *No te enganches #Todopasa*. Lozano offers lessons and solutions to discover the best path to living a full and happy life.

Miguel Luiz, *El arte tolteca de la vida y la muerte*. Spiritual wisdom teacher Ruiz shares his life experiences and offers timeless insights from the Toltecs to encourage readers who are confronting life's challenges.

Yordi Rosado, S.O.S. *Adolescentes fuera de control en la era digital*. A modern-day guide for parents to facilitate effective communication with teens in the digital age

Dennis Nelson, *Guerra contra todos los Puertorriquenos: Revolution y terror en la colonia Americana*. Nelson's well-documented account of the compelling life of Pedro Albizu Campos provides a window into an important but overlooked history of the Puerto Rican independence move-

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
(NOTE: No programs July 21 & July 28)

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

LEGO Club

Sunday, July 10, 1:30-3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 3-10

Caldecott Club

Monday, July 11 13, 7 p.m.
All ages welcome; lemonade & cookies served.

Kids Art

Sunday, July 17, 2-3 p.m.
Also Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. July 13, 20 & 27

All supplies provided.

"The Giant Turnip"

Saturday, July 16, 3 p.m.
Beech Tree Puppets presents a classic tale.
For ages 4-104

Drop Everything & Read

Monday, July 18, 7-8:30 p.m.
All ages welcome.
Snacks provided.

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is "The Dalton Case" by Ross MacDonald
Hydrangea Room

Harry Potter Birthday Event

Saturday July 30, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Come listen to the beginning of the audio version of "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone."
Snacks provided.

On a quest to read this summer

Experts agree. Summer reading should be fun. And fun is the focus our Summer Quest summer reading program, which gives readers lots of flexibility in choosing which books to read. Summer Quest 2016 officially kicked off June 13, but readers can join any time during the summer because we won't conclude the program (with a party!) until early September.

Featuring a story and game board created each year by library associate Dave Burbank, Summer Quest is a "read to advance" game. To begin readers pick a character and we give them a game board and a story, which contains 10 reading

challenges. Each time readers complete a book for a challenge, we move their character along a giant game board in the Children's Room.

The reading challenges are open-ended – "read an adventure book" or "read a book about someone different than you" – so that readers have plenty of choice in which books to read. Adults also are welcome to play; it's a great way to structure your summer reading. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our unique Summer Quest program.

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

Beech Tree Puppets returns to the Library on Saturday, July 16 at 3 p.m. with "The Giant Turnip." Based on a Ukrainian folktale, "The Giant Turnip" tells the story of an elderly couple who unwittingly grow a vegetable so large that they can't unearth it by themselves but need to enlist the help of others in their community. Ingrid Cowan Haas and Ole Haas, founders of Beech Tree Puppets, use handcrafted rod puppets, shadow puppets and original songs to bring "The Giant Turnip" to life. No registration required for this program, which is suited to ages 4-104.

Our first **Drop Everything and Read** event, which was held in April to celebrate author Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday, was a huge success. So we're going to do it again on Monday, July 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll have snacks and lemonade, thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. All you have to do is come to the Library, pick a book and start reading. It's like a silent reading club! Parents with young children are welcome to read quietly to their pre-readers. No registration and all ages welcome.

Calling all Harry Potter fans! On Saturday, July 30—the eve of Harry's birthday – we will have a special listening session, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., of the beginning of *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*. What exactly is a "listening session"? It means that we will be gathering in the Children's Room and listening to a recording of the incomparable Jim Dale reading the beginning of the first book in the *Harry Potter* series. In other words, we'll be "reading with our ears." You're invited to bring blankets and pillows to make yourselves comfortable as you listen; we'll provide snacks and lemonade, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. NOTE: The "new" Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, will be released at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, July 31. We will have several copies of the book available, hopefully on Sunday. It's important to know, however, that it is not a typical fiction book, but is the rehearsal script of the play that has just opened in London. So some readers may find that the script format makes it a bit more challenging to get the rhythm of the story at least at first.

A young reader at the May 21 book sale



Photo: Maurice Belanger

Book sale undefeated by rain

Despite cold and rainy weather, the Friends Book Sale – held indoors – raised more than \$2,600 for the Library.

Many thanks to these volunteers and staff who made it a success: Pat Hanrahan, Gary Sternberg, Tom Brune, Tim Rahn, Clair Garman, Paula Nersesian, Dave Burbank, Maurice Belanger, Sam McCollin, Merrill Leffler, Wabi Aboudou, Ann Slayton, Amy Beaupre, Sherelyn Ernst, Suzanne Morgan, Katherine Dixon-Peugh, Rebekah Zanditon, Deb Nel-

son, Pat McMahon, Miriam Szapiro, Wal-ly Malakoff, Patti Mallin, Kathleen and Harry Fulton, Kevin Adler, Gina McNeal, Jeff Blum, Ellen Cassidy, David Wiley, Ben Wiley, and Richard McAlee, Mr. Walker and Kimley Mannix of the Department of Public works, and Recreation Department staff, especially Debbie Huffman.

All proceeds from the Friends of the Library book sales go to the Library in the form of funding for services, resources and programs.



Council Member Jarrett Smith, Mayor Kate Stewart, Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias, and Reuven Walder of ecobeco with Corbett and Grace Lunsford in their Tiny Home.

Tiny house comes to Takoma Park

By Gina Mathias

If you live in Takoma Park, chances are your house could be considered small, or even tiny, by most standards. From May 31 - June 3, we were treated to a big dose of perspective when a real tiny home on wheels stopped in Takoma Park for a week of tours and workshops. The stop was part of a year-long tour for Corbett and Grace Lunsford's *Proof is Possible*. Takoma Park coordinated with the Lunsford's and their tour sponsor ecobeco, to give them a safe place to park and live at the City parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op.

The purpose of the *Proof is Possible* tiny home tour is to promote high-efficiency homes, which goes a few steps beyond energy efficiency to include air quality, building materials and overall home performance. While the purpose was to show residents how they can achieve a high-performance home where they live now, the presence of the tiny home sparked interesting conversations about much more, including zoning, density, net-zero energy homes, affordable housing and downsizing clutter.

Several City Council members and Mayor Stewart were spotted touring the tiny home, which was open from 5 - 6 p.m. each evening. There were also several workshops, one geared specifically for home owners. Corbett Lunsford

also held two special trainings at the Community Center on advanced diagnostic testing, so our local stock of energy efficiency professionals will be better equipped to help homeowners create high performance homes.

The tour was a last-minute opportunity that ecobeco President Brian Toll offered to the City when they ran into trouble finding a place for the Lunsford's to park for the week. The City jumped at the chance to bring something trendy and interesting to the community that also helps with the City's efforts to win the Georgetown University Energy Prize. Attracting people to the Tiny Home for tours offered a unique opportunity to inspire others to save energy at home and to get advice from an expert. Fifty local contractors also were inspired to use the advanced diagnostics they learned to help residents who have had energy audits and want to air-seal, insulate and optimize their home's performance.

If you missed the tiny home tour, you can watch the Lunsford's quirky, educational videos on Corbett and Grace's YouTube channel, "Home Performance" at www.youtube.com/user/GreenDreamGroup. And you can catch their new TV series on PBS in early 2017, "Home Diagnosis," which Corbett describes as "This Old House" meets "CSI."

Takoma Park Boy Scouts complete "Project Porch Light"

By Sebastian Goldberg

Editor's Note: Takoma Park is one of 50 communities competing in the Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition. Sebastian's project, named "Project Porch Light," helps Takoma Park's entry in the contest because the goal is to have the most energy savings, and replacing light bulbs with more efficient ones will save a lot of energy.

On a Sunday April 17, teams of boy scouts from Troop 33, based in Takoma Park, fanned out across Takoma Park on a mission to replace light bulbs of Takoma Park residents with more efficient LED bulbs. They were working with me on my Eagle Scout project. I wanted to find a project that helped out the City, and I have always enjoyed doing things for the environment.

I read about Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition the newspaper, so I asked Takoma Park Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias if there was anything I could do to help. She suggested the project because she was looking for someone to replace porch lights. People often leave them on all night, which wastes energy, so by switching to LED bulbs, lots of energy can be saved.

To identify houses that needed LED bulbs, initially I signed people up at the Takoma Park farmers market until I had almost all of the houses needed to complete project. However, I did not get all of the participants at the farmer's market, so we had to go door-to-door to recruit more participants.

LED bulbs are the most efficient commercial light bulbs and are 40 percent more efficient than compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs and use about a sixth of the energy of traditional incandescent bulbs. In addition to being more efficient, LED bulbs last much longer. While a CFL bulb

might last 10,000 hours, the LED can last 50,000 hours, which can be almost thirty years if not constantly in use.

The project replaced over 100 light bulbs in Takoma Park where 57 houses had their outdoor lights replaced with new LED bulbs. While the final installa-



Photo: Dave Goldberg

tion took place in just one day, the project had been in the works since January, including numerous meetings between me and Bryant Martinez, the Takoma Park sustainability assistant working with Gina Mathias. Martinez provided support and helped coordinate my efforts, including ordering the replacement bulbs requested by Takoma Park residents, which were funded by the Takoma Park Public Works Department as part of the City's energy conservation efforts.

Now that the project is completed, the new LED bulbs will produce an estimated energy savings of 10,500 kilowatt hours annually. These saving will help improve the City's standing in Georgetown contest. Overall the project went well, and we all hope that City of Takoma Park wins the Georgetown contest.

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Summer fare for the friends reading group

On Wednesday July 20, the Friends Bi-monthly Reading Group will discuss *The Galton Case* by Ross MacDonald. One of the Lew Archer detective novels, *The Galton Case* investigates identity and family from the point of view of mid-Twentieth Century America. MacDonald wrote between the late 1940s and his death in 1983. He has been compared to Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. "He gave the American crime novel a psy-

chological depth and moral complexity that his predecessors had only hinted at." [book jacket]

The *New Yorker* called *The Galton Case* "a model of intelligently engineered excitement," and the *San Francisco Chronicle* praised it as "one of his best...the MacDonald depth of understanding and dispassionate charity come out well, and the story is richly plotted."

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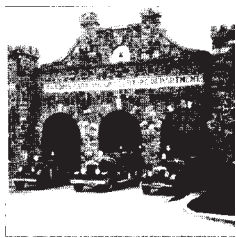
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Carlos Wynter Melo, *Las impuras*. (Fiction) – Victims of the repression during the invasion of Panama by the U.S., two women reconstruct their past and look for redemption while trying to find the meaning of life.

[Book descriptions are taken from reviews appearing in *Library Journal* on May 1, 2016.]

We also have books for those learning English as a second language. *Ingles para Latinos, Primer Nivel* (with three CDs.) and *Ingles para Latinos, Segundo Nivel* (with a guide to pronunciation) are two newer titles, but we have many more.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT
By Jim Jarboe

As of May 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 248 fire-related incidents in 2016. The department addressed or assisted with 1,346 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,594. Totals for 2015 were 269 and 1,316, representing an increase of 9 incidents.

During May Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,254 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,189.5 hours in May 2015. Grand totals as of May were 6,652 hours compared to 7,274 hours in 2015, a decrease of 686.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of June 22, 23 people have died in fire compared to 43 in May 2015.

Safety Message

It's still the law... ALL fireworks are illegal in Montgomery County!

Years of service milestones

Once again the Takoma Park VFD honored two of its members with 20 years of service at the department's membership meeting on June 8. They were President Elmer Hamm and Chaplain Dave Hooker. Congratulations to both for their commitment and

dedication to the department and community.



Above, Paul McGarvey
Below, Mike Bigler



Takoma Park Lions Club Honored

At the Multiple District 94th Annual Convention held in Hagerstown, Md., Lion **Paul McGarvey** (Life Member and over 50 years) was named to the District 22-C's "Roll of Honor." Also outgoing Takoma Lion, District Governor **Mike Bigler** was honored. Club Secretary Lion **Mike Hall** received the Governor's Outstanding Secretary Award, and the club received the 2015-2016 Governor's Exceptional Club Five Star Award.

Summer Readiness Checklist

Summer breeze makes me feel fine; Blowin' through the jasmine in my mind

—Seals & Crofts, 1972

The Emergency Preparedness Committee wishes you many wonderful summer days. Here's a Summer Readiness checklist. Answering YES to the following items should make you feel fine, and prepared:



Traveling away from home? Have you:	YES	NO	Not Sure
Given the information details to family member or friend who can be contacted or reached in case of an emergency?			
Checked the predicted weather forecast for your destination?			
Made a list of important numbers for medical, police, trauma and rescue units in the new location?			
Identified the nearest hospital or emergency room?			
Packed extra medications and any special items if you are stuck in a vacation area?			
Made a list of any allergies or other situations should you need emergency care?			
Checked to learn if your medical insurance will be accepted in your new location?			
Written/saved the contact information for your doctors and pharmacy back home?			
Identified escape routes and a re-unification location before you go hiking, camp or travel in areas where you can be separated from your group/family and where there may be NO cell towers?			
(If traveling with small children) Packed extra water, baby food, extra snacks and a change of clothes? Note: If you are flying, check if the airlines stow car seats and strollers for free.			
(If you are driving) Packed enough supplies and emergency items in the event that the car breaks down?			
Packed working flashlights and extra batteries, cell phone car charger (if car is operable), emergency kit and updated car assistance (such as AAA)?			
At home in Takoma Park, while you are away:			
Does someone you trust know where to reach you in case of flooding, street damage, burglary or other difficulties?			
Does your home have a continually lived i' look, such as light timers set for different times in several rooms?			
Have you negotiated with someone to take mail, newspapers or packages, or have you stopped delivery of all these items?			
Is someone coming inside to water plants or feed pets?			
If you have a security service, have you figured out how to deal with the person bringing in mail, newspapers, watering plants or feeding pets?			
If you have pets, have you not only arranged for their care, but also made sure the caretaker knows how to reach the vet and you?			
Other? If not applicable, mark NA in YES column			

Take care of each item, mark YES. Then let the "summer breeze make you feel fine."

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 @TakomaParkMD
- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert
- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at takomaparkmd.gov/news
- Make a service request or report an issue using "My TkPk," an online and application based reporting tool: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk



Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

For additional information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports.



More organic approaches to gardening and lawn care

By Colleen Cordes and Gresham Lowe

Takoma Park should have a front row seat to fireflies' annual summer light show, thanks to the City's Safe Grow Act of 2013 and to Takoma Park's many residents who are practicing ever more organic approaches to gardening and lawn care.

The recent law restricts the use of certain pesticides for cosmetic lawn care that the U.S. and other governments have classified as posing particular health risks or that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated for restricted use. Takoma Park was the first community in the nation of our size to enact such broad restrictions for private property. Following our lead, Montgomery County recently passed similar restrictions, and Maryland lawmakers just passed legislation restricting the sale and use of neonicotinoid pesticides to protect pollinators.

This is all welcome news for local fireflies – also known as lightning bugs. Because they spend so much time in their larval phase under or on the ground and their diet is mainly other small ground-dwelling insects, fireflies are considered especially susceptible to pesticides and other lawn chemicals. Exploring more organic ways to take care of lawns and gardens is also worth considering to protect a wide range of other species as well, including butterflies, other pollinators and bats and birds that eat the insects. On up the food chain, organic lawn and garden care helps protect pets and our own families, especially children, who often play on lawns and are developmentally more vulnerable to toxins.

Here are three introductory tips to begin exploring more organic approaches to lawn care and gardening:

1. Start from the ground up by evaluating and enriching your soil. Healthy soil contributes to plant health, including a deep, rich network of roots. Healthy roots make grass and garden plants more resilient from drought, disease and insect infestations. So begin by evaluating your soil quality. You can have it analyzed by an expert, or if that seems too complicated, examine it closely yourself. For advice on whether you should have

your soil chemically analyzed to test for specific nutrient deficiencies, take a sample to a free Master Gardener Plant Clinic in the county. (See extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/plant-clinics for more information.)

For a do-it-yourself evaluation, observe a handful up close. Good soil will smell slightly sweet, be a rich dark brown or almost black and have a crumbly texture when dry but hold together well when moistened and formed in a ball. If the color is red and can only be dug up in thick, sticky clumps, as is the case in much of Takoma Park, your soil is heavy in clay and would especially benefit from applications of mature compost. The City's leaf mulch, which you can pick up for free at the Public Works Department on Oswego Avenue or order and schedule a delivery, is an affordable option. For more information, call 301-891-7633.

2. Let nature be your guide. Healthy ecosystems thrive in diversity. Native plants have evolved to thrive in each other's company, and each plant has its own preference for hours of sun exposure. Working within these natural limits makes for less frustrating landscaping. A monoculture, like grass, will be more susceptible to serious invasions of insects or weeds than a yard planted with a variety of species that are both native to our area and well-suited to the micro-environment of your own yard.

The shade from Takoma Park's lush forest canopy, for example, makes growing grass a particular challenge in many yards. Our white oaks and other native trees are much more compatible with shade-tolerant shrubs and plants. Lovely native ferns often do well on our many shady hills. (Before digging under trees, check the Tree Ordinance.) Consider reducing the area of yard planted in grass. In fact, establishing a large area of mulch around big trees – the most valuable part of the home landscape – is an excellent way to help them resist the stresses of urban life, such as pollution, soil compaction, and root disturbance. No mulch vol-

Mosquito Alert

As we write, the question is still open about how much people will be spraying pesticides for mosquitoes this summer, given concerns about the Zika virus. Critics say such spraying does not effectively control mosquitoes, often harms many other species, such as fireflies and bees, and poses its own health risks. The upbeat local outlook we describe here does not take that sobering issue into account. One effective organic way to discourage mosquito breeding, however, is to work with neighbors to eliminate or regularly empty any source of standing water – even very small amounts, which includes checking gutters.



canoes, please! You need just two to three inches of mulch coverage, starting no closer than half a foot from the trunk but extending as far out as you like. The further you go, the greater the boon to trees. Refresh the mulch when it gets thin, incorporating the tree's own fallen leaves if you can, which will continue to improve the fertility and structure of your soil.

3. Start with safest, least toxic solutions first. Weed your garden by hand before weeds get out of hand. As for lawns, if dandelions or other uninvited wildflowers become too invasive, hand weeding a fair percentage of them will help bring their numbers back under control. For gardens, include plants like marigolds and certain onions that naturally repel pests. A little nibbling of garden plants by insects is natural. If you're losing more than, say, 30 percent of your planting to an infestation, you can try a fairly high pressure blast of hose water to wash bugs away. Non-toxic, plant-based horticultural

oils can be used to suffocate pests, and horticultural soaps – or even soapy dishwater – can also be sprayed. For help identifying a serious insect infestation and advice about other non-toxic steps, such as purchasing beneficial insects like hungry ladybugs to help bring a bad infestation under control, visit the Master Gardener clinics mentioned above.

Participating in such interspecies sharing is the real spirit behind organic lawn and garden care, much like grateful fireflies contributing their fair share by lighting up the night in Takoma Park!

Colleen Cordes and Gresham Lowe are members of the Takoma Park Tree Commission. They thank Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine and past president of the Takoma Horticultural Club, and local resident Nichelle Harriott, science and regulatory director of Beyond Pesticides, for the tips they shared for this article. For more information, visit Beyond Pesticides' website, www.beyondpesticides.org.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

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So how can the community gain additional insight into what resources available now, what's missing and how the City can address those needs and gaps? To begin this process, following the keynote presentations and panel discussions, attendees were invited to participate in break out groups where they discussed the future of youth success. Each group was tasked with addressing four main questions:

1. What does youth success look like?



Photo: Selena Malott

Natnael Fantanun, 16, arrives for the event.

Join the Conversation

If you weren't able to make the event, you can be a part of conversation by

- Posting on Twitter at #TkPkYTH-success
- Sharing your questions or comments using the Google form located on the City's Community Conversations web page: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/community-conversations
- Sending a letter to the editor at tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov

2. What are the most pressing issues impacting youth in our area today?
3. What gaps and needs exist in the services provided in the area?
4. What can the City of Takoma Park do to facilitate youth success?

Once the break out groups completed their discussions, a representative from each one reported back to the larger group when it reconvened. Essentially, this critical conversation is just getting started.

As Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart wrote in a recent post to the City Council & Mayor Blog, "ensuring opportunities for all our youth to succeed is a top priority as the City Council plans for the future and looks to address the current needs of residents."

Some Special Tips for Grass

- During hot, dry spells, don't water frequently, but when you do water, water deeply – early morning is a good time – to encourage the growth of deeper, thicker roots capable of absorbing more water.
- Mow higher, especially in dry weather. In fact, grass allowed to normally grow three inches high casts its own shade that will prevent weed seeds from getting the sun they need to sprout.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn to replenish nutrients in the soil, prevent disease and discourage crabgrass. If thatch becomes a problem, you can rake the grass fairly vigorously. Remember that clippings and loose thatch you don't haul away may provide native birds with nesting materials for what may be more than one round of breeding.



JULY '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 August issue is July 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning July 29.

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, July 6, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Independence Day - City Offices Closed

Monday, July 4
All City offices & facilities will be closed Monday, July 4, for the Independence 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

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.
Trohv, 232 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Community Self Defense

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
6836 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park
Certified Gracie Jiu Jitsu Black Belt instruction
Free and open to all

A Renewable Energy Revolution in Takoma Park?

Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Takoma Park-based Beyond Nuclear and the City of Takoma Park invite you to a talk by Keith Barnham, visiting UK professor emeritus from Imperial College and author of *The Burning Answer: A user's guide to the solar revolution*, examining how Takoma Park could become a renewable energy transition town.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 6 – 9 p.m.
Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Ave.
Family friendly activities including K9 demonstrations, food and music
Free

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

Free fiddle class with Justin Heath

Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m.
House of Musical Traditions,
7010 Westmoreland Ave.
Have a fiddle/violin lying around you've been meaning to learn to play, but not sure if you want to commit to regular lessons? Want to brush up on basic techniques in a fun, no-pressure group setting? This free class is for you.
Free

Writing a Village

Monday, July 18, 7 – 9:30 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.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, July 21, 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.

Friday Nights on Holton Lane Movie: E.T. The Extra Terrestrial

Friday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.
1337 Holton Lane
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free family films and concerts across from the mural on Holton Lane.

Photo Salon

Monday, July 25, 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.

Friday Nights on Holton Lane Concert: Elikeh - Afropop

Friday, July 29, 6:30 p.m.
1337 Holton Lane
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free family films and concerts across from the mural on Holton Lane.

Upcoming Event

Friday Nights on Holton Lane Concert: The U-Liners

Friday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Parking lot at 1337 Holton Lane
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free family films and concerts across from the mural on Holton Lane. Food vendors will be available.
Free



Dance Exchange's 2016 Summer Institute

Co-led by DX Founder Liz Lerman and DX Artistic Director Cassie Meador along with DX artists and alumni

July 8-17, 2016



Help celebrate 40 years of innovative creative practices and boundary-breaking dance making. Institute participants will join from our local region and across the globe to gather as leaders, innovators, movers and thinkers. Anyone 18+ years of age is welcome and encouraged to join this intergenerational experience. Institute participants will experience daily movement classes, sessions in core practices, including Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process, and meaningful dance making beyond the studio with partners in forestry, health care, human rights and science education. For more information, visit danceexchange.org/dance-with-dx/summer2016.

Thunderbolts July 2016 Home Schedule

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. Players from outside our area stay with host families in Takoma Park and Silver Spring. If you are interested in hosting a player, call 301-983-1358.

Home games are at Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium

51 East University Boulevard, Silver Spring, Maryland in the Four Corners Area

Admission Prices: Adults - \$5.00; Children under 18 - \$2.00

Youth baseball and softball players in uniform and children under the age of 5 get in FREE

Mon.-Sat. games start at 7 pm; Sunday games start at 6 pm.

Doubleheader on June 26 starts at 4:00 pm.

Other Doubleheaders usually start at 5 pm.

Schedule subject to change. Check website, www.tbolts.org, for updates.

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT
Tuesday	7/5	Rockville Express
Thursday	7/7	Gaithersburg Giants
Friday	7/8	Baltimore Redbirds
Saturday	7/9	Herndon Braves
Sunday	7/10	Baltimore Dodgers
Saturday	7/16	Vienna Riverdogs
Tuesday	7/19	MAKE UP DATE (if needed)
Wednesday	7/20	Bethesda Big Train
Thursday	7/21	Alexandria Aces
Saturday	7/23	MAKE UP DATE (if needed)