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Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5

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Monday yard waste collection canceled.



Photo: Selena Malott

Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg in his office at headquarters

Hail to the chief

By Rick Henry

Controversial police shootings. Social media postings of police encounters. Protests. Police officers shot down in Dallas and Baton Rouge. It's a difficult time for police departments and officers around the country.

It is against this backdrop that Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg begins his fourth year at the helm. Chief Goldberg, who has been in law enforcement for 38 years overall, says that while things like increased use of social media have changed the job considerably, many of the

core tenets of law enforcement remain the same today as when he began his career.

In an interview at Takoma Park Police Headquarters on July 14, Chief Goldberg touched on those core tenets, the role of citizens, recruiting challenges and other concerns. What follows below is an edited transcript of the interview.

Q: In your four years in Takoma Park, what do you feel is your top accomplishment?

A: The most immediate accomplishment is our continued effort to build relation-

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2016 Folk Festival canceled; leaders recruit new crew

By Kevin Adler, former chair of the
Takoma Park Folk Festival

The 39th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival was scheduled to be held on Sept. 11, but in July, the Festival's leaders canceled the event for the first time since its founding in 1978.

The most recent chair, Colleen Clay, whose leadership has brought new energy to the Festival, is leaving the area. The Festival is struggling with a general lack of enough people in the spring and summer to coordinate tasks, such as publicity, volunteer recruitment and food vendors as well as someone to replace Clay.



Photo: Selena Malott

Leitita VanSant and the Bonafides performed at last year's Takoma Park Folk Festival.

All the Festival's leaders have made it clear they hope this will be only a one-year hiatus. However, they warn that the

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City Council approves agreement with Takoma Junction developer

After many lively and well-attended meetings, open houses and information sessions, the Takoma Park City Council, at their July 27 meeting, voted to approve the Development Agreement with Neighborhood Development Company (NDC), for the City-owned lot at the Takoma Junction. The agreement provides a roadmap for the development of the parking lot at the intersection of Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues. The City Council selected NDC in 2015 to redevelop the lot with a mixed-use building, public space, environmentally-sustainable features and green space. The Council has final approval of critical aspects of the project, including the project schedule and the site plan.

The agreement also includes accommodations for the TPSS Food Co-op, a business adjacent to the City property. NDC and the TPSS Co-op are working on a private agreement between the two parties regarding the development. The City has proposed mediation to assist in that process.

The Council also approved the establishment of the Community Consultation Process Advisory Committee and appointed seven members to facilitate community input at specific stages of the development project. The committee's efforts will focus on creating, in conjunction with Council, City staff and NDC, the process needed to guide broad community participation on various aspects of the development project. The committee will not be responsible for making substantive decisions or providing specific recommendations to the Council about the design, layout or use of the planned development.

Next steps in the process will include further study and planning. The site, a former dump, will require environmental clean-up and attention to stability of the slope. Existing and predicted traffic pat-

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council will be on recess from July 28 through Sept. 6. The first meeting in September will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Aug. 1, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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.

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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.

Important City Phone Numbers

Main	301-891-7100
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
Lifelong Takoma	301-891-7232
Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works.....	301-891-7633
Recreation/ Facilities Rental	301-891-7290



ORDINANCE 2016-22

Adopted June 15, 2016 (First Reading May 18)
Area B Permit Parking Elimination
Eliminates the Area B permit parking program.

ORDINANCE 2016-23

Adopted June 22, 2016 (First Reading June 8)
Amends the City Code, Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Owner-Occupied Group House Registrations, to eliminate the expiration date.

ORDINANCE 2016-24

Adopted June 8, 2016
Phase II Website Development
Authorizes a contract with Ignition72 for Phase II website development.

ORDINANCE 2016-25

Adopted June 15, 2016
Preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Authorizes a one-year contract with CohnReznick, LLP for preparation of the FY 2016 CAFR.

ORDINANCE 2016-26

Adopted June 22, 2016
Independence Day Committee Grant
Authorizes a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee Inc. for \$16,500 for the 2016 Independence Day events.

(Councilmember Male abstained.)

ORDINANCE 2016-27

Adopted June 22, 2016
Folk Festival Grant
Authorizes reimbursement to the Takoma Park Folk Festival Inc. for certain expenditures related to the 2015 Folk Festival (up to \$10,000). (Councilmember Male abstained)

ORDINANCE 2016-28

Adopted June 22, 2016
Installation of Permeable Pavers
Authorizes a contract with Paver Restoration Services for construction of a section of permeable pavement in the parking lane on Maple Avenue in the amount of \$72,890. (Councilmember Male abstained.)

ORDINANCE 2016-29

Adopted June 22, 2016
Lunch and Learn Summer Camp
Authorizes a grant agreement with MANUP Inc. for disbursement of up to \$45,000 for the 2016 Lunch and Learn Summer Camp. (Councilmember Male abstained)

RESOLUTION 2016-14

Adopted June 15, 2016
Community "Quality of Life" Grant Program

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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 submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications.

The following groups have vacancies as of July 15, 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 six 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Up to five vacancies.

The **Safe Roadways Committee** advises the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services and encourages Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit. Up to two vacancies.

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ships with regional partners. We have really tried to expand our capabilities there. We are a crossroads community with a lot of traffic from other jurisdictions coming through and into the city. To fight crime we need a regional approach that encompasses DC, Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

Q: What are some specific actions you have undertaken to build those capabilities?

A: Technology, communication and Mutual Aid agreements are three. (Note: Mutual Aid agreements are voluntary written agreements between two or more law enforcement agencies, which permit voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines.)

With technology we are able to share data to identify crime patterns across the

jurisdictions. That's allowed us to move from just creating pretty maps to intelligence led policing and strategic deployment. The key is constantly working to improve communication and relationships between departments. (To that end, Goldberg serves as the head of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments Police Chiefs Subcommittee.)

Q: Are there other areas of accomplishment that stand out?

A: I was very pleasantly surprised by the results of the customer satisfaction survey that was sent out to residents a couple years ago. We have very good relationships with all aspects of the community. People feel they can trust us. Most importantly we had our highest scores from people in the lower socio-economic category.

Q: To what do you attribute this high level of customer satisfaction?

A: We try to be as transparent as we can

be, and people appreciate that. We issue press releases almost every day about every arrest and our activities. We run a Community Police Academy twice a year where we bring in people and put them through a mini Police Academy experience that covers areas such as use of force and gives them a better understanding of why we do what we do. (Note: The next Community Police Academy will be held this fall).

Q: What effect do things like body cameras and social media have on policing?

A: Our patrol officers now wear body cameras, but I stress to everyone that they are not a panacea. Whether they are being held by a citizen or an officer, they are two-dimensional and capture only a part of the story. They don't show all the emotion of the situation or the decision making involved.

The concern with social media is that everyone is willing to jump to a conclusion without all the facts. People want instant answers, but the reality is answers can't come right away. There has to be a thorough investigation because as I said, a video is two-dimensional and a lot of important information may not be included.

For us the cameras have been a good thing because though we have historically had very few complaints of any nature to include discourtesy, discrimination or abuse of authority or force. Since the officers got the cameras, we have had even less.

The reality is that an (unfortunate or highly charged) incident will happen. Our hope, and this relates to the customer satisfaction survey, is that the citizens trust us (Takoma Park police) enough that we will be able to do the job of investigating it properly.

Q: In the aftermath of the Dallas police shootings, both Dallas Police Chief Brown and President Obama claimed that today's police officers are being asked to



Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg talks with Andy Kelemen, who serves on the Chief's Advisory Board, during National Night Out. Don't forget this year's event on Tuesday, August 2.

do too much and take on too many roles and responsibilities. What is your reaction to those comments?

A: To some degree it's no different than when I became an officer 38 years ago. I remember one of the first things I was told when I went to the academy was that being a counselor, parent and teacher was part of the job.

What's different today is the degree to which we have to take on these other roles and the expectations from society. Take the mental health system, for example. Because of insurance, psycho-therapeutic medications and other factors, there are a lot less facilities available, and people are released earlier. Then they stop taking their meds, they have an incident with themselves or someone else, and now it's left to the police to step in.

There are unrealistic standards being placed on police officers from people that

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break will be permanent if the community does not produce a sufficient number of organizers in the next few months.

"The message we want to get across is urgency," said Scott Gilkeson, who has been a Festival committee member for more than a decade. "The Festival has a lot of strengths, but we need more support if we are going to survive."

To kick off a volunteer recruitment effort, the Festival will be holding an open house at the end of September in the Takoma Park Community Center. Festival leaders are looking for 10 people who will join the existing team to revive the Festival for September 2017. "The volunteer commitment is serious, but it's less time than you might think," Gilkeson said.

As part of the outreach for new volunteers, the Festival's current board encourages newcomers to bring their ideas about what the Festival can be. "This is a chance for people to shape the 'new' Takoma Park Folk Festival. Come with your ideas and

work with us," said Walter Mulbry, a veteran of more than 20 Festivals.

New ideas have always been a part of the Festival, said Gina Gaspin, chair of the crafts committee. She brought in food artisans to the crafts show last year for the first time.

The program is always evolving, too, said Judy Oliver, chair of the program committee that selects performers each year. She cited the Grassy Nook Stage as an example. "The Grassy Nook Stage now features teenage performers instead of adults playing kids' songs. That was an idea brought by a committee member, Marika Partridge, and she's made it into one of the most popular stages at the Festival," Oliver said.

"We have a very special event, and it's unusual with the combination of music, dance, crafts and community tables. The foundation is here for keeping the Festival going. Those of us on the board are ready to work on the Festival for 2017 and also eager to pass what we know on to the next generation of organizers," Oliver said. For information, visit the Festival's website at www.tpff.org.

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Guidelines

Establishes guidelines for the program that is intended to provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents' quality of life through the advancement of arts and sciences.

RESOLUTION 2016-15

Adopted June 15, 2016

Community Partners Program Guidelines

Establishes guidelines for the program intended to provide services that augment but do not duplicate existing City programming, advance Council priorities and provide residents with support and resources needed to meet fundamental human needs.

RESOLUTION 2016-16

Adopted June 15, 2016

Community Development Block Grant Program Priorities

Establishes funding priorities that limit future CDBG allocations to capital projects benefitting low and moderate income populations.

RESOLUTION 2016-17

Adopted July 6, 2016

MML Legislative Action Requests

The resolution authorizes transmittal of three legislative action requests to the Maryland Municipal League: 1) creation of an innovation grant program; 2) mandating certain actions and coordination of construction and repairs by utilities and the State Highway Administration, and municipalities; 3) evaluation and review of collection and distribution of personal property tax by the State of Maryland.

RESOLUTION 2016-18

Adopted July 6, 2016

Board of Elections Appointments

Reappoints Arthur David Olson and Brian Ernst to the Board of Elections.

RESOLUTION 2016-19

Adopted July 6, 2016

Committee on the Environment Appointments
Reappoints Denis Borum, Paul Chrostowski and Sara Mazur to the Committee on the Environment.

RESOLUTION 2016-20

Adopted July 6, 2016

Safe Roadways Committee Appointments
Reappoints Nicholas Finio and Katherine Kostiuk to the Safe Roadways Committee and appoints John Gorman, Katheryn Phillips and Mark Sherman.

RESOLUTION 2016-21

Adopted July 13, 2016

Arts and Humanities Commission Appointments
Appoints Thomas Parlan to the Commission and reappoints Kevin Adler and Susan Strasser.

RESOLUTION 2016-22

Grants Review Committee Appointments
Appoints Norka D. Ruiz Bravo and Pam Larson to the Grants Review Committee and reappoints Elizabeth Boyd and Leslie Perry.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

A kitchen of their own

By Helen Lyons

A brand new community kitchen at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church will give micro entrepreneurs a leg up as they build their businesses, thanks to a partnership with Crossroads Community Food Network and grants from the city, county, and state.



Photo: Selena Malott

Mother-daughter catering team Maria and Ana Pia Chirinos offer samples of Peruvian cuisine to the community.

"There's lots of people who have incredible skills and talent and want to start food businesses," said Lorig Charkoudian, the executive director of Community Mediation Maryland, who spearheaded the initiative, "and to have food businesses, you have to have a licensed commercial kitchen."

Charkoudian said that many of those ambitious entrepreneurs lack the capital required to obtain access to a licensed kitchen, and entrepreneurs said that the kitchens in their homes aren't suitable for building strong businesses.

"The difference between having it in your house and having your own [commercial] kitchen is huge," said Maria Pia Chirinos, who hopes that the Community Kitchen will allow her to grow her mother-daughter catering business specializing in Peruvian cuisine.

"We are fifteen minutes away from here," Pia Chirinos said, "so it would be awesome to have the kitchen right here. We can come, cook here and sell our food. The kitchen here is going to be amazing."

Beverly Coleman, the owner of Bev's

Gourmet Salad Creations, called the convenience "an awesome thing."

"You don't have to go hunting and pecking and trying to find somewhere," she said. "We have our own kitchen in the community. It's home based. It's a great thing, and it's definitely going to help me."

Prospective business owners aren't the only ones who have taken an interest in the Community Kitchen. Danny Wells, chef and part-owner of Takoma Park's Republic restaurant, said that he's drawn by both the uniqueness and the quality of the food that business owners plan to prepare in the kitchen.

"There's a lot of Latin American producers that produce ingredients that are really hard to find around here," Wells said, "and in this super diverse community in which we live and work, it's cool to find channels for harder-to-find products. The general purveyor that I work with can't find a lot of the products that these guys are going to produce."

With its focus on "really beginning, low access to capital, new entrepreneurs" rather than more established enterprises, Lorig Charkoudian said that the Community Kitchen is the only one of its kind in the greater Washington area.

"What this kitchen is going to do is create access for people with limited economic means

to really get their businesses and their dreams off the ground," Charkoudian said.

Xavier Carrillo is among them. He lives just around the corner from the church and sells tropical flavored frozen treats influenced by a nostalgia for his childhood in El Salvador. "It's going to be so perfect for me," said Carrillo, who hopes the kitchen will help him both grow his business and share his culture.

The kitchen's renovations have already begun, and Mayor Kate Stewart said that the neglected space in the church is expected to finish its transformation "later this year."

"The Community Kitchen will host microenterprise development, cooking and nutrition classes," Mayor Stewart said, "and facilitate the preparation of food for distribution to low-income individuals and families. In its own way, the Community Kitchen will help alleviate hunger and economic inequality by providing for local food production. If those aren't Takoma Park values, I don't know what are."

Lifelong Link

This feature connects City of Takoma Park Residents to resources. It is brought to you by the Lifelong Takoma Program. Have challenges you need some help with? Check out the Lifelong Takoma Resource List (takomaparkmd.gov/government/lifelong-takoma/lifelong-takoma-resource-list) or contact Karen at 301-891-7232/lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov.



Q: A large tree branch fell down in my back yard. Fortunately, nothing was damaged. Do you have any fallen tree branch removal services you can recommend?

A: While we cannot recommend one tree removal company over another, here are some tips that may help you with selecting a safe, affordable tree service company.

1. You may want to start with your homeowners insurance company. Read your policy and call to clarify what, if any, costs are covered. This will help you figure out your "budget."
2. If you belong to a listserv, you could ask around to see what services some of your neighbors have used and if they were satisfied.
3. Check a few websites that feature customer ratings, such as Yelp, Angie's list, Better Business Bureau and so forth. One site may have favorable comments about a company while others may not.
4. Consider talking with neighbor(s) and going in on services jointly if they have

fallen branches they need to remove or if part of the tree fell on their property. If you go this route, it's helpful to request an itemized bill so that is clear who is responsible for paying for which costs.

5. If you are able to afford to pay for the service in one payment, you may consider a company that offers competitive price matching.

6. Select a licensed, insured and bonded company.

7. If full payment is not possible, ask if the company does or would accept a payment plan. Some companies will work with your budget and ability to pay.

Something to look forward to...

Aging Well Network "meet-ups" are generally held the last Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon, and you're invited to join us. In addition to participating in conversations on a variety of topics, enjoy refreshments and lively music.

The events are free. Registration will be taken on site. For more information, including location, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/lifelong-takoma, or call Karen, the Lifelong Takoma program manager at 301-891-7232.

Come prepared to have a good time and make a new friend! This event is hosted by the Lifelong Takoma Program and the Village of Takoma Park.



By Moses A. Wilds Jr.
Landlord-Tenant Mediation Specialist

What type of notice must a landlord give tenants before entering their apartments, and what information must be provided if they are not home when the landlord or his/her contractor enters their apartments?

In cases other than emergencies, your landlord is required to provide you with written notification at least 48 hours in advance of entering your apartment. The entry notice must contain the date, approximate timeframe and purpose of the proposed visit along with the telephone number, address and e-mail address of the landlord or his/her agent.

If the landlord has provided this written notice, he/she can enter even if you haven't responded. Note that he/she may not enter your apartment if you contact him/her and

object as long as your objection is reasonable. A tenant may not unreasonably withhold consent to the entry. Entry is covered in Section 6.16.110 of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law.

The rules are a little different if you request a repair. If the landlord agrees to make the repair in less than 48 hours, you must provide written consent to enter prior to your landlord's or his/her agent entering your apartment. This may be done by e-mailing your landlord and getting a response or by posting a note giving your approval for entry outside your apartment door.

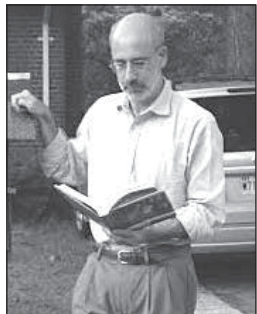
If you are not home, the law requires that a Report of Entry be left in plain view in your apartment. It must include the name of the person(s) who entered, the reason for the entry and the work performed, if any, along with the time of the departure and your landlord's address and phone number.

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the Landlord-Tenant and COLTA Laws can contact me at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Meet Your Arts and Humanities Commissioners

The Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) consists of volunteers who meet at least quarterly to shape the cultural programming in the City, including the We Are Takoma series and public art proposal recommendations.

Currently, the AHC is an active group made up of individuals from the town's creative community. But who are they? Beginning this month, we will profile several of our amazing commissioners.



Commissioner Kevin Adler says it was inevitable that he would move to Takoma Park. A journalist who loves reading, music, and interesting people, Kevin's first exposure to Takoma Park was the Folk Festival. Later he became chair of that event and then joined the boards of the Takoma Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Commission. He is awed by the creativity of the residents of our city, displayed through our festivals, concerts, public art, poetry readings, dance performances, gardens and so much more.



Commissioner Camilla "Cami" Schaeffer is an elementary art teacher in Washington, DC by day and an artist by night. Currently, Cami is focusing on oil

paintings and paper flowers for weddings, other events and home decor. She recently graduated from Boston University with a Master's Degree in Art Education and is a member of the Perry Street Art Collective located at ReCreative Spaces in Mount Rainier. Takoma Park has impressed Cami with its commitment to art and culture through governmental initiatives to support individuals' work in public art.



Commissioner Abraham "Abe" Joyner-Meyers, who is still in high school, is the youngest member of the commission. He has grown up in Takoma Park and is constantly inspired by the local community. From attending and performing at the Folk Festival to participating in lectures and discussions at the library, Abe has made engagement with Takoma Park's arts and humanities community a central part of his homeschooling education. He is a talented fiddle player and is excited to see a new side of the creative process by joining the Commission.

Want to join the Arts and Humanities Commission? You're invited to attend a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you. Next fill out the online application and submit it with a resume or statement of qualifications. Appointments are made by the City Council.

Fall 2016 Preview

The Arts and Humanities Commission is excited about the fall 2016 We Are Takoma arts and humanities line-up. Here's a quick preview of some of the upcoming events.

On **Thursday, Sept. 1** at 7:30 p.m., venture into the contemporary jazz scene in Tokyo, Japan, with PhD ethnomusicology student William Scally in his presentation **Tokyo Jazz: Decentering "America's Classical Music."**

The exhibition **Traditions**, featuring work by Susana Garten, Lauren King-Island, and Marsha Stein, opens with a reception on **Thursday, Sept. 8** at 6:30 p.m.

Also on **Thursday, Sept. 8** at 7:30 p.m. Docs In Progress presents the film **Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan** followed by a discussion with filmmaker Sarah Katz.

The ever-popular **Third Thursday Poetry series** launches its 12th year on **Thursday, Sept. 15** at 7:30 p.m. with readings by Grace Cavalieri, Megan Kuyatt, Charles Wright, and David Salner with host Merrill Leffler.

On **Thursday, Oct. 6** at 7:30 pm, George Washington University's Dr. Jennifer Tob-

kin discusses **Muhammad ibn Dawud al-Isfahani, A Poet of Male Friendship and Love in 9th Century Baghdad.**

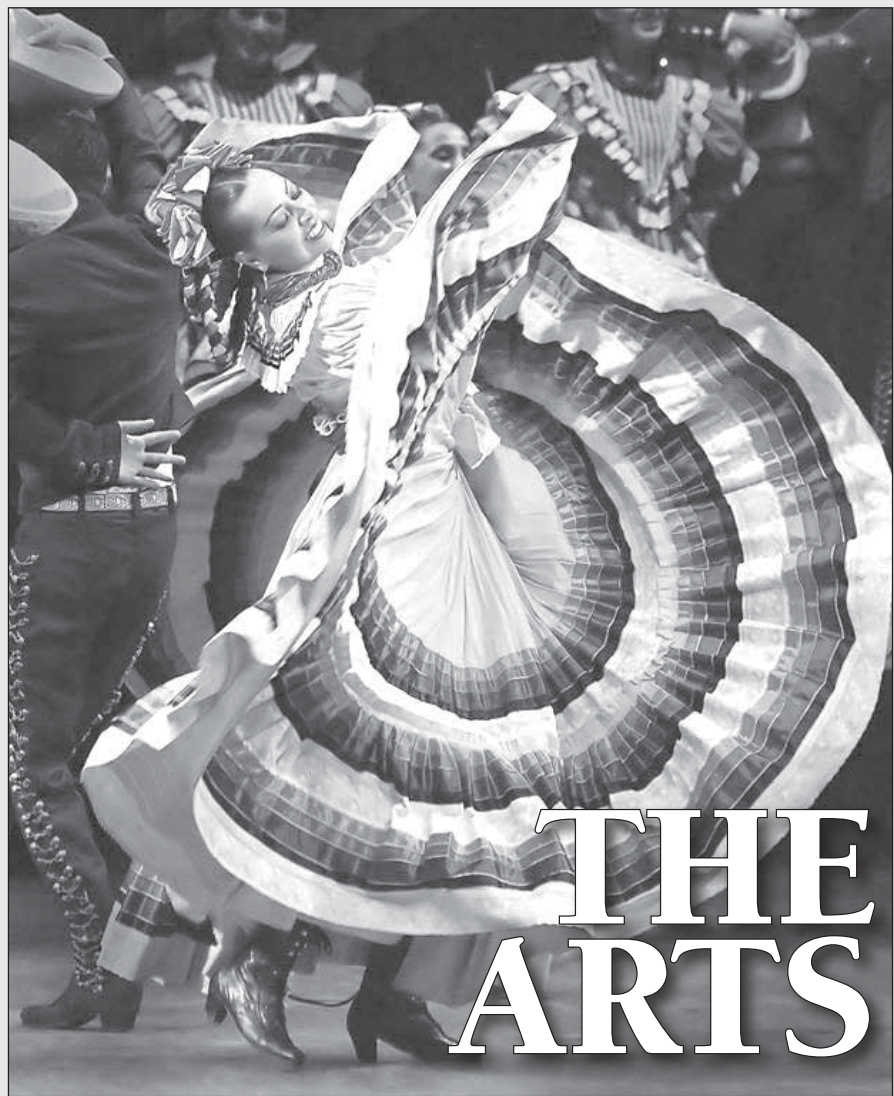
Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm, you are invited to **Street Sense Film Night** for the screenings of *Fairness Rising*, *Late Show*, and *Raise to Rise*, three short films about homelessness in the nation's capital made by people experiencing homelessness but for everyone to see.

Kate Bole and the Culkin School of Irish Dance show off their fancy footwork in **Lilt 'N Dance** on **Saturday, Oct. 15** at 7:30 pm.

Third Thursday Poetry is back **Oct. 20** at 7:30 pm with featured poets Jean Nordhaus, Martin Fitzpatrick, and Renee Gherity.

On **Thursday, Nov. 3** at 7:30 pm, take a virtual tour with Lara Langer, recent PhD in Art History from University of Maryland, to see **Highlights from the Collection of Renaissance Sculpture at the National Gallery of Art.**

Man/Made opens **Thursday, Nov. 10**, with a reception at 6:30 pm showcasing works by Jessica Beels, Alexis Cohen, Allan Leventhal, and Dilip Sheth.



Baile! Baile! Baile! Enjoy El Grito! A Mexican Dance Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. when dancers from Ballet Folklorico traditions perform in honor of Mexican Independence Day (16 de Septiembre.)

Public Art

Look around your neighborhood. How can public art enhance it? You may think a large grassy space is a perfect spot for a sculpture or an interactive installation. Perhaps your neighbors have chatted about a nearby blank wall that could be a canvas for a mural.

The City of Takoma Park has an active public art program, budgeting \$25,000 to \$45,000 for public art commissions.

Works coming up include a mural by Michael Kirby for a concrete wall at Conway and Prince Georges Avenue and a sculpture called Bird Calls by Howard Connelly and David Shulman on Erie and Flower Avenues.

Where do you want to see future public art? Let us know your opinions about ideal spaces. Send an email to arts@takomaparkmd.gov.

Stylized Notions: Cartoon Art Exhibition

Open through Sept. 4

What do you think of people in the news? Did you take a mental picture of that interesting person on the street? Do you doodle at meetings?

Cartoon artists see humans through different filters for different reasons. Some create works for political or social commentary or to help a social cause. Meanwhile, other artists draw to record faces of people on the streets or in popular culture.

Stylized Notions showcases art by top cartoon artists in our area, such as Bill Brown who is known for his cartoon "Citizen Bill" in the Takoma Voice. The strip focuses on a Takoma Parkian and his family who comment

on the issues and pressures of living in a diverse, progressive city in greater Washington, DC.

The exhibition also includes works by Cartoonists Draw Blood, an artist collective that first teamed up with American Red Cross and National Cartoonists Society in 2013 to draw blood donors as a way to encourage – and thank them.

You will also see wire sculptures by Mike Guy and paintings by Tim Giles.

Stylized Notions, part of the We Are Takoma arts and humanities series, is in the Community Center Galleries now through September 4. The exhibition is free and open during regular building hours.

RECREATION

TOTS

Spanish for Tots

This class is composed of a mix of high-energy games, projects, music & movement, treasure hunts and other fun activities. Children will learn the Spanish vocabulary needed to express themselves and their needs through complete language immersion. There will be a \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of the class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
3 - 6 years
6 Week Session
Saturdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 15
2 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95



Kidermusik w/ Becky Linafelt

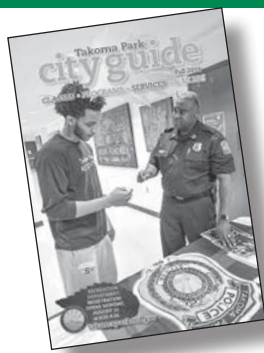
Becky Linafelt is a local Takoma Park mom and licensed Kindermusik educator. In 2012 Becky was named a Maestro Educator by Kindermusik, Intl. She is a member of the Early Childhood Music Association (ECMMA), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Maryland Music Educators Association (MMEA). Becky has been teaching Kindermusik classes through the Takoma Park Recreation Department since 2004. For a complete listing of Kindermusik classes, please visit www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net.

YOUTH



After the Bell 2016-17

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, Aug. 29, 2016-June 16, 2017
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$1,250



For a complete list of offerings check out the Fall City Guide inserted this issue of the Newsletter. Registration begins Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to use a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 - 8 years
6 Week Session
Mondays
Sept. 12 – Oct. 15
Session 1: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Session 2: 4 – 5 p.m.
Wednesdays
Sept. 14 – Oct. 17
4 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

Kung Fu for Kids

Kung Fu helps with our health and mental state of mind. Students will partake in meditation, stretching, strengthening and forms. There is a onetime, 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
Sept. 10 – Nov. 12
Session 1: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Session 2: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149



TEENS

Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS only (ages 13 - 17)! You are welcome 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.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6th-12th
Monday-Friday (August)
4 – 8 p.m.
Free

ADULTS



Ceramics - Hand Building & Sculpture

Come learn how to use clay without the wheel. Bowls, soap dishes, vases and plates can be made by many methods, including plaster molds to create large bowls and plates. Sculpture students can make clay animals, figures or portrait heads. Glazes are food safe. There is a \$15 materials fee for clay, glazes and tools due the first day of class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years & older
8 Week Session
Mondays
Oct 3. – Nov. 21
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

Ceramics – Parent & Child

This is a fun ceramics class for parents and children. Students will be able to make art together on the wheel and learn about throwing pots. The pieces will be fired and glazed and will be food safe. Only one child per paying adult. Children must be at least 8 years old. There will be a \$20 materials fee, per family due the first day of class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years & older
8 Week Session
Thursdays
Oct 6. – Nov. 24
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170



Ladies Boot Camp

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

Students are required to bring their own mats. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: Sept. 6-Oct. 27
Session 2: Nov. 1 - Dec. 22
(No class 11/8 and 11/24)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

MAKE/Shift Studio II-Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two- and three-dimensional 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. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8 - 11 years
6 Week Session
Thursdays
Sept. 15 – Oct. 20
4 – 5:45 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Pilates

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core" - abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign their body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
Wednesdays
Session 1 (6 Weeks): Sept. 7-Oct. 12
Session 2 (6 Weeks): Oct. 19-Nov. 23
Session 3 (4 Weeks): Nov. 30-Dec. 21
6 – 7 p.m.
6 Weeks: \$60
4 Weeks: \$40

Qi Gong – Energize Your Life

Bring a new level of calm, peace and concentration to each day with these simple Qi Gong exercises. Open energy channels in body and mind blocked by work, health issues or any type of stress. Increase your agility, mobility, flexibility and general peace of mind. Develop a daily routine of exercise you can use throughout your day. You will notice the difference. No experience necessary.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, Aug. 30 – Oct. 4
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85
Drop in: \$15

Tai Chi Chuan (Tai Chi Basics)

In this introductory class the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible and more efficient. Section One of the form is introduced. Instructor: Andy Unger
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
11 Week Session
Thursdays
Sept. 8 - Dec. 8
6:15 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Video Production & Audio Recording

Do you have a video or audio project that you are working on or want to create? This class will allow participants to receive hands on assistance from a professional and award winning producer.
Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
4-12 years
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays
Sept. 8 – Oct. 13
Session 1: 3 – 6 p.m.
Session 2: 6 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Persistence and practice brings transformation!! In this class you will learn how to correctly enter into poses and to build endurance. As students of Yoga our path leads towards the harmony of the body and the breath with the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation of Level I (Beginner's class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Please visit our website for Yoga Beginners class information.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
15 Week Session

Wednesdays
Sept. 7 - Dec 21
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop in: \$15

55+

Bingo

Try your luck. Win a prize.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 55 and older
Thursday, Aug. 25
12 - 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 55 and older
Thursday, August 25
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free

PETS

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.
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 8 weeks - 6 months
6 Week Session
Tuesdays
Sept. 6 – Oct.11
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 6 - 12 months
6 Week Session
Tuesdays
Sept. 6 – Oct. 11
8 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Adult Dog Basic 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
Sept. 8 – Oct. 13
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Confidence for Shy Dogs (Dogs 1 & up)

This class is designed for the shy or slightly fearful dog, to help increase their confidence in the world. Learn how to read your dog’s body language; use games, play, and training as confidence boosters; create positive associations with things your dog is afraid of. Dogs of all ages welcome. Dogs should be able to walk on a leash and see people and dogs without continuous barking. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars allowed in the classroom. Unsure if this is the right class? Email rewardsdogtraining@gmail.com before enrolling.
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs of any age
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays
Sept. 8 – Oct. 13
8– 9 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

Instructor Spotlight

Fabulous Fall Fitness for the 55+ Community!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is delighted to welcome two enthusiastic fitness instructors to the Forever Young 55 plus program this fall. Both instructors are anxious to bring their training and experience to the expanding 55 plus program at the Recreation Center on 7315 New Hampshire Avenue. Their classes are designed to increase strength, stamina and flexibility while having fun.
Master Sifu Robert Thompson began learning and practicing forms of martial art fitness beginning with “Bungo Fu,” a unique combination of Chinese and African martial art, when he was only five years old. During the past 20 years, he has used Bungo Fu and Tai Chi to improve the physical and mental health of adults ages 50 to 100 at various senior facilities throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Master Thompson says, “I’m very excited about this fall. Teaching seniors is my favorite thing to do. As a result of a lifetime of practicing



Master Sifu Robert Thompson

Bungo Fu and Tai Chi, Master Thompson says, “Today I’m 52 years-old, and

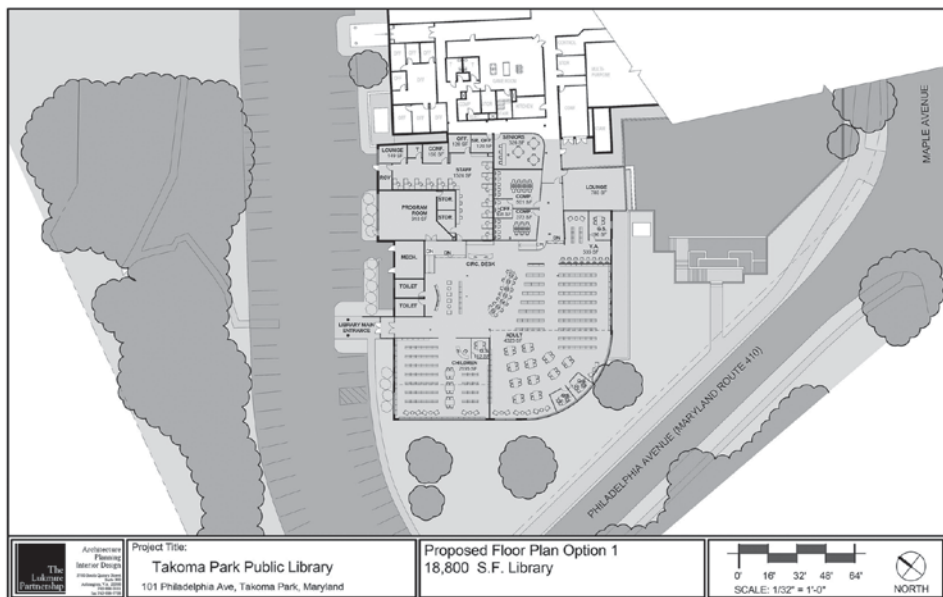


Adriene Buist

I’m the strongest I have been in my life. I’m looking forward to spreading good

health and balance to the Takoma Park senior community.”
During the past four years, Adriene Buist has been focusing on senior fitness and finds working with seniors mutually rewarding and enjoyable. Since January 2015, she has been part of the DC-based YMCA Senior Fit & Well program. Ms. Buist’s mission is “to teach, motivate, encourage, and assist seniors towards a more healthy and fit lifestyle. The adage is true. If you don’t use it, you’ll lose it!” She hopes to see you this fall in the Enhanced Fitness Training class where you will experience an enjoyable hour focused on improving flexibility, strength and balance. Look for Tai Chi Strength and Enhanced Fitness Training at the Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6.
Registration for these classes and more begins on Monday, Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m. online or at the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave).

LIBRARY



Library renovation update

By Ellen Robbins

At the City Council's request, The Lukmire Partnership recently submitted two new concept designs for Library renovation and expansion. The new floor plans and exterior and interior drawings may be seen on a slide show in the project directory of the City web site, along with an animation of an earlier version. They are also displayed in the Library.

The new concepts include additional expansion toward Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, enclosure of part of the area above the police parking lot for a public lounge, more space for young adult books, and

more attractive exterior designs.

At their July 27 Meeting, Council Members voted unanimously to direct the City Manager to contract with The Lukmire Partnership to proceed with detailed design development on the new concepts in the current fiscal year. A decision on holding a referendum as part of the FY17 election before going forward with actual renovation was deferred, pending further review.

You are encouraged to view the new designs. There is also a survey for general comments regarding about this on the City web site in the project directory. Questions may be directed to Library Director Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

Friends Reading Group to discuss a linguistic experiment and literary success

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group will discuss *The Wake* by Paul Kingsnorth on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 in the Hydrangea Room at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Set during the aftermath of the Norman Conquest in 1066, *The Wake* tells the story of a rebel warrior, Buccmaster of Holland, attempting to reconcile the loss of his world. Using an imaginary language, what Kingsnorth calls "my interpretation of Old English, recreated for modern eyes and ears," the narrator describes the old world

he has lost and the new reality of Norman rule.

Long-listed for the Booker Prize, *The Wake* almost never made it to print. Kingsnorth, concerned that the book would be a flop and finding no interested publishers, used a crowdfunding platform, Unbound, to fund the initial publication of the novel in the U.K. Only after seeing a rave review of the novel in *The Guardian* did Kingsnorth realize the book might be a success.

More than a linguistic experiment, *The Wake* uses history and suspense to explore the human response to radical change.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

(Note: There is no Circle Time on Aug. 16)

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

(NOTE: There is no Spanish Circle Time on Aug. 4)

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.

Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

Yoga Storytime for 2-4 Year-Olds

Saturday, Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m.

Registration required; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call 301-891-7259.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Aug. 7, 1:30-3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3-10.

Summer Quest "Campfire"

Monday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Come do a craft related to our Summer Quest theme.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served.

Mirrors, windows and books for all

By Karen MacPherson

Diversity is much more than a hashtag in the world of children's and teen literature these days. There is a growing effort by publishers, librarians and others to ensure that all kids have access to books that offer them windows to different worlds outside their own, while also providing mirrors that reflect their own experience.

Galvanized by the recent "We Need Diverse Books" movement, the children's and teen literature world also has been inspired by essays written by the late Walter Dean Myers, the third National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, and his son Christopher Myers. Published in *The New York Times Book Review* in March 2014, these essays pointedly noted that the lack of diversity in books for kids had first been highlighted decades ago, and decried the fact that so little had changed since then.

Statistics kept by the Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin underline that fact. The latest statistics show that of the more than 3,400 books the CCBC received from publishers, only a sliver were by African-American, Latino, Asian or American Indian authors or illustrators, or featured characters of those races or ethnicities.

As Walter Dean Myers wrote in his 2014 essay, "books transmit values. They explore our common humanity. What is the message when some children are not represented in those books? Where are the future white personnel managers going to get their ideas of people of color? Where are the future white loan officers and future white politicians going to get their knowledge of people of color? Where are black children going to get a sense of who they are and what they can be?"

While children's literature experts agree there still is a very long way to go, there has been some progress towards diversifying the kinds of books written and published for kids and teens. For example, "We Need Diverse Books" isn't just a slogan, but has been transformed into an organization that publishes lists of recommended books and also has created a new award, The Walter — named for Walter Dean Myers — to recognize and celebrate the best books by diverse authors. The first award was given earlier this year to Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely for their teen book, *All American Boys*.

While the major publishers of children's and teen books remain a largely white workforce, a number of them are actively

attempting to diversify their offerings for kids and teens. Professional review journals like *School Library Journal* are actively recruiting more reviewers of color and diverse backgrounds in an effort to offer a fresh take on children's literature. Meanwhile, *Kirkus Reviews* now is noting in each kids' or teen book review the race of the characters, in part to underline the fact white characters remain the majority in children's books, even as the United States is fast becoming "majority-minority."

Other hopeful signs include the recent winners of some of the most prestigious children's literature awards. In 2015 Dan Santat, who is of Thai descent, won the Caldecott Medal for his book *The Adventures of Beekle*, while Kwame Alexander, an African-American, won the Newbery Medal for *The Crossover*. This year Matt de la Pena became the first Latino male to win the Newbery Medal for his picture book *Last Stop on Market Street*, while the Caldecott Medal went to Sophie Blackall for *Finding Winnie*. While Blackall is white, the number of women who have won the Caldecott Medal remains much smaller than men; the last woman to win the Caldecott Medal was Erin Stead in 2011.

In addition the American Library Association sponsors an array of awards designed to promote diversity in children's and teen books. There's the Coretta Scott King Award for books by African-American authors and illustrators, the Pura Belpré Award for books by Latino authors and illustrators, the Schneider Family Book Award for books about "the disability experience" for kids and teens and the Stonewall Book Awards for books featuring LGBTQ characters. Other ALA-associated awards focus on books created by American Indians as well as Asian-Pacific Islanders.

At our Library we purchase all of the ALA award-winning books and spotlight those and other books by diverse authors and illustrators (including books on the We Need Diverse Books lists) in our displays. We also try to promote these books to kids and their parents, following the idea that young readers benefit from both windows into other people's experiences and mirrors that reflect their own lives.

In fact libraries have a key role to play in the effort to ensure diversity in books for kids and teens. As Matt de la Pena said in his Newbery Medal acceptance speech in June, "librarians: In a time when some people build walls, you give young people the tools they need to tear them down."

New Music

The Library has many brand new music CDs, representing a broad range of genres, styles and time periods.

Here are a few: Sarah Vaughan, *Live at Rosy's*; Thad Jones and the Mel Lewis Orchestra, *All my Yesterdays, the debut 1966 recordings at the Village Vanguard*; Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, *Sing me Home*; Rare Essence, *Turn it up*; Our New Orleans 2005; Poly Jean Harvey, *The Hope Six Demolition*; Rastafari the dreads enter Baby-

lon 1955-1983; David Bowie, *Blackstar*, and *Nothing has changed*; Bjork, *Vulnicura sings*; Don Henley, *Cass County*; Loretta Lynn, *Full Circle*; Aretha Franklin, *Aretha Franklin sings the great diva classics*; Prince, *The hits* (volumes 1 and 2); Jaimeo Brown, *Transcendence: Work songs*; Sonny Rollins, *Holding the Stage*; Cecile McLorin Salvant, *For one to love*; and Wynton Marsalis, *The Abyssinian Mass*.

These are but a sampling of our newest and best — summer listening for every mood and taste. Come and check them out!



Photo: Marilyn Sklar

Adrian Washington, CEO and founder, Neighborhood Development Company; Kate Stewart, Mayor; Diarra McKinney, director, pre-development, Neighborhood Development Company and Suzanne Ludlow, City Manager

AGREEMENT

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terms and parking needs must be analyzed and addressed, along with the market demand for the commercial space in the project. NDC will work with the commu-

nity, the Council and Montgomery County as plans develop.

Check the City website for updates regarding the Junction redevelopment at takomaparkmd.gov/junction.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

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don't understand how our jobs work. An officer's primary function is not to fix societal wrongs, but to protect individuals and society.

Q: Do all of these issues we've discussed affect recruiting?

A: Most police officers join the force because they want to help people. No one joins because they want to get involved in a shooting. Those incidents change officers' lives even if they are found to be justified. Many of them never rejoin the force.

When it comes to our specific recruiting situation, we have a few open positions that we have had trouble filling, but that's more a case of competition. There are so many local jurisdictions—DC, Prince George's County and Montgomery County—and they are all hiring, so it's a challenge to put together an attractive hiring and recruitment package to entice a candidate to come to Takoma Park. We also don't want to lower our standards just to fill positions.

Q: What role do citizens play in the law enforcement process?

A: The Takoma Park Police Department only has 42 officers. That's 84 eyes when everyone is on duty. There are approximately 17,000 residents in the city. That means there are 34,000 eyes who are looking out for the city and their neighbors. We need all of those extra eyes and ears to keep us all safe.

Q: What are the biggest crime issues facing the city?

A: Most violent crime is down. We had a big spike last year in theft from auto. But because of the data sharing and the cross-jurisdictional relationships I referred to earlier, as well as an education campaign where we encouraged residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuables, we are able to arrest a lot of the thieves. We are seeing a little spike in aggravated assaults, especially between people who are related or know each other.

Q: Tell me about your background?

A: I have been a police officer for 38 years. I spent the first 2.5 years of my career in DC and then came to Montgomery County where I grew up. I retired as a captain. I took a 10-month vacation then became the chief here in Takoma Park.

Q: Why did you decide to take this job?

A: I had always wanted the opportunity to be the chief of a smaller department. I knew this area pretty well because I worked for a long time in Silver Spring. So when this opportunity became available, I decided to apply.

Q: Any time table for retirement?

A: When they drag me out kicking and screaming (laughing). Seriously, I have no plans to leave any time soon. I enjoy doing what I do. The department and city are small enough that I can go out and be on the street and meet people and work with the officers rather than being an administrator all the time.

Takoma Park students win second prize in Student Cam contest

By Morgan Fecto

Any voter can bubble-in choices on Election Day without knowing much about policy or platform. Joanne Ha and Sarina Matson, however, are two voting-aged teenagers (at least, in Takoma Park) who do their research on political issues.

"We found that if people start voting at a younger age, then they'll continue voting overall," Matson said.

Ha added: "We also found that the effect of setting the national voting age at 18 is that a lot of kids go to college, and it's really difficult to vote outside of your home state. Then later you move to a big city and start working, and you're not invested."

For C-SPAN's annual "Student Cam" documentary contest for middle and high school students, these 16-year-olds from Montgomery Blair High School won second prize for their film "Lower the Vote, Raise America," along with three others in their division.

For 2016 Student Cam entrants made short documentaries about issues they think the presidential candidates should discuss. While the other winners in their division addressed juvenile justice reform, congressional term limits and campaign finance laws, Ha and Matson sought a topic with a local angle.

"Takoma Park is the first city to lower its municipal voting age to 16, and the only one in Maryland other than Hyattsville. We thought that was really unique," Ha said.

Ha and Matson's film uses statistics, footage they found online, original interviews with activists and locals, including Councilmember Tim Male and Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin, as well as b-roll of the city.

"We include a lot of background footage of downtown to highlight the closeness of the community and what kind of town Takoma Park is," Ha said. "But we chose this topic to make people aware nationally, not just locally, since it was going to air on cable television."

Along with 14 other films made by Blair students, Ha and Matson's film helped earn \$1,250 for Blair's Communication Arts Program, according to a press release from CAP. Making a film for Student Cam is a requirement for tenth graders in the program, which teaches its students about



Joanne Ha



Sarina Matson

the humanities, digital media and community engagement.

For Ha and Matson, lowering the voting age hits close to home in more ways than one. "There are a lot of adults, as young as 18 to as old as people get, who could also be considered not educated enough or not mature enough to vote, and yet they automatically have that privilege," Ha said. "At 16 we're at the age when some people already have jobs and pay taxes and are involved in politics, and these decisions that adults vote on also directly affect them."

Matson added: "16-year-olds have also just taken AP Government, usually, and so we're freshly alert about the political process."

Making choices for themselves is important to Ha and Matson. When they looked for interview subjects, they found more choices than they expected.

"Usually the most difficult part about interviews, which is the most important part about documentaries, is [finding] people who are available," Ha said. "But Tim Male and Kate Stewart put us in touch with all these people who were passionate about the topic. We had 20 to 30 minutes of interviews to go into a four to seven-minute documentary," Ha said.

Although Ha and Matson didn't hurt from a lack of interview subjects, they had to look harder than they expected for the right footage. "I learned the importance of b-roll," Matson said, "which is the background footage. We had missed election season to start filming things, so we poked around online and found some footage there."

In the next local election, Ha and Matson said they'll step out from behind the camera and into the lines at the polls. To watch "Lower the Vote, Raise America," and the other winning Student Cam films, go to www.studentcam.org.



Photo: John Pitt

Alana Natanson was the first to cast her ballot during early voting on Nov. 1, 2013.

In the 2015 City Election, 47 16- and 17-year-olds cast their votes. They voted in Takoma Park for the first time in 2013.

AT YOUR SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of June 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 283 fire-related incidents in 2016. The department addressed or assisted with 1,601 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,884. Totals for 2015 were 326 and 1,608, representing a decrease of 51 incidents.

During June Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,266 hours of standby time at the station compared to 808.5 hours in May 2015. Grand totals as of June were 7,918 hours compared to 8082.5 hours in 2015, a decrease of 164.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as July 25, 24 people have died in fires compared to 36 in July 2015.

Safety Message

The hot weather is here. Your vehicle is hotter than you think. Make sure when you leave your vehicle, everyone goes with you, including pets. Take a look... especially at the back seat.

Temp Outside	Temp inside Vehicle	
	10 mins	30 mins
70	89	104
75	94	109
80	99	114
85	104	119
90	109	124
94	114	129

So far this summer, 21 children have died in hot vehicles across the country. As a special precaution, lock your vehicle after you have checked it out. Some of the children have gotten into unlocked vehicles and died due to the heat.

Lunch and Learn fire safety

Takoma Park VFD visited the Lunch and Learn Camp held at the John Nevins Andrews School. Frazier and Duarte have been successful in providing a free program for needy families in their community.

The camp is the largest summer youth program funded by the Montgomery County and City of Takoma Park. The program initially planned to accept 110 participants this year, but it grew to 180 due to community demand.



Here's the winning team of a trivia contest, "8 questions on Fire and Injury Prevention": (Left to right) Camp Director Jacquette Frazier, Firefighter Adam Bearne, Camp Assistant Director Doris Duarte and TPVFD Chief Jim Jarboe.



Firefighter Adam Bearne gave a talk and demonstration about his firefighting gear. He also stressed to the group that firefighters are their friends. They should never be scared when they see him with his gear on, especially during a fire.

Shine On and Ride On

53 volunteers and 29 riders participated in this year's iCan Shine Bike Camp, held at Takoma Academy, June 27-July 1. Hosted by Takoma Park Safe Routes to School, the camp is designed to teach individuals with disabilities how to ride conventional bikes and become lifelong independent riders.

At right, Volunteer Katie Ablard assists Jonathan Grundlach.



Photos: Sam Kittner



Riders and volunteers complete the session with a pile up of hands and a hip, hip hooray!

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.



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



An advocate for the disability community

By Helen Lyons

Takoma Park resident Sara Luterman plans to use the grant money she earned as the winner of the 2016 Advocates in Disability Award to create an interactive website to serve as a central hub for the disability community.

She received a \$10,000 grant from the HSC Foundation and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation.

The Advocates in Disability Award is a project of the National Youth Transitions Initiative, a signature program of The HSC Foundation. A major focus of the initiative is bringing together the collective resources of multiple organizations to help young people with disabilities build paths to independence.

“There are so many people in the disability community, but they’re all in different places,” Luterman said. “[Information] is really scattered and hard to find unless you’re hooked up to the community leaders, which isn’t accessible for most people.”

Called NOS, the site’s moniker refers to the “Not Otherwise Specified” category so often seen on medical forms, and aims to provide the disability community with relevant news and a forum in the website’s comments section and social media channels. Luterman describes the publication as something “that doesn’t fit into a neat



Sara Luterman

little box,” the same way human beings, in particular those with disabilities, don’t fit into tidy categories.

She hopes to change people’s way of thinking when it comes to how they perceive those with disabilities. “There’s this new social movement called neurodiversity,” said Luterman. “It’s based on the idea that the differences people have

neurologically are natural and should be accommodated, rather than corrected. It’s a much more humanistic approach.”

Luterman said she has been advocating for the disability community “for the last few years,” after a hospitalization for mental issues exposed her to many of the obstacles and prejudices persons with disability face. “It was so awful that I became invested in making a change,” said Luterman. “It really lit a fire in me.”

This fire turned into activism, and NOS will serve as a way for other members of the disability community to come together and talk about diverse topics ranging from pop culture to the news, in their own voices.

“A lot of people who aren’t disabled think that they know what’s best for people who are disabled,” said Luterman, “and ignore what people who are disabled actually want. A lot of times it’s benevolent. But when it comes down to it, what disabled people individually want is what’s most important.”

Diagnosed with autism and partial blindness, Luterman’s advocacy work began after graduating from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland in creative writing. In addition to creating NOS Magazine, she currently works as a program assistant at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, sits on the board for the Association for Autistic

Community and acts as a part of the Individual Advocacy Group to help protect the rights of adults who need assistance in living independently.

NOS will not only provide a forum for discussion, but it will also offer compensation for many of the disability advocates who contribute writing. Luterman said that paying people for their work is important. “A lot of the time, we’re kind of expected to work for free. Our experiences and expertise are undervalued even by people who are willing to say that they’re necessary.”

Those looking to get involved in writing for NOS may have to wait, however. “Right now I’m still in the preliminary stages, and am looking for an internet designer to help me revamp the page.”

Luterman’s advocacy work has been fruitful. “I have a very supportive community,” she said. “I like seeing the changes that I’ve made. I’ve been doing a lot of work in terms of working on cultural competence and understanding of what disabled people want and need. It’s rewarding to see results, and that’s motivating.”

While Luterman is somewhat new to Takoma Park, she believes she’s found another supportive community here. “I like living here a lot. I’m hoping to be here for a long time.”

Securing your garden when deer are about

By Diane Svenonius,
Takoma Horticultural Club

Like *homo sapiens*, the white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is a highly adaptable mammal equipped to learn from experience. Thus lists of “what deer won’t eat” must be regarded as provisional. A deer should eat seven pounds of forage a day, and lacking enough tulips and roses, it will eat the next best thing, down to the “rarely browsed” category. Also, tastes vary from herd to herd, place to place, and perhaps with what’s trending on the deer grapevine.

If deer are taking the joy out of gardening for you, there are two approaches you can take to remedy the situation: 1) modify the vegetation or 2) secure the space. (But first... was it deer? Lacking upper incisors, deer pinch and tear the leaves they eat. If there is a neat bite, it’s likely to be something with front teeth like a rabbit. But deer will take flowers off their stalks neatly.)

1. Plant things that you like which are not deer priorities. Deer are widely thought to avoid plants with these characteristics: fuzzy leaves, thorns/hairs/prickles, pungent odor (even if delightful to you), fibrous stems and leaves, and toxicity. Thus ferns, many ornamental grasses, euphorbias, Castor oil plant, aconitum, and strong-scented herbs like lavender, sage, rosemary and thyme are good choices. You can plant borders of them around beds of tastier plants to deceive deer.¹ Meanwhile, fertil-

ize and water ornamentals sparingly. Over-fertilized, overwatered plants have lush, tender, appealing foliage.

Many of us love our blooms and are loath to lose them. These flowering plants appear on published lists as those “rarely” or “seldom” damaged by deer: daffodil, bleeding heart, peony, lily-of-the-valley, moss phlox (*phlox subulata*), hardy orchid (*Bletilla striata*), garden pinks (*dianthus*), Siberian iris, red hot poker, lavender, salvia, beardtongue (penstemon), rose campion, daisy; alliums, butterfly weed, blazing star, threadleaf coreopsis, blanket flower, lamb’s ear, yarrow, Russian sage, goldenrod, spotted mint (*monarda punctata*), sweet Autumn clematis, Stella d’Oro daylily. Shrubs and trees include lilac, butterfly bush, juniper, spruce, boxwood and heather.

2. Secure the space with hardware, potions, lights and pets. If we can’t live without roses, tomatoes, and so on, fencing is the most reliable barrier. Use wire mesh on metal poles, or poly deer netting, which can be mounted on an existing shorter fence or on supports. It should be fastened down at the bottom. Cover fruit bushes and vegetable crops with netting (holes must be large enough not to trap birds). Monofilament fishing line can be strung at various heights; deer feel it’s there but can’t see it, so they don’t jump.

Repellents rely on ingredients that



taste terrible or smell like a predator. They’re most effective if started at the first sign of a problem. Follow package directions, replenish after rain, and change brands to keep the element of surprise. Home remedies include human hair hung in net bags, Irish Spring soap on a string, and others. You can also get creative with mechanical “frighteners,” shiny noisy things, sound and light effects to frighten or discourage deer, but these become routine and are ignored unless changed. A barking dog can also be a deterrent. Finally, male deer rub their antlers on the bark of small trees and shrubs in

late summer into fall to remove velvet from their antlers. Prevent this, which can kill your tree, by placing wire mesh around the trunk, up to five feet, supported with wood stakes.²

Notes

¹ To make attractive landscape combinations with deer resistant plants and for advice on cultivation, see *50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants*, by Ruth Rogers Clausen, Timber Press, 2013.

² For other mammals in the garden and up to no good, see “Oh, Deer” by Kathy Jentz, *Takoma Voice newspaper/Washington Gardener Magazine*

AUGUST '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 September issue is August 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning August 26.

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

The City Council will be on recess from July 28 through Sept. 6. The first meeting in September will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

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.
Certified Gracie Jiu Jitsu Black Belt instruction
Free and open to all

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

Free Lunch Cookout

Saturday, Aug. 6, noon – 1 p.m.
Old Takoma Ace Hardware
We'll be grilling up lunch on our Big Green Egg between workshops. Stop by for complimentary hot dogs (and veggie dogs) and learn more about the Egg: a grill, smoker, roaster and oven in one.
Free

Summer Quest "Campfire"

Monday, Aug. 8, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
Come do an activity related to the theme of this year's Summer Quest, our summer reading program.
Free

Caldecott Club

Monday, Aug. 22, 7 – 8 p.m.

Takoma Park Library

Read and discuss some great new possibilities for the 2017 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies will be served.
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 Violin Concert

Sunday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m. – noon
Takoma Park Gazebo

More than 50 student violinists and guitarists from the House of Musical Traditions and the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program will play their instruments, led by music teacher Ken Giles. Most of the students are from 5 to 15 years old.
Free

Lecture: Tokyo Jazz: Decentering "America's Classical Music"

Thursday, Sept. 1, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

TP Community Center

Though Jazz is often viewed as distinctly American, this lecture looks outside our national borders to a thriving scene in Tokyo, Japan. With the help of a series of musical demonstrations, recordings and videos, this lecture will introduce the contemporary jazz scene in Tokyo, touching on issues of access, transnational exchange, and the generation of authenticity surrounding this musical scene.

Free

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gallery Opening: Traditions

Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

TP Community Center

Featuring artwork by Susana Garten, Lauren Kingsland and Marsha Stein. This exhibit explores various cultural traditions via quilting, enamel and acrylic paint. Exhibit runs through Nov. 6.

Free

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the city. The city offers added incentive by reducing the cost of the first tree purchased by \$100 (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal Permit). That means residents can add a \$195 tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year. Established discounts still apply as well, through the city's annual bulk buy tree sale.

As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, sweet gum, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed. Sale dates run Aug. 1 through Oct. 15.

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 15.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

____ Swamp White Oak (2") ____ \$195 Princeton Elm (2") \$195

____ Sweet Gum (2") \$195 ____ Black Gum (2") \$195

____ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____



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