

## WHAT'S NEW?

### Takoma Folk

Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
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### City Election Date Change?

Special City Council Work Session  
Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.  
Community Center Auditorium  
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### Eighth Annual Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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### Unity in the Community

Neighborhood Block Party  
Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 - 7 p.m.  
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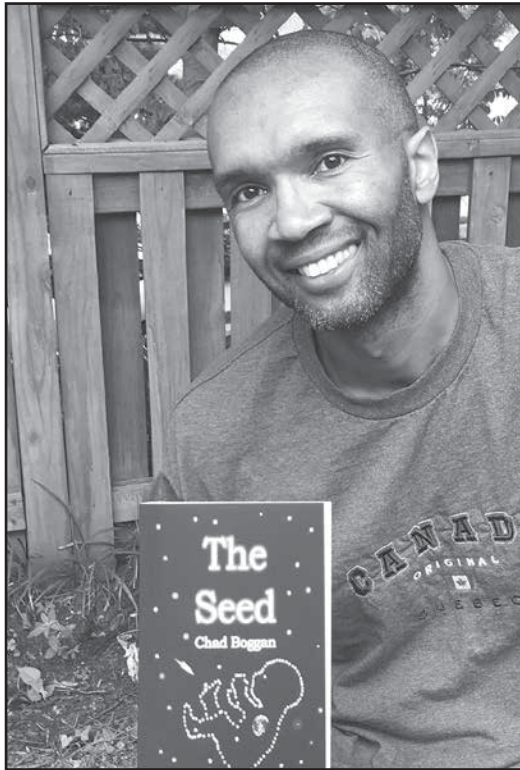
### Labor Day weekend

Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5  
City offices and  
Community Center closed

### Trash collection

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5  
No collection.  
Yard waste collection canceled.

Takoma Park author Chad Boggan holds his latest sci-fi novel.



## Hitting their books

By Morgan Fecto

As Takoma Park students of all ages head back to class this month, they might draw inspiration from local authors who have dedicated much of their time and energy to creating books, from which many may have learned a lesson or two.

“Among the writers I know who live in Takoma Park, [they] chose to live here because it is a ‘real place’ first – meaning, there’s a center to the city, the library,” wrote Takoma Park Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler in an email.

Many authors in and around Takoma

Park see the city as a literary hub. It’s a place for writers to work and share their work with a community that’s a captive audience. “[There’s a] diverse population of warm, friendly residents and friends who unknowingly support my non-traditional career choice by making me feel welcome over and over again,” said Lisa Ellis Williams, who wrote an advice book for newlyweds called *Wife School*.

Takoma Park author Chad Boggan, who recently self-published his second sci-

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## United we stand

By Apryl Motley

Images of police officers shooting and being shot at have been all too frequent in recent months, leaving many communities feeling frustrated, angry and sad, and relationships with local police departments strained. In some communities no one’s talking – especially to youth – about these feelings. Efforts are under way, so this doesn’t happen in Takoma Park.

“It’s okay to feel frustration and anger; it’s what we do with those emotions that matters,” said Mayor Kate Stewart as she reflected on the violence and injustice to which communities across the country have born witness.

“These are not easy conversations to have, but they are necessary,” she continued. “They are hard for everyone espe-

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## TAKOMA TIDBITS

### Residents rally around Rec Center

The first meeting of the *Friends of Takoma Park Recreation Center* will be held at the Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30–8:30 pm. The group will start with support from the Takoma Park Recreation Committee. “And we hope to gain more strength from neighbors near the Rec Center and from all Takoma Park residents,” said Committee Chair Jay Keller via email. According to Keller, the friends group will begin by improving current conditions at the center and then will involve residents in both short- and long-term planning for the facility.

Keller described Committee Member Priscilla Labovitz (Ward 1) as “the positive driving force in this budding movement.” Labovitz listed upgraded lighting and painting internally as initial improvements that are needed at the Rec Center. “I don’t have a master plan,” she said, “but we need to have a meeting where people can realistically say what they want from the facility beyond what was reported in the [recreational needs] study.” For more information about the *Friends of Takoma Park Recreation Center*, contact Priscilla Labovitz at labovitz@earthlink.net.

### Silver Spring Takoma Park Restaurant Week

Hosted by Montgomery County Councilmember Tom Hucker, this event returns for the second year with a new name!

This year’s Silver Spring Takoma Park Restaurant Week will take place Sept. 6-11 at participating restaurants. For a complete list of participating restaurants, check the web page for updates: silver-springrestaurantweek.com.

### Keep Takoma Park clean and green and earn SSLs

MCPS middle- and high-school students can now earn student service learning hours by volunteering for the Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup sponsored by the Takoma/Langley CDA on Saturday,

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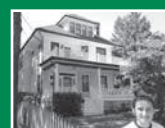
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## City Council & Committee Calendar

**OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**  
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. (special work session on the election date change)  
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council meetings will take place in the Community Center Auditorium.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

**COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**  
Monday, Sept. 12, 7:15  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**FACADE ADVISORY BOARD**  
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

**POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE**  
Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

**TREE COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 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](http://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](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/sign-up-council-agendas).


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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](http://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 2016-30**  
**Adopted July 20, 2016 (First Reading July 6)**  
Starpower Communications (RCN) Cable Franchise  
*Grants a non-exclusive cable franchise upon certain conditions and authorizes a franchise agreement between the City of Takoma Park and Starpower Communications, LLC (d/b/a RCN). (VOTING NO: Councilmembers Male and Qureshi)*

**ORDINANCE 2016-31**  
**Adopted July 27, 2016 (First Reading July 13)**

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Priority Needs and Proposed Projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program**  
The City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center to receive public comments on priority needs and proposed projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The program will be focused on the allocation of needed resources for capital projects located within designated low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Plastic Bag Restrictions  
*Amends the City Code to restrict the commercial distribution of plastic single-use bags at the point of sale. The ordinance becomes effective Dec. 1, 2016.*

**ORDINANCE 2016-32**  
**Adopted July 27, 2016 (First Reading July 13)**  
FY 2017 Budget Amendment No. 1  
*Amends the FY 2017 Budget.*

**ORDINANCE 2016-33**  
**Adopted July 27, 2016 (First Reading July 20)**  
Expansion of Area 6 Permit Parking  
*Expands Permit Parking Area 6 to include the 1100 Block of Kingwood Drive. The ordinance is effective Sept. 1, 2016.*

**ORDINANCE 2016-34**  
**Adopted July 27, 2016**  
Library Detailed Design  
*Supports the concept designs for Library renovation that were presented to the Council on July 13 and authorizes the City Manager to contract with The Lukmire Partnership for further design development and related work.*

**ORDINANCE 2016-35**  
**Adopted July 27, 2016**  
Independence Day Committee Grant

**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](http://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 Aug. 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 **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.

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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fi novel The Seed, echoed Ellis' feelings: "I would say it's made-to-order for writers. I put a 'Thank You' to Takoma Park in my book. It's the general creative and passionate spirit of the area, and the fact that people believe in their causes; that's important to me."

Hank Cox, Takoma Park local and author of For Love of a Dangerous Girl, said: "Takoma Park is generally supportive of writers in that residents tend to be scholarly and literary. They read and appreciate books."

And this appreciation extends to literary efforts by local authors. According to Ellen Arnold-Robbins, the director of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, "because we are independent, we have the flexibility to acquire anything that reflects community interests or wish-

es, and do so quickly." Arnold-Robbins said that many local authors have held programs at the library, and that some come in to write. The list of books that she calls up when she searches "Takoma Park authors" in the library's database is lengthy.

Included on this list is Megan Scribner's poetry anthology Leading from Within. Scribner is a local writer, editor, and for seven years she and her neighbor Allison Kahn have organized the Takoma Park Book Fair. "In some circles, she is known as Saint Megan," Cox said.

Scribner and Allison Kahn started organizing the annual Takoma Park Book Fair after they realized they'd both published books. "We wondered, 'How many of our other neighbors have published books?'"

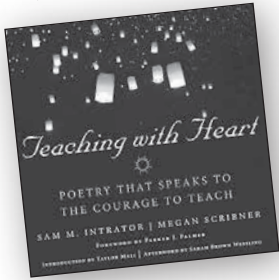


Scribner said. "We found that there's a community of authors, and the more we show up for each other the better that makes it." They held last December's book fair at Troh and accepted 30 writers, which was five more than in previous years. The fair recently allowed Silver Spring, D.C., Bethesda, and Kensington authors to apply too, and now Scribner's mailing list includes 101 authors.

"When we started the fair, it was about getting the authors' work out there, but it's been very gratifying to give authors a way to display their work and talk to people and get feedback," Scribner said. "We've had poetry and historical fiction, graphic novels and more political or environmental-cause oriented books."

There are venues for authors to share their work with the City, but they still face the same obstacles that writers do in oth-

er parts of the state and country. Pleasing a publisher, not having a publisher, finding time to write between the demands of work and family, writing something both novel and relevant, and promoting a finished book are just a few of the challenges. "Once I found out how much I was going to have to do to catch the interest of publishers, I thought I might as well do the work and reap the benefits. If I'm going to average 500 sales, then I could do that myself," said Boggan, who is self-published. "I haven't hit that mark yet. My wife and neighbors say I have to put more energy into promoting the book, but I lagged because I used all my energy writing." Just as the urge to create continues to inspire local writers in spite of setbacks, a love of books inspires the Takoma Park community. Visit the Takoma Park Book Fair Facebook page for more about the next fair, and look online for the latest from these Takoma Park authors.



September Focus on City Election Date Change: Plan to Attend a Special Work Session on Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium

The City Council will hold a special work session to discuss whether to change the date of City elections to coincide with state and federal elections. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and discussion. The November 2015 City Election included an advisory question to assess voters' support for the proposed date change. Seventy-six percent of voters supported the change of date.

The advisory question read: Beginning with the election in November 2018, and providing that voting rights can be maintained for City residents who are (1) 16-17 years old, (2) non-citizens, or (3) on parole or probation for a felony conviction, and that instant runoff voting and same day voter registration can be maintained, the City of Takoma Park municipal elections for Mayor and Councilmembers should be changed to the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year in order to coincide with Maryland statewide general elections.

Early this year, City Staff and the City Board of Elections (BOE) consulted with the Maryland State and Montgomery County Boards to review options for inclusion of Takoma Park election contests and questions on the State general election ballot in 2018. After a review of City election requirements, the State Board of Elections indicated that it could not accommodate the City request for 2018.

As an alternative, the City's BOE has been examining the possibility of having an election concurrent with the general election in 2018. In this scenario, voters would report to their usual precincts on Election Day. At the polling place, a voter would check in with Montgomery County election officials to receive, mark and cast a ballot as usual. At that same location, voters would check in separately with City election officials to receive a Takoma Park ballot to mark and cast.

There are many details to consider before the City Council makes its decision to amend the City Charter to change the election date, including how early voting and absentee voting would be accommodated. The Council will hold a special work session on Sept. 12 to hear from the City Board of Elections, take questions and comments from residents and then discuss whether to move forward.

Please plan to attend the work session. Additional information on this topic is posted on the City website in the project directory: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/election-synchronization. The page includes a comment form for those who wish to make a comment or ask a question. For additional information, contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Authorizes execution of a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee Inc. for disbursement of up to \$16,500 to support the 2017 Independence Day events.

ORDINANCE 2016-36
Adopted July 27, 2016
Replacement Police Vehicles
Authorizes procurement of seven Ford Interceptors from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. at the total cost of \$192,354.

ORDINANCE 2016-37
Adopted July 27, 2016
Equipping Police Vehicles
Authorizes purchase and installation of police vehicle equipment (emergency lights, sirens, computer docks, and related equipment) from Breckford Corp. at the total cost of \$86,500.

ORDINANCE 2016-38
Adopted July 27, 2016
Parking Ticket Management
Authorizes execution of a contract with Complux Data Innovations Inc. for parking ticket management.

RESOLUTION 2016-23
Adopted July 20, 2016
Orchard Avenue Site Plan
Recommends the approval of the site plan application for 6413 Orchard Avenue so long as a parking waiver is not required.

RESOLUTION 2016-24
Adopted July 20, 2016
Streetscape Manual
Adopts the Takoma Park Streetscape Manual. The manual will be published on the City's website and updated and modified where necessary annually by City Staff.

RESOLUTION 2016-25
Adopted July 20, 2016
Agreement with Montgomery County Regarding the Starpower Cable Franchise
Authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with Montgomery County to implement the Starpower Cable Franchise between Montgomery County and participating municipalities. (VOTING NO: Councilmembers Male and Qureshi)

RESOLUTION 2016-26
Adopted July 27, 2016
Development Agreement with NDC
Authorizes the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with the Neighborhood Development Company LLC for the redevelopment of the City-owned lot at Takoma Junction.

RESOLUTION 2016-27
Adopted July 27, 2016
Community Consultation Process Advisory Committee
Establishes the Takoma Junction Community Consultation Process Advisory Committee. The committee is intended to work with City Staff and the City Council to help Neighborhood Development Company to develop the process for community input on the project. The resolution appoints the following individuals: Laura Barclay (Ward 3); Ameer Bearn (Ward 5); Tony Camilli (Ward 1); Shera Higgs-Thompson (Ward 2); Deepak Marwah (Ward 2); Vineda Myers (Ward 4); and Talisha Searcy (Ward 6).

RESOLUTION 2016-28
Adopted July 27, 2016
Takoma Junction Development Attorney Fees
Affirms the City Manager's authority to exceed the contract with the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday LLC, by up to 25% of the contracted amount. (VOTING NO: Councilmember Male)

RESOLUTION 2016-29
Adopted July 27, 2016
City Council Recess
The resolution sets the City Council's summer recess to begin on Thursday, July 28, 2016 and extend through Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-30
Adopted July 27, 2016
Committee on the Environment Appointment
Appoints Marty Ittner (Ward 5) to the Committee on the Environment.

RESOLUTION 2016-31
Adopted July 27, 2016
Emergency Preparedness Committee Appointment
Appoints Fred Levenson (Ward 2) and Donald Pinkston (Ward 5) to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Get ready for SafeTrack

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is implementing a plan to repair and improve the Metrorail system called SafeTrack.

SafeTrack accelerates three years' worth of work into approximately one year. The plan significantly expands maintenance time on weeknights, weekends and mid-day hours and includes 15 "Safety Surges," long duration track outages for major projects in key parts of the system.

This program will impact commuters in Takoma Park. In addition to the resources offered by WMATA, the City is encouraging commuters to:

- **Consider teleworking.** The Takoma Park Library and Community Center, as well as many local businesses, offer Wi-Fi and provide comfortable places from which to work.
- **Try biking.** Keep an eye out for additional signs directing riders to recommended routes into DC, alternative metro stations, or all the way downtown.
- **Consider carpooling.** During the SafeTrack surges, the parking rates

and times at the centrally located City parking lot at Takoma Junction will not be enforced to enable its use as a car-pool lot.

For Surge #10, tentatively scheduled to begin in late October, the Red Line will be shut down between Fort Totten and NoMa. Key info from WMATA:

- Two stations will be closed, Brookland-CUA and Rhode Island Ave.
- Shuttle buses will replace trains between NoMa and Fort Totten.
- Expect crowding on all trains due to less frequent Red Line service.
- Green Line provides alternate path for travel between Fort Totten and Gallery Place.
- Red Line customers should consider alternate travel options and avoid traveling during rush-hour periods if possible; expect trains to be extremely crowded.

The City's webpage on SafeTrack ([takomaparkmd.gov/safetrack](http://takomaparkmd.gov/safetrack)) is a good place to keep up to date on impacts and resources of the work in October.

## UNITED WE STAND

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cially in a community like Takoma Park where people care so deeply about being inclusive and building community."

Illustrative of just how powerful one conversation can be, the recently announced Unity in the Community Initiative grew out of one Stewart had with Meagan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake, and Captain Tyrone Collington, an 18-year veteran with the Takoma Park Police Department. Murphy brought the idea to the table of holding an event to bring together police officers and residents in the community, particularly young people in middle and high school.

"As a mom, resident and business owner, it's overwhelming to think about tackling this issue nationwide, but if I could start locally by knowing my own police department and talking to my neighbors, maybe other communities will take ownership as well and follow Takoma Park's example," Murphy said. "My overall vision is for the initiative to have a ripple effect."

Building on the momentum from August's very successful National Night Out, the initiative kick-off event is a Neighborhood Block Party at Capital City Cheesecake on Sept. 25 from 4-7 p.m. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend, volunteer, or lend their services.

"Takoma Park is a place where the citizens and the police department normally have a great relationship, but in light of recent incidents with police in the community, we wanted to get ahead of the curve and bring our community together," Collington said. "What we hope to get out of this initial event is a large gathering of the community, but building relationships is a continuous process all over the City. We want to unify the community and have the police and residents on the same page."

Assistant City Manager Jason Damweber echoed these sentiments. "It is always wonderful when residents and local business owners help to develop and enact solutions to issues and challenges in their community," he said. For Stewart it's especially important that "young people in Takoma Park know we're working on building positive relationships between residents and police."

But make no mistake, this plan of action goes beyond one event. "We have to be proactive in creating a relationship with the police department to make sure we all feel protected and secure," Murphy stressed. "This Initiative is ongoing, which is critical for its success. We are committing to rolling out events throughout the year to constantly build this relationship."

For more information about how you can participate, contact Meaghan Murphy at [meaghan@ccccheesecake.com](mailto:meaghan@ccccheesecake.com).

## Lifelong Link

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

Do you have challenges you need some help with? Visit the Lifelong Takoma Resource List, [takomaparkmd.gov/lifelong-takoma/resources](http://takomaparkmd.gov/lifelong-takoma/resources), or contact Karen at 301-891-7232 or [lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:lifelong@takomaparkmd.gov).



**Q: I retired recently, and I'd like to test my income to see if it's possible to not work. Are there some practical steps and resources for me to use to save money?**

**A:** Yes, here are some tips and considerations that may be useful for pre-retirement as well as during your retirement.

- **Schedule an appointment with a financial advisor.** You may have access to a retirement counselor through your EAP Program at work. If you have a retirement investment account, you may want to talk with your account representative. You can also contact your local Social Security office to discuss your benefits. The Silver Spring Social Security Office (800-772-1213) is located at 10230 New Hampshire Ave., Suite 304, Silver Spring. The office is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., except on Wednesdays when the office closes at noon.
- **Seek out "self-help" educational resources.** Consider taking a class offered by Montgomery College's Lifelong Learning Institute. For information about upcoming classes, contact Na-

tasha Sacks, program manager, at 240-567-1828 or [natasha.sacks@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:natasha.sacks@montgomerycollege.edu) or view the college's classes online: [aceitoc.montgomerycollege.edu/course/courselistings.aspx](http://aceitoc.montgomerycollege.edu/course/courselistings.aspx).

• **Calculate your total new "net" retirement income on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis to create a budget.** Review your Social Security benefits, personal savings, 401 K, IRAs, etc. If you are planning to apply for any income-based programs or services, please keep in mind that it may take a month to 12 months for you to be able to present a "clean" retirement snap shot to any government agencies or non-profits that request W-2s or any other income verification.

## Aging Well Network Meeting

Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

You're invited to join us! In addition to participating in conversations on a variety of topics, enjoy refreshments and lively music. This event is free. Registration will be taken on site. For more information, including location, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/lifelong-takoma](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/lifelong-takoma) or call Karen, Lifelong Takoma program manager at 301-891-7232. Come prepared to have a good time and make a new friend. The event is hosted by the Lifelong Takoma Program and the Village of Takoma Park.

## CASA coordinates outpouring of support for fire victims

Thanks to overwhelming support from the community, including many Takoma Park residents and the Takoma Park Police Department, CASA received plenty of clothes and food to assist those displaced by the fire at the Flower Branch Apartments in Silver Spring on Aug. 10. According to its Facebook page, the organization is no longer accepting donations.

Monetary donations can be made through the Montgomery County Housing Partnership: [www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=1110](http://www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=1110).

Food or clothing can still be donated at these locations:

- Adventist Community Services, 501 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring
- Interfaith Clothing Center, 751 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville
- Manna Foods, 9311 Gaither Rd., Gaithersburg

Check these organizations' websites for hours of operation. Please note that the TPPD is not able to accept any more donations at this time.



# We Are Takoma Fall 2016 Series

Kick off the fall 2016 We Are Takoma arts and humanities series with an American music genre popular with artists half a world away. On Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m., venture into the contemporary jazz scene in Tokyo 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 Kingsland and Marsha Stein, opens with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m., and remains on view through Sunday, Nov. 6.

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



*Moosehead’s Good Wicked Plan*

## THE ARTS



*Tokyo Jazz: Decentering “America’s Classical Music*

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 Lefler.

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

On Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., George Washington University’s Dr. Jennifer Tobkin will present “Muhammad ibn Dawud al-Isfahani, A Poet of Male Friendship and Love in 9th Century Baghdad.”

Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m., 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 p.m.

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

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and take place at the Takoma Park Community Center.

## Meet More Arts and Humanities Commissioners

Have you been to a dance performance, film, or lecture at the Community Center this past year? Members of the Arts and Humanities Commission contributed to making that programming possible. We want to put a face on the Arts and Humanities Commission, so we are introducing some of our hardworking volunteers. This month, meet AHC Chair Susan Strasser and Vice-Chair Eric Gordon.



“A White Historian Reads Black History.” After retiring from teaching at the University of Delaware (and a long commute), she joined the Arts and Humanities Commission and has worked especially on the humanities lecture series, now beginning its second year. Meanwhile, Susan has gotten to work with a great group of creative people and introduced some terrific presentations and performances.



under the guise of DC Creepers, including comics with DC Conspiracy, art for blood drives with Cartoonists Draw Blood, and various small press zines and mini-comics with the DC Zinefest community. Eric enjoys being part of the creative fabric of Takoma Park and being able to contribute some of his own personal creative energy through working with the Art and Humanities Commission is just icing on the cake.

Join Susan and Eric and volunteer to be on the Arts and Humanities Commission. You’re invited to attend a meeting to see if it’s a good fit for you. Then fill out the online application and submit it with a resume or statement of qualifications. Appointments are made by the City Council.

Eric Gordon is a social worker with the Washington, DC-based nonprofit Art Enables, a vocational day program for artists with disabilities. He also participates in numerous artistic and freelance ventures

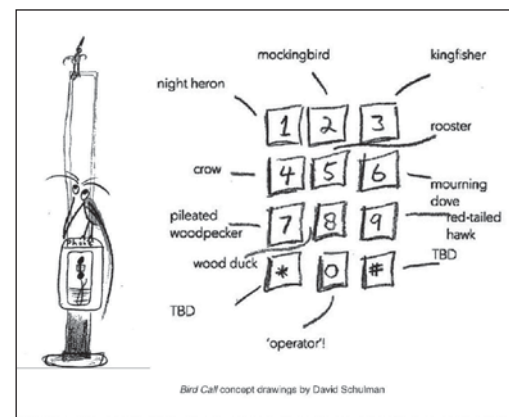
## Cock-a-Doodle You

Did you hear that rooster? Grab your photo or audio equipment and press record! That captured crowing may be just what David Schulman needs for *Bird Calls*, a public art project funded by the City of Takoma Park for Erie and Flower Avenues.

Schulman, an audio artist, joins forces with sculptor Howard Connelly to create an interactive art installation. The two artists will revamp an old pay phone and rewire the key pad to play bird songs and educational information when you press a number.

David appeared on Takoma Radio Saturday, Aug. 20, and told interviewer Sara Prigan that he’s looking for the perfect rooster sound for the phone from a Takoma Park resident. If you think you have a winning cock-a-doodle doo, upload your audio file to Schulman’s website [birdcalls.us](http://birdcalls.us).

David Schulman is an audio producer,



violinist and composer. His creative partner Howard Connelly is a metal sculptor known for the *Wrong Way* motorbike sculpture popping a wheelie in front of Republic restaurant.

The two artists aren’t quite sure how *Bird Calls* will look, but you get a good idea through David’s concept drawings. However, David is sure of one thing. The selected rooster call will be credited in *Bird Calls*, and he will treat the winning contributor to a two-egg omelet at Mark’s Kitchen (or the vegan equivalent.)

## Holiday Art Sale

Mark your calendar! Save the date! The 11th annual Holiday Art Sale takes place this year on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. This juried sale consists of handmade work by local artists.

Artist submissions begin Sept. 2 and close Oct. 14. You can find the application form at [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/holiday-art-sale](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/holiday-art-sale). Artists must submit contact information, a description of their work, price range and average cost, and one to three photos of their art.



# RECREATION

## TOTS



## EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

### Spanish for Tots

Ages 3 – 6

This class is composed of a mix of high-energy games, projects, music and 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. Instructor: Maria Rhoe

TP Community Center Lilac Room

6-week Session

Saturdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

## YOUTH

## ART

### Clay for Kids

Ages 4 – 8

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

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

## EXTENDED CARE

### After the Bell 2016-2017

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

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 Department. Contact MCPS Transportation (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.

TP Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Monday-Friday, through June 16, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

\$1,250

## MARTIAL ARTS

### Kung Fu for Kids

Ages 4 – 12

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.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

10-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

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

### Basketball Skills Clinic

Ages 6 - 12

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium

Saturdays

Session 1 (8 Weeks): Sept. 10 - Oct. 29

Session 2 (6 Weeks): Nov. 5 - Dec. 17

(No class on 11/26)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

8-Week Session: \$80

6-Week Session: \$60

## TEENS

## DROP IN

### First of Many

Grades 10th – 12th

There's something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of workshops to help you discover colleges that care about first-generation students, find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to college. Instructor: Department Staff.

TP Community Center Rose Room

10-Week Session

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 – Nov. 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

Free



### Power Hour

Grades 6th – 12th

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics, teens and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required. Instructor: Department Staff.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Ongoing Tuesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.

Free



For a complete list of offerings, check out the Fall City Guide. Registration began Aug. 15.

Registration for Winter Basketball League and Futsal begins Sept. 10

## ADULTS

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

### Ladies Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mat.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

8-Week Sessions

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Session 1:** Sept. 6 – Oct. 27

**Session 2:** Nov. 1 – Dec. 22

(No class 11/8 and 11/24)

\$85

Drop-in: \$10

### Pilates

Ages 16 and older

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's core. 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. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights.

TP Recreation Center Front Room

Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.

**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 Weeks: \$60

4 Weeks: \$40

## FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

## DROP IN

### Bingo

Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.

TP Community Center senior room

Thursday, Sept. 22, noon – 2 p.m.

Free

### Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

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

TP Community Center senior room.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Free

### Table Tennis

Ages 55 and older

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

TP Community Center game room

Ongoing Mondays – Fridays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ongoing Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon

Free

## EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

### Computer Basics

Ages 55 and older

This three-week course will introduce people with little or no previous experience to basic skills, such as sending and receiving email, internet searching and using a word processor to compose letters, etc. You need a Takoma

Park Library card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

TP Community Center Computer Lab

3-Week Sessions

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 – Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – noon

\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

### Computer Extras

Ages 55 and older

Take your computer skills to the next level.

In these three classes, experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps and learn what to do with all those pictures in your mailbox. Bring your questions. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

TP Community Center Computer Lab

3-Week Sessions

Wednesdays, Sept. 28 – Oct. 12, 10 a.m. – noon

\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

### Healthy Living with Hypertension

Ages 55 and older

Healthy Living with Hypertension is a free interactive workshop that provides a supportive environment that can assist you to better manage your high blood pressure. Online or in-person registration with the Recreation Department is required. Presenter: Linda Nunes-Schragg.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Free

### Nature on Wheels, Birds of Prey

Ages 55 and older

Watkins Nature Center presents "Nature on Wheels," a traveling nature program called Birds of Prey. Meet several live residents from Watkins Nature Center, including hawks, owls or vultures. Learn how these animals are classified according to their diet, the interdependence of living things within an ecosystem, and the behavior and physical adaptations of birds. Online or in-person registration is required.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Friday, Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

### Cardio Groove

Ages 55 and older

High energy and fast paced, low impact aerobics that gets the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, followed by a cool down and stretch. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Nov. 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Free



### Enhanced Fitness Training

Ages 55 and older

This well-rounded hour of fitness is focused on increasing flexibility, strength and balance through stretching, breathing, aerobic



movement, core training and proper posture alignment. Students will use resistance bands. Please bring a mat, towel and water. Instructor: Adriene Buist.

TP Recreation Center Front Room  
Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
Free

**Full Body Fusion**  
*Ages 55 and older*

Low-impact, full-body workout to music. Elements of balance, movement, strengthening and yoga. Bring an exercise mat to class. Instructor: Jaylene Sarracino.  
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium  
Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.  
Free

**Table Tennis Skills**  
*Ages 55 and older*

Fun class provides enjoyable physical exercise while learning game rules and practicing skills. Instructor: Coach Donn Olsen.  
TP Recreation Center Front Room  
Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Nov. 10, 1 – 2 p.m.  
Free

**Tai Chi Strength**  
*Ages 55 and older*

This class begins with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance and ends with cool down exercises. Instructor: Robert Thompson.  
TP Recreation Center Front Room  
Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, noon – 1 p.m.  
Free



**Tennis Fun and Fitness**  
*Ages 55 and older*

Rediscover your love of tennis or find it for the first time while learning or reviewing tennis skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own request. Instructor Coach SJ.  
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium  
Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Nov. 10, noon – 1 p.m.  
Free

**Walking Group**  
*Ages 55 and older*

Don't worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in. No registration is required.  
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium  
14-Week Session, Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Dec. 13, noon – 1 p.m.  
Free

**Zumba Gold**  
*Ages 55 and older*

Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun and provides opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Instructor: Yesika Flores.  
TP Community Center Dance Studio  
Saturdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Free

**TRIPS**

**Trip #1: Maryland Renaissance Festival,** Crownsville, Md.  
Saturday, Sept. 10, 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Trip #2: Catoctin Mountain National Park,** Thurmont, Md.  
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Recreation Office  
For more information contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov Registration is required. For trip details and procedures, please see the Forever Young Fall 2016 newsletter online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation)

# Meet the Newest Member of the Takoma Park Recreation Department Team

By Lew McAllister

Austin Hartsook joined the Takoma Park Recreation Department team on Monday, June 13. He will be taking over the tall task of coordinating the department's sports offerings, which include youth/adult leagues, classes and clinics. Prior to his arrival in Takoma Park, Austin spent the last three years as the director of baseball operations for Virginia Tech University. He has a strong sports background and will bring a wealth of knowledge to recreation programming. Austin attended the University of Oregon where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. Outside of sports, Austin enjoys spending time with friends, traveling and exploring the best "BBQ Joints" the area has to offer. When asked about his new role with the department, Austin said, "I'm excited and ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I can't wait to meet all



Austin Hartsook

of the wonderful people in the Takoma Park community."

One of Austin's major sports programs will be the Winter Basketball League, which is set to serve more than 800 girls and boys from in and around the Takoma Park area this coming January. The league is open to all participants in grades K–8 and will focus on teaching the game of basketball, personal improvement, sportsmanship and fun. Also, this year the recreation department will be expanding the league to include a brand new 7th and 8th grade girls' division. **Registration will begin on Saturday, Sept. 10.** The league fills fast, so don't miss out on the fun. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, contact Austin Hartsook at [austinh@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:austinh@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7282. For more information about the 2017 Winter Basketball League or any other sports offerings, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports).

## RECREATION *Special programs*

### Winter Basketball League

Kindergarten-8th Grade  
The Winter Basketball League is a developmental community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball; emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun; provide comparable playing time for all participants; and meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times vary throughout the week at various local schools. Registration opens September 10.  
**Coaching Information:** Volunteer coaches are always needed; training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested (301-891-7282).  
**Team Assignments:** Coed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants. New this year: Grades 7 – 8 Girl's Division.  
**Special Requests:** Requests must be made in writing at the time of registration and submitted to the Takoma Park Recreation Department league coordinator.  
Various Local Schools' Gymnasiums  
8-Week Season  
Saturdays, Jan. 14 – March 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

### Futsal League 2017

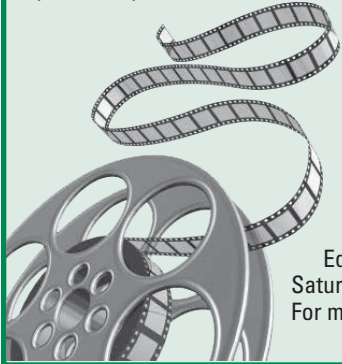
Ages 7 – 10  
Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come, first serve, and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. Registration opens Sept. 10.  
Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium  
Sundays, Jan. 8 – March 12 (No games on 1/15/17 and 2/12/17), 1 – 4 p.m.  
\$60

### Family Outdoor Movie Night is Back!

Get ready for another fun night with our Family Outdoor Movie. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family.



Photo: Jay Keller



The movie will be a family friendly "PG" rated hit. Bring snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and a cup of water. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. Visit our website [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation) to vote on the movie.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Saturday, Sept. 10, dusk  
For more information, call 301-891-7290

### Eighth Annual Play Day

Let your hair down, put on your comfy shoes and get ready to play! This annual event co-sponsored by the nonprofit Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department is fun for the whole family. Enjoy hop-scotch, dress up, mud pies, fun with boxes and lots of great entertainment. The Takoma Park Recreation Department will again host the Touch-A-Truck exhibit where you can climb on your favorite piece of equipment. Event is held rain or shine. Volunteers needed. Teens (ages 13-18) may receive SSL hours from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, visit [letsplayamerica.org](http://letsplayamerica.org) or call 301-891-7290.  
Takoma Park Middle School  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Free





# LIBRARY



Photo: Maurice Belanger

Mary Rein takes a look at the library's book display dedicated to third-stage-of-life topics.

## Support and information for seniors and those who care for them

By Jill Raymond, Library Associate

We at the Library have been building a collection of materials that offer help, information, support and inspiration for those over 55 and all others with elders in their lives. In other words, these sources have something to say to just about everyone.

In 2014 the Library partnered with the newly-created office of Lifelong Takoma as they planned their first annual event for seniors and their family and friends. From that participation, the Library has increased its focus on the needs of this community by offering several resources.

**Book display and bibliography:** We are especially proud of our book display, right in front of the circulation desk, featuring books that directly address those facing issues of the "third stage" of life. The display includes books offering a general treatment of the experience of getting older like *Aging with Grace: What the Nun Study Teaches Us about Leading Longer, Healthier, and More Meaningful Lives* and *The Third Chapter: Passion, Risk and Adventure in the 25 Years after 50* as well as books that take a look at special interests from an elder's perspective, such as *A Heart of Wisdom: Making the Jewish Journey from Midlife Through the Elder Years* and *Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older* as well as *Lilies! Yoga Gets Better with Age*. Also included are memoirs and observations on aging from some of the most interesting voices of our time, including Jimmy Carter's *The Virtues of Aging*, Gloria Steinem's *Doing Sixty and Seventy*, and May Sarton's *Coming into 80*.

The Library offers a number of primers on particular questions geared to an older person's needs, such as *Living Longer Depression Free: A Family Guide to Recognizing, Treating, and Preventing Depression in Later Life* as well as discussions of relationships and change, *Seniors in Love* by Robert Wolley and *Red Hot Mamas: Coming into Our Own at 50* by Colette Dowling, author of *The Cinderella Complex*.

Housing is an increasingly stressful issue for seniors, both from a financial and a

mobility standpoint, and we have a number of books on senior housing, living independently on a budget and retiring in a foreign country. Collective living situations among older friends is addressed in *My House Our House* and local author Beth Baker's *With a Little Help from Our Friends*. The Library has also compiled a bibliography of most of our collection's current materials that address issues of aging. Copies are available on the book display cart.

**Main collection:** Our adult nonfiction collection includes a range of useful materials for this population from the current science on cognition and memory, fitness, senior housing, financial and legal issues to Medicare, Social Security, and caregiving.

On our magazine shelves the Library makes available issues of AARP's bi-monthly magazine and its monthly *Bulletin* as well as periodicals like *Cooking Light*, *Health*, *Prevention*, *Consumer Reports* and *This Old House* along with a number of prestigious science journals like *Science* and *Nature* as well as many of general interest like *Discovery*, *National Geographic* and *Scientific American* for those keeping up with the latest understandings of the physiology and the psychosociology of aging.

**Computers:** We have 27 Internet stations, offering access in twenty-some languages. The Library partners with the Recreation Department in offering courses, taught by Library staff, in our computer center designed for seniors who want to begin to build, or continue to build, on their own computer skills. The computer center offers a Seniors Room with four internet terminals set aside specifically for seniors' use as well as comfortable lounge chairs, tables and materials of interest for older residents.

Of course the Library has my personal favorite, an updated version of *Computers for Seniors for Dummies* as well as *My iPhone for Seniors* and *My iPad for Seniors*. Our Computer Center always has a Library staff member available for one-on-one help in room A. All you need is a Takoma Park Library card.

## CALENDAR

### Circle Time

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

### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

### Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Join Marie-Fraise des Bois (a.k.a. Madame Marie) for songs and rhymes in French.

### Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

### LEGO Club

Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30-3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3-10.

### Comics Jam

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m.

Come read comics with Dave Burbank.

### Summer Quest Finale Party

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate another great summer of reading!

### Yoga Storytime for 2-4 Year Olds

Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Registration required; to register, go to:

[www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call 301-891-7259.

### Caldecott Club

Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served.

### Fairy Tale Party

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 - 3:30 p.m.,

Join us for fairy tales, crafts and snacks. Come dressed as a fairy if you'd like!

### Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7:45 p.m.

### Caldecott Honor Illustrator Aaron Becker

Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Becker will present his newest picture book *Return*.

### Kids' Graphic Novelists Jeffrey Brown & Judd Winick

Monday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Brown will talk about *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal*; Winick will spotlight *HiLo 2: Saving the Whole Wide World*

### Discussion of *The Wake* by Paul Kingsnorth

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

All welcome at the Friends of the Library Bi-monthly Book Group discussion. Hydrangea Room

## LIBRARY BRIEFS

We'll conclude our 2016 Summer Quest with a party on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. All who participated in Summer Quest, even if you didn't finish, are welcome to come to the party. We'll talk about the books we loved (or loathed) and show off creations we made for the "make or do" Summer Quest reading challenge. And there will be cupcakes, lemonade and free books for all to celebrate the end of another successful Summer Quest. No registration required; thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our Summer Quest program.

Enjoy reading comics? Come to our next monthly Comics Jam on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. Library Assistant and comics expert Dave Burbank will read some new comics for kids, using our projector and screen so everyone can read along. Dave will conclude the program by taking drawing requests from the audience. No registration required.

We're kicking off another great season of visits from well-known kids' authors and illustrators in September. First up on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., is author/illustrator Aaron Becker. In 2014 Becker won a 2014 Caldecott Honor for his book *Journey*, the first book in a picture book trilogy. The second book *Quest* was published two years ago, and now Becker is spotlighting the final volume *Return*.

Then, on Monday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m., we're hosting two popular graphic novelists for kids: Jeffrey Brown and Judd Winick. Brown, known for his humorous *Star Wars*-related graphic novels, including *Jedi Academy* and *Vader's Little Princess*, has turned his talents to the cave age with a new graphic novel titled *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal*.

Winick, meanwhile, will be presenting the second volume in his action- and humor-packed *HiLo* series, *HiLo 2: Saving the Whole Wide World*. *HiLo* is a robot from another dimension who unwittingly sparks major trouble when he returns to earth to see his human friends, D.J. and Gina.

## Friends "Big Book" Club to tackle *St. Augustine's Confessions*

By Phil Schewe

Come and hear a special lecture about St. Augustine's landmark book on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 at the Historic Takoma Building (7328 Carroll Ave.) at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Professor Thomas Clemmons of Catholic University, a noted authority on Church history. All are invited, and refreshments will be served.

*The Confessions of St. Augustine* is one of the most famous books from the period stretching from antiquity up through the Middle Ages. Appearing around the year 400 in Africa, the book has had a major impact on Catholic theology and on Protestant thinking as well (not an easy combi-

nation to pull off). Ever wonder where the church's attitude toward human sexuality comes from or its view of God as standing outside of historical time or Calvinists' concept of predestination? Largely from this book.

After you've read the book and are filled with questions, you can extend your reading experience by attending several discussion sessions in the month after the lecture. Discussions will take place on Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center. All are welcome at the Friends Reading Group discussions regardless of whether you have read or finished your reading of the book.





# Let the music play

Sadly, the always-anticipated annual Takoma Park Festival isn't happening this year, but there's good news. There will still be music.

To partly fill the gap and help to recruit volunteers so that the festival can resume in 2017, two local organizations, Old Takoma Business Association and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, are stepping in and hosting free performances of folk music in Takoma Park all day on Sept. 11.

**Daytime Lineup** (Sponsored by the Old Takoma Business Association)  
During the day, you can experience a fantastic lineup at the Gazebo located at Carroll & Westmoreland Avenues.

10 a.m.	The Devil's Tailors	Traditional acoustic Scottish Celtic
11 a.m.	Flo Anito	Singer-songwriter of jazzy pop for keys and guitar
12 noon	They'll Have Dreams	Singer-songwriter duo playing percussive rock
1 p.m.	Ampersand String Band	Old-style bluegrass and modern folk with a twist of jazzy roots
2 p.m.	Letitia VanSant	Acoustic Americana and indie-folk singer-songwriter
3 p.m.	Mark H. Taiko	Contemporary spin on traditional Japanese drums
4 p.m.	ilyAIMY	Percussive acoustic grunge rock-folk

**Evening Lineup** (Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington)  
In the evening, more wonderful artists are performing at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium located at 7500 Maple Avenue.

5 p.m.	Washington's Spelmanslag	Swedish traditional music
5:30 p.m.	Joe Uehlein and Anna Grace Uehlein	Peace, love, and justice: Songs for children and adults by a well-known Takoma Park artist and his 11-year-old daughter
5:55 p.m.	Brian Kay	Traditional folk songs and original music
6:15 p.m.	Silver Strings Duo	A string band for all occasions
6:35 p.m.	Rick Franklin	Piedmont blues guitar master with a taste for hokum blues
7:05 p.m.	Lulu's Fate	Traditional/Americana with guitar, mandolin, cello and three-part harmony
7:35 p.m.	Bruce Hutton, Lisa Null, Michele Callaghan	Ballad swap
8:05 p.m.	The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band	Hilarious hot-jazz novelty songs à la Spike Jones
8:30 p.m.	Washington Revels Maritime Voices	Songs of the sea and shore for all to sing along

Performance schedules are subject to change, but the day will certainly be full of fine, free folk music.

# A day of play

By Helen Lyons

On a Saturday later this month, when the heat has subsided and school routines are becoming solidified, people of all ages will have the chance to come together at Takoma Park Middle School and engage in something that's so refreshingly simple, many will wonder why they don't do it more often - play.

The 8th annual Play Day will be held rain or shine on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all are invited to come pick up a ball, jump a rope, swing a hula hoop, or even make a mud pie.

"The point is to come and play and try something new, or something you haven't done in years, with someone of a different age," said Pat Rumbaugh, the organizer of the free event, who has happily adopted the moniker "The Play Lady."

A former physical education teacher, Rumbaugh founded the nonprofit Let's Play America after noticing a decline in "fun, free playing not only for children, but for people of all ages."

And so for the past seven years, residents of Takoma Park and their friends from neighboring towns have joined together to take a deliberate break from hectic, technology-driven, and often sedentary lives, if only for a day.

"It's an opportunity to reclaim the meaning of the word game," said Phil Shapiro, a self-described play advocate and early supporter of Play Day. "Children are used to the word game describing something you do with your thumbs and electronics, but a game is something you can invent."

"Making it up," or unstructured play, can come in the form of dress up clothes or a mountain of cardboard boxes that will be available for whatever diversion participants can come up with.

Shapiro sees Play Day as a reclama-



tion of a critical but fading pastime: "Play brings physical and mental health benefits, and if we don't organize for play, we're going to lose it."

As the Play Lady herself put it, "We organize it, so people can come and play unorganized activities."

Debby Huffman, the assistant director for Takoma Park's Recreation Department, expects a crowd of hundreds to come together this year for soccer, basketball, hopscotch, mini-tennis, board games, dress-up clothes, sing-alongs and more.

"[Attendance] seems to grow every year," Huffman said. "Play Day provides an opportunity for everyone to just slow down and take a minute to meet new people and connect with neighbors for some good old fashioned playing." With everything from Zumba to the popular Touch-a-Truck, there are activities for people of all ages and levels of ability.

"It's not just children," the Play Lady said of the diverse crowd the event draws each year, which includes senior citizens. "It's people of all ages playing. It's just a fun atmosphere."

But amidst all the fun and games, play advocate Phil Shapiro believes something tremendous is built each year at Play Day: not just mud pies, and box forts, and towers of blocks, but a sense of community. "If you can't learn to play together," Shapiro said, "you can't learn to work together."

# City-wide parking management study

The City is studying City-wide parking issues, including an examination of meters, handicap parking, residential permit zones, enforcement, City Code and regulations and parking hot spots.

The initial phase of the study was covered by a technical assistance grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) to examine parking pressures in the Old Takoma area and advise on creative solutions. It included an online survey in fall 2015, garnering nearly 300 responses from residents, visitors and businesses. Findings and recommendations regarding on-street parking management for commercial and residential parking in the area of Takoma Park near the DC boundary were

presented to City Council on June 15 and are available on the Parking Management Study webpage.

The next phase, the City-wide study, builds on survey results, the MWCOC-funded work and additional data collection and community input. Two Parking Management Study open houses are scheduled in October to gather community input and feedback:

Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center, Azalea Room at 7500 Maple Ave.

Oct. 6, 7-9 p.m. at the Takoma Recreation Center at 7315 New Hampshire Ave.

More information is available online at [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/parking-study](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/parking-study).

# How to help make the Takoma Park Folk Festival happen in 2017

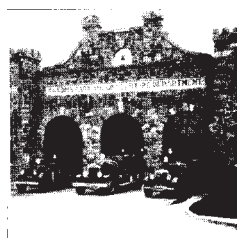
While this day of music will be memorable, the annual Takoma Park Festival is a much bigger event, offering many more music performances, craft artisans and space for community organizations to interact with attendees. If you want to help bring the Takoma Park Folk Festival back in 2017, now is the time to consider taking on a leadership role in this venerable community institution.

A planning meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (Azalea Room). As noted at [tpff.org](http://tpff.org), "the planning committee of the Takoma Park Folk Festival has regretfully concluded that we cannot put on a festival

in 2016, given the commitment, skills, and experience of our current core volunteer group. However, with new energy and new volunteers, we can be back in 2017." More information is available on the "Participate" tab at [tpff.org](http://tpff.org).

Day-of-event volunteers are essential and appreciated, but it takes a committed team working during the preceding months to bring these festivals to life. If you can contribute just a few hours per month from now until September 2017, then the community will thank you for reviving an annual tradition cherished by audiences, performers, artisans and organizations together making Takoma Park a special haven for cultural traditions.





## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of July 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

327 fire-related incidents in 2016. The department addressed or assisted with 1,873 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,200. Totals for 2015 were 388 and 1,873, representing a decrease of 61 incidents.

During July, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,365 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,373.5 hours in July 2015. Grand totals as of July were 9,283 hours compared to 9,456 hours in 2015, a decrease of 173 hours.

### Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Aug. 24, 33 people

have died in fires compared to 41 in August 2015.

### Safety Message

Kitchen fires! They are still the number one causes of home fires. Never leave cooking unattended.

### Hot car deaths

As of August Aug. 24, 27 children have died across the country in hot cars. When you leave your vehicle, everyone goes with you. Children, seniors and pets! This is a must.



Photo: Adam Bearne

EMS Master Jorge Alfaro, pictured here with TPVFD Fire Chief Thomas Musgrove, was recently recognized as one of the top volunteer responders in Maryland with 588 calls last year.

## Get to school safely in 3 easy steps

Since 2008 more and more families have chosen to leave the car at home. Thanks to Safe Routes to School, City staff have coupled infrastructure improvements with public education to make walking or biking a daily routine. You may live farther than three steps from school, but here's how to get started in three easy steps.

**Step 1: Decide to walk or ride your bike to school.** It's fun, healthy and good for the environment. Seek out families who live nearby and make a plan to coordinate supervision by organizing a walking school bus or buddy system.

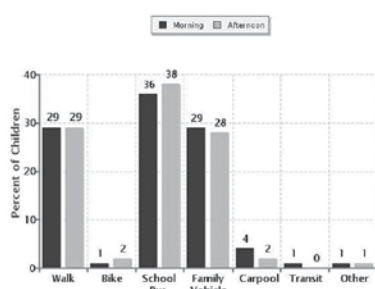
### Step 2: Plan your route.

Use sidewalks whenever possible. Sometimes the shortest route isn't the safest. (Property Owners: Clear overgrown vines, shrubbery, hedges and other vegetation to the edge of the sidewalk. Cleared, passable sidewalks keep students from ending up in the street. Ask your neighbors to do the same.)

**Step 3: Know and follow the Rules of the Road** while on foot or on your bike. Cross at the crosswalk whenever possible. Obey the crossing guards. Stay alert by putting phones and headphones away. Wear bright or reflective clothing, so drivers can see you. Be seen to be safe.

### More Students Walking and Fewer Students Taking the Family Vehicle To and From School

Typical Mode of Arrival At and Departure From School - Spring 2008



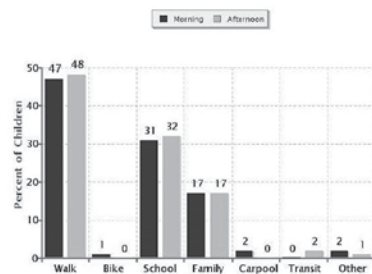
2008

Roughly 30% of students get to and from school either by walking or by family vehicle.

2015

Now, nearly half of students get to and from school by walking, while less than 20% get to and from school by family vehicle.

Typical Mode of Arrival At and Departure From School - Spring 2015



## September is National Preparedness Month... Why wait?



The two recent emergencies in our area—the explosion and fire in Silver Spring and the flood in Ellicott City—remind us that we shouldn't wait to have an emergency action plan in place. Who would you contact to let them know about you and your family? What would you take with you as you evacuate? Where would you and others meet up? Consider the following suggestions for developing your plan and remaining safe during an emergency:

- **“Don't wait; communicate.”** This is the government reminder to identify a contact person just in case you or family members are injured or in distress, and let the person know. If you designate more than one person, make sure they all know about each other. At least one of your contacts should be out-of-the-area.
- **Put ICE in your cell phone.** This stands for an in case of emergency contact. This enables emergency personnel to reach that person. If you have a health condition that requires medication, add that information as a text message, so paramedics can continue emergency care. Of course, share this with your ICE contact as well.
- **Text first; then call/email.** If you are in danger, a text may get through faster as phone lines may be overloaded.
- **Let your contact know whether you are OK as soon as possible.** Does everyone know the contact person and how to reach him/her? Have the contact person inform others.
- **Identify a meeting place.** Where will you gather after a fire, flood or other emergency? Share that information; include the ICE contact.

- **Build and keep an emergency supply kit that can last for at least 72 hours.** It should include canned food, water, batteries, a solar- or battery-powered radio, several flashlights, clothing appropriate for the season, a paper list of contacts and prescriptions among other items. Visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for a checklist of what to include in your emergency supply kit.

- **Identify a translator for non-English speakers.** Many alerts, instructions and warnings are in English only, so keep that person informed about contacts and alerts.

- **Know the exits.** Whether it's a school, an office building, your house or someplace you are visiting, find the exits. Make sure each is accessible and opens easily to lead to safety.

For more information about National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september).

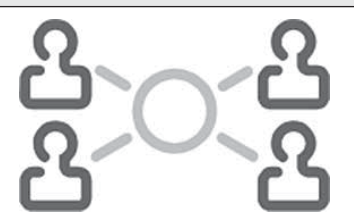
## Sign up and stay informed

- **Takoma Park Alerts:** To receive warnings and updates about emergency situations, sign up at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert).
- **Emergency Medical Equipment Notification:** If your life or someone's nearby depends on electricity for life-support or other equipment, sign up for Emergency Medical Equipment Notification at [www.pepco.com/my-home](http://www.pepco.com/my-home).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk)





# The final push for the prize

It's the final countdown. Only four more months remain in the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. The stakes are high for Takoma Park, and the City needs every resident's help to win. If you are just hearing about the contest, it's not too late to do your part to help Takoma Park win the \$5 million prize. Between now and Dec. 31, do everything you can to be more energy efficient. Now is the time for extreme measures; it's the final push! If you are just getting started, begin by:

1. **Installing a programmable thermostat** and then programing it up/down 10 degrees for times you are away from home at work, running extended errands, or out of town.
2. **Switching out** any remaining incandescent or CFL light bulbs for LEDs. Don't forget your porchlights.

3. **Air sealing and insulating your home** to recommended levels. An energy auditor can tell you what you need.
4. **Replacing your old appliances with new EnergyStar certified models.** Refrigerators and clothes washers generally have had the biggest improvements in energy efficiency and are a good place to start.
5. **Checking for rebates.** Takoma Park's new energy efficiency rebate cycle is open, and homeowners who make energy efficiency improvements are eligible for up to \$500. Rebates are available first come, first serve until funds run out. For the current status of funding availability and information on other rebates such as Pepco's or Washington Gas' rebates, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates).

## Highlights from the Energy Challenge

- Two LED street lighting pilot projects have been completed, and more are planned.
- Municipal buildings have received LED retrofits, heating and cooling equipment upgrades, and even some new windows.
- Staff improved operational energy efficiency through a focused eight-week learning project.
- 172 Takoma Park households have achieved Green Home Certification in Energy Efficiency.
- 20 percent of the single family homes in Takoma Park participated in the year-long Neighborhood Energy Challenge.
- 170 percent increase in households completing air sealing and insulation projects over our baseline years of 2013 and 2014.
- 355 percent increase in households completing a home energy audit.
- 100+ porch lights were switched to LEDs, saving over 10,500 kWh annually by Boy Scout Troop 33 as part of an Eagle Scout project.
- 10 percent of Takoma Park's low-to-moderate income homeowners received free home energy makeovers that included whole-home air sealing, insulation, and Energy Star appliances.

We've accomplished a lot so far, but we need to do a lot more if we are going to win for having the biggest energy use reductions. For more information on how you can help Takoma Park win the \$5

Million Georgetown University Energy Prize, visit [tinyurl.com/tkpkprize](http://tinyurl.com/tkpkprize) or contact Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias at [ginam@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ginam@takomaparkmd.gov).

## TAKOMA TIDBITS

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Sept. 10 from 8:30–10 a.m. Volunteers will pick up trash and recyclables along the sidewalks of a one-mile section of New Hampshire Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue (MD410) and University Boulevard (MD193). The cleanup will begin at 6900 New Hampshire Avenue. To volunteer, please email [misis@takomalangle.org](mailto:misis@takomalangle.org).

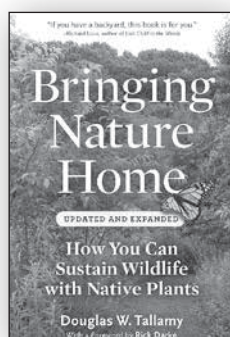
## 5th Annual Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest

Bakers are invited to join the fun and enter their favorite recipe on Sunday, Sept. 18. Pies will be judged by celebrity judges, and prizes will be awarded. At the conclusion of the contest, all pies will be sliced and offered to the public for a donation. Non-bakers are encouraged to come and eat. All donations received will go to the Takoma Park Farmers Market SNAP (food stamp) Match Program. For contest rules and more information, visit [takomaparkmarket.com/pie-contest-rules](http://takomaparkmarket.com/pie-contest-rules). 11 a.m. for pie delivery; 1 p.m. pie slices for sale.



## Bringing Nature Home to Takoma Park

On Saturday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m., noted author and ecologist Doug Tallamy will speak at the Takoma Park Community Center. Dr. Tallamy is professor and chair of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware, and his book *Bringing Nature Home* has become an important guide for helping citizens take action to strengthen biodiversity in their own yards and communities. Copies of Dr. Tallamy's book will be available for sale and signing after his talk. This event is being co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and members of Natural Takoma, a collaborative effort including the Friends of Sligo Creek, Historic Takoma, the Takoma Horticultural Club and the Takoma Park Tree Commission. This event is free and open to the public.



# Getting the job done

By Rick Henry

For many Takoma Park students summer is a time for camps, pools, video games and various forms of recreation, a break from the rigors and responsibilities of school work.

However, for others, summer is the time for a different kind of work, more rigorous and with more responsibilities than they face at school. And with arguably more lessons learned.

Take Liza Curcio, 18. The rising sophomore at the University of Maryland, College Park, spent her summer working for College Works Painting, an organization that gives undergraduate students an opportunity to build a competitive resume and gain marketable skills by teaching them how to manage their very own painting business.

Thus her summer was spent cultivating new clients for painting jobs, developing estimates, crafting contract proposals and coordinating painting crews. Though she says she learned a lot about the painting process, her biggest lesson from the experience was "learning about customers, handling problems and the importance of fulfilling what you say you will do."

Or take Caleb Bauman, 16, who, in addition to running his dog walking business, worked with friends Eli Cohen and Parker Cookson on calculating and purchasing inventory, deciding what products to offer, setting prices and staffing the snack bar at the Dale View Swim Club. "We were responsible for putting a proposal together for the (Dale View) Board and putting up our own money for the operation." An experience he says helped him learn "social and money management skills."

Curcio and Bauman are just two of the latest in a long line of Takoma Park students who have started and oper-



Photo: Rick Henry

Liza Curcio stands in front of a house she painted this summer.

ated summer businesses. One legacy example is the Frogsnorts Academy of Witchcraft and Wizardry, a summer day-camp centered around various wizarding and magical themes.

The camp for 4-10 year olds was started 11 years ago by some Takoma Park high school students. The camp runs for one month every summer and hosts 10-20 children per week. Through the years hundreds of children have attended and dozens of Takoma Park young men and women have independently run the camp and handed it down. Isabel Hendrix-Jenkins and Katrina Golladay currently serve as headmistresses for the camp, with help from several other Takoma Park students.

It is these types of young entrepreneurs that Denise Jones is hoping to cultivate through the Youth Entrepreneurs Program, a part of the Takoma Park Youth Collaborative. The 10-week program will be delivered for its third cycle this fall. It will be held from 7 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the Community Center, beginning on Sept. 28 and ending Dec.14.

The program features guest speakers and has a different focus each week. Topics include developing a business plan, selling your idea, financing op-

tions and managing the business. It is targeted to all youth (aged 14 -21) who live in or go to school in Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Takoma D/C or Hyattsville, with particular emphasis on low income youth, a group that Jones says can reap great benefits from the program.

"Many of the participants may not have worked at all, so there is a big learning curve to cover in such a short period of time," she said. "Eventually we are able to have them reflect and build upon their own ideas so that they know what is needed to launch a business in the future."

Bauman and Curcio can both testify that for all the technical pieces involved in launching a business, attitude is critically important. Bauman, who began his dog walking business in 9th grade possesses an entrepreneurial mindset. "I love running my own business, and I would love to own many businesses in the future," he said.

Curcio cites perseverance as being critical. "The College Works people told me, 'There will be times when you want to quit,' which I did several times," she said. "But I stuck it out and I am glad I did. The biggest lesson I learned was that (running a business) is all about challenging yourself."



# SEPTEMBER '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 October issue is Sept. 16, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Sept. 30.

To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto: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, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium  
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas).

#### Labor Day - City Offices Closed

Monday, Sept. 5  
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor 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](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)  
[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://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

#### Fall Compost Giveaway Begins

Thursday, Sept. 1  
Tentative start of fall compost giveaways. Details on are available on our Food Waste Collection page  
Takoma Park Public Works Department, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring

#### Meadow Walk with Michael Wilpers

Sunday, Sept. 11, 4 – 6 p.m.  
Michael will point out the various insects and plants that thrive in the meadow under the Pepco power line cut, downstream from New Hampshire Ave.  
Pepco Power Line Cut

#### The Village of Takoma Park

##### Village Rides Orientation

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Lilac Room  
Contact Sandy Egan 301-646-2109 or [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

##### Friendly Visitor Orientation

Thursday, Sept. 15, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Hydrangea Room  
Contact Sandy Egan at 301-646-2109 or [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

#### TPMS Difference Makers Craft Fair

Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
The Takoma Park Middle School Difference Makers will hold an Arts & Crafts Fair for local artists to showcase their talents and sell their goods as well as help the TPMS Difference Makers raise money for many projects, including Snow Angels, Newborns In Need and continued support for the families impacted by the recent fire on Piney Branch Road. Show your support by coming out to the craft fair.

Takoma Park Middle School

#### Fifth Annual Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.  
Bakers are invited to join the fun and enter their favorite recipe. New this year: The contest is open to all pie fillings using seasonal ingredients (formerly only apples). Sweet or savory.

Corner of Carroll and Laurel avenues  
[takomamarket.com](http://takomamarket.com)

#### Eighth Annual Takoma Park Play Day See p. 4

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Takoma Park Play Day is put on by the nonprofit Let's Play America and the co-sponsor is the Takoma Park Recreation Department.  
Takoma Park Middle School

#### Unity in the Community Kick-Off

Neighborhood Block Party  
Started by Meaghan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake, Mayor Kate Stewart and Captain Tyrone Collington (TPPD), Unity in the Community is an initiative that focuses on community policing. It is a proactive step Takoma Park is taking to start conversations through forums, establish partnerships of trust through relationship-building events, and create resolutions with our local government to secure community safety. For Unity in the Community to be a success, people need to join the effort. Attend, volunteer, or lend your services. For more information, contact Meaghan Murphy at [meaghan@cccheesecake.com](mailto:meaghan@cccheesecake.com).  
Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 - 7 p.m.  
Capital City Cheesecake

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.  
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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.

#### Film: "Moosehead's Wicked Good Plan"

Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
Northern Maine is home to the biggest undeveloped forest land east of the Mississippi. Most of the state's forest land has historically been owned by the timber industry, but the loss of paper mills has forced new ideas of how the land can be used. What happens when one company proposes two resorts and 1,000 houses in the middle of pristine wilderness? Following the screening, there will be a Q&A with filmmaker Sarah Katz. Presented by Docs In Progress.

#### Takoma Park Folk

See p. 9  
Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Takoma Park Gazebo and 5 – 9 p.m. TP Community Center  
Join us for Takoma FOLK to keep this Takoma tradition going. We'll cover the street with a sun tent and have corn hole, hula hoops, balloons, face painting and more. Come out for live music, food and family fun.  
Takoma Park Gazebo and TP Community Center

#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
Featuring Grace Cavalieri, Megan Kuyatt, Charles Wright and David Salner with host Merrill Leffler.

#### El Grito! A Mexican Dance Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 17, 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
TP Community Center  
Dancers from a variety of ballet folklórico traditions perform in honor of Mexican Independence Day (Sept. 16). Various regions in Mexico will be represented showing the country's unique blend of Indigenous, African and European heritage.

## Passing of Anne Ludlow

The City of Takoma Park is sad to note the passing of (Frances) Anne Ludlow, mother of City Manager Suzanne Ludlow and resident of Victory Tower on Carroll Avenue. Anne died of a sudden illness on Aug. 11 at the age of 84. In past years, Anne served on the City's Task Force on Gun Violence in the Community and on the Emergency Preparedness Committee. A memorial gathering will be held on Oct. 8; details are forthcoming.



Photo: Allison Beuker

Anne Ludlow

## 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.

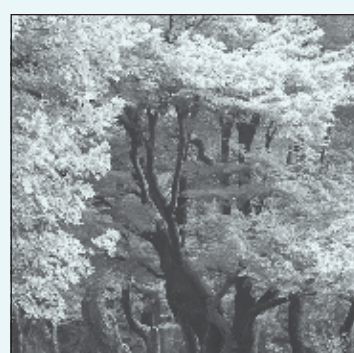


photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

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 \_\_\_\_\_