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Photo: Selena Malott.

Residents of all ages create a unified sound as the Unity in Community Kick-Off Event (Sept. 25) gets under way.

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Parking Management Study Open House

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7 - 9 p.m.
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Welcoming Committee Prepares for Syrian Families

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Monster Bash

October 29
1 p.m.
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Trash collection

No changes this month

Hear the drum beat for unity

By Apryl Motley

If you were anywhere near 7071 Carroll Avenue on Sept. 25 around 4:30 p.m., you probably heard the kick-off block party for the Unity in the Community initiative before you saw it.

After brief remarks from Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, the event co-organizers, and other public officials, community members were immediately engaged in a drum circle led by Katy Gaughan. They played a variety of hand-held "instruments" or cheered others on as they did.

Just a few feet away, some families explored the moon bounce with their little ones or got their faces painted by Karen Holiday. Others tie-dyed Unity in the Community t-shirts or enjoyed burgers grilled compliments of TPPD or sampled free cheesecake.

This scene was very different from the images of protests – and sometimes unrest – in Charlotte, North Carolina and Tulsa that had been broadcast into so many residents' homes in the week leading up to the event. Unity in the Community organizers could not have anticipated, but only hoped, that this wouldn't be the backdrop against which they kicked off their efforts.

Before beginning her remarks, Mayor Stewart asked the group assembled to observe a moment of silence to "reflect on the lives of those touched by violence, the lives lost too young, and those who run towards the danger" to keep communities safe. "There's been a lot of pain and violence," she said, "and we feel that frustration and anger here in Takoma Park."

Stewart believes that community members engaging in conversations with one another, where they talk honestly and

openly about their feelings, is critical to building better relationships. To that end, she challenged attendees to break out of their comfort zones and spend time talking with someone they didn't know. "I am going to do it too," Stewart emphasized. "I know this community came out today to build better relationships."

"Talk to people, ask questions, and get to know each other," encouraged Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg. "This is a unique experience in this community. And police officers are a part of the community, especially in Takoma Park."

"This type of conversation where the police interact with the community is so critical," said Maryland Delegate Will Smith during his remarks. "We have to get to know each other, so we can develop strong community bonds before a major incident happens. We can head this off."

TPPD Captain Tyrone Collington echoed those sentiments. "I didn't know what to expect," he said, "but I was optimistic. It means a lot to see youth here. It's important for the police and youth to engage in positive interactions with each other, so pat yourselves on the back for coming out."

Meagan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake, which hosted the kick-off event, told attendees, "I stand here as a mom, and we've had to have a lot of difficult conversations at our house." Murphy felt like there were many questions that she couldn't answer alone and posed the question about what kinds of resources were available in Takoma Park one morning while making Mayor Stewart's coffee. And the idea for Unity in Community

Takoma Tidbits

City TV goes HD

Beginning Oct. 1 2016, Montgomery County's public, education and government TV channels are going High Definition. If you subscribe to Comcast or RCN, you'll be able to watch new HD services featuring hyperlocal news, education and entertainment programming from your local Montgomery County channels. Takoma Park City TV, Rockville 11 and Montgomery Municipal Cable will join together in the Municipal Broadcast Network, RCN channel 1057 and Comcast channel 997. City TV will keep broadcasting 24/7 on analog channels RCN and Comcast 13 and Verizon Fios 28. For the City TV Municipal Broadcast Network schedule, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-tv/municipal-broadcast-network.



Multi media lab opens this month

Located on the second floor of the Community Center, the multi media lab gives participants access to the latest Mac computers, word processing and editing software, including Final Cut Pro and a variety of other programs. Utilizing this equipment will allow you to produce professional work of the highest quality at your own pace. Hours of operation will be Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 3 – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 – 5 p.m. The media lab will be closed on Thursdays and Sundays. For more information, please contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or johnw@takomaparkmd.gov.

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m. Green Team meeting (Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Committee on the Environment) TPCC Azalea Room
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meetings will take place in the Community Center Auditorium.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Monday, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m. Green Team meeting (Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Committee on the Environment) TPCC Azalea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TENTATIVE)
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE
Monday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

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

ADA NOTICE
The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone with a disability who 1) wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing; or 2) cannot attend a public meeting but would like to record an audio comment to be played during the public comment period of the meeting, is invited to contact Jason Damweber, deputy city manager, at jasond@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 at least 48 hours in advance.

CityCouncilAction

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

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 2016-39
Adopted Sept. 14, 2016
Flower Avenue Green Street
Authorizes additional expenditures of \$46,550 to complete the design of the Flower Avenue Green Street

RESOLUTION 2016-32
Adopted Sept. 7, 2016
Unity in the Community
Thanks Meaghan Murphy for creating the idea of Unity in the Community and offering Capital City Cheesecake as the location for the first event and encourages residents to participate in this and other Unity in the Community Events

RESOLUTION 2016-33
Adopted Sept. 7, 2016
Facade Advisory Board Appointment
Appoints Anne Fothergill to the Facade Advisory Board

RESOLUTION 2016-34
Adopted Sept. 7, 2016
Arts and Humanities Commission Appointments
Appoints Joelle Rabion (Ward 1)

and Alexandra Reyes-Pinkston (Ward 5) to the Arts and Humanities Commission

RESOLUTION 2016-35
Adopted Sept. 7, 2016
Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs Appointments
Appoints Millicent Owusu (Ward 4) and reappoints Peter Munger (Ward 1), Gehmelle Johnson (NR), Harry Edwards (Ward 5), and Juan Jose Canales (NR) to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

RESOLUTION 2016-36
Adopted Sept. 21, 2016
Regarding Changing the Date of City Elections
Affirms the City Council's intent to proceed with changing the date of City elections to coincide with state and federal general elections but does not commit to changing the date if it is determined that it is not feasible or not in the best interest of the residents of Takoma Park (VOTING NO: Councilmembers Smith and Schultz)

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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

The following groups have vacancies as of Aug. 15, 2016:

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

The **Board of Elections** plans and conducts regular and special City elections in coordination with the City Clerk; encourages voter registration in the City; conducts voter education programs and prepares and distributes voter outreach materials; recommends to the Council amendments to the City's elections law and regulations when it deems such amendments are necessary and will provide for the improved conduct of elections; and periodically reviews City elections procedures. Two

vacancies.

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 **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 three 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.



Photo: Selena Malott

From left to right: Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg, TPPD Captain Tyrone Collington, Maryland Delegate Will Smith, Capital City Cheesecake Co-Owner Meagan Murphy and Mayor Kate Stewart.

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evolved from that conversation.

"Communities can answer these questions together," Murphy said. "We can participate in mending, healing, and

strengthening our community. It's not about picking sides."

And with that, the drum beat began, symbolic of what happens when a community circles itself around an issue and decides to build stronger relationships.



Photo: Selena Malott

Officer Thomas Sims is interviewed by community members

Keep Talking

A list of "Getting to Know Each Other" questions was distributed to help facilitate conversations during the kick-off event. In the spirit of continuing those conversations, we invite you to use the questions below to get to know your neighbors in Takoma Park better. Introduce yourself to someone new, get to know him/her better, and then send us an email at tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. We might share your story in a future issue of the newsletter.

1. What's your favorite television program?
2. What do you like to do in your free time?
3. What do you like best about living in Takoma Park?



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Folk singer Sarah McQuaid comes to Takoma Park

By Morgan Fecto

Sarah McQuaid likes evolving — her musical genre, her relationship with her fans, and the places she calls home. The folk singer-songwriter's commitment to an atypical guitar tuning comes from this desire to shake things up, and paradoxically, is one thing she won't change.

"You've got a lot of choice. You're not just limited to the chords,"

McQuaid said of DADGAD tuning, which differs from the standard EADGBE tuning. "As soon as I tuned my guitar to DADGAD it was a sort of eureka moment, and suddenly, I could make the sounds that I wanted to make. I was doing that tuning and a bunch of others for a while, and then I decided that everything I wanted to do I could do in DADGAD."

The Cornwall, England by way of Chicago musician comes to Takoma Park for a DADGAD workshop at the House of Musical Traditions on Oct. 12 and for a concert with the Institute of Musical Traditions at Seekers Church on Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.

Although McQuaid has lived in Ireland, England, the Philadelphia suburbs, and Chicago, coming to Takoma Park will also be a homecoming for her. "I remember Takoma Park being a funky, very vibrant kind of place," she said. "Funnily enough, I lived in Washington, D.C. when I was in high school. I went to National Cathedral School, so I had friends who lived in Takoma Park, and I went along to



Photo: Phil Nicholls

Sarah McQuaid

some of the concerts. If it wasn't House of Musical Traditions, then I'm sure it was some predecessor."

McQuaid's music takes from a lot of sounds, such as the lo-fi tape hiss of indie rock and traditional, Celtic guitar. In her two-hour-long workshop, she'll use familiar songs rather than her own music to illustrate DADGAD concepts. For McQuaid the result of DADGAD tuning is a more dynamic sound and a better show for her audience.

"As a solo performer I want to be doing something different with every song," McQuaid said. "I'm on my own up there, so I can't use different band members to introduce variety. I have to supply variety myself with the way I'm backing the songs."

Teaching one day and then performing the next is an intimate and unfussy way to tour, and McQuaid wouldn't have it any other way. "I'd love to make money at this. I'm still struggling financially like pretty much every musician I know is, but I'd hate to have to be hustled out of a back door into a limo to keep from being mobbed by fans. That would be even worse than being broke," she said. "The best thing about working at the level that I'm working at is that I get to meet my audiences."

To register for the DADGAD Song Accompaniment Guitar Workshop, go to hmtrad.com. For more info on McQuaid's performance at Seekers Church, go to seekerschurch.org.



Photo: Selena Malott

Youth united too

By Rick Henry

While a large part of the crowd at the Takoma Park Unity in the Community Event at Capital City Cheesecake on Sunday, Sept. 25 was made up of youth, it was especially hard to miss those clad in blue shirts. They were everywhere, serving food, handing out information and talking with police officers and citizens who showed up to show their support.

But unless one was paying close attention, the group's core message might have been overlooked. The youth were representing a group called Teen NVasion,

and their shirts were emblazoned with a message that was particularly relevant for both the event, and today's times. On each one was the statement: "Teens taking control and re-establishing a positive presence within our communities."

Teen NVasion, established in 2012, is a city-sponsored initiative of A.C.T.T. Now (Advancing Community through Teens Now), which is dedicated to providing teens with safe, supervised activities that promote positive self-image, health, well-



BUILDING COMMUNITY

HOUSING MAILBOX



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

How do I let my landlord know there are repairs that need to be addressed in my apartment? What section of the City code addresses how often my landlord is required to paint my unit?

The best way to communicate to your landlord that your unit is in need of repairs is in writing. Write a letter and send it by first class mail. This is a little more reliable than e-mail as electronic messages do not always confirm delivery to the landlord. You may also send the letter by USPS certified mail with a "green card" delivery confirmation. The letter should include the date, your list of issues and your contact information. Be certain to sign the letter and retain a signed copy for your files. This letter will establish a date stamp of when you informed the landlord of the issue(s).

If you do not receive a response within a week, you may then report your complaint to the Montgomery County Code Customer Service Center either online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311 or by calling 240-777-0311. Online complaints will go directly to the Code Enforcement Division. This will initiate a request for a code inspection to be conducted by Montgomery County, by appointment, to conduct an inspection in efforts to confirm that the maintenance issues you reported are in fact code violations. If code violations are confirmed, the inspector will send a notice providing your landlord, typically, 30 days to correct the problems. A re-inspection takes place after the 30-day period to confirm compliance.

Section 6.16.050H (Obligations of Landlords) of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law requires landlords to paint all rental units in their entirety at least once every five years. Although repainting is not required between tenancies, all painted surfaces must be in clean condition and free of any peeling or chipping paint at the beginning of a new tenancy.

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

SafeTrack work on the Red Line to commence Oct. 29

SafeTrack is underway, and Surge #10 will take place Oct. 29 - Nov. 22. 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 D.C., to alternative metro stations, or all the way downtown.
- **Consider carpooling.** During the SafeTrack surges, the parking rates

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Attend a public open house on the City-wide Parking Management Study

Takoma Park is undertaking a study of parking issues across the city that includes an examination of meters, handicap parking, residential permit zones, enforcement, City Code and regulations, and parking hot spots. It is a comprehensive and inter-departmental effort aimed at modernizing and streamlining existing programs while preparing for ongoing developments and technological changes that affect how and where people are going in Takoma Park.

The City-wide study kicked off with online surveys of residents and business owners, followed by data collection, a review of best practices, stakeholder interviews, and the development of interactive maps by an engineering consultant. The consultants presented their findings to the Takoma Park City Council on June 15. The interactive maps, presentation, and additional information about the project are accessible online at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/parking-study.

The next step is for City staff to hear again from the community as recommendations for future action are prepared for the City Council to review later this year. The recommendations will cover all aspects of parking, including the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program, on-street parking meters, parking enforcement (tickets), and commercial vehicle parking. The public is invited to two open house



On Sept. 16, Old Takoma Ace and Willow Street Yoga participated in Park(ing) Day, an annual worldwide event where artists, designers and citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks.

meetings to learn more about the project, discuss with City staff, and share input on areas for Council's consideration:

Oct. 4, 7 - 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
(Azalea Room)
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park

Oct. 6, 7 - 9p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
(back room)
7315 New Hampshire Avenue,
Takoma Park

Can't make it to one of the meetings? The meeting information will be posted to the City's website on Oct. 7. The City will accept public input until Nov. 7 through an online comment form on the project web page (see link above).

An update from the Takoma Park Welcoming Committee for Syrian families

By Nancy Abbott Young and Fran Pollner

The first official act of the new Mayor and Council in November 2015 was the unanimous passage of RES.2015-66, "Resolution Welcoming Syrian Refugees." The action was in large part a principled local response to the stand taken by 30 governors, including Maryland's Gov. Larry Hogan, against allowing refugees from the war in Syria to enter their states. Takoma Park was among the first of myriad local elected bodies across our state and the entire nation to declare its intention to welcome vetted Syrian

refugees fleeing the war that continues to devastate their lives and country.

The resolution passed with considerable support from Takoma Park residents, who soon thereafter formed a Syrian refugee working group (now named the Takoma Park Welcoming Committee for Syrian Families) to determine how to bring the resolution to life by learning the process by which Syrian refugees are resettled in the United States and the requirements that must be met by communities eager to open their doors to them. Councilmembers Terry Seamens, Rizzy

Qureshi, and Peter Kovar have been committed participants in our group meetings and are spearheading several initiatives to make the intentions of the resolution a reality. Meanwhile members of the committee have been hard at work examining how best to accommodate Syrian families who may come to Takoma Park.

As a first step, two of our group members met with the International Rescue Committee at its Silver Spring office. The IRC is one of nine agencies designated by the U.S. State Department to receive refugees and asylum seekers into the na-

tional resettlement program. We were apprised of the exhaustive 18-24-month vetting process for Syrian refugees seeking resettlement in this country. It is expected that the families will arrive quickly after the intensive vetting process is completed, and the IRC becomes engaged.

The Takoma Park Welcoming Committee will work in partnership with the IRC and other organizations to provide critical support to new arrivals from Syria to be settled within the City's borders. The

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What would you do for love? Ponder this question as we begin October. We Are Takoma arts and humanities programming. On Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 pm, Dr. Jennifer Tobkin introduces us to a Muslim judge, poet and literary critic, who according to legend, gave his life for love. The George Washington University Arabic professor presents Muhammad ibn Dawud al-Isfahani: A Poet of Male Friendship and Love in 9th Century Baghdad.

Explore a social issue affecting thousands of individuals and families in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Come to Street Sense Film Night on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 pm. DC's first homeless filmmaking cooperative, based at the nonprofit Street Sense, presents the short films *Fairness Rising*, *Late Show*, and *Raise to Rise*, which address homelessness in the nation's capital. The filmmakers and crews all experience homelessness, but the movies are made for everyone.

Tap into your inner Irish and enjoy Lilt 'n' Dance on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 pm. The popular music duo Lilt collaborates with choreographer Kate Bole and the Culkin School of Irish Dance to bring this show with traditional tunes and fancy footwork.

Meet Your Arts and Humanities Commissioners

When you attend a lecture or film at the Community Center or see a mural or sculpture around Takoma Park, know that a group of citizen volunteers on the Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) probably spent hours discussing and making choices to bring you that programming and public art. We want you to get to know these individuals. This month we introduce Arts and Humanities Commissioners Janet Rumble and Tommy Parlon.

Janet Rumble has a background in architecture, urban design and journalism. She is interested especially in the role that public space plays in strengthening communities and creating a sense of place. Janet currently works at Crossroads Community Food Network and is a co-founder of Tree House Concerts, a local live music series. Her main goal with the Arts and Humanities Commission is to ensure that the City's arts programming both reflects and reaches residents of all wards.



Tommy Parlon, who has just joined the commission, is a dancer, choreographer and educator. He is currently the dance coordinator/associate professor of dance at the Community College of Baltimore County. Tommy hopes to broaden the type of arts programming the City offers and add more performing arts.



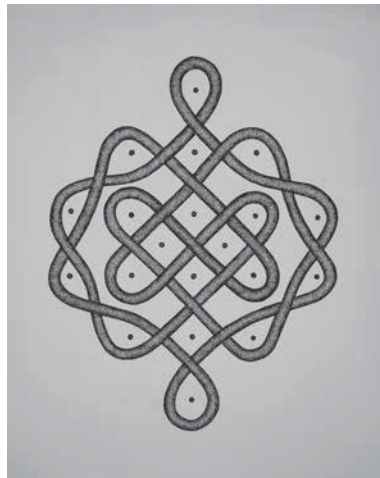
Thank you for volunteering and serving, Janet and Tommy. The Arts and Humanities Commission still has vacancies. If you are interested in being a member, go to takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees.



Street Sense

Finally, visit two amazing exhibitions in the Community Center Galleries this month. *Traditions* looks at cultural traditions through quilting, painting and sculpture. And *Kolam* features works exploring the Tantric art form with the same name. Kolams, crafted by Indian women outside their front doors often at the beginning and end of their days, are made of repeating patterns of dots and lines. The exhibitions are open during regular building hours through Nov. 6.

All events and exhibitions are free and take place at the Takoma Park Community Center.



Kolam

Photo: Aishwariya Chandrasekar

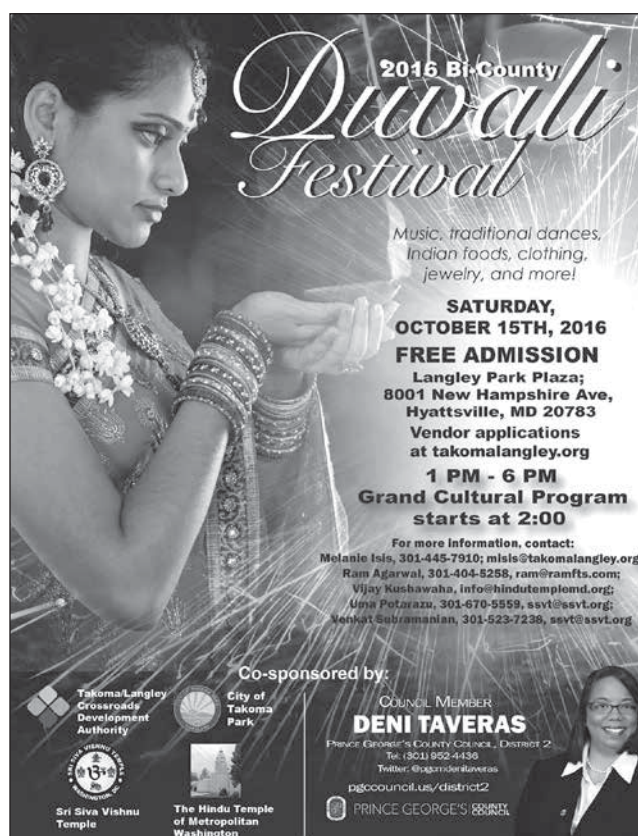


Tender Places

Photo: Lauren Kingsland

Diwali Festival

Celebrate the Hindu Festival of Lights at the 2016 Bi-County Diwali Festival Saturday, October 15, 1 - 6 p.m. at Langley Park Plaza, 8001-18 New Hampshire Avenue, Langley Park. Enjoy music, traditional dances and Indian food. Vendors will have clothing, jewelry and other merchandise for sale. Admission is free.



The festival will present traditional Indian dances, music, poetry and culture in a program produced by The Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington and Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, two of the area's largest Hindu temples. Diwali is the annual festival of lights, which coincides with the New Year, and celebrates new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, and Prince George's County. For more information, visit takomalangley.org or contact Melanie Isis at 301-445-7910 or misis@takomalangley.org.

3rd Thursday Poetry returns on Oct. 20 at 7:30 pm and features readings by Jean Hordhaus, Martin Fitzpatrick and Renee Gherity.



Holiday Art Sale Applications

Artists, the deadline for vendor applications for the Holiday Art Sale is right around the corner. The event is Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. Your submissions are due by Friday, Oct. 14. Apply on our website at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/holiday-art-sale.

RECREATION

Great News!

This winter registration, Takoma Park City residents can register Thursday, Dec. 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Non-residents can register on Thursday, Dec. 22 beginning at 8:30 a.m. To confirm if you are a City resident, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council.

YOUTH

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 has half days or is closed.

TP Recreation Center
Kindergarten – 5th Grade
Monday-Friday, through June 16, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$1,250

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Basketball Skills Clinic

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. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Greg Harris.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
6 - 12 years
Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Session 1 (8 Weeks): Sept. 10 – Oct. 29
8 Week Session: \$80

Futsal League 2017

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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7 - 10 years
6-week season
Sundays, Jan. 15, 2017 – Feb. 12, 2017 (No class on Jan. 15 and Feb. 12), 1 – 4 p.m.
\$60

Winter Basketball League

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, 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.

Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed, training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested 301-891-7282.

Team Assignments: Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants. New this year: Grade 7 – 8 Girl's Division.

Special Requests: Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Takoma Park Recreation Department league coordinator. Various local schools gymnasiums
Kindergarten – 8th Grade
8-week season
Resident: \$70/Non-resident: \$80

FEW
SPACES
LEFT!

TEENS

DROP IN

Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only (Middle School and High Schoolers). You are welcome to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED Smart TV. We also have X-Box One and



Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time. Stick around on Tuesdays for MANUP.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge
Grades 6th – 12th
Monday-Friday, 3 – 7 p.m.
Free

Education/Development

First of Many

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
Grades 10th – 12th
10-week session
Wednesdays, Sept. 28 – Dec. 8, 4 – 5 p.m.
Free

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics: Teens (cont.) 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
Grades 6th – 12th
Ongoing Tuesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.
Free

Wisdom in Minutes 101 - Life Skills

Wisdom in Minutes 101 - Life Skills is a series of workshops to provide strategies and techniques used to guide teens into real world decision making. Some course may include: Resume Basics, Time Management, Interview Preparation, Public Speaking, Essay Writing and Presentation. There is still space available – come join us. Instructor: Tonda Bean
TP Community Center Rose Room
Grades 6th – 12th
9-week session
Thursdays, Sept. 22 – Nov. 17, 3 – 5 p.m.
Free

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ADULTS

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Go-Go Fitness



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

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
16 years and older
Ongoing Saturdays, 12 – 1 p.m.
Drop-in: \$5

Ladies Boot Camp

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout within a quick hour. Students are required to bring their own mats. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
16 and older
8-week sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Session 1: Sept. 6 – Oct. 27
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

Pilates

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

TP Recreation Center Front Room
16 and older
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.
Session 2 (6 Weeks): Oct. 19 – Nov. 23
\$60

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

Try your luck. Win a prize.
TP Community Center Senior Room
55 and older
Thursday, Oct. 27, 12 – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening.
TP Community Center Senior Room
55 and older
Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

AARP Smart Driver Safety Program

The AARP Smart Driver Safety Program is

designed to help drivers 55 and older learn safe driving strategies and the latest rules of the road. Some insurance companies in Maryland may offer auto premium discounts to drivers who take this course. Check with your agency. Instructor: Jerry Hulman. Prior to class, register with the Recreation Department in person or online. For more information, contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Ages 55 and older

Friday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Day of class: Bring your check, AARP Card and driver's license to class. Make checks payable to AARP.

\$15 AARP Members/\$20 Non-Members

Computer Basics

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
55 and older
Wednesdays, Oct. 19 – Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

Holy Cross Diabetes Self-Management

Six-week workshop for those who want to learn to better manage and maintain an active life with Type 2 Diabetes, Type 1 Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes. Bring a lunch. Instructors: Claude Parran and Rebecca Boeckman. Register with Holy Cross Hospital by phone (301-754-8800) or online: www.holycrosshealth.org/classes-events.

TP Community Center Lilac Room
55 and older
Wednesdays, Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Walking Group

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
55 and older
14-week session
Tuesdays through Dec. 13, 12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

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
55 and older
Saturdays through Dec. 10, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Trip #1: Maryland Historical Society Museum, Baltimore
Thursday, Oct. 6, 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Trip #2: Walkersville Maryland Railroad Train Ride & Museum
Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Trip #3: MusicaliTea, Strathmore Music Center, Bethesda
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

TP Community Center Recreation Office
Ages 55 and older
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

Monster Bash is Coming!

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting our annual Monster Bash on Saturday, Oct. 29. Our events will commence with a Bash Kick-off at 1 p.m. at the public parking lot by the TPSS Co-op.

To hold the event and ensure patron safety, we will have the following anticipated road blockages:

- The public parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op will be closed from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- The intersections of Carroll Avenue/Ethan Allen, Philadelphia Avenue/Holt Avenue, Spruce Avenue/Park Avenue and Carroll Avenue/Philadelphia Avenue will be closed from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rolling road closures will be at the following intersections: Park Avenue/Carroll Avenue, Columbia Avenue/Carroll Avenue & Tulip Avenue/Carroll Avenue from 1:30 – 4 p.m.
- There will be continuous road blocks at the following intersections: Westmoreland Avenue/Carroll Avenue, Carroll Avenue/Laurel Avenue, Laurel Avenue/Willow Avenue & Laurel Avenue/Eastern Avenue from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Ride-On and Metro bus service will be interrupted on the aforementioned

streets from approximately 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Please check with the specific bus service to determine detour routes.

- We are expecting to re-open the streets by 7 p.m. During the time of the street closure, you will not be able to enter or exit your driveway.
- No parking will be permitted on both sides of the street of Lee Avenue from 8 a.m. – 2pm.
- No parking will be permitted on both sides of the street for Tulip (400-599) and Willow (7100-7130) Avenues.

For the most up-to-date listing of street closures for Monster Bash, visit our website: takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash.

If you live or work along the parade route, we encourage you to participate in the festivities by decorating your front doors and/or windows and dressing up in a costume.

The **Bash Kick-off** beginning at 1 p.m. will be a great opportunity to visit with neighbors, family and friends while having fun playing games, decorating pumpkins and experimenting with the Mad Scientist Lab. This will be followed by the **Costume Contest and Parade**, and we will end our program with an **Award Ceremony and Celebra-**



Photo courtesy of Rec Dept Staff

tion in Old Town Takoma Park. The parade will begin at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Carroll Avenue in front of the TPSS Co-op, and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will then walk down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park to the intersection of Carroll & Laurel Avenues for the Awards Ceremony and a fabulous concert by the Grandsons, Jr.

In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School, and the road closures will be lifted. To re-

ceive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605.

The Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help with both set-up and breakdown of the event, costume judging for various age groups, barricade attendants, parade route coordinators and game booth attendants. Adults and teens are welcome to register at montgomeryserves.org (SSL hour approved). If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290.

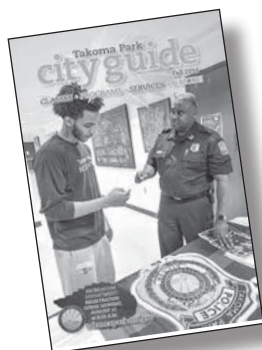
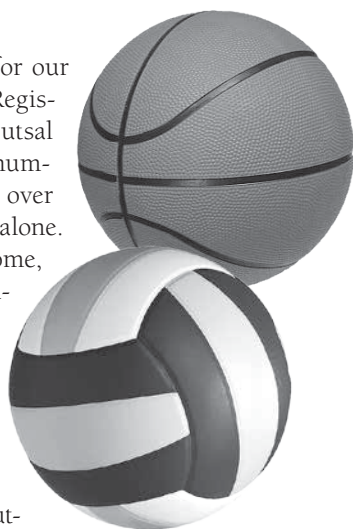
RECREATION *Special programs*

Registration Underway for Winter Sports Leagues

By Austin Hartsook

Temperatures may still be high, but prep for our Winter Sports Leagues are in full-swing. Registration for both the Winter Basketball and Futsal Leagues is underway, and we expect record numbers this season. In fact, we've already had over 200 participants sign up within the first week alone. Coach and teammate requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please sign up ASAP to ensure your spot this winter. For more information on both leagues, check out our brand new sports page at takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports.

We are also on the lookout for volunteer coaches and scoreboard operators for multiple divisions in both the basketball and futsal leagues. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in your community. If you wish to participate, contact Austin Hartsook at 301-891-7282 or austinh@takomaparkmd.gov.



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

TAKOMA TIDBITS

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Multifamily energy efficiency grants available

New grants up to \$10,000 per project are available to multifamily buildings in Takoma Park with six or more units. Applications are due Oct. 10. For an application, go to takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates or email the sustainability manager at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

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. This event is being co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and members of Natural Takoma, a collaborative effort including the Committee on the Environment, Friends of Sligo Creek, Historic Takoma, the Takoma Horticultural Club and the Takoma Park Tree Commission. Following Tallamy's talk, these organizations will host an information fair to share information about how residents can get involved in protecting and preserving Takoma Park's natural heritage.

Celtic music from Doyle and Farrell

As a member of Solas, a solo artist, or an accompanist, guitarist John Doyle has appeared on more than 50 albums. Colin Farrell plays fiddle and tinwhistle with Lúnasa. His first solo album was named one of the ten best albums of the year by the *Irish Echo*. Doyle and Farrell will be perform together at concert presented by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and Institute for Musical Traditions on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.



Residential energy efficiency rebate cycle FY17 now open

Homeowners with property in Takoma Park are eligible for energy efficiency rebates up to \$500 for qualified energy efficiency improvements, including air sealing, insulation, EnergyStar appliance upgrades and more. For more information, go to takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates or contact the sustainability manager at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

Fresh checks in demand

With a few weeks left of the farmer's market, the demand for Fresh Checks has already surpassed what Crossroads Community Food Network anticipated for this season. The Fresh Checks program helps all residents in our community have access to fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. For more information or to donate, visit www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.

Adult HOW seeks registrants

Zenith Community Arts Foundation, a Ward 4 art nonprofit offering careers-in-the-arts training for young adults interested in jobs in the visual arts or design, has openings for its "Hands on Workshops (HOW) for Young Adults" or "Adult HOW." Pre-registered, qualified D.C. residents age 20-24 get paid \$8.25 an hour to learn when they attend Adult HOW. To learn more, contact ZCAF at 202-783-8005 or zcaf@zcaf.org.

LIBRARY



Brand new resources for the college bound

By Ellen Robbins

Whether you will be a first generation college student or one of many graduates in your family, we have brand new books that will help you in your preparation and your journey toward that degree.

Getting ready

"Countdown to College: 21 'to do lists' for High School: Step-by-step strategies for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders," 3rd ed. 2014

"Peterson's Teens Guide to College and Career Planning: Your High School Roadmap to College and Career Success," 12th ed. 2015

"Word Smart: 1,400 + Words You Need To Know, Princeton Review, 5th. ed. 2012

Finding the best fit

"Barron's Profiles of American Colleges," 33rd ed. 2017

"Fiske Guide to Colleges," 33rd ed. 2017. Stories that show you what makes each school unique, packed with tips from current students; includes academic, social and quality-of-life ratings for each school.

"College Board-College Handbook," 2017. Includes every accredited college in the U.S., including community colleges and technical schools.

"Find the Perfect College for You: 82 exceptional schools that fit your personality and learning style," 4th ed. 2016

"Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania," updated ed. 2015. *The Washington Post* calls it, "a humane, measured book...in its authentic humanity, it has lessons for a very wide audience indeed."

"America's Best Colleges for B Students: A College Guide for Students without Straight A's, 6th ed. 2015.

Financing your college education

"Plan and Finance Your Family's College Dreams: A Parent's Step-By-Step Guide from Pre-K to Senior Year, from the

Co-Founders of Invite Education," 2016.

"Parents' Guide to Paying for College and Repaying Students Loans," 2016

"How to Graduate Debt Free: The Best Strategies to Pay for College #notgoing-broke," 2016

"Princeton Review: Paying for College without Going Broke," 2016 ed.

"Graduate from College Debt-Free," 2016

"Confessions of a Scholarship Winner: The Secrets that Helped Me Win \$500,000 in Free Money for College," 2013

"The Ultimate Scholarship Book," 2017

"College Board Scholarship Handbook," 2017

"The Graduate School Funding Handbook," 3rd ed. 2012

Getting in

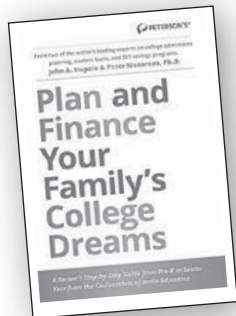
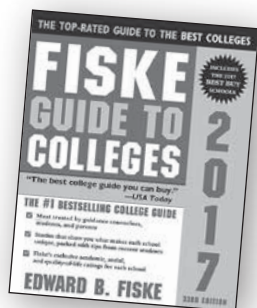
"Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College," 6th ed. 2016

"How to Prepare a Standout College Application: Expert Advice that Takes You from 'LMO' ('like many others') to Admit," 2013

"B+ Grades, A+ College Application: How to Present Your Strongest Self, Write a Standout Admissions Essay, and Get into The Perfect School for You – Even with Less-Than-Perfect Grades," 2013.

Online resources

With your Takoma Park Maryland Library card you can always access the most up-to-date resources for college and career planning. On the front page of the Library site, go to "online" at the top. Then choose "college and career." This will lead you to the "career guidance center," which provides information on college planning, job-hunting skills, resume preparation, internships and apprenticeships. And also to "test preparation," which includes the latest high school, college and career exams, including sample tests and over 67 basic test preparation books. These resources provide valuable information that you can access on any computer, and they are always available and up to date.



CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Led by Senora Geiza

LEGO Club

Sunday, Oct. 2, 1:30-3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 3-10.

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

Author/Illustrator Juana Medina

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Medina will spotlight her new chapter book *Juana and Lucas*
Note: This event will be in English and Spanish

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m.
Join Marie-Fraise des Bois (a.k.a. Madame Marie) for songs and rhymes in French
Registration encouraged if you want to be updated with future program dates; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call 301-891-7259.

Caldecott Honor Illustrator David Shannon

Monday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Shannon will present his newest picture book *Duck on a Tractor*.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m.
Come read comics with Dave Burbank.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served.

Picture Book Creator Ryan Higgins

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Higgins will spotlight his book, *Hotel Bruce*

Artist Jeffery Weatherford

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Weatherford will discuss his illustrations for *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*.

Friends Book Group

Wed., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is *The Confessions of St. Augustine*.
Introductory lecture by Catholic University Professor Thomas Clemmons
Location: Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.
Refreshments served; all welcome.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. -3 p.m.
Library Lawn

Scary Stories with Storyteller Candace Wolf

Monday, Oct. 24
7-7:45 p.m. – ages 5-7
7:50-8:50 p.m. – ages 8-13

Picture Book Creators Erica Perl and Henry Cole

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Cole and Perl will present *Ferocious Fluffity: A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet*

Kids Author Jacqueline Davies

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
Davies, known for her *Lemonade Wars* kids novels, presents her new picture book *Panda Pants*.

Coming Up....

Mega-Authors Eoin Colfer and Jonathan Stroud

Monday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Colfer will present *Iron Man: The Gauntlet*; Stroud will present *Lockwood & Co.: The Creeping Shadow*
Location: Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

Spanish Circle Time expands

Our popular Thursday morning Spanish Circle Time is expanding to two sessions. Beginning on Thursday, Oct. 6, Senora Geiza will offer the first Spanish Circle Time from 10:15-10:45 a.m. and then a second session from 11-11:30 a.m. Participants can choose to attend one session or the other as we try to accommodate demand for the program. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for funding Spanish Circle Time and also allowing us to offer this expanded version.

Kids' author and illustrator events

We've got a great line-up of kids' authors and illustrators who will be visiting the Library in October, thanks to our partnership with Politics & Prose bookstore. No registration is required for these events, which offer kids and adults an exciting chance to meet top authors and illustrators.

First up is a special bilingual (English- Spanish) event on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., featuring author/illustrator Juana Medina. She will talk about *Juana Lucas*, the first book in a new illustrated chapter book series. Then, on Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m., the always entertaining David Shannon (creator of *No, David!*) will present his newest picture book, *Duck on a Tractor*.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, picture book creator Ryan Higgins returns to the Library to showcase his newest book featuring a grumpy bear named Bruce, *Hotel Bruce*. The following evening, Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m., older kids and adults are invited to meet artist Jeffery Weatherford, who will talk about his illustrations for the newly-published *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*.

We'll close out the month with two more picture book events. First, on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m., author Erica Perl and illustrator Henry Cole team up to spotlight their new book *Ferocious Fluffity: A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet*. Then, on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7p.m. author Jacqueline Davies, known for her popular *Lemonade Wars* series of novels for kids, will talk about her new picture book *Panda Pants*.

Kids can get an early taste of Halloween spookiness when popular storyteller Candace Wolf returns to tell scary stories at the Library on Monday, Oct. 24. We'll have two sessions: from 7-7:45 p.m., Wolf will tell stories appropriate for ages 5-7. Then, from 7:50-8:50, she'll increase the scary quotient and tell tales suited to ages 8-13. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring this event.

Highlights from Takoma Folk

While residents missed having the annual Takoma Park Folk Festival, they were treated to a full day (Sept. 11) of folk music performances.



Ampersand, Guitar and Vocals Dave Zelonka.



David Eisner introduces Letitia VanSant.



Kristen Koyama and Mark Rooney perform Waiting For Spring.

Get ready for the friends' book sale

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library will hold their next gala used book sale on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will be held on the Library lawn or in the Community Center Azalea Room in case of rain. The Friends' book sales always include a huge variety of gently used books for adults and kids – all for sale at bargain prices.

Proceeds from the sales go to the library in the form of donations for programs and services. The Friends fund Spanish and

French Circle Times, honorariums for guest speakers at the Big Book Club and for other speakers, refreshments for many programs, and lanyards for kids' library cards. This fall the Library will begin offering two weekly sessions of Spanish Circle time with Geiza Keller-Souza – one at 10:15 to 10:45, and another at 11. We hope to add an additional monthly French Circle time with Madame Marie as well. The Friends also provide and support many of the Little Free Libraries around

town. In short, they are an invaluable support group in fundraising and advocacy for the City Library.

Volunteer

The book sales also depend on volunteers to help out at the sale in two-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov and indicate when you would like to volunteer. The shift times are generally 8-10, 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4. Service learning

hours are available for high school students. This is a great way to spend some time meeting your neighbors, finding some great books and helping the library.

Donate

The library will accept donations of books in very good condition during open hours until Oct. 17. Books should be boxed, and more than three boxes must be donated by appointment.

Hibachi, Teriyaki and Sushi – Oh my!

By Rick Henry

After 15 years of owning and operating a restaurant in Fairfax, Jimmy Lin was looking for a new concept and a new location. The result of his efforts, Sakura Teriyaki Corner, has given Takoma Park and Langley Park residents a great new dining option.

The concept he settled upon was a fast-casual version of the traditional Hibachi steakhouse restaurants, the ones where patrons sit around large grills and the cooks are as much performers as they are chefs. Lin's idea was, as the expression goes, to deliver the steak - or chicken, or shrimp, or vegetables- without the sizzle of a big production and higher prices.

"Those restaurants are great the first few times or when you are with a big group, but after that you don't necessarily want to go back and pay that kind of money," said Lin, who runs Sakura with his wife Helen. "Not everybody wants a show all the time or to pay \$30-40 per person."

At Sakura Teriyaki, Hibachi platters run from \$6.99 for vegetable to \$12.99 for a combo of three toppings. Choices include chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon and various combinations.

Beyond the price difference, Lin also stresses the "fast-casual" component of the restaurant, noting that customers do not have to spend the same amount of



Photo: Rick Henry

Sakura Teriyaki Corner owners Jimmy and Helen Li.

time that they would at a traditional Hibachi restaurant, but can receive the same quality. It also provides an option for patrons to dine in or carry out.

As to his choice of location, Lin, who also owns and manages Panda of D.C., a Chinese restaurant in D.C., researched a number of locations but settled on the Takoma Park area because he had lived in the area approximately 15 years ago and liked it and thought the demographics

would be good for this type of restaurant.

After deciding to open Sakura in Takoma Park, Lin said it took him about six months to find his current location. He finally decided on 6843 New Hampshire Avenue (in the shopping center anchored by Shopper's Food Warehouse) because it was in an existing shopping center with parking.

Lin's instincts may be proving correct. Since opening in late June, he said he has

seen his customer traffic rise from 60-70 a day to 150-180 per day. "We are getting a lot of repeat customers," he said.

One of those is Cora Green of Mount Rainier. Green, who works at the nearby America's Best store, says she has come to the restaurant often since they have opened. "They have good customer service and the food is delicious and fresh," she said. Green's favorite entrée is the deep fried California roll.

Lin says that prior to opening Sakura he trained for several months with a chef friend in Pennsylvania and spent a lot of time perfecting the ingredient combinations in his dishes, giving special attention to the three special sauces he developed, a ginger dressing sauce, a spicy mayo sauce and a Yum Yum sauce.

Lin prides himself on the variety of entrees and the quality of ingredients. Besides the Hibachi meals, Sakura offers several Teriyaki dishes, Sushi and hand rolls, Bento boxes and Asian entrees and noodle dishes. Such fare certainly adds to the ever-growing options available on the New Ave.

Sakura Teriyaki Corner is open Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. and Sunday from Noon- 10 p.m. Phone: 301-270-0800. Website: www.mysakurateriyaki.com

AT YOUR SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Aug. 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 396 fire-related incidents in 2016. The department addressed or assisted with 2,090 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,486. Totals for 2015 were 438 and 2,169, representing a decrease of 121 incidents.

During August, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,275.5 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,289 hours in August 2015. Grand totals as of August were 10,554.5 hours compared to 10,745 hours in 2015, a decrease of 190.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of Sept. 16, 36 people have died in fires compared to 43 in September 2015.

Safety message

Make home fire safety the whole family's responsibility. Work together, from the oldest to the youngest family member, to come up with an emergency escape plan in case of a fire or other emergency.

Hot car deaths

As of Sept. 16, 29 children have died across the country in hot vehicles. When you leave your vehicle, check the back seat and lock up your vehicle.

Be aware: Scam operators follow fires, floods, explosions and other disasters

You've had a fire in the house or a storm led to falling trees and damaged the property, or there's flooding in the basement. Now you need help, but be careful. "Unfortunately, scams and unscrupulous business practices frequently follow major disasters," according to Eric Friedman, director of the Office of Consumer Protection in Montgomery County.

Some of the service providers offering help may be woodchucks (unlicensed contractors), those who practice affinity fraud, independent insurance adjusters, or attorneys without Maryland licenses.

- **Woodchucks** are contractors without a license, typically tree cutters or home improvement people, and likely from out of state. They ask for deposits (in cash) beyond the third down allowed by Maryland law.
- **Affinity fraud** is practiced by those who come to your door after a visible problem, such as damage to landscape or side of house, and tell you that they have been referred by X neighbor, and then claim they have experience in your specific situation. In reality, they may have introduced themselves to the neighbor and then come through the neighborhood, but with no recommendation.
- **Independent insurance adjusters** do not work with your insurance company. They work for another company, which may not be licensed in Maryland, or on their own. They offer to negotiate on your behalf, claiming they can get you a larger pay out. In fact, they get paid first, and the payout claim



is unfounded.

- **Lawyers** who offer assistance may not be licensed in Maryland or may not have experience for the specific problem.

Protect yourself

- Never pay a deposit without a written estimate and an investigation to see if the repair person is licensed in Maryland. Do not pay cash. Do not give more than a small proportion of your total cost as a deposit.
- To stop affinity claims, check with the neighbors or friends to see if they referred the person. Follow up and ask for details about the work that was done, so you find out whether the person can do what you need and can do it well.
- Contact your insurance company first. Independent adjusters, who claim they can do better for you, would get any money before you do. And they may have connections with restorers whose work is questionable. Don't rely on business cards. Check everyone out first.
- Make sure attorneys are licensed in Maryland and have the expertise and experience to deal with your situation.
- Don't share any personal or identifying information.
- Finally, make decisions calmly and check credentials.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Montgomery County Consumer Protection Office at 240-777-3636 or online at montgomery-countymd.gov/consumer. This office has an on call "investigator of the day."



Walk to School Day: Just keep walking

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Walk to School Day in Takoma Park and the 20th anniversary nationally. Safe Routes to School invites city students, their families and school staff to participate in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5. All SRTS schools in Takoma Park have made Walk to School Day a yearly event on the school calendar.

Over the years, our students have been featured on the front of the Washington Post Metro section, on NPR with Armando Trull and on First Lady Michelle Obama's blog, Let's Move. Many dignitaries have come to Takoma Park to walk with our students, including former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari, and Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, among others. Takoma Park Safe Routes to School has been a model in the county, the state and nationally.

While it is certainly nice to welcome the media attention and high level visitors, one trend stands out: More students are walking to school on a regular basis in Takoma Park this year than ten years ago. Once families choose to participate in Walk to School Day, the idea is that they will decide to make walking a more frequent part of their routine. The benefits of walking to

Safety tips

Here are some tips to stay safe while walking and biking to school:

1. **Pay attention.** Don't be distracted by your cell phone or headphones.
2. **Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible.** If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street as far from traffic as possible.
3. **Cross at the crosswalk whenever possible.** Stop at the curb. Look left, right and left again before crossing the road.
4. **Make eye contact** with the driver before crossing.
5. **Follow the instructions** of the Crossing Guards and Safety Patrols.
6. **Always wear a helmet** when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.

school are obvious. Leaving the car at home reduces congestion and auto emissions, exercise promotes better physical and cognitive health, and it's fun.

To celebrate Walk to School Day and help parents determine the best route to school, Safe Routes has created walking maps for each school. The maps indicate which roads have sidewalks, crosswalks, crossing guards and stoplights and more. Look for the map in your student's backpack or on the school website.

Takoma Park Elementary School will meet in front of the Community Center on Maple Avenue at 8:45 a.m. and start walking at 8:50. They will walk up Philadelphia Avenue to Holly Avenue.

Takoma Park Middle School PTA will welcome walkers and bikers to school with refreshments and give-a-ways starting at 7:45 a.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School will meet at the 7600 Maple Avenue at 9 a.m. Walkers will walk on the sidewalk along Maple Avenue to Piney Branch ES.

Check with your school's administration or PTA for specific details about your Walk to School Day event. Takoma Park Police will be onsite to enhance the safety of the walkers.

Safe Routes to School Online Parent Survey

Please follow the links below to complete the survey for your school.

Piney Branch ES:

www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=7163128

Takoma Park ES:

www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=6316358

Takoma Park MS:

www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=3502900

East Silver Spring ES:

www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=3471715

Rolling Terrace ES:

www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=8849145

Three simple steps to \$5 Million

How do you motivate all 17,000 citizens of Takoma Park to start practicing energy efficiency? Make a funny video to show them how (ridiculously) easy it is.

Gina Mathias, the City's Sustainability Manager, asked Takoma Park-based Sister Eden Media to create a funny video to help spread the word about the Georgetown Energy Prize and the three easy steps everyone can take so that the City can win the \$5 million.

Led by husband and wife team John Robinette and Lori Hill, Sister Eden Media creates how-to and satirical videos that show audiences how to take care of themselves and the planet. "When I was looking for ways to help spread the word about what we all need to do to win the Georgetown Energy Prize, I immediately thought of teaming with Sister Eden Me-



dia because their videos are so funny, but also have a great message," Mathias said.

"Also, John and Lori live in the Long Branch-Sligo neighborhood of the City, which was the co-winner of the Neighborhood Energy Challenge," she contin-

ued. "Lori was that neighborhood's team leader for the Challenge, so they really understand the importance of this competition and the simple things we all can do to reduce our energy consumption and win the prize."

The two-minute video, which is a satirical spoof of a dramatic movie trailer, features a determined Mayor Kate Stewart, a frustrated sustainability manager and a husband and a wife in conflict. Mystery and intrigue are also featured in scenes shot at Roscoe's Neapolitan Pizzeria, Lee Jordan Field and other familiar spots around town.

The video, entitled "Help Takoma Park Win \$5 Million," can be viewed on the City's web site or YouTube channel as well as on SisterEden.com or the Sister Eden Media YouTube channel. Be sure to watch it, and then share it with your neighbors, so Takoma Park can win \$5 million.

For more information on the \$5 Million competition go to takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/georgetown-university-energy-prize-competition.

SAFETRACK

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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.

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

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.

SYRIAN FAMILIES

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goal is to secure safe housing, employment prospects and social supports and services that may be needed to help the new arrivals. The Welcoming Committee would like to prepare for at least three to six families. The committee envisions a three-part program:

1. Housing. The IRC will not place Syrian individuals and families in Takoma Park (or anywhere else) unless they have a home here — furnished and awaiting their arrival straight from the airport. We have found a scarcity of affordable housing in the area and long waiting lists at many of the multifamily apartment units in Takoma Park. There is also a dearth of licensed accessory apartments in private homes. The Welcoming Committee is now also exploring a "group house" option.

In anticipation of the coming arrivals to our shores, the Welcoming Committee is concentrating on having housing at the ready — with an effort to alert Takoma Park home owners who may have space to accommodate individuals or families.

Get Involved

To join the Takoma Park Welcoming Committee for Syrian Families, please contact Fran Pollner (franpollner@yahoo.com) or Nancy Abbott Young (nancyabbottyoung@gmail.com). To find out more about housing needs and options, please contact Terry Seamens (terrys@takomaparkmd.gov) or Shruti Bhatnagar (shruti_bhatnagar@yahoo.com). Regarding employment opportunities, please contact Peter Kovar (peterk@takomaparkmd.gov).

Councilmember Seamens introduced the idea that there may be seniors or "empty nesters" in Takoma Park who might be especially interested in providing such housing for new Syrian arrivals accepted into the IRC program. More information will be forthcoming about this housing option and will be disseminated to the Takoma Park community.

2. Family mentoring. The committee will work with interested volunteers and local faith communities to establish a family mentoring program. Two volunteer family mentor coordinators are needed to link individual Syrian families with Takoma residents who are interested in helping them make the transition into our community by assisting them in nav-

igating public transportation, enrolling in school, getting health care, accessing various types of training, making connections with similar families who have already made the transition, and so forth.

3. Job opportunities. The committee will explore employment possibilities with local businesses and seek to match the background skills of the new arrivals with the requirements of existing or anticipated job openings.

In closing, the people of Takoma Park have developed a set of intentions and proposals to link the local to the global and provide sorely needed humanitarian relief that promises mutual dividends in the future.

Warm coats for local folks

The Takoma Park Lions Club and the Takoma Park Police Department have joined forces in an effort to help provide some needed warmth to people who have little means of protecting themselves from the upcoming winter weather. All coats will be donated locally to the Shepherd's Table's clothing closet and Sligo Adventist Church, which provide clothing and other necessities for the homeless and needy individuals.

Beginning Oct. 1, two locations in the city will have drop-off boxes for donations of slightly-used winter coats, gloves,



mitten and hats:

- City of Takoma Park Police Department (TPCC, 7500 Maple Ave., first floor lobby)
- Old Takoma Ace Hardware (7001 Carroll Ave).

Donations can be made Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Members of the Lions club and the police department will be collecting the coats and winter accessories through Nov. 30.

For more information, please call Lion Mike Bigler at 202-438-1686 or Cathy Plevy, public information officer, City of Takoma Park Police Department, at 301-891-7142.

YOUTH UNITED

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ness and a sense of community.

Trey Williams, 18, a Teen NVasion participant who was volunteering at the event, said that mission fit in perfectly with the Unity in Community Initiative. "We, (Teen NVasion) are about bringing more people together, and this event is about (not just) uniting the police with other people but uniting other people with other people," he said. Saron Alem-seged, 17, another member of the group, agreed. "This event is very important," she said. "We all need to feel secure."

While the members of Teen NVasion had a clear purpose for attending the event, other youth said they weren't sure

what to expect, but decided to participate anyway. Julia Meynard, 11, a student at Takoma Park Middle School, said she was persuaded to attend by her friend and classmate, Marin Barclay, also 11.

"She told me there was an event happening, so I said I would come," Meynard said. "I wasn't sure what it was exactly, but I wanted to see what it was all about," Barclay said.

After spending some time at the event what had the girls concluded? "It's about happiness," Meynard said. "Yeah, happiness," Barclay added. "And each person can make it happen."

It's a lesson that hopefully everyone who attended took away from this inaugural gathering.

OCTOBER '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 November issue is October 14, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning October 28.

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

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park.

All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church,
7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids

Teen Night

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

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Behind Expo E Mart at 1021 University Blvd.
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food

Food Truck Fridays

Fridays, 5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Trohv, 232 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Community Self Defense

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

Friends of Takoma Park Recreation Center

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Recreation Center
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. For more information about the Friends of Takoma Park Recreation Center, contact Priscilla Labovitz at labovitz@earthlink.net.

Community Coffee

Friday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.
La Chiquita Restaurant
940 East-West Hwy
Join the Mayor and members of the City Council for coffee and conversation.



Bi-County Diwali Festival

Oct. 15, 1 – 6 p.m.
8001 New Hampshire Avenue, Langley Park
Celebrate the Hindu Festival of Lights. Enjoy music, traditional dances and Indian food. Clothing, jewelry and other merchandise will be for sale. For more information, visit takomalangley.org or contact Melanie Isis at 301-445-7910 or misis@takomalangley.org.

Co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority and Prince George's County Free

Bringing Nature Home with Doug Tallamy

Saturday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m.
TP Community Center
Dr. Doug Tallamy, professor and chair of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware, will discuss his book *Bringing Nature Home*. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after his talk. Refreshments (cookies and cider) will be served.
Co-sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and members of Natural Takoma, a collaborative effort including the Committee on the Environment, Friends of Sligo Creek, Historic Takoma, the Takoma Horticultural Club and the Takoma Park Tree Commission

Friends' Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Library Lawn (or TPCC Azalea Room)
The Friends of the Takoma Park Library will hold their gala used book sale. Proceeds from the sale go the library in the form of donations for programs or services. To donate books or volunteer, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

Monster Bash

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 – 5 p.m.
TPSS Co-op & Old Town Takoma Park, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
This annual event kicks off with games and music in the public parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op located at 201 Ethan Allen Avenue.
Games and music are followed by the Costume Parade and Contest down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park.
Free

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Lecture: Muhammad ibn Dawud al-Isfahani

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
This lecture is an introduction to Muhammad ibn Dawud al-Isfahani (868-909 C.E.), a Muslim judge, poet, and literary critic in Baghdad during a time and place known for its cultural diversity and its vibrant intellectual life. It will conclude with a reading of several of his poems in Arabic along with an English translation.

Film: Fairness Rising, Late Show and Raise to Rise

Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
D.C.'s first homeless filmmaking cooperative, based at the nonprofit Street Sense, presents three short films about homelessness in the nation's capital made by people experiencing homelessness but for everyone to see. Presented by Street Sense.

Joe Uehlein and the U-Liners – CD Release Concert

Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 – 10 p.m.
Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church
276 Carroll Street NW
Join Sweet Lorain for a CD release concert of this concept album with special guest Rickie Simpkins of Seldom Scene. Advance tickets on sale now at carrollcafe.org.
\$18 per ticket

Lilt 'n' Dance

Saturday, Oct. 15, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
The popular Irish music duo Lilt (www.liltirishmusic.com)

has collaborated with choreographer Kate Bole and the Culkin School of Irish Dance to bring this show of traditional tunes and fancy dance footwork.

John Doyle of Solas & Colin Farrell of Lúnasa in Concert

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Doyle and Farrell join forces to provide an evening of rousing Celtic music.
Presented by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and Institute for Musical Traditions
Tickets: FSGW members \$15, general public \$25
www.fsgw.org or www.imtfolk.org

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Featuring Jean Nordhaus, Martin Fitzpatrick and Renee Gherity with host Merrill Leffler

Free Outdoor Family Dance Class

Sunday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Takoma Park Gazebo
Come dance with your whole family at this free outdoor class. Music and choreography will be appropriate for babies, toddlers, big kids, and kids at heart.
Free

Lecture: Highlights from the Collection of Italian Renaissance Sculpture at the National Gallery of Art

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
Lara Langer, a recent PhD in Art History from the University of Maryland, will highlight Italian Renaissance sculptures featured at the National Gallery of Art in D.C. This virtual tour will introduce some of the most renowned artists of that era: Andrea del Verrocchio, Lucca della Robbia, and more. Plus, learn about one of the Gallery's most treasured items, the famous painting of Ginevra de' Benci by Leonardo da Vinci.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gallery Opening: Man/Made

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
TP Community Center
Featuring artwork by Jessica Beels, Alexis Cohen, Allan Leventhal and Dilip Sheth. Exhibit runs through Dec. 29.

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.

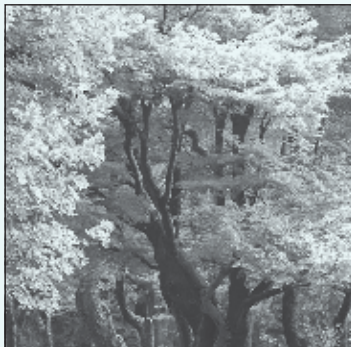


photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

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 _____