November 2016

WHAT'S NEW?
Prefered Registration for Takoma Park Residents
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City offices closed
Nov. 11, 24, 25, 26 & 27
Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving

Trash holidays
Veteran’s Day
No collection Friday, Nov. 11
Trash, food waste, and recycling will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Thanksgiving
No collection on Thursday, Nov. 24
No collection Friday, Nov. 25
Trash, food waste, and recycling will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 26.

That’s what friends are for
By Rick Henry

Upon visiting the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue a couple of years ago, Priscilla Labovitz decided to exercise more than her body; she decided to exercise her organizing abilities.

“I saw it (the Center) for the first time when I went to take a Pilates class there, and I couldn’t believe how poor the facilities were, especially compared to the Community Center (on Maple Avenue),” she said. “I thought this inequity needed fixing, so I decided to do something.”

She joined the City’s Recreation Committee and researched information about the center and its administration. But the main result of Labovitz’s effort was the formulation of the Friends of the Takoma Park Recreation Center, a group dedicated to improving, advocating and developing programming for the center. The group held its initial meeting on Oct. 5, and Labovitz said approximately 25 people attended, including numerous youths from the community around the Rec Center, who came with enthusiasm and ideas for the facility.

“I was thrilled at the turnout and enthusiasm and the many ideas that members of the community had,” Labovitz said. “They have clearly been thinking about this and are ready to move.”

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Parking in Takoma Park: Studying spaces
By Helen Lyons

Takoma Park is doing a comprehensive review of all of its parking practices in response to new development and changes in some of the parking pressures, as well as management in the City, says Erol Ozberk, the City’s senior planner for Housing and Community Development.

“We’re taking a look at everything we do, and we’re trying to bring it up to speed and be more proactive,” Ozberk explained.

The study covers parking issues, including meters, handicap parking, residential parking permit (RPP) zones, commercial vehicle parking, parking “hot spots,” enforcement and City Code and regulations. Many of the pressures are particularly felt in Ward 1, where recent development in the Old Town area of Takoma Park is one factor that has contributed to increased traffic and demand for parking.

“There are parking challenges in Montgomery College, Takoma Park Elementary School and at times around the Presbyterian church on Tulip Avenue,” said Councilman Beau Archer (Ward 6), Nicholas Kowalski (Ward 3), Adriana Kuehn (Ward 6), Anne Perrault (Ward 3), and Josh Ruddler (Ward 3). The board’s primary responsibility is to adjudicate two-party noise disturbance complaints and assist and advise the City on noise control issues.

Washington Adventist hosts Diabetes Expo
Get the latest information on diabetes management and learn how to prevent complications through healthy eating, exercise, medication and blood glucose monitoring.

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**VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Interested in serving? A great first step is to review information at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees. Then, attend a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you. If you have questions, contact the committee, or talk to your City Councilmember or the City Clerk. Applications 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 Oct. 17, 2016:

- **Public Works Committee**
  - Vacant

- **Arts and Humanities Commission**
  - Vacant

- **Commemoration Commission**
  - Vacant

- **Board of Elections**
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- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**
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- **Facade Advisory Board**
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The resolution urges the Montgomery County Executive and County Council to include funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the county’s fiscal year 2018 budget.

**RESOLUTION 2016-41**

*Adopted Oct. 19, 2016*

Providing Direction on Conversion to LED Street Lighting

The resolution supports converting streetlights on wooden poles in Takoma Park to LED lights through the PEPCO conversion program.

**RESOLUTION 2016-42**

*Adopted Oct. 19, 2016*

Noise Control Board Appointments

The resolution appoints Beau Archer (Ward 6), Nicholas Kovalski (Ward 3), Adriana Kuehnel (Ward 6), Anne Perrault (Ward 3), and Josh Rudder (Ward 3) to the Noise Control Board.
City would welcome aquatics center

In a joint letter to Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett dated Oct. 25, Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart (on behalf of the City Council) and Erik Wangsness, president, Adventist Healthcare/Washington Adventist Hospital, conveyed their support for the construction of a Montgomery County Department of Recreation aquatics center on the Takoma Park campus of Washington Adventist Hospital. Their letter noted that “an aquatics center would be an asset to both the hospital and the community.”

It went on to make the case for locating the aquatics center in Takoma Park by highlighting several key fiscal and social issues. Here are some of the main points that were outlined:

- Small, standalone swimming pools are expensive to operate and do not meet the needs of a large, diverse population. In contrast, aquatics facilities have pools for several uses, including meeting therapeutic needs, recreational needs, exercise needs and providing space for competitive swimming.
- As Washington Adventist Hospital prepares to move its main hospital to White Oak, the City of Takoma Park and hospital leaders are looking at the current site for uses that complement the health services that will remain and, also importantly, improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community.
- An aquatics center in Takoma Park, on the edge of East Silver Spring, would provide a enormous community convenience.

The Takoma Park Newsletter (Vol. 55, No. 11)

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Those who attended the meeting are not the only ones who have been thinking about the Rec Center. Gregory Clark, director of recreation for the City, said that the New Hampshire Avenue facility is an important issue.

He said the City has completed two recreation studies in the past year, one to determine what type of programming and amenities residents would like to see for the facility and the other to determine the feasibility of acquiring the property, which is owned by the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), or building a new facility on other existing property owned by the city.

According to Clark, MNCPPC owns the facility and leases it to Montgomery County, which then tasks the City with providing programming. “The first thing the City needs to do is to figure out whether to acquire the property,” he said.

“If we don’t do that, there are limitations to what can do because we don’t own the building,” Clark said.

Clark said that the results of the survey findings and a discussion about future steps for recreation in the City are on the agenda for the next City Council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16, which will be held at the Recreation Center. No matter what the council decides, Clark says he welcomes the opportunity to work with the Friends.

“We (the City) have a lot of desire to improve that facility and better serve the residents, especially in that ward, and working with the Friends and the Recreation Committee will only improve whatever situation we have,” he said.

Takoma Park Recreation Supervisor Vince Cain, who is in charge of the facility, agrees. Cain attended the initial Friends meeting on Oct. 5 and came away impressed and energized. Given that the facility serves a lot of youth from the immediate area, he was especially pleased so many attended the event and provided input. “There were a lot of good ideas, especially from the kids and the community, focusing on new programming,” he said.

He said believes the work of the Friends and other recreation advocates will allow the New Hampshire Center to build on the programs that are already in place and “enhance the fitness and wellness of the residents of Takoma Park.”

“It’s always good to have extra resources and advocates,” he said, especially those like Labovitz.

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member Peter Kovar (Ward 1). “In Ward 1, just about every street and every block has a different parking issue of some concern, and it’s quite local in that sense, so we’re going to have to find a policy that works for the city but is also sensitive to the specific concerns that arise in these areas.”

Kovar is already seeking solutions across the DC boundary and hopes that the parking study will help in his efforts. “I’ve reached out to the city council member from Ward 4 of the District of Columbia,” Kovar said, “to talk about whether there are ways, through more collaboration between Takoma Park and the district, that we could get a better common approach to parking in Old Town.”

Laura Barclay, the executive director of the Old Takoma Business Association, said that people were concerned that maximum capacity was being reached in the commercial district, but that “based on studies during peak and nonpeak times, it’s been shown that there are definitely still spaces available.”

“That doesn’t minimize the fact that there are indeed pressure spots or areas that still have parking challenges, where parking isn’t readily available or easily noticeable,” Barclay added.

Her ideas for solutions include additional cross-jurisdictional signage and efforts online on behalf of businesses and the City to include more information about available parking on their websites. “We’ve been thinking about this for a long time,” Barclay said, “so it was good to see the study and get it all official.”

The study builds on survey results, community input and grant-funded research and mapping. Residents completing the survey can check off which items being considered for review in the study they consider a priority, such as “supporting opportunities for car-share and ride-sharing” or “improvements to bike and pedestrian facilities.”

“There’s some tension between providing ample parking and providing alternatives to driving,” said Joe Edgell, the chair of the City’s Safe Roadways Committee. “One of the City Council’s directives when they set up the Safe Roadways Committee was to provide people alternatives to driving. If there are plenty of places to park, people will be encouraged to drive.”

Edgell pointed to the benefits of cutting back on car use. “It reduces pollution locally,” he said. “It’s far healthier to walk and bike than use your car, and it’s cheaper. It’s better for the environment, it’s better for the people. Communities are more livable if they have fewer cars.” Study after study proves this.

If parking is readily available, Edgell said, people would have less incentive to not drive. “If you want to get people out of their cars, you need to make it easier for them to not use their cars or harder for them to use the cars - one of the two. The City wants to be responsive to its voters. People want ample parking, but that has secondary effects. It’s good that we’re looking at this issue comprehensively, but the difficult decision is the one the City Council has to make: Okay, now what do we do with this data?”

Senior Planner Erkkin Ozberk hopes to present the recommendations that come as a result of the parking study to the City Council in January. “Now is the time for folks to look at the information that’s been posted,” Ozberk said, “and let us know how they feel about it.”

To learn more about the parking study and submit their comments, residents can go to takomaparkmd.gov/parking-study.
Dorothy’s Woods dedicated

A brief ceremony was held last month to celebrate the dedication of “Dorothy’s Woods.” The woods on the City-owned parcel of the Washington-McLaughlin property were named for longtime Takoma Park resident and local historian, Dorothy Thomesen Barnes, by City Council Resolution 2016-37. At the dedication, Mayor Kate Stewart presented a copy of the resolution to Ms. Barnes. The City purchased the land at a tax auction on Jan. 22, 2015. The Takoma Park community supported this action and made more than $53,000 in contributions towards its purchase. The property is home to a diversity of mature trees, birds and other wildlife as well as a natural spring. The preservation of this natural area is important to the community.

Residents requested that the parcel be named “Dorothy’s Woods” in recognition of the relationship between Dorothy Barnes, lifelong resident, local historian, and avid lover of nature, and the property that was behind the house she has lived in nearly all her life.

As per the City Council’s resolution, “naming the area as Dorothy’s Woods serves as recognition of the contributions that Dorothy has made to Takoma Park by telling our story and preserving our history, and moreover, the name will continue the lifelong association between Dorothy and the woods.” The resolution is available for review online at documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/resolutions/2016/resolution-2016-37.pdf.

New Maryland laws

Various new Maryland laws went into effect on Oct. 1, 2016. The most well-known may be the Drunk Driving Reduction Act of 2016, also known as Noah’s Law. This law requires the use of ignition interlocks for convicted drunk drivers, the devices prevent vehicles from starting when they detect a certain level of alcohol on the driver’s breath and require the driver to retest at random points while they are driving. The law also increases fines for drunk driving, affecting a third of all roadway deaths in Maryland. Under Noah’s Law, drivers are required to participate in Maryland’s Ignition Interlock Program for the following convictions:

- Driving under the influence
- Driving while impaired with an air test
- Driving with an impaired mental or physical condition
- Homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle while DUl or DWI

Below are some of the other new laws, but this list is not all inclusive.

1. Providing Alcohol to Underage Drinkers/Alex and Calvin’s Law (HB409): Following the deaths of Alex Mulk and Calvin Li in 2013, this law prohibits people from allowing underage individuals to consume alcohol if they should have known those individuals would drive under the influence.

2. Criminal Law-Stalking (SB27/ HB155): This law expands the definition of stalking to include causing emotional distress.

3. Death or Injury by Vehicle (SB1060, HB157): The law increases penalties for offenders who commit vehicular manslaughter who have been convicted of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol previously. Offenders can now face up to 15 years in prison and $15,000 in fines.

4. Docs In Progress

- Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington ($10,000)
- This grant will enable ACSGW to offer a computer repair program at a reduced cost.

- Arts & Culture Services of Greater Washington ($9,412)
- This grant will enable ACSGW to offer a basic computer repair program at a reduced cost.

- City of Takoma Park ($9,000)
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- Community Development ($10,000)
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- Kensington Community Development Corporation ($10,000)
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- Takoma Park Community Development Corporation ($10,000)
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- Takoma Park Stabilization ($10,000)
- This grant will enable the Takoma Park Stabilization to offer a computer repair program at a reduced cost.

- Takoma Park Workforce Development ($10,000)
- This grant will enable the Takoma Park Workforce Development to offer a computer repair program at a reduced cost.

- Washington-McLaughlin ($10,000)
- This grant will enable the Washington-McLaughlin to offer a computer repair program at a reduced cost.

For more information about new laws that have recently gone into effect in Maryland, visit mgaleg.maryland.gov.

Community Quality of Life Grants recipients announced

Designed to provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events which improve residents’ quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences, the City’s Community Quality of Life Grants program has completed its selection process for FY17. The Grants Review Committee recommended that eight organizations receive funding for their projects (listed here from highest amount awarded to lowest):

1. Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington ($10,000)
2. Arts & Culture Services of Greater Washington ($9,412)
3. Community Development ($9,000)
4. Arts & Culture Services of Greater Washington ($8,000)
5. City of Takoma Park ($7,000)
6. Arts & Culture Services of Greater Washington ($6,000)
7. Arts & Culture Services of Greater Washington ($5,000)
8. Community Development ($4,000)

An October 2015 photo from “New Hampshire Ave. This Is A Place To…” at a multi-year creative placemaking project in collaboration with the City’s Department of Housing and Community Development that utilized the power of artmaking and performance to bring new meaning to the relationships between individuals, communities, and the places in which they live and work.

Takoma Wings Academy is a three-week summer camp in which middle school boys and girls from low-income, immigrant families investigate the science and engineering of flight in nature, aviation, and space exploration as well as flight as a means of self-expression in the arts.

4. Docs In Progress ($8,238)

Documentary Dialogue Takoma will harness the power of video technology to engage Takoma Park residents through screenings, discussions, and hands-on activities to explore how stories define us, express our values, relate our experiences in human dimensions and connect us with each other and the world around us.
Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All-Stars

Enjoy an afternoon of children’s songs and music with Mr. Gabe and the Circle Time All-Stars at the Community Center auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. Winners of two Parents’ Choice Awards, the group performs a highly interactive mix of songs from many cultural traditions, family-friendly folk and pop songs, and Mr. Gabe originals. The program is free.

We Are Takoma: How has the festival been received in the community/surrounding area?

Ginsberg: We do year-round screening programs in partnership with We Are Takoma and get a respectable number of engaged Takoma Park residents for those events. However, Community Stories is on a whole other level. It’s no surprise that Takoma Park residents are engaged with the community around them, and this is clear at Community Stories, where many locals attend and engage with the filmmakers, the people in the films and their neighbors.

We Are Takoma: What impact has it had?

Ginsberg: The biggest impact I see is for the filmmakers and those in the films. The films we show at Community Stories may not get distribution because it is really difficult for short films to make their way in the world of film distribution. They may also be pegged as “local interest” films, even when they have universal themes. Therefore, you are unlikely to see these films at the Sundance Film Festival or on Netflix. It is really rewarding to see the filmmakers get a chance to see their films on a big screen with a super-engaged audience.

We Are Takoma: What has been the most memorable moment from the Community Stories Festival for you?

Ginsberg: The Q&As are always memorable because they are a chance for the audience to interact with the filmmakers and also some of the people who are in the films. It is exciting to see that “fourth wall” broken, where the people on the screen are there in the flesh. I also love when people learn new things about their own neighborhoods—interesting people, untold history or a small business that perhaps they did not know about before.

We Are Takoma: What can you tell us about this year’s event?

Ginsberg: While the early years of Community Stories featured only work by our students, since last year, we have opened up submissions to other filmmakers, as long as the topic is local (and, by local, we mean the whole DC Metro area). This year’s festival takes place from November 9-12.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 is the opening night. This will take place at the AFI Silver Theatre in Downtown Silver Spring. The early show (6:30 p.m.) features short documentaries about local topics produced by students in our classes. The late show (8:45 p.m.) is the Maryland premiere of Indivisible, a film about young “Dreamers” fighting to reunite with their parents, who have been deported for being undocumented immigrants. Both of those screenings are ticketed events (tickets through Docs in Progress).

Thursday, Nov. 10 takes place at the Takoma Park Community Center with a program of short documentaries. The films take us on a journey from the sorriest bus stop in America to the bike trails of DC. We will meet senior citizens energized by a love of the blues, local artists who find inspiration in unusual places, and a feline politico who decides to run for office. The filmmakers are both emerging filmmakers and seasoned pros. Thanks to a partnership with We Are Takoma, the screening in Takoma Park, will be completely free.

Friday, Nov. 11 features a partner program with the Wheaton Film Festival at Chuck Levin’s Music Center in Wheaton. This will include film screenings and professional development panels for filmmakers or aspiring filmmakers.

Saturday, Nov. 12 is a day to try your own hand at documentary filmmaking. Docs in Progress will be offering two modestly-priced workshops at our space in Downtown Silver Spring—one on how to shoot documentary video using a mobile phone or tablet and the other on the art of the interview. To find out more: www.docsinprogress.org/communitystories.
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 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 6-12 years. Saturdays 6 Weeks November 5-December 17 (No class on Nov 26) 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. $60
Futsal League 2017
Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect balance of academics 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. Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 7-10 years. 6 Week Season Sundays, January 8, 2017-March 12, 2017 (No game on 2/18 and 2/19) 1 – 4 p.m. $60
Winter Basketball League
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 - provide playing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun - provide comparable playing time for all participants - meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times vary throughout the week at various local schools. New this year: Grade 7-8 Girls’ Division! Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed, training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested 301-891-7284.
Team Assignments: Coed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants. Special Requests: Requests must be made in writing at time of registration.
Various Local Schools Gymnasiums Kindergarten-8th Grade 6 Week Season Saturdays, January 14, 2017-March 11, 2017 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sundays, January 15- March 12, 2017 Resident: $70 / Non-resident: $80

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ADULTS

MARTIAL ARTS
Karate Self-Defense
Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Staff. Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 7-10 years. Saturdays, January 14, 2017-March 11, 2017 3 – 5 p.m. $85

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUs

ART
De-Stress and Self-Express
Ages 55 and older
When was the last time you took time away from carpools, work deadlines, emails and phones? Come relax and color your stress away - not just for kids, coloring has been proven to reduce stress and promote mindfulness, creativity and mental focus. Socialize with friends and neighbors. All drawings are original, designed to be a healthy way to express emotions and interactions. All materials included. Techniques will be demonstrated and there will be lots of space to create. Free!

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 56-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TV’s. 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!
Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Ongoing Tuesdays 3 – 7 p.m. Free

M.A.N.U.P.
MANUP is dedicated to developing the next generation of successful leaders by teaching the importance of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment, and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in concert with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. This is a drop-in program and permission slips are required for trips. Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue 3-21 years Ongoing Tuesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m. Free

Power Hour
Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics 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.
Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Ongoing Tuesdays 4 – 5 p.m. Free

Wisdom in Minutes 101: Life Skills
Taking Teens from Ordinary to Extraordinary! 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.
Takoma Park Community Center Rose Room 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Wednesdays, November 3-17 3 – 5 p.m. Free

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supplies are provided. No rules here, you may color outside the lines. In-person or on-line registration is required with the Recreation Department.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Wednesday evening, November 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  Free

DROP IN

Wednesday evening, November 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
- or -
TP Recreation Center Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Thursday, November 3, 2 - 3 p.m.
- or -
TP Community Center, Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday, November 5, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  Free

TRIPS
Trip #1 National Building Museum
Washington, DC
Thursday, November 10, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Trip #2 Smithsonian Museum of African American History & Culture
Washington, DC
Tuesday, November 15, 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Trip #3 Musical Tea Performance
Silver Spring, MD
Thursday, November 17, 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Recreation Office
7500 Maple Avenue
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/news.

A resident registers online for the City’s 55+ programs.

Residents register first
By Apryl Motley

Beginning with registration for winter recreation department classes on Thursday, Dec. 15, Takoma Park residents won’t have to worry as much about spaces filling up in some of the more popular programs, such as the ones for seniors. They will register a full week earlier than non-residents, who will be eligible to register for classes on Thursday, Dec. 22.

“We started looking at implementing this policy about a year ago based on the popularity of our programs and classes, which increasingly are full and have waiting lists,” said Takoma Park Recreation Director Gregory Clark.

“There needed to be a mechanism in place so that residents would have the first opportunity to participate since we are supported by City tax dollars,” Clark said.

Before coming to Takoma Park 10 years ago, Clark worked in Prince Georges County where early or preferred registration for residents was already in place. “This practice is used in other jurisdictions in our area and around the country,” he said.

Residents can take advantage of preferred registration both online and in person. Residency is based on having an address within the City limits. To confirm whether you are a City resident, visit takomaparkmd.gov/news.

Ages 55 and older
Monday, November 14, 1 - 2 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
and the movies, past and present and have fun theme songs associated with the radio, TV and the Harp Happy Singers
Join this happy group of four harp musicians in this audience participation program called "Name that Show." During this special
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NEW! Multi Media Lab Open Hours
Located on the second floor of the Community Center, participants will have access to the latest Mac computers, word processing and editing software including but not limited to 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. No instruction provided, work independently. The Multi Media Lab will be closed on Thursdays and Sundays.
Instructors: William Rice and Rob Radcliffe.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Monday – Wednesday & Friday, 3 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, 12 – 5 p.m.
Closed on Thursdays and Sundays

The City of Takoma Park has a lot to be thankful for. With the help of City TV, IT and Recreation Department staff, the City of Takoma Park now has a fully functional Multi Media Lab. The lab opened its doors on Monday, Oct. 3 with eight computers that can be utilized by the Takoma Park community with all of the newest software. The Multi Media Lab is open Monday – Wednesday & Friday from 3 – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 – 5 p.m.
The staff for the Multi Media Lab are William Rice and Rob Radcliffe. Their goal is to ensure that the Takoma Park community residents are as knowledgeable about internet and communication technology as their peers in other communities.
The new Multi Media Lab is amazing. It is exactly what we need in the current technological world,” Radcliffe said.
“We have an incredible range of professional software, including the entire Adobe Creative Cloud Suite; Photosop; Dreamweaver; Premier Pro; Audition; Illustrator; Photoshop; Lightroom; InDesign; Animate and After Effects, as well as Apple’s powerful production tools such as FCPX, Motion, Compressor Garageband and others,” Rice said.
This lab has the potential to be an oasis for everyone to use the newest software. “I would like the community to be able to learn and use these programs since these skills can provide them with a lot of opportunities in the future, and the cost of Adobe products can be a barrier to people being able to learn and use these programs”, Radcliffe said.
“The Multi Media Lab creates a number of positive opportunities. If you want to be creative, we have the tools,” Rice said. “Music, art, video, photography, web design, and animation etc. Wherever your imagination wants to take you, we will help you get there. All ages are welcome. Bring your curiosity and imagination, come learn and have fun.”
Both Rice and Radcliffe believe that the goal for the Multi Media Lab is to help people in the community see that they are capable of learning and creating the same content that they see on YouTube or on posters they see and providing them with a space where they can can learn these skills at their own pace. They also believe that the Multi Media Lab provides opportunities for everyone. There are great computer resources available for the Takoma Park community in this state-of-the-art facility, including the most powerful iMac computers that are fully loaded with a wide range of professional creative software.
Come on out and enjoy the fun of the Takoma Park Multi Media Lab.
Pathways to literacy

By Karen MacPherson

Creating pathways to literacy – for various ages and stages – infuses all Library programs. Our efforts start with the youngest children – and their families and caregivers – because research shows that the earlier children are introduced to literacy concepts, the better their chances are for school success. As recent research has shown, by the time children from low-income families reach the age of four, they will have heard 30 million fewer words than their more advantaged peers. Clearly, these children will start school at a huge disadvantage unless there is some intervention.

That's where our Library programs for young children and their parents and caregivers can play a key role in the community. All of our early literacy programs help bring early literacy activities back into the home. Our Library programs range from the hugely popular Circle Times on Tuesdays and Spanish programs to trade their digital screens for books, using the criteria of the prestigious Caldecott Medal. Besides giving families a chance to read some new books together, the Caldecott Club helps develop visual literacy, an increasingly important kind of literacy in our screen-filled world.

Our monthly Circle Times offer an opportunity to develop visual literacy for both kids and adults. Circle Times allow us to showcase our greatly-in-demand collection of books and graphic novels, which are popular with both reluctant and eager readers. In fact, we see our graphic novel collection as one way to convince kids, especially reluctant readers, to trade their digital screens for books. We also offer programs for reluctant and eager readers. In fact, we see our graphic novel collection as one way to convince kids, especially reluctant readers, to trade their digital screens for illustrated books that actually require a certain kind of brainpower to read the information in both pictures and words to make sense of a story.

Our monthly LEGO Club highlights STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) skills in a fun way. Kids can build around a particular theme or just enjoy the pleasure of using their math, science or math skills to create with LEGO, inspired by the numerous LEGO idea books that are part of the library’s collection.

In addition, we have strong literacy-focused partnerships with the neighboring schools. For example, for nearly a decade, the 4th grade classes at Piney Branch Elementary School have visited the Library each week for a program focused on their language arts curriculum (i.e. historical fiction, mythology, etc.).

We also regularly host programs for other grades at both Piney Branch and Takoma Park Elementary School and have offered programs for English as a Second Language students at Takoma Park Middle School. We’re currently part of a Takoma Foundation grant (in its second year) as a partner with Takoma Park Elementary School in its Books & Breakfast program. This program is focused on literacy activities – including an introduction to graphic novels.

Praise for a new French graphic novels

By Pat Hanrahan

French language readers take note. The Takoma Park Maryland Library has expanded its French collection with the purchase of two volumes of graphic memoir by Riad Sattouf, L’arabe du futur. After his father, a French mother and Syrian father, young Sattouf spent his early childhood in Libya and Syria. His story of these years (1978 – 1985) is gripping. It helped me understand a bit better what is happening now in Syria.

Sattouf’s book has been translated into English with positive reviews. The TPML has the English editions of the first two books and will purchase the subsequent volumes as they are translated into English. So far three volumes — of an expected five volumes — have been published in French, and all three are available at the Library, so try the books in French. Reading French graphic books is fun. Even if you aren’t bilingual (which I am most definitely not), the illustrations help comprehension when words are baffling, and graphic book text is often minimal anyway.

So go for it! Enjoy a feeling of accomplishment from reading a book en français, particularly one that is as hard to put down as Sattouf’s bande-dessinée.

Pat Hanrahan is a Takoma Park resident and serves on the Board of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.
3rd Thursday Poetry

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—“Allahu Akbar” (God Is Great) by Zeina Azzam

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Azzam joins three other poets Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. for an international and multi-lingual evening of poetry. Anne Becker curates the night of poetry featuring Donuta Kosk-Kosicka (Polish), Martha Sanchez-Lowery (Spanish), Yer- miyahu Ahron Taub (Yiddish), and Zeina Azzam (Arabic). Poets will read works in their native languages and in English. The event is free.

Man/Made Exhibition

Man/Made, curated by Gallery Coordinator Shanthi Chandrasekar, opens Thursday, Nov. 10. Join us for a free opening reception 6:30 to 8 p.m. to welcome artists Jessica Beels, Alexis Cohen, Allan Leventhal, and Dilip Sheth and celebrate their art.

Highlights of Italian Renaissance Sculpture at the National Gallery of Art

Take a tour of Italian Renaissance sculptures from the comfort of our auditorium. Lara Langer, PhD in Art History, features works from the National Gallery of Art and introduces some of the most renowned artists of that era in her lecture on Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center auditorium.

THE ARTS
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During September, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,166 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,234 hours in September 2015. Grand totals as of September were 11,720.5 hours compared to 11,979 hours in 2015, a decrease of 258.5 hours.

**Maryland fire deaths**

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Oct. 17, 38 people have died in fires compared to 52 in October 2015.

**Hot car deaths**

As of Oct. 17, 38 children have died across the country in hot vehicles. When you leave your vehicle, check the back seat and lock up your vehicle.

**Safety Message**

Don’t wait; check the date! Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

On Oct. 17, the following girls competed the five-week Baby Sitters Training Program sponsored by the Takoma Park VFD and Takoma Park Recreation Department. Special thanks to Takoma Park VFD members Rusty, Tina and Ashlee Willey and Nishiwa Sato Bess and Takoma Park Police Department PFC Jessica Garrison for their assistance.

**Passport Services**

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

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

**Accessing, not hacking: Emergency preparedness in the digital age, part I**

It is common these days to use the internet to pay bills via automatic bill pay or to have the utility or mortgage company automatically deduct the monthly payments. We’re on Facebook, Google, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other sites. We access our bank statements online. We store other information, such as pictures or private notes in the cloud.

What happens if you or a loved one is incapacitated or passes away… do the bills automatically stop? No! Can family members access bank accounts? Not until probate or power of attorney is established. How would family members even know what to access or at which banks? What happens to the person’s Facebook account or Google mail or Apple accounts? What happens to the domain name of the person’s website?

True story #1: Arthur’s father passed away. The family had no idea what was getting paid via auto pay, what bills were involved, or how to find and access bank accounts.

True story #2: Martina was an only child whose parents had died years ago. Then, Martina was killed in an accident. Yet, her Facebook account lives on. Some people still comment, wishing her a joyous afterlife, peace, etc.

In 2016 and beyond, we need to be prepared for these kinds of scenarios by providing access to trust others, or our digital lives could continue beyond our lifespans with consequences that could become emergencies.

To avoid the situation becoming an emergency, here are some points to consider:

- What do you know about dealing with a Facebook account for someone who is incapacitated or has died? What about your accounts? What are the limits? Facebook calls these memorialized accounts, which allows for deletion or saving some aspects of the account, so friends can still see the profile.
- Google offers a service called inactive account manager, which allows the account holder to have Google notify someone if they’ve been inactive for X amount of time. Since Google has varied services, such as Picasa, Google Plus and more, this action affects all accounts per the direction of the account holder.
- https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3036546?hl=en
- If you have two-factor authentication, how could a trusted person access your accounts? Two-factor authentication requires a password and username and information known only to the user.
- Have you safely stored a list of your varied accounts, and can someone you trust access this? Keep in mind that passwords stored with an account may change due to requirements or personal choice, so you’ll need to update those changes.

Our discussion of accessing online accounts as emergency preparedness will be continued in a future issue of the newsletter. Please send your questions or comments to tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov with “digital preparedness” in the subject line.

Thank you to Madeleine Sturmer, IT Manager, Teton County Library, who alerted the committee to this issue and its potential consequences.
City Council provides direction on conversion to LED street lighting

After extensive investigation into options and a presentation to the City Council on Sept. 21, City staff have been directed to pursue converting the PEPCO streetlights on wooden poles in the city to LED lights through the PEPCO conversion program. The conversion will be phased in on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis and will allow for adjustments to the program if needed.

At its Oct. 19 meeting, the City Council passed a resolution supporting the conversion of streetlights on wooden poles in Takoma Park to LED lights through the PEPCO conversion program and directed staff to work to ensure that lighting specifications and placement minimize costs, energy use, and light pollution, while enhancing safety and attractiveness.

In terms of environmental impact, conversion of existing streetlights fixtures to ones that are more energy efficient (LED technology) would reduce the City’s streetlight electricity use from 763,599 kwh to 382,800 kwh annually. LED fixtures also will be night sky compliant, within the 3,000 Kelvin level, to minimize light pollution. From a fiscal standpoint, the City could save between $746,000 and $904,000 in current dollars over a 20-year period by converting streetlights to LED fixtures through PEPCO.

LED conversion has already begun with the Flower Avenue Green Street project, and five percent of the City’s streetlights have already been converted. PEPCO will continue to own and maintain the lights, and the City will continue to pay for monthly maintenance charges per the rates set by the Public Service Commission.

Further, the City will continue to procure its electricity through the Montgomery County purchasing group which enables the City to be part of a large buying group and thereby reduces the rate per kilowatt, and City staff will work with PEPCO staff to ensure that the replacement lighting is appropriate for City streets.

LIFE GRANTS [From page 4]

5. Montgomery Housing Partnership - 7610 Maple Outdoor Murals ($6,500)

MHP will facilitate the creation of an outdoor mural at its 7610 Maple apartment property. This 36-unit affordable housing property houses a total of 80 residents, including 27 children. Residents, in particular, children ages 9-12 who participate in our site-based homework club, will play an active part in creating the mural.

6. Dance Exchange ($5,740)

Dance Exchange sought support for a reboot of its youth programs for the 2016-17 season, which include weekly classes for youth ages 8-18; a series of off-site youth classes held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center; an end of season performance called Youth Arts Night, and a week-long Teen Leadership Institute.

7. Takoma Ensemble - Takoma Ensemble Community Outreach Initiative ($5,740)

The project is to directly provide tickets to low-income/underserved residents of Takoma Park for four concerts.

8. Community Bridges ($5,370)

Community Bridges and Catylator propose a year-long program to bring middle-school-aged young women to Catylator Makerspace to help them develop more positive attitudes and confidence about STEM and stay engaged with STEM, so they may be better prepared to choose any career.

The City’s FY17 budget includes $62,000 for the Community Quality of Life Grants program. Requests for funding totaled $166,521. Look profiles of some of the grant recipients in future issues of the Takoma Park Newsletter.

TAKOMA TIDBITS [From page 1]

New Sligo trail guide is now online

Long-time Friends of Sligo Creek board member and past-president Bruce Sudwell created a section-by-section trail guide to Sligo Creek Park based on his long experience in promoting the ecological health of the watershed. The guide helps users better appreciate the natural and historic features of the park and adjacent areas. The guide follows Sligo Creek from its headwaters at Channing Drive to its confluence with the Northwest Branch after flowing better than eight miles. One theme of the new trail guide is that to fully appreciate the park, one needs to go slowly, look closely, carry a couple of plant and animal field guides and wear sensible footwear. Access the guide at www.fosc.org by going to the “trail guide” page under the “About Sligo” tab on the home page.

TPPD offers house checks

These services are offered to residents who will be away on vacation for a lengthy period (such as a burglary) has occurred to the residence. To schedule a house check, contact the Takoma Park police department at 301-270-1100.

The Village of Takoma Park’s mission of providing intergenerational support to seniors and people with disabilities who wish to live actively in the Takoma Park community is supported by two key programs, Villages Rides and Friendly Visitors.

As of June, 226 rides had been provided to 60 people by 28 volunteer drivers traveling 648 miles, and 11 friendly visitor volunteers had been paired with the homebound. To learn more about how to get involved, attend one of these upcoming events.

Volunteer Training: Village Rides Program

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TP Community Center, Hydrangea Room
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Aging Well Seminar

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. – noon
TP Community Center, Azalea Room
Presentation and discussion on scams and frauds with Jeanine Robinson from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General. Refreshments and time for socializing. Free and open to all. Fly shots to follow (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.); free to anyone with Medicare ID.

For more information about these events and to register, call 301-646-2109 or visit villageoftakomapark.com/calendar.

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the library for a discussion of Yudhijit’s Bhattacharjee’s book The Spy Who Couldn’t Spell – A Dyslexic Traitor, an Unbreakable Code, and the FBI’s Hunt for America’s Stolen Secrets.

Bhattacharjee’s book has been widely praised by reviewers. Publisher’s Weekly noted that “readers will thoroughly enjoy this fast-moving account of a failed spy who, despite his incompetence, easily eluded thousands of secrets.” And from Kirkus Reviews, “The author offers a compellingly seedy portrait of Regan, motivated to contemplate treason due to debt, career stagnation, and marital malaise…a well-written…tale of thwarted amateur treason underscoring the disturbing vulnerability of today’s intelligence systems.”

This program is funded by the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the program.

DISCUSSION [From page 8]

Sizable praise by reviewers. Alice Hoffman, writing in the Washington Post, commented that “The Secret Chord reads like a prose poem, with battle after battle recounted in detail, but it’s a page turner of a poem. We want to know how David manages to stave off his rivals and enemies, just as we want to know what love means to him and who, if anyone, will cause him to be faithful.”

LITERACY [From page 8]

Join us on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. for monthly book discussions. Our monthly book is Year of Wonder.

For older students, we offer a book review to the library and its resources – for ESL students and their families.

The library also hosts regular programs for local schools, providing literacy-based story times and related activities. These programs are aimed both at preschoolers and their teachers, as we model best practices for reading aloud to young children and other ways to make books and reading come alive.

For older students, we offer a book reviewing student service learning opportun-

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Takoma Park author to debut his first nonfiction work

Brooks began her writing career as journalist before turning to non-fiction and then novels such as The People of the Book, Caleb’s Crossing, and Year of Wonder. In 2006 Brooks received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for the novel, March. Sponsored by the Friends Book Group, the discussion is open to all. Copies of The Secret Chord are available on loan from the library.

Tim Rain is the President of the Friends of the Library Board and facilitates their bimonthly book discussions.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.*
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

The City Council’s Nov. 16 meeting will take place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

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

Veterans Day - City Offices Closed
Friday, Nov. 11
All City offices and facilities will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, for the Veterans Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services. Trash, food waste, and recycling will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25
All City offices and facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services. Trash, food waste and recycling will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Nov. 27.

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 educate_ss@yahoo.com
www.educatesupportservices.org

COMUNITY 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 Ermat 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.
Trillos, 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

Start of Fall Leaf Collection
Monday, Nov. 21
Tentative start of Public Works Fall leaf collection. Fall leaf collection starts Monday, Nov. 21, and continues through Friday, Dec. 23.

Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming
Blues Mondays
Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Restaurant, 6839 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, 7 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

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.

Gallery Opening: Man/Made
Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Arts and Literature

People’s Open Mic
Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6839 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan
Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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 December issue is November 14, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning November 25.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Staging Hope
Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center
Staging Hope is a theatre troupe made up entirely of homeless individuals. They create performances of original monologues, poetry, improvisations and songs as a means to spark conversations between housed and unhoused communities. While many of the pieces directly focus on homelessness – difficulties, political issues, humanization, etc. – others deal with universal human experiences such as loss, family, and romantic love.

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

Upcoming Community Coffees
Friday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m.
NaTea Teas
720 Erie Avenue
(Ward 5)

Friday, Dec. 9, 8 a.m.
The Deauville Apartments
7520 Maple Avenue
(Ward 4)

“Starting Friday mornings with coffee and conversations with residents is the best way to get things done in Takoma Park!”
—Mayor Kate Stewart

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