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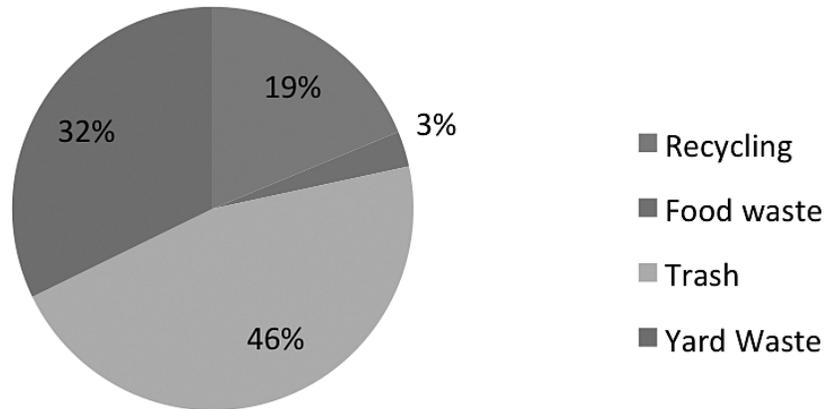
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No changes this month

Residential Waste - 2016



This chart provides a breakdown of the type of residential waste generated in the city last year.

Waste Management 101: A review of Takoma Park's 2016 efforts

Ever wonder what happens to all the "stuff" city crews pick up from your curb each week? Waste management is the common terminology used for all the activities and actions required to manage waste from its inception to its final disposal.

In 2016, the City collected approximately 6,957 tons of municipal waste from single-family homes, small apartment buildings, city facilities and public spaces. The four major streams of waste generated were as follows:

1. Solid waste (46 percent)
2. Yard waste (32 percent)
3. Recyclable material (19 percent)
4. Food waste (3 percent)

The City had a total recycling rate of 54 percent, meaning that more than half of the waste generated was diverted from the disposed waste stream.

Waste generated in the City of Takoma Park is collected by the sanitation staff from Monday to Friday. Yard waste is collected on Mondays, and trash, food waste and recycling is collected from four different neighborhoods between Tuesday and Friday. In addition, the City provides fall leaf collection five weeks per year generally beginning during the third week of November and ending in late December.

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Residents and City leaders remain committed to sanctuary ordinance

Hundreds gathered at the Takoma Park Community Center on Feb. 4 for a public teach-in on the city's sanctuary ordinance and how it protects their immigrant neighbors. "There's a lot of angst in the community," said Takoma Park Police Chief Alan Goldberg, "but we're here to say that it's business as usual in Takoma Park."

The angst stems from a series of executive orders signed by President Donald Trump related to curbing immigration, including one that targets sanctuary cities like Takoma Park specifically.

The order, titled Enhancing Public Safe-



Lilo Gonzalez and daughter

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Scatter garden advocates turned down by council

By Rick Henry

A group in Takoma Park was looking for eternal life. The big question – where will one go to achieve it? After a several-month search, members of the Committee for a Takoma Park Scatter Garden identified three possible sites within the city that they feel are ideal candidates for locating the city's first municipal "scatter garden," a place where people scatter the ashes of their loved ones, whose names are displayed on small plaques.

However, the City Council did a hand vote at its meeting on Feb. 22, indicating no interest in pursuing a scatter garden on city land at this time.

The three sites that the group had proposed are:

1. Upper Portal Park, located at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Piney Branch Road, adjacent to the Cady-Lee Mansion;
2. Stuart Armstrong Park/Woods, a big section of woods located at Philadelphia and Holly Avenues between Takoma Elementary School and Piney Branch Road; and
3. Thomas-Siegler House and Garden, located at the intersection of Tulip and Maple Avenues



sagittariUSDolly.wordpress.com

Thomas-Siegler House and Garden

After hearing about and researching scatter gardens, a group of Takoma Park residents last year began pursuing a proposed Takoma Park scatter garden. Many cities have municipally-owned and operated cemeteries and many of those have scatter gardens in them. The Takoma Park scatter garden would follow a long tradition of cities providing a place for memorials to departed residents.

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.
There is no meeting scheduled on March 29. Regular City Council meetings will take place in the Community Center Auditorium.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

March 21, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

March 14, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, March 6, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 14, 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.

City Council Action

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

Update on changing the date of city elections

Since residents who voted on the 2015 advisory ballot question showed strong support for changing the date of City elections to coincide with State and Federal general elections, the City Council, Board of Elections and staff have been planning for a change of date beginning in 2018.

If the election date is changed, City residents will go to their usual precincts to vote in the 2018 general election. They will check in, receive, mark and cast their ballots for the City election and then repeat the process for the State or Federal election (or check in first for the State or Federal election). In other words, there will be two separate elections taking place at each Takoma Park precinct. This separate voting is necessary because the City is not able to have its contests added to the State ballot in 2018.

To proceed, the City Council must amend the City Charter to change the date. The charter amendment would include setting a one-year term for the City Council and Mayor elected in 2017. There will be an election in 2018, when City Councilmembers and Mayor will be elected for the usual two-year terms.

The Council will also consider an amendment to move the nominating meeting earlier than the usual five weeks before the election. The amendment would move the meeting to the second Tuesday after Labor Day.

A public hearing on the date change was scheduled for March 1, before this issue of the newsletter was distributed. City residents should have received a post card mailer with information about the date change. If the Council still plans to implement the change of date after the March 1 public hearing, the charter amendment process will begin with a second public hearing on April 5. See the public hearing notice for details.

On Jan. 18, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2017-4** authorizing distribution of City of Takoma Park Scholarship funds for Montgomery College students. The College will administer the program and distribute five \$1,000 scholarships to Takoma Park resident students who have financial need and meet the criteria and preferences established in the resolution.

On Jan. 25, **Ordinance 2017-1** was adopted to authorize up to \$11,000 for a contract with iCan Shine Inc. to conduct a summer bike camp for students with disabilities to learn to ride a bike safely

and confidently. This is the third year of the camp, which is sponsored in conjunction with the City's Safe Routes to School program.

On Feb. 8, the Council adopted **Resolution 2017-5** opposing Maryland HB 431 – Transportation – State Highway Administration – Sale or Lease of Highway Naming Rights.

The Council also adopted **Ordinance 2017-2**, FY 2017 Budget Amendment No. 2 and **Ordinance 2017-3** to authorize a contract for services with The Cloudburst Group in the amount of

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Takoma Park Charter, the Council of the City of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City Charter: Section 301(a) to set the term for the Mayor and City Council elected in 2017 to one year; Section 604 to set the date of the nominating meeting for the second Tuesday after Labor Day in an election year, beginning in 2017; and Section 606 to change the date of City elections from every odd-numbered year to every even numbered year beginning in 2018.

The hearing will take place in the

Auditorium, Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912, on Monday, April 5, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

All interested persons should attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. The full text of the proposed amendment will be posted online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

Attest:
Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

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-committee. 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 Feb. 17, 2017:

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; 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. (3 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 or its neighborhoods; recommends programs for individuals to honor others; implements such programs; and decides on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment. Five vacancies (there are no members from Ward 4 or Ward 5).

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. (2 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. (1 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. (3 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. (3 vacancies)

In addition to the above vacancies, the following other committees have members with terms that expire March 31: the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Façade Advisory Board.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Here's an overview of how the City manages waste once it's collected from residents' homes.

Yard waste and fall leaves: The collected yard waste and fall leaves are brought to the Public Works yard and passed through a tub grinder, which shreds the material into small pieces. This mulch is then made available to the public for pick-up as well as delivery. Yard waste can be used as a top-dressing around trees and gardens. The City also uses mulch in our bio-retention facilities to help filter storm-water.

Trash: The City collects trash from single family and multi-family homes that are fewer than 13 units. On average, a Takoma Park household produces 38 pounds of trash per week. With an assumption of a typical four-member household, the per capita production is significantly lower than the national average of 80.36 pounds of trash, as estimated by the EPA.

Trash collected in Takoma Park is taken to the Northeast Transfer Station in DC, operated by Waste Management Inc. Most waste processed at this facility is then moved by trailer to either King George Landfill or Middle Peninsula Landfill in Virginia. Takoma Park uses this DC facility instead of the Montgomery County

trash processing facility in Gaithersburg because the price per ton is lower, and the location is closer.

Recycling: The City collects recycling in a single stream from single-family homes and multi-family homes that are fewer than 13 units. The average household in Takoma Park produces 18 pounds of recycling per week. With an assumption of a typical four-member household, the per capita production is significantly lower than the national average of 30.8 pounds of recycling, as estimated by the EPA. Recycling collected by the City is processed in a facility operated by the Maryland Environmental Service in Prince George's County.

The City uses the Prince George's County facility because it accepts recycling in a single stream. The Montgomery County recycling facility requires paper to be delivered separately from the other recyclables – also known as split-stream or dual stream. The City changed from dual-stream to single-stream collection to reduce program costs by using one truck for recycling collection instead of two.

Food waste: Food waste is collected on the same day as trash and recycling weekly. Participation in the food waste collection program is voluntary, and households can sign up for the program on the city website. The collected food waste is transported to Prince George's County Composting facility operated by

Maryland Environmental Service. This facility is the only one in our area currently providing food composting services.

Moving forward

The City relies on regional waste disposal facilities to process its waste. The Maryland Environmental Services Food Waste Composting facility has set a cap on the tonnage of food waste the city can haul to its composting facility to five tons per week. Currently the City brings just less than four tons of food waste to the facility weekly. Efforts to increase participation in the food waste program would help reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal slightly. However, more is needed to meet area waste reduction goals.

Montgomery and Prince George's Counties have set solid waste management goals to achieve a new 65 and 60 percent waste diversion rate by 2020, respectively. Their plans highlight public outreach, new policy implementation and innovation to be key strategies toward achieving their goal.

From 2010 through 2015, Takoma Park's yearly recycling collection remained relatively constant with an average yearly collection of 1,500 tons. Public outreach to better inform residents what is and what is not recyclable and compostable may help us increase recycling tonnage. The City implemented an online tool in 2016 to provide that type of help

for residents. The Waste Wizard search bar can be accessed at: takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/recycling-collection.

Additional outreach efforts under consideration include informational mailings, distribution of educational materials to new residents and seasonal signage on bus shelters.

The City has already instituted several policies, including a polystyrene and plastic bag ban to help to decrease trash as well as litter. Additionally, City-sponsored events require collection of recycling and food waste, in addition to trash, to reduce the waste generated from special events. Many communities have used a "Pay as You Throw" system to encourage residents to reduce their waste and increase their recycling participation by charging for the amount of trash generated by each household. These programs use a bag fee or a can fee to generate funding to cover the program. This financial incentive often increases waste diversion by residents as they can more clearly see the cost for the waste they generate. Staff is exploring this option for the City.

Additionally, the next stage of the Green Home Certification program in Takoma Park is expected to include Backyard Habitat and Waste Reduction as new categories for earning light, medium or dark green certifications. Stay tuned to learn more this spring!

SCATTER GARDEN

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Encouraged by community feedback and working in concert with City parks and recreation staff and the Commemoration Commission, residents, including Jennifer Beman, have spent the last few months exploring the issue and location options in response to inquiries from the City Council.

"The City Council asked us to gather information about where it (the scatter gar-

den) might be located, what it might look like and how it might function and then present it to them," Beman said.

According to Beman, five criteria were used to evaluate the final three sites that were selected.

1. The property has to be owned and maintained by the City, not the county.
2. Immediate neighbors of the property must be supportive. "We went and talked with a lot of neighbors, and no one

objected to the idea," Beman said.

3. The sites must be able to be adopted without a lot of change.
4. The site must be "appropriate." According to Beman, appropriate means "serene and tranquil, but also visible. It's a hard balance to find."
5. The site must be underutilized, meaning it is not really being used for any other purpose.

Beman White said each proposed site has its virtues. "There are a number of markers already at Upper Portal," she said. "And there is already a garden at the Thomas-Siegler property, and we propose to locate the scatter garden behind the Carriage House."

The Stuart Armstrong property was suggested by City gardener Mike Welsh. "It is basically an unused park with a lot of woods and is close to the municipal heart of town," Beman said.

As to the other two issues the City Council raised, Beman said that she does not expect that any of the three areas would change significantly. "We would need a sign and maybe a bench or two, and we are not asking the City to pay. We would do a fundraising campaign to pay for those costs," she said, noting that the group has received lots of support and encouragement and minimal concern from residents about the project.

She added that in addition to extensive

canvassing of the neighborhoods near the proposed sites, around 200 signatures on a petition supporting the garden have been gathered, and public comment has been available through a website and a public meeting held on Sunday, Feb. 5.

However, at the Takoma Park City Council's Nov. 2 meeting, councilmembers expressed concerns about a range of issues, including how eligibility for use of the garden would be determined, the costs the City would incur in maintenance and staff time, and in general, whether the City should be involved in this endeavor based on its other priorities.

Further, following Beman's presentation at the council's Feb. 22 meeting, Mayor Kate Stewart called for a show of hands to determine whether council members were in favor of the committee continuing its work or they were against the proposal for the scatter garden. The vote was 4 to 3 against the proposal with Council Members Kovar, Qureshi, Schultz and Smith opposing the idea.

Still Beman and the other supporters plan to meet with them individually during the next few months in hopes of changing their minds. They feel that a scatter garden within the city is something that should and will happen. "The histories of many towns are written in cemeteries," she said. "This will leave a legacy of the City and create a space for those who are left behind to visit and reflect."

Important City Department Phone Numbers

City Information	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
Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works.....	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental.....	301-891-7290



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\$84,124. The Cloudburst Group will develop a strategic plan for the preservation, retention and expansion of the City's housing and economic development infrastructure.

Councilmember Smith voted against Ordinance 2017-3.

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 (search "resolutions" or "ordinances").



BUILDING COMMUNITY

You can help!

The City of Takoma Park is looking for volunteers. Marking storm-drains are easy ways to stop pollution in your own neighborhood. You can help our creek and the Chesapeake Bay by attaching “no dumping!” decals on storm drains in your neighborhood. This message will remind people that storm drains should only take in water. Help spread the word that storm drains are not trash cans. To join the City’s efforts and become a volunteer, call the Public Works Department (301-891-7633) and request a map and curbs markers.



Takoma Junction community consultation continues

This month Neighborhood Development Company (NDC) in partnership with the City of Takoma will host the second set of four community meetings to seek input and share information about the proposed project located at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenue. Two meetings were held last month that addressed the topics of form and character with market and retail ideas.

The topics covered at the March meetings will be the public realm and access and mobility. Come give your input on design features of the new development.

The two meetings are identical in content and opportunity for feedback. Choose the option that works best for your schedule.

Thursday, March 9, 7-9 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center in the Azalea Room

Sunday, March 12, 3-5 p.m. at the Fire Station Meeting Room, 7201 Carroll Avenue

If you plan to attend, please call 301-891-7119. RSVPs would be appreciated but are not required. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/takoma-junction-redevelopment.

Letters of inquiry sought for FY18 Community Grants Program

The Takoma Park Grants Review Committee is accepting letters of inquiry from organizations seeking funding through the City of Takoma Park’s FY18 Community Grants Program for projects occurring between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

The City of Takoma Park’s Community Grants Program is designed to provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents’ quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences.

A letter of inquiry is required of all applicants. The letter of inquiry cover sheet and requirements may be found on the City’s website. If selected for further consideration, organizations will be contacted by the Grants Review Committee and invited to submit a full application for funding.

To be considered for funding, organizations must submit letters of inquiry electronically to grants@takomaparkmd.gov on or before 4:30 pm on Monday, March 13, 2017.



Credit: takomaensemble.blogspot.com

Artistic Director Vicki Gau directs a rehearsal of the Takoma Ensemble, one of several organizations that received funding as part of the City’s FY17 Community Quality of Life Grants Program.

Prior to submitting a Letter of Inquiry, organizations are encouraged to review the Community Grants Program Guidelines, available on the City’s website, to verify eligibility for funding.

For more information, please contact the City of Takoma Park’s Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or grants@takomaparkmd.gov.

Save the Dates! Montgomery College and Takoma Park Community Consultation

While we are still nailing down some of the details for the meetings, we have settled on initial meeting dates for the upcoming Montgomery College and Takoma Park community consultation process. The series of meetings is designed to provide the community with information about the College’s facilities planning process in the context of County and City processes and give community members an opportunity to engage in discussion and share feedback in order to move to-

ward an agreement between the City and the college on future construction.

The meetings will be held on the evenings of March 21, May 9, and June 6. Specific times and locations will be announced in the next couple of weeks. The meetings will be advertised through a variety of sources, including postcards sent to residences within a half mile of the College, and the City’s website, weekly E-News, and social media.



First-Time Home Buyers Seminar

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Are you ready to buy a home, but not sure where to start? You can take the first step by attending this *free* first-time home buyer seminar to be led by the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), a HUD certified housing organization. You will learn the entire home buying process from how to obtain a mortgage and to understanding the terms of the loan. Attend the entire session and receive a certificate of completion, allowing you access to low-interest loans. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, please contact the Housing & Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or email us at housing@takomaparkmd.gov. Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided.

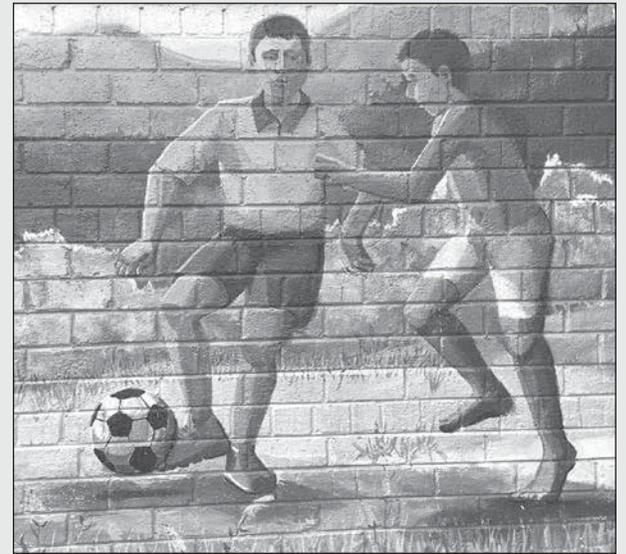
THE ARTS

Feminist and Progressive "Doctor Who" Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

If you are a fan of the British television science fiction series "Doctor Who," you won't want to miss this lecture by University of Maryland's Dr. Heather McHale. In her We Are Takoma-sponsored lecture, she discusses how the show has made progressive statements about LGBTQ issues, disability, race and economic class. Her talk focuses mostly on the revived series beginning in 2005.

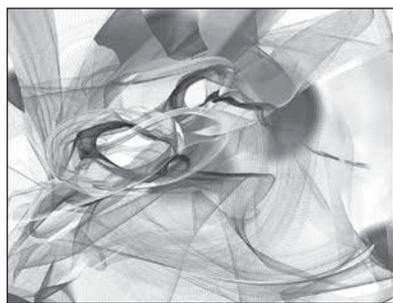


PHOTO/GRAPHIC Courtesy Heather McHale



Art Hunt

The City of Takoma Park has an active public art program. Currently, there are many murals, sculptures, and installations dotting the city's landscape. How familiar are you with our public art? Can you identify these works of art and their locations? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the answers throughout March.



PHOTO/Woven Dream, Pam Eichner

4 + 1 Opening and Reception Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m.

Kick off the opening of 4 + 1 with us! See great art and meet the artists. Enjoy works by Cedric Baker, Monica Jahan Bose, Aishwariya Chandrasekar, Norma Brooks and Pam Eichner.

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Docs in Progress Presents Demythologizing the West through Documentary Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Filmmaker Paul Moon and photographer Rebecca Drobis present and discuss two perspectives on the contemporary American West. Paul's work demythologizes the cowboy mystique, juxtaposing cowboy poetry with landscapes that visualize perseverance in today's ranch culture. Rebecca takes us on a journey to the remote Blackfeet Reservation in Montana focused on the experiences of young people. Free.



Third Thursday Poetry Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of poetry by the best of poets from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Free and reception follows.



Callithump Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

Join Callithump for an evening of refined British mayhem. Playing foot-stomping tunes and rocking songs, Callithump brings original and ancient folk music to life.

Glyn Collinson (bouzouki, vocals, stomping) is a British immigrant from a long line of English folk singers, who came to the DC area to build spaceships. Andrew Marcus (accordion) tours with numerous highly sought-after contra dance bands, including Giant Robot Dance. Glyn and Andrew also form the core of Frog Hammer, the DC region's premier English ceilidh dance band and have appeared at many ceilidh and contra dances throughout the region.

Public Art

Do you know a good spot for a sculpture or mural? Email us at arts@takomaparkmd.gov, or comment on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, and don't forget #WeAreTakoma.



New Mural for Takoma/Langlely

A new mural is coming to the Takoma/Langlely Crossroads this spring. It will be painted on the side of 1337 Holton Lane, across the street from the large mural created in 2015. The Takoma/Langlely Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) has contracted with the Krsko Group to create the new mural. Both properties are owned by JBGR, which has given its approval to the project.

The artists will seek community input on possible themes for the new mural at two community meetings at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue. The first meeting is **Friday, March 17 from 6-8 p.m.** The artists will introduce past projects, process and vision for the mural, and engage in an exchange of ideas with the community. The second meeting is on **Thursday, March 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, where the artists will present an updated sketch that incorporates ideas from the March 17 meeting. The mural will be designed to incorporate imagery resulting from the community discussions, and participants will be encouraged to create stencils representing the ideas and to paint them.

Community residents are invited to attend the March 17 and March 23 meetings and offer their ideas to the Krsko Group. For more information, call 301-445-7910.

RECREATION

YOUTH

ART

Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children 4-5 years old. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline Mackinnon.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

4-8 years

6 Week Session

Mondays, March 13-April 17

2:30-3:30 p.m. or 4-5 p.m.

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12

4-5 p.m.

Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

MAKE/Shift Studio I: Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two- and three-dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media – every class a different subject and medium. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

8-11 years

6 Week Session

Thursdays, March 2-April 6

3:45-5:45 p.m.

Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175



MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

11-14 years

6 Week Session

Tuesdays, March 7 - April 18

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group "survive." Taught by the library's own Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

9-18 years

5 Week Sessions

Thursdays, March 16-April 13

4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

EXTENDED CARE

Childcare Programs 2017 - 2018

Registration for Takoma Park residents opens Wednesday, March 15; non-residents March 22.

At the time of registration, 20% of the total fee is due, with the next payment being due Oct. 1.

SPORTS

Flag Football League

This is a non-competitive, instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Practices will be one day a week and games will be played on Saturdays. Registration has opened already!!!

Practices begin week of March 27, 2017

Games will be played at 1, 2 or 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

No games Saturday, April 15.

Ed Wilhelm Field

Divisions: 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years

5 week season

Saturdays, April 8 - May 13

Residents: \$40 / Non-residents: \$50

T-Ball League

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring own baseball glove. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Ed Wilhelm Field

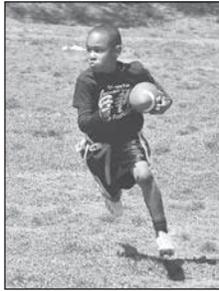
Grades Kindergarten – First

8 week season

Saturdays, June 3 - July 22

Games are played at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Residents: \$60 / Non-residents: \$70



Grades 6-12

1 Week Session

Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Don't forget to register for Teen Summer Camp as well!

DROP-IN

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to 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.

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

Ongoing Tuesdays

4-5 p.m.

Free

Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS only (Middle School and High School students)! You are welcome to watch two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TVs. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

Ongoing

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 3-7 p.m.

Tuesdays: 3-8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Free

Teen Night

Teen Night is a great way for teens to meet their need for social interaction. The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more.

Teen Night is held every second and fourth Friday of the month from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. This program is free with a membership card. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

12-16 years

Ongoing Second and Fourth Fridays

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Free with Recreation Center membership



instructor, will be due on the first day of class.

Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

16 years and older

6 Week Session

Tuesdays, March 7 - April 18

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

FITNESS

Go-Go Fitness

Go-Go Fitness is a comprehensive 60-minute 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.



Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

16 years and older

Saturdays

12-1 p.m.

Drop-in: \$5

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises all to the beat of great music. For more information and to register, contact 301-351-4575. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Jazzercise.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

16 years and older

Ongoing

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

Saturdays, 8-9 a.m.

EFT Pass \$45 month / 12 month minimum

+ Joining Fee

\$50 month / 6 months + Joining Fee

Drop-in: \$15

Register through Jazzercise

TEENS

CAMPS



Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. Week

Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch! Before and after care are now available.

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

ADULTS

ART

Collage

You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials will be available. A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the

SPORTS



Adult Softball League 2017

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50% of TP residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. All games are double headers; first game is at 9:30 a.m.

Local Fields in Takoma Park and Silver Spring

Ages 16 and Up

8 week season

Sundays, April 9 - June 11

Resident Team Fee: \$545 / Non-resident Team

Fee: \$645

RECREATION *Special program*

Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an “egg-citing” time! There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Sharp! Don’t miss out. Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you.

Ed Wilhelm Field
(Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Saturday, April 15, 2017
10:30 a.m.
Rain Date: Monday, April 17, 2017 at 4 p.m.
Free



Celebrate Takoma Committee Volunteers Needed

The Recreation Department is beginning to plan the Annual Celebrate Takoma Festival for Saturday, May 20, and we need your help. The festival celebrates the cultural diversity of Takoma Park. We will be looking for food, community vendors and local entertainers. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Steering Committee, please email Debby Huffman at deborahh@takomaparkmd.gov. The committee meets monthly in the evenings. Come join the fun!



2017 Summer Camp Openings

Limited spaces available, register online or in person.

Ages	June 26 - 30	July 3 - 7	July 10 - 14	July 17 - 21	July 24 - 28	August 14 - 18
Rookie Sports Camp	3-4	✓		✓		✓
Teeny Tiny Chefs	3-4				✓	
Girls Basketball Camp	7-14					✓
Visual Arts Camp	11-14	✓		✓	✓	
Teens on the Move	Grades 6-12			✓	✓	✓

As of 2/24/17

Youth Summer Employment Program Interest Meeting

Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this 8-week program which will begin June 26 and will end August 18, 2017. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the return of the City’s Youth Summer Employment program. The purpose of the Youth Summer Employment Program is to provide young people, ages 16-21, with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. There are

a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. To register for the Interest Workshop or to find out more information, please call 301-891-7290.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Ave
Ages 16-21 and parents
Friday, April 21
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Free

Celebrate Takoma Festival

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Most vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees for food vendors.

Maple Ave (between Philadelphia and Lee Avenues)
Saturday, May 20, 4–7 p.m.
Event held rain or shine
For more information, please call 301-891-7290
or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma.

RECREATION

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55+

DROP-IN

Bingo

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, March 23
12–2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, March 23
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

The game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to “hang out” before, in-between and after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room

The Love of Coaching

Jesse Taylor is a longtime volunteer coach for the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department’s athletic programs. Coach Jesse, as he is affectionately known, has coached and volunteered with several sports programs, including basketball, T-ball and flag football. Taylor is one of those volunteers that you can always count on to come back season after season ready to pour back into the youth. His energy, passion and patience are immeasurable, and this is what makes him such a popular pick for players and parents alike.

Jesse, who is also a former participant in the recreation department sports leagues, prides himself on taking opportunities to be a positive role model for those in and around the Takoma Park Community. This past summer, Coach Jesse (pictured with his team, far right), earned his very first Y.E.S. League Championship after several years of falling short. He often speaks on how important that championship was to the kids on his team because “they all felt like underdogs that weren’t supposed to be there.”



Coach Jesse has the innate ability to quickly build relationships and gain trust amongst his players. This attribute has allowed him to be a better teacher of the game, no matter what the sport is. The recreation department is so very appreciative to have wonderful coaches like Jesse Taylor, who continually dedi-

cate countless hours to help aid in the success of young people. If interested in becoming a coach or participating in one of our upcoming sports programs, please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports.



Cirincione to be featured speaker at Friends Annual Meeting

By Tim Rahn

Takoma Park resident and advocate for nuclear nonproliferation Joe Cirincione will speak at annual meeting of the Friends of Takoma Park Maryland Library on Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the children's room of the Library.

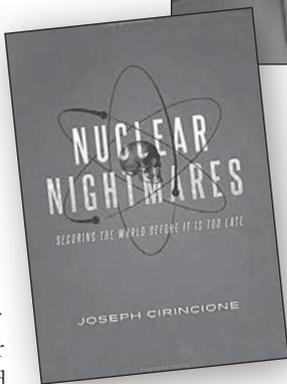
An author of several books and numerous articles, Cirincione is an expert on the threat of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the post-Cold War era. Currently, Cirincione serves as president of the Ploughshares Fund, a Washington-based foundation that provides grants aimed at reducing weapons stockpiles.

Cirincione was vice-president of national security at the Center for American Progress prior to joining Ploughshares. He has also worked for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and served on the staffs of the U.S. House of Representatives committees on Armed Services and Government Operations.

As president of Ploughshares, Cirin-



Joe Cirincione



cione addresses audiences internationally about the risks of nuclear programs. Having appeared numerous times on network news shows, Cirincione writes frequent commentaries for print media as well. He also teaches at the graduate School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

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

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Anne for this fun monthly program.

LEGO Club

Sunday, March 5, 1:30–3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 3–10.

Author/Illustrator Susan Stockdale

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.
Stockdale will talk about her new picture book, *Fantastic Flowers*.

Picture Book Creators Mac Barnett & Brian Biggs

Friday, March 10, 7 p.m.
Barnett and Biggs will spotlight their new book, *Noisy Night*.

Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight: A Puppet Show

Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
Free, no registration required.
Best for ages 4 up
Azalea Room, TP Community Center

Kids Art

Sunday, March 12, 2–3 PM

Caldecott Club

Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.

All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served!

Comics Jam

Tuesday, March 14, 4 p.m.
Come read comics with Dave Burbank

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Join Marie-Fraise des Bois (a.k.a. Madame Marie) for songs and rhymes in French.

Friends' Big Book Club Lecture

Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.
The Friends' Big Book Club discussions of Goethe's *Faust* begin with an introductory lecture by Professor Francien Markx, followed by a reception.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park

Kids' Novelist Pseudonymous Bosch

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
Bosch will present *Bad News*, the newest in his best-selling *Bad Books* series.

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is *The Book of Daniel* by E.L. Doctorow. (see article)

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Board Election

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.
Guest speaker: Joe Cirincione
Reception following the program (see article)

COMING UP

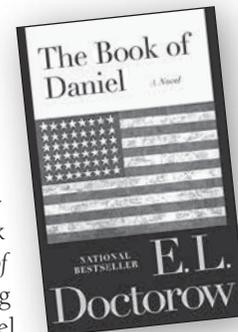
Kids Author Hena Khan
Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Khan will read from her new kids' novel, *Amina's Voice*.

Times of Turmoil in the Friends Book Club Selection

By Tim Rahn

E. L. Doctorow's 1971 novel, *The Book of Daniel* will be discussed by the Friends Book Club Group on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. *The Book of Daniel* is a fictionalized telling of the story of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the only civilians to be convicted and executed for espionage during the Cold War. As told through the eyes of a son, Daniel, some 15 years after the execution of his parents, the novel weaves the political and cultural turmoil into the family story.

In an interview, Doctorow, who replaces the Rosenbergs with Isaacsons, said the idea for the novel came from hearing about the "new left [of the late 1960s], and I be-



gan to wonder how it compared with the old left of the 30s."

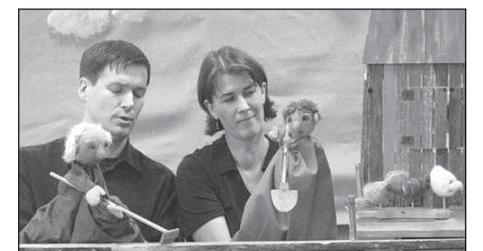
The *Kirkus Review* wrote of *The Book of Daniel* that "one questions some of it even in this fictional form but one accepts it for what it is – a ravaging, riveting experience which will be read all through the long nights to come."

Doctorow, a three-time winner of the National Book Critic Circle Award author for *Ragtime*, *Billy Bathgate*, and *The March*, died in July 2016. His books frequently blend fictional and historical characters to examine human behavior, especially our often floundering attempts to learn from the past.

All are welcome to attend the Friends Book Group discussions. Copies of the book are available at the City Library.

A Puppet Show for Everyone

Back by popular demand, Beech Tree Puppets presents "Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight" on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. For this puppet show, Beech Tree founders Ingrid and Ole Haas have adapted Native American folk and creation tales from the Lenape and Inuit tribes, and audience members will be able to follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit, as he brings fire to earth and saves the other animals. Aimed at ages 4-104, the 45-minute puppet show is free, requires no pre-registration, and will be presented in the Azalea Room of the Takoma Park Community



Beech Tree Puppets was founded by Ole and Ingrid Haas.

Center. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our program!

Board elections

Following the Cirincione's speech, the Friends of Takoma Park Maryland Library will review activities of the last year and conduct board elections as part of the annual meeting. This year the Friends will elect one or more members-at-large to serve on the Friends board. Refreshments will follow.

Any member of the Friends whose dues are current may be a candidate for office and may vote. Members wishing to be candidates for vacant positions should send a brief biographical statement to Ellen Robbins at the Library by Wednesday, March 22 for inclusion in a printed ballot. Members may also be nominated from the floor at the meeting. This event is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library have been active in fundraising and advocacy for the Library since 1994. For information about activities sponsored by the Friends and the many programs they support, visit www.ftpml.org.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Scribbler's Cabal: If you've got a young artist in your home, you might be interested in our "Scribbler's Cabal" program, which takes place many Friday afternoons at 4 p.m. Led by library assistant and staff artist Dave Burbank, this low-key program brings together kids who enjoy drawing and sharing artistic ideas. If you're interested in joining the fun, please register, as the program varies according to Dave's Friday schedule! To register, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents and look for Scribbler's

Cabal. One you're registered, you'll get a weekly email saying whether the program will take place or not.

Calde-Nots: Each year there are a number of wonderful children's books that aren't eligible for the Caldecott Medal, usually because the illustrator lives in a country other than the United States. But these books are worth reading! So our Caldecott Club will be reading some of these great "Calde-Nots" at the March 13 meeting. Join us at 7 p.m. to enjoy some great books; no registration is required and lemonade and cookies will be served.

Editor's Note: The theme for Women's History Month 2017 is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor in Business." As such, it seemed fitting to ask local photographer, graphic designer, and business owner Selena Malott, whose photos frequently appear in the newsletter, to share her perspective on a recent event in women's history, the Women's March on Washington. Here's her take on this historic day.

The Women's March on Washington through My Lens: A Photographic Essay

By Selena Malott

What a difference a day can make. January 20, Inauguration Day, was an extremely somber day for many. Most of us couldn't bear to speak of it and even more refused to watch it happen. Our hearts were broken, but we would not be silenced. The one thing we were certain of was that the next day we would march.

On January 21, I woke feeling hopeful and grateful to be a part of The Women's March on Washington as well as document the monumental day. That said, nothing could have prepared me for what I witnessed or felt throughout the day.

As I made my way downtown, the streets were full with shouts and signs hoisted high focused on a variety of issues and concerns, including immigration reform, gun control, climate change, planned parenthood, the GBLTQ community, Native Americans, and public education, just to name a few. It was deeply moving to witness so many people channeling their outrage into peaceful protest.

Handmade signs held or fashioned to shirts, capes – all brilliant in their own right. Mothers with daughters, sons, husbands, friends smiling locked in arms, men and women of every color, race, description and moral suasion. Each one coming together in solidarity to let their government know, we are more with each other, than against each other – we must return to civil discourse and protect everyone's rights.

The positive energy was uplifting and contagious. My body was covered in perpetual goose bumps as I and 500,000 plus marched our way down Independence Avenue. The streets echoed our chants, flowing from front to back like a vocal wave, tossing it back again to the onlookers and those gathered on the many side streets converging with the pack:

- My body, My choice! Her body, Her choice!
- Tell me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like.
- Education not deportation!
- No justice! No peace!

It was amazing: being greeted with genuine smiles by perfect strangers, embraced by some and laughing with others. Each of us felt the spirit of the day: Stronger Together.

To say that being a part of the Women's March was a life-affirming experience may sound a bit dramatic, but it truly was. Here are a few of my favorite photographs of this undoubtedly historic moment in time.



PBES feasibility study moves forward with work sessions

Three of the four public work sessions scheduled in conjunction with the PBES Feasibility Study have already taken place. The final session and a presentation are scheduled for this month. What follows is a selected summary of the information shared and the issues raised at the previous work sessions.

For complete summaries of the work sessions and to view the presentations give at them, visit www.montgomeryschool-smd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/pineybranch.aspx.

Work Session 1

At the first work session on Jan. 31, Dave Fischer of Smolen Emr Ilkovitch Architects (SEI) reviewed all the potential locations for adding programmed square footage to PBES:

Location 1: Hill area along northwest side of building. According to Fischer, building in this location would require cooperation and compromise between MCPS and other public county and local agencies as that area is land owned by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and programmed by City of Takoma Park Parks Department.

Location 2: In front of building services loading dock on the east of the building. Fischer indicated that any addition in this area would need to be elevated off of the ground to maintain access to the loading dock. Parking may be affected at this location.

Location 3: Above the current combined bus loop/parent drop-off loop/parking lot at the front entrance of the building. Fischer stated that any addition here would have to be elevated to the tie in to the existing top floor of the building. Parking and traffic will likely be affected at this location.

Location 4: The south corner of the building at an existing parking lot location. An addition in this location could potentially go down to grade and not need to be elevated but would cost parking.

Location 5: Inside the volume of what is currently the public pool

Location 6: On the plaza currently connecting the school and play fields located above the current locker room space and/or the locker rooms.

Work Session 2

Prior to this session on Feb. 7, all community comments were reviewed, and SEI generated several concepts for review and discussion. These concepts will then be revised based on community feedback. Concepts A-F were presented at the meeting. After discussion, Concept B was eliminated.

Work Session 3

Revised concepts were presented at this session on Feb. 21. Significantly abbreviated descriptions of each concept are provided here. For more detailed information and to view the proposed floor plans, view the full presentation on the MCPS website.

Concept A, Build into Hill:

- Provide parking at back of site, 29 Spaces (addition of 21 spaces)
- Extend back stair up to top level

- Rework back stair to incorporate elevator
- Locate admin suite on level B
- Relocate back classroom to overlook roof
- No impact on other classrooms
- Classroom bar adjacent to park playground, above parking lot
- Direct access from building to park

Concept C, Corner & Plaza:

- Provide parking at back of site, 29 Spaces (addition of 21 spaces)
- Bring one new stair towers down to entrance level
- Stair towers would not affect parking
- Elevated two-story addition at front left corner of building.
- Utilize exterior storage rooms to locate two classrooms by rear stair.
- Convert inboard classroom to storage
- Bridge to park for accessibility
- Academic loop at floor B

Concept D, Parent Loop

- Half of pool volume demolished
- New car drop-off loop with inset parking added
- Provide parking at back of site, 28 Spaces (addition of 20 spaces)
- Secondary entrance for arrival and dismissal
- Admin suite at secondary entrance
- Extend back stair up to top level
- Add elevator at back stair
- Dual purpose room at floor D
- Bridge to park for accessibility

Concept E, Pool Renovation

- Provide parking at back of site 29 Spaces (addition of 21 spaces)
- All program located within shell of pool and locker rooms
- Gymnasium, cafeteria, and ICB storage added
- Volume space above pool left available, pool infilled with lightweight material for maximum flexibility in future
- Admin suite at secondary entrance
- Existing plaza converted to outdoor teaching space
- Bridge to park for accessibility

Concept F, Roof Construction

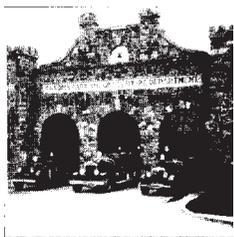
- Provide parking at back of site 29 Spaces (addition of 21 spaces)
- Classroom clusters on pool and gym roofs
- Accessible bridge to park doubles as outdoor classroom

If you have questions concerning the design process, contact Gary Mosesman, project manager, at gary_d_moseman@mcpsmd.org

Upcoming Meetings

Work Session #4	PTA Presentation
Wednesday, March 1 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, March 28 7 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the school. However, as clarified in the "Meetings Notes" posted on the MCPS website following the first work session on Jan. 31, community members are encouraged to attend the final meeting on March 28: "This meeting is intended to serve as a recap of the FS and report out the end results of the study. While this has been labeled a 'PTA Presentation,' the intent is not to bar community members who do not have children currently in the school."



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Jan. 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 51 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department addressed or assisted with 226 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 277, representing a decrease of 82 incidents.

During January, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,673.5 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,235.5 hours in January 2016.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of February 27, 13 people have died in fires compared to 16 in February 2016.

Fire safety message

Older Americans are one of the groups at greatest risk of dying in a fire. On average, 959 Americans age 65 and over die in fires each year. People over the age of 80 die in fires at a rate three times higher than the rest of the population. Older Americans are at increased risk for death and injuries because:

- They may be less able to take the quick action necessary in a fire emergency.
- They may be on medication that affects their ability to make quick decisions.
- Many older people live alone, and when accidents happen, others may not be around to help.

If you have an older relative or friend, maybe you should be checking on them. Make sure they know what to do in an emergency.



Pictured L-R Fire Chief Tom Musgrove, Christie, Daniel, Jonathan and Chief Jim Jarboe

Three Takoma Park VFD members graduate

In Feb. 10, at the new Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy, three members of the Takoma Park VFD received their training certificates: Daniel Carroll (EMT course), Christie Balch and Jonathan Aiken (Firefighter 1 and 2 courses). And Jonathan received the Marvin A. Gibbons Award for being top in his class. Congrats to all three!

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.



Fire Escape: Getting a warning and getting out

By Claudine Schweber, co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

Don't wait to see smoke coming through your doors or waking up to burning smells. How would you get out? If upstairs at the time of the fire, should you jump out of a window—which one? And where are those smoke alarms? Why weren't they ringing? Who do you call? Now is the time to get working smoke detectors, have a home safety check, identify fire escape routes, and more.

Isn't this expensive? No, it's free from Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service. To get more information, call 240-777-2430 or visit www.mcfers.org/mcsafe.

Here's what's offered:

- **Home safety check:** The firefighter will look at placement of smoke alarms, exits, possible escape routes, and share this information with the house/apartment members right away.
- **Working smoke detectors:** A new smoke alarm law (Jan. 1, 2018) requires that all batteries have a 10-year lifespan. Note: Smoke alarms must (1) not be more than 10 years old (from the date of manufacture) and (2) are not permitted to have a removable battery as the primary power source. This means that

you must either have hard-wired smoke alarms with a battery backup or smoke alarms that are powered by a sealed, long-life battery. MCFRS will install new battery-powered smoke alarms free.

- **Escape routes:** The firefighter will discuss the escape routes, including those from upper floors. For upper floors, this means looking outside and checking the potential soft ground, so there's a soft landing. For the walk-in floor, this means identifying which would be the fastest exit route, plus alternatives. It also means identifying where folks would meet outside, nearby, and how to identify the location to the fire department. A sensible fire escape plan requires working smoke alarms in the correct location to give you early warning of a fire.

- **Helping people with disabilities:** The firefighter will offer suggestions about escapes, advice depending on the disability, and resources.

Thanks to James Resnick, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service for this information and opportunity. It's easy to contact the emergency preparedness committee at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.



Takoma Park 4-H Club hosts annual animal support drive

"People helping animals and animals helping people" is the theme for this annual event, which will be held on TBD, March 25 in the Takoma Park Library parking lot. Takoma Park 4H Club is in its 7th year, and this is the organization's 7th Annual Animal Drive.

Every year the 4Hers make toys for the cats and dogs at the Humane Rescue Alliance (formerly Washington An-

imal Rescue League) to coincide with the animal drive. In past years, the club has collected over \$700 in donations, both in cash and in-kind donations. Help the alliance by dropping off gently used or new pet toys, unopened pet food, clean used towels and blankets, and cash or check donations. For more information, contact pptakoma@mindspring.com.

Five Questions for Mike Tidwell, Founder & Director, Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Mike Tidwell has lived in Takoma Park since January 1989. He, his wife Beth, their “come-and-go son” Sasha, who is a student at University of Maryland, and cat Macy Gray reside on upper Willow Avenue in the PEN neighborhood. “It’s basically downtown Takoma Park,” Sidwell notes. “Twenty years ago, Roscoe the rooster used to spend a lot of time in my back yard.”

What was his main motivation for becoming an advocate for climate change issues? “A relentless, unshakable concern for justice.” Sidwell lives in constant fear that his teenage son will have a fraction of the opportunities in his lifetime that he’s had in his – due to climate change. “I was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Congo in my 20s. I lived with barefoot, car-free people who contribute almost nothing to climate change but who are already being made hungry by drought, strange floods, and ecological upheaval,” he explains. “All this when the promise of a carbon-free world is totally within our grasp through affordable wind power and solar and electric cars.”

Through his work with Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Sidwell has learned “that people will take action – bold action – if you simply ask them and you have good plan.” He recalls several instances where his powers of persuasion were in full effect: “I’ve persuaded dozens of people to go peacefully to jail with me over the Keystone XL pipeline. I’ve gotten countless people to play hooky from work to lobby for solar and wind power legislation in Annapolis”

“And I’ve gotten thousands of people over the years to jump into the Potomac River in January to raise money and awareness about the need to, “Keep winter cold!” More people than you think will take action if you have a concrete goal and you simply pick up the phone or shoot them an email and ask.”

Last year a series of “quick interviews” was introduced in this newsletter to help residents learn a little more about some of their neighbors. Here’s Sidwell’s take on our five questions.

1. Favorite Place/Activity in Takoma Park: Hanging out at the Thomas-Siegler Carriage House garden on Tulip Avenue. I love sit-

ting on the little wooden bench there and taking in the Azaleas in spring and the autumn colors in October. I take my Sunday school class there some mornings because the garden itself is a beautiful little prayer.

2. Best Thing about Living in Takoma Park: It’s a neighborhood that values its “characters.” Everyone can pretty much just be themselves. I like never having to explain myself when I march in the July 4th parade with my old-fashioned push lawnmower to make a statement about global warming. We all pretty much get each other here.

3. What’s on Your Desk Right Now: Trying to get my fellow Marylanders

to see that Governor Larry Hogan is a total environmental phony. Plus just finishing this interview by 6 p.m. on a Friday night, so I can meet my wife at Republic before happy hour ends.

4. What You Do in Your “Spare Time”: Watch Flamenco dance performances throughout the region with my Flamenco-crazed wife. When I’m not doing that I watch baseball. Read about baseball. Dream about baseball.

5. Best Advice You Ever Got (and from who): “Mike, after college, you should join the Peace Corps.” From a friend of a friend of a friend. The two years I spent in a Congo village changed my life forever.

BONUS:

If I had a magic wand for a day, I would take a wrecking ball to the ugly 10-story high-rise office building on Carroll Avenue (I work on the 7th floor!). Then I would turn the lot into a Little League baseball park with a veggie hot dog stand.

For more information about the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, visit chesapeakeclimate.org.



Mike Tidwell



Tebabu Assefa greets another supporter

SANCTUARY CITY

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ty in the Interior of the United States, withholds federal funding from cities that offer sanctuary to illegal immigrants.

According to Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, the city stands to lose \$90,000 in such federal funds, but Takoma Park has no intention of revoking its ordinance. “We’re already fundraising,” said Stewart. “We’ll make up that money [in other ways.]”

At the teach-in, however, Maryland State Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez warned that “that bill is mild compared to what we are going to see moving forward. It’s coming, and it’s coming very soon.”

The crowd filled the auditorium and several overflow rooms where the speakers and panel were live streamed on television screens, and some even sat on the floor in the aisles to listen as poems were recited, music was played and a brief history of Takoma’s sanctuary ordinance was given.

“When we organized together last time, it was about politics,” said community activist Tebabu Assefa while explaining one of the amendments made to the ordinance in 2007. “This time it is about humanity.”

Lilo Gonzalez led the assembled crowd in several songs in both English and Spanish. “As a former refugee from El Salvador, it is my duty to be here,” Gonzalez said. “With this new administration, it’s time to

come be a part of this movement and work hard to make this country a country for everybody.”

Mayor Kate Stewart moderated a panel discussion with City Manager Suzanne Ludlow; Police Chief Alan Goldberg; Montgomery County Councilmember Marc Elrich; Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland and Denyse Sabagh Esq., a Partner with Duane Morris.

Katie Burn was one of the audience members and explained that her stake in the matter was personal. “My husband is an immigrant,” Burn said. “This is near and dear to us.”

President Trump’s executive order says that “it is the policy of the executive branch to ensure, to the fullest extent of the law, that a State, or a political subdivision of a State, shall comply” and cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

But at the teach-in, city leaders and activists alike from Takoma Park made clear that they weren’t changing the ordinance or their operating procedures. “We have no interest or authority in the deportation of immigrants,” Goldberg said in a statement. “The mission and commitment of the Takoma Park Police Department is the safety and welfare of all our residents.”

The sentiment expressed by the hundreds of residents that filled the community center seemed to be the same. “This is a temporary setback,” Assefa said. “Love will win.”

RECREATION

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7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Mondays – Fridays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

Needlework Get-together

Work on your knitting and crochet with other needlework enthusiasts. Join us for fun, conversation and support with your projects. This is not an instructional class. Drop-in. No registration required. The group will not meet during inclement weather.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, March 6-27
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

Don’t worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Drop-in. No registration is required.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays, ongoing until May
12–1 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Table Tennis Tournament

Back by popular demand, this tournament will be a friendly and fun event, simple rules and basic skill levels. Limited space. On-line or in-person registration is required by the 3/23/17 deadline when the roster will be set. No last minute entries.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Sunday, March 26
2–4 p.m.
Free

MARCH '17

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 April issue is March 17, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning March 31.

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, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 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, noon – 3 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.educare-supportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teaches early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

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

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

Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA)

This support and advocacy group of parents and other loved ones of adults with special needs including autism, Down's Syndrome, and severe chronic psychiatric challenges usually meets the fourth Thursdays of every month at the home of a Takoma Park resident. For more information, contact Mary Muchui at muchui@aol.com or 301-646-2109.

Community Coffee

March 3, 8 a.m.
Capital City Cheesecake
7071 Carroll Ave
Stop by on your way to work to talk about issues important to you.



Montgomery College & Takoma Park Community Consultation

Tuesday, March 21
Time and location to be announced via the City's website, weekly E-News, and social media
This is the first in a series of meetings designed to provide the community with information about the College's facilities planning process in the context of County and City processes and give community members an opportunity to engage in discussion and share feedback.

4-H Club's annual Animal Drive

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Takoma Park Library parking lot
Help the Alliance formerly Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) by dropping off gently used or new pet toys, unopened pet food, clean used towels and blankets, cash or check donations. There is also a bake sale to benefit WARL.

Difference Makers Silent Auction

Friday, March 31, 6 – 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
Second annual silent auction to support Difference Makers, a student-run nonprofit organization. A full list of items up for auction can be seen on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/makeadifferencewithus/>
Free

110th Anniversary Celebration, John Nevins Andrews School

Saturday, April 1; 11:15 a.m. service and luncheon; 4:30 p.m. concert
John Nevins Andrews School, 117 Elm Ave.
Concert celebrating 110 years of memories with an alumni basketball game to follow.

Fitness Expo 2017

Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP Recreation Center
Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from our local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 8 a.m. with our first 20-minute demonstration. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincents@takomaparkmd.gov.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENTS

Village Rides Volunteer Orientation

Monday, March 6, 7–9 p.m.
TP Municipal Building, Rose Room
Orientation session for those interested in driving Takoma Park seniors once a month or more. Please call 301-646-2109 to register.

Aging Well Network

Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
TP Community Center, Azalea Room
Please join us for a special program in honor of Women's History Month: "Clara Barton: An American Life" about the Civil War heroine and founder of the American Red Cross. The presenter will be Kevin Patti, park ranger at the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Glen Echo. Free and open to all, no pre-registration required, refreshments provided. For more information, please visit villageoftakomapark.com.

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

Feminist and Progressive "Doctor Who"

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
The British television series "Doctor Who" focuses on a time-travelling wanderer and his stereotypical companion who's young, female, attractive, and not very smart. Heather McHale, PhD in literature from University of Maryland, addresses this stereotype and finds that it has almost never been accurate, and that the show has, with a few notable exceptions, depicted strong, varied companions. Focusing mostly on the revived series beginning in 2005, McHale discusses how the show has made progressive statements about LGBTQ issues, disability, race, and economic class.
Suggested \$10 donation

Gallery Exhibit "Four"

March 9 – April 30
TP Community Center
Featuring works by Aishwariya Chandrasekar, Cedric Baker, Norma Brooks, and Pam Eichner.

Docs in Progress Films

Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Second Thursday of the month. Events include screenings of completed documentaries, documentaries in progress, and experimental films

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.

Writing a Village

Monday, March 20, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Lilac Room
Led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words.

Photo Salon

Monday, March 27, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Takoma Park Arbor Day

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., On the grounds of the Takoma Park Library.
Free native tree seedlings and information on planting and caring for trees will be distributed.

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.
(Rain date: Monday, April 17, 4 p.m.)
Ed Wilhelm Field
(behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg-citing" time. There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. sharp. Don't miss out. Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you. Free

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

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



photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

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 March 1 through April 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: Arborist, 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 _____