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**City offices closed**  
Tuesday, July 4

**Trash collection/recycling**  
No collection July 4  
Monday yard waste collection cancelled



Photo: Selena Malott

Chelsea Nunez (pictured left) and other recreation staff serve Celebrate Takoma attendees free ice cream in honor of the department's 50th anniversary. More highlights from Celebrate Takoma on page 10.



Photo: Apryl Motley

## Celebrating 50 Years

By Michael Kurland,  
Recreation Programs Supervisor

2017 will be an exciting year for our community. The Recreation Department is turning 50 years old! The department, which originally started out as a Recreation Committee and Council in Montgomery County in 1948, oversaw eight parks and only became an official department of the City in 1967.

Belle Ziegler, who was the deputy city clerk, became the Recreation Department's first director. Belle jump-started the department with a number of urban recreation innovations. She launched a youth dance program under the direction of choreographer Wayne St. David and brought in the City's first youth outreach worker, who instituted drug-prevention

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## Show some SPIRIT

By Erin Kelley, Grants Coordinator

On any given Wednesday evening in the Lilac Room at the Takoma Park Community Center, a chorus of lively voices can be heard counting down from twenty, finishing a challenging set of dead lifts with their arms: "...five, four, three, two, SPIRIT!" Following the completion of the set, high-tens are shared among the people in the room, which include several adults with

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Photo: Erin Kelley

Zak Weinstein



The City wants to know

## What's Your Takoma Park?

As the City works to create its Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan, we want to hear what TKPK residents think about their community.

Complete the Community Assessment Survey at  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJYGXSN>

Survey closes June 19th.

Tell us how you feel.

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# DOCKET

## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

\*These City Council meetings will take place in the Community Center Auditorium.

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.

\*This City Council meeting will be held at the New Hampshire Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue. It will include a public hearing at 7:30 on the "Qualities and Characteristics of a Police Chief."

#### COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

#### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, June 5, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Lilac Room

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE / CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gym  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

#### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

On April 19, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2017-28** committing the City Council to systematically and deliberately apply a racial equity lens in decision making.

A consent agenda was adopted on **April 19**. It included **Resolution 2017-29** reappointing Jessica Kessler (Ward 2), Jane Yamaykin (Ward 6) and Diana Kohn (non-voting member, representing Historic Takoma) to the Commemoration Commission, and **Resolution 2017-30** reappointing Julie Boddy (Ward 1),

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### IMPORTANT 2017 ELECTION DATES

- **Tuesday, September 12** – Nominating Caucus
- **Tuesday, October 23** – Deadline to register to vote by mail. After this date, register in person at the city clerk's office.
- **Tuesday, October 31** – Vote by mail request deadline. After this date, request a vote by mail ballot in person.
- **Wednesday, November 1** – Early voting begins
- **Tuesday, November 7** – Election Day
- **Thursday, November 9** – Certification of election results
- **Wednesday, November 15** – New Councilmembers and Mayor take office

### CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND FAIR SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

This is to give notice that on May 10, 2017, the Council of the City of Takoma Park adopted Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2017-01 which amends Article III, the Council, and Article VI, Registration, Nominations, and Elections, of the Takoma Park Charter. Substantive revisions to the language of the Charter include: Section 301 - sets three year terms for the Councilmembers and Mayor elected in the 2017 and sets the day when newly elected officials take office as the second Wednesday after the election; Section 604 - establishes the date of the Nominating Caucus as the second Tuesday after Labor Day in an election year; Section 606 - changes elections from odd numbered years to even numbered years beginning in 2020; Section 613 - allows 48 hours after the election for results to be certified;

This Charter Amendment will become effective on June 29, 2017 unless petitioned to referendum by 20 percent of the registered voters of the City on or before June 19, 2017. For further information, contact the City Clerk by mail (7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912), phone (301-891-7267), or e-mail ([jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov)). The full text of the amendment is available for review at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov).

Attest: Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHANGES TO CITY ELECTIONS

With adoption of Charter Amendment 2017-01, residents will begin to see changes this year. The City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. For this election only, the Councilmembers and Mayor elected will serve for three years, instead of serving the usual two-year term. There will not be an election in 2019.

The Nominating Caucus will take place earlier than in the past. Beginning this year, the meeting is set for the second Tuesday after Labor Day in an election year. This year, the meeting date falls on Tuesday, September 12. This earlier date will allow more time for mailing and return of vote-by-mail ballots.

Certified results of an election will be presented to the City Council 48 hours after the election, instead of the past practice of presenting the results in 24 hours.

A newly elected Mayor and City Council will be sworn in and take office on the second Wednesday after their election. If this day falls on Veterans Day, they will take office the following day.

The 2017 election will be the last City-wide election to occur at the Community Center. Starting in 2020, voters will cast a ballot at their home precincts on the same day as the presidential election or the election for governor. The 2020 election will see the resumption of two-year terms for the Mayor and City Council.

## VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*Before applying, review the information on the City website (Board, Commission, and Committee pages) and consider attending a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you. Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing the online application and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications. Contact Jessie Carpenter at [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267 with questions, or call the contact person listed below.*

**Arts and Humanities Commission (one vacancy):** serves in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to the arts and humanities. The commission promotes, coordinates and strengthens public programs to further cultural development of the City. At least 2/3 of the members must be Takoma Park residents. The AHC generally meets bi-monthly. For information, contact Marilyn Sklar, arts coordinator ([marilyns@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:marilyns@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7000).

**Board of Elections (one vacancy):** The Board of Elections plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

**Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs – COLTA (one vacancy):** adjudicates and mediates complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses. Residency is required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. Commissioners are assigned to three-member panels for hearings, which are held as needed. Property

managers and landlords are particularly invited to apply at this time. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds Jr., landlord-tenant mediation specialist ([mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7215).

**Commemoration Commission (five vacancies):** 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.

**Ethics Commission (three vacancies):** 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.

**Facade Advisory Board (one vacancy):** serves as an advisory panel to help ensure that historic district facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park; provide guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work; and inform residents and business owners of the historic district benefits and the requirement to continue coordinating with the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission regarding necessary approvals. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby, community and economic development coordinator ([rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7205).

### City Council Discussion of Process and Criteria for the Police Chief Hiring Process

Monday, June 19 and  
Thursday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Azalea Room



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Paul Gunter (Ward 1), Kevin Martin (Ward 5) and Kitty Tucker (Ward 5) to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee.

On April 26, the Council adopted Resolution 2017-30 approving the closure of the upper portion of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market. The market was held on May 13, 2017.

On May 3, Resolution 2017-32 was adopted. The resolution commented on subdivision of the parcel at Ethan Allen and Jackson Avenue where the developer proposes to build two homes that would face Jackson Avenue. The Council opposed the project as proposed because of the planned placement of one structure close to Ethan Allen Avenue in the illustrative site plan and requested the developer and Planning Board to work together to modify the proposed subdivision and site plan applications to place the corner house more in line with properties to the east of the subject property so as to better conform to the built environment. (Mayor Stewart and Councilmembers Seamens and Smith voted against.) On the same evening, the Council adopted Resolution 2017-33 requesting the County Council to modify setback rules through a text amendment or overlay in instances where uneven property frontage lines occur along rights-of-way of roadways throughout the City. (Councilmember Smith voted against.)

The Council unanimously adopted a consent agenda on May 3 that included Ordinance 2017-16 approving a \$20,000 contract with Crossroads Community Food Network for development and implementation of a farmers market incentive program, Ordinance 2017-17 authorizing execution of a contract with

Environmental Consultants & Contractors for water quality testing of stormwater system dry weather outfalls at a cost of \$13,165, and Ordinance 2017-18 authorizing a contract with Arbor Landscapers for tree planting at the cost of \$27,120.

On May 10, the City Council approved Charter Amendment Resolution 2017-01 "Elections and Nominations." The resolution: 1) changes the date of City elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday of every even numbered year beginning in 2020; 2) sets a term of three years for the City Council elected in 2017; 3) sets the second Wednesday after a regular election as the day for newly elected Councilmembers and Mayor to be sworn in and take office; 4) changes the date of the Nominating Caucus to the second Tuesday after Labor Day in an election year; and 5) extends the time to 48 hours after an election for certification of election results to the City Council. (Councilmembers Smith and Schultz voted against the Charter Amendment.)

The Council adopted a consent agenda on May 10, which included Ordinance 2017-22 approving purchase of replacement police radios for \$17,576, Resolution 2017-34 reappointing Rebecca Chestnutt (Ward 3) to the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Resolution 2017-35 appointing Malcolm Williams (Ward 6) to the Facade Advisory Board. Also appointed to the board to represent Historic Takoma were Lorraine Pearsall, representative, and James DiLuigi, alternate representative. (Councilmember Male voted against the consent agenda.) 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").



Still having fun after 50 years!



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programs and job fairs. Through the years the Recreation Department worked through Montgomery County's Helping Hands program to distribute food baskets throughout the year to the less fortunate. The department also used the old Firehouse Gymnasium on weeknights and weekends to host roller-skating events and other recreational activities, such as basketball and volleyball. Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Jarboe remembers some of the Recreation Department's biggest events: "There were hundreds of pairs of roller skates in a room. Families would come out nightly to participate in the roller-skating program." Some other programs that the department ran were cake decorating classes, baton twirling, teen club, Halloween parties, Rec Fest, and summer playground programs, amongst other activities. Many of these programs took place at locations throughout the city, such as Fellowship Hall, Takoma Park Junior High School and Takoma-Langley Community Center, as well as numerous city parks like Washington, Heffner, Spring, Forest, and Jeque (now Belle Ziegler Park). A lot has changed over the years; in-

cluding the ways we get information to the public. "Staff used to print flyers for the schools using a mimeograph machine to let them know about upcoming events. They also printed posters using silk screening and by hand," said Doug Ziegler, son of former Director Belle Ziegler. Now flyers can be printed in a matter of minutes, emailed to community members, and posted on various social media outlets. Some things, however, never change; like the dedication of the staff to serving the City of Takoma Park and its citizens with quality programs, such as Celebrate Takoma, Monster Bash, Egg Hunt, and the wide variety of classes and sports leagues offered for all ages and genders. During the past 49 years, we've watched the department grow, change and flourish into an innovative leader in the industry. We celebrate those accomplishments and this milestone anniversary as we look to the future and what the next 50 years will mean for the department and community. As you make your way out to the City's local parks and facilities with your family this summer, take a moment to wish the Takoma Park Recreation Department a happy 50th birthday. A plaque at Belle Ziegler Park commemorates when the department first began on its journey 50 years ago this year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Takoma Park, Maryland, will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance authorizing an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 of public debt (the "Bonds") to be issued under the State of Maryland's Local Government Infrastructure Financing Program, pursuant to the authority of Section 4-230 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. The purpose of this debt is to finance a portion of the costs of 1) Takoma Park Library and Community Center renovations; 2) construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street Project and the Ethan Allen Gateway Project, including, but not limited to, roadway and streetscape improvements such as ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps and LED street lighting; and 3) to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds. The public hearing will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. Written public comments may be submitted to the City of Takoma Park in care of the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 or via email at clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Grants Review Committee (two vacancies): evaluates applications for certain City grant programs and makes funding recommendations to the City Council. For information, contact Erin Kelley, grants coordinator (erink@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7131).
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (one vacancy): oversees implementation and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act and provides public information and issues related to the ordinance.

Recreation Committee (three vacancies): 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.
Safe Roadways Committee (five vacancies): 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.

What's Your Takoma Park?

We want to know, what's your Takoma Park? Everyone's experience is different, and we want to hear about yours! The City of Takoma Park has contracted with the Cloudburst Group to develop a Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan. As part of Cloudburst's research into current conditions in housing and the economy of the area, this survey will supplement data analysis and interviews with local elected officials, staff, and stakeholders to provide a snapshot of

current conditions. Please take a few minutes to take the Takoma Park Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan (takomaparkmd.gov/public-notice/whats-your-takoma-park). We appreciate your time and thank you for your participation! If you are interested in obtaining information on this survey, please contact Sara Daines at 301-891-7224 or sarad@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Recreation/Facilities Rental ..... 301-891-7290





# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Be prepared for mosquito season

Mosquito season is upon us once again in our area. This year is expected to have more mosquito breeding cycles than last year due to the warm winter. The Zika virus is a major concern of many who travel to current areas in the world where the Zika virus can be found. Visit the Centers for Disease Control web site for any cautions in the region to which you are expecting to travel. Also, take these steps to protect yourself and your family around the home and when traveling:

- **Inspect your yard weekly, and dump out water** from potential breeding sites. The smallest containers can contain hundreds of mosquito larvae.
- **Use recommended mosquito spray repellants** and cover your arms and legs while outdoors. If you are looking for natural methods of mosquito control, web search, Natural Mosquito Control for a method that is best for your needs.
- **Consult with your physician** if you are pregnant or expect to be and you expect to travel to areas where mosquitos are very active with carrying diseases.

Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito) for more information on the Zika virus, mosquito control and links to other agencies for information and prevention.

### Boy Scout Troop 33 Takes the Bite Out of Mosquitoes

Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 will be doing an Eagle project on Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., in Old Takoma. The project focuses educating residents about the Zika virus. Scouts will go door-to-door and pass out fliers about Zika and mosquitoes as well as conduct yard checks to remediate mosquito breeding areas. Eagle candidate Avery Todd, a student at Blair High School, has been working with Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Manager Ron Hardy and the Takoma Park Police Department to develop this community outreach project.

## Takoma Park gets \$90,000 energy efficiency grant

The Maryland Energy Administration has awarded the City of Takoma Park a \$90,000 grant for low-to-moderate income, home energy efficiency renovations. The grant will assist in providing approximately 10 energy efficient makeovers for qualifying low-to-moderate income homeowners within the City.

Upon completion of the required application, eligible applicants receive a free home energy audit and assessment. The assessment will identify which energy efficiency improvements would make the greatest impact. Possible energy upgrades include insulation improvements, draft reduction, and installation of heating and cooling equipment and/or appliances. The average savings on electric and gas bills for participants is expected to be more \$500 annually.

Residents can download an application from the City's website ([takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/energy-efficiency-rebates)) or pick one up from Public Works at 31 Oswego Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis until funds are exhausted.

Takoma Park is committed to achieving an environmentally sustainable community, and this award puts the City one step closer in obtaining that goal. For questions, please contact Gina Mathias, sustainability manager, at [ginam@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ginam@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7623.

*This article originally appeared on the City's website at [takomaparkmd.gov/news/maryland-energy-administration-awards-takoma-park-90000-energy-efficiency-grant](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/maryland-energy-administration-awards-takoma-park-90000-energy-efficiency-grant).*

## Property Tax Credit Opportunities

By Susan Cheung, City Finance Director

As a property owner in Takoma Park did you know you may be eligible for a tax rebate from the State, County and City? For tax year 2016, 140 Takoma Park homeowners received tax rebate payments under the City's local supplement program. The program, which piggybacks on the State's property tax credit program, represents the City Council's commitment to providing affordable housing in Takoma Park.

To be eligible for the City's tax rebate program, homeowners must first apply for the State Homeowners' Property Tax Credit. Those who qualify at the State level are automatically eligible for the City's tax rebate program, though some homeowners who receive rebates from the State may not necessarily also receive rebates from the City. Each year in April, the City receives a list of homeowners who have been accepted in the State's Program. Based on the list, City staff calculates a rebate amount using 50 percent of the state tax credit or total annual tax due, whichever is lower. Rebate checks are issued and distributed in May each year to qualifying homeowners.

Once the homeowner is qualified for State credit, an application is routinely sent by the State every year. The application

must be submitted every year no later than September 1. Persons filing for the State Property Tax Credit Program are required to submit copies of their prior year's federal income tax returns, and they must give the State permission to verify the amount of income reported. All income-related information supplied by the homeowner on the application form is confidential. A copy of the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Application and instructions are available at <http://dat.maryland.gov/SDAT%20Forms/HTC-60.pdf>.

In addition to State and City rebate programs, Montgomery County offers property tax credit and exemptions to a variety of homeowners, including eligible seniors and disabled veterans. Similar to the City's program, many of the County rebates are directly associated with the State's program.

For more information about the State Homeowner's Tax Credit program, please call the Tax Credit Telephone Service at 410-767-4433 or email [sdat.taxcreditapp@maryland.gov](mailto:sdat.taxcreditapp@maryland.gov).

For more information about Montgomery County's Property Tax Credit and Exemption information, please visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/taxes/tax\\_credit\\_exempt.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/taxes/tax_credit_exempt.html).



Photo: Selena Malott

*Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department teamed up to host a fun afternoon of indoor play (Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day) on Sunday, Feb. 12. Here Pat Rumbaugh, The Play Lady, is joined by the volunteers who helped with the event.*

## Takoma Park named Playful City USA for 9th year in a row

Last month, the national nonprofit kaBOOM announced that Takoma Park has been recognized as A Playful City USA for the ninth year in a row.

Playful City USA is a recognition program honoring cities and towns that ensure that kids in their communities, particularly kids from low-income families, get the balanced and active play they need to thrive.

Takoma Park is proud to stand with 257

honored communities that are making it easier for all kids to get balanced and active play in their neighborhoods and for pledging to integrate play as a solution to the challenges facing their communities. Play on!

This article originally appeared on the City's website at [takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-named-playful-city-usa-for-9th-year-in-a-row](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-named-playful-city-usa-for-9th-year-in-a-row).

### Montgomery College Takoma Park Community Conversation:

#### Takoma Park Silver Spring Campus

**Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Science North building, room SN100**

This is the third of three planned community meetings co-hosted by Montgomery College and the Takoma Park City Council to hear how they can renew relations with the college and the community; ensure all voices and stakeholders are heard; provide a full sharing of information; inform and facilitate future college planning; inform and provide a foundation for the building design plan process; and balance the needs of the community, neighbors, students and fiscal prudence.





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## Snake Oil Revisited: Plant Medicines in American History Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium Free



Photo Courtesy Susan Strasser

Today, medicinal herbs are described as alternatives to prescribed and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals. However, well into the twentieth century, early drug companies like Merck, Parke-Davis, and Eli Lilly sold plant medicines. Many doctors prescribed them, and people looking for cures and relief purchased the herbs without prescription at drug-stores, medicine shows and

by mail order. Historian Susan Strasser explores plants as ordinary as peppermint and more powerful as the opium poppy, and practitioners, including Lydia Pinkham, creator of the most famous patent medicine for women, and the Shakers, who made more money from medicinal herbs than from furniture.

Susan Strasser, PhD, is an awarding-winning historian and a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians. Her books include *Never Done: A History of American Housework*, *Satisfaction Guaranteed: The Making of the American Mass Market*, and *Waste and Want: A Social History of Trash*.



From Women of Maidan

## Docs in Progress Presents *Women of Maidan* Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.

In November 2013, after peaceful student demonstrators at Maidan Square in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev were met with violence by the country's special police forces, thousands of people from across the country descended on the square in support of the students. Women courageously filled the streets, energized the nation, and sustained the protestors for more than two months in the cold of winter. This is the story of the women behind what became known as the "Revolution of Dignity." Following the screening, filmmaker Olha Onyshko will participate in a Q&A moderated by Erica Ginsberg.

# THE ARTS



## Public Art Update

If you have driven down New Hampshire Avenue, you probably have noticed faces appearing on a long concrete wall at Conway and Prince Georges Avenues. The public art project, sponsored by the City of Takoma Park, is being painted by Michael Kirby. The mural shows children exploring a fantastical underground world. Weather permitting, Kirby hopes to have a public painting day in late spring and completion shortly thereafter.

Meanwhile, artist Peter Krsko is working on a mural on the side of El Alazan Western Wear, 1337 Holton Lane. He invites community members to paint with him on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. The public art is made possible by support from the City of Takoma Park, Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, and JBGR Retail.



Courtesy Peter Krsko



"Homage to Caravaggio," acrylic and mixed media, James Cassell

## The Space Between

*The Space Between* explores the time and place where creativity happens. Guest curator Lisa Rosenstein has brought together works by Elizabeth Ashe, James Cassell, Sarayu Iyer and Lauren Kotkin. Her art also appears. The exhibition runs through June 29 at the Takoma Park Community Center Galleries.

## Be SmART!

Want to get the latest information about We Are Takoma arts and humanities programs? Sign up for our newsletter at [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/arts-newsletter-sign-up](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/arts-newsletter-sign-up).

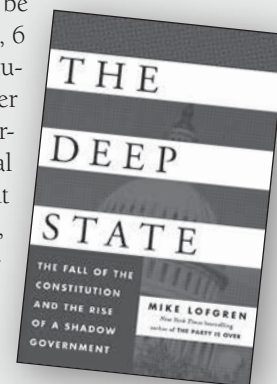
## 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday POETRY.

## Third Thursday Poetry Thursday, June 15, 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium Free

June's Third Thursday Poetry features you. It's open mic night, so here's an opportunity to read your original works. The program will be livestreamed and recorded, so you must be willing to be on camera. No pre-registration. Just show up and sign up. An informal reception follows and all poets and participants are invited to attend.

## Author Mike Lofgren Tuesday, June 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Mike Lofgren, author of nationally best-selling books *The Deep State* and *The Party Is Over: How Republicans Went Crazy, Democrats Became Useless, and the Middle Class Got Shafted* will be speaking on Tuesday, June 13, 6 – 7:30 p.m., at El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring. Lofgren, one of America's most insightful political observers, spent twenty-eight years working in Congress, the last sixteen as a senior analyst on the House and Senate Budget committees, which gave him an insider's look at nearly everything important. The author will answer questions and sign books after his presentation. The event is free. Food and snacks provided for participants. Part of the *Politics, Parenting, and More* author series at El Golfo, sponsored by MHP, DiscoverLongBranch.com. Made possible by a generous grant from NeighborWorks.





# RECREATION

For more information and a full listing of our camps, classes and programs please visit: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation).

## YOUTH

### DROP-IN

#### Kids Night Out

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out for fun-filled nights of games, arts and crafts, movies and theme nights.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6-12 years  
First and third Fridays, ongoing  
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

### EXTENDED CARE



#### After The Bell Childcare

After The Bell childcare program is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) for the 2017-2018 MCPS school year. This program will provide a safe environment for children grades K-5 where they will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday-based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have time to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Parents can arrange transportation through MCPS by calling 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers), and we will meet them at the bus stop.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 months  
2017-2018 MCPS school year  
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
\$1,250

## SPORTS



#### Y.E.S. League Summer Basketball

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games, and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. Games will be played at either 6 or 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Gymnasium

7611 Piney Branch Road  
Middle School Division (Grades 5-8)  
Mondays, June 12 - July 31  
Residents: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

## TEENS

### CAMPS



#### Impacting the World through Video Summer Camp

In this two-week, fun and educational day camp, teens will work in small teams to plan, shoot and edit short documentary videos to document an issue of importance locally. Participants will develop a call to action and create a short video, which may incorporate interviews, archival materials, narration, music and original footage. Participants will be provided access to and receive training with video cameras and the Final Cut Pro editing system. Instructor: Docs In Progress

Takoma Park Community Center  
Media Video Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
2 Week Session  
Monday - Friday  
July 31 - August 11  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Residents: \$300 / Non-residents: \$375



### DROP-IN

#### After Hours Summer Program

The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer late-night programs for teens and young adults. Tuesday and Thursday nights during the summer months, participants can come and enjoy a fun and safe place to play basketball. The program will run for seven weeks starting July 6 and ending August 17.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Ages 16 – 24  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6 – Aug. 17  
9 – 11 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

#### 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

Looking for something exciting to do on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month? 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
12-17 years  
Second and fourth Fridays, ongoing  
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

## SPORTS



#### Y.E.S. League Summer Basketball

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. Games will be played at either 6 or 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Gymnasium  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
High School Division (Grades 9-12)  
Tuesdays, June 13 - August 1  
Residents: \$25 / Non-residents: \$35

## ADULTS

### FITNESS



#### Cardio Kickboxing

Cardio Kickboxing is designed to improve strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. This two-day a week new class will soon become a favorite. Please bring a water bottle and a towel. Instructor: KJ Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
7 weeks  
June 1 - July 22  
Thursdays, 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
\$75

## SPORTS

#### TP Adult Summer Basketball League

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Assemble your winning team and compete against other area teams to win the league championship. Teams will be provided uniforms. Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team, you will be responsible for paying for your registration and any other associated fees to that team.

Takoma Piney Branch Local Park  
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School  
Ages 18 and older  
Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 14 - August 3  
Games will be played at either 6 or 7 p.m.  
Team Fee: \$200

## 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, June 22  
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, June 22  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Free



## RECREATION

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### 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 7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older

Ongoing  
Monday - Friday: 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  
Mondays, through June 26  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Free

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Computer Extras



In this three week course experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps and learn what to do with all those pictures of family and friends. Bring your questions. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers, and take this course. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Computer Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Wednesdays, May 31 - June 14  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
\$10

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH



### Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold was designed for the active senior with less intense dance routines for beginners and older adults using modified movements.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Saturdays, through June 17  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Free

## PETS

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Adult Dog: Basic Manners

This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs in the “real world”, on a leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language and how reinforcement works. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.



Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Dogs 1 year and older  
6 Week Session  
Thursdays, June 1-June 29  
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.  
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

### Puppy Kindergarten

If you have a puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten! Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised off leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. Most of all, we'll have fun! Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Puppies 8 weeks-5 months  
Tuesdays, May 30 - June 27  
6:45 – 7:45 p.m.  
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

# RECREATION *Special Events*

## Old School vs. New School Basketball Game

It is not a game! Old School (age 26+) and New School (ages 14-25) will battle it out in a basketball game for a plaque and bragging rights for the entire year. Come and enjoy a great basketball game where the rivalry never dies. You don't want to miss it. Raffle giveaways and DJ Beezy on the 1s and 2s! Whose side are you on?

Takoma Park Middle School  
Gymnasium  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
Ages 14 and up  
Friday, June 16  
Doors open at 5:30. Game starts at 6 p.m.  
Free



## Free Fried Fish Fridays

Join us every last Friday of the month as we celebrate...you with fried fish and chips (french fries). We're frying all the fish and chips we can until everything runs out. Bring the family; bring your friends. This event is in partnership with God Glorified C.O.G.I.C. Open to all ages.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Outdoor Basketball Court  
7500 Maple Avenue  
All Ages  
Ongoing, last Friday of the month  
5 – 7 p.m.  
Free



## Family Outdoor Movie Night

Get ready for another Family Outdoor Movie Night. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly “G” or “PG” rated hit. Bring snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. Visit our website [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation) to vote on the movie.

Ed Wilhelm Field, Saturday, June 3. All ages. Dusk. Free. For more information please call 301-891-7290



## School's Out Summer Play Event

Attention! Attention! Yes, that's right... Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the School's Out Summer Play Event. Come join Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of play at the TP Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). Free fun for all! It's time for you to let your hair down and put on your comfy clothes. Transportation will be provided for the seniors to and from the event. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit [www.letsplayamerica.org](http://www.letsplayamerica.org). See you there! To volunteer, sign up at [montgomeryserves.org](http://montgomeryserves.org).

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
All ages  
Friday, June 16  
5 – 8 p.m., Volunteers 4 – 9 p.m.  
Free



# LIBRARY



## June author programs

We've got two fun author programs in June, courtesy of our partnership with Politics & Prose bookstore. First up is author Leah Henderson, who will talk about her debut novel, *One Shadow on the Wall*, on Thursday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. In the novel, aimed at ages 8-12, Henderson tells the story of an orphaned boy in current-day Senegal who is trying desperately to keep a promise he made to his dying father. Henderson is a dynamic speaker, who is also an up-and-coming author for kids. Come meet an



author on her way up in the world of children's literature!

Then, on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m., author Cynthia Leonor Garza will read and discuss her vibrant new picture book, *Lucia the Luchadora*, which focuses on a girl who decides that girls



can be superheroes. In its review, Kirkus noted that "a mad-cap pace keeps the story moving along with humor, heart, and bravado in equal measures." Please join us for what promises to be a very fun event.

## SummerQuest 2017 Launch

Please join us on Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. when we will officially kick off our 2017 summer reading program. Created each year by Dave Burbank, library associate and artiste extraordinaire, our unique SummerQuest program is an interactive "read to play" program.

The theme of SummerQuest 2017 is "Diggers vs. Dinosaurs." To play, readers – both young and old – pick a character out of the dozens created by Dave (or they can make their own). Each character has two sizes – big and small. Readers give their characters names, color them if they want, and then hand us the larger-sized character.

As readers complete each of the 10 reading challenges embedded in the SummerQuest story, we move their characters along the giant game board in the Children's Room. Readers keep the smaller-sized copy along with a copy of the SummerQuest story and small-sized version of the game board, which allows them to keep track of their reading progress at home.

Reading challenges are designed to in-

spire kids and adults to read all kinds of books. One challenge, for example, asks readers "to read a book about someone different than you," while another has readers tackle an award-winning book. And we have fun challenges like "read a book by an author whose last name begins with the same letter as your last name" and "read a book that shows you how to make or do something; then make or do it." All books count, including those that are read to kids, audiobooks and digital books.

We'll also have a separate SummerQuest set of challenges for parents of babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Just ask for them at the circulation desk. And we encourage adults to join in the fun, using the SummerQuest reading challenges to perk up their reading of adult books during the summer.

If you can't make it to the June 12 kick-off, that's no problem. You can register for SummerQuest all summer long! We'll conclude the program in early September with a party once everyone is back in school.

## Book sale undeterred by rain

Despite continuing bad weather, the Friends of the Library Book Sale, which was moved into the Community Center, netted more than \$2,400 on May 13.

Many volunteers assisted the Friends, including: Suzanne Morgan, Patrick Flanagan, Maurice Belanger, Pat Hanrahan, Sylvie Shaffer, Pat Taylor, Paula Nersesian, Chris Simpson, John Lorenz, Carol Reisen, Tim Rahn, Rebekah Zanditon, Sam McCullen, Pat McMahon, Kim Linton, Anjali Patel, Emily Van Loon, Laura Jacobi, Craig Alexander, Kevin Adler, Michele Morgan, Sherelyn and Jerry Ernst, Roz Grigsby, Nancy and Dan Kunkel, Ella Ruby Leffler and Merrill Leffler.

Library and City staff who participated included June Collins, Patti Mallin, Mary Rein, William Laster of the Public Works Department, and Dave Burbank. Special thanks to Pat Hanrahan, who recruited many of our volunteers, and to John Webster, who facilitated our use of the Community Center space.

The Friends' Book sales would not be possible without an army of volunteer helpers! All proceeds from the Friends' Book Sales go the library in support of programs, materials and services. Stay tuned for our next book sale in the fall!

## 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

### Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

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

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

### LEGO Club

Sunday, June 4, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Building fun for ages 3-10.

### Kids' Author Leah Henderson

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Henderson will read from her debut novel, *One Shadow on the Wall*.

**Democracy Café with Chris Phillips**  
Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. (see article)

### Kids Art

Sunday, June 11, 2-3 PM

### SummerQuest 2017 Kick-Off

Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Come hear SummerQuest creator Dave Burbank talk about this year's program; then register to get started!

### Comics Jam

Tuesday, June 13, 4 p.m.  
Come read comics with Dave Burbank

### Picture Book Author Cynthia Leonor Garza

Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m.  
Garza will spotlight her new picture book, *Lucia the Luchadora*.

### Books-to-Action: A Social Justice Book Club for Kids & Adults

Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m.  
We'll be reading and discussing books celebrating LGBTQ rights.  
Best for ages 5 up

### Caldecott Club

Monday, June 26, 7 p.m.  
All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served!

## Return of the "Democracy Café"

Join us on Friday evening, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. for a special program. Christopher Phillips, author and facilitator, will be returning to the Takoma Park Maryland Library, for an interactive discussion, "Democracy Café: A System Unrigged – exploring how to resuscitate and evolve our constitutional republic in ways that make it more genuinely inclusive, open and vibrant."



Christopher Phillips

Christopher Phillips has a passion for inquiry — of a sort that transforms the way we relate to one another, ourselves and our world. A bestselling author, foremost scholar and specialist in the Socratic Method (or what he often calls "the Socrates Cafe Method"), he reminds us that we ought to ask questions – "not about any chance question," as Socrates put it in Plato's Republic, "but about the way one should live." He encourages us to roll up our mental sleeves, turn on our childlike questioning lenses and become our own best thinkers, askers and doers. In a nutshell, Christopher helps people discover their unique stores of wisdom and talents, so they can make the most of their mortal moment and achieve what the Greeks of old called *arête*, all-around excellence.

Dr. Phillips, 2014-15 Network Fellow at Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra

Center for Ethics, 2012 recipient of the Distinguished American Leadership Award, and a recent Senior Education Fellow at the National Constitution Center, as well as senior writing and research fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, is a roving ambassador for spearheading initiatives that create more open, inclusive and connected societies.

As such, he travels the world holding dialogues with people of all walks of life. He believes that the process of dialogue and the space of human interaction are good for us as individuals and essential for us as a society. A primary goal of this noted author, educator and consultant, who is a popular presenter and public speaker and who blogs at [Childing.org](http://Childing.org), [Socrates-Cafe.com](http://Socrates-Cafe.com), and [Huffington Post](http://Huffington Post), among others — is to inspire curiosity and wonder, to nurture self-discovery, openness and empathy.

Chris Phillips has visited the library many times in past years, and we are pleased to welcome his return. All are invited to attend this special program, which is recommended for grown-ups, teens and older elementary school kids. The library will close at its regular time of 6 p.m. and will re-open at 7 p.m. for the program.

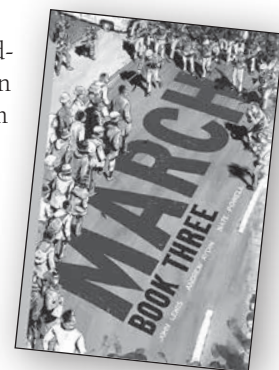
## Friends Book Group to read John Lewis memoir

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group will read and discuss *March*, the award-winning, three-part graphic memoir about the life of Congressman John Lewis on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center.

Written by Lewis and Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell, the *March* trilogy recalls Lewis's early days as an activist and leader in the Civil Rights movement. The pivotal event that opens and closes the series is the Selma, AL march on March 7, 1965, which became known as Bloody Sunday.

Julian Lucas, writing in a *New York Times* book review describes *March* as "a galvanizing account of his [Lewis's] coming-of-age in the movement, it's a capsule lesson in courage of conscience, a story that inspires without moralizing or simplifying in hindsight." Copies of *March 1* are currently available at the library. *March 2* and *March 3* will be available early this month.





# TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL

Celebrating 40 Years of Community

## Be a part of TPFF's 40th festival

The Takoma Park Folk Festival (TPFF) is celebrating its 40th year in 2017. There are lots of ways to get involved in the festival on September 10, 2017 and before.

**Artisans, local artists and craftspeople:** We know you're out there. Share your wares in our varied and highly regarded juried craft show and sale. Applications due June 30. Applications and info available at [tpff.org](http://tpff.org). Questions? Contact Gina Gaspin, [crafts@tpff.org](mailto:crafts@tpff.org).

**Food vendors:** Apply to serve up your finest. Applications due July 1 and more information at [tpff.org](http://tpff.org).

**Community groups:** Reserve your table to reach thousands of diverse, community-minded festival goers from Takoma Park and the surrounding region with great causes and resources. For more information, contact [tables@tpff.org](mailto:tables@tpff.org).

**Volunteers:** TPFF needs lots of volunteers on festival weekend and before (e.g., tabling at events, distributing flyers). Email [volunteer@tpff.org](mailto:volunteer@tpff.org), indicating when you can volunteer (at and/or before Festival), and any specific interests. Students, SSL hours available!

**Sponsors:** Donations help us make TPFF a free event, accessible to music and art lovers across the region. Contact [donations@tpff.org](mailto:donations@tpff.org) for information.

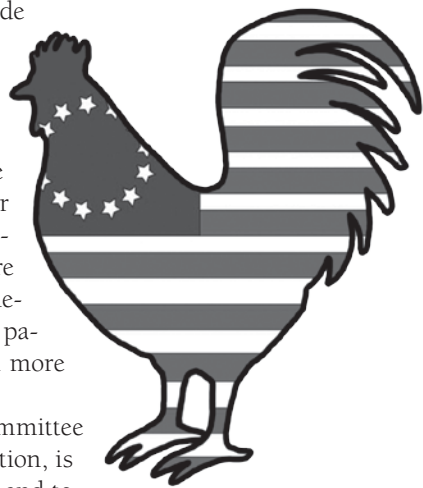
In addition to all these great ways to get involved, and help us spread the word and set the stage beforehand by sharing posts on Facebook, mentioning and retweeting on twitter (@tpffolkfestival) and sharing flyers at your business or workplace. Contact [media@tpff.org](mailto:media@tpff.org) for a printable flyer or to get flyers delivered.

And most important, please attend! This is an all-ages, family-friendly event with something for everyone. The lineup features musicians from diverse genres, including a youth stage with some dance and storytelling. Plan to join us for the main event on September 10 at Takoma Park Middle School. Together, we'll make it the most delightful treat for all five senses, wrapped up in Takoma Park's special sense of community welcome.

## Takoma Park's 2017 4th of July Celebration

Planning is currently underway for this year's Takoma Park 4th of July Celebration, which will include a parade, an evening program, and fireworks. This year's celebration theme is "Unity in the Community," and our grand marshals will be the co-founders of the "Unity in the Community" initiative, Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, Capital City Cheesecake Co-Owner Meagan Murphy, and Takoma Park Police Department Captain Tyrone Collington. We're looking forward to a great year. If you or someone you know might like to participate in the parade, please visit [takomapark4th.org](http://takomapark4th.org) to learn more and sign up.

The Takoma Park Independence Day Committee (TPIDC), which organizes the annual Celebration, is currently seeking volunteers to help on July 4 and to join the Committee that plans the annual celebration. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Parade Coordinator Tara Egan at [tara.marie.egan@gmail.com](mailto:tara.marie.egan@gmail.com) or 240-863-8837, or join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., at Historic Takoma.



## Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape

In late summer, the City will begin reconstruction of the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue (MD-410) and New Hampshire Avenue (MD-650).

*Look for more information coming soon!*

[takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape)



Photo: Erin Kelley

Theodore Jones high fives Mary Jane Muchui.

### SPIRIT CLUB

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special needs and two instructors.

The replacement of the word "spirit" for the number one is no accident. SPIRIT stands for Social, Physical, Interactive, Respectful, Integrated & involve Teamwork. These are the tenets behind the eponymous organization, The SPIRIT Club, which leads the weekly exercise class.

The SPIRIT Club, which has a gym in Kensington but offers group exercise classes at community centers through the region, provides "supportive and accommodating programs to increase the health and wellness of people of all abilities, including people with disabilities, mental health and substance abuse disorders, and age-related diseases."

According to Jared Ciner, founder of The SPIRIT Club, the goals of the exercise class are to 1) help participants work on their physical health; 2) increase opportunities for socialization; and 3) utilize the mental health benefits of physical exercise. Ciner, who previously worked as a trainer for a regional health and fitness company and as a support counselor to adults with special needs, founded The SPIRIT Club because "[there was] nothing about the gym model that was accommodating to people with developmental disabilities."

Mary Jane Muchui, a resident of Takoma Park and an assistant at the Wednesday evening exercise class, found that The SPIRIT Club provided her son Christopher, who has Asperger's Syndrome, both the opportunity to exercise and also the mindset and support necessary to secure a new job. The personal trainer who worked with Christopher was "very energetic and positive," and "helped Christopher get out of the house," taking him to a local park to play basketball. The personal trainer even helped Christopher get his current job by serving as a reference.

Muchui, who was instrumental in bringing The SPIRIT Club to Takoma

Park, is also the founder of Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA), a Takoma Park-based support and advocacy group for parents and other loved ones who care for adults with special needs. POSNA meets monthly, and its members seek to address four issues on behalf of adults with special needs: safety, employment, housing and recreation.

POSNA was formed when Ms. Muchui asked Wolfgang Mergner, president of The Village of Takoma Park Inc. ("The Village"), if she could form a support group under its auspices. The Village is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to "provide intergenerational support to seniors and persons with disabilities who wish to live actively in the Takoma Park Community."

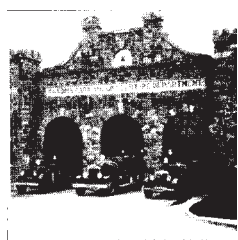
"This is a senior issue," said Mergner, referring to the challenge of providing meaningful opportunities for adults with special needs to engage in the community and in activities that support their physical and mental health.

The Village supports POSNA in increasing such opportunities through a grant from the City of Takoma Park, which provides scholarships for adults with special needs to participate in The SPIRIT Club exercise class. The grant, which is sourced from FY17 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, requires that scholarship recipients be residents of the City of Takoma Park and that at least 70 percent of scholarship recipients be of low- or moderate-income.

As many adults with special needs are of very low income, the scholarships are intended to provide these individuals the opportunity to engage in community-based activities that may not otherwise be financially feasible. For more information on these scholarship opportunities, please contact The Village of Takoma Park Inc. at [villageoftp@gmail.com](mailto:villageoftp@gmail.com).

To enroll in SPIRIT Club contact, [jcinier@spirit-club.com](mailto:jcinier@spirit-club.com). To learn more about POSNA, contact [muchui@aol.com](mailto:muchui@aol.com).





## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of April 30, 2017, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 175 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department addressed or assisted with 928 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,103. Totals for 2016 were 184 and 1,080

representing a decrease of 161 calls.

During April 2017, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,385 hours in the station for a total of 6,509.5 hours, compared to 1,585.5 and 5,398 hours in 2016.

### Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of May 19, 34 people have died in fires compared to 22 in May 2016.

### Fire safety messages

Windows can be vital escape paths in an emergency, especially in the bedrooms. Make sure they will all open easily. It could be your second way out. Check yours today and be prepared.

It's still the law! All fireworks are illegal in Montgomery County. Stay safe and let the pros handle them.

## A festival for your five senses

When attendees made their way to this year's Celebrate Takoma Festival, they likely heard music first. The joyful melodies the Panquility Steel Band played definitely put folks in a festive mood. Next festival goers were met by children, as far as the eyes could see, playing games, drawing with colored chalks, or riding the ever popular mechanical bull. And they had to stop by the Recreation Department Information Desk to get their free Takoma Park flags, symbolic of the fabric that holds this community together. By then they could feel the positive energy in the air. Then it wasn't too long before their noses were tempted by the aromas wafting from the food vendors featured at the festival. They had lots of choices. Their taste buds



Azalea Award winners (from left to right) Gertud Mergner, Doris Duarte, and Wolfgang Mergner are congratulated by City Council Member Jarrett Smith.

may have been tempted by Italian cuisine from Strada, BBQ from Fat Pete's, puposas served up by Crossroads market, or Chef Hogate's fresh fruit lemonades and spicy kabobs. Once again the cultural diversity of Takoma Park was well celebrated.

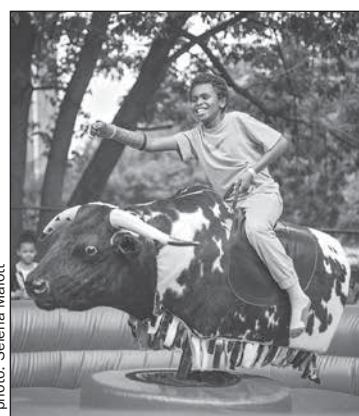


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At top left, Yusuf Nur, 10, of Takoma Park enjoys his turn on the mechanical bull.

At top right, Fatima Merchant helps color the international mural.

At left, Danny Wells, owner of Republic Restaurant, receives the business leader Azalea Award from Vineda Myers, director of operations for CHEER.

## Don't leave home without... security, provided by the Takoma Park Police Department

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

Were you away Memorial Day weekend? Was someone keeping an eye on your house, grounds? No? Don't despair. The Takoma Park Police Department can help.

### Call them for a house check:

If you are away 4-30 days, the Takoma Park Police will go through the perimeter of your house, make sure there are no tamper marks in critical areas, check for cut screens, and so on for free. To activate this service, contact the TPPD at 301-270-1100.

If you are away for a shorter period, especially if the area has had problems, contact the department, and someone will advise you of the short-term process, which is also free. Contact TPPD in advance, not the day before.

### Schedule a home security survey:

Why wait for a security problem before making changes? Instead, contact the Takoma Park Police Department for a home security survey. An officer will do internal and external security assessments. Internal checks look for vulnerabilities, such as unlocked screens and items next to windows (laptops, TV, etc.). Move anything of value away from windows. External checks include looking at shrubbery near windows, equipment left outside, such as ladders and bolt cutters, and determining whether exterior lights are working as intended. To schedule a free survey, call 301-270-1100.

### Participate in the community cam program:

Do you want to have a camera on the property monitored by the TP Police? You can do that by joining the Community Cam program. The camera is purchased by the owner; again, police support is free. The police do not monitor your cameras. Residents register, and if there is a crime in the neighborhood, police will check the list and ask permission from the owner to view what's on the camera. Police will only access your camera if there is a call for assistance at your home. To sign up, call 301-270-1100 or visit [takomaparkmd.gov/news/the-citys-community-cam-program](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/the-citys-community-cam-program).



### Did you know?

Takoma Park Police can help in identifying stolen cars, or those registered to people wanted by police. Takoma Park now has four license plate readers, three mobile and one trailer.

Maryland law allows police to go into pawn shops to look for recent purchases. Therefore, take photos and/or videos of precious items, such as jewelry and family mementos. Engrave laptops, phones, TVs, etc., and record serial numbers for items. Put this information in a safe place.

## 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](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports).





# Night market draws crowd

By Melanie Isis

Crossroads' Night Market attracted a large crowd on Saturday, May 13. The organizers were not sure if the rain would hold off, but they lucked out with a dry day, clearing skies and wind, allowing the event to proceed as scheduled.

The Night Market featured food vendors, community groups such as Education First, TP Rec Department, and Docs in Progress, craft vendors, a live band, and children's activities. Amerigroup sponsored a moon bounce, and local artists offered face painting and juggling. Takoma

beans, pork, beef, chicken and herbs to be enjoyed with the side of curtido (cabbage slaw). Nancy's Antojitos offered grilled chicken and beef in tortillas with spicy onion/peppers, corn on the cob, and tomatoes. Both sold fresh juices and water. Organic grower/roaster Alcoba Coffee sold beans and ground coffee as well as hot coffee, which they sold out of due to the crowd.

El Carreton Frozen Treats scooped organic ice cream in tropical flavors, such as mamey, zapote, passion fruit and guava to a stream of customers. Seedy Nutty sold bags of their tasty, healthy snack mixes. Crossroads Farmers Market offered a food demo and samples of strawberry cilantro salsa.

Attendees browsed the vendors, strolled the market or sat down to eat. There were beautiful hand-woven Guatemalan bags, wraps, belts, and sandals from Xelaju; Tanzanian clothing and accessories from Eve's Road; herbs, tinctures, teas and skin care products by Marble Arch Gardens; and button/bead jewelry by Buttons and Beads. Artemiya had a beautiful selection of hand-crafted tagua bracelets, earrings and necklaces. Mena's Boys Gourmet sold jars of pickled beets and onions. Live music provided a relax-



Photo: Melanie Isis



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Park Recreation Department staff set up games for children as did The Play Lady.

Food vendors served long lines of customers throughout the three-hour event. El Sol/Candy's Pupusas sold freshly prepared pupusas in a choice of cheese,



Photo: Melanie Isis

ing rhythm for the event.

Event sponsors Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority and Crossroads Community Food Network were pleased with the turnout, and hope to

make the night market a regular event.

Melanie Isis is executive director of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority Inc.

# Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge Highlights

At right, Safe Routes to School Coordinator Lucy Neher presents a medal to the men's overall best time winner, Dickson Mercer.

At far right, Women's best overall time winner Melissa Schweisguth proudly wears her medal.



Photo: Jamal Francis



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Perfect conditions brought out 1458 registrants for the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge (TKPK5K) on Sunday, May 7. A record 1,030 runners crossed the start line. Race results can be found at [www.tkpk5k.com](http://www.tkpk5k.com).

Many thanks to the Race Committee and more than 30 volunteers who contributed time and effort to the well-organized event. The Sponsor Fair featured tables with activities and give-aways related to safety, health and fitness. Safe Route's

new Smoothie Bike was launched on race day and was a big hit.

The event raises funds for PTA safety activities at the five local schools that participate in the Safe Routes programs: Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary, East Silver Spring Elementary, Rolling Terrace Elementary and Takoma Park Middle School. Next year will mark the 10th Anniversary of the TKPK5K; save the date: Sunday, May 6.

At left, A family affair: Tegera Daniel (middle) came out for the race with his son, Hara, and daughter, Simera.



# JUNE '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 July issue is June 9, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning June 23. To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov).

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

#### City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 5, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium  
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil) agendas.

#### July 4 — City Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 4  
All City offices and facilities will be closed Tuesday July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

#### 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. Call 240-450-2092 or [educare\\_ss@yahoo.com](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com).  
[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://www.educaresupportservices.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

#### The Spirit Club

Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older  
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
This class is designed for adults with developmental/ neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at [jciner@spirit-club.com](mailto:jciner@spirit-club.com) or 303-883-4364.  
TPCC Lilac Room  
Free

#### 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

#### New Farm Stand at TPES

Every Thursday, 3:30 – 5 p.m.  
Behind TPES next to the playground  
Featuring fresh, seasonal, local produce; farm-fresh eggs and pasture-raised chicken, the farm stand is open to the public and sponsored by the PTA. Cash, credit, EBT/SNAP accepted. No pets, please. Produce is supplied by a local Montgomery County farm, Your Chef's Table. Questions? Email [alisaoobrien10@yahoo.com](mailto:alisaoobrien10@yahoo.com)

#### 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](mailto:muchui@aol.com) or 301-646-2109.

#### Third Annual Takoma Trukgarten

Saturday, June 3, noon – 5 p.m.  
The third annual Takoma Trukgarten will feature offerings from local breweries, including Denizens Brewing Co., Manor Hill, and Full Tilt; food trucks; and live music.  
City Parking Lot Next to 201 Ethan Allen Avenue  
Tickets \$10-35  
For more info, visit [www.mainstreettakoma.org](http://www.mainstreettakoma.org).

#### Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 Annual Soap Box Derby

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Birch Avenue, Takoma Park  
Boy Scout Troop 33 of Takoma Park is holding its 13th Annual Soapbox Derby. Scouts have to race their derby cars they built down the hill through multiple obstacle courses, including a water course. Support your local scout troop by purchasing food and drinks from the concession stand.

#### Takoma Park Wear Orange Celebration

Takoma Park Old Town Gazebo  
Takoma Urban Park, Carroll & Westmoreland Avenues  
Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m.

Please join us in Takoma Park to observe National Gun Violence Awareness Day and celebrate the lives of those taken too soon by gun violence in Maryland, lives worth living. Speakers on gun violence prevention, fun crafts and activities for kids, orange "photo booth," light snacks, and much more. Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart will be one of the speakers at the event.

#### Strategic Nonviolent Action Study Group

Sunday, June 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.  
A study group is convening to focus on deepening our understanding of strategic nonviolent action. All members of the community are welcome. We will look at the art and science of how ordinary people around the world organize themselves, unify, strategize, and nonviolently struggle to win human rights, freedom, justice, accountable government and corporations, environmental sustainability, and many other gains. We expect to meet monthly to discuss readings and possible films. There are a number of people in Takoma Park and adjoining communities with deep knowledge of this field, who can contribute to leading discussions. Hardy Merriman will lead the first discussion. For more information and to RSVP, visit <http://tpmobilization.org/organizing-strategic-nonviolent-action-study-group>.

#### Montgomery College Takoma Park Community Conversation: Takoma Park Silver Spring Campus

(meeting 3 of 3)  
Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Come share your views as the discussion about the

future of the campus continues.

#### World Café and Breaking Bread Together Potluck Supper

Saturday, June 10, 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue  
Join Takoma Park Mobilization for its next big meeting. World Café is a chance to share your ideas, interests, and motivations while connecting in small clusters to have meaningful discussion and then joining another cluster. This event is a great way for a big group to have many personal conversations.  
[www.tpmobilization.org](http://www.tpmobilization.org)

#### Mike Lofgren speaking

Tuesday, June 13, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Avenue, Silver Spring, Md.  
The author of nationally best-selling books *The Deep State* and *The Party Is Over: How Republicans Went Crazy, Democrats Became Useless, and the Middle Class Got Shafted* will be speaking. The author will answer questions and sign books after his presentation.  
Free

#### Takoma Park Mobilization Book Group

Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.  
TP-MOB will hold its first book group meeting. The group will discuss *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. Please RSVP and get further details via the Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/VEjrUvwrHQmwNbzr2>.

#### Schools Out, Come Out and Play!

Friday, June 16, 5 – 8 p.m. (Volunteers 4 – 9 p.m.)  
New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center & Grounds  
Kids young and not so young deserve to celebrate summer. Come play in a big game of kickball, dance to a cool rock and roll band, and taste the food and drinks donated by businesses. Everyone is welcome.  
Free

#### Immigrant Heritage Month

Mayoral Proclamation and Reception  
Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m. (before City Council Meeting)  
New Hampshire Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
June is Immigrant Heritage Month, and the City of Takoma Park will celebrate immigrants in our community with a Mayoral Proclamation and reception. Now more than ever, we must celebrate our diversity and stand up for the right of everyone to live with dignity and to be treated with fairness and justice.

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.  
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

### VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENTS

#### Village Rides Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, June 13, 7 – 9 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Rose Room  
Orientation session for those interested in driving Takoma Park seniors once a month or more. Please call 301-646-2109 to register.

#### Friendly Visitors Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, June 14, 1 – 2:30  
TP Community Center, Room TBA  
Orientation session for those interested in visiting a TP senior once a week for an hour. Please contact The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109 or email [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

#### Aging Well Network

Tuesday, June 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Takoma Seventh Day Adventist Church Center, Fellowship Hall  
6810 Eastern Avenue, N.W.  
Please join us for a lesson and exercises in strength training and maintaining balance led by Ms. Bethany Anderson, injury prevention coordinator, Howard University Hospital. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, please visit [villageoftakomapark.com](http://villageoftakomapark.com).

#### Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

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

#### Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.  
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

#### Open Mic Night

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

#### Jazz Jam

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

#### Wednesday Night Drum Jams

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

#### Washington Musica Viva

Sunday, June 11, 4:30 p.m.  
Allyworld at Airshow Mastering, 7014-B Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park  
A concert featuring Michael Vaughn on violin, Nana Vaughn on viola, Steven Honigberg on cello and Carl Banner on piano.  
Schumann Piano Quartet in Eb, Op. 47 and Martinu First Piano Quartet.  
\$15, for tickets visit [www.dcmusicaviva.org/events](http://www.dcmusicaviva.org/events)

#### Summer Drum Circles at the Gazebo

Wednesday, June 14, 7 – 9 p.m.  
Takoma Park Gazebo  
Four years strong, the Summer Drum Circles at the Gazebo feature community drumming, dancing, hooping, hanging, laughing and everyone having a good time. People of all ages and experience are welcome.  
Free

#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, June 15, 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Takoma Park's 128th Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 4, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Parade will begin in the morning at the intersection of Carroll and Ethan Allen avenues. Fireworks will take place at Takoma Park Middle School starting around 9:30 p.m. with a raffle and music preceding them.