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National Night Out: “Unity in the Community”
Tuesday, August 1, 6 – 9 p.m.
Pinew Branch Elementary School
7510 Maple Avenue

FY17 Community Grant recipients cultivate creativity
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Library offers classic audio books for kids
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New Italian eatery comes to Takoma Park
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City offices and facilities closed Labor Day
Sunday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 4

Trash Collection Labor Day, Sept. 4
Monday yard trimming collection canceled

Business is blooming!

By Rick Henry

Anyone wanting to open a new business would be wise to follow Yossi Schtevie’s game plan.

After working diligently to renovate and remodel the old Artful Framing shop at 7050 Carroll Avenue, Schtevie opened his new flower shop, A Secret Garden by Connie, on Feb. 10, four days before the annual arrival of the Golden Goose of all flower days – Valentine’s Day. The result, unsurprisingly, was a successful opening.

Though the initial timing proved fortuitous, Schtevie quickly decided that while flowers were perfect for Valentine’s Day and other occasions, they had their limitations. “They are beautiful, but they don’t last long,” he said. Plants, on the other hand, have a long shelf life. So Schtevie decided to stock plants as well as flowers, providing an alternative to customers looking to add some beauty to their lives. “You buy some flowers and stick them in water and that’s it, but plants are much different,” he said. “You can maintain them longer and they stay in shape.”

Schtevie is forthcoming with guidance and insights into selecting and maintaining the plants and flowers that he stocks in the shop, drawing upon the 11 years he spent working as an interior landscaper, taking care of flowers and plants in commercial office buildings. While the work was stable, he said, he was anxious to start his own business. “You sit with yourself

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Carroll Avenue Bridge reopens ahead of schedule, under budget

By Kevin Adler

At 10 a.m. on June 14, the Carroll Avenue Bridge returned to service, under budget and months ahead of schedule.

Apparently, that wasn’t good enough for one driver. As the State Highway Administration Project Manager Michael Brown stood by preparing the bridge for opening, a driver maneuvered around the security barricade and drove across the bridge, weaving past a few pedestrians.

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Takoma Park Police Department (TPPD)’s National Night Out and summer programs support safe neighborhoods

As it continues community outreach efforts through participation in programs like “Operation Chill” and the “Thief from Auto Summer Initiative,” the Takoma Park Police Department has had a busy summer that will culminate with the City's annual participation in National Night Out on August 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The Takoma Park Police Department will host its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The event will be held in front of the Pinew Branch Elementary School located at 7510 Maple Avenue. This year’s theme is “Unity in the Community.”

Captain Tyrone Collington, Takoma Park Police Department Operations Division Commander, noted that “past events have had a huge positive impact on the community.”

The department’s goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department.

The event is free, so bring your whole family and invite all your friends. This year’s event will include informational brochures on various safety topics and crime prevention, food, games, giveaways, interactive educational activities and live music.

“Past events have had a huge positive impact on the community,” Collington said, “that is focused on building stronger relationships through unity, diversity, teamwork, esprit de corps and inclusiveness.”

Chill out with TPPD

Another great example of TPPD’s

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Notice of Takoma Park Nominating Caucus

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, to accept nominations of candidates for mayor and councilmember. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center—Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. The meeting is open to all. Only qualified voters of the city may place names in nomination or second a nomination. If not registered to vote, residents may register before the meeting is called to order.

Any nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the meeting. A person may only accept nomination of one city office. The name of each person nominated for the office of mayor and councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she files a declination with the City Clerk within three (3) days after his/her nomination.

Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which he/she is nominated.

Aviso de la Reunión Electoral de Nominación de Candidatos
La Junta de Nominación de Candidatos se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, el Martes, 12 de Septiembre del 2017 a las 7:30 p.m. Se aceptarán las nominaciones de candidatos para Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo. Sólo los residentes registrados podrán nombrar o apoyar una nominación de un candidato. Si no está registrado para votar y desea participar en la reunión, los residentes de Takoma Park podrán registrarse para votar antes que comience la reunión a las 7:30 p.m.

Cualquier candidato nombrado puede declinar su nominación durante la reunión. Una persona puede aceptar una nominación para un solo cargo municipal. El nombre de cada persona nombrada para la Alcaldía o el Consejo será colocado en la boleta oficial para las elecciones municipales a menos que ella se presente ante la Secretaría Municipal para declinar su candidatura dentro de los tres (3) días de su nominación.

Cualquier personal nominado como candidato debe reunir las calificaciones del puesto para el cual ha sido nominado.

City Council Action
On June 7, 2017, the City Council adopted FY 2017 Budget Amendment No. 3 (at second reading).

At its meeting on June 14, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution 2017-40, recognizing Susan Silber for her 35 years of service as City Attorney (upon her retirement as City Attorney). The Council also adopted a series of single reading ordinances: Ordinance 2017-28, approving a three-year indefinite quantities contract with Capital Flexi-pave for installation of porous pavements; Ordinance 2017-29, authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Folk Festival Inc. for disbursement of up to $20,000 for the 40th Takoma Park Folk Festival and related activities; Ordinance 2017-30, approving the purchase of G-Suite licenses at a cost of up to $51,100, and Ordinance 2017-31, authorizing the purchase of LED decorative streetlight fixtures from C. N. Robinson Lighting Co. ($41,140).

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 (jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267) with questions or call the contact person listed below. As of June 6, 2017, the following positions are available:

Board of Elections (two vacancies): The Board of Elections plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

Commissioner Commemoration (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.

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. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds Jr. (mosses@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7110).

Committee on the Environment (four vacancies): advises the City Council on all environmental issues, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation, and recycling.

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 intent and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby, Community and Economic Development Coordinator (rosalind@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7131).

Grants Review Committee (two vacancies): evaluates applications for certain City grant programs and makes funding recommendations to the City Council. For information, contact Erin Kelly, Grants Coordinator (erin@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 (four vacancies): advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

Safe Roadways Committee (four 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.
ans standing nearby. “Couldn’t even wait. You need a little patience from people,” said Michael Brown, SHA’s District 3 manager, who has oversight of the project.

That anonymous commuter’s trip has been duplicated tens of thousands of times since as the city welcomes a return to its traditional traffic flow patterns near Adven-
tist Hospital and along Sligo Creek Parkway and Maple Avenue. “Our attitude is that every project is to make sure that people get safely from Point A to Point B,” Brown said. “It’s a nice-looking bridge, but that’s not the point. If you don’t notice our road, then we’re do-
ing our job.”

Drivers of the estimated 7,000 cars that cross the bridge every day surely appreciate the smooth ride. “I’m very happy with the project. If you ever walked across the bridge, you would have seen it was in bad condition. On parts of the sidewalk and even on the roadway, you could see through to Sligo Creek below,” said Diana Kohn, who lives near the bridge and is a board member of Historic Takoma, which participated in community planning and design of the project.

City leaders also recognize the excellent results. “The bridge reconstruction went very well. Any time a project of this scale is completed ahead of schedule is an accomplish-
ment. In construction, there typically can be many delays, which can be costly or a serious inconvenience. With this project, there were no delays or setbacks, Takoma Park is grateful,” said Jarrett Smith, City Council member from Ward 5, where the bridge is located.

Kohn and Smith praised the process that led to renovating the bridge, rather than tearing it down and replacing it. “It’s an historic structure built in 1932 to serve the Adventist Hospital. The City was interested in preserving it, and so was the Highway Administration. It really was a case of ev-
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ces the shape of the supporting columns, which rest on the three soaring arches of the bridge. The view is dramatic when seen from the vantage point of walking on the Sligo Creek Path.

Major renovation projects rarely finish on time and under budget – just ask Metro.

Closure of the bridge began in July 2016 and was ended less than a year later, or well below the 12-18 months forecast.

Kiewit was able to stay ahead of sched-
ule despite encountering a great deal more spalling (or surface flaking) of the concrete structure than neighborhoods and looking back at the bridge being more than 100 years old, we expected a lot of spalling, but it was even more than we anticipated. You never know what you will encounter. But we didn’t need to do any unexpected structural work on the arches,” Brown vowed.

Finishing work at the base of the bridge will continue through the summer. Addi-
tional tree planting in the area is scheduled for October.

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BALLINGTON $3,000; c) Takoma Park Police $20,000; d) Takoma Park Human Rights $5,000; e) Historic Takoma/Takoma
Arts Center: smARTkids at TPES ($5,000); b) City Council member from Ward 5, where the bridge is located.

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behalf of this summer. Officers will be parrolling parks, community events and other areas around the City, looking to hand out these free treats.

Protect property by being proactive

In contrast officers hope they won’t be handing out as many theft from auto reports this summer. They have been proactively canvass-
ing vehicles all summer long to see if there are valuables in plain view. If officers see valu-
able vehicles, you may receive a letter from the police – just as a friendly reminder to remove them to keep them safe from criminals.

Remember, if they see it, they can steal it! Be sure that your purse, cell phone, laptop or other valuables are not left lying in plain view in your ve-
hicle, be aware of whether or not you locked your vehicle, and make sure you have your keys with you at all times.

Let us be different together. If you see suspicious activity, on the street or in a parking lot, call Takoma Park Police at 301-270-1100.

For more tips on staying safe this summer and all year round, see page 9.

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and measure everything – the risk, the energy and the money involved,” he said about the process of deciding to open your own business. “But ultimately I de-
cided that I knew how to do this, I have a vision and believe that if I work hard and treat everybody nicely it will work out.”

As a Takoma Park resident, Schieve said he wanted to operate a business in the City and eyed a lot of locations before the current location became available when Artful Framing moved to another loca-
tion in Takoma Park. Now, that he is both a resident and business owner he proudly proclaims himself a “double local.”

He is not the only one. His partner, Connie Casayuran, for whom the shop is named, also works at the shop and is in charge of the custom arrangements. Casayuran said she just recently became im-
mersed in the art of arranging and learned

by accompanying Schieve on visits to flower suppliers. “I watched how all of the arrangers at the suppliers did things and learned tips from them” She obviously learned well as the arrangements in the shop demonstrate. Schieve said custom arrangements are one of the shop’s signature

services and services from a simple phlox to a larger. Less is more, keep it simple and let the flowers and plants speak for themselves,” he said.

Besides attracting its share of walk-
in customers, the shop has contracted with local businesses to deliver arrange-
ments and plants on a regular basis and for special events. Such contracts have proved steady in the summer months, a time when customers tend to be less fo-
cused on flowers and plants. “Once the fall comes around, it is more on people’s mind,” he said. And, of course there is al-
ways Valentine’s Day.

A Secret Garden by Connie is located at 7050 Carroll Avenue. Telephone: 240-893-
6776.
COE calls for more members

The Takoma Park Committee on the Environment (COE) has room for new members. Several positions are open, primarily due to term limits. The COE focuses on environmental, sustainability and energy issues in the City, both policies and practical programs. Since its creation by the City Council six years ago, the COE has contributed in such varied areas as the citywide home energy challenge, polystyrene and plastic bag ordinances, a proposed tree canopy goal, and establishment of a sustainability program.

The COE wants to broaden membership by adding members from wards 3, 4 and 5 as well as small business and nonprofit members and residents from underserved groups.

To learn more, attend an upcoming meeting on Monday, Aug. 7 or Mon, Sept. 11. Both meetings will be held at 7:15 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center. You can also contact COE co-chair Cindy Dyballa at c_dyballa@yahoo.com. The City Council appoints all COE members. The application is available on the City’s website.

Question: I just moved into an apartment and want to install a new lock on the door. Can I do that? Also what is the process for scheduled maintenance and exterminations?

Answer: As a new tenant, you should be made aware that City law requires that landlords rekey locks on all doors between tenancies. The cost of rekeying is the sole responsibility of the landlord (Section 6.16.050-Obligations of landlords).

Before changing a lock, you must obtain written permission from your landlord prior to the installation of any new or replacement lock. You must also provide your landlord with keys to the new or replacement lock within seven calendar days of installation (Section 6.16.040-Obligations of tenants). Failure to comply with these requirements may be viewed as a breach of lease with resulting negative consequences.

Regarding your maintenance question, landlords must provide tenants with 48 hours written notice of entry into a rental unit (Section 6.16.110-Entry), and that includes all scheduled maintenance as well as exterminations. In addition, tenants must prepare their rental units in accordance with written instructions provided by their landlords and/or agents for scheduled maintenance including extermination services, painting or other requested repairs (Section 6.16.040-Obligations of tenants).

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

Community Kitchen opens its doors to aspiring local food entrepreneurs

By Helen Lyons

A year after ground was broken at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Crossroads Community Food Network’s (CCFN) Community Kitchen is finally open for business — small businesses, specifically.

The commercial grade kitchen is a place for local budding entrepreneurs to cook up food for their start-ups, some of which they'll sell at the Crossroads Farmers Market.

“It’s a learning kitchen; it’s a supportive kitchen,” explained Lori Charkoudian, the chair of CCFN. “All users go through our microenterprise development classes.”

Those classes teach up-and-coming culinary talents the ins and outs of running a food-based business. Graduates sell their products to grocery stores, open restaurants or set up stands at farmers markets near and far.

Xavier Carrillo vends lemonades and artisan frozen treats made mostly from tropical and exotic fruits inspired by his travels to Mexico and Central America. What isn’t exotic is purchased right here, often at the Crossroads Farmers Market. He currently has a stand there, but hopes to someday open his own store.

There are so many plans I have. I want to buy a machine to make pale tas. I want to open my own store,” Carrillo said. “The kitchen is such an asset. It’s ten minutes away from my house. It’s top notch, top of the line. It has everything that you need.”

Carrillo was born in El Salvador and just celebrated his 25th anniversary in the country with his mother and sister. “Traditional Mexican and Latin American ice creams are made from fruit, not artificial flavors or artificial ingredients,” he said. “There’s a big Latin American community here (to be served).”

Shared-use commercial kitchens do exist in the DMV area, but there are roadblocks to those looking to utilize them. “You need quite a bit of capital just to get in and get started,” Charkoudian explained. “We started looking at creating a kitchen that was specifically designed for people with limited capital, providing them with training and mentoring. As they grow their business, they would have a chance to then graduate into their own space or one of these larger shared-use commercial kitchens in the area.”

Many aspiring entrepreneurs are held back by the red tape of an industry that’s difficult to break into. “They have incredible skills and passion and determination to start their own food businesses,” Charkoudian said. “But they don’t have a lot of assets, and it’s tough to get your foot in the door.”

The kitchen won’t only open to those seeking to commercialize their culinary talents, however. Takoma Park Presbyterian Church will use the space for food recovery, and the city has plans to host cooking classes for adults and youth.

“When we strengthen and build the local food system, environmentally, it’s a stronger approach,” Charkoudian said. “You’re no longer carting food all over the country.”

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the kitchen’s opening will be held on September 16 at 4 p.m. Sen. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) will be in attendance, along with Maryland State Delegate Sheila Hixson, both of whom were strong supporters of the project. The event is open to the public.
Update on FY17 City-funded Community Grants to Arts Organizations

Five of the eight FY17 Community Grant Award recipients provide arts programming to the community. Following are updates on activities funded by the Community Grants Program that were undertaken by these organizations since the beginning of the calendar year.

**Artivate**

STEAM Infusion (previously Takoma Wings Academy) is a three-week summer camp in which middle school boys and girls from low-income, immigrant families investigate the science and engineering of flight in nature and exploration as well as flight as a means of self-expression in the arts. Thirty-five students participated in the camp, which was held in July.

Photographer Joanne Miller works with Joshua (a student) to secure his photo to a matte. During STEAM Infusion, a three-week camp organized by Artivate with Big Learning and Advent Educational Specialists, Miller guided students along Sligo Creek to photograph nature and worked with them to select one of their pieces for presentation.

**Docs in Progress**

Docs in Progress held its first of two Documentary Summer Camps for youth (ages 12-17) from June 26 – July 7 at the Community Center. The campers worked in teams interviewing local artists and business owners to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos. The participants presented their final productions at a party and screening for family and friends on Friday, July 7.

**Dance Exchange**

Dance Exchange held its weekly Youth Programs, including Teen Exchange and Youth Exchange, during the winter and spring of 2017. The Youth Programs offered opportunities for young movers and makers, ages 8-18, to develop their dance training and cultivate their artistic voice through performance and a collaborative creative process. They held a culminating event at the Dance Exchange studios on May 25.

**The Takoma Ensemble**

The Takoma Ensemble presented two concerts under this grant, both of which explored the diversity of our community. The first, titled “The Golden Door: Music without Borders,” was held on January 21. The second, titled “Music and Spirituality,” was held on April 8. Both concerts took place at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Avenue. The Takoma Ensemble teamed up with CASA de Maryland as a non-profit concert partner, to distribute no-cost tickets to low-income individuals.

**Montgomery Housing Partnership**

Young residents of Montgomery Housing Partnership’s building at 7610 Maple Avenue collaborated with artist Arturo Ho and staff from Carpe Diem Arts to plan and create a mural, now on display in the front of the building. The students worked together to develop and paint a mural to show their passion for Takoma Park.

They chose the themes of “love” because Takoma Park is a caring place; “peace” because Takoma Park is peaceful and accepting; and “community” because Takoma Park represents people from all over the world. The artists, parents and community celebrated the completed mural at a celebration on June 22. The young artists received certificates for their participation.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The Holiday Art Sale is Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The call for participating artists will be in September, so monitor the City’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates. Last year, the Holiday Art Sale attracted about thirty-five artists in ceramics, photography, clothing, paintings, collage, kaleidoscopes, toys, jewelry, graffiti art and more.

For more information, email us at arts@takomaparkmd.gov.
For a complete list of offerings, check out the Fall City Guide inserted in this issue of the Newsletter. Registration for Fall programs begins August 15 at 8:30 a.m. for Residents and August 22 at 8:30 a.m. for Non-residents.
4 Peat Adult Softball Champions

This past June, the Grimm Reapers etched their names in the history books of the Takoma Park Adult Softball League as they won their fourth straight championship. During the last few years, their dominancy during post season play has been quite remarkable. They have a strong team led by some outstanding pitching. Their overall team speed afforded them the opportunity to take chances between the bases that other teams may not. Going into the tournament ranked just third out of four teams, their chances from the outside looking in appeared to be really bleak. However, the morale within the team never wavered, knowing that they only needed to win one game during the playoffs to make it to the big game (championship). They, in fact, did just that and found themselves again back playing for another five-foot trophy! After a few runs here and a couple outs there, the Grim Reapers had done it again, 4 Peat! It's now clear, that even if they aren't ranked number one during the regular season, they are still the team everyone seeks to beat. So, for now, it's fair to say that the road to winning an Adult Softball Championship goes directly through the Grim Reapers. Congratulations team on your major accomplishment.

Adult Softball Champions the Grim Reapers show off their trophy.

RECREATION Special Events

AFTER HOURS BASKETBALL

This program, in its third summer, provides a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16-24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late night basketball this summer! We are looking to provide safe but fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16-24 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays, through August 17
9 – 11 p.m.
Free

Safe Grow Garden Photo Contest

Is your lawn or apartment garden free of synthetic pesticides (including herbicides and fungicides) and safe for wildlife, pets and people? Snap a picture!

To raise awareness about Takoma Park’s Safe Grow Act, we are launching a Safe Grow Garden Photo Contest. From June to August 2017, Takoma Park residents are encouraged to take pictures of their flowers, gardens and vegetables and share them with us.

Contest Rules:

• All photographs must be original.
• Entries must be from Takoma Park residents.
• The garden, vegetables, plants or flowers featured must be from a lawn or apartment lawn that abides by the Takoma Park Safe Grow Act.
• Have fun!

Photos can be shared via social media using the hashtag #SafeGrowTakoma or submitted via email to jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov.

First, second and third prize winners will be announced at the first City Council meeting in September. Information on prizes and judges will be announced closer to judging.

If you have any questions, send us an email at jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov. Happy snapping!

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
For parents, long car trips can be anxious and tiring. Hours in traffic can lead to some serious whining from the back seat. Never mind iPads and DVDs, audiobooks allow the whole family to enjoy a good book together. Plus, in recent years, many educators have embraced audiobooks as a way to attract reluctant young readers, increase English language skills and boost reading comprehension. So kids will not only be quiet, they’ll be learning.

Here are some suggestions for classic car-read listens. (Note: much of this article first appeared in The Washington Post: http://tinyurl.com/sy9hry7.)

**Ages 3-6**

The *Francis Audio Collection*. Actress Glynis Johns gives an inspired reading to four classic stories by Russell Hoban about the beloved badger named Francis and her daily preschool dramas surrounding bedtime, eating and becoming a big sister.

Other good choices: Little Bear Audio Collection, read by Sigourney Weaver and directed by Maurice Sendak, who illustrated the books; and the “full cast” audio collections Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner, which feature actors Judi Dench and Stephen Fry among others.

**Ages 6 and up**

Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White. It’s both thrilling and comforting to hear White matter-of-factly narrate his own tale of the remarkable friendship between a young girl, a pig and spider. (Note: White also narrates his book The Trumpet of the Swan.)

The Fudge books by Judy Blume. Beginning with *The Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, Blume narrates her own stories about Peter Hatcher, the long-suffering older brother of a boisterous preschooler nicknamed Fudge. (Note: If you’ve got a Santa believer in your family, be careful about chapter 9 in Superfudge.)

The Ramona books by Beverly Cleary. These eight tales of the irrepressible Ramona Quimby detail her life from tantrum-prone toddler through fourth grade and are memorably read by actress Stockard Channing.

Other choices: The *Cheshire Cheese Cat* by Carmen Agra Deedy, narrated by Katherine Kellgren and Robin Schan; and *Young Fredle* by Cynthia Voigt, for which narrator Wendy Carter won an Odyssey Honor.

Our *Friends Reading Group to discuss Austerlitz* by Tim Raha

The Friends Book Group will read and discuss *Austerlitz*, a novel by the late German novelist W.G. Sebald, on September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center.

In *Austerlitz*, a four-year old Jewish boy, Jacques Austerlitz, arrives in Wales at the start of World War II where he is adopted by a Welsh Methodist minister. He was brought to England on a Kindertransport from his native Czechoslovakia. Decades after the war, his memories of his life with his birth family return piecemeal and begin a quest to understand the circumstances that led to his being saved.

*Austerlitz* is unique in its integration of photographs with fiction, which blurs the genre Sebald himself called his work “documentary fiction.” Mark O’Connell, writing in *The New Yorker*, observes that Sebald’s book “occupy an unsettled, disputed territory on the border of fiction and fact, and this generic ambivalence is mirrored in the protean movements of his prose.”

All are welcome to attend the Friends’ Reading Group discussions. Copies of *Our Mutual Friend* will be available in the library soon.

**Our Mutual Dickens** by Phillip F. Schewe

“After God Shakespeare created most,” is a quote usually attributed to Alexandre Dumas. I would like to extend this idea. After God and Shakespeare, Dickens created most. His plots are a bit clanking at times, his characters are said to be cartoons, but the world (often London) he creates to surround those characters and sustain those plots is thick with observed details and metaphorical nuance. A dozen of his personages, such as David Copperfield, Little Nell, Pip, Ebenezer Scrooge, and Uriah Heep, are among the most famous in literature.

*Our Mutual Friend*, Dickens’s last fully-completed novel and one of his best, will be the subject of the Takoma Park Friends of the Library Big Book Club at its fall 2017 sessions. We shall begin with a lecture about Dickens and his book by William Cohen, a dean at the University of Maryland and an expert on Victorian literature. His presentation will be held at Historic Takoma at 3:00 p.m. on October 18 and will include a reception. This will be followed by three discussions to be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 1, 15, and 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center.

*Our Mutual Friend* is quite long (all those descriptions of foggy nights on the Thames), so please make it your mutual friend at the beach or wherever you go this summer. All are welcome to attend the Friends’ Reading Group discussions. Copies of *Our Mutual Friend* will be available in the library soon.
Important Election Dates
Nominating Caucus
Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:30 p.m. (TPCC Auditorium)
Early Voting
Wednesday, November 1 – Sunday, November 5 (Times and locations vary)
Election Day
Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (TPCC)
Certification of Results
Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. (TPCC Auditorium)
New Mayor and City Council Sworn In
Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. (TPCC Auditorium)
Reunion Electoral de Reunión de Candidatos
Martes, 12 de Septiembre del 2017 (Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)
Votación Temporal
Miércoles, 1 de Noviembre – Domingo, 5 de Noviembre (hora y local variar)
Día de la Elección
Martes, de 7:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. (Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)
Certificación de los Resultados de la Elección
Jueves, de 9 de Noviembre, 7:30 p.m. (Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)
El Nuevo Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo asumen su cargo
Miércoles, 15 de Noviembre, 7:30 p.m. (Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)

Prepare to Vote on November 7: Voter Qualifications for Takoma Park Elections
You may register to vote in Takoma Park elections if you:
• Are a resident of the City of Takoma Park
• Do not claim the right to vote elsewhere
• Will be at least 16 years old on election day
• Are not under guardianship for mental disability or, if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote
• Have not been convicted of buying or selling votes
Both United States citizen residents of Takoma Park and non-U.S. citizen residents are eligible to register and vote in Takoma Park elections.
Not everyone who registers to vote in City elections will be eligible to vote in county, state or national elections. Review the registration form carefully to understand the requirements for voting in the State of Maryland.

Prepárese para Votar el 7 de Noviembre: Calificaciones de los votantes en las elecciones de Takoma Park
Usted puede registrarse para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park si:
• Es residente de la Ciudad de Takoma Park
• Declara no tener derecho a votar en ninguna otra elección
• Tendrá al menos 16 años de edad en el día de la elección
• No se encuentra bajo custodia por incapacidad mental o, si lo estuviese, no ha sido determinado por la Corte que usted no puede comunicar su deseo de votar
• No ha sido condenado por la venta o compra de votos
Tanto los ciudadanos estadounidenses como los residentes de Takoma Park tienen derecho a registrarse para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park.
No todas las personas que se registren para votar en las elecciones de la ciudad tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones del Condado, Estatales o Nacionales. Lea con cuidado los requisitos para votar en el Estado de Maryland.

Election Helpers Wanted
The November 2017 City Election is fast approaching. The Board of Elections needs volunteers to ensure an election that is both fair and efficient. Applicants should be Maryland or Takoma Park registered voters, detail-oriented, and impartial for this election. Those who speak a language in addition to English are encouraged to consider helping, as are 16 or 17 year old voters and non-U.S. citizen residents. Application materials are available online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017.
Election judges are compensated: $45 for closers and counters; $90 for early voting workers; $115 for single-shift workers on Election Day. $240 for full-day workers on Election Day. Students under 16 are eligible to volunteer (without pay) and may receive SSL hours.
Election workers are need for early voting and/or on the day of the election:
• Wednesday, November 1, Takoma Park Community Center, 2 – 8 p.m.
• Thursday, November 2, Takoma Park Community Center, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
• Friday, November 3, Takoma Park Recreation Center, 2 – 8 p.m.
• Saturday, November 4, Takoma Park Community Center, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
• Sunday, November 5, Washington Adventist University, Wilkinson Hall, 12 – 6 p.m.
• Tuesday, November 7, Takoma Park Community Center, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Candidates for Mayor
Nomina- tion is seconded by a qualified voter of the city, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the city, the person so nominat- ed shall be considered a candidate. The candidate must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the city for at least six months immediately preceding his/her term of office.
Candidates for City Council: Nomina- tion of each candidate for ward councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of his/ her ward, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of his/her ward, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. The candidate must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the city (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six months immediately preceding their election, and must be qualified voters of the city. Council- members must maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office.
Running for Office?
Three-Year Terms in 2017
With adoption of Charter Amend- ment 2017-01, the election date will change to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years. To accom- modate the move to even-year city elections, candidates elected in 2017 will serve until November 2020, when two-year terms will resume.
How to Place a Name on the Ballot
In Takoma Park, a resident who wishes to have their name placed on the ballot for the office of mayor or city councilmember must be nomi- nated at the nominating caucus. This year, the caucus will take place on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Au- dorium.
All information for candidates is available online: takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017/candidate-information. Any resident thinking of running for office may contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at jessiec@ta- komaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267 with questions.

Safety Tips
1. Stay Alert
2. Hide Valuables
3. Change Direction
4. Do Not Resist
5. Call 911

By Jeremy Dickey, Takoma Park Media Specialist
Takoma Park residents have the benefit of a dedicated local police department which works around the clock to keep everyone safe. Our city is one of the safest in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. In fact, there has been a 13 percent decrease in overall crime in the first six months of 2017. While our Takoma Park Police Officers are doing their part to ensure resident safety, there are five easy steps that you can take to remain vigilant and stay safe everyday.
1. Stay alert. Most criminals look for a convenient target that they perceive as “easy prey.” It is important to always be alert. Knowing your surroundings and constantly scanning your

5 Tips for staying safe

2017 Annual Salaries – Mayor: $141,283; City Councilmember: $106,437
Members of the Council are eligible to receive reimbursement for certain expenses. The City pays for attendance at the Maryland Municipal League Summer and Fall Conferences.
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.

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EMS Bike Units Hit the Road

At the City of Takoma Park Annual July 4th Parade, the Takoma Park VFD introduced its new "EMS Bike Units." Each of the two units is operated by a member of the TPVFD and is equipped to handle a medical emergency until arrival of an ambulance. Each bike carries basic first aid supplies, oxygen and an automated external defibrillator.

Each bike is also equipped with a siren, red lights, megaphone and a portable radio. So don’t be surprised if you should see these bike units at a parade, festival, race or other community event, either located near an event or in response to a medical emergency. Special thanks to Adam for spearheading the bike project.

Congratulations Jorge!

At the TPVFD membership meeting held on July 12, volunteer Fire Chief Tom Musgrove presented EMT Master Jorge Alfaroo with Maryland State Firemen’s Association Special Recognition as "Top EMS Responder" for the department. Jorge had a total of 1,004 calls for 2016. This marked the 7th year Jorge has received this honor. He has a grand total of 4,036 calls. Outstanding!

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Six weather terms you should know

Every day there is a chance of severe weather, whether it is thunderstorms, hurricanes, excessive heat, or a winter blizzard. Take time to monitor the weather daily and stay ahead of any potential storm or hazard. You can use the National Weather Service website to check the weather in any area in the United States or its territories: www.weather.gov. In addition, knowing these weather terms can help you and your family prepare for potential risks and hazards.

1. **Warning** – A warning is issued when a hazardous weather, rain or snow event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

2. **Watch** – A watch is used when conditions of a hazardous weather, rain or snow event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead-time so that those who need to set their emergency plans in motion can do so.

3. **Advisory** – An advisory highlights special weather conditions that are less serious than a warning. They are for events that may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, they could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

4. **Severe Thunderstorm** – A thunderstorm that produces hail one inch or greater, generates winds greater than 58 mph, and/or causes damage to trees, telephone/utility poles or any structure is classified as severe.

5. **Blizzard** – This is a severe snowstorm characterized by strong sustained winds of at least 35 mph and lasting for a prolonged period of time—typically three hours or more.

6. **Derecho** – This is a widespread, long-lived, straight-line wind storm that is associated with a land-based, fast-moving group of severe thunderstorms.

Visit Ready.gov to learn how to prepare for serious weather events. Being prepared today makes tomorrow easier to plan and enjoy.

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  1. **Immediate area** will help in identifying potential threats to your safety. Don’t look afraid while observing your surroundings. A timid individual falls into the “easy prey” narrative, so it’s important to walk with purpose and look confident.

  2. **Hide valuables.** Many of us are guilty of checking our cell phones when walking. In addition to distracting an individual from being alert, cell phones are also easy robbery items and may attract someone to target you. Similar to a cell phone, keep jewelry and other valuables out of sight. They will only mark you as a good target.

  3. **Change direction.** If an unknown vehicle or individual approaches you, immediately change direction. A quick change in direction will alert the individual that you realize you are being followed. Move quickly to an area where there are other people who can be of assistance.

  4. **Do not resist.** If you do find yourself being robbed, avoid injury by giving the assailants what they want. Objects can be replaced, you cannot. If possible, try to note details that will assist officers in apprehending the suspect.

  5. **Call 911.** If you feel uneasy about a situation or find yourself being the victim of a crime, call 911 and stay in a safe place until the police arrive.

Personal safety is everyone’s responsibility and implementing these tips will not only make you safer, but you will ensure that the entire Takoma Park community remains safe.

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5 AUDIOBOOKS

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  1. **Honky-Tonk Highway** by Jennifer Donnelly in which narrators by Emily Janice Card and Emma Bering elegantly bridge the story’s two worlds - current day Brooklyn and 18th century France, and In the Belly of the Bloodhound and Curse of the Blue Tattoo, in which author L.A. Mayer describes the thrilling adventures of a plucky young woman named Jakey Faber. Narrator Katherine Kellgren gives an extraordinary reading in these audio books, which both won Odyssey Honors.
By Diane Svenonius, Takoma Horticultural Club

Editor’s Note: This article originally appeared in the August 2016 issue of the newsletter. We’ve reprinted it this year, along with additional resources, in response to recent resident concerns about the deer population in Takoma Park. The City does not undertake deer management, and residents need to be aware of the steps they can take to preserve their property. For more information, please consult the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website: dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/deerdamage.aspx.

Like homo sapiens, the white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) is a highly adaptable mammal equipped to learn from experience. Thus lists of “what deer won’t eat” must be regarded as provisional. A “deer can’t eat” list can be very useful for gardeners, but these lists tend to overstate what deer won’t eat. Deer are not deer priorities. Deer are people. Deer have latched onto the idea that we eat anything green, and they do eat those “rarely” or “seldom” damaged plants. They’re most effective if started three weeks after the first sign of damage. Home remedies include human hair hung from trees, home-made and commercial deer repellents, lights and pets. If we can’t live without roses, tomatoes, and so on, fencing is the most reliable barrier. Use wire mesh on metal poles, or poly deer netting, which can be fastened down at the bottom. Cover fruit bushes and vegetable crops with netting (holes must be large enough not to trap birds). Monofilament fishing line can be strung at various heights, deer feel it’s there but can’t see it, so they don’t jump.

Repelets rely on ingredients that taste terrible or smell like a predator. They’re most effective if started at the first sign of a problem. Follow package directions, replenish after rain, and change brands to keep the element of surprise. Home remedies include human hair hung in net bags, Irish Spring soap on a string, and others. You can also get creative with mechanical “frighteners,” shiny noisy things, sound and light effects to frighten or discourage deer, but these become routine. Deers are very smart. If a barking dog can also be a deterrent. Finally, make deer rub their antlers on the bark of small trees and shrubs in late summer into fall to remove velvet from their antlers. Prevent this, which can kill your tree, by placing wire mesh around the trunk, up to five feet, supported with wood stakes.

Notes
1. To make attractive landscape combinations with deer resistant plants and for advice on cultivation, see 30 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants, by Ruth Rogers Clausen, Timber Press, 2013.
2. For other mammals in the garden and up to no good, see “Oh, Deer” by Kathy Jentz, Takoma Voice newspaper/Washington Gardener Magazine.

Selected Resources
Managing Deer Damage in Maryland (Bulletin 354), Maryland Cooperative Extension
http://bit.ly/2v0x0iD
Nonlethal Deer Management Techniques, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tips for Keeping Deer Out of Your Rain Garden, MyGreenMontgomery.org
Landscape Plants Rated by Deer Resistance, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
How to Use Deer Repellents to Prevent Damage to Your Yard or Garden, Todayshomeowner.com

Securing your garden when deer are about

By Sean Gossard

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Trattoria Da Lina brings authentic Italian to Takoma Park

By Sean Gossard

A new Italian restaurant has opened its doors in Takoma Park, offering plenty of traditional fare, such as spaghetti and meatballs, and more daring options like the grilled sea bass in an airy, rustic dining room setting with views of the kitchen that feel very intimate.

Trattoria Da Lina was opened in late March by owner Marcello Minna, a native of the Puglia region of southern Italy. The restaurant was named after Minna’s mother Lina, who “has been behind the stove for at least 60 years.” Minna writes on Da Lina’s website that he was inspired by his mother to use local ingredients “to provide a variety of healthy options for our customers.”

Many of the dishes take inspiration from the southern cooking of Italy with lively Mediterranean tastes from the salad to the seafood. The grilled octopus starter has been a favorite of some dinners, and the calamari has been described as light and tender.

Most of the ingredients are brought in directly from Italy, including the bacon pancetta, vinegar, cheese, and of course, olive oil. The vegetables are sourced more locally and change depending on the season.

Head chef Fabio Capestrano, right, and his crew prep ingredients for the dinner rush. Trattoria Da Lina opens at 5 p.m. because of the amount of preparation it takes.

Capestrano and his crew prep as much as they can each afternoon before the rush comes. Most of the pastas and raviolis are also made fresh daily, which is why Trattoria Da Lina doesn’t open until 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

So far, the crowds have been very happy. “The people are happy and say there are good portions,” Capestrano said. “And they usually tell us they’ll be back.”

The restaurant offers a robust Italian wine list of red and whites from all over the country — and especially the southern area — by the glass or bottle. There’s also a small bar area with a television.

But what really stands out on the menu is Trattoria Da Lina’s authentic tiramisu, made fresh daily. “It’s homemade here in the restaurant,” partner Salvo Ipolito said. “We do it a little bit different- ly, it’s a little bit softer, like gelato.” Capestrano speaks with a measure of pride in the tiramisu. “It is completely hand made,” he said.

Prices range from $6.95 to $14.95 for starters, like the calamari and grilled octopus, and $13.95 to $25.95 for main courses, like the pan-seared chicken and lamb chops with spinach. Desserts include crème brûlée and cannoli with ricotta cheese, and they also offer espressos and cappuccinos. There are also gluten-free options available.

Trattoria Da Lina is located a few blocks off the Takoma Station on the Red Line at 7000 Carroll Avenue and is open from 5 – 9:30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 5 – 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
**PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE**

**City Council**
The Takoma Park City Council is on recess until Sept. 6. 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.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.
The city’s neighborhood of international food, Takoma Park restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads neighborhood of Takoma Park, the city’s neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture. Community members are encouraged to join! All lunches begin at 12 p.m. For more information and updates on any location changes, visit takomalanjngley.org/ lunch-with-the-mayor.

**Crossroads Farmers Market**
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., May 31 through Dec. 27
On Anne Street between University Boulevard and Hammond Avenue (across from the Rite Aid), Takoma Park
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food. Please note, Market customers are not allowed to park in the Megamart parking lot or at the 1021 University Blvd. office building next to the market. If they do, they will likely be towed.

**Community Self Defense**
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
6836 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park
Graded Jitsu 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@asaol.com or 301-546-2109.

**Lunch with the Mayor**
Friday, August 25, 12 p.m.
Sardi’s Pollo A La Brasas, 1159 University Boulevard East
Mayor Kate Stewart will host lunches at restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads neighborhood of Takoma Park, the city’s neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture. Community members are encouraged to join! All lunches begin at 12 p.m. For more information and updates on any location changes, visit takomalanjngley.org/ lunch-with-the-mayor.

**Make a Difference - Plant a Tree**
Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

**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 Jan van Zutphen, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 13.

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: “UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY”**
Tuesday, August 1, 6 – 9 p.m.
Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue
Parking lot and street between Grant and Lee Avenues
This year’s event will include informational brochures on various safety topics and crime prevention, food, games, give-aways, interactive educational activities, and live music.
Free

**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

**Summer Drum Circle at the Gazebo**
Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7 – 9 p.m.
The Gazebo (corner of Carroll Avenue and Westmoreland)
The Summer Drum Circles at the Gazebo feature community drumming, dancing, hooping, hanging, laughing and everyone having a good time. All ages, family friendly, little or lots of experience welcome. Drums and instruments provided or bring your own. Bring a friend, a chair, some water and your rhythmic spirit.
Free

**Violin Concert at the Gazebo**
Sunday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m. – noon
The Gazebo (corner of Carroll Avenue and Westmoreland)
More than 50 student violinists and guitarists from the House of Musical Traditions and the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program will play their instruments, led by music teacher Ken Giles. Most of the students are from 5 to 15 years old.
Free

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Takoma Park Folk Festival**
Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
The Takoma Park Folk Festival prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary with artisans, food vendors, community nonprofits and plenty of folk music on six stages. Performers come from all around the D.C. region. Takoma Park Middle School
For more information, visit www.tpff.org

**Do you have an item for the 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 September issue is August 11, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning August 25. To submit calendar items, email tmnewspaper@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.