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## WHAT'S NEW?

### National Night Out: "Unity in the Community"

Tuesday, August 1, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Piney 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



Photo: Rick Henry

Yossi Schtevie and Connie Casayuran are two of Takoma Park's newest entrepreneurs.  
Read about another on page 11 of this issue.

## 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 pedestri-



Photo: Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration  
Preliminary work on the bridge, 2016

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## 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 "Theft 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 Piney 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.

"This year I am hoping to host another great event for 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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## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council will be on recess until Wednesday, September 6.

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, August 17, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, August 7, 7:15 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 17, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Rose Room

\*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov](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).

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## CityCouncilAction

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### 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 pavement; **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 \$21,100, and **Ordinance 2017-31**, authorizing the purchase of LED decorative streetlight fixtures from C. N. Robinson Lighting Co. (\$49,140).

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Stay informed about City Council meetings and agendas! Subscribe to the weekly email list. You'll find the subscription form on the Council agenda page: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas).

## 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](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267) with questions or call the contact person listed below. As of June 9, 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.

**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.

**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. ([mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7215).

**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 intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby, Community and Economic Development Coordinator ([rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7205).

**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 ([erink@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto: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 (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.



## BRIDGE

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ans standing nearby. “Couldn’t even wait. You need a little patience from people,” said Michael Brown, SHA’s District 3 manager, who had 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 Adventist Hospital and along Sligo Creek Parkway and Maple Avenue. “Our objective with any 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 doing 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 discussions about 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 accomplishment. 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 everyone working together,” Kohn said.

The credit for such a significant construction project goes to State Highway Administration (SHA) personnel, said Takoma Park City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, who named Maurice Agostino, in the Office of Structures-Engineering, who led the multi-year design development and permitting process; Project Manager, Michael Brown, who oversaw the project implementation and kept City officials and others informed; and Usman Khan, the on-site transportation engineer.

“Kiewit Construction proved to be a very well-organized and capable contractor, with years of experience in bridge construction, which was evident in the performance of the bridge renovation work,” Ludlow added.

And she credited the City staff in the Department of Public Works, including Director Daryl Braithwaite and Construction Manager Ian Chamberlain, “for maintaining critical lines of communication before and during the project that helped the community understand the impacts and provided an avenue to raise concerns to SHA and the contractor to facilitate resolving issues as they arose.”

The renovated bridge is the third struc-

ture to cross Sligo Creek at that site, according to Kohn. The first was a short pedestrian bridge at the base of the hill. The second was a larger structure built in 1919 for driving to the new hospital built by Seventh Day Adventists. But as the automobile took over America in the next decade, that bridge became obsolete, and it was torn down and replaced in 1932 by the graceful, three-arched structure that stands today. Sadly, that 1932 project was marred by an accident that killed two workers when part of the structure collapsed during demolition.

The state allocated \$12 million for the renovation, which included the complete replacement of the bridge deck and installation of sidewalks on both sides, bordered by white balustrades and ornamental lights. The design of those balustrades references 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 Park 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 schedule despite encountering a great deal more spalling (or surface flaking) of the concrete structure than expected. “With 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 said.

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

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commitment to strengthening relationships is partnering with 7-Eleven in its “Operation Chill” program, which aims to reduce crime and build rapport between kids and law enforcement. Through “Operation Chill,” Takoma Park Police patrol officers can “ticket” youngsters caught in the act of doing good, such as helping another person, deterring crime, practicing safety, participating in a positive activity in the community, or just for having a pleasant conversation with an officer, with Slurpee beverage coupons.

The Takoma Park Police Department will use the “Operation Chill” program to reward youth for their good deeds as well as to enhance their relations with the young people of their city. So be on your



Takoma Park Police Sergeant Jerome Erwin gives out a “ticket.”

best behavior this summer. Officers will be patrolling 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 canvassing neighborhoods and looking into vehicles all summer long to see if there are valuables in plain view. If officers see valuables in your vehicle, 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 vehicle, be aware of whether or not you locked your vehicle,

and make sure you have your keys with you at all times. Let’s make a difference 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.

## CITY COUNCIL ACTION

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**Ordinance 2017-27** was adopted on **June 21, 2017**. This ordinance authorizes the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 through issuance of City of Takoma Park Infrastructure Bonds, 2017 Series A, to finance renovations to the Takoma Park Library and for transportation and roadway improvements related to the Flower Avenue Green Street Project and the Ethan Allen Gateway Project. That same evening, the Council adopted **Ordinance 2017-32**, authorizing execution of a contract with CohnReznick LLP for performance of the City audit and preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The contract, renewable for up to four additional years, authorizes \$33,910 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit. The cost of preparation of the CAFR for all five years is \$47,500. Councilmember Kovar recused himself. Finally, on June 21, the Council approved **Ordinance 2017-33**, authorizing the award of FY 2018 Community Quality of Life Grants as follows: a) CREATE Arts Center: smARTkids at TPES (\$5,000); b) DC Arts Center: Takoma Park Refugee Theatre Project (\$6,575); c) Dance Exchange: Moving Field Guide Summer Camp (\$8,000); d) Docs in Progress: Documentary Dialogues Takoma Park (\$9,175); e) Historic Takoma/Takoma

Radio: Takoma Radio Present RadioActive (\$10,000); f) Montgomery County Collaboration Council: African Arts, Culture and Education Academy (ACE) Academy (Essex House Friday Program) (\$9,882); g) Montgomery Community Television: Exploring Media (\$5,000); h) Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: Pump House Pop-Up (\$6,500); i) Real Food for Kids Montgomery: Nutrition Science After School Program (\$7,500); and j) Boy Scout Troop 33: Send a Scout to Summer Camp (\$7,368). Three resolutions appointing members to committees were adopted: **Resolution 2017-41**, reappointing Eric Gordon (Ward 2) and appointing John Warren (Ward 5) and Ebonee Harllee to the Arts and Humanities Commission; **Resolution 2017-42**, reappointing Priscilla Labovitz (Ward 1), Cherwanda Oliver (Ward 5), Rachna Rikhye (Ward 1), Pat Rumbaugh (Ward 1) and Ray Scannell (Ward 1) to the Recreation Committee; and **Resolution 2017-43**, reappointing Frank Demarais (Ward 5) and Michael Moore (Ward 6) to the Safe Roadways Committee.

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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 decided 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, Schtevie said he wanted to open a business in the City and eyed a lot of locations before the current location became available when Artful Framing moved to another location 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 immersed in the art of arranging and learned

by accompanying Schtevie 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. Schtevie said custom arrangements are one of the shop’s signature services and springs from a simple philosophy. “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 arrangements 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 focused on flowers and plants. “Once the fall comes around, it is more on people’s mind,” he said. And, of course there is always Valentine’s Day.

A *Secret Garden* by Connie is located at 7050 Carroll Avenue. Telephone: 240-893-6776.



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## HOUSING MAILBOX



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

**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 land-

lord 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](mailto:mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov).

## 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 non-profit 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](mailto:c_dyballa@yahoo.com). The City Council appoints all COE members. The application is available on the City's website.



Photo: Helen Lyons

Xavier Carrillo currently sells his frozen treats at the Crossroads Farmers Market in Takoma Park, but hopes that the Community Kitchen will help him reach his goal of opening his own store.

## 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 Lorig 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 paletas. 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]."

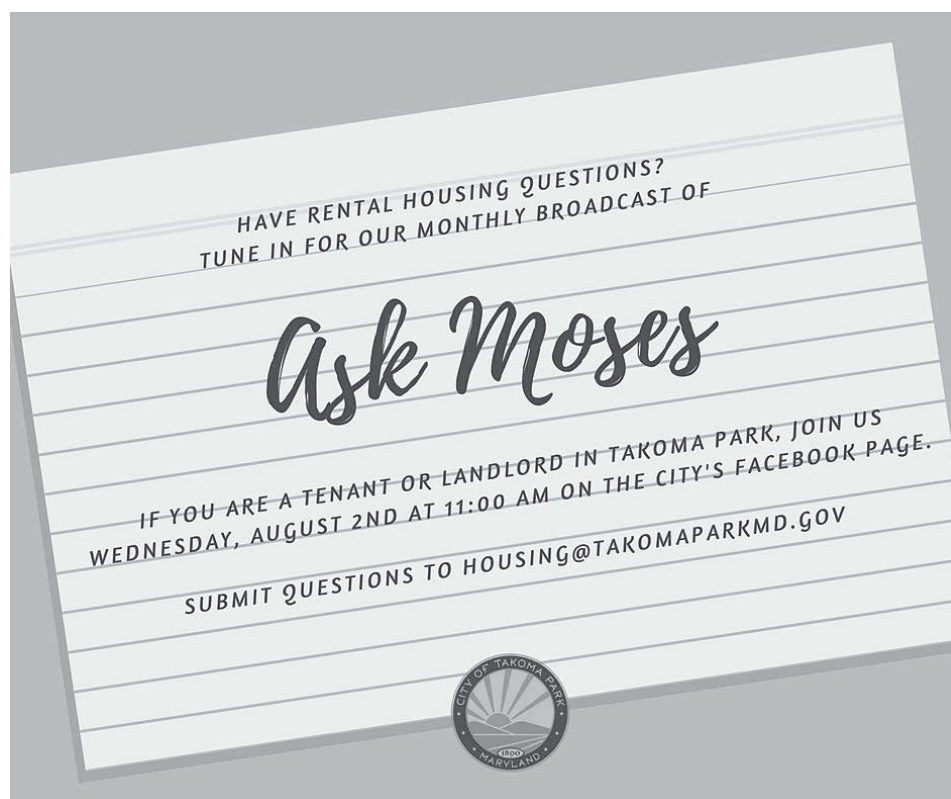
Shared-use commercial kitchens do exist in the DMV area, but there are roadblocks to those looking to utilize them. "You need quite a bit of capital just to get in and get started," Charkoudian explained. "We started looking at creating a kitchen that was specifically designed for people with limited 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.





# THE ARTS



## 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.

Photo: Marilyn Sklar

Staff from Montgomery Housing Partnership and Carpe Diem Arts, along with student muralists and artist Arturo Ho, celebrate the unveiling of the "Love - Community - Peace" mural at 7610 Maple Avenue.

## 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.



Photographer Joanne Miller works with Joshua (a student) to secure his photo to a mat. 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.

### 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.

### 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.



Captain USA, David Ross

### (Super)Hero Exhibition

What is your kryptonite? (Super)Hero looks at the strengths and weaknesses of imaginary and real heroes. The exhibition features works by Linda Button, David Ross, Elena Botts, Nicole Bresner, and Gild Odio. See (Super)Hero during regular building hours at the Takoma Park Community Center.



Photo: Marilyn Sklar

## 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](mailto:arts@takomaparkmd.gov).



# 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 2017-2018

After the Bell childcare program is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). 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, plays, 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. Twenty percent of the payment is due at time of registration and the next payment will be due October 1.

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



### FITNESS

#### Kung Fu

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4-16 years  
Saturdays  
**Beginners:** 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  
**Advanced:** 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
September 9-November 18  
10 week session  
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149



**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.**

#### Taekwondo

Martial arts are studied for combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, nonrefundable \$40 fee paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Felix Lindeire

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5 years and older  
Mondays, 6 – 7 p.m.  
September 11-December 18  
15 week session  
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

## TEENS

### DROP-IN



#### Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do on the second and fourth 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

## ADULTS

#### VOLUNTEER COACHES WANTED

**Interested in coaching basketball or futsal this winter?**  
**Email: [tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov)**

### FITNESS

#### Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means one heart way). This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored

by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
Wednesdays, ongoing  
7 – 8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

## 55+

### DROP-IN

#### Bingo

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

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursday, August 24  
12 – 2 p.m.  
Free

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will conduct monthly blood pressure screening. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older



Thursday, August 24  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Free

#### Game Room Open Play

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

Takoma Park Community Center  
Game Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Summer Hours, through August 25  
Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 12 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 August 28  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Free

## SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

### Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. This is a free class however registration is required. Due to the popularity of the Zumba classes, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the day/time that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Saturdays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
July 8-August 26  
Free

## TRIPS

### Senior Day, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Gaithersburg Fairgrounds, MD  
Meet at Takoma Park Community Center  
Recreation Office  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Tuesday, August 15  
8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information on Senior Trips contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or [paulal@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:paulal@takomaparkmd.gov). Registration is required. For trip details and procedures please see the Forever Young Spring/Summer newsletter online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation).

## PETS



## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### 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  
4 week session  
September 14-October 5  
Tuesdays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.  
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125



# 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 dominance 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 Grimm 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



### National Night Out

come JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!!!

Tuesday, August 1, 2017  
6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.  
Piney Branch Elementary School  
7510 Maple Ave

An annual event hosted by the police department to bring the community together as a whole to increase awareness in safety and crime prevention; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; to strengthen relationships among community members and the Takoma Park Police Department

**We'll have...**  
\*Police Vehicles on Display  
\*McGruff the Crime Dog  
\*Moonbounce  
\*Face Painting  
\*Games & Prizes  
\*Food & Ice Cream  
\*Live Music

For more information Contact:  
TyroneC@TakomaParkMd.gov

### Save the date for PLAY DAY

Saturday, September 23

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

At Takoma Park  
Middle School



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov). Happy snapping!

Have your voice heard. Take our survey and tell us what qualities and characteristics to look for in a new police chief!

## <http://bit.ly/PoliceChiefSurvey>



City of Takoma Park  
Police Chief Search

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





## Classic audiobooks for kids

By Karen MacPherson

For parents, long car trips can be anxiety producing. 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-ride listens. (Note: much of this article first appeared in *The Washington Post*: <http://tinyurl.com/y9hryjf7>.)

### Ages 3-6

The *Frances Audio Collection*. Actress Glynis Johns gives an inspired reading to four classic stories by Russell

Hoban about the beloved badger named Frances 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 Sachs; and

*Young Fredle* by Cynthia Voigt, for which narrator Wendy Carter won an Odyssey Honor.

### Ages 8 and up

*Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle. Narrated by Federle himself, this Odyssey Honor-winning audiobook tells the story of a boy who battles sibling rivalry, bullying and other challenges in his quest to win a role in a Broadway musical.

The *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling. Narrator Jim Dale does an incomparable job of taking readers into the world and heart of the boy wizard. Dale won the Guinness Book World record for "most voices in an audiobook" in 2008 for creating 134 distinct voices for *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

The *Roald Dahl Audio Collection*. Dahl himself narrates five of his best-known tales, spotlighting the subversive humor for which children adore him. The books include *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* and *James & the Giant Peach*.

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Reading Rainbow host LeVar Burton masterfully spotlights the unique mixture of humor

and drama in Curtis' unforgettable Newbery Honor-winning historical novel about a family caught up in a key civil rights event.

Other choices: *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos, who reads his hilarious Newbery Medal-winning half-fictional memoir of growing up in the 1950's and '60s; *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz, narrated by Trini Alvarez, who underscores the lyricism of this tale of a girl whose world is shaken when her family migrates from Mexico to California; the Newbery Medal-winning *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman, who deftly narrates his darkly humorous twist on Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*; and the Newbery Honor-winning *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin, a fantasy about a young girl's courageous quest to improve her family's fortunes, narrated by Janet Song.

### Teens

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. Narrated by Alexie, this raw, riveting and yet often humorous 2009 Odyssey Award winning audiobook tells the story of Junior, a Spokane Indian teen who is pulled between two worlds as he leaves the reservation for a better education.

*Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan. In this Odys-

## 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

### Graphic Novelist Gareth Hinds

Tuesday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.

Hinds will present his new book, *Poe: Stories and Poems*

Note: this program is best for adults & teens.

### Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Wednesday, August 2, 7 p.m.

### LEGO Club

Sunday, August 6, 1:30-3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3-10.

### Family Music Concert w/ the Alphabet Rockers

Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

### Caldecott Club

Monday, August 14, 7 p.m.

All ages welcome; lemonade and cookies served!

### Kids Art

Sunday, August 20, 2-3 PM

### Coming up.....

- Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. – Author Margarita Engle and illustrator Mike Curato present their new picture book, *All the Way to Havana*.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. – Caldecott Honor Illustrator Peter Brown talks about his newest book, *Creepy Pair of Underwear*.
- Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. – Graphic novelist Alex Alice talks about his new book, *Castle in the Stars: The Space Race of 1869*
- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. (in the auditorium) – Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate discusses her new kids' novel, *Wishree*

## Our Mutual Dickens

By Phillip F. Schewe

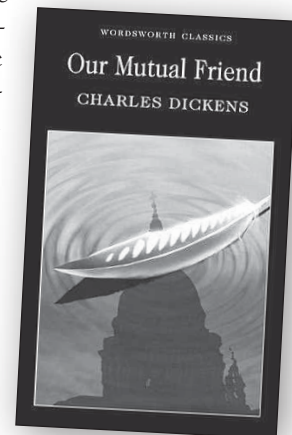
"After God Shakespeare created most," is a quote usually attributed to Alexandre Dumas. I would like to extend this idea: After God and Shakespeare, Dickens created most. His plots are a bit clanking at times; his characters are said to be cartoons; but the world (often London) he creates to surround 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 7:30 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.



## Friends Reading Group to discuss *Austerlitz*

By Tim Rahn

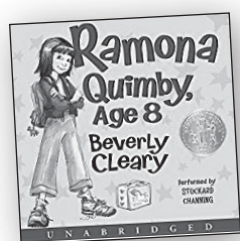
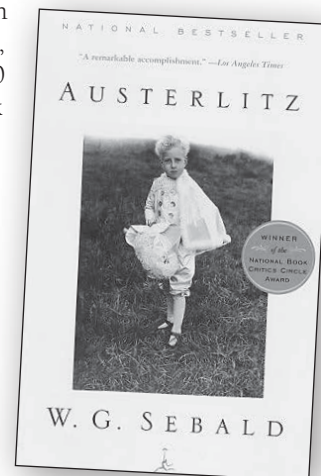
The Friends Book Group will read and discuss *Austerlitz*, a novel by the late German novelist W. G. Sebald, on September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center.

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 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 "books 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 discussions of the Friends Book Group. Copies of *Austerlitz* are currently available at the Takoma Park Library.





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 Reported to Council

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. (TPCC Azalea Room)

New Mayor and City Council Sworn In

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. (TPCC Auditorium)

Reunion Electoral de Nominación de Candidatos

Martes, 12 de Septiembre del 2017 (Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)

Votación Temprana

Miercoles, 1 de Noviembre – Domingo, 5 de Noviembre (hora y local varian)

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, 9 de Noviembre, 7:30 p.m. (Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)

El Nuevo Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo asumen su cargo

Miercoles, 15 de Noviembre, 7:30 p.m. (Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park)



# Get Ready for the 2017 City Election

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 be 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.

Interested in Running for Office?

**Three-Year Terms in 2017**

With adoption of Charter Amendment 2017-01, the election date will change to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years. To accommodate 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 nominated at the nominating caucus. This year, the caucus will take place on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium.

All information for candidates is available online: [takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017/candidate-information](http://takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017/candidate-information). Any resident thinking of running for office may contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267 with questions.

**Candidates for Mayor:** Nominations of candidates for mayor shall be made on motion by any qualified voter of the city, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the city, 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 for at least six months immediately preceding his/her election, and must be a qualified voter of the City. The mayor must maintain principal residence in the city during his/her term of office.

**Candidates for City Council:** Nomination of each candidate for ward councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of her/his 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. Councilmembers must maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office.

**2017 Annual Salaries – Mayor:**  
**\$14,128.34; City Councilmember:**  
**\$10,644.37**

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.

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 voters. Application materials are available online: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017](http://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.

# Safety Tips

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



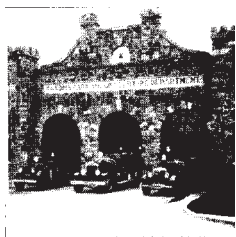
# 5 Tips for staying safe

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





## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of June 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service personnel assigned to the station responded to 269 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department also addressed or assisted with 1468 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1737. Totals for 2016 were 283 and 1601 representing a decrease of 147 incidents.

During June, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1147.5 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1266 hours in June 2017. Grand totals as of June 30, 2017 were 9189.5 hours compared to 7918 in 2016, an increase of 1271.5 hours.

### Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of July 27, 38 people have died in fires compared to 25 in 2016.

### Hot vehicle deaths

As of July 27, 26 children have died across the country in hot vehicles. When you leave your vehicle, everyone should go with you, including children, seniors and pets. Don't forget to lock the vehicle. In 2016, a total of 39 children died in hot vehicles. One is too many!

Your Vehicle Is Hotter Than You Think	
Temp Outside	Temp Inside Vehicle
75	118
77	123
81	138
90	143



### 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.



### Congratulation Jorge!

At the TPVFD membership meeting held on July 12, volunteer Fire Chief Tom Musgrove presented EMT Master Jorge Alfaro his 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!

## 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).



## 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](http://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](http://Ready.gov) to learn how to prepare for serious weather events. Being prepared today makes tomorrow easier to plan and enjoy.

### 5 TIPS

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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.

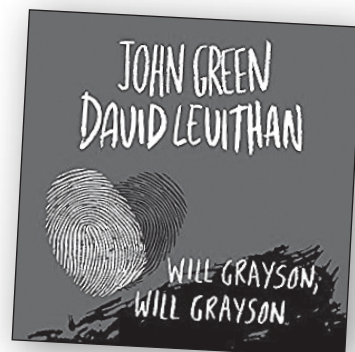
Personal safety is everyone's responsibility and implementing these tips will not only make you safer, but you will ensure that the entire Takoma Park community remains safe.

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sey Honor-winning audiobook, narrators MacLeod Andrews and Nick Podehl each give voice to a young man named Will Grayson – two vastly different characters, who are brought together in their search for love and acceptance.

Other choices: *The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett and narrated by Stephen Fry who adeptly speaks the comical brogue of the tiny blue men in kilts; *Revolution*



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 Jacky Faber.

Narrator Katherine Kellgren gives an extraordinary reading in these audiobooks, which both won Odyssey Honors.



# 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.



Photo: Sean Gossard

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.

Head chef Fabio Capestrano, who has worked in the D.C. region for many years, is originally from Florence, but his family is from Sicily. "Because everything is fresh, the menu changes every three months," Capestrano said. "We use what's in season."

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 hap-

py. "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," restaurant partner Salvio Ipolito said. "We do it a little bit differently; 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.

## Securing your garden when deer are about

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](http://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 should eat seven pounds of forage a day, and lacking enough tulips and roses, it will eat the next best thing, down to the "rarely browsed" category. Also, tastes vary from herd to herd, place to place, and perhaps with what's trending on the deer grapevine.

If deer are taking the joy out of gardening for you, there are two approaches you can take to remedy the situation: 1) modify the vegetation or 2) secure the space. (But first... was it deer? Lacking upper incisors, deer pinch and tear the leaves they eat. If there is a neat bite, it's likely to be something with front teeth like a rabbit. But deer will take flowers off their stalks neatly.)

**1. Plant things that you like which are not deer priorities.** Deer are widely thought to avoid plants with



these characteristics: fuzzy leaves, thorns/hairs/prickles, pungent odor (even if delightful to you), fibrous stems and leaves, and toxicity. Thus ferns, many ornamental grasses, euphorbias, Castor oil plant, aconitum, and strong-scented herbs like lavender, sage, rosemary and thyme are good choices. You can plant borders of them around beds of tastier plants to deceive deer.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, fertilize and water ornamentals sparingly. Over-fertilized, overwatered plants have lush, tender, appealing foliage.

Many of us love our blooms and are loath to lose them. These flowering plants appear on published lists as those "rarely" or "seldom" damaged by deer: daffodil, bleeding heart, peony, lily-of-the-valley, moss phlox (*phlox subulata*), hardy orchid (*Bletilla striata*), garden pinks (*dianthus*), Siberian iris, red hot poker, lavender, salvia, beardtongue (penstemon), rose campion, daisy; alliums, butterfly weed, blazing star, threadleaf coreopsis, blanket flower, lamb's ear, yarrow, Russian sage, goldenrod, spotted mint (*monarda punctata*), sweet Autumn clematis, Stella d'Oro daylily.

Shrubs and trees include lilac, butterfly bush, juniper, spruce, boxwood and heather.

**2. Secure the space with hardware, potions, 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 mounted on an existing shorter fence or on supports. It should 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.

Repellents 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 and are ignored unless changed. A barking dog can also be a deterrent. Finally, male 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.<sup>2</sup>

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> To make attractive landscape combinations with deer resistant plants and for advice on cultivation, see *50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants*, by Ruth Rogers Clausen, Timber Press, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> 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/2v0xfdN>

**Nonlethal Deer Management Techniques**, Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
<http://bit.ly/2tET1jI>

**Tips for Keeping Deer Out of Your Rain Garden**, MyGreenMontgomery.org  
<http://bit.ly/2u04idl>

**Landscape Plants Rated by Deer Resistance**, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station  
<http://bit.ly/2e00p83>

**How to Use Deer Repellents to Prevent Damage to Your Yard or Garden**, Today'sHomeowner.com  
<http://bit.ly/2v0wgdM>

—Compiled By Apryl Motley



# AUGUST '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 September issue is August 11, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning August 25. 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

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](http://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](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

#### Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Fun and games for kids

#### Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Games and activities just for teens

#### Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round

Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town

Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

#### Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 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

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

#### Lunch with the Mayor

Friday, August 25, 12 p.m.

Sardi's Pollo A La Brasa, 1159 University

### 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

#### 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 [takomalangley.org/](http://takomalangley.org/)

lunch-with-the-mayor.

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

#### Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.

Learn hand drumming

#### Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

[www.republictakoma.com](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

#### 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tpff.org)

## Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

*Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy*

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

Established discounts still apply as well, through the city's annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, sweet gum, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed. Sale dates run Aug. 1 through Oct. 13.



photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

### 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak (2") \_\_\_\_\_ \$195 Princeton Elm (2") \$195

\_\_\_\_\_ Sweet Gum (2") \$195 \_\_\_\_\_ Black Gum (2") \$195

\_\_\_\_\_ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total \_\_\_\_\_