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Monday yard trimming
collection canceled



Photo: Helen Lyons

Left to right: Roxana Villalta, Gerson Garcia, David Campos, Mr. Blanco (Assistant Principal) and Stephany Solorzano (Student Leader), back Cesar Hernandez and Stanislas Amouzou

Back to school at Bosco

By Helen Lyons

In the evening they return home to 52 different zip codes, but during the school day they're part of Takoma Park.

The students of Don Bosco just celebrated ten years in the Takoma Park Community, and you may have seen them around during the last decade—working at the Rec Center, for the Police Department or CHEER, or a local catering businesses. You may have even seen them taking the metro on a 9-5 commute.

That's because students at Don Bosco in Takoma Park don't just come to the neighborhood to learn. They're also here to work.

The school was first formed in 2007 in response to a need for underserved populations to have a strong college preparatory education. Schools that offer such robust

training for university level work abound in the D.C. area, but come with a steep price tag. And if you're in an underserved population, explained President Rev. Michael Conway, "You can't afford that."

The solution for Don Bosco was a work study program. The students are hired by outside businesses and corporations that allow them to work one full day each week, primarily to offset the costs of tuition but also to give them a broader experience of what it means to work within the corporate world and equip them with the skills they will need to be commensurate with that.

The results are a 100 percent college acceptance rate, said Ana Chapa, executive director for the work study program. "We're known as the school that works, in

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Takoma Park Play Day grows to Play Week

By Sean Gossard

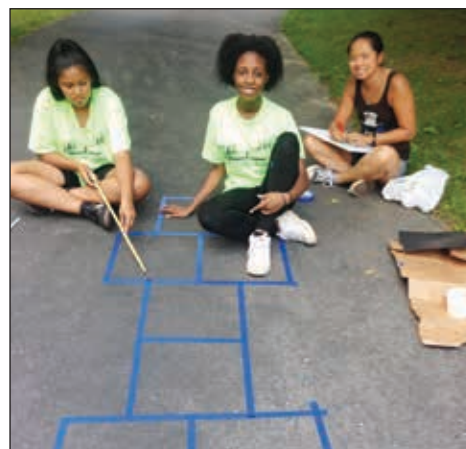


Photo: Pat Rumbaugh

From left, Jacquelin Mendez, Mikentha Bobo and Michelle Morris help create a hopscotch board at last year's Let's Play.

Takoma Park Play Day is returning for its ninth year, and organizers say it will be bigger than ever. This year the event that invites children and adults to take a break from social media and their smartphones and enjoy good, old-fashioned fun is expanding into Let's Play Takoma Week, says Pat Rumbaugh, aka the Play Lady, who organizes the annual event.

Play Week kicks off with a ribbon cutting at Capital City Cheesecake in Takoma Park on Sept. 17 from 4 – 6 p.m. Board games will be available for both kids and adults as well as childhood favorite foods like root beer floats.

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Montgomery College final plan for new science building coming soon

By Kevin Adler

Within the next few weeks, Montgomery College President Dr. De-Rionne Pollard is expected to announce her final decision about how the college will proceed with an approximately \$85-million investment to build a new science center at the Takoma Park campus.

While most in the Takoma Park-Silver Spring community agree that an overhaul of the college's science classrooms and laboratories is long overdue, some residents are concerned about the scale of the newest plan. They have asked Dr. Pollard to return to an earlier proposal that kept the footprint of the buildings smaller, further from the road and less intrusive on the surrounding neighborhood and Belle Ziegler Park across the street.

"It's complicated," said Peter Kovar, Takoma Park City Councilmember for Ward 1, where Montgomery College is located. "The college needs to update the labs, and it has acknowledged the need to do it in a way that's respectful of the neighborhood around it. The impacts are big, both during construction and after completion."

The question is how to build the facility cost-effectively with the minimum sacrifice to other activities that are important to students. Nearly a year ago, the College came up with an answer in a revised Master Plan for 2013-2023 that replaced an earlier Master Plan 2006-2016.

At issue are three buildings, which Dr. Pollard points out are 56 years old (Science South), 38 years old (Science North) and 36 years old (Falcon Hall athletic center). An independent facilities audit, performed in 2013, found that all three buildings "are woefully out of date," she stated in an email.

The new Master Plan proposes to tear down the South Science Building and next-door athletic facility Falcon Hall to make room for a single, unified Math and Science Building. The new plan was developed in response to community feedback on the earlier plan, which was to tear down Science South and Science North one after the other and replace them with a four-story building. Residents had ex-

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.

NOMINATING CAUCUS

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, September 11, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 14, 8:30 a.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Thursday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

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

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City Council Action

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

On July 12, 2017, the City Council authorized execution of a contract by **Ordinance 2017-36** for construction of the Ethan Allen Gateway Project. The \$2,259,230 contract was awarded to J. Villa Construction Inc. By **Ordinance 2017-37**, the Council approved a \$7,500 contract for a food pantry program to Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc. (Voting no, Councilmember Smith; Abstention, Councilmember Seamens). **Ordinance 2017-38** approved a second food pantry program award in the amount of \$7,500 to EduCare Support Services Inc. Purchase of IT server equipment, software and installation from InfoSys, for \$48,967, was authorized by **Ordinance 2017-39**.

FY 2018 Budget Amendment No. 1 was approved by **Ordinance 2017-34** at second reading on July 19, 2017 along with second

reading of **Ordinance 2017-35** approving FY 2018 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 1. That same evening, the Council adopted **Resolution 2017-44** authorizing submission of legislative action requests to the Maryland Municipal League. The requests concern the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund, allocation of the State Sales Tax, and use of proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

On July 26, 2017, **Ordinance 2017-40** awarded a contract for executive search services for a Police Chief to Springsted Waters for \$24,500. A contract agreement for up to \$20,000 to support the 2018 Teen and Young Adult Mentoring Program was awarded by **Ordinance 2017-41** to Making a New United People (M.A.N.U.P.). **Ordinance 2017-42** awarded a contract for on-call civil and site engineering services to A.

Morton Thomas and Associates Inc. The City Council established goals and priorities for the Takoma Park Police Department by **Resolution 2017-45**. **Resolution 2017-46** ratified the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (Local 400) and the City of Takoma Park. **Resolution 2017-47** set the dates of the Council's summer recess from July 27 through September 5. The Council appointed Marilyn Sklar to the Arts and Humanities Commission by **Resolution 2017-48** and adopted **Resolution 2017-49** appointing Sharon Cohen and reappointing Cindy Dyballa, Shannon Baker-Branstetter, Sat Jiwan Ikke-Khalsa, and Riaz Mohammed to the Committee on the Environment.

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City Election 2017: Important Dates



Nominating Caucus

-Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 pm, Auditorium,
Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.



Early Voting

-Wednesday, November 1, 2 pm to 8 pm, Takoma
Park Community Center
-Thursday, November 2, 8 am to 2 pm, Takoma Park
Community Center
-Friday, November 3, 2 pm to 8 pm, Takoma Park
Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave.
-Saturday, November 4, 10 am to 4 pm, Takoma
Park Community Center
-Sunday, November 5, noon to 6 pm, Washington
Adventist University, Wilkinson Hall, 7715 Flower Ave.



Election Day

-Tuesday, November 7, 7 am to 8 pm, Takoma Park
Community Center



New Mayor and Council Swearing In

-Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 pm, Auditorium,
Takoma Park Community Center



For more info: takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017
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VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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) or your City Councilmember with questions. As of August 11, there are vacancies or expiring terms* on the following:

Board of Elections
Commemoration Commission
Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
Committee on the Environment
Ethics Commission
Façade Advisory Board
Grants Review Committee
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
Recreation Committee
Safe Roadways Committee
Tree Commission

*Unless term-limited, members with expiring terms may apply for reappointment.

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every sense. We're involved in just about every industry in the D.C. area—federal government, architecture and construction firms, healthcare, higher education..."

The jobs aren't meant to steer students down a particular career path, however, but rather to expose them to different options and teach them professional skills that could transfer to any number of industries as well as their college education.

"I distinctly remember my freshman year of college," said alumna Paola. "I was one of the few people not freaking out about having assignments due or writing papers. I felt extremely confident in my abilities. I'm currently a lead RA, and I work in the development office at my school. Don Bosco taught me how to

balance work and activities with grades. I grew up here, and I found myself in a professional and emotional sense here."

The jobs these high schoolers work are real – the sort of entry level professional positions most of their public school friends will apply to after finishing their four-year degrees. This experience gives the young men and women of Don Bosco a leg up as they apply for admission to college, whether it be at Yale or Georgetown (which has accepted five of Don Bosco's students just this year) or one of Maryland's many local community colleges.

What's important, Rev. Michael emphasizes, about these benefits is that the opportunities are going to young men and women for whom they'd otherwise be out of reach.

These students from underserved communities are often the ones forgotten in

public schools –lost among hundreds of other teenagers from low-income families, like Kevin was.

"All my life I've been in public schools," the rising senior said. "There was more trouble, there were more fights, and the education wasn't up there where it was supposed to be. Then I came here into this completely different environment where teachers actually care about you and want to help you. They stay after school for you."

While Don Bosco is a Catholic school, it has no religious restrictions on admissions and boasts a diverse student population. Junie, a rising sophomore, is Haitian. "Everybody's from a different country," said Junie. "We have [students from] South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, even Europe. Our student life here is very open. We have the Latino Dance Club, Caribbean-American Student Association, African Student Association, and our Social Justice Group. We keep an atmosphere of openness."

The need for such a welcoming atmosphere is being felt more keenly since the 2016 Presidential Election. "The vast majority of our students – 83 percent – are Hispanic," explained Rev. Michael, "and a great number of those families are im-

migrants. So it's been challenging. Soon after the election, there was a great deal of somberness within the school community. For three days, it was just comatose."

Don Bosco's faculty and staff have worked hard to support their students in maintaining a welcoming environment. There have been school meetings about the immigration issues facing the country and their expected impact on the community. Lawyers were brought in to meet one on one with students and their families.

While Rev. Michael rarely brings up religion when discussing the achievements of his students or the school, his Catholicism does come to mind as he looks towards the future. "As a Catholic school, one of the things that we can hold onto and promote with our families and our staff is that we hope, we believe, we trust that God will take care. And it's not lip service. It's really something that we believe in and hold onto very strongly."

If you'd be interested in hiring Don Bosco students as part of their work study program, please contact Ana Chapa, executive director of the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP), at chapaa@dbcr.org.

Aviso de la Reunion Electoral de Nominación de Candidatos de la Ciudad de Takoma Park

Martes, 12 de Septiembre del 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue

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. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir a la reunión. Sólo los residentes de Takoma Park que son votantes registrados podrán nominar o apoyar una nominación de un candidato. Si no está registrado para votar y desea participar en la reunión, residentes de Takoma Park podrán registrarse para votar antes que comience la reunión a las 7:30 p.m.

Durante la reunión, las nominaciones de candidatos para Alcalde pueden realizarse por moción de cualquier votante de la ciudad y, si la misma es secundada, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. La nominación de cada candidato para Miembro del Consejo puede realizarse por moción de cualquier votante de su distrito y si la misma es secundada, la persona nominada será considerada candidato.

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

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

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 take place in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center—Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. 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 on site before the meeting is called to order.

At the meeting, nominations of candidates for mayor may be made on motion of any voter of the City, and if another voter seconds that nomination, the nominee will be considered a candidate. Nomination of each candidate for councilmember may be made on motion of any voter of her/his ward, and if that nomination is seconded by a voter of the ward, the person so nominated will be considered a candidate. The order of nominations will be published before the meeting.

Any person nominated may decline a nomination during the meeting. A person may only accept nomination of one office. The name of each nominee that meets the qualifications of the office shall be placed on the ballot for the November 7, 2017 City Election, unless the nominee files a declination with the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 15.



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**Elección Municipal del 2017:
Fechas Importantes**

☑ Reunión Electoral de Nominación de Candidatos

-Martes, 12 de Septiembre, 7:30 pm, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave.

☑ Votación Temprana

-Miercoles, 1 de Noviembre, 2 pm a 8 pm, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park

-Jueves, 2 de Noviembre, 2 pm a 8 pm, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park

-Viernes, 3 de Noviembre, 2 pm a 8 pm, Centro de Recreación de Takoma Park, 7315 New Hampshire Ave.

-Sabado, 4 de Noviembre, 10 am to 4 pm, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park

-Domingo, 5 de Noviembre, mediodía a 6 pm, Universidad de Washington Adventist, Wilkinson Hall, 7715 Flower Ave.

☑ Día de la Elección

-Martes, 7 de Noviembre, 7 am a 8 pm, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park

☑ Juramento de los Nuevos Funcionarios

-Miercoles, 15 de Noviembre, 7:30 pm, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park



Para más información en Español:

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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Congratulations to July's Car Free Challenge winners!

The July challenge was for MOST TRIPS taken without a car in a month. The top three finishers won their choice of a loaded SmarTrip card or gift card to a local bike shop. Congrats to Sharon who took a whopping 79 trips in July without a car! How does someone take some many trips without a car in one month? If you have a daily commute each way, go out for lunch and run errands on the weekend it's easy to log that many trips in 30 days. Way to go everyone!

Sharon Milgram (79 trips)
Jim Hahn (46 trips)
Jorge Brito (46 trips)
Christopher Dame (44 trips)
Bruce Sawtelle (39 trips)
Steve Nadel (39 trips)
Lori Hill (34 trips)
Sharon (Wren) Rogers (34 trips)
Steve Tucker (32 trips)
John Sener (28 trips)

The Car Free Challenge is still going strong and runs through Oct. 19, 2017. You can still join at CarFreeTKPK.com.

Ride your bike, take the bus, Metro, walk, or carpool for your daily errands and trips and you can win prizes too that might even include a brand new bike, swag, or loaded SmarTrip card. August's challenge was most car-free miles and you can see the results online at carfreetkpk.com, on Twitter @SustainableTKPK, and on Facebook at facebook.com/sustainabletakomapark.

September's challenge is again MOST TRIPS, so be sure to get out of your car and don't forget to log your trips! There's

also a free app you can use from your smartphone to log trips; search for "From-Labs Challenge" in your app store to find it.

The Car Free Challenge is open to anyone who lives or works in Takoma Park, Maryland. In order to count, trips must originate or terminate in Takoma Park and must be taken by public transportation, carpooling with people you do not live with, bike, or on foot. Exercise and dog walking do not count towards the challenge.

FY18 Community "Quality of Life" Grant recipients announced

The City of Takoma Park's Community "Quality of Life" Grants program is designed to provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents' quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences. The Grants Review Committee completed its selection process for the FY18 grant cycle in late spring. In June, the City Council approved the Committee's recommendation that ten organizations receive funding for their proposed projects (listed here from highest amount awarded to lowest):

1. Historic Takoma Inc. for Takoma Radio/WOWD 94.3 (\$10,000)

Project Name: *Takoma Radio Presents URadio*

URadio is a 40-week, after-school audio production course for 12 underserved Takoma Park teens. Working in pairs and supervised by mentors, selected students will gather sound, conduct interviews and create textured audio pieces based on their life experiences. The produced pieces will be broadcast and podcast by Takoma Radio. This hands-on weekly course will build community through storytelling.

2. Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families Inc. (\$9,882)

Project Name: *African Arts Culture and Education (ACE) Academy (Essex House Friday Program)*

ACE (African Arts, Culture and Education) Academy Essex House Friday Program is a 21st Century Community Learning Center project that operates from Mondays to Thursdays at Essex House in Takoma Park, focusing on reading, language arts and African culture for students in grades 1-5. This project will allow ACE Academy to offer and focus on teacher-led, STEM activities for all participants on Friday evenings as well, meeting the needs of working parents.



During a trip to the Dirksen Building to showcase the academy and advocate for afterschool programs, students work on a STEM activity with one of their STEM instructors.

3. Docs in Progress, Inc. (\$9,175)

Project Name: *Documentary Dialogues Takoma Park*

Documentary Dialogues Takoma Park will provide a combination of documentary film screenings/discussions and hands-on video production activities where Takoma Park youth and seniors will learn how to document local and personal stories.



Students work on a film product at a local bakery.

4. Dance Exchange, Inc. (\$8,000)

Project Name: *Moving Field Guide Camp*
Dance Exchange will lead a five-day *Moving Field Guide Camp* for 30-40 Takoma Park youth in grades 3-5, with scholarships providing free tuition for 15-20 youth from low-income families. This

camp will be led by Dance Exchange (DX) artists and naturalist in areas throughout Takoma Park, including Sligo Creek and the DX studios. The camp is tentatively planned for the week of MCPS spring break or during a week in summer 2018.

5. Real Food for Kids – Montgomery (\$7,500)

Project Name: *Nutrition Science After-school Program*

Nutrition Science Afterschool Program is a multi-week after school program that will serve up to 15 students during the spring 2018 semester. The goals of this program are to advance literacy in nutrition and health and to engage students, parents and schools in building a culture of health that spreads to their homes and communities. There will be no cost for students to participate in the program.

6. Boy Scout Troop 33 (\$7,368)

Project Name: *Send a Scout to Summer Camp*

Send a Scout to Summer Camp will provide scholarship funding to scouts and leaders from low-income families to participate in a fun, safe, STEM-focused learning and leadership development experience at Boy Scout summer camp, Camp Horseshoe.

7. District of Columbia Arts Center Inc. (\$6,575)

Project Name: *Takoma Park Refugee Theater Project*

The Takoma Park Refugee Theater Project will provide 15 adult refugees, asylees and immigrants who reside in Takoma Park the opportunity to participate in the co-creation of an original theatrical collage based on their life stories and hopes and dreams for the future. The project will culminate in a presentation of this original theatrical collage before a live audience in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

8. Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center (\$6,500)

Project Name: *Pump House Pop-Up*

Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center (PAAC) will transform the concrete structure located adjacent to Sligo Creek on Hilltop Road into an outdoor "pop-up" gallery for local artists. The *Pump House Pop-Up* gallery will present two shows. The first show will investigate the historical mystery of the site through consultation with Historic Takoma Inc. and real estate records. The second show will feature the work(s) of Takoma Park artist(s), who will receive technical and artistic support at the site and at PAAC. Show postcards, artist talks and history tours will further convey themes and inspiration.

9. CREATE Arts Center, Inc. (\$5,000)

Project Name: *smARTkids at Takoma Park Elementary School (TPES)*

smARTkids at TPES is a free after-school art program that aims to positively impact the learning abilities and success of at-risk students by using visual art techniques and art therapy principles.

10. Montgomery Community Television, Inc. (\$5,000)

Project Name: *Exploring Media*

Montgomery Community Television Inc. (MCT) will offer a 12-week, after-school Media Explorer Program, serving 20 students at Takoma Park Middle School. Students will work with media professionals to learn the basics of creating content, including storyboarding, scriptwriting, filming, and editing. Working in groups, students will create a short multimedia piece, such as a public service announcement, book review, or video blog. Completed student work will be shared on MCT's broadcast channels, on YouTube, and through social media.

Wits End Puppets

Saturday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.

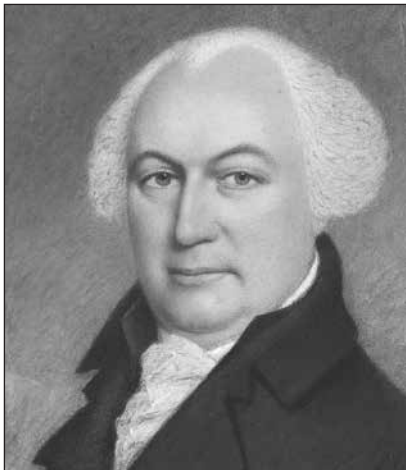
Wit's End Puppets, with support from the National Capital Puppetry Guild, brings together the region's best puppet creators for a night of serious, abstract, silly and thought-provoking puppet theater - think poetry slam but with puppets! With featured musical group, Petty Indulgences, performing in between puppet pieces, our slam brings together creative spirits for one lively evening you don't want to miss. Performances are suitable for young and old with some material aimed more at the adult crowd.



The Real "Father" of the Constitution Lecture by Christopher J. Bissex Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Despite his modern anonymity, at the 1787 constitutional convention, Gouverneur Morris (not James Madison) led the debates, and wrote much of the final document. Morris wanted a constitution that would reign in the wealthy, protect the people and end slavery. He attempted to create a new kind of institution to accomplish these goals. This lecture will highlight some of Morris's successes and failures at the convention and show how his ideas help us understand our current historical moment.

Chris Bissex received his doctorate from Baylor University in 2014 with a dissertation titled "Institutionalizing Class Conflict: Gouverneur Morris on Class Warfare and Separation of Powers." After completing his graduate studies, he taught American politics and political theory at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts. Chris now lives in DC and works as an education analyst for a private consulting firm.



Third Thursday Poetry Reading Thursday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. Reception following the reading Meet the Poets:

Ellen Aronofsky Cole is a poet, actress, and teacher. She teaches Physical Diagnoses at GW Medical School. Her chapbook, *Prognosis*, reflects on her diagnosis with a rare blood cancer. Her poems have been published in numerous journals including *Tailfins* and *Sealskins: An Anthology of Water Lore and The Innisfree Poetry Journal*.



Henry Crawford, 2016 nominee for a Pushcart Prize for his poem "The City of Washington," has had his work published in several journals and online publications including *Boulevard*, *Copper Nickel*, *Folio*, *Borderline Press* and *The Offbeat*. His first collection of poetry, *American Software*, was published this spring by WordTech Communications through its imprint, CW Books.

Carol Jennings grew up in western New York State. For most of her career, she served as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. She is now retired, and last year her first poetry collection, "The Dead Spirits at the Piano," was published by Cherry Grove Collections. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals, and she is the author of an article on "The Woman Poet," published in *The New York Quarterly*.



NEW WE ARE TAKOMA 2017-2018 Series

The new WE ARE TAKOMA season kicks off in September. Information about these upcoming events can be found on the City of Takoma Park's Facebook Events page. All events are held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Events are free. Donations are welcomed and go directly to the performer.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.
The Real "Father" of the Constitution
Lecture by Christopher J. Bissex

Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
"Rough Cuts"
Docs in Progress film screening

Saturday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Wits End Puppets

Thursday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Third Thursday Poetry Reading
Featuring Ellen Aronofsky Cole,
Henry Crawford and Carol Jennings

Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
**"How Did We Get Here? Marijuana's
Past, Present, and Potential Future"**
Lecture by Dr. Emily Dufton

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
"Back to the Future"
Vintage Movie Night with Richard Hall
and Docs in Progress

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Third Thursday Poetry Reading
Featuring Indran Amirthanayagam,
Nancy Naomi Carlson and Joanne Rocky
Delaplaine

Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
"Dances from the Heart of Asia"
Performance by the Silk Road Dance
Company



Docs In Progress "Rough Cut" Screening Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 pm

Be a part of the creative process. Just as authors and playwrights often workshop their writings before they are completed, so too do documentarians with their films. Watch a doc-in-progress and participate in a facilitated feedback session with the documentary filmmaker. This will help that filmmaker move forward when it comes to story and character and get a reality check on the film prior to completion and distribution.

RECREATION

YOUTH

Check out more Art and Drama classes online!



EXTENDED CARE

After The Bell Childcare

After The Bell childcare program for the 2017-18 school year is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). This program provides a safe environment for children grades K-5 where they engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have time to complete homework, enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games 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 is due at the time of registration and the next payment is due October 1.



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

SPORTS

SAVE THE DATE!

**Futsal & Winter Basketball
League 2018
Resident Registration opens
October 7**



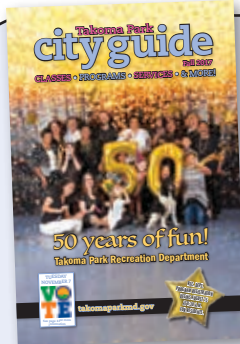
TEENS

DANCE

Just Dance

A series of music and creative movement classes for teens grades 6-12. These classes will celebrate your natural ability to move in an expressive way. Learn the fundamental hip-hop moves including basic body isolations, precision, performance quality and choreography. Build team work and bonding skills, through dance.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12



For a full listing of our programs and classes please see our City Guide or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Thursdays, September 28-November 16
4 – 6 p.m.
Residents: Free/ Non-residents: \$10

DRAMA & THEATER

On Stage: Scene Study

Scene Study is an acting class that focuses on scene work. Students participate in warm-ups and games and then work a portion of each class on a scene over the eight weeks. Students learn to apply Stanislavski-based acting techniques (objective/obstacle, subtext, sensory perception, truth; belief, substitution, imagination, etc.). Students will pair up and work on a scene throughout the course, culminating in a performance for family/friends, so you can see the fruit of their labors. Material is provided or students may bring their own scenes to be approved. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
11-16 years
8 Week Session
Mondays, September 18 – November 6
3:30 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$168 / Non-resident: \$188

DROP-IN

Teen Lounge

at the Community Center
Open Monday-Friday 3 – 7 p.m.
Closed on weekends

Power Hour

Tuesdays,
beginning Sept. 12
4 – 5 p.m. in the Teen Lounge

SIGN UP FOR BABYSITTING CLASS

**Mondays starting
Sept. 11
Pre-registration
required.**



Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high-quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more.

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

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

ESL for Teens

ESL programs for teens offer a great opportunity not only to practice English, but also to meet and learn about different cultures from around the world. This class is a play-based education course in a full immersion language setting. You will learn to communicate in English through songs, games, books, stories and much more. Instructor: Link Education

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Thursdays, September 28-December 21
No class 11/7 and 11/23
4 – 5:30 p.m.
Residents: \$20/ Non-Residents: \$30

First of Many

There's something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of informative workshops to help you discover and take advantage of the possibilities offered for first-generation students. Find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to applying and getting the most out of college.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Wednesdays, September 27-November 14
4 – 5 p.m.
Free

SPECIAL EVENTS

Back to School Glow Party

EXCLUSIVE TEEN ONLY EVENT! School is back in session, and we're excited! Come celebrate and start this new school year off right. This is one end-of-the-summer bash you don't want to miss! Special invitation to junior high and high school students (under age 18). Dress Code Will Be Strictly Enforced! Student ID Required. No sagging pants. No backpacks. No purses. Enjoy the DJ and refreshments.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6-12
Friday, September 22
6 – 9 p.m.
Free

ADULTS

ART

Check out our Art classes online!



DRAMA & THEATER

Acting Audition Preparation

Would you like to be in a play? Learning to audition is the first step, including having an effective audition monologue to perform. Learn (through lively theatre exercises) the basic acting techniques that can be applied to your audition piece to heighten its performance. In addition, we'll cover the other essential audition tools: pictures, resumes, interviews and techniques for cold readings and scene call backs. The class will culminate with a performance of the monologues. No materials needed. Instructor: W. Allen Taylor

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
19 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, September 11-November 20
No class 11/6
7 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. This class will help you jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Bring a notebook or laptop to each class and be ready to have fun. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 6-October 25
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

FITNESS

Qi Gong - Five Animal Play

This form of Qi Gong is one of the most ancient continuously practiced healing exercise systems in the world. Enjoy peaceful movements modeled on the crane, bear, monkey, deer and tiger. Participants will develop more strength, grace, flexibility, balance and healing in a relaxed group setting. You will feel the effects in your body, mind and spirit as you find more harmony with nature and yourself. No experience necessary. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, October 10-December 5
No class 11/7
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)


Qi Gong - Waking Up Together

This class is a mindfulness based approach to relationships that deepens awareness of ourselves and our partners, fosters communication and awakens joyful energy. By utilizing mindfulness meditation practices and simple Qi Gong exercises, couples will learn ways to nourish the positive elements in themselves and one another. We will offer exercises in listening and compassionate speech. The class will meet for four sessions, every other week. No experience necessary, just an open heart. Wear comfortable clothes as there will be simple movements offered. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue

16 and older
4 Week Session
Every other Wednesday
October 18-November 29
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Check out Yoga classes online!



55+

Ceramics Clay Workshop

Create your own beautiful cup, small plate and teaspoon (glazed, fired, washable and food safe) needed for a tea party held on the last day of the workshop. All supplies provided. This is a free workshop however online or in-person registration is required with the Recreation Department. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Wednesdays, September 20-October 18
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

New Class!

DROP-IN

Bingo

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, September 28
12 – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening


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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, September 28
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

Takoma Park Community Center
55 and older
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH



Tennis Fun and Fitness

This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor Coach SJ

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, September 14-November 16
12 – 1:00 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Saturdays, September 9-December 2
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Trip #1: National Geographic Museum
“Sharks” Exhibit
Washington, DC
Wednesday, September 13
8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.


Trip #2: NASA Goddard Spaceflight Visitor Center
Greenbelt, MD
Thursday, September 21
8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For trip details and procedures please see the Forever Young Fall 2017 newsletter online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

MONSTER BASH 2017

Saturday, October 28
1 – 6 p.m.
Starts at TPSS Co-op




RECREATION *Special Events*

Family Outdoor Movie Night

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


Ed Wilhelm Field
Saturday, September 9
All Ages
Starting at dusk (approx 7:15 p.m.)
Free



Let’s Play America 9th Annual Play Day

It’s time for you to let your hair down and get ready to play! Let’s Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present the 9th Annual Play Day. Rain or Shine. This event will have fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A- Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit www.letsplayamerica.org. See you there! Volunteers needed.

Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
All ages
Saturday, September 23
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free



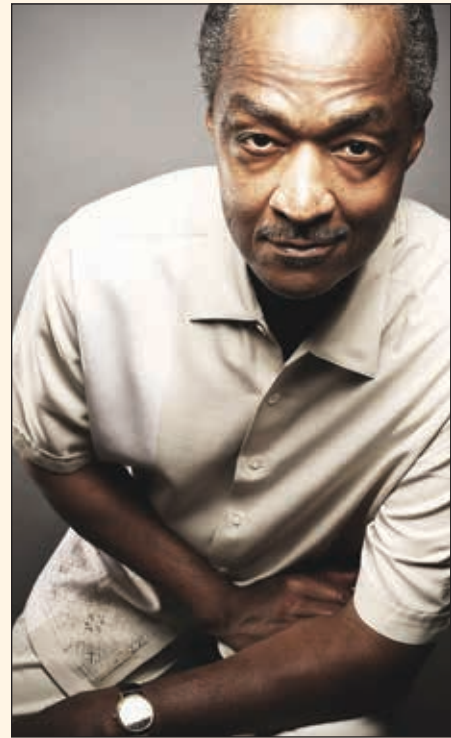
Bringing Berkeley to Takoma Park

This fall the Recreation Department is excited to have a new instructor and class. The new instructor will be W. Allen Taylor, who will teach “Acting Audition Preparation.” This is a class that will show students the correct way to audition and gives them the primary tools needed, including having an effective monologue to perform. Mr. Taylor has 38 years of theater experience, is an award-winning solo performer, experienced audition coach and a member of the Actors Equity Association.

Most importantly, he has moved from California and decided to make Takoma Park his home. When asked why he wanted to bring this class to Takoma Park, Mr. Taylor replied, “First of all, as a long-time theater educator, I wanted to continue to share my life’s work with a community that is not only supportive of the arts, but one that is filled with creative spirit. Also, as a new resident of Takoma Park, I wanted to utilize my teaching work as an act of service to the community.”

Allen spent the last 27 years in Berkeley, California. His daughter, Damali, was influential in persuading him to move to Takoma Park. Allen said, “Damali sold me on Takoma Park by saying two things. 1) Takoma Park is very progressive and an east coast version of Berkeley in regard to theater work, and 2) She said that Takoma Park even had a food co-op, which really made me feel at home.”

Taylor’s theater career began in 1979 and included performances in regional theaters around the country, as well as New York City, with such critically acclaimed off-Broadway theaters as the Negro Ensemble Company and La



W. Allen Taylor

MaMa Experimental Theater Club. He has also performed on Broadway in August Wilson’s “Seven Guitars” and has appeared on network television and in feature films.

In addition, Allen co-founded the O’lac Repertory Ensemble, an Audelco Award nominated theater company in New York City dedicated to producing original plays by African-American playwrights. He served as co-producer and performed with this off Broadway company for seven years.

His solo show, “In Search of My Father...Walkin’ Talkin’ Bill Hawkins,” which he wrote and performed, made

its professional debut at the Marsh Theater in Berkeley in 2006 and won the Best Solo-Performance Award from the San Francisco Bay Area Theater Critics Circle. The play was also nominated for an Audelco Award for Best Solo-Performance in New York City (2007). This show will be appearing at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium during next year’s Black History Month on Saturday, Feb. 17. It will be a fund-raising event for the Takoma Park Mobilization organization.

Allen received his Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) from the American Conservatory Theater and has served on the theater faculties of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Laney College and the College of Marin, where he retired in 2016 as a full-time drama professor.

In addition to the audition class, which includes basic stage and acting techniques, Allen is looking forward to bringing beginning acting classes to Takoma Park that take a deeper dive into the acting technique, script analysis and character development processes. He also wants to offer an intermediate acting class that includes relationship techniques and scene study as well as a one-on-one class for actors as an acting and audition coach.

Be on the lookout for Allen’s “Acting Audition Preparation” class for adults, which will be on Mondays starting on Sept. 11 from 7–9 p.m. Registration is currently open, so don’t wait to sign up. He is a valuable resource to the community and will give Takoma Park residents another avenue for participating in Recreation Department classes.

LIBRARY



New music at the library!

By Ellen Robbins

Whether your musical taste runs to the classics, jazz, country, hip-hop, or world music across different countries and genres, here are some of the best new albums for music lovers, now available at the Library.

Works by Johannes Brahms and Robert Schumann are celebrated in a new recording featuring violinist Joshua Bell, cellist Steven Isserlis and the Academy of St. Martin in the fields: **For the Love of Brahms** (CD 2055)

"Kendrick Lamar has already taken hip-hop to the outer galaxies of style, sound and resonance," writes a *Rolling Stone* reviewer. (4/18/17). In his dazzling new album, **Damn**, he goes "deeper into his own mind." (CD 2052)

Nearly all of the tracks on **Cover Stories**, **Brandi Carlile celebrates 10 years of the story: An album to benefit War Child** were recorded in 1916. All proceeds from the album will go toward War Child UK, which aims to help children affected in war-torn regions. It features interpretations of Carlile's songs by Dolly Parton, Kris Kristofferson and others. (CD 2061)

"Saxophonist-composer JD Allen's **Americana** has a distinctly personal slant...this collection of trio performances, mostly inspired by Allen's writing, is multifaceted and richly hued. The pieces reflect a wide variety of blues and jazz traditions as well as pivotal connections..." *Jazztimes.com/reviews*. (CD 2058)

From CultureBuzz France: "During the 40th Edition of Jazz in Marciac...Omer Vvital...made a strong impression. In a few years, Israel has become one of the great scenes of jazz, producing a plethora of stars." This recording, **Abutbul Music**, features compositions by Omer Avital. (CD 2056)

In reviewing Miranda Lambert's **The Weight of These Wings**, *Rolling Stone* calls it "a pure, pointed look at heartbreak and reconstruction, delivered by a writer who's at the top of her game and a band that's encouraged to get weird." (CD 2059)

The award-winning score to the motion picture **La La Land** by Justin Hurwitz, inspired by song -and- dance spectaculars from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, needs little introduction. (CD 2060)

Live at the 4 Queens is a new album of previously unreleased material by Shirley Horn. C. Michael Bailey reviewed it for allaboutjazz.com, writing

"The incandescence that was Shirley Horn cannot be overstated...what we learn from this live set is that Horn was a jazz pianist, first and foremost. It's hard to think of another female jazz vocalist who could play piano this well and powerfully." (CD 2064)

Narrante is an exploration in jazz by the Naqsh Duo, Holfam Khayam and Mona Matbou Riahi, both natives of Tehran. "With roots in traditional Persian music, both musicians turned towards Western classical music and Jazz. It was through improvisation that they felt drawn back to Persian sources." *Rootsworld.com* (CD 2054)

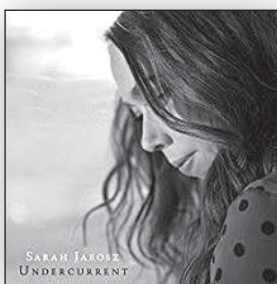
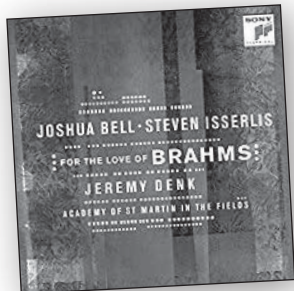
Of Sheryl Crow's recent album, *Rolling Stone* writes, "Her excellent new **Be Myself** is her toughest and best in a decade, a full-blown return to her fierce rock-queen glory..." (CD 2066)

Chuck Berry: The definitive collection, has been called "by far the best, most comprehensive single-disc Chuck Berry set yet assembled." *Allmusic.com* critic Bud Scoppa writes: "Berry was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986... along with Presley. While there's no disputing his chief rival's greatness, it was Berry who set the template for the songwriter-artist, and his songs have provided this enduring American art form with its essential storylines." [liner notes] (CD 2065)

Undercurrent, by Sarah Jarosz won the Grammy for Best Folk Album in 2016. Thom Jurek of AllMusic writes that "Jarosz reaches through her musical and personal histories with vulnerability and willingness. She comes out on the other side with songs that possess narrative savvy, melodic invention and a refreshing sense of self-assuredness." (CD 2057)

Erroll Garner: Ready Take One is a newly issued 14-song album of previously unreleased material recorded between 1967 and 1971. Music historian Robin D.G. Kelley writes, "Garner's studio sessions resembled his concerts-unpredictable, playful, electric, and swinging from the gate...Ready Take One not only showcases his genius as a player and composer, but sheds some light on Martha Glaser's role as producer and longtime collaborator." [liner notes] (CD 2067)

Encore: Movie Partners Sing Broadway is the thirty-fifth studio album by Barbra Streisand. It debuted at the top of the U.S. Billboard 200 Chart, extending Streisand's record as the woman with the most number-one albums in chart history. It received a nomination for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album at the Annual Grammy Awards in 1917. [Wikipedia] (CD 2063)



CALENDAR

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Led by Senora Geiza

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m.
Madame Marie returns for another season of rhymes and songs in French.

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

SummerQuest Wrap-Up Party

Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
Come celebrate the end of SummerQuest 2017!
Lemonade & cupcakes served.

LEGO Club

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

Young People's Poet Laureate Margarita Engle

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Engle & illustrator Mike Curato present their new picture book, *All the Way to Havana*

Caldecott Honor Illustrator Peter Brown

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
Brown talks about his new picture book, *Creepy Pair of Underwear*

Graphic Novelist Alex Alice

Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Alice spotlights his new book, *Castle in the Stars: The Space Race of 1869*

Kids Art

Sunday, September 17, 2-3 PM

Caldecott Club

Monday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
Come read some great possibilities for the 2018 Caldecott Medal.
Lemonade & cookies served

Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Applegate talks about her new book, *Wishtree*
(Note: This event is in the Takoma Park auditorium.)

Graphic Novelist Liniers

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
The acclaimed Argentine author/illustrator presents his newest graphic novel for beginning readers, *Good Night, Planet*

Friends Reading Group

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is *Austerlitz* by W.G. Sebald
Community Center

Picture Books "Read Out"

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Banned Books Week by reading some challenged picture books

Coming up.....

• Graphic Novelist Nidhi Chanani

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Chanani presents her new kids' graphic novel, *Pashmina*.

• Friends Big Book Club

Our book is *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens
Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m./kick-off lecture by University of MD Prof. William Cohen
Location: Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.
(Note: Additional discussions on Nov. 1, 15 & 29 - all at 7:30 p.m. - will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center).

September kids author & illustrator programs

Want to get your child more interested in reading? Take them to meet a children's book author or illustrator! Our amazing September line-up of author and illustrator programs offers some great choices for all ages.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. - Margarita Engle, the first Latina ever named as Young People's Poet Laureate, joins with illustrator Mike Curato to present their new picture book, *All the Way to Havana*.

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. - Caldecott Honor Illustrator Peter Brown talks about his new picture book, *Creepy Pair of Underwear*.



Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. - Graphic Novelist Alex Alice spotlights his new kids' book, *Castle in the Stars: The Space Race of 1869*



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Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. - Award-winning Argentine graphic novelist Liniers spotlights his newest comic for beginning readers, *Good Night, Planet*.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

SummerQuest Wrap-Up Party

We'll conclude another successful summer reading program with a party on Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. For this special event, we'll re-open the library at 7 p.m. after our normal Friday closing time of 6 p.m.; everyone who participated in SummerQuest is invited - you don't have to have finished all 10 challenges. At the party, we'll talk about books we read and loved, spotlight some of the things that participants created for our "make or do" SummerQuest challenge, and enjoy cupcakes and lemonade, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Mary-

land Library. All party-goers will head home with a free book or two. No registration required.

Banned Books Picture Book "Read Out"!

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. when we'll celebrate Banned Books Week by reading some classic picture books that have been challenged over the years in other parts of the country.

This program is part of our Books-to-Action Book Club, a social justice book club for kids and families, and no registration is required. Young participants will get to take home a paperback copy of a challenged picture book, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

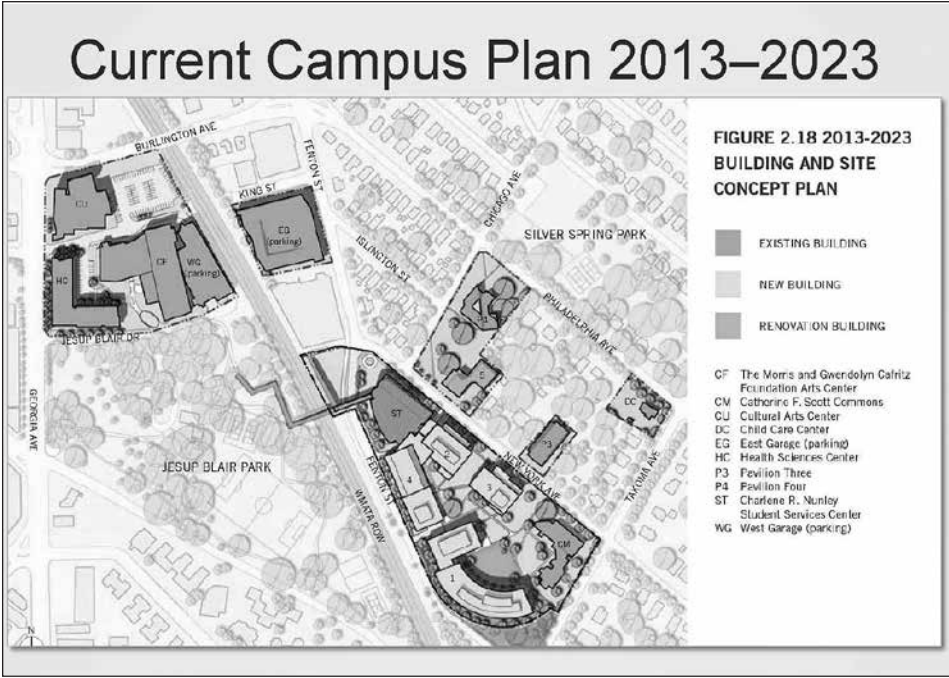
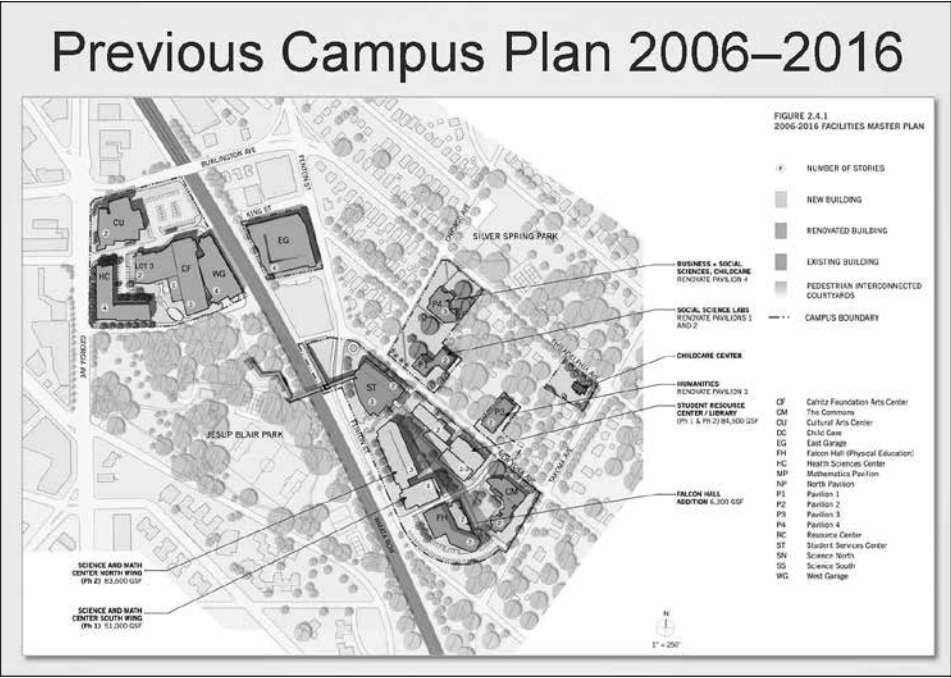
PLAY DAY
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"The night is all about groups of friends and families engaging with one another in a positive, loving environment," says Meghan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake. Meghan and her sister got involved in Let's Play last year after working on other community engagement initiatives in Takoma Park. "Whether you're a child or an adult, we need to make space for ourselves to have fun, engage with others, and just be silly," Murphy says. After a week's worth of activities, in-

cluding events at Olive Lounge and Republic, Play Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Takoma Park Middle School. Play Day, which is co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Recreation Department, will feature bands, dancing and plenty of activities for children and adults. "I see this event helping children and families in the community [find] a way to spend time together, young and old," says Cherwanda Oliver, a long-time volunteer and recipient of last year's Spirit of Play Award. "To hear laughter while playing and children screaming out of enjoy-

ment, we need to have this feeling every day in our lives," she says. Oliver, who is also known as the Mud Pie Lady, was involved in Play Day 2009 and now volunteers to make sure everyone gets involved in play in some way. When the Play Lady asked Oliver to run the mud pie station, she was skeptical at first. But she was quickly surprised at the level of excitement people had over mixing dirt and water in a tin pan with decorations. "The looks on their faces was tickling," she says. "Some people said that they had not played in mud since they were kids."

But once people let go, they really got into it. "The parents would help at first, but then they just wanted to make more and more by themselves," Oliver says. Plus, she says, "It is good for your skin too." And as the Play Lady says: "Hurray for play!" Those interested in volunteering this year should email Pat Rumbaugh the Play Lady at theplaylady@gmail.com. Volunteering for event goes toward student service learning hours for graduation. For more information on Let's Play Takoma Week, visit www.letsplayamerica.org/upcomingevents.



MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
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pressed dissatisfaction with the increased height in that proposal. Under that earlier plan, Falcon Hall would have remained intact and possibly renovated at a later date. For the current plan, Science North would remain operational for instruction during the replacement of Science South/Falcon Hall with a new science building. After the new science complex is completed, then Science North could be demolished to make for construction of a new athletic facility. However, no capital funds have been allocated for a new athletic facility. For Dr. Pollard, it's all about the educational experience. "Math and science courses are degree requirements—every student must take them to get an associate's degree, much less a bachelor's degree," Dr. Pollard noted. "MC is a community college, and we must be able to offer comprehensive degree options in the community it serves—zip code should not be a barrier to a degree. The county's economy is knowledge-based, and the college has an obligation to provide a pathway to such jobs for local residents." According to the college, the new plan would result in a complete new Math and Science Center in four years instead of eight, with an estimated savings of \$2 million. The new plan would be three stories, not including roof equipment, instead of the four proposed in the earlier plan, while the square footage for the science facility would remain the same in both plans.

From the perspective of nearby residents, some of whom have been using the athletic facility for years, the college is incorrectly labeling it as an issue of education vs. fitness or neighborhood vs. students. "The new plan was a surprise to a lot of people," said Peter Asch, who lives on Philadelphia Ave. a few doors from the college and swims at the pool in Falcon Hall five days per week. "It's really doing a disservice to students by declaring that you can't have both science and fitness. It's not the case, as you could see in the old plan that kept Falcon Hall intact." "I support the college's mission," said Councilmember Kovar. "My daughter went to Montgomery College. My wife and I have established a science scholarship at MC for girls. We believe in this type of school and the educational access it provides. But the project is going to be disruptive, and we need it to reflect the community's needs, too." Dr. Pollard pledges that all the concerns will be taken into account, especially during the charrette public discussion process that Montgomery College is required to undertake before any major construction project on its Takoma Park campus. That requirement is part of a consent decree signed by the college, City of Takoma Park, Historic Takoma, and Montgomery County in 2002. "We take the 'community' in community college very seriously. Our goal has been to balance the needs of the students, neighbors, the community and fiscal discipline," Dr. Pollard indicated. The charrette will be a "problem-solving and iterative design process meant to engage all

stakeholders on the design of the selected option," she continued, citing the Nunley Student Services Center on the Takoma Park campus as "a hallmark of this successful, collaborative process." But part of the City's argument is that those consultations need to take place before the big change in the footprint and location of the building is proposed – that a charrette after the most important decision has been made will only be about minor adjustments. The Takoma Park City Council was concerned enough about the process that it passed a resolution written by Kovar in January that asked the Maryland Higher Education Commission not to approve the 2013-2023 Master Plan until the question of the location and size of the Math and Science Building is resolved. The resolution and letter cited inadequate time and opportunity for public input, including "poorly publicized public meetings where no written information and few details about the Plan were provided." For the science center project, the Takoma Park City Council and Montgomery College co-hosted three public meetings and received nearly 150 online comments. Representatives of Historic Takoma, North Takoma United, other groups and individuals asked the college to return to the original plan. Also, they asked the college to investigate building the Math and Science Center on the other side of the railroad tracks near Georgia Ave., where the construction would not be in a residential neighborhood. But the college said it's not feasible for many reasons, contending that the small size of the site would require a taller, more costly build-

ing to achieve the square footage needed and a vertical building would create obstacles to interdisciplinary teaching. In addition, utilizing the land currently occupied by aging buildings at the end of their life span is a more efficient use of the campus and retains the Georgia Avenue site as an affordable expansion site for the college. "Although everyone was provided ample opportunity to speak their minds at the meetings, the process was opaque," said Asch. "Furthermore, it felt to me and many other community members like there was nothing that could be said that would convince the college to waver from the new plan." Despite this sentiment, Dr. Pollard has repeatedly asked the community to "trust the process," noting that no decision has been made. The online comments show a mixed reaction to the new plan. Some local residents oppose the new plan, which they say will impose a three-story structure almost to the edge of Montgomery College's property, as well as leave the school without an athletic facility for an unknown period of time. But other commenters, including many members of the college's faculty and administrative staff, wrote that any effort that can advance the science facilities more quickly is a great idea. Meanwhile, Dr. Pollard noted that even if Falcon Hall is demolished, the college will still offer students aerobics, Zumba, yoga classes, and other fitness activities in the dance studio space in its cultural arts center. Replacement of Falcon Hall with a better athletic facility remains in the master plan.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of July 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service personnel assigned to the station responded to 319 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department also addressed or assisted with 1,712 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,031. Totals for 2016 were 327 and 1,873, representing a decrease of 169 incidents.

During July, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1654.5 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,365 hours in July 2017. Grand totals as of July 2017 were 10,844 hours compared to 9,283 in 2016, an increase of 1,516 hours.



Learning about "Fire Safety" While Having Fun at the Fair

This is the second year that the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department's popular "Plinko" game has made an appearance at the Montgomery County Fair. During the four days this year, more than 850 children played the game. Before they played, they had to answer two to three questions about fire safety to win a plastic fire helmet. They all had fun and learned. Special thanks to TPVFD member Nishiuwa SatoBess for her assistance with the game.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of Aug. 24, 45 people have died in fires compared to 36 in 2016.

Fire safety message

Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home, and make sure they all work. Test them monthly!

Hot vehicle deaths

As of Aug. 24, 35 children have died across the country in hot vehicles. It's a must. When you leave your vehicle, check the back seat.

Fire safety presentation

The Takoma Park VFD will again present a special fire safety presentation entitled "Home Fire Safety." We'll discuss very important information that you and your family need to know in the event of an emergency in your home. The presentation will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. in the meeting room in the rear of the Takoma Park fire station. You must register; call 240-773-8954.

Moving beyond the solar eclipse: Don't get stuck in the dark; be prepared all year

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair,
Emergency Preparedness Committee

On August 21, the great Solar Eclipse passed through the U.S. on a diagonal line south east from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Were you directly in its path, and could see the total eclipse darkness? Or were you outside this path seeing a partial solar eclipse, where the moon covers part of the sun's disk? In either case, were you prepared for looking up at the sun? Did you have special eclipse glasses?

September is National Preparedness Month — a reminder that being prepared can prevent emergencies and panic — such as losing contact in a crowd — or help you survive when an emergency occurs, such as looking at the sun without protection, being in a fire, thunderstorm, tornado or a flood. What should you do to be prepared, just in case?

First, here's a monthly reminder: Do 1 Thing (do1thing.com). This site provides "small steps" for monthly preparations, such as making a plan, having a "go bag," making sure you have sufficient water and shelter, and establishing a communications. You can sign up for the monthly notice or click on the panel that shows icons for the 12 items.

Second, view the video made specifically for the Takoma Park community by Ron Hardy, our emergency preparedness manager: <http://tinyurl.com/y9feju7y>.

Third, remember:

- **Don't wait; communicate.** Identify a contact person in case you or family members are injured or in distress, and let the person know. Note: If you designate more than one person, make sure they know about each other.
- **Identify a meeting place.** Where will you gather after the fire, flood or other emergency? Share that information with your emergency contact.



- **Identify a translator for non-English speakers.** Keep that person informed about contacts and alerts.
- **Make it a habit to always find the safest exits.** Make sure each is accessible, opens easily and leads to safety whether it's a school, an office building, your house or where you are visiting.
- **Sign up for Emergency Medical Equipment Notification.** If your life or someone nearby depends on electricity for life-support or other equipment, (www.pepco.com/my-home/service-requests/emergency-medical-equipment-notification-program/), you need to receive these notifications.
- **Sign up for Takoma Park Alerts** at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert for warnings and updates about potentially dangerous situations, such as tornadoes, fires, and so on.
- **Build and keep an emergency supply kit that can last for at least 72 hours:** canned food, water, batteries; solar and battery-powered radio; flashlights; clothing, pet food, paper list of contacts, prescriptions, other valuables (e.g., photos, books).

Since this is the community of Takoma Park, we know you will be connected and helpful to your neighbors.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

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Plus, Pollard stated that when the new Silver Spring Recreation Center at Elizabeth Square is built in 2019, the College will seek to facilitate students' access to the facility. The center will have a large fitness center and gymnasium, a 56,000 square-foot aquatics space and a community center. While this facility would be about a mile from campus, the college is not a residential school with the same expectations for on-campus facilities. "As a commuter institution at which the majority of students attend part-time, many students are only on campus to attend classes

and then leave to balance work and family obligations," she noted.

However, in recent years the two other Montgomery College campuses in Rockville and Germantown have had investments earmarked for athletic facilities, such as upgrades to the Rockville campus's turf soccer field. "The college takes pride in what it calls the common student experience at each of the three campuses, but the students in Takoma Park-Silver Spring will have a second-class experience without an athletic facility for years," Asch said.

For more information, check the website: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/montgomery-college-facilities-master-plan.

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.





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.

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 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 or call 301-891-7214.

Se Solicita Trabajadores para la Elección

La elección de Noviembre del 2017 se acerca. La Junta Electoral de Takoma Park solicita la ayuda de residentes de la ciudad para asegurar que la elección municipal sea justa y eficiente. El/La solicitante debe ser registrado como votante y residir en Takoma Park. Además debe ser una persona orientada a detalles e imparcial en esta elección. Animamos a los que hablan otros idiomas además del inglés que considere ayudar en la elección y también a los votantes de 16 o 17 años de edad y votantes que no son ciudadanos Americanos. La aplicación se encuentra en la página web: www.takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017 o llame al 301-891-7214.

Planning to Vote by Mail in the November 7, 2017 City Election?

Any registered voter may vote by mail – but don't wait to apply if you will be away at college or out of the country!

Any registered voter may request to receive a ballot by mail. If residing locally, complete and submit an application to the City Clerk by October 31. Emergency requests may be submitted after that date, but there may not be time to receive and return a ballot by November 7.

Takoma Park residents temporarily out of the United States should apply now. Ballots will not be available for mailing before September 22. There will be limited time for voters out of the country to receive and return a ballot by mail.

To be counted, vote by mail ballots must be received by the City Clerk before the polls close on November 7.

¿Está planeando votar por correo en la elección municipal que se lleva al cabo el 7 de Noviembre?

Cualquier votante capacitado puede votar por correo – pero no espere para solicitar si está fuera de la ciudad asistiendo a una universidad o si está fuera del país.

Cualquier votante capacitado puede solicitar a recibir una boleta electoral por correo. Para residentes de Takoma Park que se encuentren en el área, completa y somete una aplicación a la Secretaria Municipal para el 31 de Octubre. Se puede someter solicitudes de emergencia después de esa fecha pero puede que no haya tiempo de recibir y someter la boleta electoral para el 7 de Noviembre.

Residentes de Takoma Park que se encuentren fuera del país temporalmente deben solicitar ahora. Boletas electorales no estarán disponibles para mandar por correo antes del 22 de Septiembre. Habrá tiempo limitado para votantes fuera del país para recibir y retornar una boleta electoral por correo.

Para que cuente un voto por correo, la boleta electoral debe ser recibido por la Secretaria Municipal antes que cierren las urnas electorales el 7 de Noviembre.

In good company

By Helen Lyons

A lot of people call themselves coffee enthusiasts, but how many of them bought their first espresso machine at age 12?

Seth Cook, co-owner of the newly opened Takoma Bev Co. on Carroll Avenue (his cousin Chris Brown is the other half of the venture), has been taking his drinks seriously since the seventh grade and has pursued that passion all the way to the People's Republic of Takoma Park.

"You meet someone over drinks," explained Cook. "You celebrate over drinks. Every cultural group for millennia has taken drinks, whether it be tea or alcohol or coffee, and made them their own."

A tuba player currently performing with the Washington National Orchestra, Cook's appreciation for specialty beverages began on the road. "When I was younger I started traveling a lot with orchestras on tours, and I started just seeing the way coffee was in all these different societies and how in each culture they had a different type of coffee, service and style," he said. "As I got older, I saw that it wasn't just true for coffee but all specialty beverages. There are historical implications, cultural implications and societal implications."

Cook worked in the industry when he wasn't playing music, even competing in the U.S. Barista Championships,

a grueling competition in which drink-making professionals from around the country prepare three courses of drinks consisting of cappuccinos, espressos and signature beverages for seven certified judges, including four sensory judges.

His cousin was a full-time teacher at Blair High School, working with him at a restaurant in the summertime, and together they decided to open their own place where like-minded lovers of all things drinkable could convene to delight in the ancient tradition of grabbing a cup of something.

After a DMV-wide search that left Cook wanting more, Chris Brown introduced him to Takoma.

"We would come by a lot," remembered Cook. "One night in February, we came to Republic at like 9 p.m. It was snowing, it was lousy weather, and [Republic] was full with a forty-minute wait for tables. I thought, this community loves to go out."

It was a perfect fit. "This place is different," said Cook. "It's special." People began flocking to Takoma Bev Co. as soon as it opened, assuming the space left behind by Bread and Chocolate's closing.

For those who were looking for another food option to fill the void left by the previous bistro, the menu, featuring creations from Bar Civita's Liam Lacivita, won't disappoint. With everything from pulled pork to octopus, ingredients



Photo: Helen Lyons

Takoma Bev Co. storefront

are carefully chosen in line with Cook and Brown's values regarding sustainability, local sourcing and organic growing practices, and great care is taken to ensure that when products (especially the coffees and teas) are imported from other countries, their farmers are properly compensated.

Kelly Jacobs and Erik Alle were among the patrons one bustling summer weekend, as farmer's market goes weary of the heat trickled in for refreshment. "It's a pretty cool place," said Jacobs, iced coffee in hand, and Alle agreed. "It fits into Takoma Park," he said as he enjoyed his draft soda water. "It's very neighbor-hoody."

SEPTEMBER '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 October issue is September 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning September 29. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Labor Day — City Offices Closed

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

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educare-supportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time

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

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 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 or 301-646-2109.

Flea Market

Through Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
SDA Church Community Center

SSTP Restaurant Week

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – 10, various times
Silver Spring-Takoma Park Restaurant Week 2017 is a six-day celebration that will highlight the variety of fine dining options available in the greater Silver Spring area and Takoma Park. For more information, visit sstprestaurantweek.com.

Lunch with the Mayor

Friday, Sept. 8, noon – 1 p.m.
El Marinero Comida Lantina and Grill, 1319 University Blvd E, Takoma Park
You are invited to join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches in the restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads – Takoma Park's neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture.

The Christmas Revels Children & Teen Auditions

Appointment required
Sept. 8–10
Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring
Seeking a diverse cast of performers, grades 3-5 and 9-12, for the 35th annual Christmas Revels. Seen by more than 10,000 people each December, The Christmas Revels is a festive, colorful celebration of the Winter Solstice that draws on traditions from different cultures and eras. Join our diverse, multigenerational cast, ages 8-85 for eight performances at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium in Washington, DC, Dec. 9-17. More info at: revelsdc.org/get-involved/audition.

Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, Sept. 9, 7:15 p.m.
Ed Wilhelm Field

Takoma Park Clean Up Day

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. – noon
Meet at one of three locations:
Laurel Ave at the Roscoe the Rooster statue (across from Suntrust Bank, 6931 Laurel Ave.)
6925 4th St, NW (Meet in parking lot)
By Morrison Park (across from the TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.)
Make Takoma sparkle. Help make our town shine by participating in our Community Clean Up Day. Families, individuals, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts welcome. Middle and high school students, please remember to bring your Student Service Learning form. We'll provide bags and gloves, but please feel free to bring your own gloves

Lunch with the Mayor

Friday, Sept. 22, noon – 1 p.m.
El Campeon Rotisserie Chicken & Bakery, 902 Merrimac Dr., Takoma Park

You are invited to join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches in the restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads – Takoma Park's neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

A Conversation with Dr. Atul Gawande

Monday, Sept. 25, 5 – 6 p.m.
TP Community Center, Atrium Room

The Village of Takoma Park is hosting a watch party to view this webinar event — a conversation with Dr. Atul Gawande, renowned surgeon, researcher and author of the book "Being Mortal." Gawande will speak about the value of community and opportunities as we grow older. The program will be hosted by Robin Young of NPR, and is presented by the Beacon Hill Village of Boston. To register, go to villageoftakomapark.com/calendar.

Let's Play America – Ninth Annual Play Day

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road
Let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to play. The Takoma Park Recreation Department has teamed up to present to you the ninth annual "Play Day." Rain or Shine. This event will have activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances visit letsplayamerica.org.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

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

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

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

Jazz Jam

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

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

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

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
The Takoma Park Fold 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

Summer Drum Circle at the Gazebo

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Carroll Avenue to Carroll Street
Over 200 artisans, community groups, children's activities, food vendors and a variety of green companies. The festival has three stages that play host to 18 popular, local bands performing music from indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae and everything in between. Admission is Free. Back by popular demand – The Crawl at the Takoma Park Street Festival. Purchase a mug and receive discounts at participating businesses on Oct 1st. (non-alcoholic beverages too.)

Second Annual Discover Long Branch 5K Walk/Run

Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30 a.m.
To sign up as a participant, go to my.racewire.com/event/4943. To volunteer, contact John Angel at johna212000@yahoo.com. Funds raised will be used to support youth programming in Long Branch.

Monster Bash 2017

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 – 6 p.m.
Starting in front of the TPSS Co-op and walking down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. Enjoy games, activities and music in front of the Co-Op, followed by the costume parade down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. For additional information call 301-891-7290. If you would like to volunteer for this event, register online at montgomeryserves.org. Due to the nature of this event walking is encouraged.

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, bald cypress, 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.

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Arborist, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 13.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

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

____ Bald Cypress (7' - 8') \$195 ____ Black Gum (2") \$195

____ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____