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WHAT'S NEW?

Election Day

Nov. 7

Vote from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center

Open Houses: Strategic Plan for Housing & Economic Development

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City offices & facilities closed

Veteran's Day, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 - 26

Trash holidays

Veteran's Day

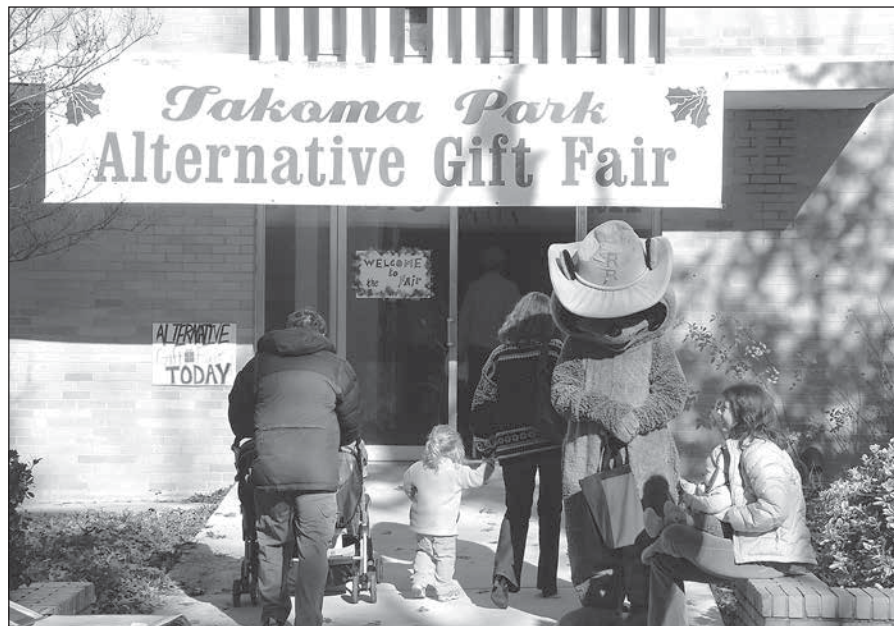
No collection Friday, Nov. 10
Trash, recycling and food waste collection
will be moved to Saturday, Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving

No collection on Thursday, Nov. 23 or
Friday, Nov. 24.

Thursday, Nov. 22 trash pickup on
Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Friday, Nov. 24 trash pickup
on Saturday, Nov. 25



This year's Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair takes place Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

Help give back at the Alternative Gift Fair

By Sean Gossard

Looking for something special to give a loved one this holiday season that goes beyond the usual stocking-stuffers and gift cards? The annual Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair gives holiday shoppers a more charitable option when trying to find gifts in what's become a stressful time of the year.

At the Alternative Gift Fair taking place Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, shoppers can meet and talk with local, national and inter-



At the Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair, shoppers can meet with various nonprofits and donate money in a loved one's name.

national nonprofits and donate to different organizations in a loved one's name. Shoppers receive a certificate of the donation that can be put into cards for all occasions. The donations don't require any sign-up unless specifically stated, so no mailing lists. Some previous gifts have included music lessons for an incarcerated youth, a newborn welcome bag of baby essentials for a low-income family, and edu-

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Arts and Humanities Commission soon to present updated cultural plan

By Kevin Adler

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is putting the finishing touches on its new five-year Cultural Plan, the first update since the plan was created in 2005. The original plan had a huge impact on the City, and the priorities that it set continue to provide benefits for residents today.

"The change since that first plan was written is amazing," said Sara Daines, Takoma Park's housing and community development director and the City's liaison with the all-volunteer Arts and Humanities Commission. "When it was first

established, there was no facility for performing arts and almost no space for public art. The auditorium's renovation was driven in large part by the recommendations in that Cultural Plan."

Now, the renovated auditorium hosts the Commission's We Are Takoma series – free lectures, films, music, poetry and dance performances each month. The municipal building also provides gallery space for the Commission-sponsored monthly art shows, as well as the Commission's Holiday Art Sale in December. Plus, the Commission has funded nu-

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Have you voted?

Election Day is Nov. 7. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Last minute notes:

- Exercise your opportunity to rank candidates in order of preference using IRV (Instant Runoff Voting). In a three-candidate race, ranking a backup choice ensures your vote counts for your second choice in the event your first choice is eliminated. Selecting backup choices will not help defeat your first choice.
- Early Voting is available through Nov. 5.
- Emergency absentee ballots may be requested by contacting the City Clerk.
- Completed mail-in or absentee ballots must be received in the City Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Preliminary election results will be announced after the count on election night and will be posted on the City website.

Certified results will be presented to the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Complete election results will be published in the December issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter.

Swearing-in of the new City Council and Farewell to Retiring Members

Wednesday, Nov. 15
Community Center Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Since they did not run for re-election, we know that Councilmember Tim Male (Ward 2), Councilmember

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DOCKET

City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. (to receive certified results of the election)
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Monday, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Nov. 13, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FAÇADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

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

ADA NOTICE

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone with a disability who 1) wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing; or 2) cannot attend a public meeting but would like to record an audio comment to be played during the public comment period of the meeting, is invited to contact Jason Damweber, Deputy City Manager, at jason.damweber@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

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

On Sept. 20, 2017, the City Council established a Takoma Park Youth Council by **Resolution 2017-50**. It is anticipated that appointments to the nine-member Youth Council will be made on Nov. 1.

The City Council adopted an amendment to the City Code, Chapter 13.16 Special Traffic Regulations, to permit the use of wheelchairs on city sidewalks and to permit the riding of bicycles on sidewalks by children 12 years old or younger and adults actively supervising such children, between a bike share station and the nearest accessible curb cut, and on certain sidewalks designated by the City Manager. This amendment was adopted on **Sept. 27, 2017** by **Ordinance 2017-45**.

On Oct. 4, 2017, the City Council authorized execution of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements for Parkview Towers, 7667 Maple Avenue (**Ordinance 2017-46**), Cambridge Apartments, 676 Houston Avenue (**Ordinance 2017-47**), and Winslow House, 666 Houston Avenue (**Ordinance 2017-48**). Councilmember Male voted no on Ordinance 2017-47 and 2017-48. Also on Oct. 4, the Council adopted **Ordinance 2017-49** approving a contract with The HON Company for purchase of office furniture for the Housing and Community Development Department at a cost of \$51,400.

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

Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov (search "resolutions" or "ordinances").

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Interested in Serving? 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:

Commemoration Commission: documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommends to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic, or

civic life of the City or its neighborhoods; recommends programs for individuals to honor others; implements such programs; and decides on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment.

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

Ethics Commission: provides written advisory opinions; investigates, hears, and decides in ethics inquiries and complaints; conducts a public education program; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ethics Ordinance; and promulgates regulations to accompany the Ethics Ordinance.

Facade Advisory Board: serves as an advisory panel to help ensure that historic district facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby, Community and Economic Development Coordinator (rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7205).

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee: oversees implementation and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act and provides public information and issues related to the Ordinance.

Recreation Committee: advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

Safe Roadways Committee: advises the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services.

Important City Phone Numbers

City Information	301-891-7100	Housing & Community Development..	301-891-7119
City Clerk.....	301-891-7267	Library	301-891-7259
City Manager	301-891-7229	Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
City TV	301-891-7118	Public Works.....	301-891-7633
Finance	301-891-7212	Recreation/Facilities Rental	301-891-7290



Update from the City Manager

By Suzanne Ludlow,
City Manager of Takoma Park

So much is happening in Takoma Park! A number of topics were covered during the October City Council Meetings, including:

- Getting the sense of the current Council on the Takoma Junction Concept Plan recently presented by NDC – this involved a Work Session discussion on October 11 and a vote on October 25 (See page 4 of this newsletter for an update.)
- Presentation of the draft Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Appointing members to the newly established Takoma Park Youth Council
- The possibility of allowing sidewalk cafes that serve alcohol in Takoma Park
- Overview of appropriate City financial reserve levels and policies
- Taking a position on the proposed northern bridge crossing of the Potomac River
- Adding neonicotinoids to the classes of pesticides that cannot be used for cosmetic lawn care

I'd like to focus on three of these that will have long-term impacts on Takoma Park: Takoma Junction, the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan, and Appropriate City Financial Reserves.

Takoma Junction

I know it is a hot topic for some Takoma Park residents right now. It is a critical project at a key location that sets an important precedent for our community. Fortunately, I am pleased that the Council and staff have been carefully following the transparent procedures and criteria put in place at the beginning of the project. All information is on our website and a supplement to the existing Question and Answer document, which will address questions that have come up since the NDC's concept plan was presented in



Takoma Park City Manager Suzanne Ludlow

September. Continuing to follow a clearly documented process with public input sets a great precedent for future economic development work that is appropriate for Takoma Park.

The project on the City's parking lot at Takoma Junction will help the walkability and appearance of the Junction while adding community amenities and to the commercial tax base. How it exactly looks and functions is a continuing process of proposals and reviews, with multiple opportunities for public comment to the City Council, the Façade Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Montgomery County Planning Board. I believe strongly that a good project here helps the long-term viability of other businesses in the Junction area, including the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Co-op.

One issue that is on people's minds is the traffic flow (or lack thereof) in the Junction. Part of the current problem is the failing of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to adjust timing of the signals as they are being transitioned over to Montgomery County control. State Highway is also failing to appropriately

oversee its contractor that is supposed to be installing traffic and crosswalk signals all along MD 410 in Takoma Park. Mayor Stewart and our District 20 Delegation have been putting pressure on SHA to correct the signal timing at the Junction and get the other work completed ASAP.

Part of the Takoma Junction project will be a City funded traffic study complementing the work that NDC is doing as part of its development design. This is to ensure that all of the Junction's traffic flow (cars, trucks, bikes, and pedestrians) is considered while the project design is being evaluated. Again, there will be public discussion of the findings and recommendations.

For ongoing updates, please check out the Takoma Junction Project Page: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/takoma-junction-redevelopment>.

Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan

At the City Council meeting on October 18, a draft of the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan, prepared by our consultants, the Cloudburst Group, was presented. The presentation reviewed actionable steps for the City to take over the next few years to keep Takoma Park livable by having a stronger tax base and more, and more varied, housing options for residents of different income levels. Two open houses will be held this month to get your input. See details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Appropriate City Financial Reserves

The Takoma Park city government provides a large number of services to our residents with a relatively small budget. Since much of the City's revenue comes from State and County payments, the City's finances can be strongly impacted when those payments are reduced due

to economic downturns or other unforeseeable circumstances. Natural and manmade disasters seem to be occurring weekly in the United States and we need to be able to meet our financial obligations even when emergencies occur. For this reason, a discussion of the appropriate level of City financial reserves is timely. The Council that is seated in November will be establishing the level of reserves in advance of the preparation of the FY 2019 City Budget. I am committed to ensuring that City tax dollars are handled carefully, spent frugally, and protected in the long run. Please feel free to contact me or your City Council representative with your thoughts about the appropriate level of City reserves.

In the Near Future

Besides the issues that are before the current Council, the incoming Council will be reviewing many projects, including the City Parking Study (nearing completion) and detailed plans for the renovated and expanded Takoma Park Library; working on issues such as tax duplication, the future of the Takoma Park Recreation Center, construction of the Flower Avenue Green Street and Ethan Allen Gateway projects, and continued innovative environmental sustainability work; all while examining our programs through a Racial Equity lens. In the spring, we will also have a new Residents Survey to help us find out what residents believe we are doing right and where we need to improve.

All of this work will impact the City's residents and visitors. Please share your thoughts and, most importantly, VOTE in the Nov. 7 City Council Elections.

Editor's Note: A slightly different version of this article appeared on the City's website on Oct. 4: takomaparkmd.gov/city-blog/october-update-from-the-city-manager.

GIFT FAIR

■ From page 1

cation for a girls' school in Malawi.

"We're trying to remind people that the holidays don't have to be a time of craziness and stress," says fair co-director Mimi Ikke-Khalsa. "The theme of the holidays is being with people and slowing down."

Now in its 19th year, the event is an excellent opportunity for people to get to know different nonprofits whose staff and volunteers are on-hand to answer any questions. "For me the most amazing de-

tail of the Takoma Park fair is that when talking to an organization you are under no pressure whatsoever to donate," says longtime volunteer Steve Whitney. "You and the representatives simply talk about the mission, etc. Later, using the 'shopping list' you decide which organizations you will buy gifts from and how many."

The 16 nonprofits at the fair this year are smaller charities that don't often get the major exposure of bigger nonprofits. Some of the charities this year include the Afghan Relief Fund, Christ House, Meals on Wheels Takoma Park, Project Knit-

well, Crossroads Community Food Network and the Takoma Park Middle School Difference Makers.

"For a lot of groups this is a big part of their fundraising for the year," Ikke-Khalsa says. "And the charities get a lot out of it just meeting with each other."

There's also plenty to do for the children, including an "Eat One/Share One" cookie-decorating station run by the Girl Scouts, in which cookies are donated to the homebound, and the chance to shop

the charities for their own loved ones. "There's a kid's list for smaller donations," Ikke-Khalsa says, "so they can purchase things for people they love and understand that it isn't [just] about what they're all going to receive. It allows a little bit of a shift." The event also features live music, a reflection area and even free massages.

Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, which sponsors the event, also holds an annual smaller alternative gift fair with the National Education Association Foundation on Thursday, Dec. 7, in D.C. Over the years, the gift fairs have helped raise more than \$337,000 for charities, averaging \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year.

And if you can't make it to the event on Dec. 2, the group will have a table at the weekly Takoma Park Farmers Market beginning Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Probably one of the things that's most important to know is that it doesn't have to be an either or," Ikke-Khalsa says. "You can get a tie and a gift for a woman who is surviving abuse. Or a coffee mug and shoes for child living in a shelter." She adds, "And who doesn't like a free massage?"



Shoppers to the Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair can take a break with a free massage.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Open Houses for the Strategic Plan for Housing and Economic Development

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6 – 8 p.m. - Takoma Park Community Center
Monday, Nov. 13, 6 – 8 p.m. - 7676 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 303

Come learn about the data, SWOT analysis and recommendations for Takoma Park.

The City authorized the development of a community wide strategic plan for the purpose of ensuring that a “range of safe, quality, and stable housing options are available for residents of varying incomes” and “to attract new businesses to the community and prepare for economic development within the City and the region.” (Council Resolution 2016-04, adopted Feb. 24, 2016)

For more information, check the webpage: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/housing-and-economic-development-strategic-plan.



Credit: Sam Kittner

Downtown Takoma Park



Credit: Helen Lyons

Janice Simsohn Shaw makes use of the new coworking space.

Shared office space now available in Takoma Park

By Helen Lyons

A new coworking space opened in the heart of downtown Takoma Park this fall.

Located on the second floor of 700 Carroll Avenue, just beside Dolci Gelati, Takoworks is a dynamic workplace, replacing decades-old law offices with a trendy and fully equipped space for entrepreneurs and remote workers who want to get out of the house without the commitment (or huge price tag) of a commercial lease.

“It’s a coworking space and community event space,” explained Michelle Coyle of GSD Work Club, which manages the space. It’s open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for members.

Such shared offices are becoming popular in major cities with D.C. already boasting several of its own, mostly through We-Work. In the past, freelancers and other remote employees would often flock to coffee shops to escape the distractions of a home office, but with places like Takoworks, they’re getting a more comfortable and equipped business environment - and the coffee is included. “We have a snack wall and a kitchen,” explained Coyle,

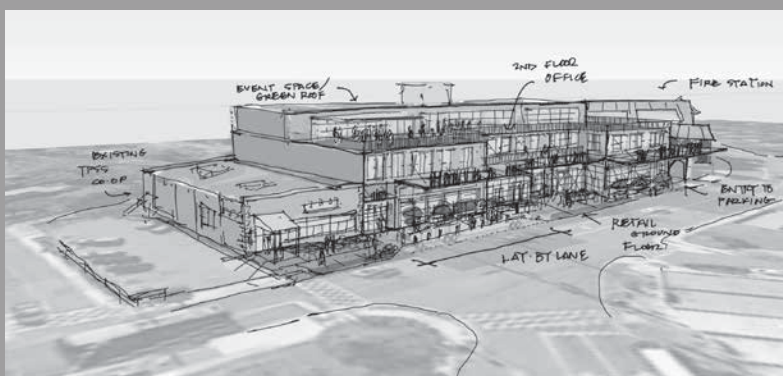
“along with all the general office stuff.”

Janice Simsohn Shaw is among the users of the shared space. “Working out of my living room on Circle Avenue had its limitations,” said Simsohn Shaw. “I’m an extrovert. It’s just really nice to be around other progressive folk. It’s a comfortable productive environment where I can put my head down and work in the company of others.”

While Coyle said that it tends to be for people who work for themselves or own small businesses, there are also some less conventional members, like professors who have an office on campus but want a workspace where they can avoid interruptions such as an impromptu student visit. “We’re very excited,” Coyle said. “We’ve already got a lot of people in there.”

Takowork is described as a positive, safe and inclusive work, meeting and collaboration space for like-minded people. It offers daily, monthly and yearly rates for membership as well as space for meetings and event rentals. For more information, including rates and space availability, visit takowork.com.

MASSING DIAGRAM



“A brand new, custom built mixed-use project”

Takoma Junction Redevelopment: Project update

On Oct. 25, the City Council voted on a resolution expressing the sense of the Council regarding the Takoma Junction redevelopment concept plan submitted by Neighborhood Development Company. The resolution identified features of the project that need to be considered for the upcoming traffic studies, and specified characteristics the Council expects to see in the future site plan/preliminary plan.

This vote was a follow up to the City Council meeting on Sept. 27 when Neighborhood Development Company (NDC) presented the design concept plan for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment project. The presentation provided an overview of the plan that included:

- underground parking
- retail, office, and event spaces

- emphasis on access and mobility
- public/gathering space
- incorporation of green space, including a large green roof

The Council meetings on Oct. 11 and 25 were very long as many residents expressed concern about the design of the project and the potential impact to the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op. The Council addressed these concerns in its resolution. The next step are the traffic studies and more design work.

For a complete overview of the Takoma Junction Redevelopment project, please take a moment to view the project page: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/takoma-junction-redevelopment.

VOTE

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Rizzy Qureshi (Ward 3), and Councilmember Fred Schultz (Ward 6) will be stepping down on Wednesday, Nov. 15,

when the new City Council is sworn in.

The public is invited to a reception to welcome the new Council and say farewell to the departing members. The reception will take place in the Atrium Lobby. Please join us.

**The Angie Zapata Story:
Transgender Life in American Law**

with Liz Seaton

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

Free event – Donations welcome

Angie Zapata dreamed of being Miss Latina and a supermodel. But in 2008, Allen Ray Andrade killed Angie for being transgender. Her legal case includes a secret bipartisan backstory and it helped us pass the federal Hate Crimes Law to protect Transgender people in this country. It's a great story about an amazing young woman and her incredible family. The latest offering in a series of Humanities Lectures presented by We Are Takoma.



Angie Zapata



Liz Seaton

Lesbian Rights, the Human Rights Campaign and Maryland's Free State Justice, Seaton worked for many years to end hate violence against LGBT people and secure equality under the law.

Community Stories Festival

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

Free events – Donations welcome.

We are Takoma is proud to participate in the seventh annual Community Stories Festival. Organized by Docs in Progress, the festival spotlights local stories and local filmmakers. This year three of the screenings will be held in Takoma Park: a work-in-progress screening of *The Quince Orchard Project*; a screening of *Let the Fire Burn* with the filmmakers in attendance; and a showcase of locally produced shorts.

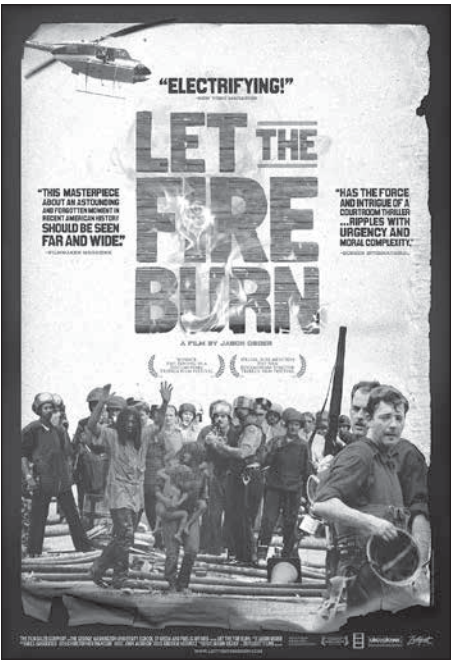


The Quince Orchard Project

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Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.

"The Quince Orchard Project" explores issues of slavery, land ownership and sale, preservation, gentrification, race relationships and community engagement while examining what was lost and gained along the way.



Let the Fire Burn

Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Director Jason Osder and Editor Nels Bangerter join us for a screening and discussion of "Let the Fire Burn", the award winning archival documentary which recounts how a longtime feud between the City of Philadelphia and the controversial radical group MOVE came to a tragic confrontation.

Showcase Screening

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:00 p.m.

Community Stories Festival showcase of locally produced shorts produced by film makers who represent the next generation of documentarians.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

With featured poets Randolph Bridgeman, Grace Cavalieri and Richard Lorr

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

Free event – Reception following



Grace Cavalieri

Letter from Puerto Rico

By Grace Cavalieri

If patience were a ray or sweet word
It would never fail here
The keen bone of quiet is like faith
Listen to the heat
Feel the violet view
Cold motion has no reward
For Winter's just a painting on the wall



**Resilience Eludes Death: Album Documentary
with EccentroSoul 1 Woman Band, Chaquis Maliq**

Saturday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free event – Donations welcome.

An inside look into the creation of Chaquis Maliq's latest project. The evening includes a screening of the mini documentary, "Resilience Eludes Death: The Making," live music from EccentroSoul 1 Woman Band, and a Q&A with Chaquis. Reception following.

Chaquis Maliq is a singer, songwriter, producer, guitarist. Seamlessly threading the sounds of her soulful voice and myriad instruments together onstage, Maliq is a poet, and a presence," says *Charleston City Pages*. *ArtsQuest* calls her "beauty, brains, and power of soul."

And Spring's wind is always perpendicular
To time
Even if Lucille got the job you wanted
On the 5th floor with the Big Four
Shaking hands in her yellow suit
And chic bobbed hair

She is dead now with unnarrowing
Limits of grass
And the song succeeds with blackbirds
And promise
Outlasting music's endnote.

Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

Saturday, Dec. 9

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Searching for a truly one-of-a-kind expression of love and friendship? Takoma Park's annual Holiday Art Sale is coming! With more than 30 jury selected artists, there is a lot to choose from, including painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, wearable art, and more.



RECREATION

YOUTH

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to first day. Please bring a lunch and snack with you daily. There will be no camp on Monday, Dec. 25, 2017.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week
Tuesday-Friday
December 26-December 29
(No camp 12/25)
9 – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Winter Break Before and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities may include outdoor play, game room and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week
Tuesday-Friday
December 26-December 29
(No camp 12/25)
7 – 9 a.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35 (per activity)

DROP-IN

Kids Night

Need a little time to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center's Kids Night. This will be a fun-filled night for children with games, arts & crafts, movies and theme nights. This program is free with a membership card. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

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

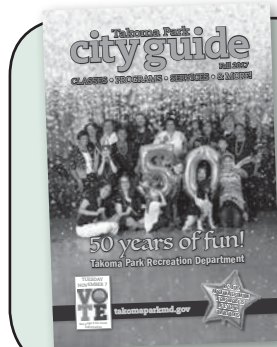
EXTENDED CARE

After The Bell Childcare 2017-2018 School Year

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade
10 months
MCPS school year
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
\$1,250 (Prorated based on registration date)

FEW
SPACES
LEFT



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

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-16 years
Saturdays, through 12/2
(No class on 11/11 & 11/25)
Beginners: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

SPORTS

Futsal League 2018

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
7-10 years
8 Week Season
Sundays, January 7-March 11
1 – 4 p.m.
\$60

Winter Basketball League 2018

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to: introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball - emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun - provide comparable playing time for all participants - meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Game are held on Saturdays, times vary. Volunteer coaches wanted. Specific details regarding each league will be available at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league.

Team Assignments: Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Special Requests: Requests must be submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration.

Registration
Now Open!

Filling
Up Fast!

Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten-8th Grade
8 Week Season
Games on Saturdays, starting January 13
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

TEENS

DROP-IN

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday-Thursday, ongoing
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Free

Teen Lounge

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday – Friday
3 – 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Free

Teen Night

Teen night is a great way for teens to meet their need for social interaction. The Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-16 years
Second and Fourth Fridays, ongoing
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cornucopia Celebration

Join the Teen Program for a night to celebrate a season of gratitude. Participate in creating thankful art, silly games and fun activities. End the evening with a family style dinner catered by Boston Market. All activities will take place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6-12
Friday, November 17
6 – 9 p.m.
Free



GO-TO HIGH SCHOOL
GO-TO COLLEGE

TRIPS

Go to High School, Go to College Fair

Join the Teen Program as we head to the Southern Maryland Technology and Recreation Complex in Ft. Washington, MD, for the "Go to High School, Go to College Fair." More than 100 colleges and universities are anticipated to participate in this college fair. Colleges including private, public, faith-based, men only, women only, military academies and historically black colleges and universities have confirmed their participation. Attendees will be able to gain information concerning internship opportunities from various government agencies and attend financial aid workshops. Come dressed to impress, there will be on site interviews. Be prepared to present multiple copies of your report card and official SAT information. In person or online registration with the Recreation Department is required. Transportation to and from Ft. Washington will be provided. The bus will depart TP Community Center at 9:15 a.m. sharp!

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (Meeting place)
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 14-17
Saturday, November 11
9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
FREE

ADULTS

ART

Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

The class focuses on basic hand-building techniques including pinch, coil and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Open to all levels of experience. Students can create functional items, such as vases, soap dishes and teacups as well as sculptures, including portrait heads and whimsical animals. All glazes are lead free and food safe. \$20 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on Friday. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
7 Week Session
Mondays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
October 30-December 18
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$20 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Art for the People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
October 31-December 26
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
November 1-December 20
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

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, 7 – 8 p.m.
October 10-December 5
No class 11/7
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

55+

DROP-IN
Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration required.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, November 16
12 – 2 p.m.
Free
Blood Pressure Screening
Adventist Healthcare will conduct a monthly

blood pressure screening. No registration required.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, November 16
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free
Walking Group
Don't worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing, Tuesdays
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS
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 through November 16
12 – 1 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.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older

Saturdays, through December 2
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Free
TRIPS
Trip #1: National Capital Radio & Television Museum
Bowie, MD
Thursday, November 9
8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Trip #2: Glenview Mansion Art Gallery
Rockville, MD
Wednesday, November 15
8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Trip #3: Dutch Country Farmer's Market
Friday, December 8
8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Recreation Office
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
For more information contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or paula@takomaparkmd.gov Registration is required. For trip details and procedures, please see the Forever Young Fall 2017 newsletter online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter.

"The Cold Never Bothered Me Anyway"



By Michael Kurland, Recreation Supervisor


The weather outside may be frightful, but the Takoma Park Recreation Department will be heating things up with its annual Winter Break Camp held at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Are you a parent looking for something for your child to do when school is out for winter break? Every winter, the Takoma Park Recreation Department holds its week-long camp for kids ages 5-12, giving working parents a place to bring their kids and a chance to keep them active and off the couch.


This opportunity connects kids with

real-life skills and experiences that they're not going to find anywhere else! The camp will be from Dec. 26–29 (no camp December 25) at the Takoma Park Community Center on Maple Avenue.

We know it can be difficult to stay active during the winter months, but this camp is the answer. Winter break camp is a little different from summer camp ... kids are mostly indoors, but are still very active. Throughout camp, kids will partake in arts and crafts, indoor games, and other recreational activities. Be sure to register soon as camp spaces always fill up!





At left, volunteers Ty Sun, 11 and Philip Daniel, 12, get nostalgic playing Candy Land.



Below left, brothers Adam and Alim Bedel explore PW Trucks

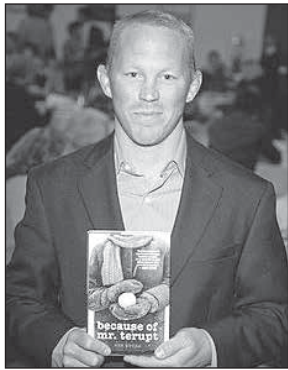
Below right, Sasha Akob, 7, turns the tables face painting Tiara Oldfield, 16.



Play Day Pix

Credit: Selena Malott

LIBRARY



Rob Buyea



Jeanne Walker Harvey



Dave Engledow

A terrific trio of kids' authors

We've got a trio of kids' author programs this month, including one starring a Takoma Park dad. Politics & Prose will sell books at each event, but the programs are free and no purchase or registration is required to attend.

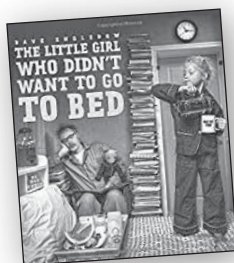
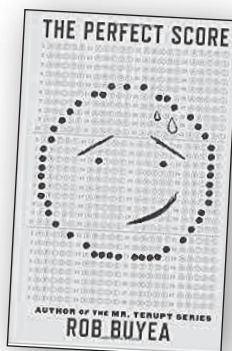
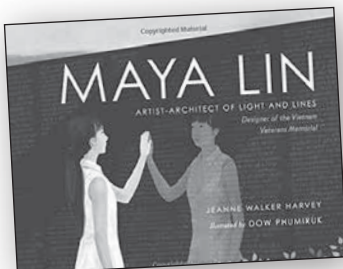
First up is kids' author Jeanne Walker Harvey who will discuss her new picture book biography of architect Maya Lin. Titled *Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*, the book was called "an artful resource for dreamers of all ages" by *Booklist* while *School Library Journal* labeled it "quietly inspiring." In the book, aimed at ages 4–8, Harvey outlines both Lin's life and her artistic vision, and also emphasizes her courage at standing her ground against a backlash of critics when Lin's design was chosen for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Lin was just 21 at the time. Harvey will read her book and take questions from the audience before signing books.

Then, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., kids' novelist Rob Buyea will introduce *The Perfect Score*, the first book in his new *Lake View Middle School* series. Buyea has won many young readers for his *Mr. Terupt* series, which told the stories of several students and their close relationship with a beloved teacher. In *The Perfect Score*, Buyea takes on the subject of standardized testing as he tells how several

sixth graders band together to take on the tests and try to ace them. In its review of the book, *Publishers Weekly* noted that "The students' stories are compelling, and Buyea confidently mixes humor and heart," while *School Library Journal* called *The Perfect Score* "engaging and highly discussion-worthy."

Finally, on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., Dave Engledow, a Takoma Park photographer who has found Internet fame as the self-proclaimed "World's Best Father," presents his debut picture book, *The Little Girl Who Didn't Want to Go to Bed*. In the book, Engledow combines hilarious photos of himself, his wife and their young daughter Alice Bee, as he tells the story of a child who adamantly stays up until dawn. In its review, *Publishers Weekly* noted: "The consequences are standard for this genre—she uses her pancakes for a pillow, drowsily combs her teeth, and snoozes through a birthday party—but seeing a real girl act them out (especially one who embraces slapstick and is so natural in front of the camera) is a fun twist, and will remind readers of their favorite live-action comedies." And *Kirkus*

added: "While it may not make kids excited for bedtime, this book is one they'll want to read."



CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.

Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 15 & 29, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens.
Takoma Park Community Center, Hydrangea Room

LEGO Club

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

Eaglebear & Friends

Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Join us for our annual celebration of American Indian Heritage Month.

Kids' Author Jeanne Walker Harvey

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Harvey discusses her new picture book biography, *Maya Lin, Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m.

Kids' Novelist Rob Buyea

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Buyea, author of the popular *Mr. Terupt* books, introduces a new series with *The Perfect Score*.

Picture Book Creator Dave Engledow

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
Engledow, a Takoma Park dad, presents his debut book, *The Little Girl Who Didn't Want to Go to Bed*.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.
Madame Marie returns for another season of rhymes and songs in French.

Family Craft Time in French w/ author

Sophie Glasser
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
Come read some great possibilities for the 2018 Caldecott Medal.
Lemonade and cookies served

COMING UP.....

- **Holiday Sing-a-Long**, Sat., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.
- **Winter Solstice Celebration**, Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Next Friends Book Club Selection!

By Tim Rahn

The Wife of Martin Guerre by the American novelist, poet, and librettist Janet Lewis will be discussed by the Friends Book Group on Dec. 6 at 7:30 in the Azalea Room of the Community Center.

Published in 1941, *The Wife of Martin Guerre* was the best known of three novels Lewis wrote based on her reading of *Famous Cases of Circumstantial Evidence with an Introduction of the Theory of Presumptive Guilt*. Lewis's interest in how circumstantial evidence is used in trials was piqued when a close friend was almost convicted of murder.

The story of Martin Guerre was the subject of a well-known 1983 French film

and a subsequent novel, *The Return of Martin Guerre*. In the story, which takes place in the 16th century, Martin Guerre leaves his wife and young family for seven or more years.

When a man claiming to be Guerre returns to his family there is some question if he is really the vanished husband. Eventually several trials are held before Guerre is convicted of being an imposter and hence an adulterer.

The novelist and critic Evan S. Connell, Jr. wrote of *The Wife of Martin Guerre* that it is "one of the most significant short novels written in English." Lewis was the wife of poet Yvor Winters.

Copies of *The Wife of Martin Guerre* are expected soon in the library. Check at the library for more information. All are welcome to attend the Friends Book club discussions!



The return of Eaglebear and friends

Eaglebear returns with his family and friends on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. for an evening of songs and dances from the Xicano and Apache Indian cultures. Eaglebear, also known as Tomas Shash, has been coming to our library for many years to help us celebrate American Indian Heritage Month. It's always a great program for all ages, and there's no registration required. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring Eaglebear's program!

Correction: To the Nuclear Free Committee article in the October Newsletter (p. 3): The article states that a waiver was approved in 2012 "after the library purchased computers from Hewlett Packard without knowing of its ties to the nuclear industry." This is incorrect. We knew that HP was included on the City's list of nuclear associated companies, and all purchases were checked against the existing list. What we didn't know was that we were going to be sent HP computers. Our vendor, Useful Corp., based in Canada, makes and sells multi-station computers. In this instance, they were made with HP computers – which we didn't know until they were shipped to us.

–Ellen Robbins

5 Questions for Lars DeSalvio, IT Manager, City of Takoma Park

In September, the City welcomed a new IT Manager, Lars DeSalvio, to the team. Immediately prior to working with City, he served as the director of information technology at the Association of Corporate Counsel for three years and as the director of information technology and web services with the Tax Executives Institute for 10 years before that. He is also a licensed CPA with experience as a project manager and consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers and other organizations in the greater Washington area. Moving forward, Lars will be taking the reins on all things IT related, including chairing the City's Technology Steering Committee and managing its technology investment strategy.



Lars DeSalvio

- Favorite Place/Activity in Takoma Park:** Being a foodie, I would have to say that my favorite place/activity is eating lunch at the Tiffin Indian restaurant on University Blvd. The all-you-can-eat buffet is outstanding and puts me into a food coma after every visit.
- Best Thing about Working in Takoma Park:** See question #1. Really, it's the challenging work, my staff, and the great people that I work with every day. Everyone has been friendly to me, so far, and it's been a pleasure working for the City.
- What's on Your Desk Right Now:** Lots of computer equipment, chicken from Sardi's (emerging food theme?), miscellaneous papers and an antique Swingline electric hole-punch that I don't know what to do with. Send me an email and it's yours.

- What You Do in Your "Spare Time":** I enjoy brewing my own beer, visiting microbreweries to drink beer that's better than mine, trips to the beach and boating to uninhabited keys off the Florida Keys. I'm hoping they are still there after hurricane Irma.
- Best Advice You Ever Got** (and from who): Hire hard working employees who are smarter than you and they'll make you look good. I already have a great team at Takoma Park, so there's no need to hire any staff. My father told this to me many times when I was a kid, and it's a practice in which I firmly believe.

BONUS QUESTION: If I had a magic wand for a day, I would blink (like in "I Dream of Jeannie") the entire staff of Takoma Park to Tarpon Belly Keys where we would drink microbrews, eat pizza from the No Name Pub (think they deliver?) and swim in the man-made channels. Perhaps not in that order.

CULTURAL PLAN

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merous works of public art throughout Takoma Park in the last few years. "It all reinforces the idea that Takoma Park is a great place for creative people to be," said Daines.

Supporting arts and humanities programs has been a wise investment, said Tommy Parlon, the Commission's current chair and a dance instructor at Community College of Baltimore County. He views the updated Cultural Plan as a chance to extend guidance to the mayor and City Council about how to integrate arts and humanities even more deeply into daily life in Takoma Park.

"So much is available now, not only from what we sponsor directly, but across the city. But so much more can be done," Parlon said. "We want to increase the opportunities for performance and cultural presentations and raise the visibility of the programming that we present."

Commission members have been working on the plan for more than two years, carefully defining the Commission's mis-

sion, identifying near-term goals, and building an ambitious "wish list" of multi-year projects. Their outreach has been extensive as they conducted surveys of residents, both online and in print, and then followed up with focus groups that included artists, educators, business leaders and community organizers.

"One message we heard loud-and-clear is that we can, and should, bring activities to all of Takoma Park. It's time to move beyond the municipal building and Old Town Takoma," said Parlon. "Another message is more diversity – of audience and programs. And we can engage and collaborate with other city commissions, staff and local organizations."

Added Daines, "We would like to bring activities, both permanent and temporary, to neighborhoods across Takoma Park and have an impact on people right where they live."

The plan is on track to be presented to the City Council early next year after the new Council is sworn in after November's elections.

Editor's note: Kevin Adler is a member of the Arts & Humanities Commission.



The 2017 Takoma/Langley Diwali Festival on Oct. 15 began with an opening poojah (Hindu prayer) ceremony led by priests from The Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington and Sri Siva Vishnu Temple. This was followed by the cultural program with back-to-back performances of different kinds of Indian dance, featuring lively music and costumes.

A large crowd turned out as residents strolled in from nearby neighborhoods with dogs and strollers and people streamed into the festival site from nearby parking lots. The City of Takoma Park and Prince George's County co-sponsored this bi-county festival with the Takoma/Langley CDA.



Accepting applications for Community Police Academy

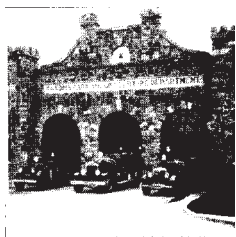
The Takoma Park Police Department is now accepting applications for its Community Police Academy. The Community Police Academy will start on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

The Community Police Academy is a 12-week long program consisting of one class a week on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9:30 pm. The classes cover topics such as patrol, traffic enforcement, use of force, criminal investigations, etc. The presentations are slide show/lecture style and will be given by officers, detectives and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-alongs

with patrol officers.

The Takoma Park Police Department believes that educating the community will result in gaining their understanding and support. Through implementation of the Community Police Academy, the community will gain new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the community it serves.

The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and will be filled based on a



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Sept. 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 407 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department also addressed or assisted with 2,246 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,653. Totals for 2016 were 444 and 2,335 representing a decrease of 126 incidents.

During September, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,307.5 hours of

standby time at the station compared to 1,166 hours in September 2016. Grand totals as September 2017, were 13,727.5 hours compared to 11,720.5 in 2016, an increase of 2,007 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as Oct. 25, 54 people have died in fires compared to 40 in 2016.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of Oct. 25, 40 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. It's a must that when you leave your vehicle, everyone leaves with you. Check the back seat, and don't forget to lock your vehicle.

MCVFRA Hall of Fame

Congratulations to TPVFD member Richard "Rusty" Willey for being inducted into the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association on Sept. 21.



The wooden staircase between TPES and the Takoma Park Community Center parking lot was closed to foot traffic.

SRTS infrastructure Pop UP-DATE

Process

Safe Routes to School installed a low-cost, temporary, public engagement event Oct. 2 – 13, 2017. The wooden staircase between TPES and the Takoma Park Community Center parking lot was closed to foot traffic.

The objectives of the event were to create an opportunity to educate parents and students about the risk of exiting the wooden staircase into the middle of the community center parking lot and to discourage the use of the parking lot as a remote pick-up point for TPES and PBES students.

Observations

- With the stairs closed, students were not able to run into the parking lot.
- The community center parking lot does not have sufficient spaces to accommodate its intended uses and function as a safe remote student pick-up location. This is a problem on school days at dismissal.
- Parents/guardians continued to use the parking lot as a remote pick-up point. Even with police presence, parent/guardian behaviors of double parking, blocking parking spots and obstructing traffic flow persisted.
- The level of chaos in the parking lot increased even though cars were asked to move along and pedestrians were invited to use crosswalks and sidewalks.

Comments

Very few formal comments were registered online. In person, positive comments outweighed the negative ones. Many expressed gratitude and understanding of the problem. Negative comments centered on inconvenience.

Programming Action and Traffic Calming Improvements

- Continue to encourage walking and biking to school and educate students and parents about safe practices for walking and biking.
- Schedule regular enforcement details to discourage illegal behavior that impacts student safety.
- Alert the schools and PTAs of the problem in an attempt to enlist their support.
- Install two speed bumps in the parking lot and a raised crosswalk on Grant adjacent to the charging station.
- Install a stop sign at the Grant Avenue exit of the parking lot and a No Thru Traffic sign at the Philadelphia Avenue entrance.
- Install parking stops in all parking spaces next to the sidewalk to prevent cars from overhanging the sidewalk.
- Cut foliage back along sidewalk.



Babysitter's grads

On Oct. 9, the following girls and boys completed the TPVFD Baby Sitters Training Course. Seated Row 1, left to right: Ellie Hassett, Luisa Mini, Choe Sherrill-Howell, Harper Bender, Anina Gonzalez-Sol; Seated Row 2, left to right: Alicia Conlon, Aiden Markle, Josie Gleason, Elizabeth Warren, Alaina Villatoro, Aalyse Majors, Sarah Blum, Stella Ryan, Sophie Bender, Erika Pfeifer, and Ben Reppress.

Assisting Jim Jarboe were KiKi Alfaro, Ntshiuwa Sato Bess, Tina and Ashlee Willey, TPVFD; Capt. (Acting Chief) Tyrone Collington, TPPD.

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.

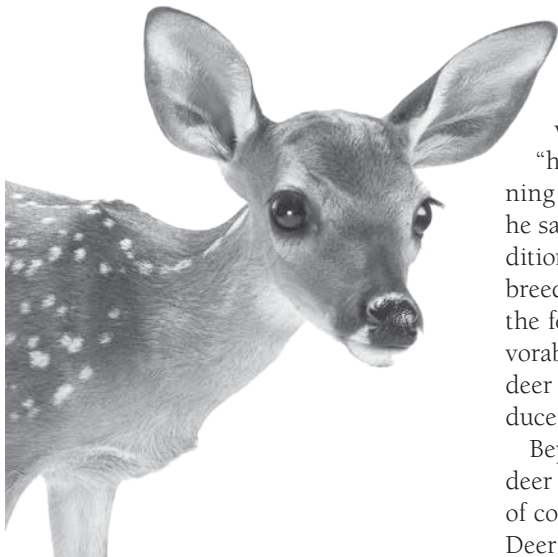


Managing deer in Takoma Park

By Rick Henry

Many of the approximately 50 people who came to the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 16 for what was billed as a “Suburban Deer Management Presentation,” were undoubtedly just looking for ways to keep the white-tailed visitors out of their hostas. What they got instead was an informative, 30-minute lesson in biology, ecology, landscape and urban planning—a lesson that illustrated the complex challenges that surround deer management, especially in a suburban locale like Takoma Park.

The presentation was sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and coordinated by Rick Baravechia, Neighborhood Services Manager for the City. “The city manager though it would be a good idea to put out some information regarding deer in urban areas, so we contacted the state, which is in charge of deer management, and they agreed to send a representative,” Baravechia said.



The representative, George Timko, assistant deer project leader with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD-DNR) Wildlife and Heritage Services, told the audience that his presentation was one that he has given to many suburban communities across the state, whose residents complain about or have issues with deer.

He told the audience that one of the main purposes of his presentation was to clear up some common misconceptions about the relationship between deer and suburban areas. “The most common misconception is that deer are getting pushed into suburban areas due to development (though some of that may happen), when in reality development actually improves deer habitat,” he said.

Timko went on to explain that “edge,” which he defined as the green space, flowers and landscaping that surround suburban homes and buildings such as schools and churches, is the preferred habitat for deer. “It’s deer nirvana,” he said. Deer numbers often increase in these areas over time, he said, as mortality is lower, habitat conditions are improved, and deer longevity and survival is higher in these areas.

Compounding the situation is what Timko termed the animals’ “high reproductive potential.” Twinning is the most common birth pattern, he said, although triplets do occur. In addition, fawns born in summer will often breed in the immediate fall and give birth the following summer. Because of the favorable conditions cited earlier, suburban deer can live up to 15 years and reproduce throughout much of that time.

Beyond the biological factors, suburban deer management is challenging because of community dynamics and regulations. Deer management strategies must take



into account local ordinances concerning what methods are acceptable (i.e. sharpshooting, bow hunting), public perceptions about those methods and limited land access because of individual ownership and property rights, Timko said.

Timko laid out the options that are available and the pros and cons of each. He divided those options into non-lethal and lethal, while emphasizing that there is “no silver bullet or magic potion” for suburban deer management.

Among the lethal options are traditional hunting, which is not conducive to suburban areas, and employing sharpshooters and/or bow hunters.

Non-lethal options, such as sterilization and other fertility control methods are expensive and difficult to do in a suburban area, while individual options such as using deer repellents (sprays) or deterrents (electric fences, motion activated sprin-

klers, etc.) may have mixed results, but are the most practical options in those settings.

Timko recommended exclusion (using netting, fencing, tree shelters, plastic mesh, etc.) as the most effective non-lethal method. “Most people don’t want their yards looking like a fortress, but exclusion works to keep deer out of areas,” he said. Timko said any fences should be at least eight-feet high to keep deer out.

Ultimately, Timko said that while MD-DNR recommends using a combination of lethal and non-lethal options where appropriate to manage deer, communities must collectively decide how/if deer should be managed.

For more information on deer in Maryland and deer management options and recommendations visit dnr2.maryland.gov/wildlife and search for deer management.

POLICE ACADEMY

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first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full 12 weeks to get the most out of the program.

If you are interested in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, you are 18 years of age or older, and live or work in Takoma Park, you may apply. The applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or any felony offenses.

Applications for the Community Police Academy are available at the Takoma Park Police Department located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. You may also click the following link, fill out the application and submit it electronically to Cathy Plevy: takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/kb2evbr4rbj7.

The deadline to turn in a completed application is Friday, Dec. 1, 2017.

Any questions about the Community Police Academy can be directed to the Public Information Officer, Cathy Plevy, at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomapark-md.gov.

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Wednesday, **November 1**, 4pm-6pm

Saturday, **November 4**, 10am-12noon

Tuesday, **November 7**, 4pm-6pm

Saturday, **November 11**, 10am-12noon

Thursday, **November 16**, 4pm-6pm

The mural is located across the parking lot from Walgreens at 1329 University Blvd E, Takoma Park, MD

For further information, please contact: Melanie Isis, 301-445-7910, misis@takomalangle.org
Photo by Eric Bond / Takoma Voice



NOVEMBER '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 December issue is November 10, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning November 24. 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, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
* Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Veterans Day - City Offices Closed

Friday, Nov. 10
All City offices and facilities will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, for the Veterans Day holiday on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services. Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24
All City offices and facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services. Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Wednesday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 25.

Election Day in Takoma Park

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
The mayor and city council will be elected to a 3-year term. All election day voting takes place at the Takoma Park Community Center. The next election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, when two-year terms will resume.
TP Community Center

Fall Leaf Collection

Nov. 20 through Dec. 22
The Public Works Department will notify residents in advance about the collection. Details can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbsidecollection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time

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

The Spirit Club

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older
This class is designed for adults with developmental/neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jciner@spiritclub.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.

TKPK Teen Talk — Election

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Did you know that Takoma Park teens ages 16 and over can vote in city elections (including residents that are non-US citizens)? Join candidates for Takoma Park's upcoming election and have a chance to ask questions that directly affect you. Register to vote before the Teen Talk or at the event by bringing a photo ID and a document that shows you live in Takoma Park (a mailing from MCPS, pay stub from the summer, etc.). For more information on the upcoming election or election process visit takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017. For more information on the Teen Talk, call 301-891-7290.

Takoma Park Troop 33 Annual Pancake Supper

Saturday, Nov. 4, 4 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Presbyterian Church Don Patti Memorial Gym
This long-standing community tradition and family-friendly event features all-you-can-eat pancakes and maple syrup, pork and vegan sausage, and applesauce served up by the scouts of Troop 33. The troop is also collecting food and toiletries for Scouting for Food, an annual food collection that distributes food and supplies to needy families in the area. Tickets: \$7 pre-sale from a Scout, \$8 pre-sale on PayPal, and \$9 at the door
Visit troop33.takomaparkscouts.org/calendar/pancake-supper.

Civil Dialogue Focusing on Takoma Junction

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m.
Takoma Park residents are invited to participate in a civil dialogue about Takoma Junction. This event has two components: 1) training in communication skills designed to foster understanding and 2) practicing those skills with neighbors who have different perspectives on the future of the Junction. The goal is to deepen understanding of each other's views, and not to reach for consensus. For a complete description of the event, contact Keith Kozloff at keith.kozloff@verizon.net.

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 25, all day
Shop small this holiday season. Shoppers are encouraged to shop small this holiday season in Takoma Park. Find unique gifts at locally-owned, independent businesses and celebrate the holidays at local restaurants, cafes and bars. Gift cards make great gifts too. Spending your money locally will help continue to build a strong local economy and a thriving community. On Small Business Saturday, commit to spending at least \$10 in a Takoma business. Shop local.

Aging Well Network: Making Your Health Care Treatment Wishes Known

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. – noon
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Learn about MOLST — Maryland Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment — a document that makes your treatment wishes known to health care professionals. Our presenter will be Annette Volk, MSW, LGSW, a social worker with the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Hospice. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com.

19th Annual Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, Dec. 2, noon – 4 p.m.
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
Instead of shopping for gifts, donate in a loved ones name to various local, national and international charities. For your donation, you get a certificate to drop into a holiday card. Shoppers also give these certificates for birthdays, weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other events. It also provides an opportunity to learn about charities serving local, regional and international needs.

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

Carroll Cafe - 2nd Fridays

Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Skylark Celtic Band
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
For tickets and other info, visit carrollcafe.org.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winterfest: Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
Come check out local vendors and artisans at this juried craft fair. There will also be face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, food trucks and plenty more. Proceeds from the free event go to support Difference Makers, a student run nonprofit at Takoma Park Middle School.

The Christmas Revels

Saturday, Dec. 9-Sunday, Dec. 17, matinee & evening shows
GW Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street NW, 20052
See your neighbors in our holiday show! Journey with the Washington Revels, a cast of more than 100 people, ages 8–85, as we celebrate winter holidays in a small Québec village. This year's show features a number of Takoma Park residents. In the late December chill, the glow of hearth fires warms the spirits of the villagers as they prepare for the time of celebration—le temps des Fêtes! This energetic Québécois winter celebration features carols, wild dancing, and foot-stomping instrumentals, blending old French traditions with New World ingenuity. Be prepared for a mysterious bargain, a ride in a flying canoe, and unforgettable stories and music. Tickets required. For more information, call 301-587-3835 or visit revelsdc.org/shows-events/christmas-revels.

STAY CONNECTED!



The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the City website, and public safety notifications via email and text, to name a few. Here are some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.

- Visit takomaparkmd.gov, where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- Like the City of Takoma Park on or follow us on at @TakomaParkMD and on
- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert
- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at takomaparkmd.gov/news
- Make a service request or report an issue using "My TkPk," an online and application based reporting tool: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk

