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City offices closed
Christmas Holiday

City offices and facilities will be closed from 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 25. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

New Year Holiday

City offices and facilities will be closed Sunday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 1. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Trash holidays

Day after Christmas
Yard trimming collection canceled

New Year
No collection on Monday, Jan. 1



Photo: Selena Malott

Youth turn out to vote in City Election

By Helen Lyons

For a lot of 16-year-olds, responsibilities include homework, chores and maybe a part-time job. But for the teens of Takoma Park, civic duties factor into the list.

"In Takoma Park, you can vote at 16," said Montgomery Blair High School student Noah Lovelady-Allen. "It's a great way to get your voice heard in local politics."

Takoma Park was the first city in the United States to lower its voting age from 18 to 16 back in 2013, and its youth are taking full advantage of their unique rights. "I've probably seen a couple hundred [teenagers] a day," said Satchel Kornfeld, a veteran election judge. "A lot of 16 to 18-year-olds register on the spot that day. The turnout has been good."

Early-voting options meant that younger voters didn't even have to miss class. Sixteen year-old Noah went to the Washington Adventist University the weekend prior to Election Day to cast his vote.

"It's great to get people started voting at a young age," said Lovelady-Allen. "Local elections are a bit like entry level voting. A lot of college-age students don't vote, and I think that if you're able to start at 16, as in Takoma Park, you can get into a habit that will extend into adulthood."

Some students aren't just limiting their political participation to voting. Curtis Antonucci, 16, is an election judge and recently joined the Board of Elections. "I'd always been interesting in election work and the voting process and had done some

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Montgomery College settles on design for new math and science building

By Kevin Adler

When Montgomery College-Takoma Park Provost Dr. Brad Stewart looks ahead five years, he sees a transformation in how STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) classes are taught at the school.

"Instead of a professor in the front of the room giving a lecture, I hope we will have five or six students working on a group project with the professor walking around and



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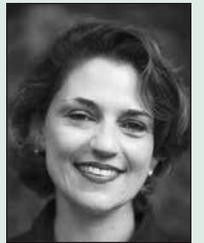
The planetarium, which is attached to the Science South building, is located on Fenton Street on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus of Montgomery College.

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Message from the Mayor

By Kate Stewart, Mayor of Takoma Park

On Nov. 15, we started the next chapter in our City's history. We have three new Councilmembers, and for only the second time in the history of our City, we have a majority of women serving — Cindy Dyballa for Ward 2, Kacy Kostiuk for Ward 3, Talisha Searcy for Ward 6, and myself. The City will also benefit from the experience of returning Councilmembers Kovar, Smith, and Seamens.



Mayor Kate Stewart

This City Council will be in office for three years. The timing of the city elections was changed to be in synch with state and federal elections. Our next election will be in 2020. At that time, Councilmembers' terms will return to two-year terms.

The next three years will be an exciting time in our City. The new Council will face both challenges and opportunities. We have the arrival of the Purple line, increased growth in population in the region, and the need to continue to provide affordable and quality housing. The next Council will need to decide what policies to establish to mitigate some of the impacts on residents and current businesses while also ensuring the City and residents benefit from the changes.

The incoming Council will build on the work of past Councils and immediately get to work on the library renovation, the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan, Takoma Junction redevelopment, as well as implementing our racial equity framework. Many of us, along with City staff, attended an all-day racial equity training on Dec. 1 as we continue to look for ways to develop policies, practices, and create investments in our community to reverse racial disparities.

Given what is happening at the national level, we will continue to stand up for our values and resist those focused on spreading hate and bigotry and dismantling protections to our environment, health, and safety. We will defend our status as a Sanctuary

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL /20TH DISTRICT DELEGATION JOINT PRIORITIES MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

CITY COUNCIL

Except for the Joint Priorities Meeting with the 20th District Delegation, the City Council will not meet in December. The Council will return from recess on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Monday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Dec. 4, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Room TBA

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

TREE COMMISSION

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

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
TPCC Azalea 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 Oct. 18, 2017, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2017-51** expressing its position opposing further study of an additional Northern Bridge Crossing/Corridor over the Potomac River and urging the Transportation Planning Board to reject addition of the project into its long-range transportation plan. The same evening, the Council appointed John Russell Barnwell (Ward 2) and Bruce Levine (Ward 3) to the Tree Commission by **Resolution 2017-52**.

The City Council adopted **Resolution 2017-53** on Oct. 25, 2017. The Resolution expressed the sense of the Council regarding the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Concept Plan. Also on October 25, the City Council appointed judges for the 2017 City Election by **Ordinance 2017-50**. It amended the Safe Grow Act by **Ordinance 2017-51** adding Neonicotinoids to the list of restricted cosmetic lawn care pesticides. With the adoption of a consent agenda, the Council by **Ordinance 2017- 53**

authorized execution of an indefinite quantity contract with Capital Flexi-Pave for installation of porous pavement; by **Ordinance 2017-54** authorized the purchase of a backhoe for \$100,299.91; and by **Resolution 2017-54** appointed Curtis Antonucci (Ward 2) and Jennifer Domagal-Goldman (Ward 6) to the Board of Elections.

On Nov. 1, 2017, the City Council placed a covenant to protect the natural area known as Dorothy's Woods by **Resolution 2017-55**. The covenant will protect the area from development in perpetuity. **Ordinance 2017-55** authorized the award of a contract to Management Advisory Group International Inc. to conduct a compensation survey at a not to exceed amount of \$34,750.

Also on Nov. 1, 2017, the City Council appointed members to the Youth Council by **Resolution 2017-56**: George Ashford (Ward 2); Ada Kante (Ward 4); Althea Davey (Ward 1); Emma Morganstein (Ward 1); Rachel Grupp (Ward

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3); Kiran Kochar McCabe (Ward 6); Adelaide Harris (Ward 2); Erika Rios (Ward 5); and Asha Henry (Ward 6).

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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 Nov. 15, 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



CITY ELECTION

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work with the county,” said Antonucci. “This seemed like the next logical step.”

Antonucci was on deck at the community center on Election Day, signing in voters and directing them to the ballot boxes down the hall. “The earlier you start, the longer you’ll keep going,” he said. “You should try to be active in community work as much as you can and that includes voting and politics of all kinds.”

Teenagers aren’t the only ones eligible to vote in Takoma Park. Non-citizens can cast their ballots, too, and have been able to do so since 1992. “Anyone who is ages



Photos: Selena Malott

Above left, Alex Harris, 10, submitting a ballot.



Photo: Selena Malott

Marcelle Fozard and Rose Brown

16 and above,” explained Kornfeld, “be they citizens or noncitizens, who have been residents for 21 days within the six wards of Takoma Park, Maryland, can vote.”

Deliberate steps are taken to make the process as quick and hassle-free as possible. Residents need only provide their addresses upon arrival and confirm a few details, such as date of birth.

“The fact that Takoma Park doesn’t require you to have ID makes voting a fun and great experience for all,” said Kornfeld.

Residents received their traditional badge of honor for exercising their right to vote for mayor and councilmembers — the trademark American flag sticker with the declaration: “I voted!” But the youngest visitors to the polls on Nov. 7 got something special.

For those under the voting age of 16, a big round sticker with the city’s official logo was proudly pinned on toddlers’ jackets and the backpacks of elementary students who watched their parents fill out ballots. The message beneath? Future Takoma Park voter.

MAYOR MESSAGE

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City and continue to be a welcoming and inclusive community for all residents. We will remain committed to environmental sustainability and uphold the Paris Climate Agreement #WeAreStillIn.

Our City has a long-track record of protecting our most vulnerable and assisting those in need. We will continue to build upon that foundation to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to succeed and live with dignity. When people are empowered, our community thrives. This means ensuring a range of safe, quality, and stable housing options for residents of varying incomes and making sure youth and family programming needs are met, especially for our more vulnerable residents.

The hiring of a new police chief in the upcoming months presents an opportunity to evaluate policing in our community, enhance police and community relations, look for new and innovative ways to po-

lice, and build on the Unity in the Community initiative.

I am very fortunate to serve our City and excited about starting the work with my colleagues. We have an amazing community of engaged residents, dedicated and hardworking staff, and many opportunities to improve our community for all residents.

This fall we had very active campaigns across the City. I want to thank everyone who ran for election this year: Thank you for being brave enough to step forward, to put yourselves and your families out there for our City, for helping energize members of our community and stimulate discussion of issues and concerns. Now, together, as a Council and a community, we turn to the work at hand.

A slightly different version of this article appeared on the City’s website on Nov. 13: takomaparkmd.gov/city-council-and-mayor-blog/message-from-the-mayor.

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guiding each group,” Stewart said. “Or in another class, students will have access to a complex piece of equipment they would be using on the job in a couple of years. Every work station will have a computer. They won’t just be sitting in rows and taking notes.”

That vision has helped drive Montgomery College Takoma Park’s newest major renovation project: a new and greatly expanded Math and Science Center. “The Student Services Center that was finished in 2006 changed everything for our students. Now they have one place to register for classes, purchase books, meet and eat, check in with advisors, and so on,” said Stewart. “We expect that the new Math and Science Building will be the same type of transformative experience. We’ve seen the impact on STEM of new buildings at the Rockville and Germantown campuses.”

In October, Montgomery College President Dr. DeRionne Pollard officially selected a modified plan for the Math and Science Building. A request for proposals has already been made, and proposals were due from architects on Nov. 16.

The new building will replace the outmoded and aging Science South (56 years old) and will allow repurposing of Science North (38 years old). Its 134,000 square feet will include classrooms filled with advanced technology and computers as well as study and meeting spaces, offices for professors and a planetarium. The design process will take about two years, and construction will take another two years.

“The need for us to do this is apparent

to everyone,” said Stewart. “STEM is critical for many popular majors and careers, and we just don’t have the facilities to meet the demand. To be a health sciences major, you must have three semesters of biology, so those classes are overcrowded; many health sciences classes have long waiting lists. For engineering, we have one lab. We have no classroom space for cybersecurity.”

“And it’s not just the lack of space – it’s how you teach,” he continued. “Math has become more interactive, and all classes have become more interdisciplinary, such as combinations of chemistry and biology. Our current facilities are not suitable for that type of learning experience. We hear from students and professors about the urgency of this issue.”

While it’s a wonderful vision, the college’s plan does come at a cost, even beyond the \$85 million price tag. Construction will eliminate the Falcon Hall athletic facility and physical education classrooms on campus as well as cut into a sunny plaza that’s a popular hangout. And it will result in a much larger building than the one it replaces, though the increased bulk will mostly be horizontal, not vertical.

The scale of the building has been contentious since Dr. Pollard revealed her preference for a modified plan. “The need for a new math and science building is beyond question; the question is how the community was included in the process,” said Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart. “We feel the City’s staff, officials and the community were not fully apprised when the new plan was announced more than a



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

HOUSING MAILBOX



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

New Tenant Q&A: Heat, locks and paint

A new city tenant contacted the mailbox and asked if there is a date when heat has to be turned on in his apartment. He also asked if his landlord should have replaced the apartment's locks after the previous tenant vacated. His final question was about how often landlords are required to paint their apartments.

Q: By what date must heat be turned on in apartments?

A: The city property maintenance code does not provide for a specific date that heat must be turned on in an apartment. However, landlords are required to maintain the temperature in a rental unit of at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. This reading should be taken at a distance of three feet above the floor.

Q: Are landlords required to replace locks between tenancies?

A: Takoma Park's Landlord-Tenant Law (Section 6.16.050-Obligations of land-

lords) requires that that landlords rekey locks on all doors to the rental unit between tenancies. Apartment locks may not be changed by tenants without obtaining written permission from the landlord prior to the installation. Tenants must provide the landlord with keys to the new or replacement lock within seven days of its installation (Section 6.16.040-Obligations of tenants).

Q: How often are landlords required to paint rental units?

A: In regards to the question about painting, Section 6.16.050 requires that landlords paint all rental units in their entirety at least once every five years. Although repainting is not required between tenancies, all painted surfaces must be in clean condition and free of peeling of chipped paint at the beginning of a tenancy.

If you have questions regarding the City's Landlord-Tenant or COLTA Laws please contact me at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.



You may also submit a question using the MYTKPK app or website at takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk.

not face any houses – and will be three stories plus a “setback” for heating/air conditioning units on the roof, he said. The new building will not be taller than Falcon Hall, nor will it be closer to the street than the current Science South.

“All the green space that faces Fenton Street and Takoma Avenue will remain, and new trees will be planted to provide an additional visual buffer,” he said. “In addition, Dr. Pollard required that the architect selected for the project has experience working in historic residential areas, as well as in math and science academic buildings. It will blend into its surroundings, just like our Student Services Center.”

The loss of Falcon Hall is a blow to the community and to students, who will have no swimming pool or other onsite athletic facilities for an undetermined length of time. But Provost Stewart said that the college had to make hard choices. “There’s no physical education requirement at the state level, but there is a requirement for 12 hours of science,” he said. “We had only 300 credit students out of about 7,200 take a class in Falcon Hall last semester.”

Takoma Park among finalists in national competition for energy savings

Takoma Park, Maryland, is among 10 cities and counties that have advanced to the final round of the Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP), a national competition to rethink the way America’s small- to medium-sized towns, cities, and counties use energy. Takoma Park has already saved almost 101 billion BTUs of energy and reduced carbon emissions by 5,364 metric tons.

On Nov. 21, the Energy Prize announced the 10 communities who have advanced to the final round of the competition. Takoma Park is among the highest performing communities in the nationwide, multi-year competition based on total energy savings per household. In December, a panel of judges representing academia and industry will evaluate each community’s approach to innovative, replicable, scalable energy efficiency programs and will select a winning community based on a combination of energy performance scores and the advancement of new best practices over the course of the two-year energy-saving period.

Uwe Brandes, faculty director of the master’s program in Urban and Regional Planning at Georgetown and executive director of the GUEP, will lead the final stage of the Energy Prize. “Takoma Park is at the forefront of a nationwide competition to bring together communities with a shared goal of reducing energy consumption,” he said. “Our ten finalists have achieved impressive energy savings and reduced municipal and household energy budgets. They serve as models for other communities across our country and have offered innovative energy-saving strategies that can be replicated and scaled.”

In December, the Energy Prize Judging Panel will review final reports about each community’s energy-saving plan, performance, and future prospects. The final reports, submitted by the communities in November, will be scored in weighted categories, including innovation; potential for replication; likely future performance; equitable access, community and

The Top 10

The following 10 communities have been selected to advance to the final phase of the Georgetown University Energy Prize:

- Chula Vista, CA
- Walla Walla, WA
- Takoma Park, MD**
- Fargo, ND
- Fort Collins, CO
- Berkeley, CA
- Oberlin, OH
- Bellingham, WA
- Montpelier, VT
- Bellevue, WA

stakeholder engagement; education; and overall quality and success.

The Energy Prize Judging Panel will select a winning community based on the combination of these scores and the results of the two-year energy-saving period. The winning community will be recognized in December and provided with a prize package that includes support toward \$5 million in financing for an energy efficiency dream project, as well as workshops and education opportunities for the winning community.

“Takoma Park has worked hard during the competition to engage residents across our community and our city government to develop and implement projects that any community in the country can adapt and replicate,” said Mayor Kate Stewart. “I am extremely proud of the real results we have achieved, and even more excited by what we can learn from other communities to accomplish greater reductions in energy use city-wide in the coming years”

A longer version of this article appear on the City’s website on Nov. 21: takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-is-one-of-10-finalists-in-national-competition-for-energy-savings.

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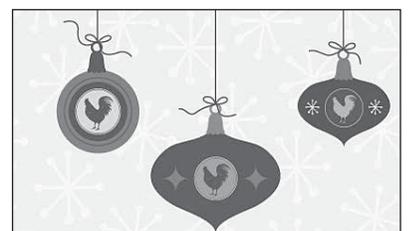
year ago. But we’ve had productive conversations, and we will see how it works out.”

“I’m disappointed Montgomery College decided it prefers a site for the new Math-Science Building that doesn’t match up well with the community’s needs. The other alternative (further along Fenton Avenue) offered a win-win-win solution with new science and math facilities, a location farther from residential areas and Ziegler Park, and preservation of the athletic facilities used by students and neighbors,” said Takoma Park City Council Member Peter Kovar (Ward 1). “As we move into the next phase, I’ll be doing all I can – working with residents, the City Council and City staff – to press for a more collaborative, transparent approach from the College.”

Provost Stewart said that community charrettes, as well as letters from neighbors and government officials, had a big impact on Dr. Pollard’s written instructions for how the plan will be implemented. The new building will take up more space along Fenton Street – which does

Twenty-Five Days of Roscoe, Dec. 1-25

Shop small and local this holiday season. The community’s beloved Roscoe the Rooster is highlighting his favorite gift ideas every day during the month of December. Follow the specials on Main Street Takoma social media and website: www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/25-days-of-roscoe.



Celtic and Modern Folk Music for the Lute

Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free event – Donations welcome.

Grammy-nominated musician Ronn McFarlane has brought his famed lute music to stages across North America, England, Scotland, Germany, and the Netherlands. The lute, a pear-shaped stringed instrument smaller



Ronn McFarlane

than a guitar, was the most popular instrument of the Renaissance and was wielded by musicians from royal courts to dirty street corners. Lute music also was featured in theaters, including some of Shakespeare's productions. After falling out of favor, the lute is enjoying a resurgence in interest today for its unique, melodious sound.

McFarlane blends eclectic Celtic and Americana-inspired music in his own lute compositions, along with arrangements of traditional Scottish and Irish folk tunes dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. He graduated with honors from the Shenandoah Conservatory and continued guitar studies at Peabody Conservatory before shifting focus to the lute in 1978. McFarlane taught lute music at the Peabody Conservatory from 1984 to 1995, and he has more than 35 recordings on the Dorian/Sono Luminus record label.

Calling All Creatives!

The City of Takoma Park has released several calls for proposals for its popular We Are Takoma arts series. The city seeks artists for art exhibitions in the Community Center, lectures on a wide variety of subjects, and poets for the Third



Marty Ittner and Gretchen Schermerhorn making cyanotypes in Sligo Creek.

Thursday Poetry Readings. Performers also are sought across many disciplines, including music, dance, theater, and more. Fresh ideas for novel concepts are always welcome, and a stipend is paid to lecturers and performers who are selected. Applicants don't have to be Takoma Park residents, and there is more info at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities.

Open reading

Thursday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free event – Donations welcome

Whether you're a secret scribbler or a published poet, all poets are welcome to read their original poetry at an open reading with a collegial and inviting atmosphere. Poets don't have to be Takoma Park residents, and a reception will follow the event.

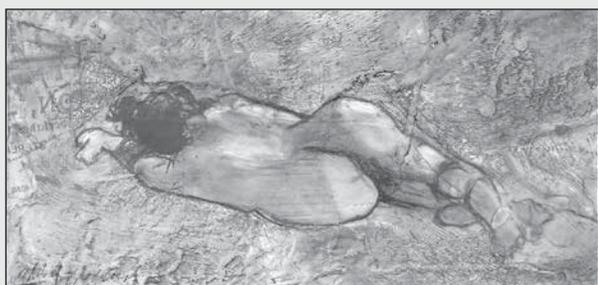


Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

There's no reason to buy boring mass-produced gifts and face a crush of bodies in a mall when more than 30 artists will be selling their original work at the Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale. The event, which fills the Takoma Park Community Center, has grown during the past 12 years into a competitive, juried process that selects some of the best artists in the D.C. area, according to Holiday Art Sale co-founder and photographer, Rob Rudick.



Painting by Marcie Wolf-Hubbard



Sculpture by Yandong Wang

"We have artists working in many disciplines, including painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, handmade clothing, and more," he said. "It's a great place to find unique gifts and an easy way to support local artists, who add so much to our community."

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission has been a strong supporter of the Holiday Art Sale and many other arts events that support local artists and boost Takoma Park's well-known reputation for a vibrant arts scene, Rudick noted.



Above left, Sock Monkey By Jennifer Alexander



Above right, Purses by Teri Davis



At left, photo by B.C. Farbo

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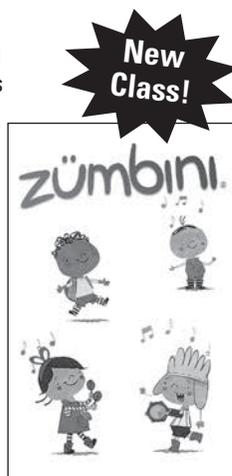
TOTS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Zumbini

Created by Zumba and BabyFirst for kids ages 0-4, the Zumbini program combines music, dance, and educational tools for can't stop, won't stop bonding, learning, and fun! Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses music and movement to promote cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skill development, all while creating the ultimate bonding experience for them and their caregivers. Each session includes a \$35 Zumbini bundle, an original songbook making it easy to sing along and a musical CD to listen to at home.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-4 years
7 week session
Thursdays & Saturdays, 10 – 11:15 a.m.
January 4-February 17
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120



New Class!

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 needs 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.

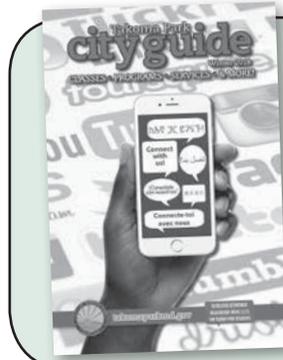
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
Tuesday-Friday
December 26-December 29
(No camp 12/25)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

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 activities and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
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)

Registration Underway!



Winter program registration begins:
December 15 at 8:30 a.m. for City residents
December 21 at 8:30 a.m. for non-residents

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

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 and 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

SPORTS

Futsal League 2018

Futsal, a sport 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



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Futsal & Winter Basketball League 2018
Don't miss out, register today!

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, emphasizing 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 encouraging personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun. The league provides comparable playing time for all participants and gives them the chance to meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools.

Games 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.

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 them and can review their 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 during 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

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
6 Week Session
Mondays, January 8-February 26
(No class 1/15 & 2/19)
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and other 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: January 9-February 27
Wednesdays: January 10-February 28
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

FITNESS

Cardio Kickboxing

Don't miss out on the fun! We have a class that is in full swing. Join us at Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue. Cardio Kickboxing is a great class to help you achieve your summer beach body. This class will improve your strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. Great music and a professional instructor will move you through the workout. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Thursdays: 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Through December 21
Drop-in: \$10 per day



Ladies Boot Camp

Ladies Boot Camp is a total body program that includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. It is a challenging workout within a quick hour. Students are required to bring their own mats. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

16 and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Through December 26
Drop in: \$10 per day

Whine Up Time

Whine up! It's time to free yourself in this raw energy, action-packed movement class that feels more like a party; set to Afro/Carib rhythms. Class begins with a deep warm up opening up the hips and core and then continues with across the floor steps and freestyle techniques. This is a free-spirited, culturally rich movement class open to all. Instructor: Miko Machingura

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
18 & Older
6 Week Session
Saturdays, January 6-February 10
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Drop-in: \$10



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, December 21
12 – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, December 21
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

Don't worry about the cold weather. 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
Tuesdays, ongoing
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Basics

This three-week course will introduce people with little or no previous experience to basic skills, such as sending and receiving email, internet searching, and using a word processor to compose letters, etc. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, January 17-31
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

FITNESS

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



Current session:

Saturdays, through December 9
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Next session begins:

Thursdays, January 11
Saturdays, January 13
Free

TRIPS

Dutch Country Farmer's Market

Friday, December 8
8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Leaving from:
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older



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

Local Businesses Wanted

Are you a business looking for summer help? The Recreation Department is looking for businesses to partner with for its Summer Youth Employment Program. For more information, please email leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.



It's Snowing – Is My Class Canceled?

The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed and Takoma Park Recreation programs are canceled: Get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert). Check the City's webpage. Call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (301-891-7101, x5606).

In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9 a.m.



5 Things You Can Do to Avoid the Winter Blues

It's not uncommon to feel sad, irritated or less energetic during the winter months. Winter can be long, dark and boring, especially for youth and teens. The cold climate and short days can lead to unhealthy habits like overeating, spending too much time on the internet or sleeping too much.

It is important to keep your family physically active, emotionally engaged and intellectually stimulated throughout the year, especially during breaks from school. Use the winter months as a way to encourage your family to discover hidden talents and new interests. Why not try a few new fun activities with your family this winter? Here are five fun ways your family can avoid the dreadful winter blues.

- Gaylord National Resort's ICE! National Harbor, Md.**
(November-January)
Every year, ice carvers build a frozen wonderland at the National Harbor. These sculptures include ice slides, magical creatures and so much more. For more information, visit the Gaylord National Resort website.
- Brookside Garden of Lights, Wheaton, Md.**
(Nov. 24, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018)
Step into a magical winter wonderland illuminated with more than one million dazzling colorful lights shaped into hand-crafted, original art forms of flowers, animals and other natural elements. Take a tour through the gardens filled with twinkling tree forms, sparkling fountains



and whimsical winter scenes. For more information, call 301-962-1453.

- Snow Tubing and Hot Cocoa**
(Jan. 25, 2018)
The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will host a field trip to Ski Liberty Mountain Resort again this year. So grab your hat, scarf and gloves and join us for an evening in the snow as we head to Pennsylvania to go snow tubing on the awesome hills of Boulder Ridge. Race down one of up to fifteen expertly carved tubing lanes solo or link up with a friend. During a break from snow tubing, hang inside the lodge and have a hot cup of cocoa. No experience necessary. Bring spending money. For more information, contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.
- Teen Night at the Recreation Center**
(Second and Fourth Fridays, ongoing)
Are your teens getting cabin fever? Encourage them to join their peers for a night of fun at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). This is an engaging evening that provides high-quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Teen night is held every second and fourth Friday of the month from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. This program is free with a membership card. For more information, contact Vince Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.
- College or Career Exploration**
Visit a college or two. Ask a friend or colleague to allow your teen to job shadow. This is also a great time to start working on scholarship applications

The ultimate remedy for the winter blues: **GET MOVING AND STAY ACTIVE.**

If you're struggling to find activities to keep your family active, don't give up. Keep trying new things. Take turns choosing activities each day/week for the family to try. Use the internet to your advantage. Google! When everyone keeps moving, you'll stay physically and emotionally healthier throughout the winter, and you'll be teaching your family healthy habits that will stick with them for life.

For a full list of programs visit the City of Takoma Park's Recreation Page at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.



LIBRARY



Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library
Take home great bargains that help support library programs at our special...

Holiday Book Sale

**Saturday, Dec. 9
10am-2pm**

At the Takoma Park
Holiday Art and Craft Sale
in the Community Center

**FEATURING
New Children's, Teens,
and Adult Books —
Perfect for Gifts.**

**New and Used
Books at
Reasonable Prices**

For more information contact the Takoma Park Maryland Library at 301-891-7259.

Special Holiday Book Sale!

Join us in the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the Friends of the Library will have their special sale of new and used books, including many children's books.

This will be a sale for local residents and friends. Purchases of children's books may be limited to 12 for each family.

All proceeds from the Friends book sales go the Takoma Park Library for materials, programs and other services. These include Spanish and French Circle Times, programs with Eaglebear, storyteller Candace Wolfe, drummer Bill Jenkins, the Foggy Bottom Morris Men and others, book bags and lanyards for kids' library cards. The Friends' October book sale raised \$2,400 for the Library. Come early and stock up on gifts for the holidays!

Mock Caldecott for Adults

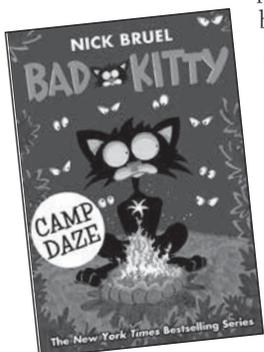
For the third year, we're presenting our Mock Caldecott for Adults program. Because the real awards won't be announced until early February, we're moving our Mock Caldecott for Adults from December to Saturday, Jan. 27, from 1-4 p.m. As always, we'll put together our own list of "nominees" — books that we consider great possibilities for the 2018 Caldecott Medal. We'll have "reference" copies of those books available in a box at the main circulation desk; please feel free to come and read them in the Library. (We'll also have a copy of each book that can be checked out.)



At our Jan. 27 program, we'll read each book (or, if the book is long, part of it) and briefly discuss it. We'll conclude by voting on our "mock" choice for the 2018 Caldecott, using the voting procedure used by the "real" Caldecott Committee. Snacks, lemonade and seltzer will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. No registration is required. Kids are welcome to watch, but this is an event for adult fans of children's literature. Kids will get their turn on Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. when we'll choose our Caldecott Club "winner."

Special Author Event in January

Mark your calendars for a special author event in early January. On Monday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m., popular author Nick Bruel presents the latest book in his best-selling *Bad Kitty* series. In this new book, titled *Bad Kitty: Camp Daze*, Kitty gets hit in the head and ends up thinking she is a dog, which makes Puppy crazy.



As a result, Puppy is sent to Uncle Murray's Camp for Stressed-Out Dogs, but guess who tags along? Bruel will read from his new book, answer questions about the *Bad Kitty* series, and do some live drawing. Politics & Prose will be selling copies of Bruel's book, but our event is free and no purchase is required to attend.



Nick Bruel

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, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Join Madame Marie for this monthly program of rhymes and songs in French.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Dec. 3, 1:30-3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3-10.

Friends Book Club

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Our book is *The Wife of Martin Guerre* by Janet Lewis.

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

Community Center

Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Community Center

Kids Art

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2-3 p.m.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Come read some great possibilities for the 2018 Caldecott Medal.

Lemonade and cookies served.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m.

Holiday Sing-a-Long

Saturday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m.

Join local musician Wendy Lanxner and her young students in singing songs of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Our annual tradition, featuring drummer Bill Jenkins & the Foggy Bottom Morris Men

Coming up....

- Monday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. — *Bad Kitty* author Nick Bruel presents the newest book in the series.

Holiday Sing-a-Long

Now in its sixth year, our annual Holiday Sing-a-Long is a chance to celebrate — in song! — a trio of big holidays in December. This year, our program will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. As always, local musician/music teacher Wendy Lanxner and her students will provide the accompaniment. No need to register — just come enjoy an old-fashioned sing-a-long with some seasonal songs.



Photo: Denise Cunningham

Wendy Lanxner and Karen MacPherson, the Takoma Park Library's manager for children and young adult services, enjoy a moment at the 2015 Holiday Sing-a-Long.



Photo: Selena Malott

Winter Solstice Celebration

Celebrate the arrival of winter with us on Thursday, Dec. 21. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. drummer Bill Jenkins will lead us in a drumming circle to welcome the Winter Solstice. Jenkins will provide a variety of drums and other percussion instruments suitable for kids and adults. At 7:30 p.m., the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will swoop in with their songs, dances and high spirits. Our event is free, great for all ages, and no registration is required. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring this favorite Takoma Park tradition for more than two decades.

Public Works snow removal plan

Public Works staffers are preparing to work hard to clear whatever snow falls on Takoma Park's 34 miles of city-maintained roads, as well as walkways and sidewalks around city parks and public buildings. City staffs track potential storms as they occur, and prepare to respond as soon as the snow starts to fall.

Plowing the streets

Plow crews start plowing operations when one inch of snow is on the ground and are prepared to work 12-hour shifts. The city uses Public Works Right of Way staff as primary plow drivers, and sanitation drivers fill in the second shift. When significant snowfall occurs, city trash and recycling collection may be canceled to allow sanitation drivers to pitch in with road clearing. The city's Garden Division staff clears public sidewalks during daylight hours, with assistance from temporary laborers as needed. Public Works encourages businesses and residents to do their part to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks adjoining their property.

Primary vs. secondary streets

Takoma Park's winter weather response plan divides the city into five snow removal zones. Each has an assigned response vehicle. Within each zone, "primary streets" are those with the most traffic, and those that connect neighborhoods. "Secondary streets" are shorter, with few-



"Snow Angels" help clear snow from driveways of Takoma Park residents in need of assistance. The Snow Angels program for the winter 2017-2018 is currently full, but the Recreation Department is accepting names for the waiting list. For more information on the Snow Angels program or to be placed on the waiting list, contact Paula Lisowski, senior programs manager, at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

er homes, and include courts, alleys and dead ends. City crew first clear primary streets then proceed to secondary streets. The city's goal is to create two travelable lanes on each primary street within a 12-hour shift, if the snow fall is six inches or less. If the snow fall is six inches or more, the expectation is to have one travelable lane over a 12-hour period. Snow removal equipment remains in service around the clock until all the roads are cleared. To see a map of snow removal routes, go to

www.takomaparkmd.gov/snow.

Snow, sleet, and/or ice

Often, when severe weather is on the way, the city begins anti-icing procedures by applying a sand salt mixture or liquid de-icing chemicals to the street surface. Plowing begins once snowfall has accumulated to one inch on the street. If the storm produces only sleet and ice, the City treats roadways with sand and salt. Snow and ice response service on some streets is performed by outside agencies.

Clearing sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing the public sidewalks adjacent to their property. When possible, keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice by regularly shoveling accumulated snow during and after a snow event. Please DO NOT shovel large amounts of snow into the street when clearing your driveway, lead walk or sidewalk. The best place to pile snow is on the lawn or grassy areas. Piles of snow shoveled out into the street can cause problems for passing vehicles.

The State Highway Administration is responsible for clearing Carroll Avenue, Ethan Allen Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue and Piney Branch Road. Sligo Creek Parkway is a Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission roadway, and snow and ice response is performed by Montgomery County. However, city plows will assist with snow removal on these streets in the course of their work to clear city streets.

Stay connected!

Conditions leading to a declared snow emergency include the expectation of a significant quantity of snow or an ice event. The city manager may declare a snow emergency and will announce the status through Takoma Park Alert, local media, and on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter. The following restrictions go into effect during declared snow emergencies:

- Residents are strongly encouraged to park vehicles in their driveways whenever possible. Fewer cars on the street allow city plows to more quickly and safely clear the roads.
- If you must park on the street, make sure to park your car as close to the curb as possible, and maintain a distance of at least 25 feet from an intersection.

Be a good neighbor and help others in need!

Reach out and ask neighbors if they need assistance with keeping their sidewalk clear. Many residents are physically unable to shovel snow and ice and are hesitant to request help from neighbors or friends. Your thoughtfulness can make a big difference to someone who might otherwise be unable to cope. If you have any questions before or during a winter event, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-891-7633.



Winter Coats for Local Folks

Do you have a used winter coat or two lying around the house collecting dust? If so, why not donate it to a local individual or family? For the second consecutive year, the Takoma Park Lions Club and the Takoma Park Police Department are joining together to help provide some needed warmth to people who have little means of protecting themselves from the upcoming winter weather. All coats will be donated locally to the Shepherd's Table's clothing closet and Sligo Adventist Church, which provide clothing and other necessities for homeless and needy individuals.

Two locations in the city will have drop-off boxes where people can donate slightly-used winter coats, gloves, mittens, and

hats, Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The drop-off boxes are located at:

- City of Takoma Park Police Department (Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., first floor lobby) and
- Old Takoma Ace Hardware (7001 Carroll Ave.).



Members of the Lions club and the police department will be collecting the coats and winter accessories through January 2018. For more information, please call Lion Mike Bigler at 202-438-1686 or Cathy Plevy, public information officer, Takoma Park Police Department, at 301-891-7142.

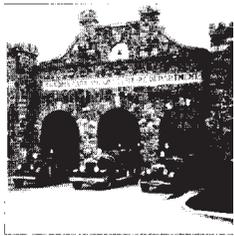


Food Waste Collection curbside program accepting new applicants

The program is available to all the households within the City of Takoma Park. Single family and multifamily properties with 12 units or less that currently receive City of Takoma Park curbside trash and recycling pickup are eligible to participate in the program.

The City of Takoma Park's Sanitation Division operates curbside food waste collection routes. Households can register by filling out the form at takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection. Public Works staff will follow up with you to let you know how to get started!

AT YOUR SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

The Firehouse Report

As of Oct. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 438 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department also addressed or assisted with 2,532 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,970. Totals for 2016 were 497 and 2,602, representing a decrease of 129 incidents.

During October, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,170 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,423 hours in October 2016. Grand totals as October 2017 were 16,026.5 hours compared to 13,143.5 in 2016, an increase of 2,883 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as Nov. 28, 67 people have died in fires compared to 54 in 2016.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of Nov. 28, 42 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. Children also can die in a cold vehicle. It's a must that when you leave your vehicle, everyone goes with you. Check the back seat, and don't forget to lock your vehicle.

Christmas Tree Safety

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut one to two inches from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, lit candles, heat vents or lights.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- When you are finished with the tree, remove it to the outside away from house until ready for pick up.

TPVFD collecting toys

The Takoma Park VFD will kick off its 37th annual Toys for Needy Families on Dec. 1. Toys will be collected through Dec. 22. If you have new or like-new toys, you can drop them off at the fire station or tree lot. Families needing assistance with toys (age 10 and under only), contact the fire station at 240-773-8954 and leave a message with the following information: name, address, telephone number, age and sex of children.



1. Toys will be collected through Dec. 22. If you have new or like-new toys, you can drop them off at the fire station or tree lot. Families needing assistance with toys (age 10 and under only), contact the fire station at 240-773-8954 and leave a message with the following information: name, address, telephone number, age and sex of children.

Need a gift idea? How about a new 10-year smoke alarm(s) for your home? You don't have to change the battery for 10 years.



Members of the TPVFD unload Christmas trees for this year's sale.

TPVFD Christmas tree lot

Trees are available in the city parking lot between the Co-op and the firehouse. They range in price from \$45–75; credits cards are accepted. Hours of operation are Sundays, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Monday – Thursday, 12 – 9 p.m.; Fridays, 12 – 10 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

The Gift of safety year-round

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair,
Emergency Preparedness Committee



Once again during the holiday season, we gather together with friends and family. Some of us will travel out of the area; others will stay here as guests or hosts. Living in Takoma Park is special because courtesy of the Takoma Park Police Department, residents have access to three free holiday gifts all year long:

1. **Vacant House Check Program:** If you are away 4-30 days, contact the Takoma Park Police Department to arrange for a daily house check to make sure no one has tampered with windows or doors, set a ladder against an outside wall, and so on. If someone is picking up your mail or newspapers, let the Police department know. Contact the TPPD in advance at 301-270-1100. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs.
2. **Watch Your Car Program:** To ensure that only those you authorize use your car, and it is not on the road between 1–5 a.m., register the car(s) with the Takoma Park Police Department. You will receive a sticker to post on the rear windshield. If the car is away from your home 1–5 a.m., Police (statewide) can stop the car and verify the driver is the owner or authorized user. For more information, contact TPPD at 301-270-1100.
3. **CARE Program:** Through Caring About Residents Everyday, registered residents call the department each day between 12–5 p.m. If they don't call, the police will call them. If there is no answer, a patrol officer will be sent to check on their welfare.

Cyber Shopping Safety

We'll be doing our holiday shopping, and so will scammers and hackers. To prevent electronic "shopping" by holiday hackers, use the 3D system:

- **Deter.** Don't click on unsolicited links; don't give out personal information, especially social security numbers. Update virus/malware protection; set the browser and email spam/junk files to medium/high; and check financial receipts regularly.
- **Detect.** Be aware of offers that seem "too good" and/or require a quick response. Keep an eye out for financial statements with strange charges. Check for calls, letters, or emails about purchases you didn't make.
- **Defend.** Even if you only suspect fraud on your account, contact the fraud/security department of the credit company immediately. You may need to set a fraud alert, get new card, or file a police report.

*Source: Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection

Any comments or questions, contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.

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.



City Election Results

On Nov. 7, 2017, Takoma Park voters elected a new City Council. This Council will serve for three years. With the next election in 2020, city elections will be synched with state and federal general elections every even numbered year.

Mayor Kate Stewart

kates@takomaparkmd.gov
240-338-9333 (for appointments 301-891-7230)

City Council Member Ward 1

Peter Kovar
peterk@takomaparkmd.gov
240-319-6281

City Council Member Ward 2

Cindy Dyballa
cindydy@takomaparkmd.gov
240-320-6494

City Council Member Ward 3

Kacy Kostiuk
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240-204-4912

City Council Member Ward 4

Terry J. Seamens
terrys@takomaparkmd.gov
240-793-5108

City Council Member Ward 5

Jarrett K. Smith
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City Council Member Ward 6

Talisha Searcy
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The Takoma Park City Council. From left to right: Kacy Kostiuk (Ward 3), Terry J. Seamens (Ward 4), Cindy Dyballa (Ward 2), Kate Stewart (Mayor), Talisha Searcy (Ward 6), Peter Kovar (Ward 1), Jarrett Smith (Ward 5).

City Council Ward 3			
Kostiuk	425	93%	Elected
Write-in	30	7%	
Total Valid Votes	455	100%	
Blank/Invalid	6		

City Council Ward 4			
Seamens	195	95.6%	Elected
Write-in	9	4.4%	
Total Valid Votes	204	100%	
Blank/Invalid	8		

City Council Ward 2*						
	First Round		Instant Runoff	Final Round		Result
Dyballa	410	46.8%	+49	459	54.5%	Elected
Edgell	123	14.0%	-123			
Nugent	342	39.0%	+41	383	45.5%	
Write-in	2	0.2%	-2			
TOTAL VALID VOTES	877	100%		842	100%	
Blank/Invalid/Exhausted	6		+35	41		
TOTAL VOTES	883			883		

* A candidate must receive a majority of valid votes to be elected. If no candidate reaches a majority of first choice votes, an instant runoff is triggered. The ballots marked first choice for candidate(s) with the fewest first choice votes are reviewed to see if they selected a second choice. If so, those ballots are redistributed to their second choice candidate. If their second choice is defeated or if they did not select a second choice, those ballots are declared "exhausted."

City Council Ward 5			
Bearne	84	38.2%	
Smith	136	61.8%	Elected
Total Valid Votes	220	100%	
Blank/Invalid	1		

City Council Ward 6			
Searcy	216	70.8%	Elected
Small	88	28.9%	
Write-in	1	0.3%	
Total Valid Votes	305	100%	
Blank/Invalid	2		

City Council Ward 1			
Kovar	467	96%	Elected
Write-in	20	4%	
Total Valid Votes	487	100%	
Blank/Invalid	6		

Mayor	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Total		
Stewart	460	835	418	199	203	293	2408	96%	Elected
Write-in	23	32	35	2	8	12	112	4%	
Total Valid Votes	483	867	453	201	211	305	2520	100%	
Blank/Invalid	10	18	9	11	10	2	60		

CDA's newest mural completed

The Crossroads Development Authority's new mural at 1329 University Boulevard was completed before Thanksgiving, and a celebration was held on the Saturday following, Nov. 25. The mural by Peter Krsko, "Nature Does Nothing in Vain," is Krsko's third in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. The first mural, "Migratory: Freedom" was painted in 2015 at 7601 New Hampshire Avenue and analyzed the stories of local residents who live and work in the Crossroads and hail from around the world. In 2017, Krsko introduced "Symbiosis" at 1337 Holton Lane, representing the strong and diverse network of social and economic relationships that the Takoma Langley Crossroads community has formed.

"Nature Does Nothing in Vain" is a mosaic of patterns, shapes, fractals, packing orders, spirals and other geometries found on fruits and vegetables. The mural highlights the aesthetic and mathemat-



Work in progress on "Nature Does Nothing in Vain" as of Nov. 14.

cal perfection of foods from around the world, which are representative of the di-

verse neighborhood of Takoma/Langley. Krsko is an interdisciplinary artist

trained as biophysicist and material scientist. He uses participatory murals to analyze social interactions within communities by looking in nature for inspiration. In 2006, while working on a PhD in biophysics and materials science, Krsko discovered a way to use a traditional scanning electron microscope as a focused electron beam lithography instrument, enabling him to create artwork viewable with a microscope. After receiving his degree, Krsko was awarded a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, where his interests expanded into medically-relevant biological communities, bacterial biofilms, bioinspired materials, colors and vision, and the combination of science and art in order to develop unique lesson plans for young students. He continues to provide educational services to schools, summer camps, after-school programs and correctional facilities.

DECEMBER '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 Dec. 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Dec. 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 /20th District Delegation Joint Priorities Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

Except for the Joint Priorities Meeting with the 20th District Delegation, the City Council will not meet in December. The Council will return from recess on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

CLOSINGS

City offices and facilities will be closed from 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 25. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 26. City offices and facilities will be closed Sunday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 1. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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.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

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.

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.

Kurated pop-up at The Spice Suite

Sunday, Dec. 3, noon – 6 p.m.

The Spice Suite, 6902 4th St., NW D.C.

Kurated is a small veteran-owned business that offers art, fashion and findings of historical excellence for the entire family. Everything is true vintage or antique and sourced for the highest quality.

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Library

Wear your PJs and bring a favorite stuffed animal as we read some stories and sing some songs. After our stories and songs, we will do a simple craft. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

TP Community Center Computer Center Rotunda
Takoma Park Library's holiday book fair. All proceeds from the Friends book sales are used to support library services and programs.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP 297
Takoma Park / Silver Spring



Join us working to:
WRITE A LETTER AND SAVE A LIFE!

Amnesty International Write for Rights
(materials provided)

Saturday, December 9, 2 to 4 pm, at Capital Cheesecake on Carroll Ave. in Takoma Park

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Library

Come have fun reading comics on the big screen with the library's comics expert Dave Burbank. At the end of each Comics Jam program, Dave takes "drawing requests" from the audience. Comics Jam is held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at 4 p.m. No registration required.

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.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Aging Well Network – Sharing of Holiday Memories and Foods

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m. – noon

Heffner Park, 42 Oswego Ave.

Join Aging Well Network to hear others' stories of the holiday traditions observed by their families and friends, and share your own. Please bring items that are worn or displayed during the holiday that you celebrate, and donate holiday foods. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com.

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

Pump House Pop-Up: Water Works

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 – 4 p.m.

Hilltop Road between Maple and Geneva avenues

Join the artists of this public art gallery and installation as they unveil the history and mystery of the defunct Sligo Creek Waterworks, which pumped water to local residents from 1900 to 1930.

Twosies!

Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

For three Wednesday mornings in December, we'll meet to sing songs and rhymes, do some movement exercises and read several books. We'll

conclude each session with a simple craft. (Note: This program is offered as a package of three classes; please register only if you can make all three classes — barring illness — as we often have people on our waiting list. Please register using your child's name.

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.

Winterfest: Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd.

There will be lots of artisans, vendors and fun for the whole family. Face painting, balloon animals, food trucks and more. Proceeds benefit Difference Makers.

Cocoa Crawl

Saturday, Dec. 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Main Street Takoma

Bring your mug and enjoy cocoa at area restaurants and cafes during the Takoma Cocoa Crawl. Make one stop or many. Grown up versions offered too.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Dec. 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

8th Annual Mid-Winter Play Day

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1 – 4 p.m.

TP Community Center

There will be a variety of activities for all ages. Past years included everything from dress-up and cookie decorating to kids Zumba and giant chess. Teen volunteers can receive SSL hours if they help between noon and 5 p.m. For more information, contact Pat the Play Lady at theplaylady@gmail.com or visit letsplayamerica.org.

TPPD Tip

Create a winter emergency kit for each car that you own.



shovel	
windshield scraper	
small broom	First-Aid kit
flashlight	necessary medications
battery-powered radio	blankets
extra batteries	tow chain or rope
water	road salt/sand
snack food	booster cables
matches	emergency flares
extra hats/gloves	fluorescent distress flag
matches	

For more tips, check out TPPD's Facebook page.