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City offices & facilities closed

Sunday, Feb. 18 - Monday, Feb. 19
President's Day holiday

Trash/recycling collection

No yard waste collection
Monday, Feb. 19

Coming Next Month: Hospital may leave fewer health facilities in City. See www.takomaparkmd.gov for more information.



Photo Credit: Ben Carver

Dancers take part in a class at Dance's Exchange's studios in Takoma Park.

Takoma Park Dance Exchange celebrates 20 years

By Sean Gossard

Dance Exchange is celebrating 20 years at its home studios in Takoma Park with programs that help promote local arts in dancers of all ages while extending the organization's reach and social engagement worldwide. The internationally renowned organization has a year's-worth of plans and performances to celebrate its time in the community.

"Work happens at the intersection of social relevance and community engagement and how it relates to us and our

own bodies," says Elizabeth Johnson, an associate artistic director and director of partnerships at the Dance Exchange. "Takoma Park is a community that is engaged, aware, questioning and progressive," which she says makes it a perfect fit for the Dance Exchange and its history of social engagement.

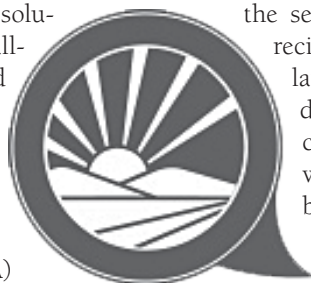
Originally founded in 1976 by choreographer Liz Lerman, the Dance Exchange has helped cultivate a community of dance making and creative arts in the area. The

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City Council condemns the ending of TPS for many immigrants

On Jan. 10, 2018, the Takoma Park City Council adopted a resolution (Resolution 2018-1) calling on Congress to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for current countries and establish a pathway to permanent residency for TPS and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

In November, the Department of Homeland Security announced its intention to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for persons from Haiti and Nicaragua, and last month announced the same for individuals from El Salvador.

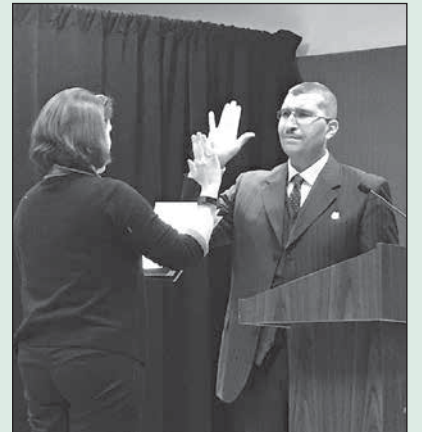


The City Council resolution asserts that the second largest number of TPS recipients nationally live in Maryland, including 19,800 Salvadorans with 17,100 U.S.-born children and 1,900 Hondurans with more than 1,300 U.S.-born children.

Further, the City of Takoma Park condemns the ending of TPS for some 200,000 El Salvadoran immigrants throughout our region and reaffirms our values as a welcoming and inclusive community for all who call Takoma Park home.

During the 1980s, local churches be-

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New Takoma Park Police Chief Anthony DeVaul was sworn in by Mayor Kate Stewart on Jan. 2.

A Defining Moment

By Chief Antonio DeVaul,
Takoma Park Police Department

It is a tremendous honor to be selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Takoma Park. This is a homecoming for me. As many of you know, I grew up in Takoma Park. I have fond memories of my childhood in Takoma Park. Some of my fondest memories involve mentors from the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Takoma Park Police Department. Gentlemen like former Chief Tony Fisher, Recreation Director Mr. Lee Jordan and Sergeant Tony Langley were our role models growing up and kept us on track. I hope to have that same impact on the youth in our community.

I am fortunate to take the helm of an exceptional police department. The Takoma Park police department is well-respected in the region and nationally. I have met with several staff members, and they are all passionate about the wonderful work that they do. They all are committed to making a difference and bettering Takoma Park.

We are at a defining moment in our profession. There is mistrust for the police among some in our community. It is imperative that we acknowledge this mistrust and find ways to build relationships with all of our residents both documented and non-documented.

The Takoma Park Police is dedicated to a guardian approach to policing. We are the protectors of the

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City Council & Committee Calendar

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TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
All in the TPCC Auditorium

COUNCIL / STAFF ROUNDTABLE

on City Council Priorities
Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

(Cultural Plan Work Session)
Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea 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 jasond@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 at least 48 hours in advance.

CityCouncilAction

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 Jan. 10, 2018, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2018-1** calling on Congress to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for current countries and establish a pathway to permanent residency for TPS and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

By **Resolution 2018-2**, the Council requested that the Maryland Municipal League file an *Amicus Curiae* brief in the Court of Special Appeals regarding Montgomery County, Maryland v. Complete Lawn Care Inc. *et al.*

The case challenged the Montgomery County Healthy Lawns Act, which is similar to Takoma Park's Safe Grow Act. The Circuit Court for Montgomery County ruled that Maryland State law preempts regulation of pesticides by the County. Montgomery County filed an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals. The *Amicus* brief would be in support of the Montgomery County appeal.

A settlement agreement for payment of business personal property tax by Priti's Fashion and Jewelry LLC was approved by

Resolution 2018-3. The settlement agreement allows Priti's to pay the taxes owed to the City for Tax Levy Years 2013-2016 in monthly installments until the total amount is paid in full.

With adoption of **Resolution 2018-4**, the City Council appointed Anand Parikh (Ward 1) and Mark Rupp (Ward 5) to the Grants Review Committee. The resolution also changed the date of term expirations from April 30 to June 30 to more closely align with the grants review process.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

The City Council values the efforts of the volunteers who serve on City boards, commissions and committees and wants to ensure that the groups are successful. As such, the City Council will be considering different ways to interact with the various groups.

For example, the Council has held joint meetings with the Committee on the Environment and the Tree Commission. Individual members of the City Council may occasionally or regularly attend meetings, work closely with a particular committee, or serve as liaison between the full Council and a committee.

Applicants should 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. You may want to contact the chairperson to discuss your interest or contact the staff member who works with the committee.

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 Jan. 17, the following positions are available:

Board of Elections: The Board of Elections has **one vacancy** for a resident of Ward 5. The next City Election will not take place until November 2020 unless a special election is necessary in the interim. The Board will be working on reviewing and recommending revisions to election-related content in the City Charter and Code, drafting procedures and regulations for

elections, preparing for the 2020 election, registering voters, conducting voter education, and so on.

Commemoration Commission: There are **five vacancies** on the Commemoration Commission. Wards 4 and 5 are not currently represented on the commission, but there are vacancies for other wards as well. The Commission is presently developing a recommendation for the City Council related to street and park names. The Commission has developed a recognition/commemoration program for honoring members of the Takoma Park community and is gathering and maintaining a database of commemoratives and memorials in the City.

Ethics Commission: The Ethics Commission administers the City's Ethics Ordinance to ensure that public officials perform their duties with only the best interests of the City and its residents. The Commission provides advisory opinions, hears and decides on inquiries and complaints regarding alleged violations of the Ethics Ordinance, recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ethics Ordinance, and provides public information about the purpose and application of the Ordinance. There are **three vacancies** on the Commission.

Noise Control Board: The Noise Control Board assists and advises the City on noise control issues and conducts hearings on two-party noise complaints. **Two positions** are available on the Board.

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee: The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act.

The Committee conducts public education, reviews City purchasing and investments to ensure that they conform with the Act, and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding purchasing and investments policies. **Two positions** are available on the Committee.

Recreation Committee: The Recreation Committee advises the Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents; advises on recreation programs, policies, and facilities; and supports a variety of events and programs in conjunction with the Recreation Department. There are **four vacancies**.

Safe Roadways Committee: The 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. The Committee also encourages use of alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit. There are **nine vacancies**.

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Stay connected when it snows!

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:

- Sign up for Takoma Park Alerts by visiting: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert.
- 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.

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gan offering sanctuary to thousands of refugees fleeing civil wars in El Salvador and Guatemala. It was that display of compassion and activism that led to an ordinance in 1985 officially designating Takoma Park a "Sanctuary City."
This 30-year commitment still stands today. As a city, we believe that approaching issues, such as immigration, with compassion and empathy are key to building strong, inclusive and healthy communities. "Those members of our

community now being targeted are our neighbors and friends," said Mayor Kate Stewart. "As elected officials it is our responsibility and moral imperative to raise our voices and join together for those who need it the most."
As underscored in the resolution, "the City of Takoma Park recognizes the integral part in the well-being that TPS and DACA recipients play in our city."
A version of this article originally appeared on the City's website: takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-condemns-the-ending-of-temporary-protected-status-for-el-salvadoran-immigrants.



Artists with the Dance Exchange work with residents of Arcola Towers in Silver Spring at the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

POLICE CHIEF
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community. There is a great foundation of community policing already in place here with the Takoma Park Police. I am fully committed to community policing and implementing the six pillars of the "21st Century Report on Policing":
• Pillar One: Building Trust and Legitimacy
• Pillar Two: Policy and Oversight
• Pillar Three: Technology & Social Media
• Pillar Four: Community Policing & Crime Reduction
• Pillar Five: Training & Education
• Pillar Six: Officer Wellness & Safety
We are much stronger as a community

when we are united. I look forward to listening to the staff within the police department, city employees and community members to hear their ideas about how we can better operate as a department. The officers, staff and community members I met with thus far were not lacking in great ideas. The members of the City Council has set out clear expectations for the police department, and I support their expectations. We are united as a city and what we expect from our police department.
I look forward to continuing the great tradition of the Takoma Park Police Department and finding innovative ideas to improve our operations and relationships.
This article is based on the remarks Chief DeVaul made at his swearing in on January 2: takomaparkmd.gov/city-blog/21350.

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organization has created more than 250 dance works based around social issues and other themes and has travelled extensively in the U.S. and abroad to help promote dance and build partnerships. In 1998, studios were opened in a former Takoma Park post office for dancers and other creative types of all ages.
Since 2011, the Dance Exchange has been under the art direction of Cassie Meador, who last year was awarded the 2017 County Executive's Emerging Leader Award for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities. "Montgomery County, a place where arts and culture thrive, has offered an incredible home to grow and contribute to as a leader," Meador said in an interview with the Arts and Humanities Council last year.
Over the years, the dance studio on Maple Avenue been transformed into a space with offices and studios for in-house programs and areas to rent to local artists and groups. "The building has become a community cultural hub," Johnson says. "On any given day, we'll have Dance Exchange classes for children as young as 3 and Taiko drummers in another room. So, it's a really vibrant source of cultural connections."

ed by artistic director Meador, the Moving Field Guide teams up scientists and artists to bring the environment and art together through immersive movement activities.
"This is a chance for young people to have an environmental education through artistry," Johnson says.
The Dance Exchange is also preparing for a series of works at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, beginning May 12, that explore the ideas of prayer, performance and protest. The series is part of the Dance Exchange's Co-Lab, a community laboratory that gets local members and artists involved to collaborate and perform with the organization. "We're excited about this particular opportunity in our 20th season to boost our repertoire and develop something new," Johnson says.
A performance at the Millennium Stage on May 31 will include Still Crossing, a work originally created by Lerman in 1986 for the centennial of the Statue of Liberty. Johnson says the performance was created for those who journeyed to the U.S. and Ellis Island and is now being reinterpreted in the light of current events by asking who is coming to this country, who is it for and who should get to decide. "It's relevant that we're in Metro D.C. and so close to the nation's capital [while] doing work on socially engaging practices," Johnson says.
A party is also planned at the Dance Exchange studios on June 9 to celebrate 20 years in Takoma Park. Some of the other activities this year include weekly dance classes for performers of all ages and abilities and programming for children 8 to 18 years old designed to help grow skills in leadership and collaboration through dancing.

As part of its 20-year anniversary, the nonprofit dance organization will perform Growing Our Own Gardens, which was conceived and directed by associate artistic director Matthew Cumbie. According to the Dance Exchange's website, this community-driven performance project uses "dance, spoken word, drag and local engagement [to] reflect on queer histories and future in Washington, D.C." The project will explore themes of safety, resilience and liberation through stories of the LGBTQ movement's past.
Evening-length performances will be held at Dance Place in D.C. (3225 8th St. NE) Feb. 24 - 25. A workshop will also take place Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the Dance Exchange.
The Exchange will hold spring camps the week of March 26 in partnership with the City of Takoma Park and the Brookside Nature Center that will use art to help teach about the environment. Creat-

There are plenty of classes, performances and camps year-round to keep the Dance Exchange engaged with the Takoma Park community that it has called home for the past 20 years. As Johnson says, "There's just a beautiful spirit that Takoma Park has."
For more information on the Dance Exchange or for tickets to its performances, including Growing Our Own Gardens, visit danceexchange.org.

Important City Department Phone Numbers
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City Clerk..... 301-891-7267
City Manager 301-891-7229
City TV 301-891-7118
Finance 301-891-7212
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Library 301-891-7259
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Public Works..... 301-891-7633
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BUILDING COMMUNITY



COLTA'S CORNER

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

Mulugeta v. Terra Nova Enterprises/Mapleview Apartments LLC

COLTA Case # 2017-2T

On Jan. 5, 2018, COLTA issued its decision on a tenant's complaint that the landlord caused a defective tenancy by failing to make timely good faith efforts to repair the air conditioning in one of the bedrooms in his apartment. The tenant requested that the landlord be required to repair the air conditioning and requested a monetary refund of \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month during the period when the air conditioning was not working.

Following the November 2017 public

hearing, COLTA ruled, based on the testimony and records presented at the hearing, that:

(1) the landlord initially responded to the tenant's complaint eleven days after receiving notice of the problem;

(2) the landlord ceased all efforts to repair the defect and failed to make a timely, good faith effort to correct the defect and is liable for causing a defective tenancy beginning on June 15, 2017 (the date of the tenant's initial documented complaint) and ending on Sept. 30, 2017 (the end of air conditioning season);

(3) the air conditioning was defective, based on the tenant's testimony about discomfort and inconvenience, and in consideration of the monthly rent paid by the tenant, reduced the value of the tenancy by \$75.00 from June 15 through Sept. 30, 2017;

(4) the landlord was ordered to have the air conditioning repaired by a competent (licensed) HVAC technician and

(5) the landlord was ordered to pay the tenant \$262.50.

Community Grants Program: Call for Preliminary Applications

The Takoma Park Grants Review Committee is accepting preliminary applications from organizations seeking funding through the City of Takoma Park's FY19 Community Grants Program. Funding is available for STEM-, Arts-, or STEAM-oriented projects, programs or events that will occur between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

The City of Takoma Park's Community Grants Program provides financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents' quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences.

All applicants are required to submit a preliminary application, which may be found on the City's website (takomapark.md.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/community-grants). If selected for further consideration, organizations will be contacted by the Grants Review Committee and invited to submit a full application for funding.

To be considered for funding, preliminary applications must be submitted electronically via an online form found on the City's website at the link listed above on



Students participating in the African Arts Culture and Education (ACE) Academy, which was funded by an FY18 community grant, work on a STEM activity.

or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018.

Prior to submitting a preliminary application, organizations are encouraged to review the Community Grants Program Guidelines, available on the City's website, also at the link listed above, to verify eligibility for funding.

Information sessions for prospective applicants will be held in the Hydrangea Room at the community center on Monday, Feb. 5 from 2–3 p.m. and on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 7–8 p.m.

For more information, contact the City of Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or grants@takomaparkmd.gov.



One year of mobilization

By Helen Lyons

In December 2016, hundreds of people crowded into the cafeteria of Piney Branch Elementary School in Takoma Park following the presidential election that brought Donald J. Trump to office.

Their mission, advertised on social media and homemade fliers created a network of activist volunteers, was daunting—"Support all our neighbors, oppose racism and hate, defend social programs, protect immigrant neighbors, defend reproductive rights, defend civil liberties and democracy, save our planet, and get organized!"

Now, a year after its inception, the Takoma Park Mobilization has grown from a grassroots movement of reacting citizens to a veritable, organized instrument for impact. "We're carrying on," said David Ward of the COOL (Communications, Outreach, Organizing and Logistics) working group. "We're connected with national movements. We've become more powerfully diverse in what we're doing."

Ward first heard of the effort not long after the election results rolled in: "I was in a yoga studio. My instructor handed me this little piece of paper and said, 'You gotta go to this.' We had over 500 in that cafeteria. By the end of December, the email list went up to 2,000."

The organization started out with around 13 different working groups, each dedicated to issues ranging from education and outreach to economic equity and environmental protection. Now there are around seven, including one focused on shaping immigration policy.

"We work with other similar groups, service providers and advocacy groups," explained Maurice Belanger. "We plug into whatever campaigns are going on and provide support."

Sometimes that support takes the form of raising money, like when volunteers banded together to collect funds to help immigrants pay fees after the Trump administration rescinded DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and gave those eligible for final extensions one month to complete an application and pay \$495.

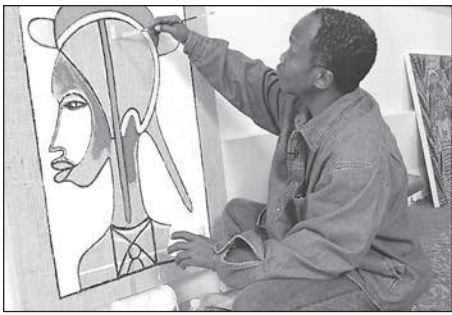
Takoma Mobilization joined forces with Ayuda to help local immigrants meet the deadline and make the payment. "So many people donated that we ended up raising more money than there were clients eligible to renew," said Belanger.

Other times supporting their cause means marching in D.C. or participating in civil disobedience on the steps of the Capitol—or even getting arrested, as Belanger was. Not that it's affected his passion for the cause. "I feel like getting arrested is less of a stretch for me than for people who are less connected," said Belanger. "The dreamers have more at stake."

Like many of Takoma Park Mobilization's volunteers, Belanger is utilizing his professional skills in his activism. "I've been working on immigration policy for basically all my time in Washington," he says. "Immigration is very important to our country. Immigrants are an important part of our future workforce. They provide new ideas and revitalize our culture. Our previous attitude and policies towards immigration have kept us vibrant. What's going on now is disturbing."

As for so many others in Takoma Park, the effort has provided a framework for taking organized action in regards to such sentiments. "It's very important at this time, when many members of our immigrant community

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Film Screening of *For Choco* and *Spirit Painter*

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium – Free event

Be part of the creative process by watching two not-quite-finished documentaries and provide feedback to the filmmakers in this screening organized by Docs In Progress. *For Choco* by director Ray Whitehouse features a story of love and loss set against the backdrop of the 2016 presidential election. Frankie Gonzales is following in the footsteps of her godmother Choco who is a key campaign organizer for Hilary Clinton in Texas. After Choco dies unexpectedly, Frankie redoubles her volunteer efforts for the campaign while also encountering difficulties in her transition from male to female.

In *Spirit Painter*, director Brian Pascale profiles a painter who emigrates from Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) to Baltimore where his artwork attracts the attention of patrons, but he also faces challenges from the economic downturn and life in a new country.



Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium – Free event

The Third Thursday Poetry Reading series is pleased to present the original poetry of Anne Dykers, Melanie Figg and Bonnie Naradzay.

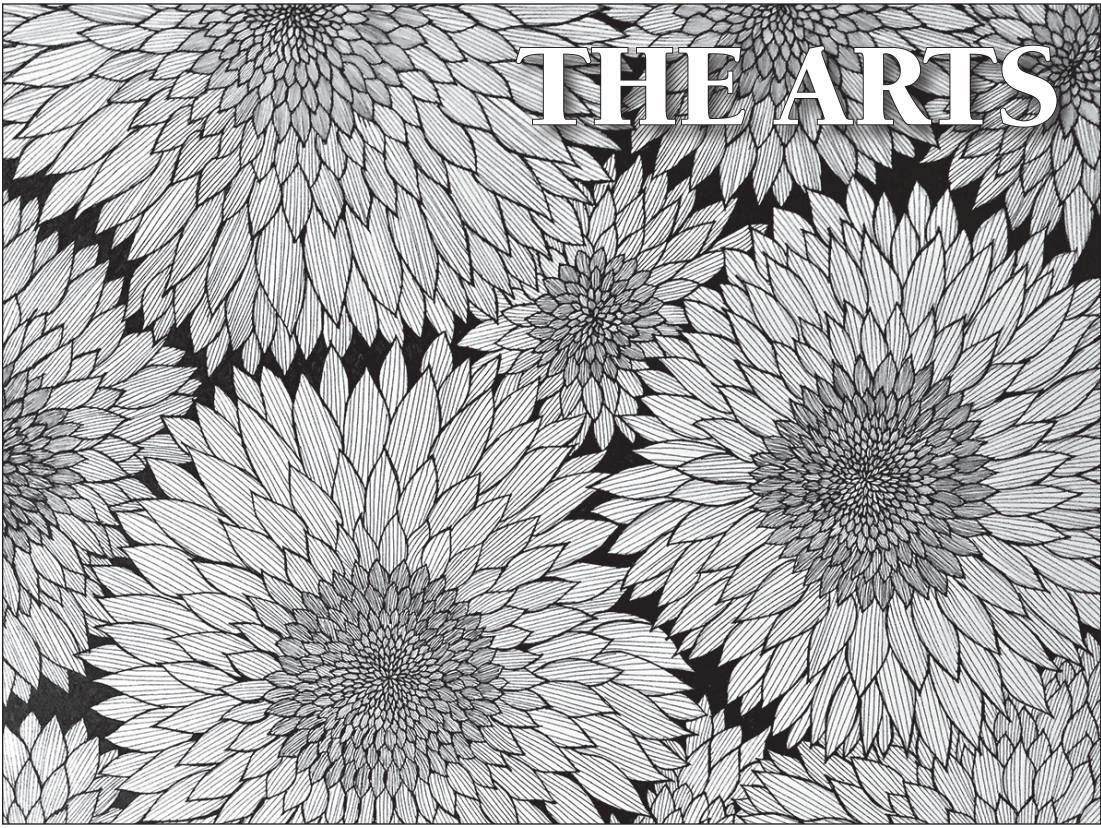
Anne is a poet and book artist whose poetry has appeared in *Green Mountains Review*, *Ashen Meal* and other literary journals. Melanie is an award-winning poet and 2017 poetry fellow with the National Endowment of the Arts who teaches creative writing and poetry workshops. Bonnie is a Harvard University graduate, who has read her poetry at the Library of Congress and other venues. Her poems have been featured in *Salt River Review*, *Convergence* and other journals.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the reading with an opportunity to meet the poets and discuss their work.

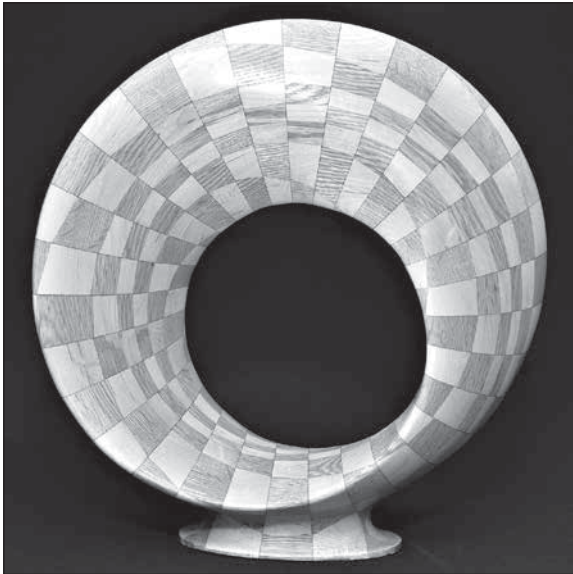
Calling All Artists And Poets!

The world needs more artists and poets and so does the City of Takoma Park. The *We Are Takoma* arts and culture series is seeking submissions from artists and poets for future art exhibitions and poetry readings at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Superheroes, calligraphy, flowers and the threshold between art and science. Those are just a few of the themes of past art exhibitions in the galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. In six bimonthly exhibitions each year, the City of Takoma Park features diverse



Vani Narasimhan



Peter Sittner



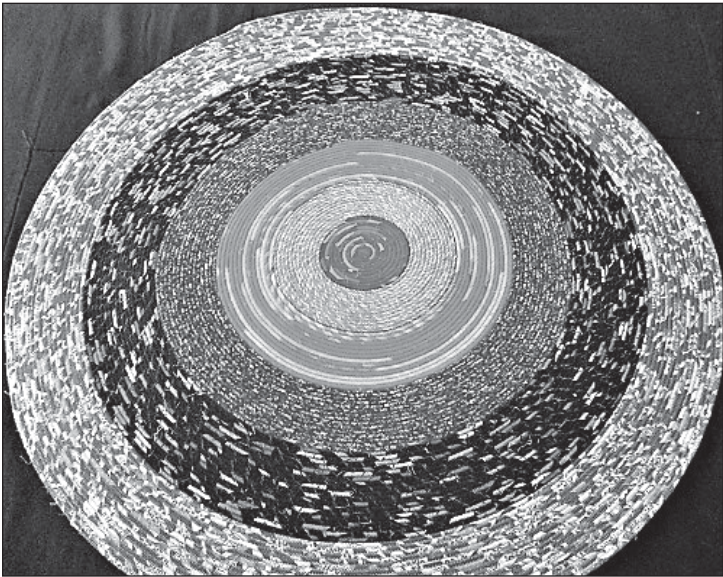
Nicole Bresner, *For (Super)Hero*

groups of artists working across a wide range of media. Submissions are being sought now from more artists to participate in future shows.

"The art exhibitions are a reflection of the diverse community that makes up Takoma Park," exhibitions coordinator Shanthi Chandrasekar said. "They bring the artists to the community and the community to the artists, both mutually supporting each other."

The City's *We Are Takoma* arts series seeks artists who create two- or three-dimensional work in any media, including site-specific installations and work that can be suspended from the ceiling. Curators also may submit their own exhibition proposals by invit-

ing artists to showcase their work in the five gallery spaces in the Community Center. The deadline for submissions is March 2, and the application form



Norma Brooks

is available online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

The Third Thursday Poetry Reading series also has been a vibrant part of the *We Are Takoma* cultural series for more than a decade.

Readings are held on the third Thursday of most months in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, and video recordings of the readings are available on Takoma Park's City TV and Youtube. Featured poets are selected by a committee including Takoma Park Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler.

"The poetry reading series has called attention to how much the City of Takoma Park supports the role of the arts in the community. Poetry is one dimension of that focus," Leffler said. "We want to hear some new voices from a diverse mix of poets with different viewpoints."

Poets don't have to be Takoma Park residents or have published work, and they are selected primarily based on the strength of three poems included in their applications. "If we're taken by the poems that someone submits, that's all that really counts," Leffler said. The deadline for poetry submissions is May 4, and the application form is available online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

RECREATION

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Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snacks. Visit www.takomaplaytime.org for more information. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-5 years
Ongoing
English: Mondays
Spanish: Fridays
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Free

YOUTH

ART

Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch and slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4-5. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline Mackinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-13 years
6 Week Sessions
Monday Session: March 5-April 30
Wednesday Session: February 28-April 11
4-5 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

MAKE/Shift Studio I: Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two- and three-dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media. Every class focuses on a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8-11 years
6 Week Session
Thursdays, March 8-April 19
(No class 3/29)
4-5:45 p.m.
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing and Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black and white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape and floral studies. Focus of class appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials/model fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
11-14 years
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, February 27-April 10
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

CAMP



Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Spring Camp

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Participants must pack a lunch. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Before and after care is available at additional cost. Instructor: Joe Dobbins

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$200

Spring Break Camp - Board Games Come To Life

Join us for a week of fun and games, where the campers are the real life board game pieces. Campers will get to design and play games such as: Trouble, Monopoly, Sorry, Guess Who, and much more. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

SPORTS



2018 Co-ed T-ball League

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary, as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring their own baseball glove. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Ed Wilhelm Field. Games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration opens March 15 for residents and March 22 for non-residents. Parents are encouraged to coach.

Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Avenue
5-7 years
8 Week Season
Saturdays, June 9-July 28
9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. games
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

TEENS

CAMPS

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up now for a three day training to become a Certified CIT while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. Work with children ages 5-12 during our youth summer camps and earn your SSL hours while having fun!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 14-17
Tuesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 3
4-6 p.m.
Saturday, May 5
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

Spring Break Documentary Filmmaking Camp: My Story

In this one-week fun and educational day camp, participants work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about themselves, using original video footage, interviews, photographs, music, and narration. Campers will be provided access to and training with professional video cameras and Final Cut Pro editing equipment. Final projects will be shown in a mini-festival for family and friends, uploaded to YouTube, and may also be featured at the Community Stories Film Festival to be held in fall 2018. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Instructor: Docs In Progress

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$200

Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. Week

Spring Break P.R.E.P.S. (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch!

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday-Friday, March 26 - March 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

DROP-IN



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 on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Ongoing
Monday-Friday
3-7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

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
Ongoing
Monday-Thursday
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Black College Expo

Decisions, Decisions. Who has the best academics? Who has the best athletics? Should I stay on campus? How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Black College Expo at Bowie State University. Register in advance space. Space is limited. Transportation is provided. The bus will depart the TP Community center at 8:30am sharp!



Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 9-12
Saturday
March 3
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free

Creative Cooking by Tiny Chefs

Who loves cheeseballs, truffles, and other bite-sized snacks?! This spring get ready for some amazing "ball" shaped goodies. In this unique session, students will "round" em up" by creating popcorn balls, snowball truffles, and classic meatballs. There's nothing square about this class. Let's get the ball rolling! No experience necessary.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Ave
Grades 6-12
Tuesdays
February 6-March 20
4-5 p.m.
Resident: \$10/Non-resident: \$20

Youth Summer Employment Program Interest Meeting

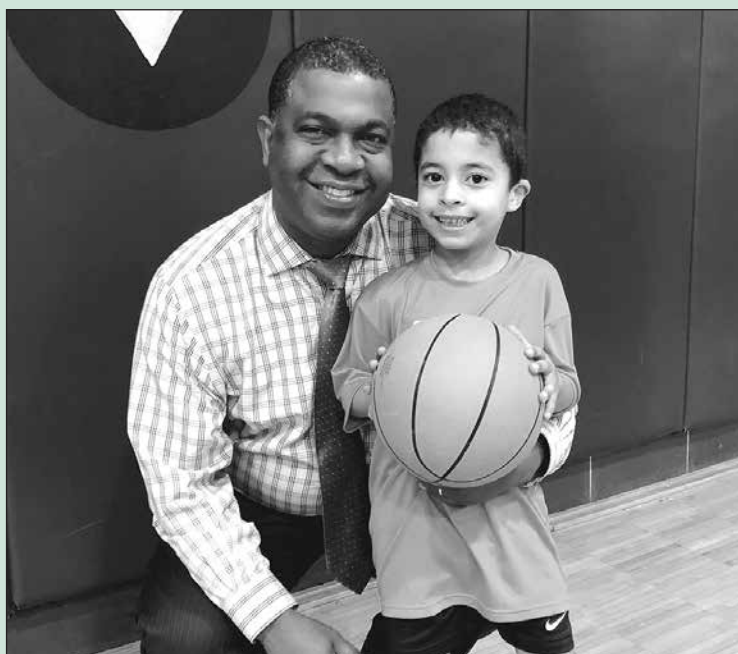
Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this 8-week program which will begin June 25 and will end August 18, 2018. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the return of the City's Youth Summer Employment program. The purpose of the Youth Summer Employment Program is to provide young people with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. To register for the Interest Workshop or to find out more information, please call Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283.

Welcome to the Team: Coach Spencer Boyer

As the Winter Basketball League gets underway, it is a perfect time to show appreciation for the foundation of the program, the coaches! With more than 76 teams filled with excited young people from the community, the positive and dedicated adults that lead these teams are a major reason why young players return every year.

One of our newest coaches in the league is Spencer Boyer. Coach Boyer is a Washington Metropolitan Area native and has served the government in a variety of capacities. During the Obama administration, he was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and later as the National Intelligence Officer for Europe in the National Intelligence Council. Now that Coach Boyer has a bit more time available, he jumped at the opportunity to give back to the community while being able to engage with his five year-old son in an area he loves.

While his energetic team of kindergartners is thriving this season, the enjoyment is definitely mutual for Coach Boyer. "I truly enjoy their enthusiasm and desire to learn. When you're coaching



Coach Boyer with his son, Alex.

kindergartners, it's obviously mostly about having fun and teaching the basics. It's terrific to be able to lay a foundation regarding both individual basketball skills and team play."

At times youth sports can become overly competitive and zap the fun from the child's experience. It is important to Coach Boyer and Takoma Park Recreation that we create an environment that allows the kids to learn, be active and make new friends. Coach Boyer echoes those sentiments as he discusses an ideal season, "A successful season for our team will be if the kids have had a ton of fun; have improved on where they were when they arrived; have a basic understanding of teamwork and cooperative play; and want to continue doing active things (basketball or otherwise)." With Coach Boyer's commitment to the youth and "fun-first" philosophy, his kindergartners are in for an awesome season.

All of the City of Takoma Park's youth sports are powered by the great parent volunteers that coach. If you are interested in becoming a coach please reach out to tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov.

RECREATION

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Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 16-21
Friday, April 27, 2018
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Free

FITNESS



Teen Zumba

Join the Zumba craze! Zumba fuses easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Zumba participants achieve long-term benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life! The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix, and you've got a Zumba class.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-10
Thursdays
February 1-March 22
4–5 p.m.
Resident: \$5 / Non-resident: \$10

ADULTS

ART

Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

This 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, March 12-April 30
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (Some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, February 27-April 10
11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

Encaustic Collage Weekend Workshop

Encaustic collage is a collage medium that uses bees wax as an adhesive and allows for layering of papers and lightweight found materials as a base for over painting with oil and encaustic paint. This workshop will cover collage layering processes using translucent and opaque papers and sculptural effects that can be created with the wax with stencils, stamps and incising. Ways to enhance your collage with encaustic paint will be introduced as well as principles of layering wax and wax-based paint over absorbent surfaces, such as wood, cloth, canvas and watercolor paper. All materials will be provided for the \$45 materials fee, including all substrates, medium, brushes and paint. A letter highlighting optional collage materials to bring will be sent out once you register. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and up
2 Day Session
Saturday & Sunday, March 3-4
9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Resident: \$250 / Non-resident: \$280

Make a Teapot Workshop

Learn how to make a teapot in this three-day workshop. Clay and tools will be provided by a \$10 materials fee, which is due at the first workshop. The teapot will be made, assembled and glazed. Participants must attend all three days. Instructor: Art for the People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and up
3 Day Session
Saturday, March 10
Sunday, March 11
Saturday, March 17
1–4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

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 maintain 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
March 8-March 29
Thursdays: 7:45–8:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:15–10:15 a.m.
\$45

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Practice and persistence brings transformation. After achieving a firm foundation from the beginner's class, a student wishes to go forward in her/his exploration of the discipline of yoga. This intermediate level class offers a deeper penetration of the consciousness from the periphery towards the core. The more advanced postures are introduced, and inversions are included. The practice of pranayama (breathing) is included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
13 Week Session
Wednesdays, through March 28
7:30–9 p.m.
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)

MULTI MEDIA

Video Production and Editing

Learn to create high-quality video using professional software. Come learn the structure of video production from preproduction and production to postproduction and learn to create your own story. This class is designed for all levels of expertise and teaches the basic techniques of videotaping and editing. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
3 Week Session
Thursdays, February 8-February 22
6–9 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

SPORTS

Takoma Park Adult Softball League

Dust off your glove and warm up your swing, the Takoma Park Adult Softball League is back! This is a fun and exciting co-ed recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Gather some friends to enjoy the spring season on the softball field! Team registrations must contain a minimum of 50 percent Takoma Park residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit 15. Top 4 teams advance to the playoffs. No Games on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend.



National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

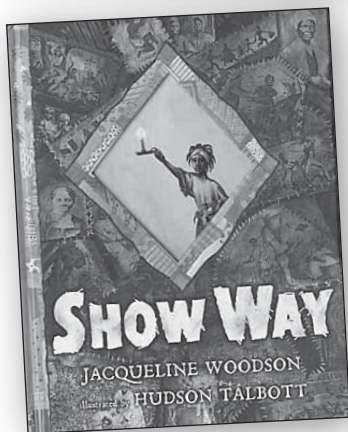
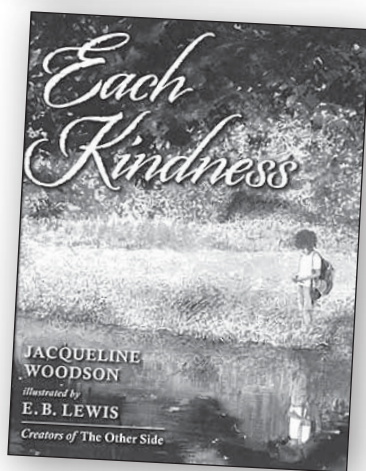
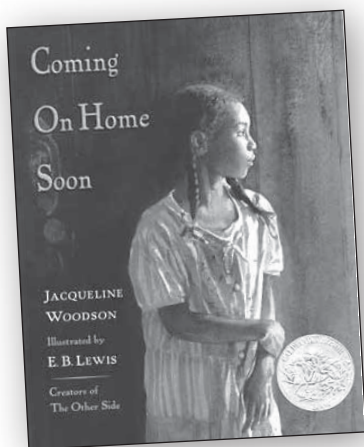
A decade ago, the Library of Congress joined with two other children's book organizations to create a new post, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. The idea was to highlight the importance of books for kids and teens by appointing a top author to a two-year term during which they would travel the country touting the importance of books and reading. (The other two sponsoring organizations are the Children's Book Council and Every Child a Reader).

Jon Scieszka, author of *The Stinky Cheese Man* and numerous other books for kids, was the first National Ambassador, appointed in 2008. He was followed by Newbery Medalist (and former Takoma Park resident) Katherine Paterson, critically-acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers, Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo, and graphic novelist Gene Luen Yang. Each ambassador has a "platform" that he or she uses to spotlight books and reading while touring schools and libraries around the country during a two-year term.

Last month, the newest ambassador, author Jacqueline Woodson, was named in a ceremony at the Library of Congress attended by previous ambassadors Scieszka and Yang, dozens of local school children and a number of children's librarians and children's literature lovers. At the ceremony, Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden presented Woodson with her official ambassadorial medallion, which hangs on a red, white and blue sash: "I have admired Jacqueline Woodson's work for years, especially her dedication to children's and young adult literature. The Library of Congress looks forward to Jacqueline's tenure of encouraging young readers to embrace reading as a means to improve the world."



Jacqueline Woodson



Woodson's work ranges from picture books to non-fiction to poetry to novels for kids, teens and adults. Four of her books, including her memoir-in-verse *Brown Girl Dreaming*, have been chosen as Newbery Honor winners, and she's also won the Coretta Scott King Book Award. In addition, Woodson served a term as the Young People's Poet Laureate.

For her platform, Woodson has chosen "READING = HOPE x CHANGE (What's Your Equation?)." The idea, Woodson said, is to encourage young readers to think about the power they possess and the impact that reading can have on helping to them change the world.

"Martin Luther King Jr. said people should not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," Woodson said at the Library of Congress ceremony. "In that regard, I think young people should not be judged by the level of their reading but by the way a book makes them think and feel. By the way it gives them hope. By the way it opens them up to new perspectives and changes them. 'I am excited to have these conversations with some of the best conversationalists in our country – our young people,'" Woodson said.

Woodson's books include the picture books *Each Kindness*, the Caldecott Honor winning *Coming on Home Soon* and the Newbery Honor-winning *Show Way*. Her novels for kids and teens include the Newbery Honor winning *Feathers* and *After Tupac and D Foster*, *Miracle's Boys*, *Locomotion*, *Peace Locomotion*, and *Hush*.

Woodson's adult novel, *Another Brooklyn*, was a National Book Award Finalist.

The library has these books and others by Woodson. Come check one out and enjoy the literary talent of the newest National Ambassador for Young People's Literature!

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, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Feb. 4, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

Harriet Tubman Book Event

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Author Lesa Cline-Ransome and illustrator James Ransome spotlight their critically-acclaimed picture book biography of Harriet Tubman, *Before She Was Harriet*.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.

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

Alternative Games

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2–4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for a session of *Dungeons & Dragons* and rounds of collectible card playing. Ages 8 up, registration required: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Kids Art

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2–3 p.m.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Come read the book that won the 2018 Caldecott Medal, plus this year's Caldecott Honor Books. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

Coming Up....

- **Bedtime Stories & a Craft**
Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m.

- **LEGO Club**
Sunday, March 4, 1:30–3 p.m.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

New monthly alternative games program: Come check out our new monthly Alternative Games program on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 2–4 p.m. Aimed at kids ages 8 up, the program is led by Library Associate Dave Burbank. Play *Dungeons & Dragons* and other tabletop games with other alternative game enthusiasts! Registration is strongly encouraged so we can keep you up to date about the program's schedule. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Next Caldecott Club program: And

the winner is..... Come read the book that won the 2018 Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honors at our next Caldecott Club program on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. The Caldecott Medal is given annually by the American Library Association (ALA) to the best-illustrated book of the previous year for kids ages birth through 14. This year's Caldecott Medal winner – along with the 2018 Newbery Medal winner and a host of other award winners – will be announced at the ALA's Midwinter conference on Monday, Feb. 12. Fans of children's literature can watch the event live via this link: http://ala.unikron.com/2018/index_home.php.

RECREATION

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Various Field Locations

16 and older

8 week Season

Sundays, April 8-June 17

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Resident Team Fee: \$545 / Non-resident Team Fee: \$645

Takoma Park Adult Softball League – Free Agent

Interested in joining the fun but don't have a team? Sign up as a free agent to be placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a space becomes available. Should you join a team you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated team fees. *Spaces are not guaranteed*

Various Field Locations

16 and older

Free

55+

DROP-IN

Walking Group

Don't worry about the cold weather, and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

55 and older

Tuesdays, February 6 -27

12–1 p.m.

Free

February 22 in the Senior Room

Blood Pressure Screening

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bingo

12-2 p.m.

Join Us!

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Computer Extras

In this three week course experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps and learn what to do with all those pictures of family and friends. Bring your questions. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers, and take this course. Instructor: Patti Mallin

Takoma Park Community Center

Computer Lab

7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older

Wednesdays, February 14-28

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

Making an Impact: W. Allen Taylor's one-man play combines art and advocacy

By Kevin Adler

For most people, making an impact in a new community takes a while. W. Allen Taylor isn't like most people.

Since moving here from Berkeley, California, little more than a year ago, the 65-year-old actor, jazz singer, and theater educator has been performing, joined up with local activists, and started an acting class for the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

Next, Taylor will present his award-winning one-man show, "In Search of My Father...Walkin', Talkin' Bill Hawkins," at the Takoma Park Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 17. Tickets are \$25, and the funds will benefit Takoma Park Mobilization.

"I feel so much at home here; it's like living in Berkeley. I'm in a place where I can be taken seriously as an artist," Taylor said during an interview at Takoma Beverage in early January.

Taylor moved to Takoma Park to be closer to his daughter, Damali Pritchett, and her daughter, who live in Brookland. "Damali picked out Takoma Park for me," he said.

He arrived a few days before the 2016 election. "I felt like I was at the epicenter when the shock-waves hit...and I wanted to do something!" he said. "I've always felt a personal responsibility to make whatever contribution I could to my immediate environment with my art, and as a theater artist, I thought of no better way to contribute to my new Takoma Park community than with my play, which is ultimately about



Photo: Bryan Hendon

Allen's portrayal of Bill Hawkins

forgiveness and empathy. Takoma Park Mobilization, with its mission of resistance and social justice, felt like the right vehicle to support...in these polarizing times."

"In Search of My Father" is both a memoir and a contemplation about youth and fatherhood.

Taylor never knew his father. Taylor's mother was divorced from a prominent preacher in Cleveland when she began a relationship with Bill Hawkins, who had become the city's first Black disc jockey in the late 1940s. William Allen Taylor was the result. But because Hawkins was married, he was never a presence in his son's

life. Taylor didn't find out his father's name until he was 22, and Hawkins was already dead—a pivotal scene in the play.

"The show has two plot lines," Taylor said. "There's my real search for information about my father and the times he lived in, [particularly] his life as a DJ who met all the Black musicians of his era," Taylor said. "But there's also a protagonist who is my subconscious; with this spiritual self I have conversations that took place inside my head. That's the part that the audience finds brings real healing... they come to tell me their own stories."

Despite minimal staging and costume changes, the lithe 6-footer is able to transform himself into 23 characters in the 90-minute show. These include himself and his father, but also his mother and composites of people who told him stories about his dad. "You can do a lot with your voice, your gestures, and your physicality," he said.

Also central to the play are characters representing the surrogate fathers in his life. "Those men were so important to me in helping me puzzle out the mystery of manhood," he said.

"In Search of My Father" was highly popular at DC's Atlas Theater last year. Taylor returned to the Atlas for three consecutive weekends of performances from Jan. 25 through Feb. 10, followed by the performance in Takoma Park on Feb. 17.

After the performances are finished, Taylor will lead another class in the spring at the Takoma Park Community Center titled, "Acting Techniques for the Stage." Limited to eight students, the class is built around developing a monologue for auditions, techniques for cold readings, handling interviews, and more. It's another way that the former College of Marin professor emeritus and drama department chair is giving back to his new community.

What else is on Taylor's agenda is anybody's guess. But it's certain that more is coming. "There's a phrase I heard recently, 'wretched contentment.' It means being complacent, settling for less than your best because you're comfortable," he said. "I don't want to be in that condition."

RECREATION Special Events

Media Lab

Located on the second floor of the Community Center, participants will have access to the latest Mac computers, word processing and editing software, including but not limited to Final Cut Pro and a variety of other programs. Utilizing this equipment will allow you to produce professional work of the highest quality at your own pace. No instruction provided; work independently. The Multi Media Lab will be closed on Thursdays and Sundays. For more information, please contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or johnw@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center
Multi Media Lab
Mondays – Wednesdays and Fridays; 3–8 p.m.
Saturdays; 12–5 p.m.
Closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

8th Annual Mid-Year Play Day

Attention! Attention! Yes, that's right. Let's Play America is preparing for the Eighth Annual Mid-Year Play Day. Come join us for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for all! It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to play! To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit www.letsplayamerica.org. Brought to you with support from the City of Takoma Park.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
All Ages
Sunday, February 11
1–4 p.m.
Free



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. The Business Interest Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m. in the TPCC. For more information or to RSVP, email leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov. "Empowering Youth through Employment"



Summer Camp

Registration for City residents opens Feb. 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration for Non-residents opens Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Early bird discounts will be automatically applied for the first two weeks of registration! Camps fill quickly! Don't miss out! Register in person or online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/camps.



Childcare Programs 2018-2019

Registration for Takoma Park residents opens Thursday, March 15 and non-residents on March 22. At the time of registration, 20 percent of the total fee is due, with the next payment being due October 1.



Summer Camp Employment

Looking for something fun and rewarding to do this summer? Look no further! Takoma Park Recreation Department will soon be looking for summer camp staff. Apply online at takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers.

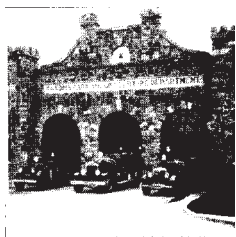
Celebrate Takoma Committee Volunteers Needed

The Recreation Department is beginning to plan the fourth annual Celebrate Takoma Festival for Saturday, May 19, from 4–7 p.m., and we need your help. The festival celebrates the cultural diversity of Takoma Park. We will be looking for food, merchandise vendors and local entertainers. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the steering committee, email Debby Huffman at deborahh@takomaparkmd.gov. The committees meet monthly in the evenings. Come join the fun!



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 website; or 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.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 527 fire-related incidents and also addressed or assisted with 3,080 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a grand total of 3,607 incidents for 2017. Grand totals for 2016 were 610 and 3,067, representing a decrease of 70 incidents.

Takoma Park volunteers put in a grand total of 17,031 hours of standby time at the station during 2017, compared to 15,376 hours in 2016, an increase of 1,655 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that the grand total of fire deaths for 2017 was 70, compared to 68 in 2016.

Fire safety message for the New Year

- Have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home as well as in each bedroom.
- Test them monthly.
- Check the date! Look inside your alarm for the manufacturer date. If it's over 10 years old, replace it with a 10-year sealed alarm.
- Have a family escape plan and practice it on a regular basis with the entire family.
- At night when you go to bed, close your bedroom door.

More than 130 children received toys

Another successful year providing toys for children throughout the area for Christmas. Thanks to the following people for their assistance: TPVFD members Jorge and Kiki Alfaro, Tina and Ashlee Willey, Pam Vega and Steve Novik. From the Takoma Park Lions Club, Club President Kirk Szymanski and the Bigler family, PDG Mike Bigler, wife Donna and daughters Beth and Hannah. Finally, to Tina Smith-Jackson, Jennifer Thompson and Ernesto Lara as well as the residents for donating toys. Thank you for all your help during 2017. Have a happy & safe New Year!

—Jim Jarboe, Project Coordinator

Don't be scared; be prepared: The Preparedness Action Test (PAT), Part 1

By Claudine Schweber, co-chair,
Emergency Preparedness Committee

What would you have done on Jan. 13 if you were in Hawaii and the emergency alert sounded about a missile threat? What belongings would you have taken as you moved fast and sought shelter? Who would you contact and how? Most people got out within 15 minutes. Here are five questions to test your knowledge of potential emergency situations and your preparedness for taking appropriate action:



1. If you are stuck in your car during a serious snowstorm or blizzard you should: A) get out of the car and seek shelter; B) stay in the car; C) turn on hazard lights; D) leave the engine running the entire time with heat; E) think about why you went outside when there was a snowstorm warning, and resolve to stop this behavior.

Answers: B, C (and especially, E)

- Pull off the highway or road and contact the police immediately.
- Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.
- Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you.
- Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. (Caution: distances are distorted by blowing snow).
- Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning. Be careful not to waste battery power. Turn on the inside light at night, so work crews or rescuers can see you.
- Drink plenty of fluids, and if there are several of you in the car, make sure someone remains awake at all times.

2. What should you wear when you go outside in very cold weather? A) one layer of very heavy clothing; B) layers of warm clothes, gloves and a hat that covers the ears; C) water repellent outer clothes; D) a hat that makes you look fashionable; E) none of the above, spend the winter in the Bahamas

Answers: B, C

- When you are outside, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
- The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves; a hat will prevent loss of body heat; cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

3. What's the best way to communicate with family or close friends in an emergency? A) wait for someone to contact you; B) keep calling until you get through; C) contact a designated out-of-area person—via text—who can contact others; D) wait until the emergency is finished

Answer: C

- Identify a contact person in advance, who has the information to reach others; texting may be the best approach when lots of people are trying to call.

4. If the power goes out in the evening, you should: A) wander outside looking for lighted area; B) know where there are flashlights, battery lanterns, and fresh batteries and keep a working flashlight nearby; C) light candles; they look so pretty D) search drawers and closets for flashlight batteries; you know you have them somewhere

Answer: B

- Keep a working flashlight on all floors, and make sure everyone knows where it is.

5. If you have to leave quickly, it's important to have a "Go Bag." What is it? A) bag with lots of games, so you can pass "go" in Monopoly; B) a bag that contains critical medicine, phone numbers of medical professionals and family contacts; water; flashlight and extra batteries; some underwear; and canned food for three days; C) a gold-colored bag so you can be visible and fashionable with some items inside; D) all of the above

Answer: B

- For additional information, visit www.ready.gov.

How did you do? Questions or concerns? Contact us tpepc@takomapark-md.gov or 301-891-7126.



Photo: Selena Malott

Mastering the basics of vehicle maintenance

RS Automotive Inc. recently hosted a Teen Car Maintenance Workshop (Dec. 16) for Takoma Park teens. Limited to eight participants, the workshop is designed to empower teen drivers by showing them how to change tires or bulbs, check fluids, understand dashboard sensors, and charge a battery. Here mechanic Reinol shows Lauren Finlay, 16, how to change a tail light. RS Automotive also hosts workshops for adults. For more information, contact Nina Garfield at ninagarfield@msn.com.



Photo: Selena Malott

S&A Beads owners and staff cut the ribbon with Takoma Park City Councilmember Peter Kovar (Ward 1) and District Councilmember Brandon Todd (Ward 4).

Two new businesses come to Carroll Street

The Old Takoma Business Association celebrated the openings of two new Takoma businesses, Yoga Heights and S & A Beads (Dec. 12). Yoga Heights was welcomed to the neighborhood and S&A Bead's celebrated its 20th year in the community and its new location. For more information, visit yogaheightsdc.com or www.beadstore.com.



Photo: Selena Malott

Yoga Heights owners/founders Amy Rizzotto (right) and Jess Pierno (far right) celebrate the opening with two of their instructors.

Seoul Food brings Asian-fusion to Takoma Park

By Sean Gossard

Takoma Park will soon be home to Asian-fusion café Seoul Food, which offers Korean- and Japanese-inspired specialties along with both vegan- and vegetarian-friendly dishes.

Seoul Food is moving from its current location inside a Silver Spring gas station to the former home of MAD Fitness at 7302 Carroll Ave. and expects to be open by the mid-to late-March.

"We're so overwhelmed right now and so incredibly excited to have it moving forward," says Jon Goree, who, along with his wife Anna, opened Seoul Food in 2011 as a D.C.-area food truck before moving to a permanent location in 2013. "It's like waiting for Christmas."

Anna, who is from South Korea, graduated from L'Academie de Cuisine, interned as a pastry chef at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and worked as a pastry chef at Whole Foods, where she met Jon, who grew up near Lake Superior and was working in the meat department. "That got us started in local and sustainable food sources," Jon says. "And we're really proud of that."

Moving from the gas station location to Takoma Park seemed like a no-brainer for the owners.

"We have such a strong customer base in the area, and Takoma Park is such a great city that it seemed like a perfect fit," Jon says.

Seoul Food's menu includes bibimbap — Korean bowls with rice, vegetables and protein — maki rolls and kimchi quesadillas. The vegan section includes tacos, rice and tofu bowls, and a vegan croquette



Husband-and-wife team Anna and Jon Goree are moving their restaurant Seoul Food D.C. to Takoma Park in March.

sandwich that's made with a bean patty. There are also seasonal specialties, desserts and house drinks. The new Takoma Park location will also have alcoholic beverages available. Jon says the menu will mostly be the same as the old location with the addition of a few more seasonal specialties as time allows.

On its website, Seoul Food boasts about using local chicken and grass-fed beef along with 100 percent pole and troll-caught skipjack tuna. Seoul Food says its mission is "to serve the most delicious, wholesome, beautiful, local food available in the Washington metro area quickly, cleanly, and economically."

And one of the best parts about moving to Takoma Park, Jon says: "It'll be nice to have a farmers market nearby." For more on Seoul Food D.C., visit www.seoulfood-dc.com or @SeoulFoodDC on Twitter.

MOBILIZATION

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are really fearful of what's happening in this country, for us to let them know that we are ready and willing to do whatever we can to help, that there is support in the community," said Belanger.

At the same time, while there are committees and action groups, a Facebook page and a website with a calendar and resources, Takoma Park Mobilization remains true to its grassroots origins with a strong base of volunteers, who pitch in when they can and how they can — no pressure, no formal commitment.

"It's really democratized," explains Ward. "We don't count on four people at the top to tell us where to go and what to do. We're an organization where we all count on each other. A lot of people are stepping up to do a lot of things."

Among them are study groups, book groups, civil dialogue workshops and letter writing meetings. Beyond immigration, members tackle issues like incarceration, gerrymandering, redistricting and climate change, among many others.

Or, as Tamirate Aklog, a member of the

working group focused on issues related to incarceration, puts it, "It's a loose sort of environment. There's structure, but it isn't so rigid that it makes you feel like you're going to a formal meeting, training or work."

Mobilization members have visited members of Congress directly and even work with candidates for political office on drafting platforms to include robust environmental policies.

"In even these past six months, I've seen is a push towards action items," said Aklog. "It's not just a proverbial think tank. It's not pedagogy. There's actual oomph behind there and many more things that are actually being done by each group. That's different from where it was in the beginning."

As the Takoma Mobilization celebrates its first birthday, the list of members keeps changing. Some go; new names replace them. People leave and come back, fitting their activism into busy schedules. Ward delights in watching the movement continue take shape: "It's so much fun to work with these guys." For more information or to join the email list, visit tpmobilization.org.

RECREATION

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PETS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Basic Manners for All Dogs

Whether you have a rowdy adolescent or an older dog, this class is for you. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay,

here, attention, etc.), leash manners, polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. You'll get a dog with polite manners, and your dog will get the training and mental enrichment he/she needs. Instructor: Joyce Loebig

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 6 months and older
5 Week Session
Thursdays, February 15-March 15
8-9 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

Puppy Kindergarten

Early puppy socialization and training has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class includes supervised, off-leash play for the puppies where you'll learn dog body language and appropriate play. The class will cover foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, attention, etc.), leash manners, polite greetings, and socialization experiences. Instructor: Joyce Loebig

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 8 weeks-6 months
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays, February 15-March 15
6:45-7:45 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

FEBRUARY '18

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 March issue is February 9, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning February 23. 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, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

City Council/Staff Roundtable on Council Priorities

Wednesday Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

President's Day Holiday - City Offices & Facilities Closed

All City offices and facilities will be closed Sunday, Feb. 18 and Monday, Feb. 19, for the President's Day Holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 12 – 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

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.

Bedtime Stories and Craft

Thursday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
Wear your pajamas and bring a favorite lovey 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.

Yoga Storytime for 2 to 4 year-olds

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.
Takoma Park Library
Yoga Storytime for 2 to 4 year-olds. Enjoy yoga poses, songs and a story with your child. This is a 30- to 45-minute program.
Yoga mats are available.
Free

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.

Winter MOOC: Extinctions: Past and Present

Sundays, Feb. 11 through March 11, 12:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Library, Computer Room B
Join the Takoma Park Library to learn about the five past mass extinctions and their impact on the Earth, as well as the possibilities of a sixth mass extinction to come. What were their likely causes? How can reduce the risk of a future mass extinction? The five-week online course is led by Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan, a paleo-biologist based at the University of Cape Town, and former South African Woman of the Year. You'll follow the course lectures and resources online, and then gather on Sunday afternoons to discuss each week's material.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
Come have fun reading comics on the big screen with our comics expert Dave Burbank. At the end of each Comics Jam programs, 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.

Anti-bias Training

Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Tuesday Feb. 13, 7–8:30 p.m.

Montgomery College Institute for Race, Justice, and Community Engagement, Takoma Park Campus, Pavilion 4/Room 201

Please join the education and training committee of Takoma Park Mobilization for anti-bias training. Is this training for you? Many of us want to reach out across the divides of race, religion, ability etc., but we are afraid of our own ignorance. What if we say something wrong? What if our assumptions are wrong? Do we secretly harbor racist, sexist, ableist beliefs? This series of discussions and workshops is for you if you want to understand:

- the social construction of racial and cultural stereotypes

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Village Rides Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 – 9 p.m.
Heffner Recreation Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
Orientation for those interested in driving Takoma Park seniors once a month or more. Please register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109, or email sandyeganretired@gmail.com.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Moves Community Dance Classes

Saturdays 10 – 11:30 a.m., through May 19
7117 Maple Ave, Takoma Park
A class for everyone – families welcome. Takoma Park Moves recognizes the rich possibility when people of all ages, backgrounds, and levels come together to dance. Move with a mix of families, professionals, and community members of all ages. No pre-registration required; drop-in anytime for \$5/person (kids 3 and under are free). \$5 per person

People's Open Mic

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

Takoma Park Community Band

Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

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 Café – Second Fridays

Friday, Feb. 9, 7:30 – 10 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
With folk icons Sparky and Rhonda Rucker.
Tickets and info at <http://carrollcafe.org>

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Feb. 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.

Intergenerational Queer Community Building Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
7117 Maple Ave, Takoma Park
A workshop that connects people across age and difference to surface the stories, struggles, and possibilities of our local queer communities.

In Search of My Father ... Walkin' Talkin' Bill Hawkins

Saturday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Written and performed by W. Allen Taylor, this award-winning 90-minute solo show explores one man's life-long spiritual journey to find his absent father, the first black radio disc jockey in Cleveland, Ohio. All net proceeds from ticket sales will be contributed to Takoma Park Mobilization.
tpmfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com
\$25

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Takoma Park Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.
Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an egg-citing time. There are four age categories: 2 and under, 3 to 4 years old, 5 to 6 years old, and 7 to 8 years old. Games will begin at 10 a.m. and the hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. Don't miss out. Bring your basket to Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School) for a morning of fun. Rain date is Monday, April 2, at 4 p.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field.
Ed Wilhelm Field
Free

This two-part training consists of (1) playing a short online diversity education game (<http://www.dontguessmyrace.com>) in advance and discussing it with the group, facilitated by TPM members Laura Adams and Okey Eniya (Feb. 6) and (2) attending a workshop (Feb. 13) with the designer of the digital program, Dr. Michael Baran, a cultural anthropologist and a principal researcher at the American Institutes for Research.

Participants are asked to attend both sessions and play an online game prior to the first session. This is a free training, but voluntary donations for the Montgomery College Institute for Race, Justice, and Community Engagement are encouraged. Pre-registration is required here: <https://goo.gl/forms/5JjxDKzavwJmjCnF3>.



- the basis of stereotypes and how to counter them
- what are microaggressions and how to curtail them in ourselves and others
- the science of implicit bias, and
- what works (and doesn't work!) in reducing bias and changing behavior