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Annual egg hunt
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Trash/recycling collection
No changes this month

Coming Next Month: As the 50th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death approaches, we are gathering reflections from members of the Takoma Park community about what this day in history meant to them. If you would like to join City staff and leaders in contributing to this story, please send an email to tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov by March 16.



Youth council members with TPPD Chief Tony DeVaul, who shared information about police explorers at the group's January meeting.

Having their say: Takoma Park Youth Council gets to work

By Rick Henry

Anyone looking for inspiration in today's fractured political climate need look no further than the eight teenage members of the new Takoma Park Youth Council. Inspired rather than jaded, each of the council members brings a strong passion for, and interest in, the political process.

To understand how strong, consider the case of 16-year-old Althea Davey, who represents Ward 1 on the Council. A typical teenagers' New Year's resolutions might include "more exercise," "less junk food," or - just maybe- "less screen time." Althea's 2017 resolution? "My resolution was to start going to Takoma Park City Council meetings," she said.

Davey said she really wanted to be-

come more involved in the community and thought going to City Council meetings might be a good way to satisfy that interest. "I ended up really liking it," she said. "I enjoy seeing how local government operates because their decisions have the most impact on our day-to-day life."

So when the call went out for youth to submit applications for the first-ever Takoma Park Youth Council, Davey applied and was ultimately selected. Now she and her fellow council members have the opportunity to affect the day-to-day lives of people in Takoma Park, especially the youth of the city.

The Takoma Park Youth Council was established by the City Council last year

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WAH considers leaving fewer health facilities in Takoma Park

In January, the Takoma Park City Council was stunned and dismayed to learn from Washington Adventist Hospital officials that they are seeking permission from the state to move several key health

facilities out of the City that they had pledged would remain on the Takoma Park campus once the acute care hospital moves to its new campus in the White Oak area of Montgomery County in the summer of 2019.



Washington Adventist Hospital officials informed the Mayor and City Council that the hospital has been evaluating the relocation of the inpatient psychiatric hospital and inpatient physical rehabilitation hospital units. This information was

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Cheers to ten years for TKPK5K

Sunday, May 6 will mark the 10-year anniversary of the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge, better known as TKPK5K. In the summer of 2008, the Safe Routes to School Coordinator promised the five schools in the Safe Routes program to help organize a 5K to promote pedestrian safety and benefit the PTAs at each school. No promise was made as to how many runners would show up at the start line or how much money would be raised for pedestrian and bike safety or health and wellness activities at the schools.

The promise to organize the first TKPK5K was kept by the newly formed Race Committee, comprised of representatives from each school and led by the Safe Routes Coordinator. The group was ecstatic to welcome 350 runners to the start line in 2009 and equally as excited to expand the starting corral to accommodate more than 1,500 runners in 2017. Proceeds exceeded expectations, too. While the Race Committee is satisfied with their efforts, each year they strive to make the race better. In honor of 10 years, the TKPK5K is sporting a new logo and website; visit tkpk5k.com.

The TKPK5K is so much more than a school fundraiser. Many Takoma Park residents and families boast running the race every year. Young runners matriculate from the ¼ mile youth run to the 1 mile fun run and on to the 5K. On any given year, up to 30 runners in the 5K are under the age of 8. This is due, in part, to the fact that each school holds a run club in the spring

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Photo: Max Fox

Mathias (right) and Max Finberg enjoy crossing the finish line together.

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
(March 28 meeting is tentative only)
All in the TPCC Auditorium

GREEN TEAM MEETING

**Joint Meeting of the City Council and the
Committee on the Environment**
Monday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

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

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, April 2, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

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

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

TREE COMMISSION

Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. (hearing)
Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. (meeting)
TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, March 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.

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CityCouncilAction

On Jan. 17, 2018, the City Council adopted **Ordinance 2018-2**, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee Inc. The grant supports the 2018 Independence Day events in an amount up to \$17,500. **Ordinance 2018-2** authorizes the expenditure of \$47,299 to purchase replacement Motorola radios for the police department. Purchase of five replacement Police Department vehicles was authorized by **Ordinance 2018-3**. Pursuant to the ordinance, four Ford Fusions and one Ford Interceptor were to be purchased through a contract with Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. at a cost of \$130,214. **Ordinance 2018-4** authorizes the purchase and installation of police equipment on the five replacement vehicles (emergency lights, sirens, computer docks, and other related equipment) through a contract with Priority Install LLC at the quoted price of \$51,667.

On the same evening, the Council adopted its 2018 Legislative Priorities by **Resolution 2018-5**. The identified priorities are: 1) additional funding (capital funds and/or bond bill funding) for the expansion and renovation of the Takoma Park Maryland Library; 2) support for State Highway improvements to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650); 3) SHA cooperation with the City of Takoma

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Notice of Public Hearing

Request for Traffic Calming on Fifth Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Westmoreland Avenue

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

**Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium**

Residents on Fifth Avenue have petitioned to have traffic calming devices installed on Fifth Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Westmoreland Avenue.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the request on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Interested residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may also be sent to the City Clerk (clerk@takomaparkmd.gov). All written comments received will also be added to the hearing record.

Attest:
Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

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.

Notice of Proposed Administrative Regulation for the Implementation and Enforcement of Takoma Park Code, Chapter 8.16, Sale of Food and Drink, Section 8.16.090 Outdoor Cafes on Public Sidewalks

An Administrative Regulation is being proposed for the implementation and enforcement of Chapter 8.16, Section 8.16.090 Outdoor Cafes on Public Sidewalks. The regulation will address permit modifications, renewal and revocation procedures, application fees, annual permit fees, calculation of annual fee increases, right-of-way lease terms and conditions, insurance and indemnification requirements, City approval of alcohol sales, City-imposed limitations on the hours, additional permit criteria and standards, and prohibited activities.

Pursuant to the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (Authority: Chapter 2.12 "Administrative Regulations," of the Takoma Park Code), notice of the City's intention to adopt an administrative regulation must be publically noted, allowing residents the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The proposed regulation is available for review at www.takomaparkmd.gov. To obtain further information about the proposed regulation, contact Sara Anne Daines, Director, Housing and Community Development Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, 301-891-7224, sarad@takomaparkmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed regulation may be emailed to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. The deadline for receipt of public comments is Monday, March 26, 2018.

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 your City Councilmember or the chairperson of the committee 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 Feb. 13, the following positions are available:

Arts and Humanities Commission

There is **one vacancy** on the Arts and Humanities Commission. The Commission advises the City Council on the arts and conducts a variety of programs to support and encourage participation in and appreciation for the arts and humanities in Takoma Park.

Board of Elections

The Board of Elections has **one vacancy** for a resident of Ward 5. Although the next City Election is not scheduled to take place until

November 2020, the Board will use the time to review election-related content in the City Charter and Code and draft recommendations for the Council's consideration, draft procedures and regulations for elections, and prepare for 2020.

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 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.

Facade Advisory Board

The FAB is established as an advisory panel to help ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are consistent with the character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provide guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. The board currently has a vacancy for a business or commercial property owner in Old Takoma.

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. Some terms will expire on March 31.

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. **One position** is available and several current terms will expire on March 31.

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 **two 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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shared at a meeting with Robert Jepson, the hospital's vice president for business development, and the Takoma Park City Council and City Manager on January 22 and confirmed by Adventist Health Care President Terry Forde to Mayor Stewart on January 23.

The potential impact of the relocation

If the move is permitted, "Behavioral Health," the inpatient psychiatric hospital, would likely be merged into the Behavioral Health facility in Rockville, adjacent to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, and the Rehabilitation Hospital would move to or near the Washington Adventist Hospital White Oak campus currently under construction. At this point, it is not clear to the City what state or county approvals are needed to permit such moves.

Loss of the Behavioral Health unit from Takoma Park is of great concern to City officials and police agencies in and near Takoma Park. More than a dozen police agencies in the area transport persons having mental health crises to the Takoma Park facility. At times, these patients are violent or difficult to control, so a long transport from Takoma Park increases the possibility of injury and stress for the patients, families and police officers. There is limited capacity in the Emergency Departments of other area hospitals to stabilize these patients before they can be transported to the Rockville inpatient facility, so police officers will have less certainty about where to take patients on any given day and the transport time will be longer.

If the behavioral and rehabilitation

Statement from Washington Adventist Hospital

"The Takoma Park plans were developed in the years leading up to approval for the new White Oak location in December 2015, and much has changed in the state since then. As Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center campus prepares for its summer 2019 opening, we have been studying the future services on our Takoma Park campus. We remain committed to opening a 24-hour urgent care center in Takoma Park, as required by the state's Certificate of Need (CON) approval. We continue to study opportunities for the remaining Takoma Park campus."

—Lydia Parris, representative,
Adventist HealthCare

(As reported in *The Sentinel*
on Feb. 2)

units are moved, it is likely that the supporting laboratory and radiology services would also be discontinued. These services were to be available for outpatient use in Takoma Park under the concept of a health campus that was outlined in the Certificate of Need application that, when approved, allowed Washington Adventist Hospital to begin constructing the White Oak campus.

The remaining elements of the health campus were to include a 24-hour urgent care center, a clinic operated by Community Clinic, Inc. (an entity separate from Washington Adventist Hospital), and a prenatal clinic serving women without health insurance. The urgent care center is specifically required to stay in Takoma

Park as a condition of the Certificate of Need approval and hospital officials reported that they are currently planning for the urgent care center on the campus. Given what may be left on the campus, it is not clear if the community clinic or the prenatal clinic will stay at the site.

City officials also learned at the January 22 meeting that a financial feasibility study commissioned by the hospital shows that a Freestanding Medical Facility would not be affordable for the hospital, and therefore, the hospital will not pursue a stand-alone emergency facility.

The zoning of the hospital property in Takoma Park is R-60, single-family residential. The Washington Adventist Hospital was allowed to use the site as a Conditional Use. Without a hospital on site, a zoning change would be required for almost any use other than single family residential development.

City staff and leaders react to WAH's proposal

"This is a big shock for everybody, it's a shock for residents of ward 5 and Takoma Park," said Jarrett Smith, Takoma Park Councilmember, ward 5.

"In the two years since the Certificate of Need was approved, City staff and my colleagues on the Council met regularly with Washington Adventist Hospital officials to discuss plans for the health campus to be left in Takoma Park," Mayor Kate Stewart said. "We have lobbied for additional investments in the campus to bolster its financial feasibility, and we jointly were pursuing a feasibility study for an aquatic facility that might be added to the campus. We had no indication that consideration was being given by the hospital to not providing these health services described in the Certificate of Need application."

Stewart noted, "Takoma Park has many critical needs. We need health facilities to serve those in our community who cannot easily travel for their care. I want to assure the public that we will do everything we possibly can to ensure the property remains a valuable asset meeting the vital needs of the Takoma Park community."

In response to the news delivered by the hospital in January, City Manager Suzanne Ludlow stated, "The fears that Takoma Park have had since the hospital first announced its plan to move, may now be coming to pass: no acute care hospital, the loss of the City's major employer, no health facilities left on the Takoma Park campus for our community, and potentially a vacant unattractive site left in the heart of our community."

City officials have been meeting with many different officials to assess impacts of the loss of the health facilities as well as to discuss ways to make the site an asset for the community. Ludlow noted there is interest in having the site considered for a new public elementary school or for mixed-income housing. Washington Adventist University is exploring purchasing the property and developing it to increase revenue for the university.

When the hospital vacates the property in the summer of 2019, the property will be added to the tax rolls. The vacant hospital building will not be able to be used for any purpose unless and until a change in zoning and allowable use is approved, which could take several years. City staff has urged that the building be razed, so that the site may be more easily redeveloped and not become an eyesore and public safety problem.

For more information, go to the Washington Adventist Hospital page under "Initiatives" on the City's website.

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to "help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth and informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth" according to its charter.

It is a mission that the members take seriously. "Takoma Park has a lot of kids in it, and it is important to give them their say," said Ward 2 member George Ashford, 15.

To that end, the Youth Council is preparing and distributing a survey to learn about the issues that youth in the city are

interested in and want the Youth Council to work on, said Chairperson Kiran Kochar McCabe, 16. McCabe said that the group has posted the survey on the Youth Council Twitter account @YouthCouncil, as well as their own personal social media accounts, and have reached out to different principals of nearby schools. "We've had an overwhelmingly positive response so far," she said. "We are going to review the preliminary results at our next meeting and decide when we will be releasing any results of the survey."

McCabe who has been interested in activism and lobbying "since she was seven," was, like Ashford and Davey, attracted to the Youth Council because of her interest in government and the opportunity to

Takoma Park Youth Council

The members of the Council and the wards they represent are:

- George Ashford, Ward 2
- Althea Davey, Ward 1
- Rachel Grupp, Ward 3
- Adelaide Harris, Ward 2
- Asha Henry, Ward 6
- Emma Morganstein, Ward 1
- Kiran Kochar McCabe, Ward 6
- Adam Kante, Ward 4

serve the youth of the community.

In her role as chairperson, she has spent time interacting with the Mayor and members of the City Council and laying the organizational foundation for the group. She is in charge of setting the agenda and leading the meetings.

With its formal roles and procedures, the Youth Council has been set up to mirror the City Council. This was a conscious decision outlined in the charter, according to Bryan Goehring, a teacher at Takoma Park Middle School, who served as the Youth Council's initial advisor.

In April 2017 Goehring was asked by Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart to help formulate the Youth Council charter. It was submitted in August and then approved by the City Council. After helping shepherd the council through the charter, nomination and selection process, Goeh-

ring turned his attention to helping the members instill governance processes.

"The idea is for the youth to learn how government operates, so I tried to set-up a structure for meetings and provide some leadership training. I was kind of modeling for the council so they could take ownership," said Goehring. "They are now responsible for leading and running the meetings."

Goehring worked with the group through its initial meetings, but transitioned out of the role. Ashleigh Nugent, a local public interest attorney, and Ward 2 candidate for City Council last November, now serves as the group's advisor. "I was drawn to the position because I have met so many creative and talented youth in our community who do not feel that they have a voice at the table in City politics and decision making," she said. "The Youth Council provides a great opportunity to have youth voices heard, and I am excited to support this endeavor. Takoma Park issues are youth issues."

With the Youth Council hard at work, the youth of Takoma Park can rest assured those issues will be addressed. To follow the Youth Council and view their agendas and updates, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/takoma-park-youth-council or email tkpkycouncil@takomaprakmd.gov.



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Your comment

Comments Regarding Streets Potentially Named for Civil War Generals

(Grant Avenue, Lee Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, and Hancock Avenue)

Although the Commemoration Commission public hearing comment period has ended, comments may still be submitted for the City Council's consideration. Should the names be changed? Should the street names stay the same but with the addition of a commemorative sign or marker? Would you prefer that no action be taken? Please submit your comments via an online form available at takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/streetnamecomment.

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Crossroads' Multi-Farm CSA open for membership

By joining the Crossroads Farmers Market Multi-Farm CSA and not only will residents receive delicious, locally grown fruits and vegetables from Crossroads farmers, but they will also become an essential part of Crossroads' mission of making fresh, healthy food more affordable in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads.

Basic shares include four to six types of vegetable items and one to two types of fruit items, equivalent to one half bushel of produce. Members pick up their shares of freshly harvested produce and other market goods each Wednesday from various pickup sites throughout Takoma Park. Like the market, our CSA runs for 33 weeks, from April 18 through November 28. This year three additional options are being offered: (1) farm fresh eggs, (2) a share of pasture-raised meats, and (3) a rotating selection of market treats (coffee, local honey, cider) from Crossroads vendors.

There are many advantages to participating in a CSA. They're a great way to save time and money on shopping for quality produce, and a fun way to learn about new foods and become more connected to the food you eat. An added bonus for Crossroads CSA members? You'll be supporting local farmers who are dedi-



cated to expanding access to fresh, local produce in Takoma/Langley Crossroads. Put another way, you'll be helping to ensure that everyone in your community can afford to eat fresh, healthy food.

Do your body—and your community—a whole lot of good. More information can be found at www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.

Interested in paying for your CSA share in installments, or with your SNAP benefits? Other questions? Contact Crossroads' CSA Coordinator Liz Whitehurst lwhitehurst@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.



Photo by WAU student Abiola Adegnikia

Aster Tefera, the proprietor of NaTra's Tea Room in Takoma Park, speaks at the Enactus Club business adoption event in February.

Local organizations get a hand from WAU

By Sean Gossard

Washington Adventist University's Enactus Club is partnering with a Takoma Park business and an area nonprofit to help promote the organizations and grow support. The business club of around 12 students formally made the announcement of adopting NaTra's Tea Room in Takoma Park and Hyattsville-based nonprofit Wings of Love Women's Ministry at a ceremony on Feb. 13.

"Adopting a business means that at the university we are formally taking it on as a project where we work with the proprietor to help with the business needs," said Dr. Andrea Baldwin, advisor to the Enactus Club and chair of WAU's Department of Business and Communication. "So, we're working with NaTra's to promote the business and get more people in the door."

NaTra's Tea Room — located at 720 Erie Ave., Takoma Park — is a cozy tea shop that's been in the area for around two years.

"It's a good place for the neighborhood," said NaTra's owner Aster Tefera, who's been in Takoma Park since the 1980s. "It's nice and quiet." Tefera says she put everything into her business, but still needs help bringing customers in the door. And that's where Enactus comes in.

"Right now, the plan primarily is to engage in massive promotion," Baldwin said. "We really want to increase visibility on Facebook and in the media." The group reached out to neighbors who said they hope to keep the little

tea shop that serves more than 15 tea varieties and an assortment of sweet snacks in the neighborhood. The club also plans to feature NaTra's during WAU's alumni weekend April 13-15. "I started my dream here in Takoma Park," Tefera said. "And I hope to stay open."

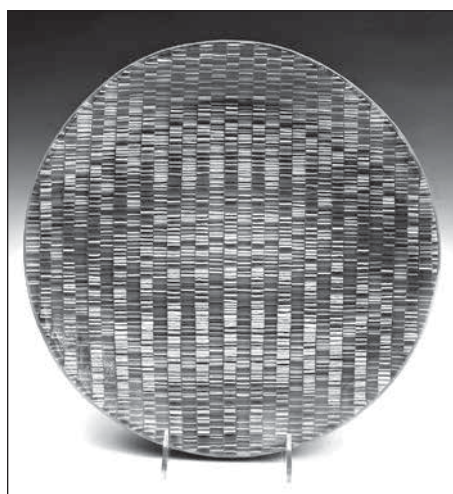
Enactus is also partnering to help the Wings of Love Women's Ministry, a local nonprofit run by Minister Karmen A. Booker that helps women who have been abused to heal and recover through the word of God. Booker, an area writer, speaker and blogger, launched Wings of Love Women's Ministry in 2010 to create a nurturing atmosphere for women.

"We hope to reach more women and help transform their lives," Booker said. "We can help them start a business or a nonprofit." To help, Wings of Love Women's Ministry will collaborate with WAU's Women's Empowerment Project, which mainly helps at-risk Hispanic women by providing interview and resume skills to get them into the workforce. To learn more about Wings of Love Women's Ministry or to get involved yourself, visit wingsoflovewomensministry.org.

Other local projects Enactus has helped include Rainbow Coin Laundry, where students from the university tutored children at the business while their guardians waited on laundry, and Health Lingo, which focused on building a healthy community through education and keep-fit activities. For more on Enactus Club, visit WAU.com or Enactus.org.



Kathryn McDonnell, *Anonymous*



Above, Margaret Halpin, *Deep Glacier Ice*

At right, Roslyn Cambridge, *The Earth's Reaction #1*



Merging Worlds

Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free event

In the *Merging Worlds* art exhibition, five talented artists will display their work featuring collage or layering techniques, thus merging different mediums in their own work while also combining their unique perspectives in one group show. Spread across the galleries of the Takoma Park Community Center, the exhibition will include mixed-media collage, paintings, sculpture, and artwork suspended from the ceiling in the 30-foot-tall atrium. Visitors will get a chance to meet the artists at the opening, including Roslyn Cambridge, Margaret Halpin, Keith Kozloff, Kathryn McDonnell, and Phillip Schewe.



Vintage Movie Night Film Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free event

Since the early days of film more than a century ago, film producers have sought to not only entertain audiences but also shape public opinion, ranging from advertisements to outright propaganda. Short films were produced by corporations, schools, government agencies and religious and political groups to promote their views to the public or their own employees. Screened in theaters, world fairs, schools and churches, these sponsored films paint a fascinating portrait of the politics of persuasion of the day, along with groundbreaking developments in film technology such as animation and Technicolor. Many of these films disappeared or were discarded after their brief runs despite their historical impact.

At Vintage Movie Night, local documentary filmmaker Richard Hall will resurrect a selection of these films that were preserved through the National Film Preservation Foundation's online *Field Guide to Sponsored Films*. The foundation partnered with the Library of Congress and the Internet Archive to create an

online collection of 135 sponsored films with intriguing titles, including *Anarchy, U.S.A.* by the John Birch Society, *Fears of Children* by the Mental Health Film Board, and *Alaska's Silver Millions* by the American Can Company. This event is presented in partnership with Docs in Progress.



Creative Improvised Music and Dance Performance

Saturday, March 10, 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free with \$10 suggested donation

The Creative Music Workshop Players will create an improvised music and dance performance that has never been seen before. The group delves into experimental music that stretches well beyond what you'll find on the radio dial. The musicians will explore the convergence of melodic, harmonic and rhythmic forces as instruments are pushed beyond their traditional boundaries in a search for deeply felt connections.

The group was formed in 2015 and is currently based at Rhizome (www.rhizomedeo.org), a house in the Takoma neighborhood of D.C. that has been transformed into a DIY arts and music center. The group's members have performed at the Kennedy Center, Capital Fringe Festival, D.C. Jazz Festival, Embassy of In-

donesia, and many other venues. A Q&A session will follow the show with a chance to learn more about the musicians.



Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, March 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 Teri Cross Davis, Hayes Davis and Judith McCombs. A reception will follow the reading with an opportunity to meet the poets and discuss their work.

Calling All Poets!

Poets sought for future poetry readings

The *We Are Takoma* cultural series is seeking poets to participate in our popular Third Thursday Poetry Reading series. Readings are held on the third Thursday of most months at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Poets don't have to be Takoma Park residents or have published work and are selected 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," says Takoma Park Poet Laureate Merrill Lefler, who serves on the selection committee. The deadline for submissions is May

4, 2018, and the online application form is available at takomaparkmd.gov/arts.



John Fahey Concert & Discussion

Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Free with \$10 suggested donation

Born in 1939 in Takoma Park, John Fahey originated the American Primitive guitar style and founded the influential Takoma Records label in 1959. This multi-faceted event includes a solo performance by guitarist Daniel Bachman in the American Primitive style and a panel discussion exploring Fahey's legacy and contributions to a unique acoustic guitar style that combines elements of folk, country and the blues.

Journalists Richard Harrington and Tom Cole will discuss the D.C. folk scene from the 1950s-70s. Harrington has been writing about music for more than 40 years, many of them at the Washington Post. He also performed in many D.C. venues on the folk scene in the early 1960s. Cole is an editor on National Public Radio's Arts Desk. He reports and produces stories about art, culture, and music for Morning Edition, Weekend Edition, and All Things Considered.

RECREATION

TOTS

DROP-IN

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
Mondays, March 5-April 30
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

Spring Break Camps

Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Spring Camp

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of 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 Before and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities may include outdoor play, games and sports. Available for Board Games, Come to Life, and Dribble, Pass, Shoot Basketball Camps, Teen Camps, not available for On Stage Workshop.

Takoma Park Community Center
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30
Before Care: 7-9 a.m.
After Care: 4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45 (per activity)

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group "survive." Taught by the library's own Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
7-18 years
5 Week Session
Thursdays, March 29-April 6
4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

EXTENDED CARE

Childcare Programs 2018-2019

Registration opens:

**For Takoma Park residents
on Thursday, March 15**

**For Non-residents
on Thursday, March 22**

**At the time of registration, 20% of the
total fee is due with the next payment
being due Oct. 1**

**Look for more information in the Spring/
Summer issue of the City Guide.**

SPORTS

2018 Co-ed T-ball League

This co-ed 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 15th for residents and March 22nd for non-residents. Parents are encouraged to coach.



Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Ave
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

Spring Break Camps

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

Summer 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

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

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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 Aug. 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.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 16-21
Friday, April 27
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

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

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



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

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% 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.

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*

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, March 22
12-2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, March 22
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Free

Why should kids have all the fun?

Summer Camp is not just for young people anymore! Welcome to Forever Young’s 2018 Summer Camp for adults 55 and older. Last year’s premier camp was a popular success with residents, and we’re heading out for adventure again this summer. Sandy Egan, who participated in the 2017 culinary specialty camp, said: “I loved the camp! I told my friends and they wished that they had signed up.”

Based on last summer’s survey, campers’ suggestions were part of this year’s planning and the creation of this year’s camp theme. Our 2018 camp is for explorers! Campers will enjoy discovering the beauty and excitement of the world around them while they participate in a week of hands-on educational activities designed to expand their skills and knowledge while having fun in our “Air, Land and Sea Discovery Camp.” Campers will have the opportunity to better understand the different aspects of air, land and sea as they go behind the scenes to engage sea life up close; learn how to create a works of art from the earth’s elements; learn about history and modes of transportation as they travel over land by train and sea by boat; learn firsthand the aspects of aerodynamics; create balance, beauty and good karma to enhance their physical surroundings, and much more!



Last year for Culinary Camp, we traveled to Frederick Maryland for a private cooking class. Campers prepared a delicious menu, and afterwards they tasted the fruits of their labor!

For a one-time registration fee, participants will have access to all the week’s activities. Activities will take place Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912) with trips off site to a variety of venues. Activities generally take place each day between the hours of 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (and two full days on Monday and Thursday, morning and afternoon included). Join us for a great adventure camp week!

In addition, we have a bonus camp this year for adults 55 and older as we’ll partner with Docs in Progress to offer a Filmmaking Camp, Monday, June 18

through Friday, June 22. In this week-long workshop organized by the documentary film non-profit Docs in Progress, students learn how to make a short video about their experiences. With technology as a tool rather than an obstacle, students will learn how to shoot and edit video, using a combination of interviews, photographs, archival footage and music to create a 2-3-minute video piece they can share with family and friends. Videos will be shared with classmates on the last day of camp. Family and friends are welcome to attend the viewing.

Camp registration is required online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation or in person at either location, the

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue or the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue during regular business hours. For more information about these two camps, please contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

Whichever summer camp you choose, or both, you’ll have a great opportunity to explore something new. Whatever your age is, it’s time to take a break from the daily grind and enjoy the benefits summer camp can provide - unplug and reduce stress; engage in teamwork and build friendships; foster creativity and personal growth; laugh and have fun!

LIBRARY



And the winners are: The best of the best for kids and teens

By Karen MacPherson

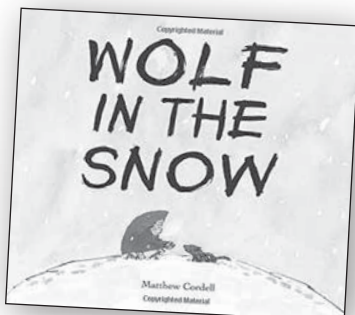
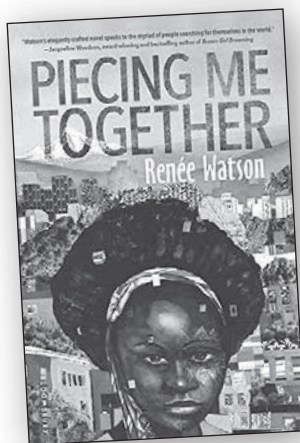
Drumroll, please! The best books of the year for kids and teens were recently announced by the American Library Association. The most famous awards in this list are the Caldecott and Newbery Medals, but there are many other awards given annually. We have most of these winners in our collection and will be getting the others shortly. So, if you're looking for a good book for a child or teen, check out this list:

Newbery

The Newbery Medal is given annually to the best-written book of the year for kids ages birth-14. The 2018 Newbery medal winner is *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly. The 2018 Newbery Honor Books are *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, written by Derrick Barnes; *Long Way Down*, written by Jason Reynolds; and *Piecing Me Together*, written by Renee Watson.

Caldecott

The Caldecott Medal is given annually to the best-illustrated book of the year for kids ages birth-14. The 2018 Caldecott Medal winner is *Wolf in the Snow* written and illustrated by Matthew Cordell. The 2018 Caldecott Honor Books are *Big Cat, Little Cat*, written and illustrated by Elisha Cooper;



Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut, illustrated by Gordon James and written by Derrick Barnes; *A Different Pond*, illustrated by Thi Bui and written by Bao Phi; and *Grand Canyon*, written and illustrated by Jason Chin.

Michael Printz

The Michael Printz Award is given annually to the best book for readers ages 12-18.

The 2018 Printz Award winner is *We Are Okay* by Nina LaCour. The 2018 Printz Honor books are *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas; *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds; *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor; and *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman.

Coretta Scott King

The Coretta Scott King Awards are given annually to recognize outstanding books by African-American authors and illustrators.

The 2018 CSK Author Award winner is *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson. The 2018 CSK Author Honor books are *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, written by Derrick Barnes, and illustrated by Gordon James; *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds; and *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

The 2018 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner is *Out of Wonder*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, and

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FTPML News

By Pat Hanrahan

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) and Eric Bond of WOWD, Takoma Park's radio station (94.3 FM), have launched a 30-minute show on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Tune in on March 25, April 22, and May 27 for programs ranging from a FTPML cookbook rundown and Little Free Libraries to wine clubs with a book problem and a movie-book smackdown. Follow the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Facebook for upcoming schedule details.

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) and We are Takoma

held an SRO event on Feb. 1. Filmmaker Robin Hamilton screened her documentary *This Little Light of Mine: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer*. Post-film, Hamilton discussed barriers to the franchise with José Morales of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee and Takoma Park resident and FTPML member Andy Penn.

FTPML and the Takoma Park Maryland Library provided a list of resources on Fannie Lou Hamer, the Civil Rights Movement, and voting rights (books and sound recordings) available at the library. Follow Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Facebook for more FTPML event announcements.

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, March 1, 7 p.m.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.

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

LEGO Club

Sunday, March 4, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

Caldecott Club

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.

Come read some "Calde-Nots" – great books that were ineligible for the 2018 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies served.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, March 13, 4 p.m.

Friends of the Library "Big Book" Discussion on *Kristin Lavansdatter*

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

This special event in the library will feature the book's translator Tiina Nunnally and will include refreshments. Subsequent discussions will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on March 28, April 11, and April 25.

Kids Art

Sunday, March 18, 2–3 p.m.

Where the Wild Things Are Party

Saturday, March 17, 2–4 p.m.

Come join the fun as we celebrate one of the best kids' picture books of all time! Registration encouraged; visit www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents.

Alternative Games

Saturday, March 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.

Friends Annual Meeting & Board Elections (see article)

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker is author Lisa Page. All welcome; refreshments will be served.

Coming Up....

- Sunday, April 1, 1:30-3 p.m. – LEGO Club
- Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. – Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Lisa Page to be featured speaker at Friends Annual Meeting

By Ellen Robbins

Takoma Park resident, writer and educator Lisa Page will speak at annual meeting of the Friends of Takoma Park Maryland Library on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the children's room of the Library. Page will discuss her new book, *We Wear the Mask: 15 True Stories of Passing in America*, co-edited with Brando Skyhorse. It is an illuminating and timely anthology that examines the complex reality of passing in America. *Kirkus Reviews* offered this analysis: "In presenting these insightful, provocative life experiences, the editors give inquisitive readers (some of whom may be passing themselves) nutritious food for thought...Sharply drawn reflections on identity fluidity, stereotypes, marginalization, and cultural assumption."

Lisa Page directs the creative writing program at George Washington University where she is assistant professor of English. Her work has appeared in the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *American Short Fiction*,



Lisa Page

the *Crisis*, *Playboy* and the *Washington Post Book World*.

Following Page's speech, the Friends of Takoma Park Maryland Library will review activities of the last year and conduct board elections as part of the annual meeting. This year, the following positions are up for re-election: president,

vice president, secretary, and one or more members-at-large. Any member of the Friends whose dues are current may be a candidate for office and may vote. Members wishing to be candidates for vacant positions should send a brief biographical statement to FTPML at the Library by March 19 for inclusion in a printed ballot. Members may also be nominated from the floor at the meeting. This event is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library have been active in fundraising and advocacy for the Library since 1994. For information about activities sponsored by the Friends and the many programs they support, visit www.ftpml.org.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Calling all Wild Things! Join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 for a *Where the Wild Things Are* party. We will read the Maurice Sendak Caldecott-winning classic picture book and enjoy crafts and games. Wear your favorite wild thing costume if you like. Registration encouraged; to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call 301-891-7259.

Come read and discuss some "Calde-Nots" with us! Our March Caldecott Club meeting on Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

will be focused on "Calde-Nots," wonderful picture books published in 2017 that weren't eligible for the 2018 Caldecott Medal. To be eligible for the Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the "most distinguished" picture book, illustrators must be American citizens or live in the United States; the publisher also must be in the United States. Of course, there are many great books published in Canada, England, France and elsewhere. Join us we discuss some of these great books. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Women's History Month, a Forever Young 55 plus special program

For more information contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

gov. For details about the following events, please see the Forever Young Winter 2018 newsletter online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter.



Meet Author Rebecca Boggs Roberts

Ms. Boggs-Roberts latest book is titled *Suffragists in Washington, D.C.: The 1913 Parade and the Fight for the Vote*. Ms. Boggs-Roberts narrates the heroic struggle of Alice Paul and the National Women's Party as they worked to earn the vote. Drop-in. Adults 18 and older welcome. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursday, March 15
2-3 p.m.
Free Presentation

Meet Rosie the Riveter

Award winning actress and Smithsonian Scholar Mary Ann Jung presents the delightful story of Rosie the Riveter through the eyes of Rose Leigh Monroe who worked at an aircraft factory During

WWII, and the story of women who joined the U.S. workforce by the millions to replace men who'd gone off to war. Drop-in. Adults 18 and older welcome. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Monday, March 19
1-2 p.m.
Free Performance

Women's History Film Series

Retrospective film series representing strong female characters real or fictional dealing with issues facing women in an entertainment format. Adults 18 and older welcome. All films are PG or PG13.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older
Daily
Monday-Friday, March 12-March 16
12-2 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Belmont-Paul Women's National Monument, Washington, D.C.

Leave from Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Wednesday, March 21
9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

For more information contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov Registration is required. For trip details and procedures, please see the Forever Young Winter 2018 newsletter online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter.

RECREATION Special Events

Fitness Expo 2018

Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations of our fitness programs as well as presentations from local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 9 a.m. with our first 20-minute demonstration. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.



Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All Ages
Saturday, April 7
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Free

Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg" citing time! There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. The event starts at 10 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Sharp! Don't miss out. Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you.

Ed Wilhelm Field
(Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
Saturday, March 31, 2018
10 a.m.
Rain Date: Monday, April 2 at 4 p.m.
Free



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!



Registration opened on February 5
Camps are filling quickly! Don't miss out! Register in person or online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/camps.



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.

WINNERS

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written by Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderly and Marjory Wentworth. The 2018 CSK Illustrator Honor Books are: *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, illustrated by Gordon James; *Before She Was Harriet*, illustrated by James Ransome.

Pura Belpre

The Pura Belpre Awards honor a Latino writer and illustrator whose books celebrate the Latino cultural experience. The 2018 Pura Belpre Author Award winner is *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar. The 2018 Pura Belpre Author Honor books are *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pabo Cartaya and *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia Perez.

The 2018 Pura Belpre Illustrator Award winner is: *La Princesa and the Pea*, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. The 2018 Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor books are *All Around Us*, illustrated by Adriana Garcia and written by Xelena Gonzalez, and



Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos, illustrated by John Parra and written by Monica Brown.

Robert Sibert

The Robert Sibert Informational Book Award is given annually to the "most distinguished" non-fiction book for children ages birth-14. The 2018 Sibert Medal winner is *Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961* by Larry Dane Brimner. The 2018 Sibert Honor Books are *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*, written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee and illustrated by Man One; *Grand Canyon*, written and illustrated by Jason Chin; *Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability*, written

by Shane Burcaw and illustrated by Matt Carr; *Sea Otter Heroes* by Patricia Newman.

Theodor Seuss Geisel

The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award is given annually to the "most distinguished" beginning reader book. The 2018 Geisel Award winner is: *Charlie & Mouse*, writ-

ten by Laurel Snyder and illustrated by Emily Hughes. The 2018 Geisel Award Honor books are *I See a Cat*, written and illustrated by Paul Meisel; *King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*, written by Dori Hillestad Butler and illustrated by Nancy Meyers; *My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories*, written and illustrated by Salina Yoon; *Noodleheads See the Future*, written by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss, and illustrated by Tedd Arnold; *Snail & Worm Again*, written and illustrated by Tina Kugler

Stonewall

The Stonewall Book Award is given annually to the children's & teen books "of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience." The 2018 Stonewall Book Award winners are *Little & Lion* by Brandy Colbert and *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater. The 2018 Stonewall Honor books are *As the Crow Flies* by Melanie Gillman and *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice & Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee.



Odyssey

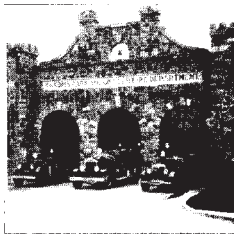
The Odyssey Award is given annually to the best audiobook for kids and teens.

The 2018 Odyssey Award winner is: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The 2018 Odyssey Honors are *The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage* by Philip Pullman; *A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig; *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds; *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews; and *The Wizards of Once* by Cressida Cowell.

Schneider

The Schneider Family Book Award is given annually to books for kids and teens "that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience." The 2018 Schneider winners are

Picture Book: *Silent Days, Silent Dreams*, written and illustrated by Allen Say; Middle Grade (ages 7/8-10/12): *Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess* by Shari Green, and Teen: *You're Welcome, Universe*, written and illustrated by Whitney Gardner.



THE FIREHOUSE
REPORT
By Jim Jarboe

As of Jan. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 51 fire-related incidents in 2018. The department also addressed or assisted with 271 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 322. Totals for 2017 were 51 and 226, representing an increase of 45 incidents. During January, Takoma

Park volunteers put in a total of 1,547 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,673.5 hours in January 2017, a decrease of 126.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

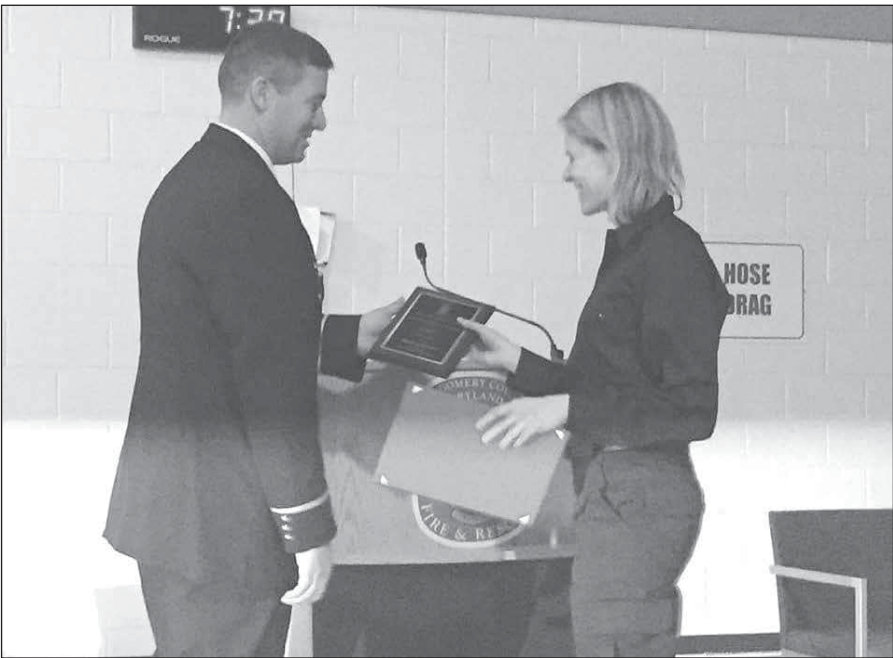
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of Feb.23, 2018, 4 people have died in fires compared to 15 in 2017.

Safety message

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11. Check all your smoke alarms and review your fire escape plan with your family. Be prepared!

Training Grads

On Feb. 2, a graduation ceremony was held at the Montgomery County Training Academy for EMT and Fire classes with the following Takoma Park VFD members graduating, as seen in the photos below.



MCFRS Lt. Jason Smith presenting Daria Kirienko with the Chief Marvin A. Gibbons Award, Tops in the Firefighter II class.



President Elmer Hamm, Nishiuwa Sato Bess EMT, Jose Montoya EMT, Gloria Chan EMT, Natasha Shields EMT, Xochilt Montoya EMT, Daria Kirilenko Fire, Reilly Caprio-Chase Fire, Chief Tom Musgrove and Chief Jim Jarboe.

Money Matters: Financial Preparedness

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee



Yes, after months of news about hurricanes, floods, power outages, and fires – and learning how to be prepared—you are ready! You have a “go bag,” emergency contact list, working flashlight nearby, medications and physician information, non-perishable food for three to five days, updated school contacts, and more. But do you have a financial preparedness plan (FPP)?

Why do you need this? If you are incapacitated or in case of a disaster, is there a master list of your bank account/s and expenses? Is there a designated *trusted person* who can access that list, safety deposit boxes or other secure information? Who will be able to continue to pay your mortgage? Plus, if you are the *trusted person* for others, such as parents, friends, or other relatives, are you and they prepared?

- OK, what’s the next step? Develop an FPP focusing on several areas:
- Expenses, such as housing payments, utility bills, loan payments, and other varied financial obligations
- Income, assets/financial accounts, such as checking, savings, retirement, and so on
- Insurance policies, vehicle information
- Will/trust (estate planning) and power of attorney
- Tax information

Put this information in a secure place (paper and/or electronic) and let the *trusted person* know where it is as well as special codes or permissions needed for access. Note: Access to a safety deposit box requires more than the person having the key; the person must register with the bank. This chart should assist you with organizing this information (adapt it to your needs):

Category: Expenses—Housing Payments

Type of document	Have: Yes/ No+ \$	Supportive documents?	Reminders/Other
Lease/rental agreement			
Mortgage			
Loans			

Category: Expenses—Varied Financial Obligations

Type of document	Have: Yes/ No + \$	Supportive documents?	Reminders/Other
Utility bills (electric, water, gas): list separately			
Utility bills			
loan payments			
credit card #1, 2			
Other payments (list separately): e.g., alimony, child support, elder care, automatic payments (which)			

Category: Income/Assets/Financial Accounts

Type of document	Have: Yes/ No + \$	Supportive documents?	Reminders/other
Checking accounts, savings account			
Bank/credit union, etc. (list separately)			
Retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, other)			
Gov’t benefits (social security, veteran’s benefits, etc.)			
Investment accounts (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, other): list separately			
Alimony or child support			
Other income			

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Category: Insurance policies & Vehicle Info

Type of document	Have/Need?	Supportive documents?	Reminders/ other
Homeowners/ property		Copies of policies; photos of valuable items + claim numbers	Confirm data is correct
Auto insurance		Copy of document	
Life insurance		Copy of document	
Vehicle registration/ ownership papers			
Other (professional appraisals, etc.)			

Category: Will/Trust and Power of Attorney

- Do you have a will/trust? Do the people involved know? How accessible are these documents?
- Identify who has this authority; tell the person.

Category: Tax Statements

- A copy of most recent tax returns for federal, state, and local governments. Can you or another person easily access these? Is there a copy in a safe place? If access is through an accountant, who has this information?
- Property tax statement: Copy of most recent statement; in a safe place and accessible to person/s.
- Other tax information?

Overwhelmed? Being prepared prevents being scared. Questions, concerns? It's easy to contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.

CITY COUNCIL

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Park on reconfiguring Takoma Junction (MD 410 and MD 195) while recognizing that the roads run through a historic district; 4) restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) to the level from before the Recession; 5) assistance with impacts on businesses and housing affordability from Purple Line construction; and, 6) school construction funding. The Council recommended approval of a Request to Allow Sunday Sales for TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor by **Resolution 2018-6**. **Resolution 2018-7** effected the appointment of Ward 5 resident Satchel Kornfeld to the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Councilmember Seamens voted against Resolution 2018-6.

On **Jan. 24, 2018**, the Council adopted new Rules of Procedure by **Resolution 2018-8**. The rules include an expanded and updated section on public comments.

Ordinance 2018-5 was adopted on **Jan. 31, 2018**, authorizing the lease and servicing of Canon photocopiers from Canon Solutions America at an average annual cost of \$50,400. **Resolution**

2018-9 was adopted to affirm the City's commitment to energy efficiency and renewable energy actions. By the resolution, the City Council also urges the General Assembly to take legislative actions to strengthen the Maryland Renewable Portfolio Standard.

The expenditure of \$20,300 for replacement workstations and furniture for the Human Resources Department was approved by the City Council on **February 7, 2018** by **Ordinance 2018-6**. The vendor is Washington Group Solutions. On the same date, the Council adopted **Ordinance 2018-7** related to the purchase of the four Ford Fusion police cars approved on January 17 by Ordinance 2018-3. The vendor for these four vehicles was changed to Apple Ford, at the same price as authorized by the prior ordinance (2018-3). By **Resolution 2018-10**, the City Council appointed Ward 2 resident Ashleigh Nugent to serve as the Adult Adviser to the Youth Council. A number of appointments to the Committee on the Environment were effected by **Resolution 2018-11**. The appointees are: John Ackery and Jeffrey J. Brokaw from Ward 2, and Ward 4 residents Tamara Emily Robinson and Kirsten Stade.

TKPK5K

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to help young runners train for the event.

At any age, running is known to offer many health benefits. One mother reported that after some coaxing, her middle school son agreed to sign up. He had been feeling the strain of some difficult family issues. She felt that running would help alleviate the stress. Beaming at the finish line in a sea of dayglow yellow shirts, he asked his mom if they could run the next day. She agreed. Then he asked if they could run every day. Thrilled by the prospect of getting out with her son to run every day, she smiled and agreed to every other day.

Local businesses and organizations support the effort by choosing from several sponsorship levels, with attractive benefits ranging from their logos on the website to a super-sized finish line banner. All one has to do is glance at the race t-shirt or visit tkpk5k.com to see the generosity of our community. Sponsors who donate at least \$250 have the option to attend the Sponsor Fair, a post-race activity with refreshments, safety education and fun for all.

Registration is open. Just click the Register Now button at TKPK5K.com. The Race Committee is pleased to invite runners to sign up to make the 2018 Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge the best year yet. Visit TKPK5K.com and make a promise to yourself to run on May 6.

Filling the gap from Takoma Park to Ethiopia: Five questions for Yared Tebabu

For Takoma Park resident Yared Tebabu, the decision to spend his gap year (February to August 2018) providing volunteer service to five community health clinics in Ethiopia wasn't a difficult one. "On a personal level, it was an excuse to go to my mother-country for an extended period of time - as the last and only time I was here, I was a young child," he noted. "On top of that, the cause appealed to me. Ethiopia is a good model for an African future we should reach towards, one of self-sufficiency, growth and prosperity."

The clinics where Yared will volunteer were founded fifteen years ago by an organization committed to such a future for Africa, the African Service Committee (ASC), which began its work in Ethiopia in 2003. "ASC, founded by an Ethiopian American in New York in 1981, is doing incredibly valuable work in Ethiopia," Yared observed, "and I hope to gather attention and support for the organization."


In fact one of his objectives is to raise \$500 per month for the organization while creating awareness of its work through weekly blog posts and monthly articles in *Silver Chips*, the Montgomery Blair High School newspaper, and audio reports for Takoma Radio.

"The purpose of my GAP year is to tell the story of Ethiopian development through ASC Ethiopia and the communities they empower," he explained. "I want to help people to understand what it's like to live in one of the five fastest growing developing nations in the world."

For most of his life, Yared has lived in Takoma Park with his parents, Tebabu Assefa and Sara Mussie, and sister, Helina Tebabu. "I grew up here," he said. "My early years were spent on Maple Avenue, and sometime around my freshman year of high school, my family moved near Washington Adventist Hospital." His parents are the founders of Blessed Coffee.

TP News caught up with Yared about a week into his stay in Ethiopia. Here's his take on the five questions introduced almost two years ago as part of our quick interview series.

- 1. Biggest lesson I've learned so far:** I have learned just how malleable the structure of society is or can be. You can't be fooled into thinking that the functioning of infrastructure, both public and private, is automated like a force



Yared and his family pose for a photo during his send-off reception, which was attended by about 100 people, including Congressman Jamie Raskin, Mayor Kate Stewart and three City Council members.

- 2. Favorite Activity in Takoma Park:** I like taking walks through the neighborhood. The way the town is structured leads to more than a few nice little pockets. There's always a new path to follow, the scenery is lovely, and I can always walk out of the experience with a nice book to read thanks to the sidewalk library stands.
- 3. Best Thing about Living in Takoma Park:** The engaged community. People interact with each, and a good number of us are engaged in local affairs. Take that away and all the other nice things in Takoma (e.g. The Rec center, Old Town, Peter's Sub Shop) mean little to nothing.
- 4. On My Desk Right Now:** I'm spending my time connecting with my family in Ethiopia and preparing for my GAP year project. Things should be starting up very soon, and I want to be fully prepared.
- 5. Best Advice I Ever Got:** No particular piece of advice stands out to me - except a few of the bad ones. Even still, you can learn something from every person you meet in life, even the ones you dislike, think are "wrong" or disgust you, and especially the ones that make you feel something. You just have to be willing to pay attention to people and their ideas. Life told me that piece of advice.

For more information, contact Yared at yaredtebabu@gmail.com.

TAKOMA PARK 4-H CLUB'S 7TH ANNUAL ANIMAL DRIVE & BAKE SALE FOR HUMANE RESCUE ALLIANCE (formerly WARL)

Takoma Park Library parking lot
April 7, 2018 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You can help by dropping off:

- Gently used or new pet toys
- Unopened pet food or treats, peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- Pens, Sharpies, 8.5 x 11 copier paper
- Rubbing alcohol (must be 90% alcohol or greater)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Quart-sized plastic bags for treats, poop bags
- Towels (new or used)
- Blankets (fleece works well, no heavy or down comforters)
- Easy Walk® harnesses (brand name please)
- 100% canned pumpkin (not the pie mix)
- Cash or check donations

For more info, contact pptakoma@mindspring.com.

MARCH '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 April issue is March 9, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning March 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, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.
March 28 City Council meeting is tentative.

TPCC Auditorium

Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

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

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 first Thursdays of every month. For more information, contact Mary Muchui at muchui@aol.com.

Bedtime Stories and Craft

Thursday, March 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.

Twosies

Wednesdays in March starting March 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m.
Takoma Park Library
Get ready — it's time for Twosies. Each Wednesday morning in March, the Takoma Park Library will meet to sing songs and rhymes, do some movement exercises and read several books. Each session concludes with a simple craft. (Note: this program is offered as a package of four classes; please register only if you can make all four classes, barring illness, as there often are people on the waiting list.)
www.takomapark.info/library

STEAM Fair

Thursday, March 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Academy Preparatory School, 8300 Carroll Avenue
Join us for a theme-engineering challenge. We are hosting a STEAM Fair that challenges our students to be engineers using everyday items. Come see what exciting things our scholars are creating.
Open to the community

Winter MOOC: Extinctions: Past and Present

Sundays 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 we 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, March 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.

Where the Wild Things Are party

Saturday, March 17, 2 – 4 p.m.
Calling all Wild Things. Join the Takoma Park Library for a Where the Wild Things Are party. We will read the Maurice Sendak's Caldecott-winning classic picture book and enjoy crafts and games. Wear your favorite wild thing costume if you like.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Healthy Living for Brain and Body

Thursday, March 29, noon – 2 p.m.
Heffner Park, 42 Oswego Avenue
Please join Village of Takoma Park Aging Well Network to learn about this topic from Diane Vance of the Alzheimer's Association. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.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, March 9, 7:30 – 10 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Renowned blues musician Guy Davis.
Tickets and info at <http://carrollcafe.org>

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, March 15, 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. This month features: Teri Cross Davis, Hayes Davis and Judith McCombs.

Scaffolding Techniques for Language Teaching and Learning

Sunday, March 18, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, Takoma Park, 235 Carroll Street, NW
Takoma Park Teachers! You're invited to a free interactive workshop on scaffolding techniques facilitated by Dr. Donna Lee Fields, an internationally acclaimed expert on the topic. Learn how scaffolding (activities that pre-teach key concepts and language) will help your students transition into difficult material with ease. You'll leave with materials that you can adapt easily into lessons targeting all levels (K-16).
scaffoldingmagic.com

Writing a Village

Monday, March 19, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center Rose Room
Poetry writing salon led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words. All levels of experience welcome.

Photo Salon

Monday, March 26, 7 – 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Hydrangea Room
A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. For more information, contact arts@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Ed Wilhelm Field
Free

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fitness Expo 2018

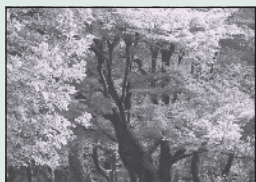
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for their 6th Annual Fitness. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations of our fitness programs as well as presentations from local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 9 a.m. with the first 20-minute demonstration. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, contact Vincent Cain at 301- 891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

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

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



moderate-income homeowners. To apply for a free tree, visit takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability.

ORDER FORM

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

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

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

____ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____