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 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 transmitted to the Mayor and City Council on April 20.

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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 sign 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 1,300 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 participate 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 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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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 2018-1. Pursuant to the Ordinance, four Ford Fusions and one Ford Interceptor were to be purchased through a contract with Herititch Fleet Services Inc. at a cost of $130,214. Ordinance 2018-3 authorizes the procurement 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 $81,667.

On the same evening, the Council adopted its 2018 Legislative Priorities (Ordinance 2018-5). The identified priorities are: 1) additional funding (capital funds and/or bond 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

City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

City Council Meetings

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 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: Hydrangea 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

COMMENOMINATION 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 20, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC: Rose Room

Recreation Committee
Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.
TPCC: Lilac Room

Tree Committee
Thursday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. (hearing)
Tuesday, March 20, 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 Abott Citizens’ Center, 750 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly City Council agenda update by e-mail can sign up at takomaparkmd.gov/government/council/agendas.

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Public Notice of Hearing
Request for Traffic Calming on Fifth Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Westminster Avenue
Wednesday, March 21, 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 Westminster 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:
Jesse Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

News

Transportation

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. 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 spending related to nuclear and military products that may be used to violate 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 connection 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 the formerly Navy 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 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 clinician operated by Community Clinic, Inc. (an entity separate from Washington Adventist Hospital), and a preclinical 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 preclinical will stay at the site.

City officials also learned at the January 22 meeting that a financial feasibility study commissioned by the hospital showed that Freestanding Medical facilities 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, and therefore, the hospital will not be able 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 huge impact on the residents of Ward 3 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 aquatics 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.”

—Lydia Farriss, representative, Adventist HealthCare

(As reported in The Sentinel on Feb. 2)
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 dedicated 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@crosstradecommunityfoodnetwork.org).

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. Book er, 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 wingslowwomenministry.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.
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.rhizomedc.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 Indonesia, 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 Leffler, 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

Enjoys 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.

Heftner Park Community Center
42 Osweago 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

### Sports

#### Spring Break Camps

##### Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Spring Camp

Empowering 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.
Resident: $295 / Non-resident: $325

##### 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: $25 / 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
7-11 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.

### 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 three summer camps and earn your 35L hours while having fun!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 14-17
Tuesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 3
4:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Resident: $25 / Non-resident: $35

**DROP-IN**

#### Teen Lounge

This space is room 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 laughter on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Ongoing
Monday-Friday
7-9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

### 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
3:30-5:30 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 is limited. Transportation is provided. The bus will depart the TP Community Center at 8:30am sharp!

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Leaning (meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 9-12
Saturday
March 2018

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 teaccups 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 one day.
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 residency. 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-June17
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.-1:30 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 8-10
Thursdays
February 1-March 22
4-5 p.m.
Resident: $5 / Non-resident: $10

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!

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 well! 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 paula@takomaparkmd.gov.

Whether 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 - unplag and reduce stress; engage in teamwork and build friendships; foster creativity and personal growth, laugh and have fun!
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

Caldecott

Coretta Scott King
The Coretta Scott King Awards are given annually to recognizing outstanding books by African-American authors and illustrators. The 2018 CSK Author Award winner is Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson. The 2018 CSK Author Honor books are Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cat, 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 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 News

By Pat Hanrahan

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March 2018

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 Gala
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.
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 Kristie Lavanstad Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

This special event in the library will feature the book’s translator Tina Nannally 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 Saturday, March 18, 2–3 p.m.
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…

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Meet Author Rebecca Boggs Roberts
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 Aom 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
WINNERS
■ From page 8
written by Kwame Alexander with Chris Riddell; Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut, written and illustrated by Jason Reynolds.
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 Brimmor. The 2018 Sibert Honor Books are Chief Boy 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 Barcaw 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, written by Laurel Snyder and illustrated by Emily Hughes. The 2018 Geisel 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 Salina Yoon; Noodleheads See the Future, written and illustrated by Ben Hatke; I Want My Hat Back, written and illustrated by Jon Klassen; and Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability, written by Shane Barcaw and illustrated by Matt Carr; Sea Otter Heroes by Patricia Newman.
Shel Silverstein
The 2018 Schneider Family Book Award is given annually to the children’s & teen books “that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience.” The 2018 Schneider Book Award winners are Little & Lion by Brandy Colbert and The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater. The 2018 Schneider 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.
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.
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 vincents@takomaparkmd.gov.
Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue All Ages Saturday, April 7 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free
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.
Summer Camp are filling quickly! Don’t miss out! Register in person or online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/camps.
Registration opened on February 5
American Girl tzoura and the First Rule of Punk by Celia Perez.
The 2018 Pura Belpre Illustrator Award winner is 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.
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 Carraya 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 Where the Mountain Meets the Storm by Mike Curato.
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 7-12): Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by Shari Green, and Teen: You’re Welcome, Universe, written and illustrated by Whitney Gardner.
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; 2-4 years; 5-8 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
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):

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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 Fire, Reilly Caprigo-Chase Fire, Chief Tom Mastrove and Chief Jim Jarboe.
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, 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 chronicling 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 Asefa 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 to find out how 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 of nature as you could in the U.S. Rather, thanks to the juxtaposition of the developed and still-developing aspects of Ethiopia’s society, you can see just how far a will and a way can go. Being here just a week has broadened my perspective into this truth.

2. Favorite Activity in Takoma Park: I like walking 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 libraries.

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, the 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 yaredetebahu@gmail.com.

TP News Photo: 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.

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Category: Will/Trust and Power of Attorney

- Do you have a will/trust? Do the people involved know? How accessible are they?
- 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 tp@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.
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 tpeknews@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.

TTPC Agenda
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 edarec_ssi@yahoo.com
www.educareusportservices.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/neurololgic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jciner9@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

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 21 through Dec. 27

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can add a second tree and the bill is still only $307.40, planted and guaranteed for 1 year. Moderate-income homeowners. To apply for a free tree, visit takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability.

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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 tree/property installation locations.

Swamp White Oak (2”) $195
Pinon Pine (7”) $195
Black Gum (2”) $195

$6% sales tax

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

 plataforma de salud, Replace the Canopy

MARCH 2018

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Village of Takoma Park Event
Healthy Living for Brain and Body
Thursday, March 29, noon – 2 p.m.
Heffner Park, 42 Oswego Ave.
Please join Village of Takoma Park Aging Well Network to learn about this topic from Dr. Evan Vance of the Alzheimer’s Association. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.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, 6814 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

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

Carroll Cafe – 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’s headliner is Ten 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 St. NW
TPK Teachers! You’re invited to a free interactive workshop on scaffolding techniques facilitated by Dona Lee Fields, an internationally acclaimed expert on the topic. Participants will learn scaffolding (activities that pre-teach key concepts and language) will help your students transition into difficult material with ease. Participants will receive 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 Hyatt Regency
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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fitness Expo 2018
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for their 6th Annual Fitness Expo. Come join us for a 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 301-981-7289 or vincenc@ takomaparkmd.gov.