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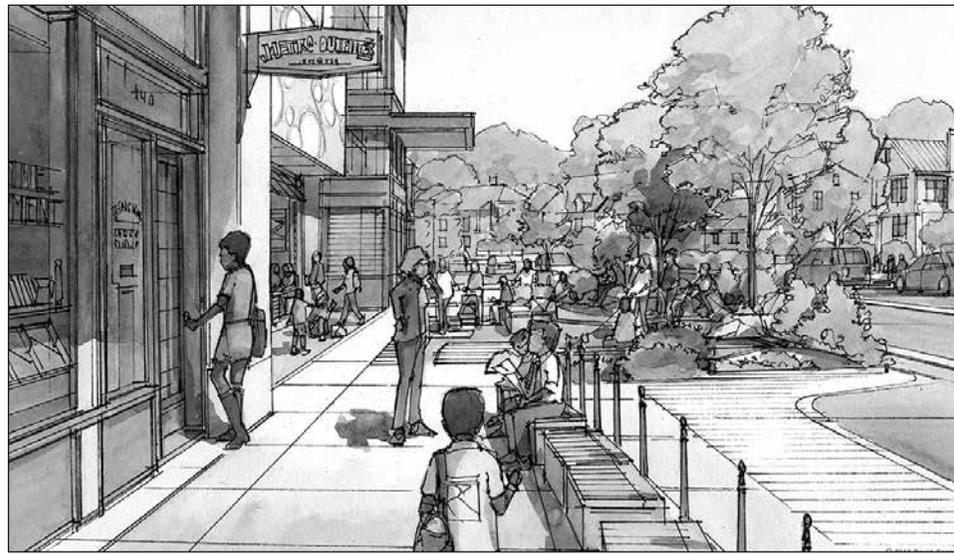
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Memorial Day
Monday, May 28
City offices and facilities closed

Trash/recycling collection
Monday, May 28
No yard waste collection

Takoma Junction Redevelopment: A pictorial preview



The view looking west along Carroll Avenue includes shops, restaurants and about 2,700 square feet of public space, larger than the brick area of the Gazebo on Carroll Avenue. Buffered by plantings, this community gathering space has benches and amenities that serve multiple purposes, does not require the purchase of food or beverage to use, and is accessible for year-round use.

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Takoma Bicycle takes it to the next gear

By Sean Gossard

Takoma Bicycle held an unveiling in early April, showing off its remodeled space on Carroll Avenue just in time for National Bike Month this month.

Owner Bruce Sawtelle, who opened Takoma Bicycle in 2010, partnered with retail designers at Colorado-based 3 Dot Design for the store's remodel. The goal was to create a more contemporary environment utilizing the latest innovations in retail that he hopes becomes a destination for both the daily bike commuter and more casual riders.



The store's new design is less cluttered, making a better first impression on customers.

"Downsizing the cash wrap and moving it out of the front entryway had a major impact on the first impression his

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Important Dates and Details

DETAILS

The City-owned parking lot at Takoma Junction is slated for redevelopment, and the City Council selected Neighborhood Development Company (NDC) as its partner for the project. The City's goals are for the project to:

- act as a stimulus to the commercial district and locally-owned, independent businesses;
- improve the aesthetic appeal of the district; and
- be contextually sensitive and environmentally sustainable.

The proposal is for a two-story, in-fill commercial project with underground public parking. The wooded area along Columbia Avenue will remain. The plan includes a lay-by for deliveries, an area for trucks to pull out of the traffic lane to unload at the front of the project. The proposed parking garage will have approximately 72 spaces for Junction businesses and customers. This is a preview of the proposed redevelopment project in pictures.

DATES

May 16 – Discussion of Draft Resolution

During this final Work Session discussion, the City Council will focus on the site plan in general and develop proposed language to be included in the resolution scheduled for the following week.

May 23 – Adoption of Resolution

The Council is tentatively scheduled to vote on a resolution regarding the site plan.

In addition to these meetings, there is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of each City Council meeting. Check out the City's website at <https://bit.ly/2mgi9Jv> for more details.

Mayor & Council
7500 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Celebrate Takoma Festival

Saturday, May 19, 4 - 7 p.m.
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Credit: Selena Malott

Flamenco DC finishes with a flourish at Celebrate Takoma 2016.



ATTENTION: TKPK5K Road Closures

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program, in partnership with five area schools, will hold the Takoma Park 5K Challenge, Fun

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 30 (The City Council will not meet.)
 All in the TPCC Auditorium

Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
 Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue)

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, May 14, 7 p.m.
 TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 7, 7:15 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.
 TPCC Auditorium

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.
 TPCC Council Conference Room

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
 TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.
 TPCC Council Conference Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, May 7, 6 p.m.
 TPCC Hydrangea Room
 Monday, May 21, 6 p.m.
 TPCC Lilac Room

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

ADA Notice

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

City Council Action

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

On **March 14, 2018**, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2018-16** condemning acts of gun violence and supporting the "March for Our Lives" and other efforts to reduce gun violence. The resolution urges swift State and Federal legislative action to address conditions that exacerbate gun violence, to provide funding for programs shown to reduce gun violence, prevent access to firearms by persons with violent or suicidal behavior, prevent conversion of semi-automatic weapons to automatic weapons, limit the number of firearms that may be purchased per month, limit magazine capacity, ban assault-style weapons, institute a mandatory waiting period and expand background checks at the federal level.

Also on **March 14, 2018**, **Resolution 2018-17** was adopted to endorse the efforts of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) to promote adherence to and implementation of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. As a Nuclear-Free Zone and signatory to

the Mayors for Peace covenant, the City of Takoma Park is compliant with the Treaty. **Resolution 2018-18** was adopted the same evening, authorizing the closure of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market on Wednesdays.

Ordinance 2018-11 was adopted on **April 4, 2018**. The ordinance approves FY 2018 Budget Amendment No. 3. **Ordinance 2018-12** was adopted, authorizing purchase of a leaf vacuum for \$31,780. The purchase is a scheduled replacement of one of the City's six leaf vacuums. Each vacuum has a life expectancy of 10 years. The same evening, the Council adopted **Resolution 2018-19** appointing Elly Kugler (Ward 3), Antoaneta Tileva (Ward 4) and Thais-Lyn Trayer (Ward 1) to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, and reappointing Ward 4 residents Lauren Price and Victoria Sutton and Ward 2 resident Michael Mullings to the Commission. **Resolution 2018-20** effected the reappointments to the Façade Advisory Board of Lucy Moore (Ward 3), Eric Sepler

(Ward 6), Lorraine Pearsall (Ward 1) and Jim DiLuigi (Ward 6). Ms. Pearsall and Mr. DiLuigi serve one-year terms representing Historic Takoma Inc. as representative and alternate, respectively.

On **April 11, 2018**, the City Council awarded a contract by **Ordinance 2018-13** to National Research Center Inc. to conduct a survey of City residents. The cost for the scope of work outlined in the RFP is \$57,000.

Agendas for City Council meetings and budget work sessions are posted online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas. City Council meetings and budget work sessions can be viewed live on City TV (Comcast and RCN - Channel 13; Verizon FIOS - Channel 28; Municipal Broadcast Network high definition - Comcast Channel 997 and RCN Channel 1060). Meetings are also streamed live online and available as archives on the City's website.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

The City Council values the efforts of the volunteers who apply and serve on City boards, commissions and committees. It is a Council priority to improve and formalize systems for the committees to ensure they are successful. In the near future, the Council will be conducting an online survey to hear from current and former members

about their experience and ideas for improvement.

The member rosters and vacancies are listed on the City website. Interested 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. Feel free to contact your City Councilmember or the chairperson of the committee to discuss your interest, contact the staff member who works with the committee, or contact Jessie Carpenter at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267.

ROAD CLOSURES

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Run and Youth Run. The race course includes Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. From 6:30–10:30 a.m. Maple Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway will be closed to traffic in order to conduct the race. Sligo Creek Parkway will close one hour earlier at 8 a.m. instead of the normal closing time of 9 a.m. Additionally, no parking will be allowed on Grant Avenue, north of Maple Avenue and Maple Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway on the morning of the race. The Ride On bus will be rerouted during this time. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience and appreciation for your cooperation. For additional information, visit the Takoma Park 5K Challenge website: www.TKPK5K.com.

Free Summer Youth Program

For ages 6 and up
June 18 – August 31
 8a.m. – 3p.m.
 (Extended morning and hours available.)

God Glorified COGIC
 111 Geneva Avenue,
 Takoma Park, MD 20912

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

2 ways to register:
 Email: ggcogicc@gmail.com
 Google Docs: <https://goo.gl/forms/8uCo0o5Tqi0Y8Pj03>

Questions? Or need more information?
 Want to volunteer?
 Email: ggcogicc@gmail.com

Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

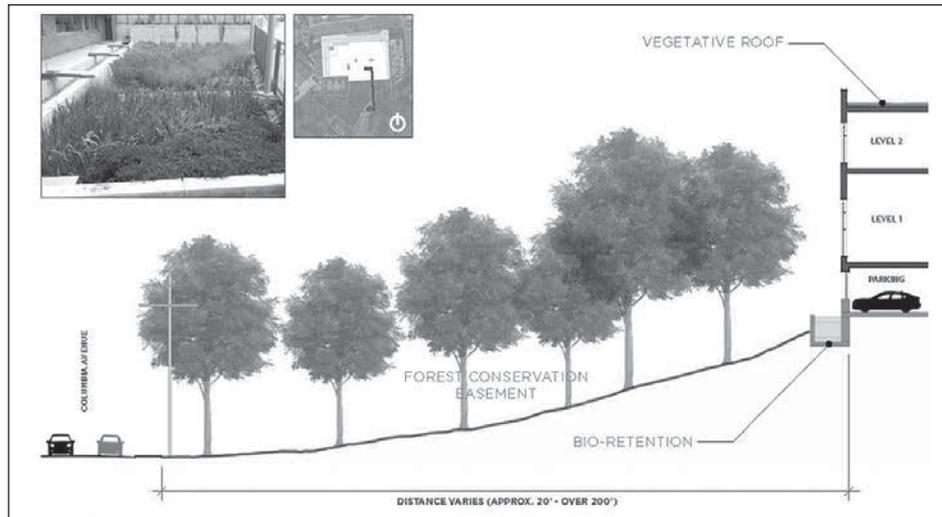


For additional information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports.

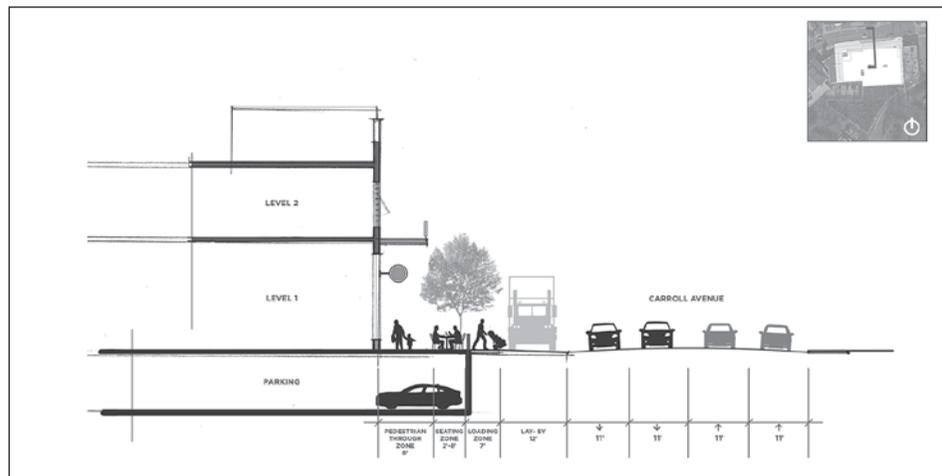
Important City Phone Numbers

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

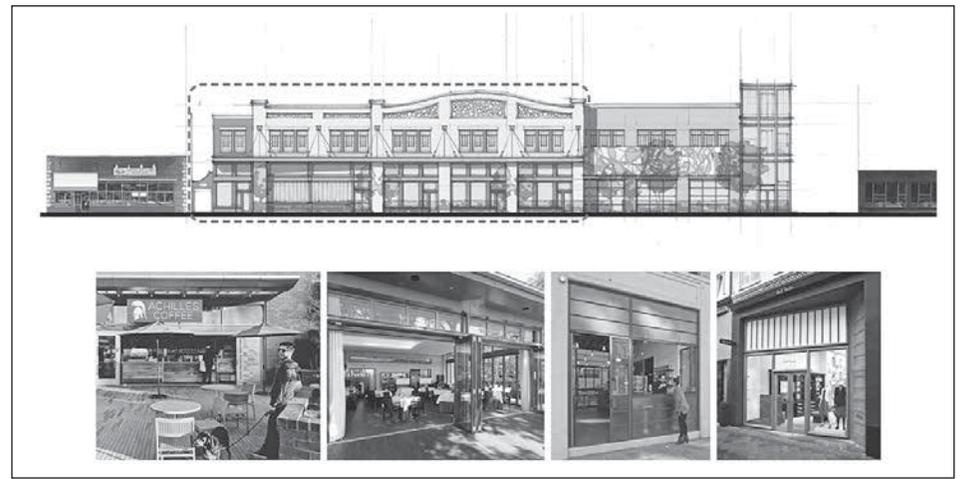
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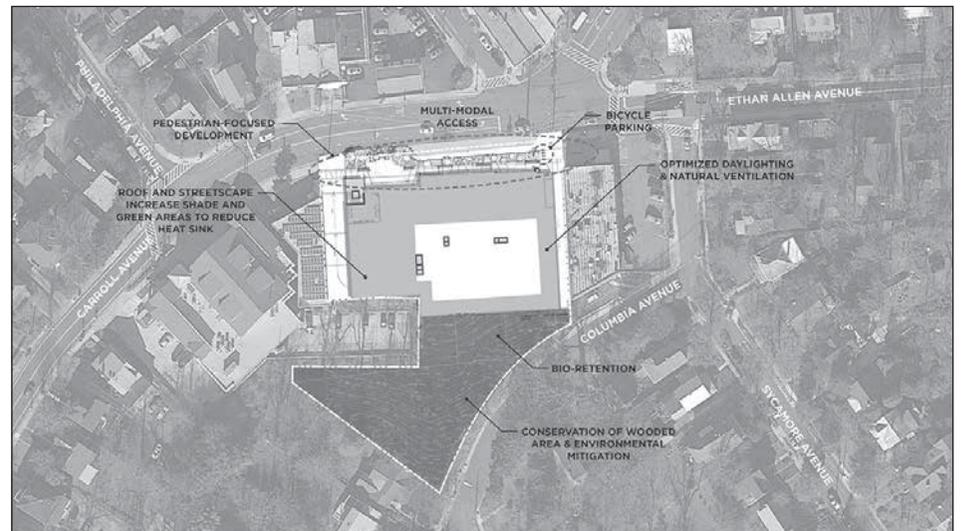
This cross-section of the wooded area along Columbia Avenue shows the slope and the placement of bio-retention facilities for stormwater management. The underground public parking garage includes 72 spaces.



This cross-section of the east end of the site shows the existing traffic lanes, the lay-by for truck deliveries and trash/recycling trucks, the loading zone, the seating area and sidewalk. The plan includes a buffer along the edge of the loading zone of plantings, bollards and benches.



The east portion of the building would have retail shops and room for a coffee shop. The tall windows would allow light into the spaces and good visibility for the businesses.



The proposal has many sustainability features and the building is designed to attain a LEED-certified Gold rating or equivalent. It would retain the wooded area, with plans for bio-retention facilities, a green roof, multi-modal access and energy-efficient design.

TAKOMA BICYCLE

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customers get upon entering the now brighter, more open store," said Holly Wi-ese, owner of 3 Dots Design.

There is a new kid's accessory area, an apparel section, well-lit fitting rooms and an increased storage area that helps keep the store looking less cluttered. The newly renovated space also features an area for electric bikes near the store's entrance. E-bikes, as they are called, offer a battery-powered assist in peddling, so riders can keep the sweating to a minimum while out for a spin.

"It's hard to devote too much room to the category, but I'd like to see if we can't become a destination for e-bikes in the area," Sawtelle said, who grew up hanging around his father's Schwinn shops. Takoma Bicycle has been named one of America's Best Bike Shops since 2013 by the National Bicycle Dealers Association.



Takoma Bicycle has a selection of used bikes just in time Bike to Work or Bike to School Day.

As part of National Bike Month, Takoma Bicycle is also taking part in Bike to work day on Friday, May 18 and will run the Old Takoma pit stop (See page 4 for details). "We have been doing this for the past eight years. It's always a lot of fun, and we love encouraging people to try commuting by bike," Sawtelle said.

Commuters in the region can skip the car-ride and get a workout by biking to work. The first 17,000 people to register at biketoworkmetrodc.com have a chance to snag a free T-shirt at one of the participating pit stops in Takoma Park.

Wednesday, May 9, is National Bike to School Day, which gives children the chance to wipe off the cobwebs and get their bikes in gear for the outdoor months. Elementary and middle school students are encouraged to put on their helmets and bike to school.

To learn more about Takoma Bicycle and plan your visit to check out the remodel, visit takomabicycle.com.



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FY 2019 Budget Schedule

Stay up to date on the status of the City's FY 2019 Budget.

Wednesday, May 2 – 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
Final Budget Reconciliation

Wednesday, May 9
Council vote on first reading of the budget and tax rate ordinances

Wednesday, May 16
Second reading and adoption of the budget and tax rate ordinances

The proposed budget can be reviewed online at <https://bit.ly/2HWUMRi>.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Property tax credits: Are you eligible?

Deadlines for several county and state property tax credit programs are approaching. Forms are available now. Use these links to see if you qualify and to obtain forms.

Homestead Tax Credit (File by May 1): This state program caps annual tax increases to 10%, for those who have lived in their own home more than one year. dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx
Call 410-767-2165

Homeowners Tax Credit (Apply by Sept. 1): For those with lower household income compared to their property tax bill. New, higher limits were adopted in 2016 for this state program. You must apply each year by Sept. 1; if you apply by May 1, the credit is subtracted before you receive your bill. Sliding scale, household income up to \$60k, see tables. dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners%27-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx
Call 410-767-4433

Renter's Tax Credit (Apply by Sept. 1): State program for renters with lower household income compared to the share of their rent that's assumed to go toward property taxes. Sliding scale, see tables. Up to \$1,000 rebate dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Renters%27-Tax-Credits.aspx
Call 410-767-4433

Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit: To be eligible for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit, the property must be listed in the *Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/tax-credit-program
Call 301-563-3400

For more information, call MC311, or if outside Montgomery County, call 240-251-4850.

County Taxes – Individual Tax Credits

- **Property Tax Credit for Elderly Individuals and for Military Retirees**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/bill-42-16.html
- **Urban Agricultural Property Tax Credit**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/bill-31-16.html
- **Renewable Energy Tax Credit Application**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/Resources/Files/data/taxes/renewable_energy_tax_credit_application.pdf
- **Green Buildings Tax Credit Application**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/resources/files/data/taxes/Green_Buildings_Tax_Credit_Application.pdf
- **Tax Expenditure Report**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/Resources/Files/TaxExpenditureReportFY16.pdf
- **Property Tax Credit and Exemption Information**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/taxes/tax_credit_exempt.html
- **Tax Credit for Spouse of Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/resources/files/data/taxes/Fallen-PublicSafetyWorker_APPLICATION.pdf
- **Fire Sprinkler Tax Credit**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/resources/files/data/taxes/APPLICATION_fire.pdf
- **Property Tax Deferral Application and Information**
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/resources/files/data/taxes/PPTax_DeferralApps_Info.pdf
- **Design for Life Tax Credit**
www.permittinganddesignservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/designforlife/DesignForLife.aspx

Rent Stabilization Allowance (Annual Rent Increase)

1.8%

Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

The Takoma Park's law (*City Code Chapter 6.20 Rent Stabilization*) maintains the affordability of rental units in the community by limiting the number and amount of rent increases that may be charged for a specific rental unit. Generally the rent may be increased only once in a given 12 month period and rent increases are limited to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index. The rent stabilization allowance is calculated on an annual basis and applies to all licensed multi-family rental facilities with two or more rental units and to all licensed condominium units.

The 2018-2019 Rent Stabilization Allowance is 1.8% and will be in effect beginning

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Landlords required to comply with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

Multi-family rental properties and individually-owned condominiums rental units are subject to Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization laws; however the following units may be exempt from many of the requirements of rent stabilization. The exemption is not automatic and is subject to the approval of the City.

- Rental units leased to tenants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program;
- Any rental facility that is subject to a regulatory agreement with a governmental agency that controls the rent levels of not less than one-half of the rental units in the rental facility and restricts the occupancy of those rental units to low and moderate income tenants; and
- Newly constructed rental units for a period five years after construction.

If you have any questions about the rent on your unit or Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law, please contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216.



First-Time Home Buyers Seminar

Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD**

Make a well-informed decision when you purchase your first home. Come and join us for this free, first-time home buyer seminar led by the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), a HUD certified housing organization. This seminar is the opportunity to get answers to your many questions from the professionals involved in the home buying process. Attend the entire session and receive a Certificate of Completion, allowing you access to low interest loans.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, please contact the Housing & Community Development Department at (301) 891-7119 or sign up at <http://bit.ly/2BWg0Lq>.

Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided.



Bike to Work May 18!

This year Bike to Work Day will be held on Friday, May 18, at two "pit stop locations" in Takoma Park.

1. Sligo Creek Parkway at New Hampshire Avenue (7-9:30 a.m.)
2. Old Takoma at the Gazebo (6-9 a.m.)

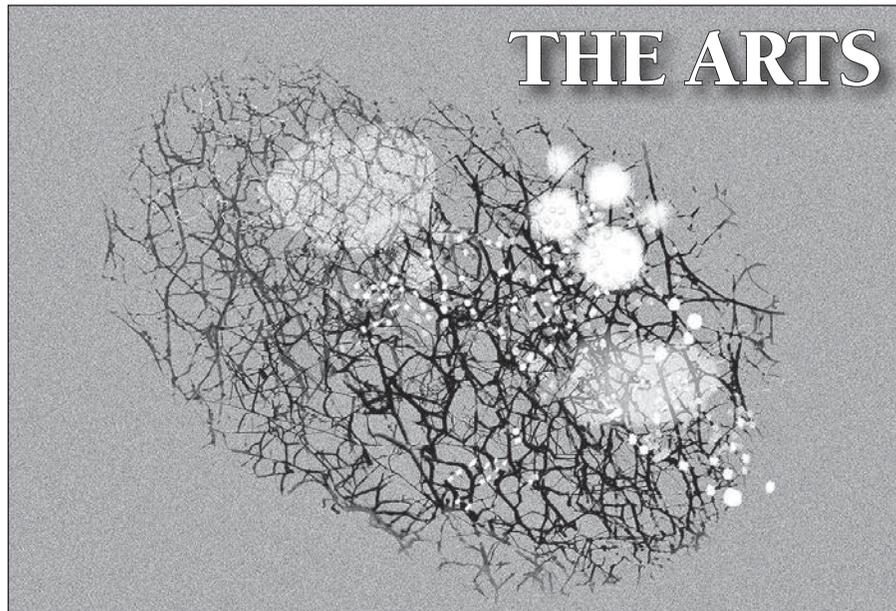
This event is free and fun and allows riders to take a break and connect with community members on their way to work at "pit stops" throughout the region with refreshments and giveaways. Register today at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

If you would like to volunteer at the event or are a business that can sponsor with in-kind donations, please contact Jamee Ernst at jameee@takomapar.md.gov or 301-891-7213.

FLUID DYNAMICS celebrates the flow of art



Jacqui Crocetta, *Leap*, Detail 1



Clare Winslow, *Web*



Jacqui Crocetta, *Leap*, Detail 2

Art Exhibition Opening Reception Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center – Free event

FLUID DYNAMICS is a group exhibition that will fill the galleries of the Takoma Park Community Center with artwork by four professional artists: Jacqui Crocetta, Farhad Heidarian, Brendan L. Smith, and Clare Winslow. Their work is intimately connected by the fluidity of motion in their creative execution and the flowing nature of the materials used in their artwork.

Fluid dynamics is a scientific term relating to the movement of liquids, but it is also an apt characterization of these artists' fluid and dynamic artwork.

Crocetta has created delicate sculptural forms in an installation titled *Leap* that will be suspended above the 30-foot-tall atrium, while Winslow's screen prints and paintings on handmade paper will enliven the walls of the atrium. Heidarian's colorful abstract paintings will be featured in the third-floor gallery, and Smith's mixed-media sculptures will fill several display cases.

The exhibition also will feature artwork by the Mo County ALL STARS, a group of youth with life challenges, who are supported by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. Please join us for the opening reception where you can see the artwork, meet the artists, and enjoy some snacks. If you miss the opening, you can still see the exhibition which will be on display in the community center until July 8.



HIT & STAY Film Screening

Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium – Free event

On May 17, 1968, nine Catholic activists entered a Selective Service office in suburban Catonsville, Md., where they dragged stacks of Draft Board records into the parking lot and set them ablaze with homemade napalm. They then prayed and waited to be arrested. In doing so, they kindled a wave of similar protests against the Vietnam War across the country.

HIT & STAY, a new documentary film by Joe Tropea and Skizz Cyzyk, tells the story of the "Catonsville Nine," who tangled with the FBI, went to prison or into hiding, and ultimately helped change America's mind about the Vietnam War. Many of the participants are interviewed in the film, as well as observers, such as social critic Noam Chomsky and historian Howard Zinn. Following the screening, Tropea will lead a discussion with the audience. This free event is presented by the City of Takoma Park's *We Are Takoma* cultural series in partnership with Docs in Progress.

3rd Thursday POETRY.

Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium – Free event

Baltimore poets Christine Higgins, Anne Lolordo, Madeline Mysko, and Kathleen O'Toole are co-authors of *In the Margins: A Conversation in Poetry*, a collection of poetry chronicling the evolution of this writing group over more than two decades. The poets will read their individual work and talk about their collaborative process. A reception will follow the reading with a chance to meet the poets.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The *We Are Takoma* cultural series seeks visual artists to participate in group art exhibitions in 2019 in the galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. Artists do not need to be Takoma Park residents, and there is no application fee. Individual artists working in any visual art medium are encouraged to apply, as well as independent curators or artist collectives with proposals for their own group exhibitions.

Artists aren't paid but are welcome to sell their artwork with no commission. The Takoma Park Community Center has several galleries that can accommodate wall-mounted work, small sculpture in display cases, and large sculptural work suspended from the ceiling of the 30-foot-tall atrium.

The deadline for submissions is June 4, 2018. More info and the online application form are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.



Nahid Tootoonchi, *Sun*

RECREATION

TOTS

CAMP

Rookie Sports Camp

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to the first day of camp.



Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
3-4 years
Monday-Friday
1 Week Sessions:
June 25-June 29
July 9-July 13
August 6-August 10
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

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 Session
Mondays, May 7-June 18
(No class 5/28)
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, May 3-June 7
4-5:45 p.m.
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175

CAMP

Girls Basketball Camp

Participants will learn basketball fundamentals which include but are not limited to: ball handling, shooting skills, foot work, and overall knowledge of the game. Campers will also improve communication skills and teamwork all while having fun. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Please bring a non-perishable lunch every day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
6-13 years
1 Week
July 23-July 27
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$220

New Ave. Adventure Camp

Get ready for a fun-filled summer of adventure, games and activities with our New Ave Adventure Camp! Campers will go swimming, have a weekly field trip, create arts and crafts projects, and play various games based on the theme of the week. Before and after care is available for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Week 1: Me, My Family and Community
June 27-29
\$75
Week 2: FUNdamental Sports
July 2-6, No Camp 7/4
\$100



Visual Arts Camp

Have fun and express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design! Each session includes a new art related theme and group of art processes and activities. Sharpen your drawing skills, explore new materials and exercise your imagination with inspiring art projects. Two hours of drawing in the morning using graphite, pen and ink, colored pencils, charcoal pencils, pastels, oil pastels or conte crayon, etc. followed by two + hours of painting and/or collage and assemblage in the afternoon. Media such as watercolor painting, sumi-e, mixed media painting, texture and found-object assemblage will be explored.

Art related movies, access to the game room during the day and outdoor art adventures are all included in what will certainly be a memorable summer experience. All materials included. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Please bring a non-perishable lunch every day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
11-14 years
Monday-Friday
1 Week Sessions:
July 9-July 13
July 16-July 20
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325

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, May 3-31
4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

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 are played on Saturday mornings. Parents are encouraged to coach. No games 4th of July weekend.



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

Y.E.S. Summer Basketball League: Grades 5-8

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games and the season will conclude with playoffs and a championship game. Each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. For more information, please email tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Middle School
Gymnasium
7611 Piney Branch Road
5-8 Grades
5 Week Season
Mondays, June 18-July 23
(No Games the week of July 4)
6-8 p.m.
Resident Fee \$25 / Non-resident Fee \$35

TEENS

DROP-IN

Power Hour

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

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

Teen Lounge

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

SPORTS

Y.E.S. Summer Basketball League: Grades 9-12

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games and the season will conclude with playoffs and a championship game. Each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. For more information please email tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov.



Takoma Park Middle School
Gymnasium
7611 Piney Branch Road
9-12 Grades
5 Week Season
Tuesdays, June 19-July 24
(No Games the week of July 4)
6-8 p.m.
Resident Fee \$25 / Non-resident Fee \$35

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.

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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, May 7-June 18
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Collage

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, May 1-June 5
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. It will help you jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Bring a notebook or laptop to each class and be ready to have fun. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, July 11-August 29
7-8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

FITNESS

Qi Gong - Energize Your Work

A five-session introduction that will integrate Mindfulness practices and Qi Gong exercises into the work day. Learn to transform your on-the-job stress reactions with active attention and listening to cultivate a richer professional presence and communication style. Develop your personal mindfulness strategy to cultivate positive responses and serenity to your ongoing professional pressures. Nourish your energies with Qi Gong and mindfulness practice throughout our work day and extend their benefits throughout your life and the lives of those you serve. Make better decisions. Be a more effective leader. Experience serenity now. All that is required is an open mind and a willingness to experiment by integrating these mindfulness tools to truly energize our work. Instructors: Patrick Smith

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
5 Week Session
Wednesdays, May 2-May 30

7-8 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays,
through June 13
6-7:15 p.m.
Drop-in: \$15



Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, through June 13
7:30-9 p.m.
Drop-in: \$15

SPORTS

Adult Summer Basketball League

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Put together your winning team and go against other area teams to win the league championship. Teams will be provided uniforms.

Silver Spring Intermediate Park
7801 Chicago Avenue
18 years and older
6 Week Season

Wednesdays & Thursdays
June 20-August 9
6-8 p.m.



Team Fee \$200

Adult Summer Basketball League: Free Agent

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available. If space becomes available, you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated fees to that team. Spaces are not guaranteed.

55+

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. Share in the laughter and fun. No registration required.

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



Game Room Open Play

The game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to "hang out" before, in-between and after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

Join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays, through June 19
12-1 p.m.
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH



Cardio Groove

High energy and fast-paced, low impact Aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, then a well-earned cool down and stretch. Moves follow the beat of music designed for Aerobics. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Mondays, through June 18
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Free

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Celebrate Takoma: The block is hot in our little melting pot!

What is a festival? A festival is an event celebrated by a community focusing on a specific characteristic of that community and its cultures. Celebrate Takoma fits this definition to a tee.

Takoma Park is a patchwork quilt of diverse people with their own varying cultures and backgrounds. This is what makes our community so special. Where else can you experience Latin American, West African, Middle Eastern, European, and so many more cultures in less than three square miles?

Join us on May 19 from 4-7 p.m. as we honor all these amazing cultures at our annual festival, Celebrate Takoma. Now in its sixth year, this community festival sponsored by the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will turn Maple Avenue into a fun and lively micro melting pot. It features music, dance, food, games, and children's crafts all from around the world.

There will also be representatives from different community groups and



This community mural was created at last year's festival.

businesses from around the City as well as the annual presentation of the Azalea Awards. The Azalea Awards will be presented to volunteers and activists who have been selected as the year's best at improving life in the Greater Takoma community. Black Masala will kick off the event with a sampling of international music, and the steel pan band Panquility will close out Celebrate Takoma with shake-shake-shake percus-

sion, which is always a fan favorite.

Celebrate Takoma fosters community pride, introduces people to new cultures and strengthens relationships between residents and neighbors alike. It leads to new friendships and allows for a community that is strong in diversity to come together as one. So bring a lawn chair or blanket and joins us for an evening of unity and fun!



Serving on the Geisel Award Committee

By Sylvie Shaffer

Editor's Note: Sylvie Shaffer, a Takoma Park resident and school librarian, writes about her service on the 2018 Geisel Award Committee. The Geisel Award, which recognizes the best books for beginning readers, is one of a number of children's book awards sponsored each year by the American Library Association (ALA); other ALA awards include the Caldecott and Newbery Medals.

I thought I knew what I was getting into. After accepting my appointment back in October 2016 to serve on the 2018 Geisel Award Committee, I'd spoken with friends and colleagues who'd served on book award committees. I was excited to hear them share their experiences as I looked forward to my own quickly approaching year of service.

I'd read the Award Manual and stacks of prior Geisel winners and honor books. As a school librarian who's very active in the children's literature community, it was nothing new for me to read hundreds of books in a year's time. And, having earned dual masters in children's literature and youth librarianship, I'd had lots of practice scheduling and tracking my reading, taking detailed notes, and arguing the merits of particular titles, both in writing and in very intense group discussions. So really, I thought I was ready.

The truth is that nothing could have prepared me for my whirlwind year of service, and truth told again, eight weeks later, I'm still recovering. Like a sailor struggling to find land-legs after more than a year at sea, I have had trouble finding my reading groove these months after the committee announced our selections at the Midwinter conference of the American Library Association (ALA) in Denver this February. I'll stand in front of my ever-growing TBR (To Be Read) pile and become overwhelmed by the freedom to choose whatever I want to read next and not even have to take a single note. I even read (gasp!) a novel written for adults over my spring break.

What was so different about my reading last year compared to the last dozen years or so was that instead of reading broadly across the kid lit spectrum as I typically do, adding titles to my brain's ever-growing database of just the right books I can recommend and share with toddlers to teens, I focused (nearly) all my reading energy onto books published for emerging readers. While many people have heard of the Newbery and the Caldecott awards, surprisingly few average folks know about the Geisel Award. And that's a shame! Especially since if you're a casual reader of children's literature, or a parent of a child under eight, you probably already know and love a few Geisel winners, like *Hi, Fly Guy*, *The Watermelon Seed*, *I Want My Hat Back*...and more than a handful of titles by Mo Willems.



Sylvie Shaffer

The Geisel Award was established in 2006 to honor the very best books for kids in pre-kindergarten through second grade as they learn to read. It's named for Theodore Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, who said, "Children want the same things we want: to laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted." Each year, a committee of seven (six members and a chair) work together to read any and all eligible books, diligently tracking books as they are received, read, and annotated.

My year of service kicked off in January 2017 but really picked up months later at the ALA's annual conference in June where we practiced our book discussion and deliberation procedures. Much of the work was done at home, however, as we committee members read and read, looking for the best titles to submit monthly to our chairperson. She then compiled them in a spreadsheet to help us keep track of what others on the committee thought were important for the rest of us to read. Then, in the fall, it was time to agonize over which books we each would officially nominate as our best choices for the award.

Those nominations eventually became our final book discussion list, narrowing our selection from the hundreds of books that arrived at our homes and offices from publishers over the year. But I can't tell you exactly how many books were on our final discussion list because, as for many ALA awards, the details of how many books were nominated and how the discussions went over a couple of days in a locked hotel conference room must be kept secret. Really! It's a secret. Sorry.

What I can tell you is this: Serving on the 2018 Geisel Award committee will forever be a highlight of my personal and professional life. If you'd like to hear more about my experience, as well as learn some tips for selecting books for the beginning readers in your life, please join me for a casual conversation in the Library's Children's Room on Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Newbery Medalist Rebecca Stead & Bestselling Author Wendy Mass

Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

The two authors discuss their new co-written kid's novel, *Bob*.

NOTE: This event will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium.

"A Long Separation," A Traveling Photo and Audio Exhibition by Laura Pohl

Sunday May 6, 12–5 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center in front of the building

This exhibit features the stories of people divided from family in North Korea since the Korean War and is brought to you through the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

For information, contact Ellen Robbins at the Library, ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7259.

LEGO Club

Sunday, May 6, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

Caldecott Club

Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Join us for a look at some early 2019 Caldecott Medal contenders.

Lemonade and cookies served.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 8, 4 p.m.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.

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

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday May 12, from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Library lawn

To volunteer at the sale, contact Pat Hanrahan at pat@pathanrahan.com.

Kids' Author Hena Khan

Monday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

Khan presents *Power Forward*, the first book in a new series about Zayd Saleem, who dreams of being the first Pakistani-American NBA player.

Kids Art

Sunday, May 20, 2–3 p.m.

Friends Fortnightly Book Club

Wednesday May 23, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Our book is *How to Be Both* by Ali Smith, a Man Booker Prize Finalist in 2014, now available at the Library.

Beginning Reader Primer

Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.

Join school librarian extraordinaire Sylvie Shaffer as she talks about her experience on the 2018 Geisel Committee choosing the best books for beginning readers.

Alternative Games

Sat. May 26, 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

Coming Up....

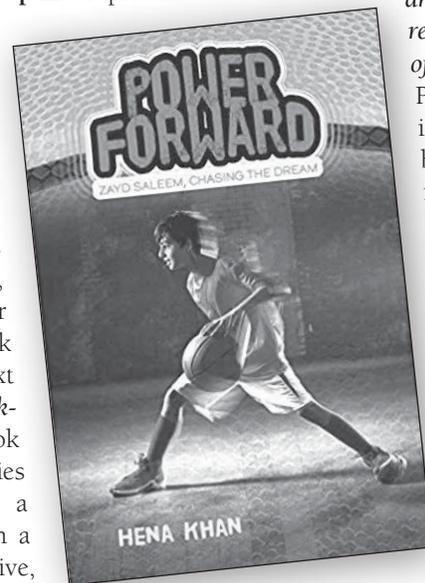
- **Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m.** – Local children's book author Minh Le presents his newest picture book, *Drawn Together*, illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat
- **Monday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.** – SummerQuest 2018 kicks off! Come sign up for our unique summer reading program.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Award-winning kid's author Hena Khan returns to our Library on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. to present

Power Forward, the first book in a new series about Zayd Saleem, a boy dreaming of being the first Pakistani-American NBA player. In its review, *Kirkus* said, "Readers will cheer for Zayd and look forward to the next volume," while *Booklist* called the book "a promising series opener featuring a main character with a refreshing perspective, which will appeal to plenty of sports-loving readers."

At our program, Khan, who visited the Library last spring to present the critically-acclaimed *Amina's Voice*, will read from *Power Forward*,



talk about how she came to write it, and then take questions from the audience. Khan also will briefly spotlight her other just-published book, a picture book titled *Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes*. Politics & Prose will be selling copies of Khan's books, but our event is free, and no purchase or registration is required to attend.

If you like comics, you'll love our Comics Jam program! Once a month, from September through June, Library Associate Dave Burbank leads

this unique book club devoted to reading comics. The program takes place on the second Tuesday of each month from 4–5:30 p.m., and no registration is required. Dave concludes each program by taking "drawing requests" from the audience.

Freedom Seder turns 50

By Helen Lyons

In 1969, a six-year-old Jamie Raskin fidgeted in his seat at the Passover Seder in a Washington church, where more than 800 people of various religious and racial backgrounds had come together in the wake of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination to participate in an ancient ritual.

What the young Raskin might not have known -- nor anyone else present at what would become a historical gathering -- was that they were reshaping the age-old dinner



Credit: Helen Lyons

Congressman Jamie Raskin talks with another attendee.

into an act of modern activism that would continue for the next half-century to come.

Last month on the fiftieth anniversary of what would later be remembered as the first Freedom Seder, Rabbi Arthur Waskow recounted to a much more intimate crowd at Silver Spring United Methodist Church (including now-grown and now-Congressman Jamie Raskin) that in 1969, the city of Washington was under siege.

That first Freedom Seder, he said, came in response to "the repressive use of the United States army to occupy the city, and partly out of what happened the rest of that year to break down the possibility of small, democratic response to racism and Vietnam."

"Fifty years later, we have moved forward in many ways towards creating a new community," said Waskow. "Interfaith was heresy 150 years ago in practically every religious community, and now it is a rich, creative part of almost every religious community."

The haggadah -- a religious text used to guide the proceedings -- that Waskow wrote for the first Freedom Seder is still used by many liberal Jewish families today.

After the listing of the ten plagues -- Blood, Frogs, Vermin, Poisonous beasts, Pestilence, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness and Slaying of the firstborn, traditionally -- Waskow commemorates not only the suffering of the Egyptians but also the suffering of "the people of America," quoting "shofets" Thomas Jefferson and Nat Turner, along with "rabbi" Henry David Thoreau, "prophet" William Lloyd Garrison and "judge" Abraham Lincoln.

This year in Silver Spring, Rep. Raskin introduced a different ten plagues to the Seder.

Among them: Systematic destruction of the earth's climate system caused by the unlimited production of greenhouse gases and deliberate industrial and governmental suppression of scientific data and evidence needed to save humanity; Financial and political profiteering from gun trafficking; Ex-

ploitation, harassment, mistreatment, discrimination, violation and violence directed at women and girls all over the earth; Racism, housing discrimination, mass incarceration and unaccountable police violence; Immigrant bashing; Domestic and foreign interference in democratic elections; and Pervasive discrimination against the poor.

The first Freedom Seder was history-making for its inclusion of whites and blacks, Christians and Jews. On its fiftieth anniversary, worshipers from the Silver Spring IMAAM Center raised cups with members of local synagogues and hid the afikomen with congregants from the United Methodist Church.

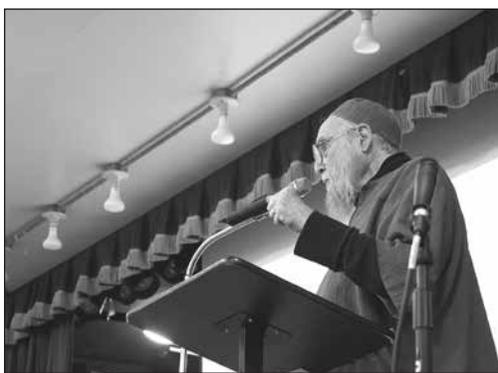
SongRise DC, a women's social justice a cappella group, sang hymns recognizable to Jews and Christians alike, and the Seder began with a song from a young imam musician who offered "peace to all" after taking the stage with a full band.

"Fifty years later," Waskow told the diverse attendees of the sold-out seder, "we gather together to renew the sense of a new kind of community this moment embodies."

On every table, a slip of paper indicated the Mah Nishtanah or the Four Questions.

1. How much progress have we made as a nation in terms of legal, economic and social equality for African Americans (and for all Americans) since 1969?
2. Recalling Dr. King's famous dream that people be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin -- did seeking a color-blind society promote or hinder anti-racism in the last 49 years?
3. How has our activism changed since the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s?
4. How has our commitment to social justice changed?

"Blessed art thou, O Lord, who hast commanded us to answer the questions of our children about the departure from Egypt," reads the traditional haggadah. "For as no question is ever fully answered, so the



Credit: Helen Lyons

Rabbi Arthur Waskow

four questions that our young people asked tonight have not been fully answered. May they and we seek out answers for ourselves and, seeking, ask new questions!"

As Jew, Christian and Muslim alike conversed, ate and sang together in the basement of a small Silver Spring church, perhaps the most important question of the Mah Nishtanah was its last:

What mistakes from the past have we learned from?

To learn more about the original Freedom Seder, visit <https://wapo.st/2qRRNS6>.



Credit: Helen Lyons

Attendees fellowship while enjoying a traditional meal.

2017 Safe Grow Photo Contest winners honored



Barbara Muhlbacher (third place)



Jonathan Kang (second place)

Congratulations go out to the 2017 Safe Grow Photo Contest Winners Elizabeth Carter (first place), Jonathan Kang (second place) and Barbara Muhlbacher (third place)! They were recognized by the City Council at their April 11 meeting.

The photo contest, first launched last summer, challenges Takoma Park residents to submit pictures, which best represent what it means to live in a Safe Grow city. More than 30 photos were entered, 15 moved on to the public voting, and these three ultimately captured the beauty of having a Safe Grow community. The winners all received Safe Grow Zone yard flags to display in their yards to raise awareness of Takoma Park's Safe Grow Zone.

For more information about the 2018 Safe Grow Photo Contest, please visit us online at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safegrow/safegrow-garden-photo-contest or follow our social media channels @TakomaParkMD.



Elizabeth Carter (first place)

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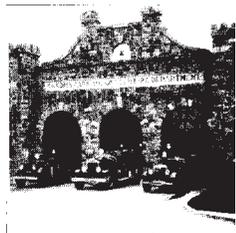
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TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
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5K RUN, 5K WALK, 1 MILE FUN RUN, 1/4 MILE YOUTH RUN

CHEERS TO 10 YEARS

EAST SILVER SPRING ES
PINEY BRANCH ES
ROLLING TERRACE ES
TAKOMA PARK ES
TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Mar. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 152 fire-related incidents in 2018. The department also addressed or assisted with 711 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 863. Totals for 2017 were 129 and 672, representing an increase of 62 incidents. During March, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,007 hours of standby time (grand total 3,705.5) at the station compared to 1,615.5 hours

in March 2017 (grand total 5,124.5), a decrease 1,419 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of April 25, 2018, 22 people have died in fires compared to 33 in 2017.

Safety message Hoarding in the home!

In the event of an emergency in your home, especially it's a fire, hoarding could make the difference between you and your family getting out and the firefighters getting in. It's spring clean-up time, so while you are cleaning, be on the lookout for potential hazards (e.g. boxes, newspapers and other miscellaneous items piled high) that could block your exits.

Other safety reminders

- Don't forget to check on seniors.
- Make sure there are operating smoke alarms on all levels of the home, including occupied bedrooms. Check them monthly.

iCan Shine Bike Camp call for riders and volunteers

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School brings the iCan Shine Bike Camp to Takoma Park for the fourth time. This week-long camp is designed to teach individuals with



disabilities to ride conventional bikes and become lifelong independent riders. This camp is free and open to Maryland residents only. NEW THIS YEAR: Riders over the age of 14 are welcome. Minimum age for volunteers is 15.

The camp will be held June 18-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. at Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. Campers and volunteers are scheduled for a specific session time (i.e. 8:30-9:45 a.m. or 2-3:15 p.m.) for the duration of the camp. TP SRTS is currently recruiting both riders and volunteers for the camp.

Riders (30 total) must be:

- At least 8 years old by start of camp and have a disability
- Able to walk without an assistive device and sidestep to both sides
- Able to attend a 75-minute session each day of the five-day camp
- Under 220 pounds and have a minimum inseam measurement of 20 inches
- Maryland residents

Volunteers (60 needed) must be:

- At least 15 years old (unless accompanied by an adult)
- Able to attend 90 minutes at the same time each day for five days (15 minutes of training/daily debriefing, 75-minute session)
- Able to provide physical, emotional and motivational support to assigned rider
- Able and willing to jog or run for a great cause!

For more information and to register, contact lucyn@takomaparkmd.gov or visit iCanShine.org and/or takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safe-routes-to-school.

conditioning, and healthy lifestyle choices. After camp in the evenings, campers can attend T-Bolts games where they can cheer on their coaches! (Look for the schedule in the next newsletter.)

Week Long Camps are June 18-22, June 25-29, July 2-6 (no camp July 4), July 9-13, and July 16-20, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. The location is Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium. The cost is \$220 per week except for week of July 4, which is \$190.

Three-Day Specialty Camps (for kids ages 11-16) are June 18-20, June 25-27, and July 9-11, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day. In these camps there will be intensive training from Thunderbolt coaches on batting (Day 1), pitching and catching (Day 2), and the camper's choice of an expanded ses-

Facebook's Reminder: Do you really know who your friends are?

Emergency Preparedness in the Digital Age, Part III

By Claudine Schweber, co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee



Were you surprised to learn how much information Facebook and other sites share with advertisers and others? Facebook has estimated that about 87 million users' data was "shared" with Cambridge Analytica. Does that include you? Whether you were one of these users, it's a warning: Be cautious about sharing information, learn about staying safe online, and be careful when using public Wi-Fi.

Staying safe online

Be wary and act promptly. Here are two common situations to be on the lookout for:

1. *Demands for immediate action:* Did you get an email saying act immediately because your account has been compromised, your order cannot be fulfilled, etc.? Action: Be proactive and contact the company directly (not via the e-mail) and save information on critical sources, such as banks accounts, credit card help, etc. elsewhere (on paper).
2. *Spam, phishing and spear phishing* (via e-mail) and social media: You know that spam is essentially electronic junk mail. Action: Mark the email via spam icon and delete. Even more dangerous is phishing; these attacks use e-mail or malicious websites to collect personal and financial information or infect your computer with malware and viruses. Spear phishing involves highly specialized attacks against specific targets or small groups to collect personal information, infect your computer

with viruses, or gain access to systems. Action: "When in doubt, throw it out." (But report it before deleting the message.)

Using public Wi-Fi

You're in an airport or café and need to contact the office or family member. Luckily, there's public, free Wi-Fi available. No, not lucky—potentially dangerous!

- Don't access bank accounts, pay credit card bills, or connect to e-mail on the free systems. Duplicate fake networks may have been set up, the evil twin scam.
- Don't allow for automatic connections to Wi-Fi; this may connect you to the evil twin and uses substantial battery power. Make sure you know how to turn off the automatic connection feature on your iPhone or Android before you travel.
- Don't even visit a website that will ask for personal information, such as your credit card number or bank account access, or that requires a unique password.
- Do use only a private secure network. Yes, you may have to wait, but you won't have to spend lots of time clearing up a hacker's or con artist's creativity on your account. (See www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud.)

To be continued, of course! Know of other security tips? Send them to us, and we'll share with them with newsletter readers (after carefully checking them). For more information, contact the committee at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.



Summer baseball camps

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts, a team in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, run summer baseball camps in June and July for boys and girls 8-16. Instruction is from Doug Remer, the Thunderbolts head coach with assistance from other T-Bolts coaches and players. The emphasis is on fundamentals, baseball values and discipline,

sion on pitching or catching (Day 3). There will be a 3-to-1 camper to counselor ratio. The price is \$250 for each three-day session. The location for these camps is also Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium.

Half-Day Beginner's Camps (for kids ages 5-7) are the same dates as the week-long camps and run from 9 a.m. – 12:15 pm. The rates are \$110 for weeks 1, 2, 4, and 5 and \$85 for week 3.

Each week-long camp session is limited to a total of 50 campers. We provide bats, balls and equipment. Campers bring their own gloves and lunch. Each camper gets a Thunderbolts T-Shirt. Go to the T-Bolts website, www.tbolts.org, for early bird, sibling, and multi-year discount information, refund policy, and application forms, or call 301-983-1358.

Mark a Drain Campaign

By Ali Khalilian, Takoma Park City Engineer

Dr. Norma Jean McKay, PE, the current president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, wrote, “As civil engineers, we carry a significant weight in our solemn responsibility to the public” (*Civil Engineer*, June 2017).

Every four years the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is tasked with presenting a grade for America’s infrastructure, such as bridges, dams, energy, highways, and aviation. In all, 16 different sectors are evaluated to form America’s infrastructure report card. In 2017, America received a D+ in the status of infrastructure (water/wastewater systems).

“The shift toward an urban population

will place unprecedented demands on the world’s cities for land, energy, transportation, waste disposal and healthcare.” Dr. McKay said when describing an ASCE policy statement and commitment to contributing to a global culture of sustainability marked by a partnership formed between the American Public Works Association and the American Council of Engineering Consultants to form the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

Sustainability, simply stated, is “protection and efficient use of our resources.” She wrote, “A lot has come to the public’s attention these days about the climate change and the prospect of a pending crisis regarding the availability of clean wa-



Darwin/Grant/Holly Avenues bio-retention



Linden Avenue Project (before)

ter as a resource.” Sustainable practices in conservation of our water resource will impact “our quality of life for generations to come.”

Takoma Park enjoys a well-deserved reputation as being a forward-looking community regarding sustainability and stewardship of natural resources. Our obligation, as a community, is to live up to that image. The photos shared here are admittedly few and far between and endorse the perceived progressive image. One might assume that not many need to be advised as to why it is important to stop dumping pollutants into the street drain system in Takoma Park. However, now it is time to take the next quantum leap.

We are working hard and engaging the City’s resources to achieve Clean Water Act goals by eliminating non-point source pollution by 2025, ensuring a sustainable future for increasingly scarce water resources. One way for everyone in the community to help is by participating in our “Mark a Drain” campaign. There is always a need for volunteers to engage in the simple task of installing stickers on catch basins as a constant reminder that catch basins and street gutters are conduits that discharge into our rivers; hence, no other substance should be permitted down the drain – just rainwater.

To participate, contact the City Engineer at the Department of Public Works. Student (boys/girls of all ages and grade levels), scouts, and other civic groups or individuals, are encouraged to volunteer. We supply markers, equipment and in-

structions.

On a closing note, please watch the Sligo Creek and report any substances other than rainwater that are discharging in it or flowing through it. This includes construction muddy water runoff, foam from washing, paints, swimming pool discharges, and so on. As you walk or drive along the path or on the parkway, watch the flow of water.

The City expends many resources to upgrade the community’s stormwater infrastructure. Drain pipe cleaning, in addition to other improvements, is vital to maintaining such a resource. Often drain pipes clog to a point where heavy washing becomes necessary to remove the debris. Such debris contains contamination of various kinds and will have to be disposed of in landfills. Otherwise it winds up in the creek and the bay mudding the water, destroying the plants and suffocating the aquatic life. Let’s protect the Chesapeake Bay.



Linden Avenue Project - after retrofit & Wetland Modular Installation

RECREATION

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Line Dancing

Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility, and stress reduction are just some of the

benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Instructor: Barbara Brown

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Wednesdays, through June 27
(No class 5/30 & 6/6)
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Free

RECREATION Special Events

Celebrate Takoma

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. All vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area.

Maple Avenue, between Philadelphia & Lee Avenues
Saturday, May 19
4–7 p.m.

Event held rain or shine
For more information please call:
301-891-7290 or visit:
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/
celebrate-takoma



See article on page 7!

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Get ready for another Family Outdoor Movie Night. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly “PG” rated hit. Bring snacks and your own water. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn and water per person. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. Visit our website takomaparkmd.gov/recreation to vote on the movie. For more information please call 301-891-7290



Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind PBES
Saturday, June 2
Movie starts at dusk
Free

Join the low waste living movement

“Living low waste has become a worldwide phenomenon as awareness grows about problems such as plastic in our oceans and bulging landfills,” according to Lori Hill of green lifestyle company Sister Eden. “Our fast-moving world has made us too dependent upon disposable items that are wreaking havoc on our planet. We need to return to reusables and avoid so many disposables.”

Hill, a Takoma Park resident, is teaming with the City’s Neighborhood Services Division to present a workshop, *Trash Talk with Lori Hill: Tips for Living a Low Waste Life in Takoma Park*, on Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center.

The free hour-long session will include easy tips for living low waste, tricks to avoid plastic bags when purchasing pro-



duce, baked goods, and more; details about the City’s Adopt-A-Spot program, door prizes, discounts from Earth-friendly companies, and a copy of “The Sister Eden Citizen Action Plan: 31 Daily Tips to Take Care of Yourself and Take Care of the Planet.”

“Neighborhood Services is responsible for enforcing

the city’s plastic bag and polystyrene bans and for overseeing the city’s anti-litter initiative,” said Rick Baravechia, supervisor of the Neighborhood Services Division. “We hope this workshop will be the beginning of a series of free educational opportunities for all the citizens of our city.”

Registration is not required. For more information, visit www.SisterEden.com/LowWaste.

MAY '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 June issue is May 11, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning May 25. 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, May 2, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Memorial Day — City Offices Closed

Monday, May 28
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services

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 teach 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 Nov. 28
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)

First Thursdays, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
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.

Community Mediation Maryland hosts Susan Burton

Friday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave.
Community Mediation Maryland, a local nonprofit in Takoma Park, is hosting a speaking engagement and book signing with Susan Burton. Burton is the author of "Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women."

4th Annual GreenFest

Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Jesup Blair Local Park, 900 Jesup Blair Drive, Silver Spring
Montgomery County's largest environmental festival creates opportunities for residents, businesses, nonprofits and neighbors to come together, share ideas and learn about local environmental initiatives. For more information, visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

Takoma Park 5K Safe Routes to School

Sunday, May 6, 8 a.m.
TP Community Center
The TKPK5K is a fun, family-oriented community event that features a series of races including a chip-timed 5k (run or walk), a 1-mile fun run and ¼-mile youth run.
Register at www.tkpk5k.com.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 8, 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.

Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 9
Elementary and middle school students are invited to ride their bikes to school on National Bike to School Day. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safe-routes-to-school/saferoutes-to-school-events.

Trash Talk with Lori Hill: Tips for Living a Low Waste Life in Takoma Park

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
This free hour-long session will include, easy tips for living low waste; tricks to avoid plastic bags when purchasing produce, baked goods and more; and details about the city's Adopt-A-Spot program. More info at www.SisterEden.com/LowWaste.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
We will have books for kids and adults – fiction and nonfiction – all in great condition at low prices. The library will accept donations of gently used books of general interest at the Library until May 7.



VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Village Rides Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, May 16, 7 – 9 p.m.
TP Community Center, Hydrangea Room
Orientation for those interested in driving TP seniors once a month or more. Please register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109 or e-mail sandyeganretired@gmail.com.

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 18
Celebrate bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Be one of the first 17,000 to register for Bike to Work Day and stop by one of the pit stops in Takoma Park to receive a free T-shirt and refreshments and be entered into a raffle for a new bicycle. For more information and to register, visit biketoworkmetrodc.com.

Celebrate Takoma

Saturday, May 19, 4 – 7 p.m.
Maple Avenue (in front of PBES)
This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside to PBES. Due to limited parking, we encourage your family to walk to this event.

Refugee Info Fair & Film Screening

Sunday, May 20, 1 – 5:30 pm
Sligo Church, 7700 Carroll Avenue
Learn more about the refugee experience and meet the local organizations and leaders who are serving refugee needs in your neighborhood and around the world. From 1 – 3 p.m., there will be a meet & greet with local organizations as well as Q&A panels with local leaders followed by a free screening of the refugee documentary film "Human Flow" from 3 – 5:30 p.m. This is a free event hosted by ADRA International and Sligo Church. No tickets are required.

Jouons Football Club Shooting Clinic

Sunday, May 27, 2 – 3 p.m.
Spring Park, Poplar & Elm Avenues
Ages 7–8
It's free to register, but space is limited. For more information, contact Elvis at 806-553-5437 or info@jouonsfc.com. Visit www.jouonsfc.com.

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m.
Ed Wilhelm Field, behind PBES
Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family. The movie will be a family friendly "PG" rated hit. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn and water per person. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged. This is a free event.

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. No pre-registration required; drop-in anytime for \$5/person (kids 3 and under are free).

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

Film screening of "Burkinabè Rising"

Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
"Burkinabè Rising: The Art of Resistance in Burkina Faso" is a documentary film that showcases a nonviolent resistance movement in Burkina Faso that helped overthrow a dictator who ruled the country for 27 years.

Film screening of "Hit & Stay"

Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
"Hit & Stay" tells the story of nine Catholic activists who entered a Selective Service office in 1968 in Catonsville, Md., where they dragged stacks of Draft Board records into the parking lot and set them ablaze with homemade napalm, kindling a wave of similar protests against the Vietnam War across the country.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, May 17, 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: Baltimore poets Christine Higgins, Anne Lolordo, Madeline Mysko and Kathleen O'Toole, co-authors of "In the Margins: A Conversation in Poetry."

Carroll Café

Friday, May 18, 7:30 – 10 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Sally Rogers and Claudia Schmidt
Tickets and info at <http://carrollcafe.org>



Writing a Village

Monday, May 21, 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, May 21, 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.

Youth Arts Night

Thursday, May 24, 7 – 9 p.m.
Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave.
An evening of performances by Dance Exchange's Youth and Teen Exchange plus other local young artists who want to share their talent. Music, dance, theatre, poetry, visual art and more. If interested, email samh@danceexchange.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Credit: Selena Malott
(Feb. 11, 2018, 8th Annual Mid-Winter Play Day) Budding artist Hadley Edwardson gives her face and body painting skills a spin with Grandma Sue while Jay Keller makes a play day cookie.

Fifth annual Adult Play Day

Let's Play America, with support from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, presents the fifth annual Adult Play Day. Come join Let's Play America for a fun afternoon of indoor play. To see a full listing of activities and performances, visit www.letsplayamerica.org. 21 years and older.
Saturday, June 9, 7 – 10 p.m.
VFW Post, 3420 Orchard Ave.