



## WHAT'S NEW?

### 129th Independence Day Parade, Program & Fireworks

Wednesday, July 4  
Parade: 10 a.m.  
Program: 7 p.m.  
Details on p. 7

### Fire Safety Messages & Summer Vacation Checklists

Details, p. 10

### City offices and facilities closed

Wednesday, July 4

### Trash/recycling collection

Wednesday, July 4 trash, recycling and food waste collection moved to Thursday, July 5.

## In Takoma Park, 57 steps to inclusion

By Sean Gossard

In a city like Takoma Park that's so steeped in multiculturalism, it is only fitting to have steps to match.

So, Takoma Park muralist Nancy Illman got the idea to turn the drab public staircase leading from Philadelphia Avenue up to Takoma Park Elementary School into its own sort of Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, with each of the 57 steps colorfully painted and donning uplifting messages inscribed in nearly 50 languages.

"I wanted to make a statement to say we see you, we celebrate you, we include

you," Illman says. "But I didn't expect the love and the impact that it would attract."

The idea for the "Uplifting Staircase" was spurred after the election of President Donald Trump in November 2016. Illman, who is an art specialist at the Takoma Park Child Development Center, felt the need to do something to foster the feeling of inclusion that she felt was under attack.

"The final straw was the current immigrant ban. Whether you came here on the Mayflower or just arrived last week,



Tinah Tayebwa poses with her daughter on the newly painted "Uplifting Staircase" between Philadelphia Avenue and Takoma Park Elementary School.

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## Curb the thought

By Timothy Gratton,  
Takoma Park Code Enforcement

Spring (or summer cleaning) brings on a rash of emotions, one of which is the desire to discard unwanted personal items, which might include some furniture. In my opinion, spring cleaning actually lasts all year long. Rubbish, trash, litter and bulk objects, such as furniture, are not only unsightly, but more importantly unsanitary and in quite a few instances draw vermin, such as rats.

There are several ways that you can discard unwanted items:

- You can put them out in the trash for pick up.

- You can arrange a donation to an organization, and someone will come by your house to pick them up.
- You can give them to someone, a friend

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Takoma Park city code prohibits leaving unwanted furniture curbside.

## Next steps for the Takoma Junction Process

By Kate Stewart, Mayor, Takoma Park

Originally published on June 20 at <https://bit.ly/2KF08kG>.



Kate Stewart

I am writing on behalf of the City Council to inform the community about where things stand and next steps regarding the Takoma Junction

redevelopment project.

We all appreciate the time and energy that has gone into coming to meetings, expressing concerns, and asking questions. As I have said in the past, our formal meeting setup is not conducive to real dialogue and back-and-forth conversations with residents. Knowing that, over the last couple of months, we added the open house and the pop-up event as part of our process and have had similar types of meetings over the past four years. In addition, most of us on the council have been holding many one on one or small group meetings with residents.

After much thinking about how best to offer additional opportunities for residents to provide feedback, we are adding a special meeting on July 9 to provide an opportunity for residents to engage with individual Councilmembers. For more information and to sign up to participate, visit <https://bit.ly/2N9GeQB>. In addition, we continue to be available to meet one-on-one and in small groups with residents.

Regarding the draft resolution and timing for a vote, we expect that a draft resolution regarding the draft site plan will be posted the week of July 2, in advance of the first Council Work Session focused on the draft resolution, which we have scheduled for July 11. The Development Agreement requires that the Council vote on a resolution that would allow a draft site plan to proceed to the County's formal development review process or, if the draft site plan does not meet

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# DOCKET

## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Room Hydrangea Room

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

### NOISE CONTROL BOARD HEARING/ MEETING

Monday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 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](http://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: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas>.

### ADA NOTICE

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## CityCouncilAction

All ordinances and resolutions are posted on the City's website.

On **May 16, 2018** the City Council approved **Ordinance 2018-16**, setting the FY 2019 tax rate (\$0.5291 per \$100 of assessed valuation); **Ordinance 2018-17**; adopting the FY 2019 stormwater management budget; and **Ordinance 2018-18** adopting the FY 2019 budget. **Resolution 2018-24** was adopted to set a policy regarding the level of the City's general fund unassigned fund balance.

The Council authorized staff to submit a number of grant applications. **Resolution 2018-25** authorized submission of an application to the SHA Transportation Alternatives Program for design for the reconfiguration of the Takoma Junction intersection (\$800,000). **Resolution 2018-26** authorized submission of a grant application to the Maryland Community Legacy Program for two projects: Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$300,000) and Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op for design and renovation for strategic improvements to its existing facility in the amount of \$200,000. **Resolution 2018-27** authorized submission of an application to Maryland's National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund for the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$500,000). **Resolution 2018-28** authorized submission of an application for Maryland Strategic Demolition Funding for Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$500,000) and for Neighborhood Development Company for site work including demolition and environmental cleanup for the Takoma Junction lot in the amount of \$600,000.

By **Resolution 2018-29** the Council appointed Braima Moiforay (Ward 4) to the Board of Elections and reappointed Gregory Lebel (Ward 1) to the Board. The Council also adopted **Resolution 2018-30**

reappointing Andrew Kelemen (Ward 1) to the Emergency Preparedness Committee and appointing Josue Canas as representative of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

On **May 23, 2018**, the City Council adopted Ordinance **2018-19** which approved installation of traffic calming on Fifth Avenue between Orchard Avenue and Eastern Avenue. Resolution **2018-31** was adopted approving the temporary partial closing of the unit block of Grant Avenue on June 17, 2018 for the Grant Avenue Market.

At the City Council meeting on **June 6, 2018**, the City Council appointed David Lanar (Ward 1) to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee and reappointed Jay Levy (Ward 1) and Reid Baron (Ward 3) by **Resolution 2018-32**. The Council adopted **Resolution 2018-33** reappointing Bruce R. Williams (Ward 3), Dick O'Connor (Ward 1), and Howard Kohn (Ward 3) to the Commemoration Commission.

*Agendas for City Council meetings are posted online: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas). City Council meetings 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.*

### Traffic Calming Approved for Fifth Avenue

At its meeting on May 23, 2018, the City Council authorized the installation of traffic calming on Fifth Avenue between Orchard Avenue and Eastern Avenue. Three speed humps are to be installed on Fifth Avenue and two bump outs will be installed on either side of Fifth Avenue at the intersection with Westmoreland Avenue.

## Boards, Commissions, and Committees

There are vacancies on a number of City boards, commissions, and committees. Additionally, a number of terms will expire on Sept. 30. The City Council values the efforts of the volunteers who apply and serve on boards, commissions and committees. The member rosters and vacancies are listed on the City website. Interested applicants should review the online information and consider attending a meeting to see if it is a good fit. All the meetings are open for the public to observe unless noted otherwise on the agenda. 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](mailto:JessieC@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267.

## Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

What is going on in Takoma Park? The Project Directory can fill you in! The Project Directory lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide and includes need-to-know information for each one. [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory)

GOVERNMENT	SERVICES	INITIATIVES	NEWS
Boards, Commissions & Committees City Clerk City Council City Manager City TV Communications Finance	Bids & Contracts Business & Multifamily Recycling Careers/Jobs Community Partners and Resources Curbside Collection	Project Directory (All City Projects) Arts & Humanities Community Conversations Library Renovation Municipal Tax Duplication	City Council & Mayor Blog City Manager & Staff Blog News & News Alerts Forever Young Newsletter Sign Up For e-Newsletters

1. To access the Project Directory from the City of Takoma Park website, on the home page under initiatives, select "Project Directory" as shown above.

Initiatives > Project Directory

## PROJECT DIRECTORY

### About the Project Directory

This page lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide. purpose:

- Crime & Safety
- Customer Service / Community Engagement
- Economic Development
- Internal Projects
- Policy Priorities
- Public Infrastructure
- Regional
- Sustainability

2. You'll be taken to the "Project Directory" page, which lists all major projects being worked on or planned citywide. Projects are grouped by classification based on their purpose.

### POLICE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

About the Police Facility Improvements

City Council authorized funding to evaluate and redesign the police space in the Community Center. The current goal is to expand and renovate the police office space. Likely this will reduce the lobby area on the first floor of the police station.

Current Project Status

Preliminary architectural plans completed. Project is currently waiting for future funding.

Project Lead & Contact Info

Dick Bowers  
Police Captain  
Phone: 301-891-7104  
Email: [RichardB@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:RichardB@takomaparkmd.gov)

### Police Facility Improvements Details

Project Info & Timeline

- Target completion date: 2016 - July
- Takoma Park's role in project: Lead
- Departments involved: Police

Budget & Funding Source

Links & Notes

3. Then click on the name of the project that interests you. In this example, a resident wanted more information about Police Facility Improvements.



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Council’s approval, enter mediation with NDC. The Voting Session is scheduled for July 25.

We have also been in process of re-viewing our racial equity work overall, and specifically as it relates to the Takoma Junction project, and will share our thoughts on this within the week. This is an important part of our process and will continue to be so in the future.

With all this in mind, here is a summary of next steps regarding the Council’s consideration of the project:

- Week of July 2 – draft Resolution made public in advance of July 11 Work Session on Resolution (As promised, we will solicit feedback from the Co-op on Whereas clause(s) pertaining to the Co-op.)
- July 9 – One-on-one discussions with Councilmembers. For more information and to sign up to participate, visit <https://bit.ly/2N9GeQB>.

NDC and Co-op agree to enter into mediation

The Neighborhood Development Company (NDC) and the Co-op have agreed to enter into mediation, which the City offered to sponsor in a letter to both parties dated May 24. The two parties have chosen a mediator, and preliminary meetings have begun. The City Council continues to be committed to ensuring that reasonable accommodations for the Co-op are made as outlined in the Development Agreement between NDC and the City. Reasonable accommodation issues include topics such as deliveries, parking and continuity of operations during construction.

Mediation is likely to be focused on operational issues, many of which are not related to elements of the site plan for the development. If the Council votes to have the draft site plan begin the County review process, there will be feedback from County staff, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board and the State Highway Administration as these agencies review the proposed plan. Some of the pro-

posed comments could affect elements that relate to reasonable accommodation arrangements. The City Council will give ongoing attention to the agency comments and proposed changes throughout the process and will share their comments on the revised plan as it comes before the Montgomery County Planning Board. A super-majority of the Planning Board is required to take an action that is contrary to a resolution of the Takoma Park City Council.

Mayor Kate Stewart sent a letter to Rachel Hardwick, the Co-op Board President, assuring her that the Council will hold a Work Session when mediation concludes so that the Council can learn about the outcome of the mediation and can determine whether it believes that the accommodations are reasonable. If the Council does not believe the proposed accommodations are reasonable, the Council can request changes and pursue mediation between the City and NDC to address the issues, as outlined in the Development Agreement. If discussions between the City and NDC are unsuccessful, the project can be terminated without penalty.

- July 11 – Work Session on Resolution
  - July 25 – Voting Session on Resolution
- As we have stated, our vision for Takoma

Junction is to create a well-functioning area overall. A thriving, beautiful, functional and funky Takoma Junction. Essential to this project succeeding is the continued success and

involvement of the TPSS Co-op. We look forward to working with the community, with NDC, and with the Co-op to make this happen.

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this is your home,” said the Takoma Park resident. “I say don’t you dare devalue our immigrants.”

So Illman approached Mayor Kate Stewart with an idea for a grassroots community initiative last September and got the go-ahead for the “Uplifting Staircase.” The project transformed the staircase into a colorful series of steps with messages of encouragement and inclusion in languages ranging from Braille and Swahili to Spanish and Jamaican patois, and mostly suggested by people in the area.

To get submissions for the 57 phrases on each of the 57 steps, Illman turned to the community, both online and while working to paint the steps this spring. While outdoors painting, Illman says she would ask people using the stairs for phrases in their native languages.

Without funding, Illman turned to the Difference Makers, a student-run organization hosted by Takoma Park Middle School. They helped to raise funds, and as part of Global Youth Services Day on April 21, 20 students with aprons and brushes came out to help paint. The Sherwin-Williams Paint Store on Georgia Avenue also donated paint for the project and a pizza party for the students.

“I shopped around for someone to commission this project and drew the con-

clusion that the staircase was part of the school, not the city,” Illman says, “and the school was open to me working on it.”

And it wasn’t only students who helped paint the steps. “While the Difference Makers did the bulk of the painting, I reassured any interested passers-by that I can take their sloppiest hand-writing and turn it into professional-looking calligraphy,” Illman says. “Some hadn’t touched a brush in 10 years.”

Uplifting messages range from “We go high” to “Rise Up” and “Where There’s a Will There’s a Way” and are meant to send a message of inclusion to the current administration and show that Takoma Park is welcoming to all immigrants. And the response has been phenomenal, Illman says.

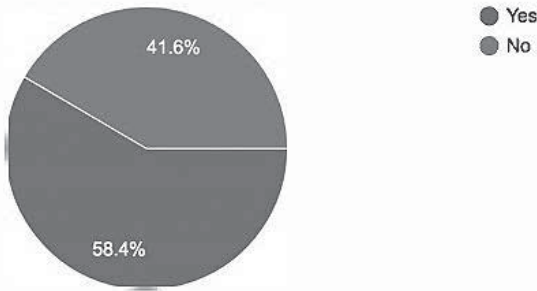
“One Ethiopian lady texted, ‘This staircase has made me feel more comfortable. My sister from Pennsylvania now wants to move to Takoma Park,’” Illman says.

She already has requests for more steps to be painted, including a staircase near Sligo Creek. And later, she hopes to create an online database where people can read the translations of the messages on the steps and get cultural background on their meaning.

“Takoma Park is traditionally a hippie town; we are a sanctuary city, representing all,” Illman says. “I decided to put my talent and energy into making people feel loved. It’s always my intention that my art is healing.”

Before taking this survey, were you aware the Takoma Park Youth Council existed?

89 responses



Youth Council shares survey results

One of the first actions the council took was to create and distribute a survey to gauge the issues that concern Takoma Park youth, their level of awareness about their local government and the Youth Council in particular, and their interest in participating in Takoma Park government. Of the 80+ survey responses, the majority came from students in grades 10–12.

The survey showed that most students were more or less in the middle in terms of their knowledge of Takoma Park government, but were overall somewhat unsatisfied with it. They were, however, sat-

isfied with the services that the Takoma Park government provides to youth. The vast majority of students said they desired more outreach from Takoma Park to the youth, and a significant amount said they’d be interested in a Youth Town Hall. Overall, the Youth Council was able to tell from this survey that students desire more outreach, and the members have been working on efforts to do so, such as beginning to plan a youth town hall.

Read more about the survey and other updates in the Youth Council’s newsletter launched last month: <https://bit.ly/2ltfSw6>.



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



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Tell us what you know about the housing services the City offers

The City offers a variety of housing services to the community. We would like to get your feedback on how you may have used these services. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions at <https://tinyurl.com/tkpkhousing>. Your feedback will help us to improve or add additional services.

7. Which programs or services did you use? Please check the appropriate boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord and Tenant Mediation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Housing/Unit Inspection   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of Rent Stabilization Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Association   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Program        | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Assistance Program (help with rent, utilities, medicine, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Return Rent Increase Petition            | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Home Buyer Class  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs (COLTA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Stretch Program (Down Payment Assistance)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Check                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Occupied Group House Registration                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental License                                | <input type="checkbox"/> None   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)                        |   |

## TEDxYouth@TakomaPark

x = independently organized TED event

By Rick Henry

While the voices of national and local youth have rung out loud and clear this year on issues such as school gun violence and immigration, Takoma Park teenagers, Nora Fenn Gilman, 13 and Marusya Airumian, 14, believe that the youth of Takoma Park has a lot more to say and offer.

"Often times, kids feel as if they can't have an opinion about things that are happening in the world," said Gilman.

"We want to get our (local youth) point-of-view across so we decided to make our own opportunities to have people hear

our voices," said Airumian.

The result is a planned TEDxYouth event for 6th – 12th graders from Takoma Park. While no official date has been set for the event, Gilman and Airumian say it will likely occurs sometime early in 2019, possibly sooner.

TEDxYouth events are offshoots of the popular TEDx events. At TEDx events live presenters give 10-minute talks about a variety of subjects in order to spark deep conversation and connections at the local level. TEDxYouth events follow the same

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## Carbon monoxide detectors required in rental properties

By Patti Mallin, Licensing Specialist

The Maryland State Code requiring Carbon Monoxide alarms in all rental properties went into effect this past April.

The statute requires that CO2 alarms be installed outside of each sleeping area (one in a hallway into which all bedrooms open satisfies this), plus on each level of the building that contains any fuel-burning equipment or is adjacent to an attached garage. This means the basement if you have a gas furnace and near your kitchen if you have a gas stove.

Like smoke detectors, these CO2 detectors should either be hardwired with

a battery backup or the sealed type containing a ten-year battery. If it is time to replace your smoke detectors, you can find combination smoke/CO2 alarms that satisfy requirements for both. Either style can be found at your local hardware store.

Be sure to get this done before the next code-compliance inspection of your rental property to avoid re-inspection. If you are a tenant, check in with your landlord or property manager if you don't see the required alarms, and point them to this information. Have questions? Contact Housing and Community Development at 301-891-7119 or [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov).

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maybe who can appreciate the item(s) and will put them to good use.

- You can call Takoma Park Public Works (301-891-7633) for a pick-up.

The choice is yours, but there is one thing residents of Takoma Park should never do. Your personal belongings or furniture should never be placed on the curb in front of your house with a sign advertising them for free and hoping someone will come by and take them.

I've heard quite a few residents of Takoma Park say, "Well, my neighbor did it, so I thought it was OK!" That's not the right answer. This practice is not only a nuisance, but more importantly, it is not allowed by City code.

I don't know about you, but I hate driving around our city only to see unwanted

personal belongings and furniture scattered on curbs throughout neighborhoods. It makes the city look trashy and as if people just don't care. And we do care, right?

So don't put:

- Trash in a container without a tight fitting lid,
- Your rubbish or trash in someone else's container, such as a dumpster, or
- Anything on the curb in front of your house or on someone else's property.

If you need to get rid of things like furniture, call Takoma Park Public Works and arrange for a pick-up. If you need additional information, call the Takoma Park Neighborhood Services Division (301-270-1100), and we will be glad to answer your questions.

Thank you, and have a trash free summer!

you are invited to

# LUNCH

with the **MAYOR**  
at Takoma Langley  
**CROSSROADS**

7/27 Tiffin

8/24 Pupuseria el Comalito

9/7 El Marinero Comida Latina & Grill

9/21 El Campeon Rotisserie Chicken & Bakery

10/12 Tijuana's Mexican Cafe

at 12:00 noon, more info at  
[TakomaLangleyCrossroads.org](http://TakomaLangleyCrossroads.org)



# Animals Altered Exhibit arrives in Takoma Park

A Dalmatian dons a fire hat, a mermaid lifts a boat, and a red-crowned crane prances across the backs of “Spotch Monsters” in the engaging *Animals Altered* art exhibition.

Featuring work by five talented artists, the exhibition will fill the galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. An opening reception will be held at 7 p.m. on July 12 where the artists will be available to talk about their work.

This exhibition explores these artists’ transformation of animals both in form and function, revealing our intimate connection with the animal world both in the wild and our own homes and how our actions may jeopardize their survival. In her light-hearted *Professional Pups* series, Ghavuri Kumar anthropomorphizes animals like a Dalmatian wearing a firefighter’s uniform and a pug dressed like a French artist complete with a beret, mustache, and flamboyant red



Marta Gutierrez, Franz

scarf. The work contrasts the light airy feel of watercolor with a background of burnt wood. “I’ve found myself wondering, if my dog was human, what his hobbies or job would be,” says Kumar, who earned a bachelor of fine arts in fashion design from the Columbus College of Art & Design.

Born in Medellin, Colombia, Marta Gutierrez moved to Boston in 1985 where she enrolled at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts to follow her dream of becoming an artist. Two years later, she transferred to the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C., where she completed her BFA. Her series of wire and fiber sculptures titled *Un Ratón de Biblio-*



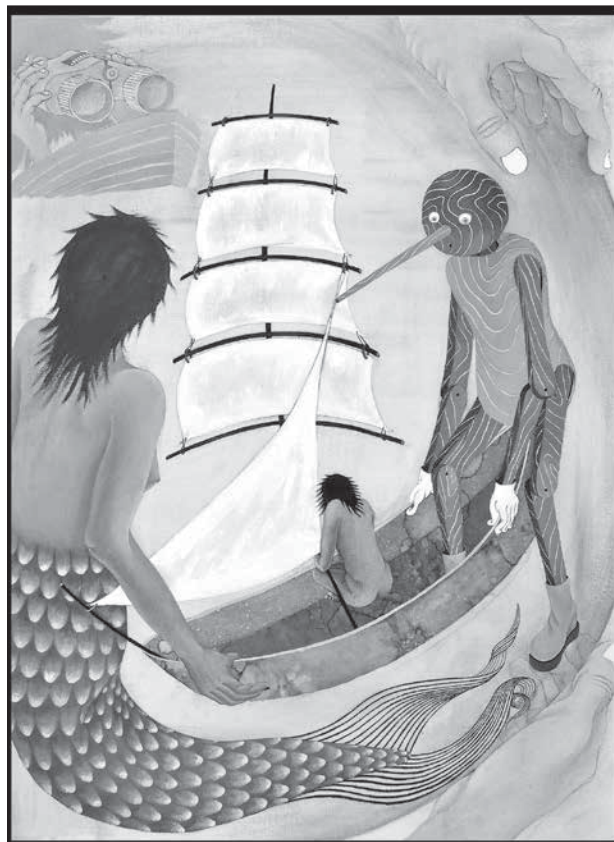
Stephen Loya, Red Crowned Crane On Spotch Monster Island

*teca* (a bookworm in Spanish), pays homage to the sacred yet whimsical space of the library, which houses the most fantastic array of alternative universes created by words. Her whimsical sculptures include the bare outlines of a mouse and a bright red creature with turquoise dots. “My drawings, paintings, and sculpture invite us to have an alternative look at everyday life with humor,” she says. “The titles of my artwork provide clues about their connections to literature.”

Susan Hostetler has always been inspired by the natural world, including murmurations where large flocks of starlings seem to act as one, simultaneously shifting direction in dazzling twists and turns. That natural phenomenon inspired her latest work, including her large installation



Susan Hostetler, Mixed Migration Flock



Kyujin Lee, Standoff

of dozens of black and white birds that will be suspended above the three-story atrium in the community center.

Hostetler earned a fine arts degree in painting and printmaking in 1980 and has shown her work in galleries in New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Barcelona, Spain, where she lived before moving to New York and later to the D.C. area in 2000. “The bird has been my steadfast motif,” Hostetler says. “I feel an added urgency because climate changes have disrupted migratory patterns, affecting the future and welfare of bird populations and those of us who are inspired by them.”

Stephen Loya also is inspired by the natural world and how our actions threaten the survival of wildlife in an increasingly fragile environment. A Pittsburgh native who has lived in northern Virginia since 2001, Loya’s artwork has been exhibited nationally and internationally. “My work in this exhibition combines drawings of endangered animal species coexisting and interacting with something I call Spotch Monsters, imaginary beasts created from watercolor paint splotches,” Loya says. “Are the Spotch Monsters empathetic friends or hostile foes? That is up to the viewer to decide.”

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Kyujin Lee immigrated to the United States and received her masters of fine arts from the City College of the City University of New York in 1997. She has been a working and teaching artist in Washington, D.C., since 2001. “In the spirit of Surrealist automatism, I begin by creating spontaneous marks on paper or canvas,” Lee says. “I often just brush over, splatter, or spill water-based pigments, and then I compose visual narratives from those seemingly random actions. The stories that result are deeply personal, yet meant to be universally relatable.”

In her watercolor and acrylic painting *Standoff*, Pinocchio and the Little Mermaid lift a small ship occupied by one blue nude figure whose back is turned to the viewer. They are all encompassed within a blue sphere cradled inside two large hands, while another pair of hands in a smaller boat holds a giant pair of binoculars. The dream-like narrative is imbued with an uneasy mix of emotions. We aren’t sure what’s happening in this strange world and where the story started or where it might end.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more info, go to [www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts).



Ghavuri Kumar, Dalmatian Lieutenant



# RECREATION

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### 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  
**1 Week Sessions:**  
July 9-July 13  
August 6-August 10  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

## EXTENDED CARE

### After The Bell Childcare 2018-2019 School Year

After the Bell childcare program is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). This program will provide a safe environment for children grades K-5 where they will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have time to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, and more. Parents can arrange transportation through MCPS by calling 301-879-1062 to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers) and we will meet them at the bus stop.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
MCPS school year  
3:30-6:30 p.m.  
\$1,250



## TEENS

### DROP-IN

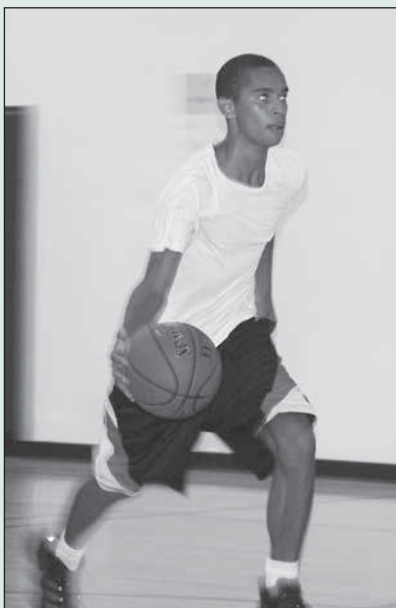


#### Teen Lounge

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

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
**Summer Hours:**  
Monday-Friday: 4-7 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
Free

## SPORTS



### After Hours Basketball

This program, in its fourth summer, will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16-24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late night basketball. This program will be from 9-11 p.m. during the summer. We are looking to provide safe and fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department. This program will run from July 5 to August 16.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16-24 years  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
July 5-August 16  
9-11 p.m.  
Free

## ADULT

### FITNESS

#### Ladies Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
8 Week Session  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
July 3-August 23  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
\$85  
Drop-in: \$10

#### Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba on Saturdays afternoons. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout by mixing low- and high-intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
6 Week Session  
Saturdays, July 7-August 11  
11:45a.m.-12:45p.m.  
\$50  
Drop-in: \$10

## 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, July 24  
12-2 p.m.  
Free



#### Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Tuesday, July 24  
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  
**Summer hours:**  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Free

## FITNESS



#### 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, July 2-August 20  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Free

#### 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, July 11- August 29  
(No class 7/18 & 8/8)  
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Free

## SPECIAL EVENTS



#### Free Fried Fish Fridays

Join us every last Friday of the month as we celebrate...YOU with fried fish and chips (french fries). We're frying all the fish and chips we can until everything runs out. Bring the family; bring your friends. This event is open to all ages. In partnership with God Glorified C.O.G.I.C.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Outdoor Basketball Court  
7500 Maple Avenue  
All Ages  
July 27 & August 31  
5-7 p.m.  
Free



# Shake Your Sillies Out

By Michael Kurland, Recreation Supervisor

Every year across the county schools close for teacher's professional days, leaving thousands of parents looking for something for their children to do for the day. The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department has taken this opportunity and created a program called Fun Days. The Fun Days program takes place on these given days throughout the school year to provide the students ages 5–12, with fun-filled activities and trips, giving the parent(s) a peace of mind. Kids get to unwind for a day, take their minds off of school and have fun!

The program utilizes staff from the extended care programs to help facilitate the activities. Some of the past trips the program has taken were to the Baltimore Aquarium, Aviation Museum, Sky Zone, Climb Zone, Port Discovery, McFadden Glass Art and laser tag. Participants can arrive as early as 8:30 a.m. and stay until 5:30 p.m., with the activity or trip somewhere in between. When they are at the community center,

participants experience an almost camp-like setting, where they get to play indoor and outdoor games, create crafts; all while interacting with other children their age.

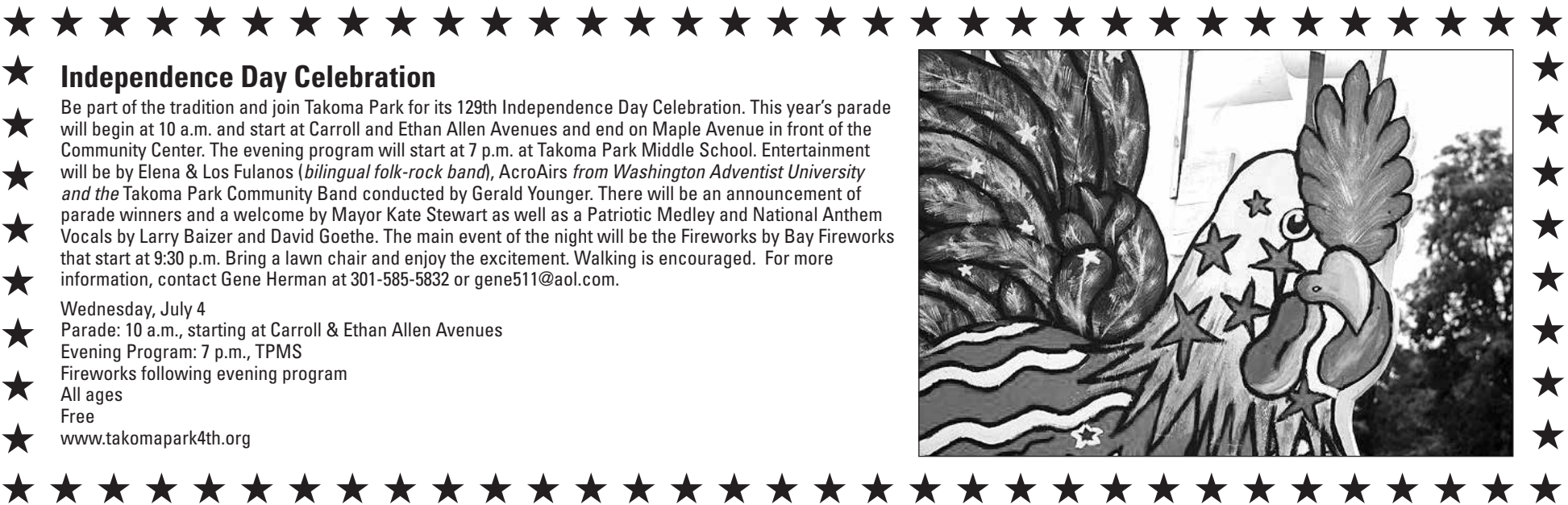
So look no further for those fun-filled days this fall when the kids are out of school by signing them up for the Fun Day program with the fun experts from the Recreation Department.

The upcoming Fun Day program dates for the fall will be on Monday, Sept. 10 and Wednesday, Sept. 19. Registration begins Aug. 15. You can register online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation> or in person at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) and the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). For more information, contact Michael Kurland at [michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov).

At right, Scaling Mount Rushmore at ClimbZone



## RECREATION Special Events



### Independence Day Celebration

Be part of the tradition and join Takoma Park for its 129th Independence Day Celebration. This year's parade will begin at 10 a.m. and start at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues and end on Maple Avenue in front of the Community Center. The evening program will start at 7 p.m. at Takoma Park Middle School. Entertainment will be by Elena & Los Fulanos (*bilingual folk-rock band*), AcroAirs from Washington Adventist University and the Takoma Park Community Band conducted by Gerald Younger. There will be an announcement of parade winners and a welcome by Mayor Kate Stewart as well as a Patriotic Medley and National Anthem Vocals by Larry Baizer and David Goethe. The main event of the night will be the Fireworks by Bay Fireworks that start at 9:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the excitement. Walking is encouraged. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com).

Wednesday, July 4  
Parade: 10 a.m., starting at Carroll & Ethan Allen Avenues  
Evening Program: 7 p.m., TPMS  
Fireworks following evening program  
All ages  
Free  
[www.takomapark4th.org](http://www.takomapark4th.org)



### Partnerships

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and not-for-profit organizations. These partnerships allow our department to leverage resources and generate citywide interest and support for our facilities, programs and events. We appreciate your support!

#### Let's Play America

Let's Play America is a nonprofit organization that strives to encourage people of all ages to play and helps them create playful events in their own communities. Play can improve physical health, mental health and a sense of well-being, as well as bring together diverse community members. Let's Play America works to create communities where people of all ages can safely enjoy outdoor and indoor play as a regular part of their lives. With many play events scheduled throughout the year, please visit [letsplayamerica.org](http://letsplayamerica.org) for more information.



#### M.A.N.U.P.

The programs for MANUP are gender specific to enhance male and female development through the principles of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in cooperation with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. This is a drop-in program, and permission slips are required for trips. They meet Tuesdays at 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Teen Lounge at the Community Center.

#### Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday, 6:30 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 8 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Lane swimming, water aerobics, kayak classes, and much more. Located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. Park behind the Community Center, use side entrance to school on Grant Ave. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565- 0190, [joyces@ascgw.org](mailto:joyces@ascgw.org), or visit [ascgw.org](http://ascgw.org).

#### Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

The Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club is a non-profit organization that has operated in the Takoma Park

community for over 50 years. The Club focuses on academics, the fundamentals of football and cheer, and most importantly, building the team concept. For more information, visit [takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com](http://takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com).

#### Takoma Park Community Band

The band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. The band is looking for musicians at all levels of expertise who would enjoy being a part of a musical group. Practices held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com).

#### Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program whose goal is to provide local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. Takoma Soccer strives to teach children the value and fun of teamwork, cooperation, practice, and sportsmanship. For more information, contact Howard Kohn at 301-270-8187 or [kohn@erols.com](mailto:kohn@erols.com).







## Rereading... "a Jewish joke!"

Since its initial publication in 1969, followed by excerpts appearing in *Esquire*, *Partisan Review* and *New American Review* – Portnoy's Complaint by Philip Roth has alternately shocked, amused and infuriated readers with its confessions by its guilt-ridden and sex-obsessed Alexander Portnoy to his Freudian analyst.

Writing in *The Guardian*, Chris Cox contended that *Portnoy's Complaint* retains its power because it shows Roth "striking at the wellspring that has flowed through his writing ever since: the connection between sex and mortality... and because it transcends its own vulgarity... by using sex to explore pretty much everything else: history, culture, identity, religion, politics."

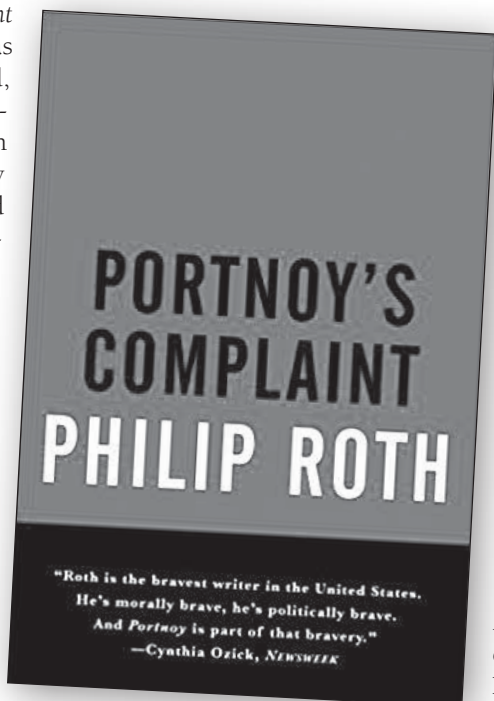
Addressing the narrator's main conceit

– the American Jewish hero on a psychoanalyst's couch – *New York Times* reviewer Josh Greenfeld rendered high praise: "The result is not only one of those bulls-

eye hits in the ever-darkening field of humor, a novel that is playfully and painfully moving, but also a work that is certainly catholic in its appeal, potentially monumental in effect – and, perhaps more important, a deliciously funny book, absurd and exuberant, wild and uproarious."

The Friends Fortnightly Book Club will discuss *Portnoy's Complaint* on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center,

facilitated by Tim Rahn. Books are now available in the Library. All are welcome to attend the Friends Reading Club discussions.



## 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

### Alternative Games

Sunday, July 1, 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents)

### LEGO Club

Sunday, July 8, 1:30–3 p.m.  
Building fun for ages 3–10.

### Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m.  
Join us for the return of this monthly program of stories, songs and a craft.



### Friends Fortnightly Book Group

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Our book is *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey. All welcome.  
Hydrangea Room, Takoma Park Community Center

### Books for Bedtime

Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.  
Come enjoy some snacks and pick up some books to take home and keep as part of our partnership with Books for Bedtime, a local literacy program a mother and her teen daughter created.

### Ready for Kindergarten Story Time

Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.  
Enjoy a story time with books and activities focused on starting kindergarten. We will also have a craft and a snack.

### Kids Art

Sunday, July 22, 2–3 p.m.

### Caldecott Club

Monday, July 23, 7 p.m.  
Join us for a look at some early 2019 Caldecott Medal contenders.  
Lemonade and cookies served.

### Coming Up....

- **"Bookworms" Art Fun**  
Saturday, July 28, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Come make some whimsical "bookworms" with local artist Marta Gutierrez. Registration encouraged; to register, please go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call 301-891-7259.

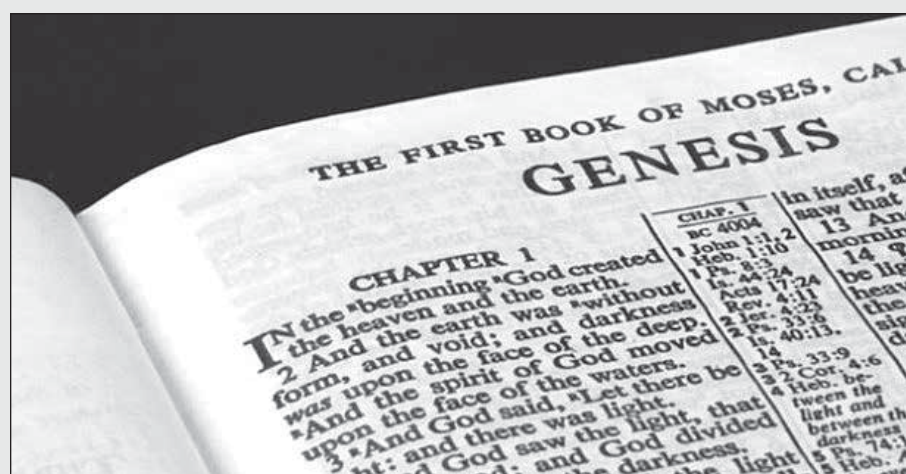


## LIBRARY BRIEFS

- **Ready for Kindergarten Story Time:** Calling all rising kindergarteners! Enjoy a special story time with Ms. Kati on Saturday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m., featuring books and activities focused on starting kindergarten. We will also have a craft and a snack. Note: all children are welcome, but please know that the theme will be "Starting Kindergarten." Registration is strongly encouraged; to register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call us at 301-891-7259.
- **Bookworms Art Fun:** Local artist Marta Gutierrez will lead a kids' art workshop at the library on Saturday, July 28 from 2–3:30 p.m. Gutierrez' artwork, featuring whimsical "Bookworms," is on display in the Takoma Park Community Center from July–September. Gutierrez will talk about how she made her "bookworms" and then help participants make their own!

Our program is aimed at ages 5 up, but younger children, with a supervising adult, also are most welcome. Registration encouraged; to register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call 301-891-7259.

- **Summer Reading Lists for Kids:** Each year, the Association for Library Service to Children – the children's division of the American Library Association – puts together summer reading lists for kids from birth through eighth grade. The lists are compiled by children's librarians around the country, and generally feature great books published in the last couple of years. Thanks to our Friends of the Library, we've got copies of the lists at the main circulation desk. There are four lists: Birth-Preschool; K-Grade 2; Grades 3–5; and Grades 6–8. Come on in and pick up a copy and some of the book listed—we have, or soon will have, all of the books featured on the lists!



## In the Beginning...

The Biblical Book of Genesis will be the fall 2018 focus of the Takoma Park Big Book Club. Genesis is not long in terms of pages, but huge in terms of impact on culture in the West and East. Creation itself, covenant, right and wrong, temptation and fall, sibling rivalry, blessings and curses, floods and arcs the tower of Babel, the twelve tribes...The list of archetypal sagas and primordial precepts is staggering.

This exploration will begin Oct. 17, with a reception and evening lecture by Rabbi Greg Harris at Historic Takoma. Further discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings on Oct. 31, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center. All are welcome to attend the Friends Reading Group discussions. For additional information, contact Ellen Robbins at the Library.

## Two Different Kinds of Bedtime Stories

We've got two bedtime-themed programs this month – perfect for the summer evenings. First, please join us on Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. for the return of our monthly Bedtime Stories and a Craft program. Led by Ms. Kati, the program includes songs, stories and, of course, a craft. No registration required – just come and have some pre-bedtime fun!

Then, on Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m., we're hosting a "Drop Everything & Read" – aka D.E.A.R. – program in part-

nership with a local literacy group called Books for Bedtime. Founded by a mother/daughter team, Roxanne and Lana Yamashita, Books for Bedtime aims to provide books to kids, especially those who don't have the means to purchase their own. At our event, Roxanne and Lana will provide books for kids to read during our D.E.A.R. program – and then to take home and keep. We'll also have snacks available to make this a fun summer night event.



# Takoma Park Folk Festival: Now and Then

On the June 16, We Are Takoma, the Takoma Park Folk Festival Inc., and The Mayor Sam Abbott Living Legacy Project/Historic Takoma Inc. presented “Now and Then,” a multi-media presentation that celebrates the music, mission and history of the renowned Takoma Park Folk Festival. Festival musicians and organizers celebrated the festival’s 40th anniversary and honored its legacy as one of Takoma Park’s most cherished cultural institutions. This event included special live performances from festival musicians, including Tom Prasada-Rao, Anna Grace Uehlein and Joe Uehlein, Luci Murphy, Pam Parker, Peter Jones and Steve Jones pictured here.

For four decades, Takoma Park residents and Washington area music lovers have gathered on a Sunday afternoon in September to enjoy music, crafts, food, community tables, fun for kids, and a great afternoon with friends old and new. Thousands of wonderful musicians and other performers have graced the festival’s many stages over the years. And the fact that the festival has survived as an all-volunteer effort for four decades is noteworthy. Mark your calendar for this year’s festival on Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., at Takoma Park Middle School. For more information, visit [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org).



Tom Prasada-Rao



Left to right: Luci Murphy, Pam Parker, Peter Jones and Steve Jones



Photos by Ira Adler



Father-daughter duo Joe and Anna Grace Uehlein

## Call for Entries: 2018 Safe Grow Garden Photo Contest

Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and vegetables are ripening; it’s a perfect time for you to think about entering the 2018 Safe Grow Garden Photo Contest! Now in its second year, the photo contest was designed to raise awareness about Takoma Park’s Safe Grow Act. From now until the end of August 2018, residents are encouraged to take pictures of their flowers, gardens, and vegetables and share them with us.

Last year the City of Takoma Park narrowed down the winners from nearly 40 entries, and we hope more people will participate this year. First, second, and third place winners will be recognized at a City Council Meeting in the fall.

Submitting entries is as easy as sending a tweet! Images can be shared on social media using the hashtag #SafegrowTakoma or via email at [jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov).

Contest rules:

- Must be an original photograph
- Entries must be from Takoma Park residents
- The garden, vegetables, plants, or flowers featured must be from a lawn or apartment garden that

abides by the Takoma Park Safe Grow Act

- Have fun, get creative!

For more information please visit: [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safegrow/safe-grow-garden-photo-contest](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safegrow/safe-grow-garden-photo-contest) or feel free to contact Jeremy Dickey at [jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jeremyd@takomaparkmd.gov).







THE FIREHOUSE  
REPORT  
By Jim Jarboe

As of May 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 235 fire-related incidents in 2018. The department also addressed or assisted with 1,212 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1,447. Totals for 2017 were 221 and 1,196, representing an increase of 30 incidents. During May, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,110 hours of standby hours in the station compared to 1,532.5 in May 2017 for a grand total 5,895 hours as of May compared to 8,042 hours in May 2017, a decrease of 2,147 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of June 25, 2018, 35 have died in fires compared to 38 in 2017.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of June 25, 2018 18 children have

died across the country in hot vehicles. It's a must. When you leave your vehicle, everyone goes with you. Don't forget to lock your vehicle.

Don't let carelessness or inattention ruin your July 4 celebration

- Here are a few safety tips:
- The grill should be placed well away from the house.
  - Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the cooking area.
  - Never leave foods cooking unattended.
  - Make sure the fire is out when you are finished.
  - **Fireworks** - The law hasn't changed; possession or use of any fireworks are illegal in Montgomery County. Let the pros handle the fireworks, and enjoy them from a safe distance.

Two Takoma Park Lions Club members received honors

At the 73rd Annual District 22C Night Dinner held in April, Life Member Joanne Mood received the "Unsung Hero" award. At the Multiple District's 96th Annual Convention, Past District Governor Mike Bigler of the club received the International President's Award for his outstanding leadership at both the club and district levels. Congratulations to both!

Checklists for Summer Vacation:  
Don't leave home without them

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

Your bags are packed. You're ready to go on vacation and to say good-bye to Takoma Park for a while. Before you lock the doors, make sure you're prepared at home and on the road.



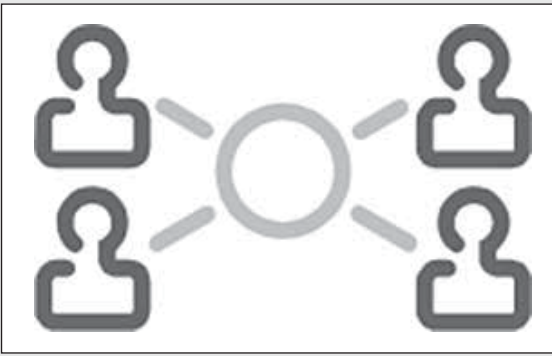
At home in Takoma Park, have you?	YES/Not Applicable	NO/Not Sure
Contacted the Takoma Park Police Department, so they can do a vacant house check? More information available at: <a href="http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs">takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs</a>		
Let someone you trust know where to reach you in case of flooding, street damage, burglary or other difficulties?		
Set the home environment to have a continually "lived in" look, such as setting light timers for different times in several rooms?		
Asked someone to take in the mail, newspapers, or packages, or stopped delivery of these items?		
Arranged with someone to water plants or feed pets?		
Contacted your security service to let the company know if someone will be coming to feed pets, bring in mail, etc.?		
If you have pets, have you not only arranged for their care, but also made sure the caretaker knows how to reach the vet and you?		

Traveling, have you?	YES/Not Applicable	NO/Not Sure
Given your travel information to family and friends so they can reach you in the event and an emergency?		
Made a list of important numbers to share with medical, police, trauma, rescue units in the new location/s?		
Packed extra medications and any special items in case you are stuck in a vacation area and a copy of prescriptions?		
Made a list of any allergies should you need emergency care?		
Checked to learn if your medical insurance will be accepted in your new location?		
Written/saved the contact information for your doctors and pharmacy back home?		
If you are going to areas where there may be no cell towers, have you identified escape routes and set a re-unification location before you set out just in case you get separated from others?		
If you are traveling with small children, have you packed extra water, baby food, extra snacks, and a change of clothes? Note: If you are flying, check if the airlines stow car seats and strollers free of charge.		
If you are driving, packed enough supplies and emergency items if the car breaks down?		
Have you packed working flashlights and extra batteries, cell phone car charger, emergency kit and roadside assistance services (such as AAA)?		

Review your responses. Go through each "NO" and make the needed change; go through the "Not Sure" items, find out for sure, and take action. Then relax and enjoy your vacation

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the City website, public safety notifications via email and text, and this newsletter, to name a few. Here are some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.



- Visit [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov), where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- Like the City of Takoma Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at @TakomaParkMD
- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: [takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert)
- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at [takomaparkmd.gov/news](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news)
- Make a service request or report an issue using "My TkPk," an online and application based reporting tool: [takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk)



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](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports).



# Boy Scout Troop 33 Eagle Projects soar

At right, Paul Ham-  
mestrom, Giovanni  
Cimmino (center)  
and Boone Schaf-  
fer apply stickers  
and mark the drain  
inventory sheet.

Below, Lucas Nie-  
man stocks the  
library with both  
English and Spanish  
books.



This June, Takoma Park Boy Scout Troop 33 completed two Eagle Projects in the community. Led by Giovanni Cimmino, scouts from Troop 33 placed Save the Bay stickers on stormdrains in the area of Glenside Drive in Takoma Park. The City of Takoma Park sponsored his project. The scouts worked for three hours to apply 75 drain markers/stickers in Takoma Park. For his Eagle Project, Lucas Nieman built and installed a Free Little Library at Casa De Maryland.

## TEDxYOUTH

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format, but the presenters are all young people.

While there is a national body overseeing TEDx events, they are independently planned and coordinated. After hitting on the idea, the pair took on the responsibility of contacting the parent organization. They also reached out to Ward 3 Councilmember Kacy Kostiuk to assist them in their efforts. Councilmember Kostiuk enthusiastically agreed to help.

“I’m so impressed with the initiative and motivation that Marusya and Nora have shown,” said Kostiuk. “It’s inspiring to see them take an idea and run with it, to get accepted as a TEDxYouth talk and now work on the planning.”

Kostiuk added that her role is minimal and that Gilman and Airumian are the main drivers of the project. “My role is to just to provide support as I am able by connecting them to the City staff and spreading the word about the event,” she said. “This has been entirely their work.”

To spread the word, the pair held an initial information session on Wednesday, June 13 at the Takoma Park Middle School. They have also reached out on social media and set up an email address, tedxyouth@takomapark, where interested speakers and performers can contact them.

“We have about 10 interested speakers already, and we are hoping for 16, along with some performers said Airumian. “Some of the interesting topics we have so far are imagination, youth activism, gender issues, youth voting, environmental issues, and immigration.”



Photo: Selena Malott

## 2018 Azalea Awards Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Azalea Awards, who were announced on May 19 at the Celebrate Takoma Festival. These individuals represent the best of what Takoma has to offer, and go “above and beyond” to make a difference for their families, friends and neighbors. They are truly living up to the Takoma Foundation motto of “building bridges and changing lives.”

### Arts Leader (tie)

Kristen Hayes, Takoma Park Elementary  
Kathie Mack and Carol Ossi, Takoma Park Craftswomen

### Business Leader (tie)

D. Doley, RS Automotive  
Mike Casey, VFW Post Commander

### Coach

Adrian Baez, Takoma Park Middle and Montgomery Blair and Einstein High Schools, National Capital Soccer League and Takoma Soccer Camps

### Educator

Kristina Anderson, Takoma Park Middle School

### Green Activist

Annie Mozer, Dynamic community garden advocate

### Mentor

Dave Burbank, Librarian and D&D organizer

### Neighborhood Volunteer

Andrew Partan, PEN neighborhood list and Takoma Park youth soccer league

### School Activist (tie)

Amy Wajda, Takoma Park and Piney Branch Elementary Schools  
Vanessa Pinto, New Hampshire Estates Elementary School

### Takoma Spirit

Bryan Goehring and Roxanne Yamashita, Takoma Park Middle School teacher (Bryan) and parent (Roxanne)

### Tak-tivist

Pat Rumbaugh, aka “The Play Lady”  
To learn more about the winners and other nominees, visit [www.takomafoundation.org/azalea-awards](http://www.takomafoundation.org/azalea-awards).

**SILVER SPRING - TAKOMA**  
**THUNDERBOLTS**  
Charter Member Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League

## THUNDERBOLTS JULY 2018 SEASON HOME SCHEDULE

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts play in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden bat league composed of ten teams in the D.C. and Baltimore areas. Home games are at Montgomery Blair Baseball Stadium, 51 East University Boulevard, Silver Spring, Md., in the Four Corners Area.

Admission Prices: Adults - \$6.00; Children under 18 - \$2.00

Youth baseball and softball players in uniform and children under the age of 5 get in FREE.  
Mon.-Sat. games start at 7 p.m.; Sunday games start at 6 pm.

Schedule subject to change. Check website, [www.tbolts.org](http://www.tbolts.org), for updates.

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT
Thursday	7/5	Herndon Braves
Saturday	7/7	Rockville Express
Thursday	7/12	Gaithersburg Giants
Sunday	7/19	Herndon Braves
Friday	7/20	Gaithersburg Giants
Saturday	7/21	<b>RAIN MAKE-UP DATE (if needed)</b>



# JULY '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 August issue is July 13, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning July 27. To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto: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, July 11, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

Detailed agendas are always available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas).

#### Takoma Park City Council considers Takoma Junction Project: Key Dates

Here is a summary of next steps regarding the City Council's consideration of the project:

- **Week of July 2** – Draft Resolution made public in advance of July 11 Work Session on Resolution\*
  - **July 9** – One-on-one discussions with Councilmembers. For more information and to sign up to participate, visit <https://bit.ly/2N9GeQB>.
  - **July 11** – Work Session on Resolution
  - **July 25** – Voting Session on Resolution
- \*The Council will solicit feedback from the Co-op on whereas clause(s) pertaining to the Co-op.

#### Independence Day — City Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 4  
All City offices and facilities will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services. Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Thursday, July 5.

#### 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](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)  
[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://www.educaresupportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories 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](mailto: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., April 18 – Nov. 28  
Anne Street at University Blvd. East (across from Rite Aid)  
The season's freshest fruits and vegetables, free-range meats and eggs, herbs, honey, local flour, locally-roasted coffee, fresh-cut flowers, potted plants, and healthy snacks, as well as scrumptious lunch fare, live music, cooking demos, and health information and screenings. Proceeds go toward cultivating a more inclusive food system in Takoma/Langley Crossroads. SNAP and WIC accepted, and those shopping with SNAP/EBT can get up to \$20 in free fruits and vegetables every week.

#### 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  
TP Community Center  
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](mailto:muchui@aol.com).

### VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

#### Village of Takoma Park Aging Well Network

Oral Hygiene Affects Overall Health  
Friday, July 27, noon – 2 p.m.  
Hampshire Tower Apartments, 7401 New Hampshire Ave., Community Room  
Join us for a discussion by Dr. Lawrence Page, DDS, PhD, of the importance of oral hygiene, and its relationship to many areas of our broader overall health. Free and open to all, no pre-registration required. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit [villageoftakomapark.com](http://villageoftakomapark.com).

#### Pet Loss Support Group

Tuesday, July 3  
The Big Bad Woof, 6960 Maple St. NW  
This is a safe place to share your grief with others who have had similar experiences losing a beloved pet. This is a place to share your memories and your stories. A place to learn about and work through your grief over this loss. Attendees should bring a photo or a memento, if they are emotionally able to do so. Facilitator: Dr. Karen Randall, DVM. RSVP to [petlossgroup@bbwoofinc.com](mailto:petlossgroup@bbwoofinc.com).

#### Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 4  
Parade: 10 a.m.; Maple Avenue Evening program: 7 p.m., Lee Jordan Field at Takoma Park Middle School; Fireworks to follow evening program  
Be a part of the tradition. Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence continuously for over 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4 activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. For further details, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com).  
[www.takomapark4th.org](http://www.takomapark4th.org)

#### It's Preschool Time!

Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25, 10 – 10:45 a.m.  
Takoma Park Library  
Introducing a new early literacy program. It's Preschool Time! Helps your kids with school readiness. We will have fun learning and strengthening key concepts (shapes, counting,

colors, etc.) and skills (scissor practice, name writing, taking turns, etc.) through songs, stories, fingerplays and activities.



#### Puppy Social Hour

Thursday, July 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
The Big Bad Woof, 6960 Maple St. NW  
Join professional dog trainer Lindsey Paige at the Big Bad Woof on the third Thursday of each month this summer to socialize your puppy and "Ask the Trainer" questions on basic training and skills.

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.  
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://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.



*Jaqui and Ubaka Hill, performing at the Baltimore Rhythm Festival 2015*

#### 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Bedtime Stories and Craft

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m.  
Takoma Park Library  
Wear your pajamas and bring a favorite lovey as we read some stories and sing some songs. After our stories and songs, we will do a simple craft. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

#### Writing a Village

Monday, June 16, 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.

#### Books for Bedtime

Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.  
Takoma Park Library  
Come enjoy some snacks and pick up some books to take home — and keep — as part of partnership with Books for Bedtime, a local literacy program created by a mother and her middle school daughter. Registration encouraged.



#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, July 19, 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. Held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, the free readings are followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet the featured poets.

#### Photo Salon

Monday, July 30, 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](mailto:arts@takomaparkmd.gov).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Piney Branch Elementary School  
National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event. The Takoma Park Police Department hosts its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The department's goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department. The event is free. For more information, contact Captain Tyrone Collington at [tyronec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tyronec@takomaparkmd.gov).

### CURIOUS ABOUT THE WORK OUR CITY STAFF DOES?

Have you ever wondered what it's like to work for Takoma Park? Have you ever thought about all the different kinds of work city staff does? Now you can tag along and find out via Twitter. Tell us which departments you'd like to see highlighted in our new #TkPkTweetAlong series! Vote on the City's Twitter page or comment with your own recommendation.  
[twitter.com/TakomaParkMD](https://twitter.com/TakomaParkMD)