As final preparations are being made for the 40th Takoma Park Music Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16, here are TPFF Program Chair Rob Hinkle’s top three tips for planning a day at the festival.

1. Check out our website (tpff.org) for information on parking and shuttle busses. The City really tries hard to work with us every year in regards to this, but it’s different every year and everyone’s budgets are tight, so carpool and walk where you can.

2. Travel light! We’ve got chairs and grassy places to sprawl. You can check out the indoor stages when it gets too hot. We’ll have food vendors. Bring your eyes and your ears and just come to soak it all in. You don’t need to bring a lot along; just come and savor it all.

3. Bring a friend and support. We’re one of the largest outdoor one-day all-volunteer free music festivals in the area. But it’s your support that keeps us going. Volunteer for part of the day, and soak in the music for the rest of it. Throw something in the donation buckets. Get on artists’ mailing lists! They would love to see you again, and since they’re all local, you’ll be able to catch any one of these artists somewhere close to you soon.

For more information about what this year’s festival has to offer, see the special insert in this issue.
On July 18, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution 2018-37 authorizing a temporary closure of the 1100 block of Anne Street on Sept. 28, 2018 for the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Night Market. The Night Market hours will be from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The street closure is approved for 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On July 25, 2018, by Resolution 2018-38, the Council approved submittal of legislative action requests to the Maryland Municipal League: 1) locate sources of funding to maintain affordable housing in areas with rising property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment; 2) mandate coordination and cooperation between utilities, the State Highway Administration, and municipalities in order to minimize impact on residents and businesses resulting from infrastructure construction and repairs; and, 3) provide additional opportunities to raise municipal revenues without increasing dependence on property taxes. (Councilmember Smith voted no.)

Resolution 2018-39 effected reappointment of Millicent Owusu (ward 4) to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs. Resolution 2018-40 set the Council’s summer recess for Thursday, July 26 through Tuesday, Sept. 4.

A number of ordinances were adopted on July 25. Ordinance 2018-24 approved FY 2019 Budget Amendment No. 1. Ordinance 2018-25 approved FY 2019 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 1. Ordinance 2018-26 authorized execution of a contract for construction of the Lincoln Avenue sidewalk. The authorized contract is with SCC Corporation in the amount of $435,154.49. Approval to purchase five Ford Interceptors as replacement vehicles for the Police Department was authorized by Ordinance 2018-27. The cars are to be purchased from Hertrich Fleet Services for a total cost of $152,110. Ordinance 2018-28 authorized an agreement with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to conduct an independent promotional process in the Police Department. The ordinance authorized an amount up to $40,000 for this contract. Purchase of a Spacesaver Storage System for the Police Department Evidence and Property Room was approved by Ordinance 2018-31. The system will be purchased from Spacesavers Interiors for $44,801.

The Public Works Department was authorized by Ordinance 2018-29 to purchase a replacement trash truck and a replacement recycling truck for a total of $427,814.00 from GranTurk Equipment Co. The Recreation Department received authorization to execute a contract with Spirit Fit and Health, LLC to provide guidance and assistance to commercial and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. There is one vacancy for a business or commercial property owner in Old Takoma. For information contact Rosalind Grigsby at rosalind@takomaparkmd.gov.

On July 30, 2018, the Council approved Resolution 2018-41 approving the Takoma Junction Development Project combined site plan to the Montgomery County Planning Department. (Voting no were Mayor Stewart, Councilmembers Kovan, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seemans, and Seevey.) The Council did approve Resolution 2018-42, authorizing submission of the Takoma Junction Development Project combined site plan to the Montgomery County Planning Department. (Councilmembers Kovan and Smith voted no.)

Agendas for City Council meetings are posted online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas. City Council meetings can be viewed live on City TV (Comcast Channel 13; Verizon FIOS - Channel 28; Municipal Broadcast Network high definition - Comcast Channel 887 and RCN Channel 1001). Meetings are also streamed live online and available as archives on the City’s website.

### City Council Calendar

**OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- **Wednesday**, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

- **Monday**, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Council Conference Room**

**COMMENEMORATION COMMISSION**

Check the calendar at www.takomaparkmd.gov for date and time.

**COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

- **Monday**, Sept. 10, 7:15 p.m.
- **TPCC Lilac Room**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

- **Thursday**, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Hydrangea Room**

**FACADE ADVISORY BOARD**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Lilac Room**

**NOISE CONTROL BOARD**

Check the calendar at www.takomaparkmd.gov for date and time.

**NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Lilac Room**

**POLICE CHIEF’S ADVISORY BOARD**

- **Thursday**, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Hydrangea Room**

**POLICE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m.
- **TPCC Auditorium**

**RECREATION**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Council Conference Room**

**TREE COMMISSION**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Council Conference Room**

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **TPCC Hydrangea Room**

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11, 6:30 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, 7930 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up at https://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/.

### Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- **Youth Council Membership Applications are Available Now**
  - Applications are being accepted for the 2018-2019 Takoma Park Youth Council. The nine-member Youth Council is open to Takoma Park residents in grades 7 through 11. Complete information and the application can be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov.
  - Application deadline: Sept. 30. Follow the Youth Council @YouthTakoma.

- **Youth Council Advisor**
  - The Takoma Park City Council is seeking an adult volunteer to serve as the Advisor to the Takoma Park Youth Council. The Youth Council Advisor will work directly with the Youth Council to plan and coordinate meetings, guide and help prepare the Youth Council in its activities, encourage and empower Youth Council members in building their communication and leadership skills, and to facilitate their decision-making processes without controlling their decisions. The Youth Council Advisor will attend all meetings of the Youth Council. The application is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

- **Facade Advisory Board Vacancy**
  - The FAB serves as an advisory panel to help ensure that façade designs and their maintenance are consistent with the character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and to provide guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. There is one vacancy for a business or commercial property owner in Old Takoma. For information contact Rosalind Grigsby at rosalind@takomaparkmd.gov.

- **Vacancies on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees**
  - There are also vacancies available on the following Council-appointed boards, commissions, and committees:
    - Arts and Humanities Commission
    - Commemoration Commission
    - Ethics Commission
    - Grants Review Committee
    - Noise Control Board
    - Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
    - Recreation Committee
    - Safe Roadways Committee
    - Police Chief’s Advisory Board (Appointments are made by the Chief of Police)

### Important City Department Phone Numbers

- **City Information** 301-891-7100
- **City Clerk** 301-891-7267
- **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

*All ordinances and resolutions are posted on the City’s website.*
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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Vincent Richardson cuts the ribbon for the expanded space of the Richardson School of Music in June alongside Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart.

draped dry-walled,” Richardson said. “If you don’t have a room that’s treated and someone’s playing drums, it’s quite overwhelming.”

Richardson, who graduated Cum Laude from Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts in piano performance, has played with many world-renowned musicians, including Wyana and Chuck Brown as well as Grammy award winners Mya and Lauryn Hill. But teaching music and opening a school was always a passion.

“I’ve always wanted to have a music school,” Richardson said. “I fell in love with the Takoma Park community and area … and the community has been really great and embraced us.”

In March 2013, he opened the Richardson School of Music in Takoma Park, and through the years, the school has grown quickly. It now has more than 200 students and 25 faculty members.

And in those five years, the school has given back to the community, partnering with the Takoma Park Summer Youth Employment Program, which provides young people with summer-long learning experiences. “Participants work with us over the summer, primarily with our Summer Music Enrichment Program, Record Label and Artist Management Company,” Richardson said. “We love being a part of this program.”

The school also keeps things fresh by adding new programs of its own. Last year, the Richardson School started a children’s chorus program. And there are plans to start smaller ensembles like jazz bands or string ensembles. “This is so kids can come together and use skills they learn in classes in ensemble settings,” Richardson said.

Richardson said the school is also looking into starting a young artist program to help find and nurture talent. He hopes to have management companies come in and talk to emerging artists to give them opportunities that they usually don’t have.

“We are so glad to be a part of the Takoma Park community,” Richardson said. “We look forward to being able to provide more classes, workshops, master classes and ensemble options for semi-professional to professional musicians.

Registration is still open for the fall sessions, which begin after Labor Day weekend and run until Nov. 4. The school has six sessions each year, four long sessions between fall and spring and two short sessions during the summer. There’s also a rolling admission for private instruction, so students can begin anytime. New classes are offered during each session. To register, visit www.richardsonschoolofmusic.com.

LET’S PLAY AMERICA

From page 1

Let’s Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department teamed up to host a fun afternoon of indoor play (Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day) Budding artist Hadley Edwardson gives “Hokey Pokey” with Takoma Park Police Officer Greg Czarnecki.

wiped out I ask myself, ‘How can I keep doing this?’”

With the help of the $5,000 Community Grant Award, Let’s Play America was able to host a series of play events around Takoma Park during the summer and bring a fun time to underserved communities.

“Having the opportunity to bring play to apartment buildings where some children do not have the same opportunities as others made me feel great,” Rumbaugh says. “Volunteers … had a wonderful time playing with residents of all ages.”

As part of its 10th annual Play Day on Sept. 8 at Takoma Park Middle School, Let’s Play America has some extra fun in store, including a game of “Simon Says” led by U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin and “Hokey Pokey” with Takoma Park Police Chief Antonio B. DeVaul. The Takoma Park Prepar Band, Outer Body Lima, King Bullfrog and Takoma Park High School student Anna Grace will all be performing this year. And favorite activities from the past like mud pie making, dress-up and touch-a-truck will be making returns. There are also a few surprises planned.

“Life is way too hectic,” Rumbaugh says. “People of all ages are rushing from one activity to another … we all need to take time to play and participate in activities we enjoy, that are self-chosen, help us relax, have fun and socialize with others.”

Let’s Play America is always looking for volunteers for Play Day, and teens can receive eight hours of community service for helping with the event.

Rumbaugh started the first play committee in March of 2009 to bring more play opportunities to Takoma Park and has since held 22 Play Days for both kids and adults.

“We have closed 25 streets to play and held more than 16 play events at playgrounds,” Rumbaugh says.

And Rumbaugh shows no sign of slowing down. The day after Play Day, Sept. 9, Let’s Play America is holding a 60th birthday party for the Play Lady.

“As I turn 60 this month, I am going to give myself playtime every day,” Rumbaugh says. “I have been trying to fit it in, but there is so much that goes on behind the scenes to run a nonprofit.”

For more information on dates and times of events or to volunteer with Let’s Play America, visit letsplayamerica.org.

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Letters to the editor, reports by community groups, calendar items and other submissions will be considered for publication; send to tnpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov.

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

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.

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.

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

Did you know there are three bike repair stations in the City? As part of the City’s Bike-ways program, there are now increased opportunities for bike repair and maintenance for those cycling for leisure or transportation.

The first two bike repair stations installed in 2016 are located downstairs by the police station at the Takoma Park Community Center and on New Hampshire Avenue at the Sligo Creek Trail. These stations have been recently repaired and are ready for use. A new repair station on the Metropolitan Branch Trail was installed in August 2018.

Each repair station has an air pump and stand to hang a bicycle as well as various screwdrivers, wrenches and tire levers for bike repair. Please submit any issues with the stations directly to City staff through MyTkPk at takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk.

The map shows the location of each station around the City.

Discouraging neglect and abandonment of properties

It is in the best interest of the City and its residents to discourage abandonment and neglect of properties. Your property values and your safety are both better-protected when there are fewer vacant structures, and the ones around you do not fall into disrepair.

Any home, storefront, multi-family building, or institutional structure that has been unoccupied or unused for 30 days is considered a “vacant property” and must be registered under Takoma Park Municipal Code. There are exceptions to this definition, of course, for properties under renovation or for sale, and a few other cases. If the property has been sold under a tax lien sale or foreclosure, or in the process of either, the property will need to be registered as a Vacant Distressed Property.

If you are the owner or agent for a vacant or vacant distressed property in Takoma Park, please visit the Vacant Property Registration page at takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/vacant-property-registration for all the information and forms you need to register.

If there is a vacant home in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services using MyTKPK (takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk) or through the Takoma Park Police Department’s non-emergency number (301-270-1100). Our NS staff will monitor the property and ensure the owners maintain it according to City and County Code. If you have questions about whether a property needs to be registered, or the process itself, please contact Housing and Community Development at housing@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7119.

Upcoming Fair Return Petition Workshops

Are you a Takoma Park Landlord? Is your property rent stabilized? Has your income decreased over the years due to increasing operating costs? If so, please join us at one of our upcoming workshops to learn more about how you could increase the income generated by your rental property through the Fair Return Rent Petition process.

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD
Class size is limited, so pre-register now for one of the workshops. Call 301-891-7119 or email (housing@takomaparkmd.gov).

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.
Old Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa - Sara Daines

**METROPOLIS Exhibition Examines City Life**

**Opening reception**
Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

As the population in rural areas continues to decline, cities are booming across the United States. Construction cranes dot cityscapes as buildings rise higher along the skyline. City dwellers are confronting both the benefits and challenges of living closely together.

Four artists illustrate those trends in METROPOLIS, a new group exhibition with an opening reception at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Takoma Park Community Center. The exhibition will be on view until Nov. 4.

Erin Antognoli uses her Holga camera to combine overlapping images in a single frame, conveying a mystical world of dreams or unconscious thoughts. Sara Daines takes photos of murals and street scenes, capturing a slice of city life that often is ignored by passersby.

Benjamin Ross takes a different path by painting large abstract scenes of twisting lines reminiscent of graffiti and the bold work of Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Kanika Sircar fashions clay sculptures that convey a sense of timelessness, as if these vessels could be relics from a distant past or containers from an unknown future.

Cecily Bumbray was immersed in music from an early age by her father, who loves Miles Davis, and her mother, who adores Smokey Robinson, along with their vast record collection spanning R&B, jazz, soul and the blues. After growing up in Washington, D.C., Cecily considered a career in international development, but she became disillusioned about her ability to help solve some of the crises around the globe. “I realized I didn’t have the answer to end world poverty, but I did have my voice,” she says.

“Being on stage made me feel like I had purpose and could make a difference in people’s lives through music.”

Known for her sweet soprano and honest lyrics, Cecily brings her own vulnerability and life experiences to her music. On Sept. 28 at the Takoma Park Community Center, Cecily will sing some original songs from her first full album titled Songs of Love and Freedom that was released this year just before she turned 28 years old.

“This album was inspired by my spiritual journey over the last few years, learning to love myself, be present, grow, and find joy and hope,” she says. Cecily also has performed at the legendary Blues Alley as well as the Kennedy Center, The Hamilton, Howard Theater and the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club. She also is a vocal artist-in-residence at the Strathmore arts venue. In 2017, she and her band were invited by the U.S. Embassy in Colombia to perform at the Mompox Jazz Festival in Mompox, a northern Columbia town that has preserved its historic colonial architecture.

“T’d never been to South America before, so I was truly excited, but I was a little nervous,” she says. “I don’t speak Spanish or perform Latin music, so I wasn’t sure how the crowd would receive us, but it was one of the most amazing times I’ve ever experienced on stage.”

Cecily Bumbray

**Music, Theater, and More!**

All events in the We Are Takoma series are free and are held in the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue, with a $10 suggested donation for concerts and theater performances. You can find more info on the City of Takoma Park’s Facebook events page or at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

- **Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m.** – Conservation photographer Mark Hendricks will present Picturing the Chesapeake, a journey through the diverse habitats of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. He will share his photos and the history of the bay through a mix of science, personal stories, and humor.

- **Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.** – At Vintage Movie Night, local filmmaker Richard Hall will present a series of classroom films about the U.S. Constitution and American government.

- **Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.** – Local poets will read their original work at the Third Thursday Poetry Reading, including Patricia Gray, Ashira Malka, and Ann Quinn. A reception will follow the reading.

- **Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** – Patricio Zamorano and his band will perform a unique blend of Latino music in “Through the Wall: Trova Music and Soul from the Southern Cone.”

- **Sept. 22 at 1 p.m.** – White House Studios will present a Caribbean folk tale through cultural dance, music and theater to celebrate West African and Caribbean folk tale traditions.

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DANCE

Pre Ballet
Pre Ballet for ages 3–4 emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. By introducing students to the basic shapes, positions, postures and traditions of classical ballet, the Pre-Ballet curriculum enhances both cognitive and physical development at this important time. Instructor: Edurama
Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
3–4 years
6 Week Session
Sundays, September 9–October 28
3–3:45 p.m.
Resident: $85 / Non-resident: $95

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.
Helfferich Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn–5 years
Ongoing

English: Mondays, starting September 10
Spanish: Fridays, starting September 14
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

YOUTH

ART

Clay for Kids
In this class, children will work on a variety of techniques (coil, pinch and slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4–5. There is a $15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline Mackinnon
Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–13 years
6 Week Sessions
Mondays: September 17–October 22
Wednesdays: September 12–October 24
(No class 9/19)
Resident: $130 / Non-resident: $150

Drink Juice & Paint for Kids
Students will create the secret of painting floating flowers, animals, designs, names and more on plastic reusable water glasses. Instructor: Rain Young
Takoma Park Community Center Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6–11 years
8 Week Session

DANCE

Introduction to Contemporary Dance
Dive into the world of creative dance in this entry level contemporary dance class, taking inspiration from different genres of dance to create student inspired dance pieces that build creativity, ability, imagination and skills. For children already in love with movement or those wanting to try it out, this safe, diverse and fun approach to dancing is good for the body, heart and mind of any child with a desire to move. Instructor: Beth Mwano
Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6–12 years
Sundays, September 9–October 28
1–2 p.m.
8 week session
Resident: $85 / Non-resident: $95

Pre Ballet
Pre Ballet for ages 5-6 emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. By introducing students to the basic shapes, postures, postures & traditions of classical ballet, the Pre-Ballet curriculum enhanced both cognitive and physical development at this important time. Instructor: Edurama
Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
5-6 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 9–October 28
4-4:45 p.m.
Resident: $85 / Non-resident: $95

DRAMA & THEATER

On Stage Scene Study
In this class, students focus on building believable characters and connections using scenes from plays and films as performance material. Class is comprised of acting exercises/warmups and application of acting theory to scenes. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
11–18 years
8 Week Session
Mondays, September 17–November 5
4–5:30 p.m.
Resident: $168 / Non-resident: $188

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids
Bungo Fu, the Jamaican style of Kung Fu! Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility and self-awareness! This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of $50 paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson
Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–16 years
9 Week Session
Saturdays, September 8–November 10
Beginners: 10:15–11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Resident: $129 / Non-resident: $149

TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo
Taekwondo is not only a combat sport, but it is also a way of life for enthusiasts around the globe. Students will develop discipline by thoroughly training your body and mind in the tenets and techniques of Taekwondo. Taekwondo emphasizes kicking techniques and is a fun way to achieve fitness and focus. There is a one-time, non-refundable $40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire
Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 years and older
12 Week Session
Mondays, September 10–December 3
(No Class 11/12)
6–7 p.m.
Resident: $165 / Non-resident: $185

SPORTS

FUTSAL & WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Registration opens up 10/17 for City Residents and 10/24 for Non-residents, so mark your calendars! See our Fall City Guide for more information.

TEENS

ART

Photography 101
We are constantly taking photos, but they don’t come out the way we imagined. In this class, learn the intros to photography as an art form that can help you step up your photography game. The class will cover the following topics: shooting manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape photography, posing 101, editing your photos, using natural light vs. non-natural light and turning your phone into a camera. Instructor: Vinny Mwano
Takoma Park Community Center Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
12–17 years
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 11–October 30
6–7 p.m.
Resident: $75 / Non-resident: $85

DROP

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 TV’s. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Ongoing
Monday-Friday
3–7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Power Hour
Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are given snacks and 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, Starting September 10
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Free

Xpression Tuesdays
Allow your imagination and creative juices to come alive on Tuesdays in the Teen Lounge. Join the Teen Division Staff as you express yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home or give as gifts. We are always looking for more ways to create and express ourselves.
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesdays, Starting September 11
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

First of Many
There’s something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of informative workshops to help you discover and take advantage of the possibilities offered for first-generation students. Get answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to applying and getting the most out of college.
Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Thursdays, September 20–November 15
4–5 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

Hip Hop Yoga
This after school program is a fun and structured way to reduce stress and promote body positivity of 6th through 8th grade students.
All-day fun for the whole family. Free!

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Enjoy music and dance on six stages, special activities for kids, a juried craft show, community tables and international food.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Rain or shine
Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, Md.

Welcome to the 40th Takoma Park Folk Festival!

We’re so excited to share this year’s program with you. It is a cross-cultural mix of some of the best music from across our region. On our six stages are performers who will be representing several continents and hundreds of years of cultural traditions, but reaching each of us with emotions, humor and insights about our world today.

Settle in at your favorite stage, or visit multiple stages throughout the day. There is so much to see and such variety! Be sure to enjoy our international food vendors, community tables, and the craft show (now located indoors, in the main gym).

For those looking to take a peek at the future, check out our Grassy Nook Stage. All of the performers are youth or young adults, and their talent will leave you amazed. In addition, there is a kids’ games area near it for Festival-goers seeking a shady refuge for their children.

There are many people to thank for making the Festival possible, and we’ve tried to list them all in this program. However, we especially want to thank the City of Takoma Park and our other sponsors for generous financial and in-kind support.

You can show your support in many ways, too. Purchase a T-shirt or hat. Donate when you see our Bucket Brigade. Show our performers, vendors and exhibitors plenty of love. And, of course, stay all day and tell everyone about the Festival on social media.

Most importantly, if you love the Festival as much as we do, please help us sustain it for another 40 years. We need nonprofit groups to volunteer, and we need individuals on our planning committee, so please leave your contact information at the information booth.

Thanks for joining us today!

—Alex Engel and Robin Stearn, Co-Chairs

LEAD SPONSOR

CRAFTS — NOW INSIDE
On-site parking only for those with handicap permits.
Free shuttles from Takoma Metro and Montgomery College’s East Garage, 7730 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Md. (entrance on King Street). Shuttles will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Festival day.

**Festival Highlights**

- The juried **Craft Show** has moved to a new location in the main gym inside the school. Get out of the heat and meet artists and artisans who make fine arts, pottery, jewelry, photography, soaps, clothing and more. And try weaving on our community loom!
- **Community Tables** are all around the Festival site. Participating organizations from across our community are eager to share information with you.
- If you come with little visitors, don’t forget the **Kids’ Games** organized by the Girl Scouts near the Grassy Nook Stage.
- Hungry? Check out the list of **Food Vendors** and enjoy our Picnic Area next to the school, near the Grove Stage. (Note that we are trying to reduce our waste with biodegradable plates, cups and utensils, and composting trash bins.)

**Festival History**

Check out Festival history, memorabilia, and more in an exhibit at **Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Avenue**.

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**JURIED CRAFT SHOW**

The craft show is located in the main gym, inside the school. artisans’ contact information is below.

**CLAY**

Christine Goh  
Clay Elements  
Hand-crafted artful and functional pottery

Lorraine Aldridge-Ei, Christine Fortin, Peter Holden, Amy Karlsson, Lola Skolnik, Debra Suarez, Vejune Svolts  
Greenbelt Pottery Group  
Wheel-thrown and hand-built functional and whimsical pottery

Echo Lipten  
Functional slab-formed pottery with watercolor painting and simple glaze

Toby Rivkin  
Strange Kitchen  
Functional clay ware and toys

Lynn Topp  
Moonlight Pottery  
Handmade one-of-a-kind pottery

Susan Woolen  
Northern Lights Pottery  
Hand-built, hand-decorated functional and decorative rustic pottery inspired by pottery of ages past

**FIBER**

Jennifer Alexander  
Great Ape!  
Handsewn sock primates

Robin Anderson  
Telixen Delights  
Crocheted shawlettes, wraps, cloaks and crocheted whimsical toys

Ilse Daehler  
I Sew Totes  
Quilts, wallhangings, tote bags, table runners, placemats, potholders, coasters and eyeglass cases

Sharon G. Elstein  
CreateTricks, LLC  
Handmade fabric bags, including knitting/crochet project bags, cosmetic and gift bags and string backpacks

Clydelle Griffin  
Handmade Especially for You  
Handmade women’s and children’s clothing and accessories

Sandra McKinnon  
Nzinga Dolls & Gifts  
Whimsical button dolls, folk-art dolls, seasonal dolls and embroidered wall hangings and small lap quilts

Loi Rolston and Belinda Raminhos  
Serenity Fiber Artists  
Handwoven and hand-knit accessories, both personal and decorative

Martina Sestakova  
Radost, LLC  
Hand-crafted scarves and pillows using original painting and photography

Maria Stroffolino  
BriteCloth Tie Dye  
Tie-dye clothing and accessories for all ages

Dawn Thorp  
Treasured Boxes  
Fabric-covered boxes for sewing, jewelry, special treasures

Loretta Waldron  
Fabric Friends and More LLC  
Soft stuffed animals and dolls

Rebecca Williams  
Colorful patchwork textile accessories, eyeglass cases, purses and wallets, silk scarves, one-of-a-kind small art quilts and ornaments

**FINE ART/PRINTS**

Michelle Bailey  
Michelle Bailey Creative LLC  
Original paintings, prints, note cards and T-shirts and other fine art gifts often featuring local scenes and people

Leda Black  
Female Power Project  
Digital prints and cards with graphic and text about particular women and their powers

Trish Doty  
Trish Doty; Brush, Water & Color  
Watercolor paintings, both original and prints, including framed miniatures
American Councils for International Education
Am Kolel Inc./Jewish Renewal Community
Citizens for Sheriff Jae Huang
Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER)
Conservation Montgomery
Democratic Socialists of America
Montgomery County Branch
Difference Makers
Dining for Women
Docs In Progress
Falun Dafa Association of Washington, D.C.
Friends of Felicia Folarin
Friends of Julie Reiley
Girl Scout Troop 1273
God Glorified Church of God in Christ
Green Party of Montgomery County
Jews and Allies United to End Anti-Semitism
MACHAR, the Washington Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism
Marc Ehrich for County Executive
Montgomery County Board of Elections
Montgomery Symphony Orchestra
Peace Action Montgomery
Progressive Neighbors
Renters Alliance
Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission
Takoma Park Community Band
Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery
Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee
Takoma Park Housing & Community Development Department
Takoma Park Mobilization: Environment Committee
Takoma Park Police Department
Takoma Park Public Works/Sustainability
Takoma Park Recreation Department
Takoma Park Republicans
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department
Winnie Obike for State Delegate
World Dance Theater

**JEWELRY**

Kathryn Akin
*Lincoln Street Design*
Jewelry using recycled materials such as copper, steel, silver, brass, glass, found objects, natural semi-precious gemstones and antique portraits

Jan Baird-Adams
*Out of Chaos*
Sterling silver and beaded jewelry featuring beads from Ghana and Kenya

Ruth Beer Bitzinger
*RuthLine Jewelry Designs*
Unique jewelry in sterling silver, copper and stones

Nancy Kahn DeMulder
*By JewelArtist*
Original jewelry designs handcrafted in sterling silver and/or 14-kt gold using gemstones, pearls, fossils and beads

Lucienne “Shawnnee” Holmberg
*Shabana*
Origami and Kumihimo (Japanese braiding) jewelry; peace crane ornaments

Roz Jacobs
*Rozzie Jewelry*
Handcrafted jewelry for women, men and children, made with semi-precious gemstones, freshwater pearls, crystals, sterling silver and vermeil

Kathrynn McDonald
*Finneran Jewelry*
Upcycled cute, witty, and eclectic jewelry made from tin, aged metal, vintage glass and plastic beads

Elsa Spevio
*Jewelry by Elsa*
Handmade jewelry in sterling silver, copper and gold-fill, often incorporating lampwork glass and semi-precious stones

**MIXED MEDIA**

Svetlana Durkovic
*Rozart Design*
Welded and hand cut steel sculptures

Sharon Huang
*Rarer LLC*
One-of-a-kind furnishings using repurposed, recreated or revived vintage pieces making old into new

Steven Robinson
*Alan Edits LLC*
Contoured 3-D paper objects, such as reptiles, crustaceans, and flowers using original photographs and emblazoned with glass and minerals

**OTHER**

Edward Allan Faine
*FaineBooks.com*
Author and publisher of books for children and grownups

Percy Medina
*Gourd Art*
Hand-carved, -burned and -decorated gourds

**FOOD**

No festival is complete without great food! All food vendors are located at the front of the school, and we have a shaded Picnic Area near the Grove Stage for you to eat in outdoor comfort.

**BEN AND JERRY’S**
*Ice cream*

**CAP MAC**
*Macadamia nuts, with variations*

**CEREMONY COFFEE**
*Cold-brewed coffee, multiple variations*

**CHARLIE’S EMPIRANADAS**
*Empiranas*

**CHEF HOGATE**
*Beef kabob, chicken teriyaki, fried rice, lo mein, egg rolls, fried plantains, various tropical juices and coconut juice*

**DELIGHTS OF THE GARDEN**
*Veggie burger, veggie burrito wrap, cumy vegetables with rice, raw food platter, lemonade*

**EL POLLO SUBMARINE**
*Salvadorian chicken sub, rice and beans, tostada, pupusa taco, yucane fries, horchata, tamarind*

**HARDY’S BBQ FOOD TRUCK**
*Sausages, pulled pork, pulled chicken, beef brisket, ribs, sides*

**KITCHEN HOUSE BY CHEF STATION**
*Grilled chicken on a stick, vegetable lo mein, egg rolls, corn on the cob, and more*

**NITTAYA’S GRILL**
*Chicken teriyaki, fish sandwich, spring roll, lo mein, fried rice, soda, water, tea*

**SHERRI’S CRAB CAKES**
*Crab cake sandwich, platter, crab soup*

**SUYA TO GO**
*African jerk chicken, Nigerian chicken kabobs, spinch stew, jollof rice, plantains, cabbage*

**TK GRILL**
*Chicken teriyaki, egg roll, veggie noodles, veggie fried rice*

**YUMMY FOOD CORNER & GRILL**
*Chicken yakitori, pad Thai, fried rice, yaki soba, spring rolls, corn dogs, smoothies, Thai tea, lemonade*

**PLEASE!**
To make everyone’s day at the Festival joyful and safe, we ask that you follow a few roads:

- No food or beverages inside the school. Enjoy our shaded picnic area near the Grove Stage.
- Please don’t talk loudly or make phone calls during performances.
- Performers have asked that they not be videotaped or recorded without their permission.
- No pets. Only service dogs are permitted on school grounds.
- No smoking on school grounds. It’s the law!
- Help us clean up. If you can stay for a few minutes after 6 p.m. to help us clean the site, that’s even better! Report to the volunteer check-in table.

**Composting and Recycling**
We’re getting greener! We have placed trash bins for recycling and composting at several locations on the Festival site. Please ask our volunteers for help putting your compostables, recyclables and trash in the right containers.
Program Schedule (subject to change)
Sunday, September 16, 2018

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Select performances will be interpreted in sign language.
Instructors needed

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6–9 p.m.
Friday, September 14
Takoma Park Recreation Center
refreshments. Everything is free!
white or neon colors. Enjoy the DJ, raffles and etc. Please dress appropriately. Try to wear
Glow Back 2 School Blowout
Free
Friday, October 5
7500 Maple Avenue
Teen Lounge
Takoma Park Community Center
Also who doesn’t love apple cider donuts?

Outdoor Movie Night: Movie Magic

Imagine you and your family are back in the 1950s and 1960s when drive-in movies were at their peak. You roll in with your 1956 Chevy, park your car, roll down your windows, turn on the speaker and wait to watch what Hollywood’s finest have produced. You smell the popcorn and grill in the distance, you see the sky begin to go to twilight and all the lightning bugs starting to come out. Then, you see on the big screen in front of you, the main attraction. Your family sits in the car, enjoying each other’s company, eating popcorn, and watching the flick. An outdoor movie night is great way to spend time with those you care for the most while also enjoying the great outdoors.

Just because the summer is winding down doesn’t mean the fun has to. While the weather is still nice out-side, it’s time to pull off one more outdoor event this sea-son. Every year, many cities host outdoor movies. For many, this is a delightful tradition. The experience of outdoor movies allows participants to enjoy food, enter-tainment and good company in a variety of casual set-tings while seeing the stars under the stars. Watching grandparents cherish moments at the outdoor movies with grandchildren can be a delight. Many outdoor mov-ies foster a family atmosphere—and some allow dogs.

There’s nothing more wonderful than a great starry night and a cool breeze. That’s a perfect outdoor movie night.

Just like everything else, when it comes to outdoor movie nights, there is a method to the madness. You have to prepare for this night out under the stars.

1. Seating arrangements. Since it’s a movie you’ll be watching, you will want to feel as relaxed as possible. Stake out an exclusive place to watch the movie. Set up a lounging area with blankets and pillows on the grass; the second “row” can consist of regular chairs and a cool breeze to help with the Maryland summer humidity.

2. Pro-tip: A good idea for guests who will be lounging on the grass is to set up old wooden crates next to them, so they can use them as a safe place for their food and drinks.

3. Snacks. Watching movies with no snacks to munch on just doesn’t feel right—especially if no popcorn is involved. For an outdoor movie night, make your party menu as snack-based as possible. Since it will probably begin to get dark outside by the time you arrive, the last thing you want is for people to be fum-bling around in the dark looking for their food.

The Takoma Park Recreation Department brings you a piece of nostalgia with its outdoor movie nights. Begin-ning at dusk, families can come out, bring their lawn chairs and blankets, and watch a movie. They come for the ambiance of being outdoors with their neighbors and to watch a newly released movie, receive glow sticks, so-cialize, eat fresh popcorn and relax. They get to experi-ence an outdoor movie under the night sky, with light-ing bugs all around and a cool breeze to help with the Maryland summer humidity.

Jean Bartow says, “We’ve been coming to the Outdoor Movie Night for the past three years. We load up our entire family, including our dogs, and make it a family fun night.”

“We love coming to the Outdoor Movie Night. It al- lows us to unwind from a busy work week. We also enjoy it because we love being outside under the starry night sky,” Eric Ward said.

So join us for a piece of nostalgia with our Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at dusk on the Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Pinley Branch Ele-menitary School). Currently we are voting on the Ta-koma Park website for this year’s movie. The choices are The Greatest Showman, Avengers: Infinity War, and Black Panther.

For more information, please contact the Recre-a- tion Department at 301-891-7290, or visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.
A debut novel of urban wilderness

Join us at the Library on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m., for a discussion of a new book for adults, *Raised in Captivity*, with its author, Marty Thompson Arnold. The discovery of a runaway Capuchin monkey in a newspaper columnist Iris VanWingen’s barn propels the reader into a suspenseful and spirited tale of a Michigan zoo’s plan to give their animals, many of them endangered species, an expandable, more accommodating environment.

It’s up to the zoo’s new spokesperson, Caroline Finch, to quell the opposition to the zoo’s new expansion, and the zoo itself. Soon Caroline and Iris uncover sinister forces that threaten both, as well as the zoo. What the two women learn from each other, and from a 10-year-old junior zookeeper, sets them on a dangerous quest to save the land, the wildlife and the people they love.

“Marty Arnold melds romance, suspense, humor, menace, environmental concerns and a deep knowledge and love for all things zoological into a totally coherent and entertaining page turner…skilfully constructed and engaging.” [Richard Judd, author of *THRU… An Appalachian Trail Love Story*]

Marty Arnold comes to the library from her home in Grand Rapids, MI, to share her extensive knowledge of contemporary animal rights and land use issues. She builds a romantic and suspenseful story that will educate and entertain a wide audience.

This book will appeal to grown-up readers. All are welcome to this special program, with no prerequisites required. Books will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be provided.

More Kids Author Programs

Since we wrote about upcoming author programs for the August City newsletter, we’ve added several more programs in October featuring top kids authors and illustrators, courtesy of our partnership with Politics & Prose Bookstore. Please mark your calendars:

- **First**, on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Caldecott Honor Illustrator Lauren Castillo talks about her illustrations for *Imagine*, an autobiographical picture book by U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera. In a starred review, Publishers Weekly wrote: “Spacious, light-filled spreads by Castillo capture up landscapes of red earth, bright sun, and long views… The story of a brown-skinned boy who “practiced/ spelling words/ in English by/ saying them in Spanish/ like—palm-seek lot/ pencil” reaching recognition as the nation’s most lauded poet offers a heartening narrative of hope.”
- **Then**, on Monday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m., local author/illustrator Jonathan Roth discusses Take It's To Your Sugar, the newest book in his hilarious chapter book series for kids, *Beeb and Bob*. In a review of *Too Much Space*, the first book in the series, *School Library Journal* said: “A strong addition to any library’s chapter book selection. Offer to kids who love funny stories but may be too young for books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.”
- **On Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.**, debut picture book author Traci Sorell, a member of the Cherokee Nation, talks about *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*, a colorful, engaging look at the Cherokees’ concept of gratitude. Kirkus called the book “A gracious, warm, and loving celebration of community and gratitude,” while *School Library Journal* noted: “This informative and authentic introduction to a thriving ancestral and ceremonial way of life is perfect for holiday and family sharing.”
- **Graphic novelist Kevin McCloud*er* returns to the Library on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. to present his new book, *Dreamers*, which focuses on the refugee experience, and its proposed expansion, its opposition to the zoo’s new locations, and its educational and entertaining knowledge of endangered species, an expanded, more accommodating environment.

**New digital services**

We have two new digital services for our Library members: **RBDigital** and **Hoopla**. Both can be accessed via our website (www.takomaparkinfo/library), just click on the “e-books” button at the top. If you need help, come into the library, and we’ll get you started.

For **RBDigital**, install the app and download audiobooks, as many as you want each month, no limit. Use your library card to set up an account and off you go!

For **Hoopla**, you can download or stream, use an app or use your laptop. Hoopla has audiobooks and much, much more, including music. Because we pay per use, there is a monthly limit, but that is automatically re-set for you at the beginning of each month.

To use both Hoopla and RBDigital, you need to create personal accounts, which are then linked to our library card number. If you have RBDigital or Hoopla accounts at another library, we suggest that you use a different email for your Takoma Park Maryland Library RBDigital or Hoopla accounts.

In addition to RBDigital and Hoopla, we continue to offer our library members access to the AudioBookCloud service. No apps, no need to create an account, no complications. Stream audiobooks right to your computer. The curated collection is relatively small, about 1,400 titles, but very selective.
Learning the business

By Rick Henry

Wanted by the City of Takoma Park: Entrepreneurs, inventors and future business owners. No adults need apply.

Two upcoming events will showcase the entrepreneurial spirit of area youth. Beginning Sept. 18, the City is relaunching its Young Entrepreneurs Program. The program is being held at the Takoma Park Community Center every Tuesday until Oct. 30 from 4–5 p.m.

According to Leicia Monfort, teen and young adult programs manager for the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department, the objective of the Young Entrepreneurs Program is to inspire teens to explore and expand their knowledge of business by exercising professionalism, creativity, and confidence. Participants will generate business ideas, conduct market research, and expand their knowledge of business owners for house painting services.

“Not only will they be compensated, but will also be able to put on their resumes that they have experience with a professional company before even hitting college.”

Hurley adds students do not necessarily need to be interested in business. “But I will warn them that this role teaches you to handle rejection,” she said.

Beyond the rejection, Hurley said the experience and her interactions with Takoma Park residents is generally extreme- ly positive. “One of my favorite aspects of the role is meeting new people. My clients in Takoma Park are all successful people themselves, and they often teach me things I would not have learned otherwise. Many of my clients give me advice and have connections that will help me reach my future business goals,” she said.

Interested in any of the programs?

Participants or sponsors interested in the Children’s Business Fair can visit the events website www.childrensbusinessfair.takomaparkmd.gov

For information on the Youth Entrepreneur Program, contact Leicia Monfort, leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov

MULTI MEDIA

Photography 101 (Adults)

We are constantly taking photos, but they don’t come out the way we imagined. In this class, learn the intro to photography as an art form that can help you step up your photography game. The class will cover the following topics: shooting manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape photography, posing 101, editing your photos, using natural light vs. non natural light, and turning your phone into a camera. Instructor: Vivian Hurley

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 11-October 30
7:15–9:15 p.m.
Resident: $75 / Non-resident: $85

Zumba

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, September 8-October 13
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
$50
Drop in: $10

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help students defend themselves by strengthening hand- and-eye coordination as well as assist them with the maintaining balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength.

Instructor: Master Robert Thompson
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
17 years and older
8 Week Session
Monday, September 10-November 5
7:30–8:30 p.m.
Resident: $150 / Non-resident: $180

Introduction to Photoshop

Photoshop (IPS) is the most widely used computer program for the creative enhancement or alteration of digital photographs. This class will emphasize several basic methods to retouch, restore and save photographs. Participants should have basic knowledge of computers. All participants will need an external memory device (stick or drive) of at least 5 GB to store and save photographs.

Instructor: Barry Hinderstein

September 2018

Takoma Park News
Expanding student safety in Montgomery County Public Schools, 2018-19

By Claudine Schoeber, co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

Do you know about the new steps Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has taken to support student safety?

The new Maryland Safe to Learn Act, effective June 1, 2018, means that every public school still need to perform active shooter drills, obtain training and continue ongoing practices, review training, and have emergency plans certified by the Maryland Center for School Safety. MCPS security staff shared this information at PTAs meetings held in April and May 2018.

In addition, each Montgomery County public school has:
• A school emergency plan (SEP), which is updated annually and sets out what to do and where to go in an emergency
• An onsite Emergency Team (OSET) that receives training throughout the year emergency
• A Visitor Management System and Access Control System to make sure students, visitors and staff are safe
• Mandatory fire and emergency drills as well as training for lockdown, shelter, evacuation, reverse evacuation, earthquake, and severe weather incidents

Also, all high schools have a School Resource Officer (SRO), and all middle and high schools have close-captioned television (CCTV) coverage.

What you can do:
• Make sure the school has your latest contact information.
• Make sure you know about the process and training at your local school.
• Sign up for Takoma Park Alerts, so you are notified of any school related emergency (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alerts)
• Find out about the specific plan at your school for where to pick up students, onsite or off-site, in the event of an emergency.
• Establish a parent-child re-unification plan after an emergency.
• What kind of identification is needed to pick up a student?
• Who is legally permitted to pick up the student?
• Has the school been notified?
• For multiple language families, check with the school to make sure the correct contact number and the correct language are in the Connect-Ed notification system, which MCPS uses to communicate during emergencies. This communication may come in more than one language.
• For students with disabilities, discuss options and processes directly with the school, so that a specific plan can be set, right now.

Many thanks to Michael D. Haring, acting supervisor, Department of School Safety and Security, MCPS, for his assistance with this article.
In an age where many students opt for indoors, members of the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School want to ensure that more students and parents #OptOutdoors. A newly awarded $5,000 Community Grant from the City of Takoma Park will allow them to do so.

“Something that we advocate for our students is visiting and celebrating ‘urban wild spaces,’” said Lesley Romanoff, the school’s director for the last 12 years. “Through research and practice, we have learned that there is so much to discover along the edges of urban spaces.”

Students, educators, parents and volunteers at the school are affiliated with #OptOutdoors, a nationwide social media call to action that celebrates getting outside and directly experiencing all that the outdoors offers.

As part of the parent cooperative school’s mission Romanoff says, members of the school community regularly seek out ways to share their practices and lessons learned with other educators and parents.

“We call this the ripple effect,” she said.

Hoping to turn a ripple into a wave by expanding the program to other schools, the community applied for a grant through the City of Takoma Park’s Community Grants Program, which provides financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents’ quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences.

With the grant, school educators and volunteers will now partner with teachers at each of the three Takoma Park elementary schools - Takoma Park, Pinney Branch and Rolling Terrace - to provide the same outdoor experience those at the cooperative school receive.

“There are things in the City’s support, the same type of outdoor activities our students participate in now will be offered to children who may not have regular access to the outdoors,” Romanoff said.

Romanoff identified two major hurdles that stop adults and children from going outside, lack of inclement weather gear and feeling welcome and confident in the outdoors. The community grant helps address both issues.

Money from the grant will be used to provide “everything a budding naturalist needs,” said Romanoff, including access to all-weather gear, such as boots and ponchos, that kids can use, as well as exploration kits featuring notebooks, totes and drawing materials. According to Romanoff, such materials send an important message to kids that they belong outside, and there are discoveries to make.

The grant also helps with the second issue by facilitating partnerships with organizations like Latino Outdoors and Outdoor Afro to ensure children to feel confident and comfortable in the outdoors.

Cooperative school staff and volunteers will provide supervision and enrichment for the new participants, providing context in how to explore and play in urban spaces. “For example, there is so much to discover in median strips, along sidewalks and at the edges of parking lots. These areas provide a condensed and immediately accessible child-sized snapshot of the natural world,” she said. “Nature and the outdoors do not have to take place in a hundred-acre wood; it is all around. We want to be sure that the children participating in our #OptOutdoors get this experience so that they can view their own community with new wonder and appreciation,” she said.

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Fitness

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Village of Takoma Park Event
Aging Well Seminar
Changes to Medicare: What You Need to Know for 2019
Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswyn Ave.
The Medicare Open Enrollment period is fast approaching. Join us for a presentation and Q&A with Rafael Espinosa, director of SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program). Learn about policies, costs, benefits, and coverage, so you can make informed decisions. Information on how to access further assistance, as well as on other programs for those with limited resources, will be available. Free and open to all, no pre-registration required. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com.

Takoma Park Street Festival
Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Between Carroll Avenue and Carroll Street, NW.
More than 200 artisans, community groups, children’s activities, food, and music from local and national green companies will be there. The festival has three stages that play to 18 popular, local bands performing music from indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae and everything in between. Shoppers will find paintings, photographs, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, ceramics, kids’ items and much more. For more information, visit www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/takoma-park-festival.

Admission is free.

Youth Town Hall Forum
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2 – 5 p.m.
TP Community Center
Youth from around and Takoma Park will have the opportunity to express their ideas and opinions to their elected official and community leaders through small group discussions. There’s an event specifically for students to RSVP, which you can access at https://bit.ly/2N9D42.

Arts and Literature
People’s Open Mic
Sunday, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republicitakoma.com

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 October issue is Sept. 14, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Sept. 28. To submit calendar items, email tpsnewseditor@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, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed meeting agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/ agendas.

Labor Day — City Offices Closed
Monday, Sept. 3
All City offices & facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor 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
240-450-2692 or educare_ss@yahoo.com

**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 physical/neuromotoric challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jcnrp@spiritclub.com or 301-583-4364.

Spanish Circle Time
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Join Senora Geza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

**Kid’s Night**
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.
Branch Elementary School. For weather related weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School.

**Make a Difference - Plant a Tree**
Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy
The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the city. The city offers added incentive by reducing the cost of the first tree purchased by $100 (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal Permit). That means residents can add a $195 tree to their yards for just $95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of $100.70.

Several species are available at wholesale prices. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, black gum and Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about $300—are available to residents at $195, installed. Sales dates run September 3 through October 19. A limited number of grants are available for low income/low income homeowners. To apply for a free tree, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability.

**ORDER FORM**
Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Arborist, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business October 12.

Name
Address
Phone
Include a map and property for installation locations.

- Swamp White Oak ($2) $195
- Princeton Elm ($2) $195
- Bald Cypress (7” – 8”) $195
- Black Gum (2”) $195
- American Linden (2”) $195

+ 6% sales tax

Total

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monster Bash
Saturday, Sept. 15, 7 – 11 p.m.
Carroll and Ethan Allen avenues, parade walking to Old Town
The event will kick off with games and fun activities, followed by the costume contest. Friday night’s costume judging will take place during the parade route. We will end the festivities with a costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. Categories: Ages 4 and Under; 5 – 8; 9 – 12; Teen and Adult; and Overall Group. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer or be a costume judge for this event, contact John Webster at jwebb@takomapark.gov. In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School. For weather related updates call 301-881-7101, ext. 5605. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

**Takoma Park Community Band**
Takoma Park Community Band is on recess until Monday, Sept. 10
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswyn Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for its fall for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

**Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan**
Mondays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming
Blues Mondays
Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Restaurant 69, 6839 Laurel Ave.
www.republicitakoma.com

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, 7 – 9 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 125 Carroll St. NW

**Jazz Jam**
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6814 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

**Wednesday Night Drum Jams**
Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

**Student Concert**
Sunday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.
Gazebo, 705 Carroll St. NW
Student violinists (many from D.C. Youth Orchestra Program) will play fiddle tunes, classical music and civil rights songs. Ken Giles is the violin teacher.

**Photo Salon**
Monday, Aug. 27, 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 art@takomaparkmd.gov.