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No changes this month.



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Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, left-center, is joined by, from left, volunteer Pam Sparr, former city gardener Mike Welch, Councilwoman Talisha Searcy, Takoma Foundation board president Benjamin Frey and MNCPPC Regional Manager Mohammed Turay at last month's rededication of the Hillwood Manor Community Garden.

Still growing after all these years

By Sean Gossard

Since 2008, the Hillwood Manor Community Garden has been a welcome site along New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park to learn about sustainable gardening and local ecology, and it's a beautiful place to relax and spend time outdoors.

Last month, Takoma Park's first community garden celebrated 10 years with a re-dedication ceremony and picnic that featured guests, including Mayor Kate Stewart, Councilwoman Talisha Searcy and retired city gardener Mike Welch.

"We had neighbors come out with no

history with the garden," said volunteer Pam Sparr. "It was really nice getting new people there."

The project began in early 2008 as a way to help revitalize neighborhoods through "greening" initiatives. A group of volunteers, including a fifth- and sixth-grader, helped to pitch the idea to the city. "We wanted it to be an intergenerational and multicultural effort from the beginning to reflect the diversity and beauty of our neighborhood," according to the group.

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Newspaper days in 1950s Takoma Park

By Jim and Leon LeBuffe

Editor's Note: During my tenure as Takoma Park Newsletter editor, I have been surprised and pleased to learn just how many people have unique connections to the City's history. Last year, I received an email from Jim LeBuffe asking if I had any interest in publishing a story about him and his brother's time as paperboys in 1950s Takoma Park. In honor of National Newspaper Week (www.nationalnewspaperweek.com), Oct. 7-13, here's some of their account.

The Fifties: no cable, no internet, no smart phones. Newspapers dominated the news business. Every major city had two or more major daily newspaper. They cost a nickel or a dime, millions were sold on the street, and millions more were delivered to homes daily by hundreds of thou-

sands of paperboys and a few papergirls.

We were two of these kid workers, 10 year-old Jim and 14-year old Leon, brothers, getting the *Washington Evening* and *Sunday Star* to the doorsteps of our customers in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Our papers were dropped one, long uphill block from our house around 3:15 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays and around 5:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Our 1958 route covered three blocks of modest single-family homes and small apartment buildings. We had about 45 customers and earned around \$35 a month.

Our papers arrived in bundles, bound very tightly by a thin steel wire. If we had our wire cutters, a quick snip opened the pack. But if we had forgotten them, we'd turn the bundle on its side, grab two or

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Sustainability and Takoma Park's Streetlights

By Gina Mathias,
Sustainability Manager

Updating Takoma Park's streetlights to LED, as is currently being considered by the City Council, represents a significant opportunity for improving sustainability in a time of climate change. As a City that has made public commitments to the Paris Climate Agreement, the Global Covenant of Mayors, and the Sierra Club Ready for 100 percent campaign, this improvement will take the City's efforts to the next level.

A transition to LED streetlights will have the environmental impact equivalent to eliminating 912,031 miles driven by car, each year. Our existing streetlights use 850,000 kWh of electricity. Once the project is complete, streetlight energy use will drop by over 500,000 kWh annually. That's roughly a 370 MTCO2 reduction, a very significant portion of the City's overall greenhouse gas emissions. Updating from the existing streetlights to the proposed International Dark Sky Association (IDA) certified streetlights also means less light pollution for residents and wildlife.

LED streetlights are no longer cutting edge. Rather, they are a logical next step for cities looking to improve the environmental impact of lighting choices, address public safety, and reduce costs. Dozens of major cities and counties have upgraded to LED streetlights, including Baltimore, Arlington, Detroit, Boston, West Palm Beach, Chicago, both Portlands, Minneapolis, Hillsboro, San Diego, Anchorage, San Jose, Denver, Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix, Oakland, New York City, Honolulu, Tucson, and numerous others. If Takoma Park moves forward to having our streetlights changed to LEDs, we will be the first community served by Pepco to do so.

Staff and Council have taken many years to thoughtfully gather information and consult with a

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DOCKET

City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
City Council meetings are generally held in the Auditorium.
The City Council will not meet October 10 or October 31

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room
Monday, Nov. 5, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

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

LEGAL SERVICES REVIEW ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, October 8, 6 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 11 (hearing), 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room
Monday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.
TPCC Room TBA

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

ADA NOTICE

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City Council Action

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

On Sept. 5, 2018, the City Council adopted **Ordinance 2018-32** authorizing the purchase of 35 Dell computers (\$33,665), purchase of 105 Microsoft Office licenses (\$24,338); and annual maintenance for the Tyler financial system (\$29,551). **Ordinance 2018-33** awarded a contract in the amount of \$28,676 for landscape and field maintenance services to Rupert Landscaping. **Ordinance 2018-34** approved execution of an agreement with Let's Play America to provide Community Play Days for a total amount up to \$10,000. A contract for design and engineering services for the New Ave Bikeways Project was authorized by **Ordinance 2018-35**. The contract is for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000 with RK&K. Of the \$300,000, \$240,000 is funded by a Maryland Bikeways Grant.

Resolution 2018-42 was adopted on **Sept. 12, 2018** to provide comment on the proposed Takoma Park Middle School addition. The Council supported the addition but requested that access to a usable portion of Lee Jordan Field and associated equipment storage be maintained during construction and that the field irrigation system and landscaping be fully restored after construction. The Council also requested that MCPS staff continue to work with the City on issues involving stormwater management and development of a tree protection plan and that negative construction impacts be minimized to the extent possible. With adoption of **Resolution 2018-43**, the Council approved the purchase of 7906 Flower Avenue (a vacant 10-unit rental facility) by Montgomery County. The County plans to renovate the property to provide

affordable supportive housing. Purchase and installation of emergency equipment on the five replacement police vehicles was approved by **Ordinance 2018-36**. The cost for Priority Install equip for the vehicles is \$68,860. **Resolution 2018-44** appointed Rizwan Qureshi (former Councilmember), Anne Hollander (Ward 5), Eli R. Koppel (Ward 2), and Ellen M. Zavian (Ward 3) to the Legal Services Review Advisory Group.

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 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on Priority Needs and Proposed Projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program

Community members are encouraged to comment during the hearing on the needs of the City's low and moderate-income households and to suggest appropriate capital projects to address those needs.

The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. All interested persons should attend the hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may be submitted to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

TAKOMA PARK YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The City Council will appoint nine young people to serve as the 2018-2019 Takoma Park Youth Council.

Youth Council members should be Takoma Park residents in grades 7-12 and must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average for the current school year.

The Takoma Park Youth Council provide opportunities for young people in Takoma Park to:

- acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system;
- help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth; and
- serve the youth of Takoma Park by:
 - informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth,
 - planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth,
 - working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City, and,
 - helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride.

The application to serve on the 2018-2019 Takoma Park Youth Council is now available at www.takomaparkmd.gov. The application deadline has been extended to October 15.

YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISOR WANTED

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.



Important City 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





A group of children attend last month's rededication ceremony of the Hillwood Manor Community Garden in Takoma Park.

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The garden itself is actually two adjacent spaces near Sligo Creek Park that are not fully connected. Because of the locations, gardening in the area required co-operation from Takoma Park, Montgomery County and several state agencies. Takoma Park helped play a big role in negotiating with the jurisdictions to get the project off the ground. The City also provided a bulk of the funds, paying for a stone retaining wall and water pump. Since its creation, the difference in the area has been stark. Gardening crews have received compliments from drivers, walkers and residents waiting at two nearby bus stops. “The garden has evolved beyond our expectations, and it’s grown organically (no pun intended),” Sparr said. “People

have been using the gardens to memorialize loved ones, and we have embraced that.” As for the future of the garden, planners hope to create a more sustainable watering solution, raise more money for plant material and add new landscaping rocks after the old ones were stolen. They also hope to get younger people involved in the planning and upkeep of the gardens. “In the next 10 years, we want to see new leadership by the next generation of neighbors,” Sparr said. “We want to do more to engage with younger people.” Those who wish to volunteer to help with the community garden should email Carol “Chipper” Woodward at carol.king.woodward@gmail.com. Students can receive community service credit for volunteering.

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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

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

- 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

- 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

Rich Flowers
Police Captain
Phone: 301-891-7104
Email: Richard@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

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



BUILDING COMMUNITY



Ask to see the rental license

Whether you are looking to rent a basement apartment, a single family home, a condo or an apartment in a multi-unit building in Takoma Park, there's one request you should always make of the landlord. "May I please see your rental license?"

If a property owner or manager has a current rental housing license with the City of Takoma Park, you as the tenant are guaranteed certain protections. A current license means that the rental unit has been inspected recently to ensure that it is compliant with health and safety as well as property maintenance codes at both the city and county level. A current license means the property is governed by

Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law.

A current license means the owners or managers are "landlord certified," which shows they are knowledgeable about lease requirements, state law overseeing security deposits and tenant rights. A current license means a state-certified inspector has tested the property for lead levels and deemed the property safe.

If you want to check on a property's license status before viewing it, or if you are a property owner wishing to license your rental property, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.

Youth Town Hall

Engage with your community leaders and voice your opinions and concerns to policymakers and advocates.

The Takoma Park Youth Council will host its first Youth Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center. This will be an important opportunity for the youth in Takoma Park to talk to leaders in the community about issues that are important to them. The forum is designed for having both small group conversations and a larger discussion. Invited guests include members of our city government, activists in our community, and elected officials who represent us in office. Please join us! We have planned for a fun and meaningful day that will conclude with a pizza social. Register for the event at www.eventbrite.com/e/takoma-park-youth-town-hall-tickets-47533388645 or contact the council for more information at tkpk-youthcouncil@takomaparkmd.gov.



HOW TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET RENT

What Takoma Park Property Managers and Landlords Need to Know about Fair Return Petitions

Landlords have a right to a fair return on their rental property. You may be eligible to petition for a rent increase above the annual rent increase allowance.

To learn more about the petition process,

Join the Department of Housing and Community Development

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. 20912

2nd Floor – Hydrangea Room

To reserve your seat, email: housing@takomaparkmd.gov or Call: 301-891-7119.



Join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches on Oct. 12 at Tijuana's Mexican Café (949 University Boulevard E) and on Oct. 26 at Tiffin (1341 University Boulevard E). Lunches start at 12 p.m. For more information and updates, please visit takomalangle.org/lunch-with-the-mayor.



First-Time Home Buyer Class

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 • 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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

- Expert speakers from a lending institution, title company, real estate office, insurance and inspection firms
- Learn the entire process for buying a house/condo
- Sponsored by a HUD-approved housing agency
- Certificate of Completion awarded to attendees

Pre-Registration Required

Class size is limited.

Call 301-891-7119 or email housing@takomaparkmd.gov

Class is free.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.



Finding Love in All Kinds of Places

Whole Lotta Love Lecture by Julie Fennell

Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

Consensual Non-Monogamy (CNM) refers to unconventional relationships where partners don't object to the inclusion of other sexual or romantic partners. Even in predominantly monogamous cultures like the United States, CNM is growing among young people, raising social implications about the foundation of romantic relationships that are drifting away from their traditional roots. In an engaging lecture, Gallaudet University associate sociology professor Julie Fennell will draw from in-depth interviews and survey data to explain how people draw meaning from CNM in a rapidly evolving world of shifting romantic relationships.

Being Deaf in a Hearing World **Audism Unveiled Film Screening**

Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

How much do you know and understand about the Deaf community and Deaf culture? This insightful documentary from directors Ben Bahan and H-Dirksen Bauman explores audism, discrimination or prejudice against the Deaf or hard of hearing. Learn the history of audism, its emotional ramifications and the Deaf community's passionate response. Reexamine your assumptions and become part of the solution. Following the screening, there will be a Q&A with the filmmakers. The screening is presented in partnership with Docs in Progress. ASL/English interpretation will be provided.

From a Coal Town to the Big Lights **Ashton Storytelling Performance by Adam Booth**

Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event with \$10 suggested donation

Continuing a centuries-old storytelling tradition, West Virginia resident and award-winning storyteller Adam Booth will present *Ashton*. Set in the 1920s, Ashton's quiet life in a small Appalachian coal town is forever changed when a record company representative arrives to collect mountain music in Bristol, West Virginia. Ashton leaves home with his mountain songs and dreams for a better life. Using Cinderella and Orpheus as models, *Ashton* combines historical fiction, traditional music, and Appalachian folklore in a timeless story of struggle against adversity.



Adam Booth

Born and raised in the hills of West Virginia, Adam tells stories that blend and share generations of Appalachian and Jewish heritage with life lessons and a little

bit of mischief. He is a four-time winner of the West Virginia Liars Contest and a winner of storytelling contests in three other states. A trained musician, Adam occasionally weaves traditional music and balladry into his stories. His second CD of original stories and music titled *The Mountain Came Alive* was released in 2013.

An Evening of Poetry **Third Thursday Poetry Reading**

Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

Please join us for the next Third Thursday Poetry Reading featuring local poets Clare Banks, Bernard Welt, and Terence Winch who will read their original work. Visitors can meet the poets at a reception following the reading.



Exploring Latin American *Música Trova* **Carlos Payán Moreno**

Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free concert with \$10 suggested donation

Carlos Payán Moreno combines Latin American folk, rock, and pop with Latin American poetry put to song in *música trova*. Carlos grew up in El Salvador where he was the lead guitarist of Los Vikings de Usulután, a rock band formed in the 1960s.

Bringing Puppets to Life **Puppet Slam**

Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event with \$10 suggested donation

Wit's End Puppets returns to Takoma Park for another popular Puppet Slam bringing together some of the best local puppet makers and performers for a night of serious, abstract, silly, and thought-provoking puppet theater. Puppet performances will be interspersed with live music in an entertaining event for audiences of all ages.

Wit's End Puppets is an innovative and experimental puppet theater group that produces original work for ad-



venturous audiences in the D.C. area, collaborating with local partners to stage performances and educate both children and adults about the evolving craft of puppetry.

METROPOLIS Art Exhibition **Examines City Life**

On view until Nov. 4

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 the beauty and grit of street art and city life in METROPOLIS, a new group exhibition on view at the Takoma Park Community Center 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 Anne Daines photographs murals by street artists, capturing a creative and ephemeral slice of city life.

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.



Kanika Sircar - Writing on the Wall 4

RECREATION

TOTS

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snacks. Visit www.takomaplaytime.org for more information. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn–5 years
Ongoing
English: Mondays
Spanish: Fridays
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

YOUTH

ART



Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch and slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4–5. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline Mackinnon
Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–13 years
Mondays: October 29–December 10
Wednesdays: October 31–December 19
4–5 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

Drink Juice & Paint for Kids

Students will learn the secret of painting a floating flower, 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
Saturdays, through November 17
(No class 10/13 & 10/27)
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

CAMP

Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to first day. Please bring a lunch and snack with you daily. There will be

no camp on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. Before and after care are available for an additional fee.
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
Wednesday–Friday, December 26–28
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Residents: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

DRAMA & THEATER

On Stage Scene Study

In On Stage: Scene Study 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 in the Auditorium at the Takoma Park Community Center. Students will partner and work on one scene for the 8 week session. We will be applying acting theory from Konstantin Stanislavski, Uta Hagan and Sanford Meisner, and we have lots of great material from award winning plays and popular films for teen students. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
11–16 years
Thursdays, through 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. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. 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
Saturdays, through 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 is not only a combat sport, but it is also a way of life for enthusiasts around the globe. The name itself is made up of three Chinese/Korean words: Tae meaning to kick or jump; Kwon meaning first or hand; and Do which means “the way.” Taekwondo benefits include enhancing self-esteem by heightening your physical and mental powers. It builds confidence by encouraging you to succeed and to take control of your life. 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
Mondays, through December 3
(No Class on 11/12)
6–7 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER BASKETBALL & FUTSAL LEAGUES

Residents:
10/17



Non-residents:
10/24



SPORTS

Futsal League 2019

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the



winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 40 participants per division. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. **There will be no games on January 20 and February 17.**

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
7–9 Year Division
10–12 Year Division
8 Game Season
Practices: Saturdays, January 5–March 23
Games: Sundays, January 27–March 24
(No games 1/20 & 2/17)
Game times will vary
\$60



Winter Basketball League 2019

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to: introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball - emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun - provide comparable playing time for all participants - meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays, times vary. Volunteer coaches wanted. Specific details regarding each league will be available on: takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league/
Team Assignments: Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Special Requests: Requests must be submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration.
Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten–8th Grade
8 Game Season
Games: Saturdays, starting January 12
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

TEENS

DROP-IN

Power Hour

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

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Teen Lounge
Grades 6–12
Ongoing during the school year
Monday–Thursday
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Free

Smashing Smoothie and Movie Rap Night

Round up your friends and join us as we enjoy smoothies while watching movies. After the movie, teens will participate in a discussion designed to stimulate positive and informative conversation to assist in developing respect for themselves and others. A raffle will be drawn at the end of the discussion. This free program is offered every first and third Friday of the month.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Teen Lounge
Grades 6–12
Friday, October 19
5–7 p.m.
Free

Teen Lounge

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

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Teen Lounge
Grades 6–12
Monday–Friday: 3–7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Xpression Tuesdays

Allow your imagination and creative juices to come alive on Tuesdays in the Teen Lounge. Join the Teen Staff as you express yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home or give as a gift. We are always looking for more ideas of ways to create and express ourselves.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Teen Lounge
Grades 6–12
Tuesdays, ongoing
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Free



The Road to success: Preparing teens for an effective transition into adulthood

By Leicia Monfort, Recreation Supervisor

Is my child on the right track to gaining a successful career and a life full of joy, love and prosperity? Parents of young adults ages 11–18 often wonder if they've made the right decisions in preparing their children for the future. Did I register them in the right programs? Have I provided enough support? Is my child comfortable speaking to me? Well, it's not too late. Sean Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and Dr. Tim Elmore's *7 Life Skills Students Need to Succeed* give us a few pointers on how we can help mold our youth and encourage positive outcomes for a successful transition into adulthood. In summary, here are the seven habits or skills (combined) needed to be successful effective teens:

1. **Be a proactive leader.** A proactive leader is someone who is not afraid to stand up for what he or she believes in and take initiative to do things that others may not view as favorable.
2. **Begin with the end in mind.** It's like playing chess. You must know your next move before you make your initial move. Learning to plan strategically is vital to making the right decisions no matter what stage you are in life. Strategic thinking helps not only with completing tasks but with building relationships with people as well.

3. **Put first things first; don't get distracted in the flood of things.** This means being able to set priorities and not get deterred and lose focus. The essence of time management is to organize and execute around priorities. It's easy to get caught up with trying to multi-task to seemingly accomplish more, but the less time you spend on the necessary things, the more it takes away from the quality.
4. **Think win-win.** You need to look for or create a win/win situation. How can both parties benefit from this decision? You must maintain a perspective beyond your own vision to be able to change the culture.
5. **Seek first to understand then to be understood.** Everyone wants to know that their voice is being heard. Make sure that in your interactions you are listening to understand before pushing for your agenda to be understood.
6. **Synergize.** Steven Covey, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Encouraging our youth to value the differences and opinions of others is important to teaching them the dynamics of great teamwork and the importance of having an open mind in the decision-making process.

7. **Sharpen the saw.** Dr. Tim Elmore. "People learn best in community and in relationship..." Steven Covey, "To maintain and increase effectiveness, we must renew ourselves in body, heart, mind, and spirit." It is important to teach our youth that it's okay to rest and attack things in a different manner. There are times where the answer you're looking for comes right when you allow yourself to breathe, relax and look at the situation another way. Research new ways and don't be afraid to ask for advice.

The Takoma Park Recreation Department continues to seek ways that we too can help support youth during their transition into adulthood. This fall we have quite a few programs geared towards enhancing certain skills as well as providing resources needed to prepare for them for their next phase in life. The Young Entrepreneurs Program, Healthy Cooking for Teens and the Teen Lounge Power Hour are just a few. Visit our website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation to see what program and services are of interest to you or your teen. For more information on Teen Programs, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

RECREATION

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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Healthy Cooking for Teens

The Healthy Eating Program is a fun and interactive hour learning course about basic cooking and kitchen skills as well as healthy recipes (easy to replicate at home). Teens will be able to learn some nutritional components and how to create their own recipes. Teens will also take a trip to the Crossroad's Farmers market and learn about growing and purchasing the right foods. Instruction will be provided by Crossroads Farmers Market. Registered participants will be transported to and from the TP Community Center to a nearby kitchen for the course.

Leaving from: Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
7 Week Sessions
Mondays, through October 29
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Free

Young Entrepreneurs Program

Did you know it's never too early to turn an idea into a small business opportunity? 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. Participating in the Young Entrepreneurs Program will help develop life skills, independence and give you a head start on building a good resume.

Takoma Park Community Center

Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesdays, through October 23–December 11
4–5 p.m.
Free

MULTI MEDIA



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 and help you step up your photography game. The class will cover the following topics: how to shoot manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape photography, posing 101, editing your photos, natural light vs. non natural light, composition and turning your phone into a camera. Instructor: Vinny Mwano

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
12–18 years
Tuesdays, through October 30
6–7 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

SPECIAL EVENT

Fall Harvest Festival

Join the Teen Staff as we celebrate the new season with a Fall Harvest Festival. Teens will participate in games, crafts and fun.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6–12
Friday, October 12
6–9 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Gaver Farm Trip

It's a half day of school, so why not have a little fun? Join us as we head out to Gaver Farm to pick your own Pumpkin. Gaver Farm's Harvest Mania has a corn maze and over 55 farm attractions! We'll take a hayride to pick your own pumpkins and apples! The Farm Market is also full of pumpkins, apples, mums, fall decor, cider, straw, corn stalks and squash. Also who doesn't love apple cider donuts? So bring spending money. Space is limited, so register today!

Leaving from: Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Friday, October 5
1–6 p.m.
Free

Field of Screams Trip

Take the journey with us as we head to Field of Screams located in Olney, MD. We will brave the terrifying Haunted Trail and the Slaughter Factory Haunted House. The Hayride will take you through the dark and damp cornfield of

this old farm, which is haunted by several of the evil spirits that remain after the deaths of those who once lived here. Are you brave enough to make it through? Don't forget to bring money for food and drinks.

Leaving from: Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Saturday, October 13
6–10 p.m.
Residents: \$20 / Non-Residents: \$30

ADULTS

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
Tuesdays and Thursdays, through November 1
6:30–7:30 p.m.
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Practice and persistence brings transformation! After achieving a firm foundation in the beginner's class, a student wishes to go forward in her/his exploration of

LIBRARY



Got your Bible?

As enthusiasts eagerly await the Big Book Club discussions of the *Biblical Book of Genesis*, beginning with a lecture at Historic Takoma by Rabbi Greg Harris, on Oct. 17, the question arises of which edition of the Bible to study.

Discussion leader Phil Schewe wisely recommends that participants bring their own preferred edition to the discussions. The Library has a few, including the popular King James version, and has procured several copies of a bare bones, unannotated text of *Genesis* for those who



Rabbi Greg Harris

need to borrow them.

But for many, the delights of Biblical study are based in scholarship – and the library has a number of recommended texts.

These may also be borrowed, and participants are encouraged to share them as discussions proceed. They include works by Isaac Asimov, Thomas Mann, Northrup Frye, Antoine de Saint-Exupery, R. Crumb and Merrill Leffler, to name only a few!

See the Library calendar for discussion dates. And get your Bible!

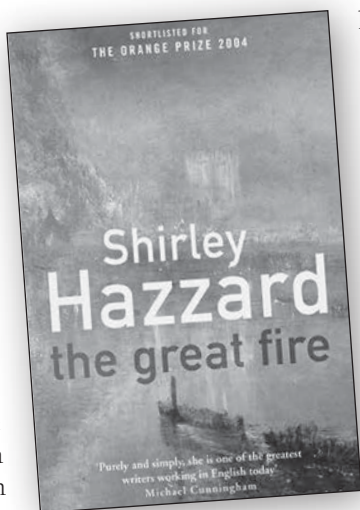
—Ellen Robbins,
Library Director

Friends Fortnightly Book Club to meet in November

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group meets to discuss *The Great Fire*, Shirley Hazzard's award-winning novel about an unusual love story in post WW II Japan on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center.

In *The Great Fire*, a battle scarred British officer Aldred Leith journeys to Kure near Hiroshima to work on a book about the turmoil in China. Leith becomes en-



chanted by the children of his caddish hosts. Eventually the 32-year-old Leith falls in love with Helen, their 17-year-old daughter.

After the parents conspire to rescue Helen from "The Baby Snatcher," as Leith comes to be known, sending her to New Zealand, Leith returns to England. There his longing for Helen continues and he finds himself a changed man, no longer numbed by the war.

Hazzard moves her

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. OR 11–11:30 a.m.
Led by Senora Geiza

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Ms. Kati leads this fun monthly program of stories, songs and a craft.

Atlas Obscura Co-Creator Dylan Thuras

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Thuras will talk about his new book for kids, *Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the Most Adventurous Kid*. (Note: Thomas will be in conversation with Anna Rothchild, creator of the YouTube series, *Gross Science*.)

Caldecott Honor Illustrator Lauren Castillo

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Castillo will talk about her illustrations for *Imagine*, an autobiographical picture book by U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:30-3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3-10.

Kids Author/Illustrator Jonathan Roth

Monday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Roth discusses *Take Us to Your Sugar*, the newest book in his illustrated chapter book series, *Beep & Bob*.

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for our fun comics book club!

Picture Book Author Traci Sorell

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Sorell, a member of the Cherokee Nation, talks about her debut picture book, *We Are Grateful*, an engaging look at the Cherokees' concept of "Otsaliheliga" or gratitude.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Join us for a look at some early 2019

Caldecott Medal contenders.
Lemonade and cookies served.

Friends "Big Book" Club

Wednesday Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Reception and opening lecture on *The Book of Genesis* at Historic Takoma
Discussions continue at the Takoma Park Community Center, Oct. 31, Nov. 14 and 28

Kids Graphic Novelist Kevin McCloskey

Thursday, Oct. 18, 7:30

McCloskey presents his newest science comic, *Snails Are Just My Speed*. He'll also show kids how to draw a snail.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Sat. Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Madame Marie leads our half-hour program of French rhymes and songs.

Kids Art

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2–3 p.m.

White House Photographer Amanda Lucidon

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Lucidon, who was the official photographer for Michelle Obama, talks about *Reach Higher*, her new kid's book of photos of the former First Lady.

Alternative Games

Sunday, Oct. 28, 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

Scary Stories

Monday, Oct. 29

Storyteller Candace Wolf spins some spine-tingling tales. Two shows: 7-7:45 p.m. for ages 5-7, and 7:50–8:50 p.m. for ages 8–13.

Coming Up....

- **LEGO Club**, Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:30–3 p.m.
- **Eaglebear & Friends**, Monday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
- **Bedtime Stories & a Craft**, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

characters in and out of seemingly free-standing stories, but "typically reconnects the episodes, sometimes by surprise, to the main narrative," in the words of one critic. In the words of another, "Hazzard's moral refinement occasionally veers toward preciousness, but such lapses are counterbalanced by her bracing conviction that we either build or destroy the world we want to live in with our every word and gesture."

The *Great Fire* received numerous awards in 2003, including a National Book Award, and was named a 'best book' of the year by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, and many other publications.

All are welcome to attend the Friends book discussions. Books are now available in the Library.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

• Scary Stories:

Storyteller extraordinaire Candace Wolf returns to the Library on Monday, Oct. 29, for her annual program of spine-tingling tales.

Each year, Wolf finds stories that work for a variety of ages and stages of kids, and her program is perfect as a run-up to Halloween. As usual, there will be two different programs. The first one, which takes place from 7–7:45



p.m., will feature stories appropriate for 5–7 year-olds, or anyone with a lower "fright" threshold. Then, from 7:50–8:50 p.m., Wolf will increase the "scary" factor for kids ages 8–13 and above. No registration is required for this program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Please join us for this fun and "frightful" annual event!

• **Eaglebear Returns:** Eaglebear, also known as Tomas Shash, returns with family and friends to lead a program on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Eaglebear has been coming to the library for nearly two decades to present songs, dances and stories from his Xicano and Apache cultures. It's a great way to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month, which takes place each Novem-

ber. No registration is required for this program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

• Book Sale Redux:

All are invited to attend the Friends of the Library used book sale from 10 to 3 on Saturday Oct. 20. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the Community Center. Donations of gently used books of general interest will be accepted at the Library through mid-October. To donate more than three boxes of books, make an appointment by contacting Ellen Rob-



bins or Dave Burbank at the Library. Volunteers to work at the sale between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. are also needed. To volunteer at the sale, contact pat@pathanrahan.com. The Friends book sales have been a major source of revenue for the Friends for more than 20 years – and have funded children's programs in Spanish and French, the Library's original Summer Quest Reading Program, public computers, furnishings, lanyards for kids' cards, book discussions, visits from novelists and journalists, and other services and resources.

Join your friends and neighbors at this popular community event, and support your local library by purchasing books at bargain prices. All proceeds go to the Library.

By Rick Henry

Blue-and-white collar workers stop by on their way home. Volunteers from the Takoma Park Folk Festival stream in after a hard day onsite. International students make their way over from the nearby Education First campus. Birthdays are marked, accomplishments are celebrated, disappointments are shared, and, this being Takoma Park, politics are discussed.

It all takes place at the Olive Lounge, Takoma Park's own place "where everybody knows your name," which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this October.

"The Takoma Park neighborhood was very different 10 years ago," said Chris Hishmeh, Olive's general manager. "You did not have any bars or night life. If I recall, no business in the Maryland side of Takoma Park was open past 9 p.m."

It was into this environment that Hishmeh and his brother, Nadol, decided to open the Olive. The brothers had been working together for many years in the family's restaurant, Middle Eastern Cuisine, but were anxious to branch out. Already possessing a beer and wine license utilized by the restaurant, they settled on the idea of transforming the extra dining

Olive Lounge turns ten



Longtime Olive bartender Silas Brigham

area into a bar.

The brothers then had to decide on a name. Prior to opening Middle East Cuisine in 2001, the Hishmeh family had been using the space since the 1970's as a grocery and wholesaler of Mediterranean products. That history inspired the name.

"Many years before, the space that is now the Olive was a warehouse that was used to ship and receive products. There was one small room that we always called the 'olive room,' where we used to store barrels and barrels of olives," Chris Hishmeh said. "That's where the name Olive

Lounge was born."

The business launched a soft opening during the first week of October 2008 and then opened in full force on the first Sunday of that month, the same day as the annual Takoma Park Street Festival, a smart, strategic move that helped provide initial visibility, which was important given the nature of the area at the time. "Our challenge at the beginning was making people aware that there was a bar in the neighborhood and that we were open past 9 p.m.," Chris Hishmeh said.

Growth was steady. The bar was initially not open seven days a week, but after approximately six months, that changed. Soon after, other business started showing up in the area, important steps in the transformation of the Old Town Takoma area, a transformation Hishmeh is proud to be a part of and one for which he credits the City.

"The City of Takoma Park is a great diverse neighborhood that is very supportive of local businesses. They work close with many business owners and always reach out to gain perspective on how things can be improved," he said. "It is a

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STREETLIGHTS

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variety of experts on the streetlight project. Issues from asset ownership, energy savings, inventory of lights, directional control and IDA certification, color temperature, overall "brightness" and visual acuity, to smart city capabilities including remote dimming and monitoring have been examined. The City participated in the Department of Energy Better Buildings Outdoor Lighting Accelerator, which provided expert technical assistance to the City free of charge. After this extensive research and discussion of the City's options, the Council passed a Resolution in October 2016 directing staff to work with Pepco to update the city's streetlights with smart LED technology following IDA recommendations.

As Sustainability Manager there are some major points I think deserve more focus as we continue this project:

- There are three main driving factors for Takoma Park's interest in street-lighting: improving the environmental impact of the city's lighting choices, improving the quality of streetlight in the City, and saving the City – its taxpayers – money.
- The current streetlights are in various states of operation and disrepair. The streetlight update is necessary and needed both for operational reasons and in the interest of consistency.
- There are areas of the City that are not properly illuminated (both under and over lit). As a densely populated City, Takoma Park has many residents of all ages and abilities walking, riding bikes and taking public transit. Appropriate lighting levels help people see and be seen. This is the balance that the proposed streetlight project is specifically designed to address.
- The environmental impact of our lighting choices. The City's streetlights are the single largest source of energy use

Key Questions & Answers

Q. What stage of updating the streetlights is the City in right now?

A: The City is still in the planning and testing phase of the streetlight update project..

Q. What's next?

A: A second test of fixtures on Hickory Avenue will be evaluated in October before the City Council decides next steps.

Q. Who owns the streetlights?

A: Pepco owns the streetlights and the poles. The City evaluated options for buying the streetlights from Pepco, and the best strategy that came from evaluation was to work with Pepco to update the streetlights rather than purchase them. More information on the evaluation is on the project page.

Q: Will the proposed LED streetlights address light pollution and blue light concerns?

A: Yes. The proposed fixtures for the project are International Dark Sky Association (IDA) certified, limited to 3,000K to address blue light concern, and will reduce the current level of light pollution in Takoma Park since the current streetlights are not IDA certified. Takoma Park is testing 2,700K fixtures next to 3,000K fixtures on Hickory Avenue to determine what will work best for the City. However, there is not a large blue light difference between 2,700K and 3,000K; to see a comparison, visit the project page on the City's website.

Q: How do we address the perceived brightness of LED streetlights?

A: Takoma Park is evaluating the brightness using both on-the-ground light meter readings and an evaluation of the lighting based on the ANSI-IES RP-8 recommendations. To see the recommendations, visit the project page on the City's website.

Q. Is there additional shielding available to prevent street light from entering people's homes?

A: Pepco has already confirmed that the vendor they are working with has add-on shielding options that can be used to address any areas where the fixture's existing shielding is not sufficient.

for municipal operations. None of the existing streetlights are International Dark Sky certified and they emit light pollution. The new fixtures selected by Pepco address the environmental concerns by reducing energy use and the City's carbon footprint, and having lighting that is International Dark Sky certified will reduce the current light pollution problem.

- The cost of not moving forward is

great. Not moving forward in a timely manner leaves areas of the city not being properly lit, requires the City to continue to pay high electricity bills, delays us from making a significant improvement to the environment, and can move us out of a leadership position on this issue.

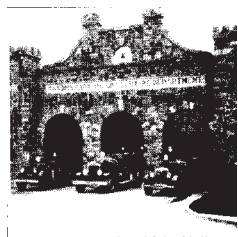
- From a financial standpoint, we have received questions about whether Pepco would want us to reduce energy

since some people mistakenly believe that less energy use translates into less money for Pepco. That is not the case. The City currently pays approximately \$233,000 annually for street light electricity and fixture maintenance. \$180,000 is paid to Pepco for maintenance and operation, taxes, and fees; \$53,000 is paid to WGL for the electricity use (100% Wind). Pepco has no incentive to select fixtures that use more energy. Based on the projected annual savings, the program will pay for itself in less than two years, and those savings from reduced energy use and maintenance costs will carry through for the life of the fixtures.

The test fixtures can be found on Erie, Oswego, and Hickory Avenues. I would encourage everyone to look at the pilot project streets and the test fixtures. I would also encourage everyone to not judge the lights by staring directly into them (you don't stare directly into light fixtures typically anyway I would hope!), but rather try to experience the quality and feel of the light on the ground where you are driving or walking. Keep in mind as you experience the test fixtures that this isn't about comparison to the nostalgic orange glow of old high pressure sodium streetlights, but rather if the test fixtures provide a safe and quality environment for drivers, pedestrians, and wildlife.

Next steps in this project are continuing conversations with Pepco and continuing to gather resident feedback. The goal is for Council to make a final decision about moving forward with this project later this fall. For up to date information, visit the project page at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/streetlight-update-project.

A slightly different version of this article appeared on the City of Takoma Park's website on Sept. 10. takomaparkmd.gov/city-blog/sustainability-and-takoma-parks-streetlights



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As if Aug. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 400 fire-related incidents in 2018. The department also addressed or assisted 1,984 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,384. Totals for 2017 were 366 and 2005, representing an increase of 13 incidents.

During August, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,101 hours of standby hours in the station compared to 1,576 in August 2017. Grand totals as of August 2018 were 8,751 hours compared to 12,420 in August 2017, a decrease of 3,669 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as if Sept. 26, 2018 46 have died in fires compared to 48 in 2017.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of September 26, 2018, 46 children have died in hot vehicles across the country. We must remind everyone; when we leave a vehicle, everyone goes with you. That means children, seniors and pets, and don't forget to lock your vehicle. Should you see children alone in a vehicle, call 911.

Facts about Fire Prevention Week (FPW), Oct. 7-13

- FPW was first celebrated as a one-day event only.
- In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National FPW Day proclamation, and since 1922, FPW has been observed Sunday through



Remnants from the Chicago Fire of 1871 gifted to Chief Jim Jarboe

Saturday during the period on which Oct. 9 falls.

- The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 killed approximately 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,000 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

- On the same date of the Great Chicago Fire, in Peshtigo, Wisconsin more than 1,200 people died during a major forest fire.

- FPW is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. President Calvin Coolidge signed a proclamation, proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

- In 1927, the first FPW theme was - Why This Mad Sacrifice to Fire?

- In 1944, Walt Disney's "Bambi" was used for a poster on fire prevention.

- In 1951, Sparky the Fire Dog was created as a symbol of fire prevention for children.

- In 2016, there were 1,342,000 fires reported in the U.S. These fires caused 3,390 civilian deaths, 14,650 civilian injuries, and \$10.6 billion in property damage.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

Remember, the number one cause of home fires is unattended cooking. You need working smoke alarms on all levels of your home.



A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall (Bob Dylan 1962)

By Claudine Schweber, Co-Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

No, we did not get Hurricane Florence. Yes, we did get periodic heavy rain, some flooding and downed trees.

So, don't applaud too soon. Are you prepared for serious storms, tornados and/or power outages, which we do get? Here's a review of some key tips, so you can be prepared, not scared.

First, sign up for Takoma Park Alerts at takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert.

Make a basic preparedness kit. This is the go bag that you set up in case you have to evacuate, or you have to stay indoors without power. It should include food for three days, safe drinking water (one gallon per person per day) and a first aid kit. Here's a video you can watch for more information on what to include in your kit: weloveweather.tv/video/dos-donts-hurricane-prep-kit.

Be prepared for a power outage. Make sure you have lanterns, a battery-powered cell charger, a battery- or solar-powered radio, extra batteries, canned food with water inside and pull-up opener. Make sure computer systems are backed up; shut down and unplug system before the storm.

Be medical care ready. Get an extra supply of medication as soon as you hear there may be a natural disaster (or if you

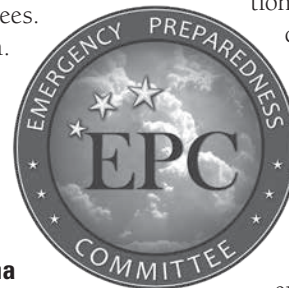
are going away). Make a copy of the prescription and keep it in a safe and easily accessible place along with a list of doctors, medications and health insurance information. Give a copy to your out-of-area contact.

Make a communication plan. Decide where to meet if you are separated; maintain a list of phone numbers for contact people; determine who contacts whom; keep a list of contact numbers for emergency personnel in your area. Designate an out-of-area contact person.

Make preparations for your pets. Do you love your dog/cat and refuse to be separated? Now, while it's calm, check which shelters take pets, not all do; same with hotels. Create an emergency preparedness kit for your pet. Check out this video, "Emergency Preparedness for Pet Owners": www.youtube.com/watch?v=98dPpNesl_A

Befriend a neighbor. Whether the person is elderly, disabled or alone, this is Takoma Park where we know our neighbors and care about each other. Check in with him or her before the disaster and check to see how well prepared he or she is. Here's a video on the subject: www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdbBbfpFjaI.

Questions or ideas? Contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.



Walk to School Day, Oct. 10

Walk to School Day is held on the first Wednesday in October. More 5,000 schools from 50 states participate, including five area schools. Students, their families and school staff from Takoma Park Middle, Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary, East Silver Spring Elementary and Rolling Terrace Elementary participate in Walk to School Day in Takoma Park. Safe Routes to School and the Takoma Park Police support the event to ensure student safety. Check with your school administration or PTA for details about your school's participation.

OLIVE LOUNGE

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wonderful town, and my family considers it a second home."

Many of Olive's customers feel the same way about the lounge; it is a second home of sorts. Over the past decade, the lounge's loyal customer base has expanded steadily, a fact demonstrated by membership in its Mug Club.

"The Mug Club was an idea from my brother," said Chris Hishmeh. "While living in Newport News, Virginia, he noticed that some of the local bars had either a beer club or whiskey club of some sort. We brainstormed how to execute this idea and came up with "personalized mugs."

Mug members receive special discounts and are invited to quarterly mug club parties. Memberships are renewed each March, and demand is high, with only a few of the 157 mugs (up from the original 120) each year becoming available because a membership was not renewed.

Customer loyalty is at the heart of the OL's success, Chris Hishmeh said. "When we first opened we didn't expect what we have today as a business, but we have some of the most loyal customers. I have been part of the restaurant since day one," he said. "Since the Olive Lounge opened we see more and more frequent customers. We really appreciate that about the area and the many years of support."



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.

NEWSPAPER DAYS
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three of the newspapers in the middle of the pack, pull them out an inch or two, and then Jimmy pulled them back and forth to free them from the bundle. Once the first papers were out, the rest of the pack came free easily.

The first things we looked for, every day, were small paper notices taped to the top of one of our newspaper bundles: green meant a new customer; pink was a vacation hold or a complaint; and red was a stop delivery. We were very good in customer service and got few complaints.

We used a big canvas newspaper bag with a long attached strap that we looped on our foreheads to tote the papers on our backs. On days with thin editions, we would reach behind us, grab a paper, give it two quick folds, tuck it into itself, pound the bottom tightly into a hand or on a thigh, and then throw it, tightly folded, onto the customer's porch. On days when the paper was too thick to fold and throw, it had to be carried to the front porch.

We would cut across lawns, going front door to front door. When it rained, we had to find a doormat to place the paper under or a storm door to leave the paper behind. If customers had only a front door, we would prop the paper against it and hope for the best. On windy days, we had to get the paper under a doormat or a milk box



Jim LeBuffe - then



Jim LeBuffe - now



Leon LeBuffe - then



Leon LeBuffe - now

or find a rock to rest on it, so the paper wouldn't be blown around the neighborhood. We had no plastic bags.

We always got the papers delivered, but there were a few problems. A frustrating challenge was running short by one or two papers at the end of the route. When this happened, we would sometimes retrace our steps looking for a mistakenly delivered paper. Or, conversely, sometimes we would have one or two extra papers and would worry that we had missed a customer.

But our biggest challenge was dogs. Three dogs stay in our memory. First was a fearsome collie in a house with a well fenced yard, thank goodness. Second was a Marmaduke breed that would jump up

and get his huge paws on our backs or chests, even as the owner assured us, "He won't hurt you." The third was a Chihuahua that chased and bit Jim one day, thus becoming the only breed to ever get its teeth into us.

Collecting money for subscriptions in the evenings provided several life lessons. Most customers would pay their \$1.75 on time; a few would even give us two dollars and say "keep the change." But there were always several others who made us come back several times before they paid.

There were also the old widows who asked us to empty their trash, move a bureau, or get something down from a high shelf. One very elderly woman collapsed at her doorway one collection time.

Then, in a hoarse whisper, she begged us to get her purse and find a very small white pill, Nitro. We found the purse and gave her the pill. "You saved my life," she murmured.

Maybe we did save her life. One thing for sure, we got the most out of our paper route in the fifties.

Jim LeBuffe is a lifelong educator who has been teaching at university level the past ten years. He has the Houston Chronicle delivered to his Houston area home daily.

Leon LeBuffe was a leader in the nonprofit field and is recently retired. He has both the Los Angeles and New York Times delivered every day to his Santa Monica, CA home.

RECREATION
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the discipline of Yoga.

This intermediate level offers a deeper penetration of the consciousness from the periphery towards the core. The more advanced postures are introduced and inversions are included. The practice of pranayama (breathing) is included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
Wednesdays, through December 19
7:30-9 p.m.
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$210
Drop-In: \$15 (check or credit card only)

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of 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
Saturdays, through October 20
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

Instructors needed
(to teach Grades 6-12)

Seasonal, Year Round, Flexible,
Afternoon/Evening Preferred

The Recreation Department is seeking instructors to facilitate a variety of classes for Grades 6-12. Current instruction is needed for Drama, SAT Prep, STEAM, Job Training, Dance, Art, etc. For more information, please contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

defend themselves by strengthening hand-and-eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
17 years and older
Monday, through November 5
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

55+

DROP-IN
Game Room Open Play

Join us for Bingo
& Blood Pressure
Screening!

Tuesday, September 25 in the Senior Room
Blood Pressure Screening:
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bingo: 12-2 p.m.

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. Game Room not available during Table Tennis skills class fall session, Thursdays through 11/8, 12-1 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing
Monday-Wednesday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursdays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fridays: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD

It's the 38th annual Pumpkin Harvest! Visitors experience a working farm, visit the barnyard animals, take a hayride to pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, and explore the twisted corn maze, straw maze and much more! The picnic area is open to enjoy your bagged lunch or purchase festival foods. You are welcome to purchase additional goods at the farmer's market. After our visit to the orchard, we'll stop at Milestone Shopping Center where you can also purchase lunch and do some shopping. Bring your lunch or bring spending money for lunch and shopping. An active amount of walking and standing at your own pace. Rain or Shine!

Leave from Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Friday, October 12
8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
\$7.50 per person admission, pay day of trip



SPECIAL EVENT
Monster Bash

With Monster Bash right around the corner, the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 27, Monster Bash will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, activities and music in front of the Co-Op, followed by the costume parade and judging down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. Look out for our new addition during the celebration! For additional information, call 301-891-7290. If you would like to volunteer for this event, register online at montgomeryserves.org. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged. In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School, and there will not be any road closures. For weather related updates please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605.

Starting at Carroll & Ethan Allen Avenues
Parading to Old Town Takoma Park
Saturday, October 27
1-5 p.m.
Free

OCTOBER '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 November issue is Oct. 12, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Oct. 26. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
The City Council will not meet October 10 or October 31. Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

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

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

The Spirit Club

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older
This class is designed for adults with developmental/ neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jciner@spiritclub.com or 303-883-4364.

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

Top Notch Toastmasters

Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Improve your communication and leadership skills. Top Notch Toastmasters meetings provide opportunities for positive, supportive development of personal and interpersonal skills that make you a better communicator, a better leader. Come to our meetings to sharpen your abilities, meet new friends, and make a difference in your life.

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.

Preschool Time!

Mondays, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17, 10 – 10:45 a.m.
Takoma Park library
Introducing a new early literacy program. Help 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. Register online or call 301-891-7259

Bedtime Stories and Craft

Tuesdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 13, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
Takoma Park library
Wear your PJs 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.

Humanities Lecture: Whole Lotta Love

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Gallaudet University associate professor of sociology Julie Fennell will explore the history of consensual non-monogamy where partners have open romantic relationships.

Annual Solar and Green Home Tour

Saturday, Oct. 6 – Sunday, Oct. 7
Interested in learning how to save money and the planet? The tour is a fantastic way to find out what your neighbors have done to make their homes more energy-efficient. A few of the homes are right in Takoma Park, but participating homes can be found throughout the DC/MD/VA area. You can download a Tour Guide listing some of the DC-area homes here www.solartour.org/download.html. Alternatively, you can order the tour guide by mail for \$10 at www.solartour.org or purchase it for \$5 at the Greenbelt Co-op, 121 Centerway in Greenbelt, MD.

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 vendors and a variety of green companies will be there. The festival has three stages that play host to 18 popular, local bands. Shoppers will find paintings, photographs, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, ceramics, kids' items and much more. Back by popular demand – The Crawl at the Takoma Park Street Festival. Purchase a mug and receive discounts at participating businesses on Oct 1. Mugs may be

purchased for \$10 at the Event Info Booth at the festival in front of 7000 Carroll Ave.
Admission is free.

Youth Town Hall/Forum

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2 – 5 p.m.
TP Community Center
Youth from and around Takoma Park will have the opportunity to express their ideas and opinions to their elected officials and community leaders through small group discussions. There's an Eventbrite link for students to RSVP, which you can access at <https://bit.ly/2KtfD24>.

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Village of Takoma Park Village Rides Volunteer Training

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 – 9 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, Rose Room
Orientation session for those interested in driving Takoma Park seniors once a month or more. Register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109, or email sandyeganretired@gmail.com

Friendly Visitors Volunteer Training

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 10 – 11:15 a.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.
Orientation session for those interested in visiting a TP senior once a week for an hour. Note: Metered street parking – please bring quarters. Register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109 or email sandyeganretired@gmail.com

Aging Well Seminar Food and Fun

Thursday, Oct. 25, noon – 2 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, Azalea Room
Join us as we socialize and get better acquainted, enjoying a pot luck lunch and board- and card games. Bring a dish that serves 4 – 6 people (something you prepare, it's also fine to buy a food item to share). Bring any favorite board- or card game. This event is free and open to all, no pre-registration required. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com.

Monster Bash

Saturday, Oct. 27, 1 – 5 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 parade where the 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 johnw@takomaparkmd.gov. In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School.

Discover Long Branch 5K run/walk

Sunday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m.
Race starts at Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park (8601 Garland Avenue)
Lace up your shoes for the Discover Long Branch 5K run/walk, benefiting youth arts programs in Long Branch and extending access to the Long Branch pool for local families and children. The run/walk follows

a USATF-certified 5K course along the Long Branch trail, Takoma Park neighborhoods and Sligo Creek. Pre-register at racewire.com/register.php?id=9797, or on race day at 7 a.m. at Long Branch Community Center. **Info:** discoverlongbranch.com/event/
Cost: \$30

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Takoma Park Community Band

Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

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

Carrol Café – Second Friday concerts

Friday, Oct. 12, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Seekers Church 276 Carroll St NW
MAGPIE (Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner) opens the season in celebration of their 45th anniversary of DC performances. Tickets and info at carrollcafe.org

Photo Salon

Monday, Oct. 29, 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.

Scary Stories

Monday, Oct. 29; 7 – 7:45 p.m. for ages 5–7; 7:50 – 8:50 p.m. for ages 8–13
Takoma Park Library
Veteran storyteller Candace Wolf will tell some frightful tales in this popular pre-Halloween program.

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

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



tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed. Sale dates run September 3 through October 19. A limited number of grants are available for

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

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Arborist, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business October 19.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

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

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

_____ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____