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Thursday trash, recycling and food waste collection will happen on Friday.

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Azalea Awards honor top Takoma coaches

By Sean Gossard

In May, the 14th annual Azalea Awards honored two Takoma Park coaches who have brought the love of their sports to both the local and international communities.

Beginning in 2006, the Takoma Foundation has been giving the awards annually to recognize those in the community who make the biggest differences. This year's awards featured 11 categories, including Green Activist, Neighborhood Volunteer and business and arts leaders.

Coaches Sat-Jiwan Ikke Khalsa, who teaches tennis around Takoma Park, and Eric Saul, who brings a group of baseball players to Cuba every year for charity



Coaches Sat-Jiwan Ikke Khalsa (left) and Eric Saul

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What you need to know about short-term rentals

Short-Term Rental (STR) is the generic term for a dwelling rented through Airbnb, VRBO, and other home-sharing services. A quick search of any of these services will turn up an enormous number of listings in Takoma Park. What, specifically makes a dwelling a short-term rental? What are the city and county regulations governing STRs? What's the difference between that and a standard rental housing license?



Short-Term Rentals must be registered with Montgomery County.

Specifically, an STR is a private room in, or an entire, single family home, condominium, or apartment, which is rented for no more than 30 consecutive days. The dwelling must be the owner's primary residence. There is a 120-day limit per year on rent-

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Urgent Care opens next month on WAH Takoma Park campus

By Erik Wangsness, president, Adventist HealthCare Washington Adventist Hospital

On Aug. 25, the emergency and acute inpatient hospital care that Washington Adventist Hospital delivers at our Takoma Park campus will close after more than a century. That same day, a new hospital that replaces Washington Adventist Hospital will open in nearby White Oak.

The new hospital, named Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center and located at 12100 Plum Orchard Drive off Cherry Hill Road in Silver Spring, will allow our community to be cared for in a modern, all private-room hospital for their privacy and comfort. The campus will also have plenty of parking and be accessible by Metrobus and RideOn.

As part of our hospital relocation plan, Adventist HealthCare will open a 24/7 Urgent Care on Aug. 26 in the former Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department in Takoma Park. The urgent care will treat non-life-threatening injuries and minor illnesses.

So many of us at Washington Adventist Hospital have served the community from our legacy Takoma Park site for decades. On behalf of my colleagues and those that came before me, I must say it has been our privilege and we hope to continue to serve you should you need care in the future.

Frequent Asked Questions When is the hospital moving?

On Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019 at 7 a.m., Washington Adventist Hospital is closing its Takoma Park location and moving to its new location in the White Oak area.

Where is the new hospital, Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center, located?

- 12100 Plum Orchard Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 3 - The City Council will not meet on July 3.
Wednesday, July 10, 6–7 p.m. (with County Council Member Tom Hucker)
Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Monday, July 22, 7–8:30 p.m. (Special Meeting on the Tree Ordinance/Tree Canopy in the Azalea Room)
Wednesday, July 24, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
All meetings take place in the Auditorium unless noted otherwise.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

July date to be announced
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Room TBA

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, July 1, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, August 5, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

NOISE CONTROL BOARD

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Rose Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 9, 6:45 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam 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.

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City Council Action

Only no votes or abstentions are reported here. Resolutions and ordinances are published online after adoption.

On **May 8, 2019**, the City Council adopted **Ordinance 2019-10** awarding a \$63,000 contract for a video security system to Verkada, Inc.

On **May 15, 2019**, the City Council adopted, at second reading, **Ordinance 2019-11** setting the FY 20 real property tax rate at .5397 per \$100 of assessed valuation. (Council Member Kovar voted no.) **Ordinance 2019-12** adopted the FY 20 stormwater management budget and set the base stormwater rate at \$92. The FY 20 budget was adopted by Ordinance **2019-13**. (Council Member Kovar voted no.) Also, on May 15, the City council adopted a series of resolutions. **Resolution 2019-22** declared the Council's support for regionalism in the Washington Metropolitan Area. **Resolution 2019-23** reappointed Anne Perrault (Ward 3) to the Noise Control Board. By **Resolution 2019-24**, Priscilla Labovitz (Ward 1), Cherwanda Oliver (Ward 5), Ray Scannell (Ward 1), and Pat Rumbaugh (Ward 1) were reappointed to the Recreation Committee. Julie Boddy and Paul Gunter, both of Ward 1, were reappointed to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee by **Resolution 2019-25**.

At its **May 22, 2019** meeting, the City Council adopted **Ordinance 2019-16** to award a \$23,560 contract to Arbor Landscapers, Inc. for tree planting in public rights-of-way.

On **June 5, 2019**, the City Council adopted **Ordinance 2019-15** reestablishing the Safe Roadways Committee as the Complete Safe Streets Committee. The Council also approved a contract for surface restoration of the Community Center Pedestrian Bridge by **Ordinance 2019-17**. The contractor selected for the bridge resurfacing is Concrete Restoration Services. The contract cost is \$34,000.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 2019-01

(Regulation for the Implementation and Enforcement of Takoma Park Code, Chapter 11.12 Streets – Permits and Improvements, to regulate the installation of certain telecommunications facilities and equipment in City rights-of-way)

The regulation addresses permit applications, process for review of applications, requirements for approval of applications, aesthetic requirements, fees, and continuing obligations of permittees. Pursuant to the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (Authority: Chapter 2.12 "Administrative Regulations," of the Takoma Park Code), notice of the City's intention to adopt the administrative regulation and opportunity for public comment was published in the May 2019 issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter. The final regulation is published on the City website and will become effective on July 15, 2019.

COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE APPLICANTS WANTED

The City Council has reestablished the Safe Roadways Committee as the Complete Safe Streets Committee. The Committee will advise the City Council on transportation-related issues, including pedestrian and bike facilities and safety, traffic issues and transit services, and will encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving. The Council will appoint up to a total of 11 residents representing a variety of mobility needs and interests – cyclists, transit riders, walkers, individuals with special accessibility needs, drivers, etc. More information is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov or by contacting Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. Apply by July 12.

Important City Phone Numbers

City Information	301-891-7100	Library	301-891-7259
City Clerk	301-891-7267	Neighborhood Services	301-891-7113
City Manager	301-891-7229	Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Finance	301-891-7212	Public Works	301-891-7633
Housing & Community Development	301-891-7119	Recreation / Facilities Rental	301-891-7290

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The City Council is seeking applicants for a number of boards, commissions and committees. Takoma Park residency is required unless noted below. If you are interested in appointment, please submit the online application: <http://bit.ly/bcc-application>. Feel free to drop by to observe a meeting. Meetings are listed on the City Calendar on the website. Additional information is available at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees)

[committees](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees). Positions are available on the following:

- Arts and Humanities Commission
- Board of Elections
- Commemoration Commission
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
- Committee on the Environment
- Ethics Commission

- Noise Control Board
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Complete Safe Streets Committee
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To be considered for appointment in July, apply by July 17. Contact Jessie Carpenter (301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) for additional information.

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ing out a dwelling when the owner is not in residence, but if the dwelling is owner-occupied, there is no limit. These regulations are in place to ensure that STRs do not replace standard rental housing but provide owners with the flexibility to rent their homes for part of the year while traveling or stationed elsewhere.

With the aid of customized software, the county continually researches listings and notifies owners of unregistered STRs and the registration requirements. In addition to registration, Montgomery County requires payment of the Room Rental-Transient Tax (hotel tax). Some booking services collect this tax for their member properties. For more information on registration and related taxes, call the county at 240-777-3986 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Special/LandRShortTermRental.html.

The following cannot be registered as Short-Term Rentals:

- Any dwelling that has a Rental Housing License.
- An accessory apartment.
- Apartment units in a multi-family building.
- Any dwelling that is not the primary residence of the owner.

Get Your Questions Answered in Person

To help residents understand the ins and outs of STRs in Takoma Park, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will host an information session.

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 pm.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Azalea Room

The City’s licensing specialist, Patti Mallin, will facilitate a conversation with Clark Beil, senior administrator, licensure and regulatory services, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, who directs the registration of STRs for the county, and Elizabeth Wallace, Takoma Park resident and longtime proprietor of an STR. To learn more about this event, contact HCD at 301-891-7255 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.

A property owner cannot simultaneously hold a rental housing license and a county-issued short-term rental registration for the same dwelling. Residential tenants have different contractual obliga-

tions and responsibilities than occupants of short-term rentals. Takoma Park City Code requires landlords to offer a year’s lease to tenants of licensed rental properties. By comparison, stays in STRs may not exceed 30 consecutive days by the same lodger and have caps of 120 rental days if the owner is not in residence at the time of the stay.

The lease agreement used in standard rental housing provides protections to both the tenant and the landlord. The relationship between proprietors of short-term rentals and their lodgers is that of “host” and “guest” and is not governed by city, county, or state landlord-tenant law. These cannot be mixed and matched.

If a home is not the primary residence of the owner, then it can only be licensed as residential rental housing. If it is the primary residence but the owner will be away for an extended period, registering the dwelling as an STR and limiting the total rental days to 120 is absolutely appropriate.

Accessory apartments and multi-family buildings

Accessory apartments must be de-commissioned with the county before being converted to STRs, and the rental housing license with the city discontinued.

Rental units in multi-family buildings cannot convert to short-term rentals.

There is a policy that supports the preservation of available housing stock, and in Takoma Park, there is an emphasis on retaining rent-stabilized housing. In addition, these units would not be owner-occupied, and therefore the number of days they would be available for rent would be capped at 120.

Rooms in owner-occupied homes

If the STR is a private bedroom in a home, with common space shared with the owner, it should also be registered with the City as an Owner Occupied Group House (OOGH). This is a \$50 three-year registration, and City staff will conduct a brief safety and maintenance inspection to make sure the property is up to code, has required carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, and is in good working order. For these dwellings, with the owner present, there is no cap on the number of days the STR may be rented out each year. Note that stays by each specific lodger may not exceed 30 consecutive days.

In the OOGH arrangement, one or more rooms may be registered with the county as STRs while other rooms house longer-term residents. OOGH details and registration forms are available at takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/rental-housing/owner-occupied-group-house.

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work, both won in the coach category for keeping sports in Takoma Park vibrant and accessible.

Ikle Khalsa, also known as Coach SJ, has been teaching and mentoring anyone interested in playing tennis whether young or old, just getting into the sport or already with experience.

“He brings a love of tennis so captivating that you find your own love or recapture the love you used to have,” the Takoma Foundation wrote on its website. “His positive attitude and gentle manner make him a coach who makes you feel great about you.”

Coach SJ has been playing tennis on and off all his life, but a few years ago he began teaching his daughter the sport and decided to again get more serious with it. “I picked it up again for exercise and was impressed by videos I saw online about how to teach tennis and started coaching again,” he said. “Physically I felt better with the tennis routine, and it was also about personal exploration and sharing

with my daughter.”

Coach SJ uses various sized balls and racquets to help get beginners started. He also teaches classes geared toward the elderly on an indoor basketball court and using softer balls. Coach SJ is also known to bring the game to any venue with “portable nets, racquets and an assortment of tennis balls stowed on his bike wherever he goes,” according to the Takoma Foundation.

He adheres to the student-focused Montessori method of teaching with a theme for each day highlighting a special skill, like forehands or backhands. “I often let the students tell me what they want to learn and then follow them,” Coach SJ said.

Coach SJ hopes to keep people interested and spread the love of the game throughout Takoma Park through his Little Free Tennis Libraries. “I leave a little box of balls and racquets on tennis courts around the community, so if you’re walking by and you don’t have the equipment you can stop by and try it out or rediscover when you used to play,” he said.

While Coach SJ likes to keep it local

with his classes and the Little Free Tennis Libraries, Eric Saul has been going international with his baseball players. The local architect has been teaching baseball for the past 7 years, mainly doing lessons out of his backyard, where he has a pitching machine. “Teaching anything to children requires you understand the subject and the audience very well, and these are two very different abilities,” the Takoma Foundation noted.

Part of that includes booking annual trips with a group of players to the baseball-loving Cuba. They also bring equipment that’s donated to the children in Cuba. Saul got the inspiration after visiting the island nation in college and seeing how passionate its people were about baseball.

“I first wanted to do a charity thing

there after seeing the kids with no gear, but still playing baseball in the streets with no shoes and using a stick for a bat,” Saul said.

Saul first started chartering the trips through Canada but has since been able to just travel from the U.S. with the players — both boys and girls — each year during Montgomery County’s spring break. “It’s like baseball diplomacy,” said Saul, who also plays in adult baseball leagues around Montgomery County. “His devotion to our community’s kids is in the best of Takoma Park traditions,” noted the Takoma Foundation.

For those interested in tennis lessons from Coach SJ, visit movingforwardtennis.com. Anyone interested in baseball coaching from Coach Saul can visit takomabaseball.com.

URGENT CARE

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- Find the new hospital behind the Target shopping center, just off Rte. 29 and Cherry Hill Road

When will the Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department close?

- The Emergency Department will close at 7 a.m. on Aug. 25
- Beginning at 7 a.m. on Aug. 25, anyone who calls 911 for a medical emergency will be transported by county ambulance service to White Oak Medical Center or the next closest hospital

What if I have a medical emergency?

- If you think you are having a heart attack or other serious medical emergency, always call 911
- If you are seeking emergency care for a

non-life-threatening illness after 7 a.m. on Aug. 25, please proceed to White Oak Medical Center or your closest Emergency Department

When will the Urgent Care open on the Takoma Park campus and what are the hours?

- Beginning on Monday, Aug. 26 at 7 a.m., the urgent care will open in the former Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department.
- Open 24 hours, seven days a week
- Walk-ins are welcome.

What types of illnesses and injuries can be treated at the urgent care in Takoma Park?

- The urgent care will treat non-life-threatening injuries and minor illness-



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Community Grant recipients announced

Dance classes for seniors, an African American oral history project, documentary filmmaking classes, and many other exciting and engaging programs for all ages are coming soon to Takoma Park through the Community Grants Program.

The City of Takoma Park's Community Grants Program supports programs, projects and events that improve the quality of life for City residents by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences. For Fiscal Year 2020, the City Council approved \$80,000 to be awarded to eligible projects from non-profit organizations and business associations as determined by the City's Grants Review Committee (GRC).

After a thorough multistage application and review process, the GRC recommended funding for 11 organizations, and on June 19, the City Council approved those recommendations. The projects will serve a combined 11,118 beneficiaries of all ages. As a requirement of funding, 75 percent of all beneficiaries will be Takoma Park residents, and at least 51 percent will be low- to moderate-income residents.

The Community Grants Program also requires matching support for all programs funded by the City of Takoma Park. As such, the program value is much larger than the City's cost to fund the programs as many grantees will exceed the matching requirement. For example, the City's initial investment of \$80,000 will be leveraged by grantees to concentrate an additional \$170,845 for a combined program value of more than \$250,000.

The Fiscal Year 2020 Grantees and their projects are as follows:

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.
Project Name: *Making Tracks/MHP Summer Camp*

Carpe Diem Arts
Project Name: *Healthy Families: Healthy Communities Support II*

Community Preservation and Development Corporation
Project Name: *After-school program to support greater food security and literacy skills for immigrant children*

CREATE Arts Center
Project Name: *smARTkids program at Takoma Park Elementary School*

Crossroads Community Food Network
Project Name: *Farm to Fork: Healthy Eating Program Expansion*

Dance Exchange
Project Name: *Creative Aging and Intergenerational Exchange Programming*

Docs In Progress
Project Name: *Documentary Dialogues Takoma*

Historic Takoma Inc.
Project Name: *Oral Histories from the African-American Community*

Montgomery Housing Partnership
Project Name: *Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) Summer Program and Mural*

Performing Arts Center for African Cultures Inc.
Project Name: *Besa-Feel the Beat Move Your Feet*

Village of Takoma Park Incorporated
Project Name: *Arts and Humanities Programs for Seniors*

The City of Takoma Park Department of Housing and Community Development oversee the Community Grants program. All funding recommendations are made by the Grants Review Committee, which is comprised of Takoma Park residents with demonstrated expertise in community development, grants management, public arts or related areas of interest. If you would like to serve on the committee or know someone who would be a good candidate, please visit takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

Grants Review Committee Members:

Nadine Bloch (Ward 3), Rachel Branaman (Ward 6), Jay Keller (Ward 3), Lesley Perry (Ward 2), Susan Rosenblum (Ward 3), Mark Rupp (Ward 5), Simeon Tarawali (Ward 6)

Folk Festival lines up performers for September 8

The 2019 Takoma Park Folk Festival is taking shape, even as renovations at Takoma Park Middle School are necessitating a few onsite adjustments. The Festival will be held this year on Sunday, September 8, starting at 10:30 am. As always, it's free and family-friendly.



"Most likely, we will be moving the Field Stage from the back of the school to the basketball court area, so we can retain our six stages this year," said Festival Chair Robin Stearn. "Our experiment last year of bringing the Crafts Show into the

main gym was a success, so we will be doing that again."

Performers have been selected, and the schedule is being finalized as they confirm their availability. The Field Stage has lined up blues from

the Jukehouse Bombers, bluesy soul from The Ashleigh Chevalier Band, and the folk-rock melodies of Conor and the Wild Hunt. It also will have the "heaviest" sound at the festival in years in punk-

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Lunch with Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart

Join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches at the Crossroads Farmers Market and in restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads.



Mayor Kate Stewart

Friday, July 12, 12 – 2 p.m.
Sardi's Pollo A La Brasa
1159 University Blvd E
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Wednesday, July 24, 12 – 2 p.m.
Crossroads Farmers Market
University Blvd E & Anne St.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Friday, July 26, 12 – 2 p.m.
Tiffin
1341 University Blvd
Takoma Park, MD 2091

It's good to be green!

Green America's Green Business Program certifies TPSS Co-op as a Gold Level business. Receiving this highest standard of certification automatically qualifies TPSS Co-op for the Montgomery County Green Business Program, making it the first Montgomery County grocer in the program. This important achievement and distinction are the result of TPSS Co-op's meaningful commitment to reducing its impact on the planet. From composting and donating food waste to offering plant-based packaging and supporting local producers and vendors and offering a wide selection of certified organic products, TPSS Co-op is a leader in thoughtful operations and product offerings. (Source: Main Street Takoma)

EPA Recognizes City of Takoma Park as a Green Power. The City of Takoma Park has become a Certified Community Partner with the EPA for the City's investment in

renewable energy. The City and its residents use close to 27,152,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity from renewable energy annually, which equates to 6.5 percent of the total electricity that the City and residents use. For the City to reach its sustainability goals, the percentage of electricity that comes from renewable sources needs to increase. Visit this link to see more information about energy in Takoma Park and ways to get your electricity from renewable energy: <https://bit.ly/2WeS3wR>.





We Are Takoma Series Has a New Name

The City's popular *We Are Takoma* arts and culture series has a new name and a new look! The series has been renamed *Takoma Park Arts* to more accurately reflect the focus of the series, which features many free events at the Takoma Park Community Center, including concerts, plays, art exhibitions, film screenings, poetry readings, lectures and more. A dynamic new logo will be featured in promotions and publications about the series.

"We hope more people from Takoma Park and the surrounding area will learn about our events in the *Takoma Park Arts* series and experience the broad array of talent in the local creative community," said Takoma Park Arts Coordinator Brendan Smith.

The City issues calls for proposals from performers,

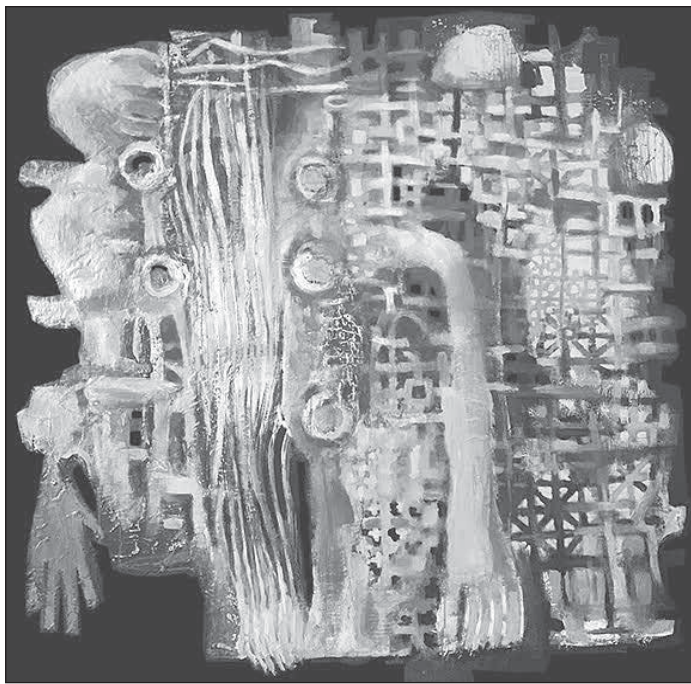


poets, lecturers and artists each year to stage events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Av-

enue. The center has a state-of-the-art auditorium where performances are held and are also recorded and shared on the City's Facebook page, Youtube and the City TV channel. Art opening receptions are held bimonthly with art displayed in several galleries throughout the community center, including large installations suspended from cables in the ceiling of the three-story atrium.

Christoph Michaud, a graphic designer who serves on the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, created the new *Takoma Park Arts* logo, which features the same blue and yellow colors in the City logo.

Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts to learn more about upcoming events and to sign up for our *Takoma Park Arts* weekly e-newsletter.



Sub Rosa (District) by Pat Goslee

The Art of Evolution Opening Reception

July 11, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

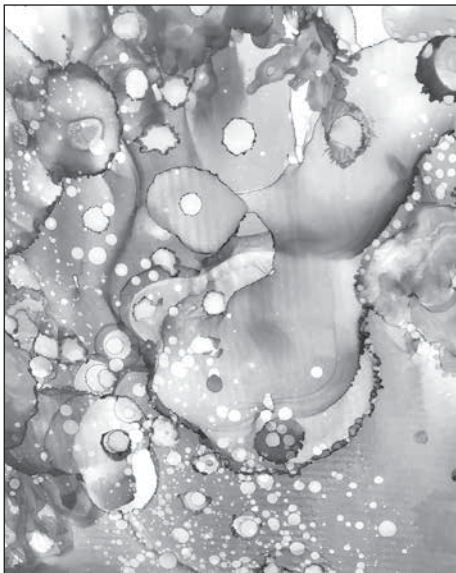
Free event

The *Art of Evolution* exhibition explores the underlying connections between art



Purkinje Cell by Michele Banks

and science and how beauty can reach down even to the cellular level. Five talented local artists use a wide range of mediums to reveal unseen microscopic worlds which connect all living things. The featured artists include Michele Banks, Jessica Beels, Mei Mei Chang, Pat Goslee, and Shelley Lowenstein. Please join us for the opening reception to see the art and meet the artists.



Deep in the Cell by Shelley Lowenstein

Charging Stations Get Wrapped



Artwork designed by graphic designers Jay Shogo (right) and Cindy Herrera (left) is featured on vinyl wraps covering EV charging stations.

Hovering hummingbirds have been spotted outside the Takoma Park Community Center in a whimsical vinyl wrap covering an electric vehicle charging station.

Created by Japanese graphic designer Jay Shogo, the wrap features a "charm" of hummingbirds as a group of the tiny birds is known, flitting amongst a rainbow-colored field of leaves and flowers. Local graphic designer Cindy Herrera designed a second wrap with windmills and electric vehicles plugged into the City logo to represent the City's commitment to renewable energy. That station is located in downtown Takoma Park near the intersection of Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue.

The vinyl wraps are part of the City's public art programs that take art outside museums and galleries and into the streets for everyone to enjoy. Takoma Park has 10 charging stations in various locations, and the City uses 100% wind power, so charging of electric vehicles is emission-free. The Electric Vehicle Institute provided the charging stations for free to the City of Takoma Park in 2016 in an effort to encourage the use of electric vehicles and provide the needed infrastructure.



Jay Shogo's artwork as featured on EV charging station

RECREATION

TOTS

DANCE

Pre Ballet

Pre Ballet for ages 3–6 emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. By introducing students to the basic shapes, positions, 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
500 Maple Avenue
3–6 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, 3–3:45 p.m.
July 7-August 25
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

YOUTH

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out! This will be a fun filled night for children 12 and under. It will involve activities such as board games, arts & crafts, soccer, basketball and theme nights. Free with a Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6–11 years
July 5 & July 19
6:45–8:45 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card



Takoma Park Kids' Chess Meet Up

Kids Kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to attend the Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up. Beginners are welcome. Bring your own tournament board if you have one, but there will be extra. There will be a brief lesson at 1:45 p.m. but general play will start by 2 p.m. For more information, please contact takomachess@gmail.com. Instructor: Adam Winship

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Grades K-5
Sundays, 1:45–3:30 p.m.
July 7-August 25
Free

EXTENDED CARE

After the Bell

After the Bell Childcare is our after-school program offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave); providing a safe environment for children grades K–5. The children will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have a time period to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more! Transportation will not be provided through TPRD. Please contact MCPS Transportation (301-840-8130) to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers), and we will meet them at the bus stop. Program hours are

3:30–6:30 p.m. when MCPS is in session. There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct. 1.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade
MCPS School Year
3:30–6:30 p.m.
\$1,250.00

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
8 Week Session
Saturdays, July 13-August 31
Beginners: 10:15–11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is not only a combat sport, but it is also a way of life for enthusiasts around the globe. 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
8 Week Session
Mondays, 6–7 p.m.
July 8-August 26
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

TEENS

Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second and fourth Friday nights? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Free with Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-16 years
July 12 & July 26
6:45–8:45 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

MARTIAL ARTS

Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). This program requires a Recreation Center membership. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
Summer session: through August 28
Free with Recreation Center membership card

SPORTS



After Hours Basketball

This program will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16–24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late night basketball over the course of the summer. We are looking to provide safe but fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fitness Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16–24 years
Tuesday & Thursday, 9–11 p.m.
July 2-August 15
Free

ADULTS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
July 10-August 28
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

FITNESS



Ladies Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
July 9-August 29
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

Pilates

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core" - abdomen, back, and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign their body. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7351 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.
July 10-August 14
\$60

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba. This total-body workout combines 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, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45p.m.
July 13-August 17
\$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 and gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio

RECREATION

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7500 Maple Avenue
17 years and older
9 Week Session
Monday, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
July 1-August 26
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

SPORTS



Takoma Park Volleyball Club
Join the Takoma Park Volleyball Club! Grab a friend or make a new one on the court. The club will meet weekly at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for pick-up games of volleyball. Registration is required to participate and all skill levels are welcome.

Registration Begins Aug. 15

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
7 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
October 9-November 20
\$10

55+

DROP-IN

Bingo
Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration required.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesday, July 23
12–2 p.m.
Free



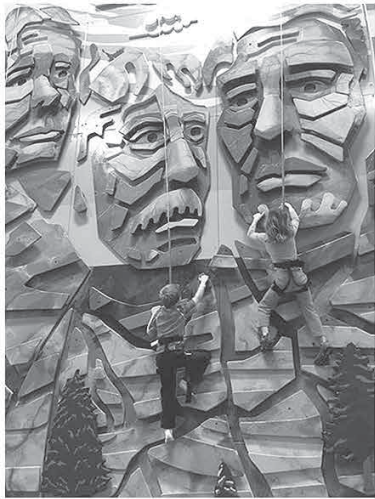
Blood Pressure Screening
Adventist Healthcare will be doing a monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in, no registration is required.
Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesday, July 23
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH



Game Room Open Play
The Game Room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation and to just “hang out” before, between and after classes during the day.
Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Summer Hours (June 17-August 23)
Monday-Saturday: 10a.m.–12p.m.
Free

Line Dance
Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility, and stress reduction are just some of the benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. Instructor: Barbara Brown
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
July 10-August 28
Free



Just for the Fun of It

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

The program utilizes staff from the extended care programs to help facilitate the activities. Some of the past trips the program has taken were to the Baltimore Aquarium, College Park Aviation Museum, Sky Zone, laser tag, Color-Me-Mine,

McFadden Glass Art and bowling. “The Fun Day Program really gives our child the opportunity to have fun with other children when they are out of school,” Debby Zavinsky said. The program has also had various entertainers come for the day, such as Tiny Chefs, clowns, singers and dancers. Participants can arrive as early as 8:30 a.m. and stay until 5:30 p.m. with an activity and/or trip in between. Aaron Haydon, a former participant, stated, “I love going on all the fun trips, especially to Sky Zone. I get the chance to play Trampoline Dodge Ball.”

On Fun Days, participants have the opportunity to experience an almost camp-like setting, where they play indoor and outdoor games, create crafts; all while interacting with other children their age. This serves as a precursor for

us to promote the atmosphere our camps will have in the summer.

Look no further for those fun-filled days this Fall when the kids are out of school, by signing them up for the Fun Day program with the fun experts from the Recreation Department. The upcoming Fun Day program dates for the Fall will be on Monday, Sept. 30 to ClimbZone and Wednesday, Oct. 9 to Castle Laser Tag. You can register online at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation, in person at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue), or the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). For more information, contact Michael Kurland at michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov.

LIBRARY



ISS Above
The 8GB SD Card contains all the ISS-Above code and custom setup for your particular location.

Raspberry Pi Model B

PiGlow

LEDBorg

Ethernet Cable

Optional WiFi via USB

ISS-Above has a built-in web server that provides detailed information about future passes of the ISS over your location.

ISS-Above Tweets a "Hello" message to the ISS as it passes nearby.

ISS-Above downloads updated orbit information for the ISS every few days.

The ISS-ABOVE began as a

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with a Raspberry Pi and an SD Card

and a 3-D printed case with flashing LEDs when the ISS is near.

Add live video from the external cameras on the ISS

and you have the ISS-Above, as it is today.

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's ISS-ABOVE!

What weighs more than 320 cars, is as long as a football field, as big as a 6- bed-room house, and has at least 3 residents who have the best view of Takoma Park there is? The International Space Station!

Check out the new installation of ISS-ABOVE, on a monitor in the Takoma Park Library computer room, to see in real-time the astronauts' view of Earth; who's on board today from the U.S., Japan, Canada, Russia or the EU; and what scientific projects they're working on. It also shows when the ISS will pass over our town, so you can run outside and look for the glint in the sky from the sun's reflection off its

solar panels and point "There it is!" to your family and friends.

Donated by resident Elizabeth F. Wallace, ISS-ABOVE streams live video from the external cameras on the Space Station whenever the ISS is in sunlight. That's 46 out of every 92 minutes, the length of one orbit. Lesson plans for middle school classrooms and homeschoolers are available at www.issabove.com.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of our landing on the moon this July by checking out ISS Above, which can be viewed in Room A of the Library's Computer Center.

LIBRARY BRIEFS



Prepare to party: We're having a party and you're invited! Come celebrate the 84th Birthday of the Takoma Park Maryland Library on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. We'll have lemonade and cake (as well as gluten-, nut- and dairy-free goodies). We'll also have birthday cards for participants to decorate and say what the TPML means to them. No registration required, and all ages are welcome.

Kicking off kindergarten: Is your child entering kindergarten this fall? Come enjoy a special themed storytime and activities geared to rising kindergartners. The program will be offered twice; please choose one date: Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. or Saturday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. We will also have a booklist

and a snack! Registration encouraged. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents.

Puppets at play: On Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m., the classic tale of Jack & the Beanstalk will be presented in an original new production by Beech Tree Puppets. Discover a hen that lays golden eggs, a golden harp that sings by itself, and a giant with a hearty appetite! This show by puppeteers Ingrid and Ole Hass includes hand-crafted puppets and sets, along with heart-warming music. All ages. No registration for this 40-minute show, and admission is free. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our program.

Circle time changes: We've got a couple of changes in our weekly Tuesday and Thursday Circle Time programs. Starting in July, we will offer one Spanish Circle Time every Thursday morning. The new time is 10:30–11 a.m. Please mark your calendars and come enjoy a lively program led by Senora Geiza! Also, our Tuesday Circle Time will be taking a break for most weeks of July, so please note that there is NO Tuesday Circle Time on July 2, July 9, July 23 and July 30. Ms. Kati will conduct Circle Time on July 16.

CALENDAR

Circle Time
Tuesday, July 16, at 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m. (This date only in July) NOTE: There is NO Circle Time on July 2, July 9, July 23 & July 30. The program will return on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Spanish Circle Time
Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m. (NOTE: We are moving to one program starting July 1).
Led by Senora Geiza

Happy Birthday Takoma Park Maryland Library!
Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.
Come help us celebrate the Library's 84th birthday with lemonade, cake and a birthday card activity.

Caldecott Club
Originally scheduled for Monday July 8, this program is canceled for July.

Friends Fortnightly Book Club
Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.
Our book is *IQ* by Joe Ide. Copies available in the Library.
Azalea Room. All welcome.

LEGO Club
Sunday, July 14, 1:30–3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 3–10.

National Ice Cream Day Celebration
Sunday, July 21, 1–3 p.m.
Our program includes story time and fun STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, art & mathematics.) We will be making ice cream, so kids will need help from their grown-ups. Registration encouraged, so we have enough supplies: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Jack & the Beanstalk Puppet Show
Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m.
All ages are welcome for this new puppet show created and performed by Beech Tree Puppets. No registration required. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our program.

Alternative Games
Saturday/Sunday July 28, 2–4 p.m.
Join Dave Burbank for a rousing session of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Ages 8 up.

COMING UP
Get Ready for Kindergarten Storytime
The program will be offered twice; please choose one: Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. or Saturday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. Registration encouraged.



Summer Reading Selections

We have new summer reading booklists created by the Association for Library Service to Children, the children's librarian division of the American Library Association. Each booklist spotlights two dozen or so books published in the last couple of years. There are four booklists in all:

Birth–Preschool; Grades K–2; Grades 3–5; and Grades 6–8. Please come pick one or more up to add some great books to your child's summer reading! Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for providing funding to print the booklists.

FOLK FESTIVAL

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influenced Albino Rhino.

The Abbott Stage's traditional North American folk will include several familiar performers: Lulu's Fate, D.C. Labor Chorus, Washington Revels Maritime Voices, and The Devil's Tailors. The World Stage will bring back favorites, such as Klezcentricity, Lilt, Sudrabavots, Washington's Spelmanslag, and Djangolaya.

The Grove Stage is shaping up to be perhaps the busiest, with a roster that

already includes eight sets: Ebb & Nova (indie folk); Susan Rowe and Mike Ryan (finalist and winner, respectively, in the Folk Acoustic category in the 35th Mid-Atlantic Song Contest); Western Ave String Band (bluegrass); Eryn Michel (country/folk) and Graham Stone (roots/Americana); Paint Branch Creek (folk/Americana); Tornado Rose (rockabilly); Karen Collins and The Backroads Band (honky tonk); and Luke James Schaffer (singer-songwriter).

For more information and to become a volunteer, visit www.tpff.org.



Takoma Park journalist opens window on Maryland politics & spending

By Kevin Adler

Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart is a reader, as is Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Ditto Jack Fitzgerald, CEO of the giant Fitzgerald Auto Malls chain, and CASA activist Kim Propeack.

What's attracting attention from this diverse group of civil leaders? It's not the Washington Nationals. It's Maryland politics and policy – and they're reading Maryland Matters, a free daily online news service co-founded by Takoma Park resident Josh Kurtz.

Officially launched in March 2017, Maryland Matters fills the news gap that emerged as our state's major newspapers cut back on their coverage of state and local issues and local weeklies went out of business. "When I first started covering Maryland, there seemed to be robust competition. The *Post* and the *Baltimore Sun* had reporters all over the state," said Kurtz, who moved here from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to take a job covering Annapolis with the *Gazette* newspaper chain in 1995. "But I watched the coverage diminish. It occurred to me that, without that news, local officials were no longer being held accountable, and that concerned me a lot."

Kurtz himself was a victim of cutbacks at the *Gazette*, and he shifted to reporting on Capitol Hill for *Roll Call* and *Environment & Energy News*. But he stayed close to his Annapolis contacts as he moonlighted by writing Maryland politics columns for several news outlets and moderated candidate debates. "Working on the Hill for 15 years made me realize I preferred local coverage," he said. "The federal [politics] is reflexively toxic, but at the state and local level you can still see surprise coalitions getting put together to make things happen."

The format of Maryland Matters is simple. On Monday through Friday, the approximately 5,700 subscribers receive an email with about four news and analy-



Maryland Matters team at the Maryland State House. Founder Josh Kurtz in the foreground, Bill Zorzi (left), Danielle Gaines and Bruce DePuyt (right)

sis articles. (Sign up at MarylandMatters.org.) During an election cycle, it's politics on overdrive. The rest of the time, it's education, healthcare, transportation, criminal justice/policing, clean energy, the environment, and more.

It's old-school journalism. The articles are long, and they can be dense. Video links are rare, and there's no clickbait lists or questionnaires – though Kurtz jokes, "If we had more staff, maybe we'd do clickbait, too."

Kurtz and two full-time reporters do the heavy lifting: Bruce DePuyt, a veteran reporter and Channel 8 public affairs talk show host, who focuses on the DC suburbs; and Danielle Gaines, former lead political reporter for the *Frederick News-Post*, who Kurtz called "our go-to expert for budget and education coverage."

Nearly a dozen other regular contribu-

tors provide their perspectives, and Maryland Matters accepts contributed articles from across the spectrum. Plus, it has a robust "Comments" section. Business development manager, Meg Thale, helps to keep the operation afloat.

Indicative of the respect the operation has earned, The Hopewell Fund selected Maryland Matters as one of ten local news operations nationwide to receive a grant to cover a large share of operating expenses for multiple years. This investment enabled Kurtz in 2018 to work full-time on the Maryland Matters, instead of running the operation on nights and weekends. The Baltimore-based Robert W. Deutsch Foundation also has been a major financial supporter.

Maryland Matters has produced significant news in its short existence. As one example, it brought to light during the

2019 legislative session an effort by the state's utility companies to make it easier to seek rate increases. "The bill was moving along until we wrote about it," said Kurtz. "Then Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh came out against it, *The Post* and *Sun* editorialized against it, and it didn't move forward."

That type of impact is exactly what he set out to do. "It's as simple as reporting on what our legislators and administration are doing every day," Kurtz said. "How are voters going to be able to make decisions without that information? Even when the information is available, it's not always easy to find or to understand. We try to provide analysis and context, not just the facts."

Right now, transportation is a hot-button issue, from the Purple Line's progress to proposals to widen the Beltway through Montgomery County and plans for toll-supported highway projects. "We've had very aggressive coverage – about the politics behind the plans as much as what the plans are," he said.

Education is the other issue that Kurtz sees headlining in 2019. The Kirwan Commission, formally known as the Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, was created in 2016 to study education across the state and to propose reforms. It led to legislation passed this spring to invest an additional \$855 million over two years in the state's public schools. Gov. Hogan called it "short-sighted" and let the bill become law without his signature. "What happens now? Where will the money come from? How will the money be used?" Kurtz asked. "Hogan has said that education is a priority for him, too. But what does that mean? What are his goals?"

There's no better place to go for answers than Maryland Matters. Josh Kurtz and his team will be asking questions on your behalf.



Talk about a big scoop!

July is National Ice Cream Month, and what better way to celebrate the frozen treat than by checking out some of Takoma Park's many desert destinations.

President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month in 1984, and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. The Takoma Park Library will be holding a special event on Sunday, July 21, to celebrate. From 1 – 3 p.m., the library will have a story time and activities like making your own ice cream in a bag. Kids of all ages are welcome, but the bag shaking involves a bit of exertion and time. Visit takomapark.info/library to register for the event.

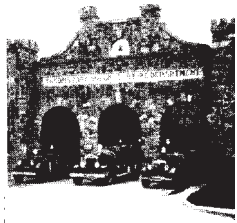
If making your own ice cream sounds like too much work, there are plenty of other places around town to satiate your sweet tooth.

Moorenko's at 8030 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, is a family business that's been serving premium ice cream since 2002. Chef Susan Soorenko is "in the kitchen ev-

ery day, helping with production, testing new flavors, and making sure that every last pint is perfect," according to Moorenko's website.

If you're looking for something other than ice cream, Dolci Gelati Cafe at 7040 Carroll Ave. has been serving artisan gelato around the D.C. area since 2006. Started by pastry chef Gianluigi Dellaccio, Dolci Gelati uses ingredients from local dairy farms and hand-picked fruit. Gianluigi, a native of Naples, Italy, makes his creations in the so-called "Laboratorio del Gelato" or gelato laboratory. Another gelati option is Gusto Gelateria at 7000 Carroll Ave.

There's also the ubiquitous ice-cream chain Baskin-Robins at 6851 New Hampshire Ave. Founded in 1945, the chain has grown into the "world's largest chain of ice cream specialty shops."



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of May 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 207 fire-related incidents in 2019. The department also addressed or assisted with 1302 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 1509. Totals for 2018 were 235 and 1218, representing a decrease of 56 incidents.

During May, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 957.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared

to 1110 in 2018. Grand totals as if May 2019 were 5420 hours compared to 5895 in 2018, a decrease of 475 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Office reported as June 28, 2019, 37 people have died in fires, compared to 39 in 2018.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of June 28, 2019, 14 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. Some ideas to help you not to forget to check the back seat... put your cell phone, wallet, purse or grocery list on the back seat, anything to remind you to check. Everyone goes with you, children, seniors and pets. And don't forget to lock your vehicle.

Important reminders!

- Install smoke alarms on all levels of your home.
- Test them monthly.
- Have a family fire escape plan. You must be prepared!



50 Years of Service Recognition

At the 2019 127th Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention in Ocean City, three members from the Takoma Park VFD were honored for their 50 years in the fire service. Photo. L-R. Treasurer Bruce Allen, Fire Chief Tom Musgrove and President Elmer Hamm.

Congratulations to all 3, for their contribution to the fire service.



Scammer time and the livin' is easy

By Claudine Schweber, Co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

You may be on vacation this summer, but the scammers aren't. What do woodchucks, your social security number, and buy a gift card immediately have in common? These are all examples of active scams. The creativity and persistence of those who wish to separate you from your money and identity continues unabated. Be aware and be prepared....

- **Woodchucks:** These are contractors without a license, typically tree cutters or home improvement persons who provide false names and false/temporary contact information on work orders. They ask for a deposit, which may be more than that allowed by Maryland law (1/3). They will take the deposit, and if they return at all, they will do an incomplete or shoddy job on the project. **Action:** Do not work with anyone not licensed in Maryland and ask for proof.
- **Your social security number:** These are calls by persons claiming there is a federal action against your number and asking you to call back or you could be arrested. **Action:** Laugh out loud, hang up, do not call, and never give any private information over the phone or by email. go.usa.gov/xPEhx.
- **Energy scams:** A caller claiming to be from PEPCO warns the consumer that the power will be shut off due to unpaid bills. The scammers fool the caller ID by making it seem that they are calling from PEPCO using a toll-free number (currently 1-800-460-6501). When the consumer calls that number, the outgoing message, or the person answering, identifies as PEPCO. **Action:** Hang up and contact PEPCO directly at the number that appears on your monthly bill to see if the call was legitimate.
- **Gift card scams:** Did someone call



claiming to be from the IRS telling you that back taxes are owed? Or did someone call saying a family member needed immediate health support and then ask for the money immediately—a large amount—in prepaid gift cards? After the consumer gets the card, the caller asks for the code numbers. Say good bye to your money! Apparently, this approach is a growing trend, increasing from 7% in 2015 to 26% in 2018 according to the FTC. **Action:** Do not buy gift cards for callers. Immediately inform the store of the purchase request and the FTC.

- **Robo calls:** Did you get a call saying you missed jury duty and are fined X \$, you can get a great deal on health insurance right now, or you have one opportunity to lower your internet costs? These automated messages are on the increase. Of course, do not answer or call back if you do not recognize the number. **Action:** Immediately insert a phone app that enables you to block calls, register with a phone blocking service available from most carriers (most are free), and/or register with the FTC do not call service, www.donot-call.gov.

Think you are immune to these scams? Be careful, be prepared and warn others! Do you have other examples? Please let us know.

Thank you:

- Montgomery County office of Consumer Protection: www.montgomery-countymd.gov/ocp. Report scams to consumerprotection@montgomery-countymd.gov or to the OCP's Anonymous Tip Line at 240-777-3681.
- AARP Fraud Watch Network: www.aarp.org/fraudwatch

Contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126. Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared the first Sunday of the month on WOWD/ Talk of Takoma, 1 pm.

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways:

- **Social Media:** Follow TakomaPark - Facebook: [Like us](#) - Twitter: [@TakomaParkMD](#)

- **NEW! Social Media Hub:** Don't like Twitter or Facebook but want to know the latest post or tweets by the City? Visit: takomaparkmd.gov/about-takoma-park/social-media-hub/

- **Takoma Park Alert:** Public safety notifications - Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: (emails/texts): takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert



- **Takomaparkmd.gov:** where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings, agendas, City news, and the status of City projects

- **Monthly Newsletter:** both in print and electronic copy

- **NEW! The Takoma Insider:** Receive our weekly eNews right to your email. Sign up: <http://eepurl.com/gg4dMb>

- **My TkPk:** Make a service request or report an issue using the online app. Learn more: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk

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URGENT CARE

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es like common viruses, infections, stomach and digestive conditions, orthopedic injuries, asthma and allergies.

- Like our other urgent care centers in the area, on-site x-rays and lab services will be available.

What other services will still be on the Takoma Park campus?

- In addition to urgent care, various community physicians' offices will remain in the professional building.

- Radiation Oncology, Cardiac Rehab, and Adventist Medical Group physician offices will stay until spring 2020.
- The 42-bed, inpatient rehabilitation hospital on the 5th floor of the Takoma Park hospital building will also remain until two additional floors are added to White Oak Medical Center, with completion expected in early summer 2020.

How do I request my medical records?

Instructions for obtaining your medical record by mail are available at AdventistHealthCare.com



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Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the August issue is July 12, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning July 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

Wednesday, July 3 - The City Council will not meet on July 3.
Wednesday, July 10, 6–7 p.m. (with County Council Member Tom Hacker)
Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Monday, July 22, 7–8:30 p.m. (Special Meeting on the Tree Ordinance/Tree Canopy in the Azalea Room)
Wednesday, July 24, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
All meetings take place in the Auditorium unless noted otherwise.
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Fourth of July — City Offices Closed

Thursday, July 4
All City offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the Fourth of July holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.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
Every Sunday in the historic business district of the city, local, seasonal produce, breads, pasture-raised meats, artisan cheese, eggs, baked goods and more from farms located within 125 miles of Takoma Park are offered.

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., through Nov. 27
On Anne Street at University Boulevard East (next to Mega Mart), Takoma Park
The season's freshest fruits and vegetables, free-range eggs, local herbs, honey, locally-roasted coffee, fresh-cut flowers, potted plants and prepared foods, drinks and healthy snacks. There is also live music, healthy food demos, kids' art activities, health screenings and free exercise sessions. SNAP and WIC accepted, and those shopping with federal nutrition benefits receive up to \$20 in free fruits and vegetables every week. Visit www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.

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.

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, 7 p.m.
Email for location
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.

Happy Birthday Takoma Park Library

Tuesday, July 2, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
Celebrate of the 84th birthday of the Takoma Park Library. There will be lemonade and cake. There will also be birthday cards for participants to decorate and say what the library means to them. All welcome; no registration required.

Independence Day Celebration

Thursday, July 4, parade: 10 a.m.; evening program: 7 p.m.
Various locations
Be part of the tradition. Takoma Park has celebrated the nation's independence continuously for over 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4 activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. Contact Gene Herman for further details: 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com. www.takomapark4th.org

Suburban Deer Management Presentation

Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Members of the public are invited to a discussion on suburban deer management. George Timko, deer management expert from Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will conduct the presentation. The presentation will last about 30 minutes and will conclude with a Q&A session. For questions, please contact Rick Baravechia at 301-891-7113 or email at duaneb@takomaparkmd.gov.

Aging Well Seminar: Obtaining Home Care for Seniors

Thursday, July 25, noon – 2 p.m.
6810 Eastern Ave., NW, D.C., Community Room
Lylie Fisher, from Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services, will share information regarding home care services available through both county and private agencies in Montgomery County. In addition, Cathy Surace, retired attorney for Disability Rights Maryland, will discuss the role of Medicare and Medicaid. For more information, visit villageoftakomapark.com

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

Puppet Lab

First Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Rhizome DC, 6950 Maple St NW
Puppet Lab's purpose is to be a hub for all those interested in puppet theater who would benefit from boosting creative power, honing puppet-manipulation skills, cross-pollinating ideas, receiving feedback about works in progress, and building local puppet community.
Suggested \$5-10 donation

Brahms Violin Sonata

Sunday, July 14, 3 – 5 p.m.
BannerArts, 7502 Flower Ave., Takoma Park
Celaya Kirchner, violin, and Carl Banner, piano, perform the three violin sonatas of Johannes Brahms at a house concert in Takoma Park.
Admission \$20, advance only, plus contribution of food or drink.
<http://www.dcmusicaviva.org/events>

Carpe Diem-Revels Community Family Sing

Sunday, July 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St.
Join Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels for an evening of song and celebration. They'll sing songs in honor of Arab American Heritage Month and Earth Day, with special guest singers and song leaders: Nadine Foty, Wendy Lanxner and Robin Porter (from Takoma Radio), and others.
Suggested \$5 – \$10 donation

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, July 18; 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, the free readings are followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet the featured poets.

Jack & the Beanstalk puppet show

Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m.
Takoma Park Library
The classic tale of Jack & the Beanstalk is brought to life in a vivid new way in an original production by Beech Tree Puppets. Discover a hen that lays golden eggs, a golden harp that sings by itself, and a giant with a hearty appetite, as well as the intrepid Jack himself. This show by puppeteers Ingrid and Ole Hass includes hand-crafted puppets and sets, along with heart-warming music. All ages. No registration for this 40-minute show, and admission is free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6 – 9 p.m.
Takoma Park
National Night Out is held by individual communities to demonstrate their commitment to being partners in the fight against crime. National Night Out Against Crime is designed to heighten awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and enhance police-community relations.

PLAYFUL YARD SALE



7.20.19 | Saturday | 8 am-noon
7301 Maple Ave., MD 20912



All proceeds go to the nonprofit
Let's Play America
www.letsplayamerica.org



Contact Info
theplaylady@gmail.com | 301-928-9962



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.

