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Monday, May 27
No yard waste collection

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Still the chief

By Rick Henry

The “Jarboe Battalion,” an unofficial group of Takoma Park firefighters that



Credit: Rick Henry

Chief Jarboe at the fire station

has existed for more than 50 years and was once seven men strong, is now down to a lone member. But that member is a Chief, and he has no intention of letting the legacy end anytime soon.

“Once a Chief, always a Chief,” said Jimmy Jarboe, 80, as he led a reporter on a tour of the Takoma Park Fire Station on a recent Sunday morning.

He explained that although he retired as a professional firefighter in 1988, because of health issues, he served as volunteer chief for 12 years (he retired in 2008), and he is still referred to as Chief. He is not the only Jarboe to earn that

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No more plastic straws for Takoma Park

By Hellen Gelband

You hardly even notice it—the plastic straw that’s in the bag with your takeout or bouncing around in the glass of water in front of you, which you don’t even drink. But think about what happens to it and billions like it: Straws end up in landfills or in vast plastic garbage islands floating on our oceans. Eventually, they break up into smaller and smaller fragments, which are ingested by fish, marine mammals and other sea creatures.

Right here in Takoma Park, a straw tossed on the ground or blowing out of a trash can make its way to Sligo Creek, on to the Anacostia, then Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay and ultimately, the Atlan-



The Last Plastic Straw Takoma Park celebrates Council vote. Seated: Hellen Gelband, John Ackerly; standing: Marty Ittner, Will Phinney, Sammy Smith-Ackerly, Lori Hill

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Photo: Takoma Park Singers

The Takoma Park Singers will hold their annual spring concert on Friday, May 17, at the Silver Spring United Methodist Church.

Takoma Park Singers bring music to poetry

By Sean Gossard

The Takoma Park Singers return Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. with their annual spring concert at the Silver Spring United Methodist Church.

This year’s theme will be Poetry in Song and will incorporate poems from Robert Frost, Lewis Carroll and others. “I’ve chosen pieces that have the text of a poem that has been set to music,” said music director Carole Whittam.

This includes a rendition of “Hope Is the Thing with Feathers” by Kenney Potter and based on the poem by Emily Dickinson. Other pieces will feature selections from “Prayers from the Ark” by Ivor R. Davies, including “The Prayer of the Cat” and “The Prayer of the Mouse.”

In the past, the Singers have performed concerts based on themes like animals, food and the heavens, with pieces focused on the sun, moon and stars. This year’s concert will be a little different, with less focus on spirituals and Broadway tunes. “It has fun pieces and serious pieces,” Whittam said. “There’s something for everyone.”

The Singers started in the late 1960s as a way for music-loving friends and neighbors to have another way of singing together. Since the 1970s, the group has been a consistent presence in Takoma Park, with Whittam taking the reins as musical director in 1981.

“We are based in Takoma Park, rehearse in Takoma Park and have

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TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

The City Council will not meet on May 29.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 10, 7 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

May/June dates to be announced

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, May 6, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

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

TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. (hearing)

TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

ADA NOTICE

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

CityCouncilAction

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

On **March 13, 2019**, the Council approved **Ordinance 2019-4** to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bignell Watkins Hasser Architects for architectural design services on an as needed basis. By adoption of **Resolution 2019-13**, the Council affirmed the FY 2020 Green Team Priorities: 1) Climate Change Response – prioritize actions, policies, innovations, adaptations, and new opportunities that mitigate the causes and effects of climate change; and 2) Environmental Quality – protect, plan for, and improve Takoma Park's natural resources including urban forest health, open space, air quality, water quality, and biodiversity. The City Council adopted its FY 2020 priorities by **Resolution 2019-14**. Priorities to be focused on and emphasized in FY 2020 include: ensuring we have a range of safe, quality, and stable housing options that are affordable for residents of varying incomes and all races and ethnicities; planning and preparing for development in the City and region while maintaining the special character and diversity of Takoma Park; prioritizing actions, policies, innovations, and new opportunities that mitigate and adapt to the causes and effects of climate change; improving and formalizing systems for Council-appointed committees; and improving policies and processes, particularly those related to the Tree Ordinance and traffic, to make them more equitable and easy to understand and follow.

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Notice of Proposed Administrative 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

An Administrative Regulation is being proposed for the implementation and enforcement of Chapter 11.12 Streets – Permits and Improvements, to regulate the installation of certain telecommunications facilities and equipment in City rights-of-way. The regulation will address 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 an administrative regulation must be publicly noted, allowing residents the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The proposed regulation is available for review at www.takomaparkmd.gov. To obtain further information about the proposed regulation, contact Daryl Braithwaite, director, Department of Public Works, at 301-891-7615 or daryl@takomaparkmd.gov.

Written comments on the proposed regulation should be submitted online: www.takomaparkmd.gov/city-clerk/administrative-regulations. The deadline for receipt of public comments is Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Schedule for Review

- Publication of Proposed Regulation – April 30, 2019
- Presentation and Public Hearing – Wednesday, June 12, 2019
- City Council Work Session Discussion – Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- Publication of Regulation and Notice of Final Action – July 2019 City Newsletter
- Effective Date – July 15, 2019

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. 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-committees.

The **Arts and Humanities Commission** advises the City Council on ways in which the City might best serve the public with regard to matters involving the arts; encourages and aids the appreciation and awareness of, and participation in, the arts among all Takoma Park residents; encourages cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Takoma Park; and facilitates employment opportunities for artists and the development of self-sustaining arts programs. The Commission meets every other month on the fourth Thursday. **(2 vacancies)**

The **Commemoration Commission** documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommends to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social,

cultural, historical, political, economic, or civic life of the City as a whole or to a neighborhood/local area as well as programs for individuals to honor others; implement such programs within its scope and budget; and decide on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment. The Commission usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. **(6 vacancies)**

The **Committee on the Environment** advises the City Council on all environmental issues, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation, and recycling. The Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. **(4 vacancies)**

The **Ethics Commission** provides written advisory opinions; investigates, hears, and decides in ethics inquiries and complaints; conducts a public education program; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ethics Ordinance; and promulgates regulations to accompany the Ethics Ordinance. **(1 vacancy)**

The **Facade Advisory Board** helps to ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provides guidance

and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. The Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **(1 vacancy for a business owner or property owner in Old Town or Takoma Junction)**

The **Noise Control Board** assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance. The Board adjudicates noise disturbance complaints. Board members serve staggered three-year terms. **(2 vacancies)**

The **Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee** oversees implementation and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act and provides public information and issues related to the Ordinance. The Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. **(2 vacancies)**

The **Recreation Committee** advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents, including but not limited to reviewing and recommending policies and programs that concern recreational opportunities within the City, with a special emphasis on youth and seniors and broad and diverse participation. The Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. **(4 vacancies)**

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moniker, but he is the last to hold it. Jimmy Jarboe's brother, Teddy, was also known as Chief, having served as a Career Fire Chief in Kensington and as a Deputy Fire Chief in Montgomery County, passed away suddenly in February (read his obituary in the April 2019 newsletter), leaving Jimmy as the last of a family that has served as firefighters in Takoma Park and Montgomery County since 1956. (Read the article on the "Family Tradition" in the November 2019 newsletter.) It was Teddy who was the first Jarboe to join, volunteering at age 16 in 1956. Jimmy followed soon after, and they were quickly joined by three more brothers, their father and their uncle. But it was Teddy who was the leader, and his sudden death hit Jimmy hard. "It was a shock," said Jimmy. "He was my number one input and influence." Teddy's background as a longtime firefighter and fire safety educator profoundly shaped Jimmy's work as a community fire safety advocate, a role he has embraced as a volunteer since his retirement as a professional firefighter. In this role, he attends community events and festivals, speaks at schools and generally takes every opportunity he can to educate the community

about fire safety. It is an important role, and one that only adds to an impressive legacy, said Darrell Hout, Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service Captain, Station Commander, assigned to the Takoma Park station. "He has been doing education and outreach for decades," Hout said of Jimmy Jarboe. He was one of the originators of the smoke detector program here in Takoma Park. "His heart has always been in it," Hout said. And it still is. On that recent Sunday morning, Jimmy eagerly cornered Hout to propose a new idea for reaching out to the community. And, of course, Jimmy volunteered to be the person to implement it. Which begs the question, "Does he see a time when he will give up volunteering?" "My wife just asked me if I'll ever stop," he said, chuckling. "I've been around the firehouse a long time. I rode the trucks for 50 years, and now I really like working with the community and educating the public about fire safety. "Plus, it's helping people, it's saving lives, and being around the station and the people is fun." In other words, the Jarboe legacy seems destined to live on. For that, we in the Takoma Park community can all be thankful.

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a lot of members from Takoma Park," Whittam said, "but we still have plenty of members from outside Takoma Park." Membership has fluctuated through the years, dropping to as few as eight members (and no bass singer, Whittam recalled). Today the total number is more than 40 members, leaving the group with little room to take new singers. "We've had to cap our number since our rehearsal space is limited, and some of the places we perform are smaller venues," Whittam said. Still, the group generally has been open to taking all sorts of singers of various levels of experience. Some members had a strong musical background in high school, college or from church groups, and others were just starting out on their choral experience. "One of the big plusses is that members are always quite welcoming of new people and helpful and supportive of one another," Whittam said. The group has had a strong core of

members for years but keeps things sharp with its influx of new singers. "We're not an auditioning group, so if you like to sing and want to sing you're welcome," Whittam said, "as long as there is space." The Singers usually perform in two big concerts a year, the spring concert and another in the winter that features more religious and holiday music. They also do smaller performances and outreach at retirement communities in the area. Some of their selections are accompanied by piano, percussion and flutes, and others are performed a cappella. Another tradition is that the concerts help raise money for charities tied to the Silver Spring United Methodist Church, where the group performs. Admission to the concert is free, but the group accepts donations and has raised more than \$1,000 a year for the past 15 years for Shepherd's Table, a Silver Spring-based nonprofit that provides basic services to people who are homeless or in need. For more information about the concert or to learn more about the Takoma Park Singers, visit takomaparksingers.webs.com.

2019 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit Applications Now Available

Takoma Park Residents, the 2019 Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit applications are now available. Applications must be submitted before the deadline on Sept. 3. Multi-lingual outreach specialists are available to assist individuals during the application process. The Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program provides tax relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes owed based on their income. Applications received and approved by May 1 will be included on the initial July tax bill. If a resident has already paid their property taxes and applies before Sept. 3, any tax credit that the homeowner may be eligible for will be refunded by the county finance office. The Renters' Property Tax Credit Program similarly provides tax relief for eligible renters who pay high monthly rent relative to their total income. The majority of recipients of this credit are Marylanders age 60 or older, but the program is also available to the 100 percent disabled and renters under age 60 with at least one dependent child. This credit is issued in the form of a direct check payment of up to \$1,000 a year. For information about these programs, visit dat.maryland.gov/pages/tax-credit-programs.aspx. To determine whether you are eligible to receive a tax credit, call 410-767-4433 or 1-800-944-7403 (toll free within Maryland). To receive an application, email sdat.taxcreditapp@maryland.gov or call 410-767-4238. Homeowners may also be eligible to receive a Homestead Tax Credit to limit taxable assessment increases on their principal residence. To determine eligibility, homeowners may complete a one-time application online, which is available to complete all year.



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Finally, on March 13, the Council declared a Climate Change Emergency and identified a number of local actions being undertaken by the City in Resolution 2019-15. At the March 20, 2019 City Council meeting, Resolution 2019-16 was adopted in support of Montgomery County Zoning Text Amendment 19-01 regarding accessory dwelling units. Two conditions were included: 1) that a municipality be allowed to reduce the number of required on-site parking spaces from the number required by Montgomery County or establish an alternative parking waiver process; and, 2) applications for ADUs within existing single family homes, not requiring review for setbacks or other external zoning issues, be exempt from the County permitting process provided they are inspected and approved for licensing through a comparable municipal licensing program. Also on March 20, the City Council reappointed

Anne Fothergill, Ward 3, and Historic Takoma representative and alternate Lorraine Pearsall and James DiLuigi, to the Facade Advisory Board by Resolution 2019-17. On April 3, 2019, the Council adopted Ordinance 2019-5 amending the Takoma Park Code to ban the commercial use of plastic beverage straws and plastic stirrers. The City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-7 awarding a contract for inspection and testing of dry weather stormwater outfalls to Baylands Inc. on April 10, 2019. At the same meeting, Council adopted Ordinance 2019-8 to authorize execution of a contract for an auditorium digital video upgrade and new touch pane control system. The contract was awarded to Immersive Concepts in the amount of \$141,352. Additional engineering work and small equipment is expected to bring the total cost to \$155,000. Funding will come from the Cable Grant. Ordinance 2019-9 awarded a contract to update the Sustainable Energy Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventory to The Cadmus Group.

Notice of Proposed Conveyance of City of Takoma Park Property

Notice is hereby given that the City of Takoma Park intends to transfer real property located at 922 Jackson Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912, to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in exchange for the Takoma Park Recreation Center property at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The Takoma Park City Council has determined that this real property at 922 Jackson Avenue is not needed by the City of Takoma Park for the public use. The property identified as 922 Jackson Avenue is an unimproved, vacant, residentially zoned parcel that functions as part of Long Branch Stream Valley Park. The City of Takoma Park acquired title to the property from Forma Inc. by deed on January 8, 1998. It was determined that the property should not be developed and the land should remain unimproved. M-NCPPC has agreed to use the property at 922 Jackson Avenue for public park and open space purposes as part of the Long Branch Stream Valley Park. The exchange of the properties was anticipated and affirmed by the Takoma Park City Council most recently through Resolution 2018-59, Resolution of Intent to Proceed with the Takoma Park Recreation Center Land Exchange.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY



Lead safety in rental properties

When you rent a licensed apartment or home in the City of Takoma Park, you can be sure it has passed the State-required lead risk test. This is critical in Takoma Park because residential and rental properties built before 1978 often contained lead-based paint, which classifies them as “Affected Properties.” The Maryland Code requires that proof of these test results be provided before a rental license is issued. Landlords are also required to provide tenants with this information when they sign a lease.

Tips for property owners

Be sure your lead certificates are up to date. If your property has been certified “Lead Free,” it will never need to be re-tested or listed on the State’s registry. The lead free test is more expensive because it is more comprehensive, but it will save money and administrative time in the long run if the property passes. If you have a “Full Risk Reduction” certificate, the State

requires that the property be tracked on the registry and that property owners re-inspect rental units between tenants.

Tips for tenants

If you were not given information regarding the lead risk status of your rental housing, ask your landlord or property manager to provide this information. All licensed rentals will have this documentation. If the property owner is unable to provide a current certificate, contact the City’s Department of Housing and Community Development.

Links to the State Lead Certification requirements for rental properties and instructions for licensing your rental property can be found on the City’s Rental Housing Licensing page. Search “rental housing licensing” at takomaparkmd.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the City’s licensing specialist at 301-891-7255 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.

PLASTIC STRAWS

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tic Ocean. When friends from Piney Branch Elementary School learned how plastic straws were damaging aquatic life and the environment in January 2018, they started a movement. The elementary (now middle) school students joined with an ad hoc citizens’ group called The Last Plastic Straw Takoma Park (TLPSTP) to bring the issue to the City Council. Their efforts led directly to the development of an ordinance banning plastic straws in Takoma Park, which the City Council approved unanimously on April 3.

According to the ordinance, as of January 1, 2020, retail establishments in Takoma Park and the City itself (at private and City-sponsored events) will provide only compostable or reusable straws, and they are encouraged to provide these only on request to reduce the total volume of straws used. The ordinance applies to supermarkets, convenience stores, shops, service stations, restaurants (eat-in and take-out), drinking establishments, farmers’ market vendors and food trucks—anyplace where customers can buy goods. As in other jurisdictions that have banned plastic straws, an exception is written into the ordinance to ensure that people with physical conditions making it difficult to drink without plastic straws can get them by asking. The City will start education efforts in July 2019, six months before the ban takes effect; and after a six-month grace period, enforcement, including possible fines, will commence in July 2020.

Earlier this year, TLPSTP members visited restaurants to alert them about the proposed ban, solicit their feedback and of-

fer them a starter kit that includes a supply of paper straws. “Most of the restaurants I visited were receptive to the change,” said Lori Hill, a member of TLPSTP. “However, a few fast food restaurants were not happy because they feel patrons will still take paper straws at the rate they took plastic straws. That is where education comes in, and TLPSTP is here to help the City with that.”

Takoma Park’s ban, which the City’s Committee on the Environment endorsed, has at least one notable difference from similar actions in cities like Seattle. According to Denis Borum, TLPSTP and committee member, “TLPSTP recognized that the so-called ‘compostable plastics’ allowed elsewhere were just as bad as petroleum-based plastics because, in practice, they end up in the waste stream and not in industrial composters. What you’ll get in Takoma Park—if you request a straw at all—is a sturdy paper straw. For the seniors among us, rest assured, these are not like the collapsing, soggy straws of our youth.”

Some residents may have already experienced a modern paper straw because many eco-conscious restaurants have already made the switch.

Sammy Smith-Ackerly and Will Phinney, the student leaders, have a lot to be proud of and Takoma Park can be proud of them. Reflecting on their campaign and the outcome, Sammy said, “I really didn’t think the City would listen to us,” but they did.

For more information, read Ordinance 2019-5 online at documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/ordinances/2019/ordinance-2019-05.pdf

To learn more about TLPSTP, visit www.thelastplasticstrawtakomapark.org.

Hellen Gelband is affiliated with TLPSTP.

Rent Stabilization Allowance (Annual Rent Increase)

1.6%

Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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

The 2019-2020 Rent Stabilization Allowance is 1.6% and will take effect beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Landlords required to comply with the City of Takoma Park’s Rent Stabilization law cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

Multi-family rental properties and individually-owned condominiums rental

units are subject to Takoma Park’s Rent Stabilization laws; however the following units may be exempt from many of the requirements of rent stabilization. The exemption is **not automatic** and is subject to the City’s approval.

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

If you have any questions about the rent for your unit or the Rent Stabilization law, please contact Jean Kerr, housing specialist, Department of Housing and Community Development at 301-891-7216 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.

You’re invited to the Takoma Park Success Fair!

The Takoma Park Success Fair, taking place on Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., TPSS Co-op Parking Lot (201 Ethan Allen Ave.), is a community event that brings together resource partners to support the development and success of Takoma Park residents. This event recognizes the unique potential that all people have to improve their lives and their communities. Through partners in education, job training, and personal development, residents will be introduced to new paths and innovative programs to build their personal plans for success. This event is an alternative to a career fair or a college fair in that it provides non-traditional, inclusive pathways to achieve success.

Crossroads kicks off inaugural international festival

By Sean Gossard

Takoma/Langley Crossroads SpringFest will celebrate the cultural diversity of the area on Saturday, May 11, from 1 – 6 p.m.

The inaugural international festival of food, crafts and culture will feature ethnic cuisine from local restaurants offering up their top dishes, as well as performances and demonstrations.

The new event will feel very familiar to fans of the Crossroads’ Night Market and weekly farmers market.

“This event plays off of and expands on the great marketplace that Crossroad community food vendors bring,” said Kayleigh Gunnoud, executive director of Takoma/Langley Crossroads.

La Unica — Spanish for “The one and only” — will be bringing its eclectic mix of Latin-Celtic music to SpringFest. The D.C.-based band fuses Irish folk and Lat-



in rhythms. There will also be plenty of music and dancing featuring top local talent from the world-music scene, face-painting for the kids and juggling.

This year’s live-art demonstration will be from Guatemalan artist Ubaldo Sanchez, who will make an “alfombras de aserrin” or “sawdust carpet.” The alfombras de aserrin is a traditional Latin American springtime activity where colorful sawdust is laid-out on the ground and swept into bright patterns and designs like a carpet.

Organizers have also partnered with the newly opened Silver Branch Brewery, which draws inspiration from different world brewing traditions. Food will include pupusas, grilled meats and paletas (Mexican-style popsicles), among many other items.

For more information on SpringFest and other Crossroads events, visit takomalangley.org.

Surviving Breast Cancer and Embracing Life

"Getting to the Other Side of Victory" Lecture

May 2, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

Donna Hopkins describes how she survived breast cancer, not once but twice, and also overcame the emergency amputation of her leg. She offers her guide to "living life to the fullest" and the importance of having a positive outlook and finding a purpose for your life. As a public speaker, she shares her life experiences and seeks to empower people to overcome adversity by tapping into their hidden strengths.

Hopkins is a sports personality on the Tony McGee Pro Football Plus television show, the founder and CEO of the nonprofit Hopkins Breast Cancer Inc., and author of the book *Getting to the Other Side of Victory*. She grew up in West Virginia as the eighth of 10 children, and she received college scholarships in basketball and track. She previously served as a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society and as a board member for the Breast Cancer Care Foundation.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, with about 1 in 8 women developing invasive breast cancer at some point in their lives. In 2019, more than 268,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the United States. While survival rates have been increasing for three decades, more than 41,000 women are expected to die from breast cancer in the United States this year. While many people think genetic factors cause breast cancer, approximately 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women with no family history of breast cancer.



Hopkins stretches before going for a run on the Mall.



Throw Like a Girl Documentary Screening

May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

Throw Like a Girl is a quest to understand why American women are often shut out of baseball for dubious reasons. Filmed over a decade, this new documentary fol-

lows the Dream Team, a group of trailblazing 12-year-old girls who later encounter difficulties continuing with the sport in high school and college. The film uses baseball as a microcosm to examine gender roles and sexism in our society.

Director Cami J. Kidder is a filmmaker, photographer and editor in Los Angeles, who is drawn to athletic and outdoor subjects. She will hold a Q&A with the audience after the rough-cut screening to get their feedback since the film is still being edited. The screening is free with a \$10 suggested donation for adults and \$5 for kids.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

May 16, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

Local poets Sara Burnett, Mary Beth Hatem, Jonathan Katz and Susan Okie will read their original work with introductions by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Kathleen O'Toole. A reception with the poets will follow the reading.

3RD THURSDAY
POETRY.

"Word Play: Interactivity, Gaming, and the Future of the Book" Lecture

June 6, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free event

The landscape of books, reading and publishing has evolved dramatically during the past two decades. While print is far from dead, electronic publishing continues to evolve as people's lives become more wrapped around their screens.

John Warren, director of the Master of Professional Studies in Publishing program at George Washington University, will explore the history of books and publishing from the earliest printed books to the advent of the paperback. Then he will delve into the recent evolution of electronic texts, including interactive ebooks, game playing, transmedia storytelling and digital textbooks that could shape literature, humanities, and STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Considering the latest research in the science of learning and the brain, attendees will discover how digital texts can improve educational opportunities through accessibility and collaboration.

Warren previously served as director of George Mason University Press and Mason Publishing, marketing director at Georgetown University Press and publications marketing director at the RAND Corporation. He has authored several articles about publishing and an open textbook on the impact of publishing for the Library Publishing Curriculum. He also is a member of the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission.



RECREATION

YOUTH

DANCE



Creative Dance

Students will learn the importance of creative movement and choreographic tools in order to create their own dance. Students will participate in routine warm ups and stretches. Students will participate in student lead performances. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
Mondays, through June 27
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

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 and traditions of classical ballet, the Pre-Ballet curriculum enhanced both cognitive and physical development at this important time. Instructor: Edurama

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
3–6 years
Sundays, 3–3:45 p.m.
Spring & Summer
Spring: through June 2
Summer: July 7-August 25
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Think Tank

The purpose of this program is to improve student success in school by providing help with homework assignments. Our homework tutors will help your child lower frustration, boost comprehension and learn how to apply new skills by monitoring homework and providing help when needed. Instructor: Doris Duarte

Hampshire Tower Apartments
Community Room
7401 New Hampshire Avenue
10 years and older
Tuesdays & Thursdays, through June 11
4–5:30 p.m.
Free

SPORTS



2019 T-Ball League

This league allows children to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary, as all skill levels are welcome.



SPRING REFRESH!

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Things you can update:

- Address
- Phone Numbers
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- Gender Identity (options have been expanded)
- Add a new family member

All this can be done online or in person at your convenience.
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Participants must bring their own baseball gloves. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Ed Wilhelm Field. Games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration is now open. Parents are encouraged to coach. No games 4th of July weekend. Open to all genders.

Belle Ziegler Park
7350 Takoma Avenue
5–7 years
8 Week Season
Saturdays, June 1-July 27
(No Games July 6)
9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Y.E.S. Summer Basketball League: Middle School

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Ave
Grades 5-8
5 Week Season
Mondays, June 17-July 22
(No Games the week of July 4)
6–8 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

TEENS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Healthy Cooking for Teens

The Healthy Eating Program is a fun and interactive one-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 Farmer's market and learn about growing and purchasing the right foods. Participants will meet at Takoma Park Community Center at 3:30 p.m. to be

transported to site. Instructor: Crossroads Farmers Market

Meet at:
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Mondays, through May 20
3:45–4:45 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Y.E.S. Summer Basketball League: High School

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Grade 9–12
5 Week Season
Wednesdays, June 19-July 24
(No Games the week of July 4)
6–8 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

ADULTS

DANCE

Mindful Movement

What happens when you combine meditation, dance and yoga together? Mindful Movement! This class is for dancers and non-dancers alike. Using creative movement and principles from different dance styles, we will explore and observe, through sensing and moving, our mind-and-body connection to bring awareness and creative freedom to the wonderful world of your body. Expect free dancing, some technical elements of dance (e.g. African, jazz, contemporary, modern), breathing techniques, meditative stretching, and lots of insight and fun. Whether you want to view your body with more compassion and understanding, learn to properly stretch and tone, or you want to gain dancing insight and creativity, this class is for

you. Instructor: Beth Mwano

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
Saturdays, through May 21
12:45–2 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95
Drop-In: \$15 (check or credit card only)

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. Open to all who identify as female. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Spring session: through May 23
Summer sessions starting: June 4
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Drop-in: \$10

Men's Boot Camp

It's that time of the year. Do you want to get rid of those extra pounds and be ready for the beach this summer? You need to get serious, feel a challenge, and get results! Join the Men's Boot Camp class. This class consists of cardiovascular conditioning (running or walking, plyometrics), strength training (weights, stability balls, resistance bands, medicine balls and stretching) to promote healthy living that helps you to achieve your fitness goals. Open to all who identify as male. Instructor: Edurama

Heffner Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
16 years and older
Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 7-June 27
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$110/Non-resident: \$130

Qi Gong – Sunlight

Sunlight Qi Gong is a powerful, beautiful series of movements designed to increase the practitioner's connection to the vitality, warmth, heart - energy and joy of the sun. As spring wakens flowers and beckons us outdoors, Sunlight Qi Gong helps us access our vital "Qi" energy within ourselves and in nature, balancing the Yin of winter with the bright, active Yang energy of spring. No experience needed. Instructors: Joann Malone and Patrick Smith

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, through May 21
7–8 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105
Drop-In: \$15 (check or credit card only)

RECREATION

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Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba, which 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

Spring session: through May 18

Summer sessions: beginning June 1

11:45 a.m.–12:45p.m.

Drop in: \$10

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 is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. This program requires a Recreation Center membership.

Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Back Room

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

16 years and older

16 Week Session

7–8:30 p.m.

Free with Recreation Center membership card



MULTI MEDIA

How to Manage Your Digital Photos

Do you know how many photos you have on your smart phone? Can you locate them? This class will teach you how to organize, store, protect, enhance and use hundreds, possibly thousands, of photographs on your computer, tablet and smart phone. Students will be introduced to programs that make it easier to work with digital photos. Students will learn how to scan old family photos for the purpose of retouching and restoring. This includes working with Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. You will be able to use these programs on the iMac computers in the Multi Media Lab. It is recommended that students have an external memory drive of at least three gigabytes to store photos used in the class. Written material will be provided.

Takoma Park Community Center

Multi Media Lab

7500 Maple Avenue

17 years and older

Wednesdays, through June 5

6:30–8:30 p.m.

Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

SPORTS

Adult Summer Basketball League

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

Steve Francis Courts

2 Darwin Avenue

18 years and older

8 Week Season

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 18-August 9

6–8 p.m.

Team Fee: \$200

Adult Summer Basketball League: Free Agent

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

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, May 28

12–2 p.m.

Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will conduct a monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in; no registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center

Senior Room

7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older

Tuesday, May 28

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Extras

In this three-week course, experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps. Bring your questions. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers and take this course. Instructor: Anne LeVeque

Takoma Park Community Center

Computer Lab

7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older

3 Week Session

Wednesdays, May 22-June 5

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library Card)

SPECIAL EVENTS



Celebrate Takoma Festival

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. See article at left for more information!

Maple Avenue, between Philadelphia & Lee

Avenues

All ages

Saturday, May 18

4–7 p.m.

Event held rain or shine

Free



Family Outdoor Movie Night

Get ready for another Family Outdoor Movie Night. The movie will start at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a recent blockbuster hit. Bring snacks. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and cups of water. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. To vote for the movie, visit our website takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Ed Wilhelm Field

Saturday, June 1

Movie starts at dusk

For more information, please call 301-891-7290

Free



Celebrate Takoma: A Festival for All!

We hope that you are ready to party! It's time to be a part of a celebration that is as diverse as our community itself. Takoma Park residents are about to embark on the 7th installment of Celebrate Takoma. This year's event will be on Saturday, May 18.

Celebrate Takoma accentuates the community's rich cultural diversity and strong societal consciousness. The event will feature international arts, crafts, entertainment, music, games and food. Diversity is what makes Takoma Park a great place to live. And celebrating that leads to new friendships and allows for a community that is strong in diversity to come together as one. Besides being a fun time for the whole family, this event offers a social benefit to Takoma Park.

Celebrate Takoma brings the community together. Celebrate Takoma fosters community pride, teaches people new things and strengthens relationships. This year's event will turn Maple Avenue into a common ground for entertainment, fun for kids and adults alike, the booths of community groups and the annual presentation of the Aza-



Community Mural

lea Awards.

This year will feature the return of Panquility Steel Pan Band. They were a show stopper last year and will be back this year with their shake-shake-shake percussion sounds. Also, the Riding Bull is returning, which has been extremely popular. If you did not ride the bull last year, you need to put it on your bucket list for this year. Community Vendors and a variety of food vendors

will also participate. Bring a lawn chair and join us for an evening of fun!

Celebrate Takoma forges a bond among public and private organizations, government, and neighborhood groups as well as connections are made among elected officials, staff, volunteers and interested residents. We hope you will join us on Maple Avenue on Saturday, May 18!

LIBRARY

Spring Book Sale Returns!

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library is holding its Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

If weather permits, the sale will take place on the library lawn at 101 Philadelphia Ave. If it rains, it will hold the book sale inside the community center. We will have many great books — some new — for all ages, at rock-bottom prices. Early-birds get the pick of the bunch, of course. Please consider donating your gently used books to the sale. You can drop off book donations at the Takoma Park Maryland Library during regular library hours. If you have more than three boxes of books, please call ahead (301-891-7259) to schedule your delivery. Proceeds from the book sale will support library programs, book clubs, and community events.

Interested in volunteering at the sale



for 8 a.m. set-up, 3 p.m. take-down, or at the sales table during two-hour segments from 10 to 3? Send an email to fjnugent@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Fortnightly Book discussion in May

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group meets to discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center.

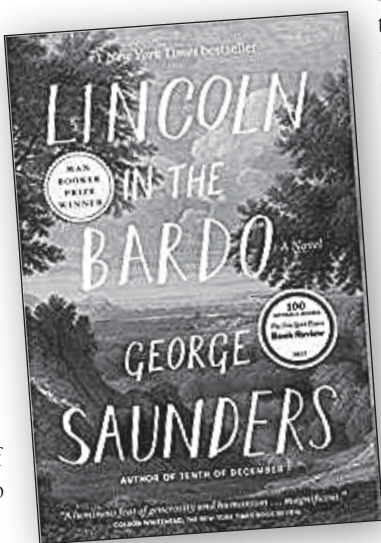
Saunders's novel describes Abraham Lincoln's grief following the death of his son Willie in 1862. In a unique style, it mixes a pastiche of reportage with the observations and stories of the dead stranded in the bardo, which in Tibetan Buddhism is the state of transition from one life to the next.

A central premise of *Lincoln in the Bardo* is that the grief-stricken Lincoln made several late night visits to Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown to visit Willie's body. While

the reportage in *Bardo* sets the scene describing both the death of Willie and the early and rough going of the Civil War, it is the sometimes gruesome tales of the dead that make for the most vivid reading. In the words of Ron Charles, "The spirits of Oak Hill Cemetery present a ghoulish gallery of desiccated lives, minds dehydrated until all that remains are the central anxieties and preoccupations of their lives above ground."

Lincoln in the Bardo won Saunders numerous awards, including the Man Booker Prize and a *New York Times* 100 Notable Books

mention, when it was published in 2017. Copies of the novel are available to borrow in the library.



Game On!

If you've got a child ages 8 up who loves creative adventure, consider trying out our monthly Alternative Games program, led by Library Associate Dave Burbank. One Saturday or Sunday each month, Dave leads a group of participants in a rousing game of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Other games are sometimes offered, depending on who shows up to play. This month, our Alternative Games will take place on Saturday, May 25, from 2–4 p.m. To keep up with our rather quirky schedule for this program, please register at www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents. We send out an email each month to those who are registered letting them know of the date for the next program.

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



Children's Author Natascha Biebow

Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Biebow will present *The Crayon Man*, a picture book biography of Crayola Crayons inventor Edwin Binney.



"Butterfly Wonder" Puppet Show & Workshop

Presented by the Beech Tree Puppet Players

Saturday, May 4; two shows: 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Registration required: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents

Best for ages 3–8

LEGO Club

Sunday, May 5, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.



Favorite Poem Night

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for this annual celebration of poetry! Come listen, or read a poem. Please submit your poem (not written by you or a friend) by Sunday, May 5, to be included in a printed program. Refreshments will be served. All welcome!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Library lawn (See article)

Comics Jam

Tuesday, May 14, 4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for our fun comics book club.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Madame Marie leads songs and rhymes in French.

Kids Art

Sunday, May 19, 2–3 p.m.

Caldecott Club

Monday, May 20, 7 p.m.

Join us as we start another season! We'll be reading books that are great possibilities for the 2020 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies served.



Fortnightly Book Club

Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

Discussion of *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Hydrangea Room (see article)

Alternative Games

Saturday, May 25, 2–4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for a rousing session of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Ages 8 up.

Coming Up...

Bedtime Stories & a Craft

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.

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.



'Force of nature' nuclear activist Kitty Tucker dies at 75

By Sean Gossard

Kitty Tucker, a longtime pillar of nuclear activism in Takoma Park, died on March 30 at a hospital in Silver Spring. She was 75.

Her husband, Bob Alvarez, said the cause was complications from an infection.

Kitty had a long career in activism, devoting her life to causes from the environment to civil rights.

"She was a brave person," Alvarez said. "A force of nature."

During the civil rights era, Kitty was arrested and jailed in Alabama while helping African-Americans register to vote. She also started a campaign to impeach President Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal in the 1970s.

Kitty was best known for working on behalf of the family of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear technician at a Kerr-McGee plutonium plant in Oklahoma who was contaminated by radiation and died under mysterious circumstances in 1974 while on her way to discuss safety violations at the plant with a *New York Times* reporter. The story was brought to the big screen in 1983's "Silkwood," which starred Meryl Streep and Cher.

Kitty and her work for the Silkwood family was also featured in a 1977 Rolling Stone article by Howard Kohn. "[Kitty



Kitty Tucker was a lifelong activist, who voiced her concerns about the issues most important to her community.



Tucker] came to view Silkwood as a heroine of women's liberation, the labor movement and the antinuclear struggle.

And, beyond the symbolism, she also saw an unsolved murder," the article read.

After legal battles and public pressure, largely inspired by Kitty, the family eventually reached a \$1.38 million settlement with Kerr-McGee in 1986. "The point is that what Kitty started led to this precedent-making litigation and verdict," Kohn told *The Washington Post*.

In Takoma Park, Kitty campaigned for

the city to adopt a nuclear-free ordinance in 1983 (Chapter 14.04 of the Takoma Park Municipal Code). A draft of that ordinance was first written on Kitty and Bob's kitchen table in the early 1980s. The Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, of which Kitty was a longtime member, has been going strong ever since. "In that time, during Ronald Reagan's first term, there was a steep ratcheting up of the nuclear arsenal," Alvarez said.

The landmark legislation not only bans storage, production, disposal and transportation of nuclear weapons in the city, it also prohibits Takoma Park from do-

ing business with industries and institutions engaged in the production of nuclear weapons. More recently, Kitty was campaigning to get Takoma Park to disinvest in Sun Trust Bank, which has loaned millions of dollars to numerous nuclear-related industries. "She's been collecting signatures and going to meetings and working in her quiet way pushing the mayor and council to divest," Alvarez said.

The Nuclear-Free Committee has proposed switching to any locally-based bank that does not have ties to the nuclear industry.

Later in life, Kitty advocated for the legalization of medical marijuana. Legislation for that was passed in Maryland in 2013.

Kitty and Bob married and moved to Takoma Park in the 1970s, fitting in perfectly with the culture of activism. They lived in the same house where Takoma Park's nuclear ordinance was drafted for nearly 45 years. "At the time we were all relatively young baby boomers," said Alvarez. "You'll find there are quite a few civil rights activists in Takoma Park who travelled down south and were jailed trying to register African American voters, Kitty included."

"We're proud residents of Takoma Park and have loved all our times living here," said Alvarez.

Kitty is survived by her husband; two daughters, Amber Torgerson and Kerry Rochester; two brothers; a sister; and two grandchildren. A son from her first marriage, Shawn Tucker, died in 1994.

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

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

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

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

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 facility 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

Paul Rogers
Police Chief
Phone: 301-891-7104
Email: Richard@takomaparkmd.gov

Police Facility Improvements Details

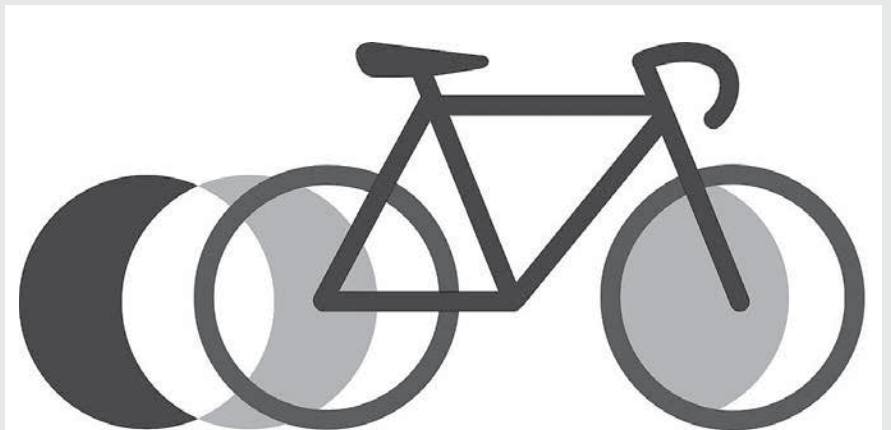
Project Info & Timeline

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

Budget & Funding Source

Links & Notes

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



Bike to Work May 17!

Bike to Work Day will be held on Friday, May 17, with two "pit stop" locations in Takoma Park:

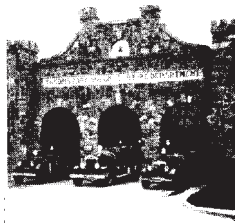
1. Sligo Creek Parkway at New Hampshire Avenue (7-9:30 a.m.)
2. Old Takoma at the Gazebo (6-9 a.m.)

This event is free and fun and allows riders to take a break and connect with community members on their way to work at "pit stops" throughout the region with refreshments and giveaways provided. Reg-

ister today at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

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

Note: Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 8. See page 11 for details.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of March 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 127 fire-related incidents in 2019. The department also addressed or assisted with 754 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 881. Totals for 2018 were 139 and 756, representing a decrease 24 incidents.

During March, Takoma Park volun-

teers put in a total of 1,232.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,007 in 2018. Grand totals as of March 2019 were 3,358 hours compared to 3,705.5 in 2018, a decrease of 347.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland Fire Marshal Office reported as of April 30, 2019, 21 people have died in fires compared to 30 in 2018.

Fire safety message

Can you read your home address clearly from the street? Take a look. It could make a difference for the fire or EMS getting to you quickly in the event of an emergency. Be prepared!

TPVFD Life Membership

At the Takoma Park VFD membership meeting held on April 10, Auxiliary President Tina Willey was bestowed Life Membership in the Takoma Park VFD. Congratulations!

Medical preparedness: Your prescription at home or away

By Claudine Schweber, co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

You are traveling, you are working in the garden, you are meeting friends and family, you are hiking ... What would you do if there was an accident, weather disaster, or evacuation situation, and you needed medical care? Are you ready and able to contact a medical professional, get to a hospital or access your medications? Who is your emergency contact? Who could help you? Here's a prescription for medical preparedness (MP) at home or away.

- **Emergency Contact (EC):** Identify a person who will be your emergency contact. Once he or she agrees, tell others of the EC. Post EC information in your cell phone (person's name and phone number). Carry a paper copy also. In addition, make sure the EC has a list of your meds. This will enable the paramedics to continue care, follow medical protocol and especially avoid medication complications. Give your EC person the pharmacy and doctor(s) numbers/email, and tell him/her where to find the medications in your home, if needed. Note that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) forbids giving specific information about your condition to your EC person without your permission; however, hospital personnel can contact the EC if you cannot speak for yourself.
- **Medications:** Talk with your doctor to obtain an extra supply of medication or get a second prescription. Keep the extra prescription at home until needed. While at home, make sure your medications are current. If you have to evacuate your home, you'll need medication for at least a week. In addition, if you use glasses and/or a hearing aid, keep an extra set (and batteries) at home or with you.
- **Health Insurance:** Provide health insurance information to your EC, including the name and contact for the

primary doctor. Copy insurance, Medicare, Medicaid cards and keep them with you and the EC. For out-of-area activities, find out what your insurance covers. Note that emergency personnel will take you to the nearest facility, not your preferred one.

- **Special Needs:** Share the above information with your EC plus information about need for ongoing services, such as home health care or regular trips to a provider; identify back-up services in your area or where you travel. If you have medical equipment that requires power, identify a back-up plan and take batteries for hearing aids and other equipment.

If you have a communication disability, make sure your EC and others know the best way to communicate with you, including the use of assistive devices. Need to non-verbally contact 911? Soon, Maryland will have a state-wide text 911, and once Montgomery County has this system, we will share this information immediately.

Are you ready to fill the MP prescription?

Contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126; Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared the first Sunday of each month, 1 p.m. on WOWD/Talk of Takoma. Email questions to talk@takoma.com



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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Important City Department Phone Numbers

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



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.



House and Garden Tour showcases connections to politics and religion

On May 5, 1890, male residents of Takoma Park cast their ballots in the first-ever Takoma Park election. Benjamin Franklin Gilbert and his establishment ticket faced off against Rev. Chauncey Remington and “The People’s Party” ticket. Gilbert’s 50 votes easily topped Remington’s 18 votes to win the mayor’s seat, though Remington remained active in town politics in following years.

This year’s House and Garden Tour will take place on May 5, and one of the houses featured on the tour is that of Rev. Remington. The tour, entitled “Politics and Prayer,” also highlights the story of how Union Chapel, where the election took place, soon became home to the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, now celebrating 125 years of service to the community.

In addition to its ministry, much of Takoma Park’s community activism has been grounded at the church: the sanctuary movement, the formation of CASA, and advocacy for all manner of social jus-



Credit - Julie Wiatt

Porch at 6913 Westmoreland – This photo was taken during the 2013 Takoma Park House and Garden Tour, which marked 40 years of Takoma Park tours.

tice for African Americans, women, immigrants and LGBTQ individuals. Since the days of Union Chapel and the first Fourth of July celebration, it has been the primary gathering space for the people of Takoma Park - from kids scouting and sports to the innumerable celebrations and political rallies that have marked the years.

Beyond politics and religion, this self-guided tour offers a chance to explore the diverse architectural styles of the homes along Maple, Cedar, Birch and Holly Avenues. The diverse architecture along Maple, Cedar, Birch and Holly offers glimpses into the lives of residents then and now.

The tour runs 1–5 pm, rain or shine. Advance tickets are \$22 and available online at historictakoma.org as well as at Tabletop, ACE Hardware or the Co-op. Or purchase tickets on tour day (\$25, check or cash) at the church, 310 Tulip Avenue. For more information, visit historictakoma.org or call 240-393-6060.



Modeled after the successful Walk to School Day, students celebrate Bike to School Day by riding to school with their peers, teachers and guests on the first Wednesday in May. Each year students and parents ride to school together and learn about proper helmet fitting and basic bike safety.

In 2019, Bike to School Day will be on Wednesday, May 8. Check with your school for details. On Bike to School Day and every day, here are the top 5 tips for staying safe on your bike:

1. Always wear a helmet when you ride a bike, scooter or skateboard.
2. Do the ABC Spin Check every time you ride.
 - **Air:** Be sure you have enough air in your tires.
 - **Brakes:** Look to see that your brake pads are not worn.
 - **Chain and cranks:** Pull on your cranks to see that they are not loose and look to see that the chain is not rusted and it is free of gunk.
3. Follow the rules of the road.
4. Don't wear ear phones or talk on the phone while riding.
5. Be seen to be safe.

Shine On: Bike camp held for fifth year

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School (TP SRTS) in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration brings the iCan Shine Bike Camp to Takoma Park for the fifth time. This week-long camp is designed to teach individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional bike and become lifelong independent riders. This camp is free and open to Maryland residents only.

The camp will be held June 24–28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. at Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. Campers and volunteers are scheduled for a specific session time (i.e. 8:30–9:45 a.m. or 2–3:15 p.m.) for the duration of the camp. TP SRTS is currently recruiting both riders and volunteers for the camp.

Riders (30 total) must be:

- 8–14 years old by start of camp and have a disability
- able to walk without an assistive device and sidestep to both sides
- able to attend a 75-minute session each day of the five-day camp
- under 220 pounds and have a minimum inseam measurement of 20 inches
- Maryland residents



Volunteers (60 needed) must be:

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

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

Get the inside scoop on Takoma Park

The City E-News has a new name, new look and a new comments section from the City Manager that will be included in each weekly edition! The Takoma Insider will change from week to week as it will be based on activities, events and programs and include comments from the City Manager as well as from the Mayor and City Council blogs. Make sure you sign up to receive The Takoma Insider:

takomaparkmd.gov/about-takoma-park/sign-up-ene-news-updates
You have email! The Takoma Insider has arrived!

Takoma Park Folk Festival Call for Craftspeople

The Takoma Park Folk Festival is coming on Sept. 8 – our annual celebration of music, dance, art and community. Applications are open for the juried Craft Show through June 10 for artists and craftspeople who design and execute their own work. Go to www.tpff.org for information on applying, as well as all other Festival information.



MAY '19

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the June issue is May 10, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning May 24. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil.

Memorial Day — City Offices Closed

Monday, May 27
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

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

Takoma Park 5K Safe Routes to School

Sunday, May 5, 8 a.m.
TP Community Center
The TKPK5K is a fun, family-oriented community event that features a series of races including a chip-timed 5k (run or walk), a 1-mile fun run and 1/4 mile youth run. Proceeds from the event fund health, fitness and bike and pedestrian safety activities at five local schools: Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary, East Silver Spring Elementary, Rolling Terrace Elementary and Takoma Park Middle. Arrive 30 minutes before the race.
www.tkpk5k.com

2019 Takoma Park House and Garden Tour: "Politics and Prayer"

Sunday, May 5, 1–5 p.m.
The tour starts at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Avenue, rain or shine. This year's tour explores the neighborhood around the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, celebrating 125 years of service to the community. The diverse architecture along Maple, Cedar, Birch and Holly offers glimpses into the lives of residents then and now. Politics and religion has long been linked here. Sermons and elections shared space in Union Chapel, long before the Presbyterians took over the building. Social justice has remained a visible part of their ministry to current day. Advance tickets are also available via Paypal for \$22, online at historictakoma.org or for purchase locally at Tabletop, ACE Hardware or the Co-op. Buy day-of tickets for \$25 (cash or check). For more information, contact 240-393-6060 or info@historictakoma.org.

Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 8
Elementary and middle school students are invited to ride their bikes to school on National Bike to School Day. Get your bike ready for spring and summer fun. Wipe off the spider webs, check the tires, brakes and chain and be sure to strap on your helmet.

Organic Lawn Care Talk

Wednesday, May 8, 7 – 8 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Spring is around the corner, and grass will soon be green and growing. Join this talk by Mary Travaglini, Montgomery County's Sustainable Landscapes Manager, to learn about the importance of healthy soils for an organic lawn, and tips for caring for your lawn without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

"Throw Like a Girl" rough-cut documentary screening

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
"Throw Like A Girl" is a quest to understand why

American women are often shut out of our national pastime. Filmed over a decade, this new documentary follows the Dream Team, a group of trailblazing 12-year old girls, who later encounter difficulty continuing with the sport in high school and college. The film uses baseball as a microcosm to examine gender roles and sexism in our society. Director Cami J. Kidder, a filmmaker, photographer and editor, will hold a Q&A with the audience after the screening to get their feedback because the film is still being edited.

Takoma Langley Crossroad's SpringFest

Saturday, May 11, 1 – 6 p.m.
Anne Street (between University Blvd and Hammond Ave)
Crossroads SpringFest is an international celebration of food, crafts and culture. Experience the best in ethnic-cuisine from the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, featuring local restaurants serving up their top dishes. Market vendors will be selling a variety of goods from jewelry to candles along with tasty treats and beverages. Newly Opened Silver Branch Brewery will be pouring the brews.

Bike to Work Day

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

Celebrate Takoma

Saturday, May 18, 4 – 7 p.m.
On Maple Avenue (in front of Piney Branch Elementary School)
This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Nominal fees for food. Event held rain or shine, in the event of inclement weather the event will move inside. Due to limited parking, it's encouraged your family walk to this event. For more information, call 301-891-7290 or e-mail celebratetakoma@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Children's Business Fair

Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Downtown Takoma Park
The Acton Children's Business Fair of Takoma Park sparks children's entrepreneurial spirit. The largest entrepreneurship event for children in North America, this morning-long fair gives children the opportunity to showcase their very own businesses. Children ages 6 to 14 are invited to create a product or service and sell to customers at our morning-long market. Prizes will be given for the best businesses by age and category.

Takoma Trukgarten

Saturday, June 1, noon – 5 p.m.
City Parking Lot Next to 201 Ethan Allen Avenue
This one-day festival features local breweries pouring over 20 different craft beers plus cider and a wine tent hosted by the TPSS Co-op. Plus local restaurants and food vendors and live music all day! Multiple tasting packages with commemorative glass and non-drinker ticket option available. Under 21 enter free. For tickets, visit www.mainstreettakoma.org.

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

Carroll Café Concert

Friday, May 10; 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
Ocean Celtic Quartet (Jennifer Cutting on accordions and keyboard; Chris Noyes on vocals and guitar; Andrew Dodds on fiddle; and Steve Winick on vocals and percussion) play music packed with pan-Celtic pizzazz, putting their unique spin on traditional songs and Cutting's original compositions, from soaring ballads and stirring sea chanteys to blazing fiddle and accordion tunes.
Suggested donations: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, May 16, 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.

Community Concert by Takoma Park Singers

Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
Silver Spring United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave.
Enjoy the harmonies of the Takoma Park Singers at their free community concert (donations accepted for Shepherd's Table). Some selections are accompanied by piano, percussion and flutes. Others are voices only. There's something for everyone. Come listen to your friends and neighbors and fill your heart with the joy of music.

Youth Arts Night

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave
An annual celebration of young artists and open call for performers. An evening of performances by the Youth and Teen Exchange, plus other local young artists who want to share their talent. Music, dance, theatre, poetry, visual art and more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sixth annual Adult Play Day

VFW Post 350, 3420 Orchard Ave.
Saturday, June 15, 7 – 10 p.m.
Let's Play America presents the sixth annual Adult Play Day. Come join Let's Play America for a fun afternoon of play. Free fun for all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to play. The band Granny and The Boys will be performing, and crepes will be available for sale. To see a full listing of activities and performances, visit www.letsplayamerica.org. 21 years and older.