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Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park/Silver Spring and SALT Meals-on-Wheels have merged to increase their community reach.

Local Meals on Wheels join forces

By Sean Gossard

Two Takoma Park-based Meals on Wheels nonprofits announced in September that they will be joining forces in order to better serve the community. Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park/Silver Spring and SALT Meals-on-Wheels jointly announced the merger saying that they share “the mission of building community by delivering delicious, healthy meals to homebound neighbors who have difficulty getting groceries or preparing their own meals.” The move came after the closure in August of Washington Adventist Hospital, which served as the kitchen for SALT Meals-on-Wheels. “With the loss of service from the Washington Adventist Hospital kitchen, we were overjoyed to find a welcoming home, commitment to our clients, and shared culture of service at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring program,” said Mary Elizabeth Anderson, volunteer coordinator of the SALT program. The combined organization, which will operate as Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park/Silver Spring, now has almost 150 volunteers for its seven routes. The organization’s kitchen and offices are based at 7410 New Hampshire Ave. “Our programs were very similar in many ways, which might seem like an inefficiency, but we were both working to get people food,” said Ruth Masterson, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park/Silver Spring. “Everyone felt very positive about us taking this step and taking advantage of this opportunity to really grow and get more involved and engaged in the community.”

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You and Your Environment

Are you aware of the City’s environmental initiatives? Here’s a brief overview of some of the initiatives that contribute to sustainability in Takoma Park.

Safe Grow

The Safe Grow Act places restrictions on the use of cosmetic pesticides for lawn care on public and private property. The City prohibits commercial pesticide applicators, property owners, and tenants from applying restricted pesticides for lawn care purposes on private property or public rights-of-way in the City.



City of Takoma Park’s list of restricted pesticides includes pesticides and pesticide products that are known to cause cancer, endocrine disruption, and are identified by Canada, the European Union and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as having other toxicity characteristics. Exceptions exist for the control of certain noxious weeds, invasive species, and for public health pests. Sustainable management practices result in better outcomes at a competitive cost. Takoma Park provides information on sustainable lawn care practices and products that can help residents maintain healthy lawns without the use of harmful chemicals.

Plastic Bag Ban

The City of Takoma Park prohibits its businesses from distributing single-use, plastic bags at the point of sale. Plastic bags have an adverse impact on the environment. By imposing a ban, the City of Takoma Park promotes the use of more sustainable alternatives for a healthier community. Plastic bags are described as any plastic, non-biodegradable, single-use bag distributed at the point of sale. All businesses within the boundaries of the City of Takoma Park that distribute bags at the point of sale are expected to comply. The only excep-



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## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

#### CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Note that the City Council will NOT meet on Oct. 9.  
These City Council meetings will be held in the TPCC Auditorium.

#### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

#### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:15 p.m.  
Monday, November 4, 7:15 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Council Conference Room

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

#### NOISE CONTROL BOARD

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

#### POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Atrium Room

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:45 p.m. (meeting)  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

#### YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

\*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and click on "Events and Meetings." Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas](http://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](mailto:jasond@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7202 at least 48 hours in advance.

## City Council Action

*Only negative votes or abstentions are reported here. Resolutions and ordinances are published online after adoption.*

At its meeting on **Sept. 11, 2019**, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2019-42** appointing to the Tree Commission Colleen Cordes (Ward 1) and Michael Feldman-Weincek (Ward 3), and reappointing Jeffrey Brokaw (Ward 2). Councilmember Dyballa voted against.

### No City Election in 2019

Remember, the next City Election will take place on Nov. 3, 2020. There is no City Election in 2019.

## Important City 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

## Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendments Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Takoma Park Charter, the Council of the City of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City Charter: Article III - The Council; Article V - Amendment Procedures; and Article VI - Registration, Nominations, and Elections. The proposed amendments are recommended by the Takoma Park Board of Elections. The full text of the proposed Charter Amendments is available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267. The public hearing will take place in the Auditorium, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. All interested persons should attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov).

## Notice of Opportunity to Serve on the Council Compensation Task Force

The City Council invites residents to apply to serve on a Council Compensation Task Force to review the salary and benefits of the Mayor and City Council and make recommendations for changes. The Task Force will also be asked to review non-salary considerations that create barriers to service on the Council. This is a short-term commitment. The Task Force will be asked to provide an interim report at the end of January 2020 and a final report at the end of February 2020. Complete information is available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). *The deadline for applications is Oct. 18, 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. If you are interested in appointment, please drop in to observe a meeting then submit the online application: <http://bit.ly/bcc-application>. Meetings are posted on the City website calendar. Additional information is available at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees). Positions are available or terms are expiring on the following:

**Arts and Humanities Commission:** The Commission advises the City Council on matters involving the arts; encourages and aids in the appreciation, participation, and awareness of the arts; encourages cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Takoma Park; and facilities opportunities for artists and supports the development of self-sustaining arts programs.

**Board of Elections:** The Board plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

**Commemoration Commission:** The Commission documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives and recognitions in the City and recommends to the City Council procedures and programs for honors and commemorations.

#### Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs:

The Commission adjudicates complaints for violations of the City's Landlord-Tenant Relations law; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides on appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a rental housing license.

**Ethics Commission:** The Commission devises, receives and maintains all forms generated by the Ethics Ordinance; provides advisory opinions to persons subject to the Ordinance; hears and decides any inquiry or complaint regarding an alleged violation of the Ethics Ordinance; conducts a public information program regarding the purposes and applications of the Ordinance; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ordinance; promulgates regulations to accompany the Ordinance; and provides and annual certification to the State Ethics Commission.

**Facade Advisory Board:** The Board helps 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 vacancy is open to a business or property owner in Old Town or Takoma*

#### Junction.

**Grants Review Committee:** The Committee evaluates grant applications for funding from the City's Community Quality of Life Grants Program based on established program priorities, guidelines, and available funding. Applicants should have demonstrated expertise in community development, grants management, public arts, or related areas of interest.

**Noise Control Board:** The Board assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance, and adjudicates two-party noise disturbance complaints.

**Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee:** The Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act.

**Recreation Committee:** The Committee advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

**Youth Council:** The Youth Council provides an opportunity for Takoma Park youth to acquire greater knowledge and appreciation of local government through participation; helps the City Council address the needs of Takoma Park youth. *There are two vacancies on the Youth Council for residents of Wards 4, 5, or 6. Members must be in grades 7 through 12.*



- tions are:
• dry cleaning bags
• newspaper bags (when delivered by the publisher)
• non-point of sale bags such as those used for raw or bulk items like produce, grains, candy and small hardware items
• Farmers markets are allowed to use approved compostable bags.

Polystyrene Ban

The Young Activist Act Food Service Polystyrene Ban, passed in 2014 and effective July 1, 2015, the prohibits food service facilities from using polystyrene-composed packaging or food service ware when providing prepared food for onsite or takeaway consumption. Polystyrene is made from styrene, a petro-

leum byproduct which is nonrenewable and a heavily polluting resource. Styrene is a known neurotoxin that is classified as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (meaning there is significant evidence linking styrene to human cancers.) Polystyrene is not recyclable and once discarded persists in the environment for years. One form of polystyrene is used to make the foam cups, plates, and clamshells that are sometimes referred to as Styrofoam. Other forms of polystyrene are used to make certain clear or solid plastic cups, lids, straws, and utensils as well as other food-service ware.
Plastic Straw and Stirrer Ban
Plastic straws and stirrers are not recyclable and last essentially forever in our environment. Beginning in January 2020, the City will roll out this newest ban, which will hopefully reduce litter and enhance the appearance of our city.

2019 Fall Leaf Collection

Vacuum leaf collection is provided by the Department of Public Works in the late fall. Loose leaves raked to the curb by residents are collected via vacuum trucks. These leaves are passed through a tub grinder and redistributed to the residents as mulch for free. Mulch can be used as a soil amendment or a top dressing around plants and trees. This year fall leaf collection starts Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 and continues through Friday, Dec. 20, 2019. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather; rain or freezing conditions can slow collection.

Collection routes with assigned collection dates

There are five streets that receive collection on scheduled dates. Most of these streets are Maryland State Highway Administration routes and typically have a heavy volume of traffic. The routes are: Carroll Avenue/MD 195 (7000 to 7800 block), Ethan Allen Avenue/MD 410, Philadelphia Avenue/MD 410, Piney Branch Road/MD 320, and Flower Avenue

(7900 to 8600 block). This year collection dates for Carroll, Ethan Allen and Philadelphia are Saturday, Nov. 23 and Monday, Dec. 16. For Flower and Piney Branch, the collection dates are Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Important guidelines to be followed for leaf collection

- Place leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb.
• Avoid piling leaves where cars are likely to be parked.
• Do not rake leaves into the street. Leaf piles create traffic hazards.
• Do not include branches, brush, vines, rocks or debris. These items damage equipment and delay collection.
• Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.
• Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile. Restricting access to leaf piles delays collection.

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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-eneews-updates
You have email! The Takoma Insider has arrived!

Leaf Collection Hotline
Public Works has setup a Leaf Collection Hotline, and the number is 301-891-7626. Residents should call the Leaf Collection Hotline and leave a voice message to notify Public Works when leaves have been raked out to the curb. Public Works tries to collect leaf piles reported on the hotline within 10 days of a call.

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With the extra routes, the group has increased its staff capacity and is looking for more volunteers who are able to help with deliveries during the days Mondays through Fridays.
"We have an amazing and strong core of volunteers, but there are some gaps," Masterson said. "We have a huge need for a few more people. People's hunger is continuous, it isn't just a yearly event."
With most of the deliveries being done during the usual workday hours, Masterson says they tend to get people with flexible work hours and many seniors. They also provide Student Service Learning

hours for high school students.
"We invite and welcome anyone interested in working with us to reach out to me to learn more. We're honored to include retired people, families, students completing their SSL requirement, professional people, part-time or flex-time workers, you name it, among our volunteers - truly all ages and all backgrounds coming together with the common goal of providing meals to homebound neighbors," Masterson said. "We served over 24,000 meals last year in our community; in 2020, we will be closer to 40,000."
To learn more about volunteering, donating, or receiving meals, call 301-434-1922 or email mowtakoma@gmail.com.

What You Can Do to Protect Your Trees

Many residents, as well as tree care professionals in our area, have become concerned about the number, and relatively quick deterioration, of mature (primarily white oak) trees in our area. This situation is occurring in the entire DC Metropolitan Area and beyond. The City has developed a website that provides information on the issue and what residents can do to protect their trees and property: takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/tree-care-and-resources.



The City's Urban Forest Manager Jan Van Zutphen offers these suggestions for protecting your trees:

- Have your trees inspected every two to three years, or as needed, by a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE). Regular inspections by a trained professional will identify any tree safety/tree health issues and ways to address both as needed and will help prevent, as much as possible, any diseases or insect issues from spreading to other trees.
• Water trees extensively during dry spells with high temperatures as we are having currently. Allow the water to really soak into the ground (a foot or so if possible).
• Place mulch around the base of your tree in a 6' to 10' radius

around the trunk of a large tree. It is best to keep mulch several inches away from the trunk itself. Adding mulch around your tree provides vital nutrients and promotes macrobiotic activity essential for good soil.
• Mimic forest conditions for your trees when possible. The first step is determining the soil chemistry (pH, nutrient levels, organic matter). Fertilization treatments, based on soil analysis, in combination with water management and mulching can help improve the growing conditions. These treatments are more effective when applied proactively before decline begins. As trees age, just like people, they typically require extra care.
Editor's Note: Look for a more detailed article on this topic in the November Newsletter.

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# BUILDING COMMUNITY



## Child Lead Prevention Program

The Silver Spring Health Center operates The Childhood Lead Prevention Program, which provides case management for children who have blood lead levels of at least 10 micrograms per deciliter. The program offers education and outreach to schools, child care facilities, landlords, residents and the medical community about lead poisoning. It also monitors incidences of childhood lead poisoning and environmental lead hazards in the community; and provides promotion of lead-safe environments for children in Montgomery County.

The only way to know if children have lead poisoning is to have them tested. Children can be tested through a primary physician or at a community clinic. Maryland law requires that all children residing in Montgomery County have a blood lead test at their 12-month and 24-month doctor's visits. All children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years of age should be checked for lead. Children with lead poison-

ing might report stomach aches, decreased appetites, hyperactivity, sleeping problems or irritability.

For prevention educational materials or to learn how often to have a child tested or if a child has an abnormal lead level, contact the Health Center in Silver Spring at 240-777-3160.

### Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC sponsor National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Oct. 20-26, 2019. The annual event focuses on the many ways to prevent lead exposure to children before they are harmed. Information about events in Maryland can be found at [mde.state.md.us](http://mde.state.md.us)



## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Takoma Park Police Department will once again participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your prescriptions to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Collection boxes will be set up in the first floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications will be accepted.

Although we continue to participate in

this nationwide event, as a reminder, residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. Items that cannot be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers. The Takoma Park Police Department will collect and store these items and then safely dispose of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events.

## What kind of rental license or registration do you need?

If you are a Takoma Park property owner who plans to rent out some or all of your property, you'll need to apply for the appropriate license or registration. Answering these questions will help you decide which kind of license or registration you need.

- Will I continue to live in the property and rent out one room or two, while sharing common areas with my tenants?
  - Register with the City of Takoma Park as Owner-Occupied Group House.
- Will some or all of those rented rooms be for short-term rentals, like those on Airbnb, VRBO, or similar services?
  - Register with the City of Takoma Park as Owner-Occupied Group House.
  - Also, register with Montgomery County as a short-term rental.

- Do I own and live in a single-family home and wish to rent out part of it as a completely separate apartment? Or have a second unit on the lot, such as a backyard cottage? This is an **Accessory Dwelling Unit**.
  - First, apply for approval from Montgomery County.
  - Then, apply for a Rental Housing License with the City of Takoma Park.
- Do I wish to rent out my entire house or condominium unit, or units in a multi-family property?
  - Apply to the City of Takoma Park for a Rental Housing License
- Do I wish to rent out my entire house or condominium unit for short periods of time while I am on vacation or sabbatical, and still maintain my home as my primary residence?
  - Register with Montgomery County as a short-term rental



## First-Time Home Buyer Seminar

**Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center**  
**7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD**

Join the City of Takoma Park's Department of Housing and Community Development and the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) for a free HUD approved First-Time Homebuyer Seminar.

You will learn about.....

- The process for buying a home, from start to finish
- How to obtain a mortgage loan and understanding the terms of the loans
- How to avoid predatory loans and lenders
- The importance of establishing credit, maintaining good credit and credit scores
- Montgomery County and Maryland's home loan programs
- Takoma Park Home Stretch Down Payment Assistance program

*Certificate of Completion awarded to attendees (must be present for the entire program to receive a certificate)*

Class size is limited. For more information and to register, call 301-891-7216 or email [jeank@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jeank@takomaparkmd.gov) or [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov).

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.





## Traveling the World Through Dance

**Dance Journey Along the Silk Road**  
**Nov. 2, 1 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue**  
**Free Event with \$10 Suggested Donation**

Join the Silk Road Dance Company to experience the beauty and charm of diverse cultures on the other side of the world. From the steppes of Central Asia to the mountains of the Caucasus, this performance features dances of nomadic groups, oasis dwellers and royal courts. Performed in breathtaking traditional costumes, these dances capture the spirit and grace of ancient civilizations of the Silk Road, including Uyghur, Uzbek, Tajik, Turkmen, Iranian, Azeri, Kazakh, Kyrgyz and Afghan influences.

Founded in 1995 by Artistic Director Laurel Victoria Gray, the award-winning Silk Road Dance Company presents traditional and contemporary women's dances from Central Asia, the Middle East, the Caucasus, and beyond. Their



pioneering performances offer a unique glimpse of the life and art of little-known cultures, especially those of the Islamic world.

The company has performed in Uzbekistan, Qatar, Singapore, Canada, and the United Kingdom, as well as prestigious venues in the D.C. area, such as

the White House, Kennedy Center, and Library of Congress. For more info, go to [www.silkroaddance.com](http://www.silkroaddance.com)



### Sharing Some Wild Nights with Emily Dickinson

**Wild Nights with Emily Film Screening**  
**Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue**  
**Free Event**

Everything you know about poet Emily Dickinson's life is probably wrong. *Wild Nights with Emily*, a new critically acclaimed film starring *Saturday Night Live* alum Molly Shannon, is seeking to reclaim Dickinson's true life story from persistent myths that she was a reclusive spinster who didn't want to have her poems published.

Written and directed by Madeleine Olnek, this humorous and irreverent film is based on extensive research by University of Maryland professor and scholar Martha Nell Smith, who found evidence that Dickinson had a lasting lesbian relationship with her longtime friend and sister-in-law, Susan. Using advanced spectrographic technology, Smith found that references to Susan had been erased from some of Dickinson's letters after her

death in 1855. The culprit may have been her brother's mistress who was enmeshed in these tangled and scandalous relationships.

After the film screening, Smith will talk about her work as an advisor for the film and tell the inside story about the making of the film and Dickinson's secret life. The trailer can be seen at [www.wildnightswithemily.com](http://www.wildnightswithemily.com).



### To Sing Against the Night Poetry Reading

**Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue**  
**Free Event**

Four prominent local poets will read their work about the physical and emotional trauma of serious illness. The poems invoke the rigors of treatment, the fear of death and the comfort offered by family and caregivers, who face their own battles with grief, guilt and acceptance. How does one survive intense suffering with respect and dignity? How can that journey be transformed through the healing power of art?

Nancy Naomi Carlson has authored nine books, including her most recent poetry collection *An Infusion of Violets*. El-

len Aronofsky Cole is the author of two poetry books titled *Notes from the Dry Country* and *Prognosis*. Judith Harris has written three poetry books and a book of essays titled *Signifying Pain: Constructing and Healing the Self through Writing*. E. Ethelbert Miller's book *If God Invented Baseball* won a 2019 best poetry award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

### Chesapeake Songs and Stories by Janie Meneely

**Oct. 19, 1 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue**  
**Free Event with \$10 Suggested Donation**

Using interactive songs and stories in a child-friendly performance, Janie Meneely brings to life the world of Chesapeake Bay oystermen, with an emphasis on environmental stewardship and fun. Full-color posters depicting skipjack boats and dredgermen illustrate her songs and stories, giving children who live far from the bay a briny taste of their Maryland heritage.

Meneely, now retired, was previously the editor of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*. She has presented her *Chesapeake Songs and Stories* program at schools in Maryland, and she has authored two children's books titled *Santa and the Skipjack* and *Ellie and the Swan*. She divides her time between her home in Takoma Park and Whitby, England.

### East and West Concert

**Dong Xi**  
**Oct. 25, 8 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**  
**7500 Maple Avenue**  
**Free Event with \$10 Suggested Donation**

In a unique concert spanning cultures, Chinese dulcimer player Chao Tian They and percussionist Tom Teasley combine musical traditions in their original music inspired by Chinese folk, classical music and American jazz.

The world-music duo called Dong Xi presents new experiences by collaborating in "controlled improvisations" that fluidly change with each performance. They blend the subtleties of the Chinese dulcimer with percussion in an elaborate musical tapestry that threads its way across countries and cultures. For more information and to hear some music, go to [www.dongximusic.com](http://www.dongximusic.com).





# RECREATION

## YOUTH

### ART

#### Gift Making Workshop

Participants create seasonal artwork that may be given as gifts to friends and family. The first workshop will focus on using hand-building techniques to create one-of-a-kind sculptures, the second on glazing with food-safe glazes. There will be a \$10 nonrefundable materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
6–12 years  
2 Day Session  
Saturdays, 10:15–11:15 a.m.  
December 7 & 14  
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

NEW

### CAMPS

#### Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to first day. Please bring a lunch and snack with you daily. There will be no camp on Monday - Wednesday, December 23–25, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Before Care and After Care available for an additional fee.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5–12 years  
4 Day Session  
December 26, 27, 30, 31  
9–4p.m.  
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$120

Registration  
Opens 10/16

### SPORTS

#### REGISTRATION FOR FUTSAL & WINTER BASKETBALL OPENS SOON

Residents:  
10/16

Non-residents:  
10/23

(Online & in person  
at either facility)



#### Futsal League 2020

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 40 participants per division. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. There will be no games on January 19 and February 16.  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
8 Game Season  
Practices: Saturdays, January 4–March 14  
Games: Sundays, January 12–March 15  
**7–9 Year Co-ed Division:** 1–3 p.m.  
**10–12 Year Co-ed Division:** 3–5 p.m.  
Resident \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

#### Winter Basketball League 2020

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce youth to the fundamentals of basketball and emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than

winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encouraging personal improvement, sportsmanship and fun, provide comparable playing time for all participants and meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays; times vary. Volunteer coaches wanted. Specific details regarding each league will be available at [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league).

**Team Assignments:** Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

**Special Requests:** Requests must be submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration. Games played at various local schools  
Gymnasiums  
Kindergarten–8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
8 Week Season  
Games starting Saturdays, January 18  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

## TEENS

### DROP-IN

#### Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only (middle school and high school students). You are welcome to watch two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TVs. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Ongoing  
Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:  
3:30–7 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 3:30–6 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
Free

#### Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Ongoing  
Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.  
Free

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

#### Competitive Gaming

Our Competitive Gaming program will provide our teenage youth (grades 6–12) the opportunity to participate in competitive esports, and compete for scholarship opportunities. This program includes a curriculum based around esports values such as health, self-expression, and social interaction. Space is limited. Instructor: Javonte McDonald  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Rose Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30–6 p.m.  
October 2–December 9  
Free

#### First of Many

There's something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of informative workshops

to help you discover and take advantage of the possibilities offered for first-generation students. Find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to applying and getting the most out of college. Instructor: Brass Ring Company  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Rose Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Tuesdays, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Through October 29  
Resident: \$5 / Non-resident: \$10

#### Telling your Story

Introspection is essential in the healthy development of any adolescent. In the spirit of fostering self-expression and boosting writing skills, this six-week writing workshop aims to push students to write about a conflict they've faced in their life and explore how it changed them as a person. In the process of crafting their stories, students will learn about the relationship between conflict and character development, analyze published writings and navigate the writing process to create their own narratives that they'll present before an audience during the final session. Instructor: Sam P. Collins  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Mondays, 4–5:30 p.m.  
October 14–December 2  
(No Class: 11/11)  
Resident: \$5 / Non-resident: \$10

#### Xpression Tuesdays

Allow your imagination and creative juices to come alive on Tuesdays in the Teen Lounge. Join Teen Lounge Staff as you express yourself through art. Create pieces that you can take home or leave in the Teen Lounge as a display. We are always looking for more ideas of ways to create and express ourselves.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
Through December 17  
Free

## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Cornucopia Celebration

Join the Teen Program for a night to celebrate a season of gratitude. Participate in creating thankful crafts, playing silly games and enjoying fun activities. End the evening with a family style dinner courtesy of the Takoma Park Recreation Department's Teen Program. Transportation is not provided. Meet us there!  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Friday, November 8  
6–9 p.m.  
Free

#### Fall Harvest Festival

Mark your calendars! The Teen Program is hosting a Fall Harvest Festival at the Recreation Center. This will be a great event with something for every teen, including crafts and games, demonstrations, face and pumpkin painting, music, food and much more. Transportation is not provided. Meet us there!  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Friday, October 11  
6–9 p.m.  
Free

## TRIPS

#### Gaver Farm Trip

It's a half day of school, so why not have a little fun? Join us as we head out to Gaver Farm to pick your own Pumpkin. Gaver Farm's Harvest Mania has a corn maze and more than 55 farm attractions! We'll take a hayride to pick your own pumpkins and apples! The Farm Market is also full of pumpkins, apples, mums, fall decor, cider, straw, corn stalks and squash. Also, who doesn't love apple cider donuts? Space is limited, so register today! Bring spending money.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge (meeting location)  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Friday, October 4  
1–6 p.m.  
Resident: \$5 / Non-resident: \$10

#### Movies & Dave N Busters Trip

Let's all head to the movies, and afterwards we'll get to release our energy into healthy competitions at Dave N Busters in Downtown Silver Spring. Bring spending money.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge (meeting location)  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
Tuesday, November 12  
1–6 p.m.  
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

## WORKSHOPS

#### FAFSA Night

If you are a junior or senior in high school, attend our Financial Aid Night with your parents to apply for and accept financial aid. During this session, experts will go over everything you need to know about how to file the FAFSA so you can get the maximum financial aid that you are eligible for, in a one on one session. You will also get a heads up on the hidden minefields you should look out for while applying for and accepting the different types of financial aid packages. Expect to spend 30–45 minutes completing the FAFSA application. (You will not need to be present for the entire session.)  
Takoma Park Library  
Computer Lab  
101 Philadelphia Avenue  
Grades 11–12  
Monday, October 21  
5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Free

NEW

## ADULTS



### ART

#### Clay in the Studio

Students will utilize a variety of hand-building techniques (slab, pinch, coil) to create functional and non-functional vessels and sculptures out of clay. Caregiver participation required with young children (Ages 4–6). Adult students (Ages 16+) with experience may use the studio's electric wheels. Beginners are welcome. A great class for homeschoolers, flexible schedules and generally clay-curious. There is a \$20 nonrefundable materials fee (per participant) due to the instructor on

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the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4 and older  
6 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.  
October 30-December 11  
(No class: 11/22)  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150



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.  
November 5-December 19  
\$95  
Drop-in: \$10

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout, by mixing low and high intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
6 Week Session  
Saturdays, 11:45 a.m.–12:45p.m.  
October 19-November 23  
\$55  
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). Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Back Room  
16 years and older  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
Through December 18  
Free with Recreation Center Membership

Kung Fu

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help students defend themselves by strengthening hand-and-eye coordination, as well as gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 and older  
Mondays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.  
Through November 18  
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

MULTI MEDIA

Video Production & Editing

Learn the art of video production. From pre-production techniques, how to properly videotape with any device and techniques of editing. Participants will edit a project using FCPX or Premiere Pro. Instructor: Isaac Asare  
Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Multi Media Lab  
14 and older  
4 Week Session  
Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m.  
October 17-November 7  
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPORTS

Takoma Park Adult Volleyball Club

Join the Takoma Park Volleyball Club! Grab a friend or make a new one on the court. The club is open to all skill levels and will meet weekly at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for pick-up volleyball games. For more information, email [tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov).  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
7 Week Season  
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
October 9-November 20  
\$10

55+

DROP-IN

October 22

BLOOD PRESSURE:

11:30am-12:30pm

BINGO:

12-2pm

In the Senior Room, TPCC

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SMART TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

**Digital Connectivity, Saturday, October 5**  
Learn about the various ways to digitally connect and the proper etiquette of digital connectivity.  
**Social Media, Saturday October 19**  
Learn how to use social media in connecting and communicating with others, and learn about safety of using email and how to avoid email fraud and scams. Instructor: Isaac Asare  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
1 Day Sessions  
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
\$5 per person per workshop

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s; the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia; Alzheimer’s disease stages and risk factors; Alzheimer’s Disease vs. typical aging: myth vs. reality; current research and treatments available to address some symptoms; and available Alzheimer’s Association resources. Bring your questions. Presenter: Nancy Quarles, Alzheimer’s Association. This workshop is free; however online or in-person registration with the Takoma Park Recreation Department is required.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Wednesday, October 9  
12–2 p.m.  
Free, Registration required

Virtual Visit to the Galapagos Islands

Explore the Galapagos Islands with traveler and photographer Barry Hinderstein. Come enjoy the beauty and majesty of these islands and their inhabitants in this enjoyable slide show with commentary. Drop-in. No registration required.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursday, October 17  
1:30–2:30 p.m.  
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Heart & Core

Move to the high-energy beat to pump up the heart rate followed by 20 minutes of Pilates core floor workout to strengthen the area from shoulders through hips. Bring your own mat. Registration is required to participate. Instructor: Nancy Nickell  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Saturdays, 9:15–10:30 a.m.  
Through November 23  
\$5

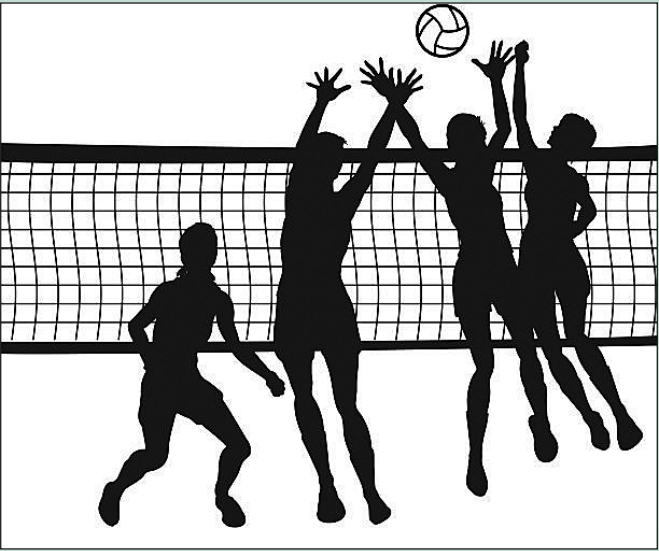
Tennis Fun and Fitness

This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Registration is required. Instructor Coach SJ  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursdays, 12–1p.m.  
Through November 21  
\$5

Welcoming Volleyball, New Beginnings!

For many years the Takoma Park Recreation Division has proudly offered our community a multitude of events, programs, classes and activities. More specifically, the sports department has provided our community with fun sports, such as futsal, t-ball, adult softball, and youth and adult basketball. We are consistently looking for ways to improve and add to our department. This year we are extremely excited to introduce the Volleyball Club as a new adult sport with the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

The club is a great new way for adults 16 and over to meet new people within and around the community through pick up volleyball games. Aside from pure fun of volleyball, the league has many benefits. It’s an enjoyable way to burn



calories and improve muscle strength. When playing volleyball, you are strengthening your upper body, arms, shoulders, core, thighs and lower legs. It helps you burn fat, tones and shapes the body, increases metabolic rates and aerobic ability, and also strengthens cardiovas-

cular and respiratory systems. Also, participating in an adult team sport teaches teamwork and communication and is a great way to spend active time with peers.  
The club meets weekly on Wednesday’s at 6:30 p.m. starting October 9 at the

Takoma Park Recreation Center. The games will be pick-up games played in a six versus six, rally scoring format, meaning a point is scored on every single rally. It does not matter which team serves the ball; points can be scored by either the serving or the receiving team. You must be registered to participate and all skill levels are welcome to join!

Gather your friends, family, and coworkers and register in person or online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports).

For more information, email [tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov) or call 301-891-7290. We are excited for new beginnings within our sports community and are looking forward to expanding the program to include a league in the future.



## New author events added to library calendar

We've just added two more children's books events to our November calendar!

On Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., award-winning author Minh Le will present his third picture book, *The Perfect Seat*. Illustrated by Gus Gordon, the book hilariously portrays the saga of a father and child trying to find the perfect seat in which to snuggle and read together. In its review, *Kirkus* said: "Le's little story, a sort of metafictional prequel to the act children and caregivers are engaging in in reading this very book, is delightfully presented. Gordon's watercolor, pencil, crayon, and collage illustrations in soft shades of greens, browns, and grays illustrate each of the possibilities with gentle humor."



Minh Le



alized memoir of a child in Indonesia (as Nagara was) discovering the importance of activism. For this event, Nagara will be in conversation with kids author Hena Khan as the two discuss the importance of activism in the lives of both kids and adults. In its review, *Kirkus* called the book "a powerful narrative that encourages long-term awareness, work, sacrifice, and patience in order to effect change for all people. Inspiring."

And don't forget our first author event in November! On Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart will join kids author Andrea Beaty for a discussion of community activism sparked by Beaty's new picture book, *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*. Please note that the Library will close, as usual, at 6 p.m. and then re-open shortly before 7 p.m., just for this program.



Nagara portrait

Le is a Takoma Park resident and the author of *Let Me Finish!* and *Drawn Together*, which was chosen as the 2019 picture book winner of the Asian Pacific American Literature Award. The award is given by the Asian Pacific American Libraries Association, an affiliate of the American Library Association.

Then, on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., author/illustrator Inno Nagara, known for his best-selling picture book, *A Is For Activist*, will present his new book, *M Is For Movement*, a highly-illustrated, fiction-

As always, Politics & Prose will be selling copies of the authors' books at each of our programs, but our events are free, and no purchase is required to attend.

## Dig into digital resources

Now that the school year is in full swing, it's a great time to check out the many wonderful – and free – digital resources the library offers for students of all ages.

One of our newest digital resources, for example, is "Interactive Science," which allows users to explore 3-D models of dinosaurs, chemical compounds, the human body and much more. It's a great way to really understand a scientific subject.

Another wonderful resource is "Image-Quest," where you can find millions of copyright-free images that are useful for student projects. We also offer "National Geographic for Kids," which includes both the magazine and the books published by National Geographic, as well as "Smart Math," which offers students a fun, interactive way to learn math concepts.

There's a whole section of resources devoted to history, including special re-

sources for African-American and American Indian history. In addition, we have some helpful tools for college and career planning, including a "Career Guidance Center" and a "Test Preparation Center," which includes test preparation books as well as practice tests for SAT, ACT, AP subject tests and much more.

Don't forget about our language learning resources, including "Pronunciator," which offers 80 language courses. We also have audiobooks in Spanish (via "AudiobookCloud" and "Biblioteca Tumble") and French (via "Biblio Enfants"). And, of course, we have hundreds of magazines and newspapers you can access, plus various types of online encyclopedias, including ones in Spanish and French.

To access these resources, go to [www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library) and click on "Online Resources." Many of these resources require your library card number, so have it handy!

## CALENDAR

### Circle Time

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

### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

### Babymouse Creators Jenni & Matt Holm

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

The Holm siblings present their new picture book, *The Evil Princess vs. The Brave Knight*.

### Kids Author Hena Khan

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Khan talks about her new novel, *More to the Story*, an update on *Little Women*.

### Graphic Novelist Kevin McCloskey

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

McCloskey spotlights his newest science comic for kids, *Ants Don't Wear Pants*.

### Petites Chansons

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Led by Madame Marie

### LEGO Club

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

### Comics Jam

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m.

Come read some great comics!

### Kids Art

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2–3 p.m.

Come make art with Ms. Kati.

### Picture Book Author Julie Fogliano

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Fogliano will talk about her new picture book, *Just In Case You Want to Fly*, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Christian Robinson.

### Friends of the Library Bi-Monthly Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., TP

Community Center Azalea Room

Join Tim Rahn in a discussion of *Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo.

All are welcome!

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Library lawn (see article)

### Caldecott Club

Monday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

We'll be reading and discussing books that are great possibilities for the 2020 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies served.

### Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

The Friends Big Book club begins discussion series of *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner with a reception and lecture by GWU Professor Evelyn Schreiber at Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Subsequent discussions, moderated by Phil Schewe, will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on November 6, November 20, and December 4. All are welcome!

### Folk Song Sing-a-long for Kids & Adults

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Folksingers Chip & Debbie Jones lead the crowd in singing some well-loved folk songs. All ages welcome!

### Alternative Games

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2–4 p.m.

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

### Scary Stories

Monday, Oct. 28

Join storyteller extraordinaire Candace Wolf as she tells some spine-tingling tales.

Two shows: 7–7:45 p.m. with less scary stories for kids ages 5–7; 7:50–8:50 p.m. with scarier stories for ages 8 up.

### COMING UP...

- **Kids Author Andrea Beaty & Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart**, Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m., discussing Beaty's new book, *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*
- **Picture Book Author Minh Le**, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m. Le, an award-winning author and Takoma Park resident, will present his newest book, *The Perfect Seat*, illustrated by Gus Gordon.



## The Fall Book Sale returns!

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library is holding its Fall Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 19, 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, book sale will be held 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 themTakoma 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](mailto:fjnugent@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!





# Fifth means first for elementary educator Rebecca Lane

By Taylor Dibbert

Rebecca Lane, this year's Azalea Award winner in the educator category, has been teaching fifth grade at Piney Branch Elementary school for more than fifteen years. "I grew up in a home with a fifth-grade teacher," she said. "I totally know what it was like to be the child of a teacher because my mom was a teacher."

When she went to college, she actually had no intention of becoming a teacher. She earned an undergraduate degree in psychology with an emphasis on child and adolescent development. Lane grew up on a ranch in Texas and attended Texas A&M University.

She went on to earn a master's in social work from Louisiana State University. So, she began her career as a social worker and worked exclusively with kids. This work led her to the Washington, D.C. area. She arrived thinking that she would stay for six months. Her plan had always been to return to Texas, although that didn't end up happening.

After having her own child, she went back to school and earned a master's in education at the University of Maryland in College Park. That occurred right be-



Lane in her classroom at Piney Branch Elementary

fore she turned 40. "I did a whole career change," she said.

She lives in Silver Spring off Flower Avenue – on the border between Silver Spring and Takoma Park. "But I consider this [Takoma Park] my community," she

said. She wanted to work in a diverse school, and Piney Branch certainly qualifies. According to Lane, school should be a place of stability for kids and families. "Here [at Piney Branch], we're welcoming, and we don't have any teachers who are biding time until they retire," she said. "People care about the kids and [their] families."

"Seeing students know that they're safe, secure ... they're cared for here is important to me."

She's also able to draw on her background as a social worker to manage challenges and problems as they come up. When speaking about the challenging parts of her job, Lane mentions the range of skillsets – amongst kids and across subjects. "We can have a huge range in our classrooms, but I find that appealing," she says. "I am a teacher who likes to have that range."

"Kids and families bring all sorts of different values and experiences and beliefs into the classroom." Essentially, what may work for one child may or may not work for another.

Lane is passionate about reading. "I love teaching reading," she said. "I love books, and I love children's literature. I like to see

what kids are reading and share what I love about reading."

Lane likes being able to step into different worlds through books. "It's an opportunity to see other perspectives and be transported to faraway places," she noted.

She sincerely appreciates Takoma Park and enjoys living in the area. "Takoma Park offers a huge diversity in our neighborhoods and our schools," she said. "People are active, and they care for each other." Lane believes that "there is this broader sense of community" here.

"To actually get the Azalea Award this year, it was exciting," she remarked. "I felt humbled and honored." She loves that, through the Azalea Awards, there's a way to highlight different individuals, groups, businesses and organizations – and to acknowledge what they're contributing. "It's a really lovely tradition that they [the Takoma Foundation] have," she said.

She mentioned that the various Azalea Award categories have been selected carefully. "They've really thought long and hard about what makes Takoma the community that it is; I really have enjoyed being a part of that."



Photo by Erica Ginsberg for Docs In Progress

Community Stories Festival Opening Night Q&A (November 8, 2018).

## Docs in Progress gears up for November events

By Sean Gossard

Docs in Progress, the local nonprofit aimed at giving individuals the tools they need to tell stories through documentaries, was a recipient of a Takoma Park Community Grant announced earlier this year. "Docs in Progress greatly appreciates City support for our community arts programs," said Erica Ginsberg, co-founder and executive director of Docs in Progress.

The organization, which is based in Silver Spring, plans to use the grant to help fund a series of educational programs, including two youth filmmaking camps, a memoir video workshop for those over 55, and a new free workshop for Takoma Park residents called Filmmaking at Your Fingertips. "We are also organizing our annual Community Stories Festival, which takes place at various venues in November, including the Takoma Park Commu-

nity Center where we will showcase some of the work from the camps, as well as other short documentaries on local topics," Ginsberg said.

Filmmaking at Your Fingertips will focus on teaching how to make the most of creating videos using smartphones. It will take place Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center. The course will also look at apps and hardware to get the best video and sound quality from your devices.

The Community Stories Festival will open on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium and will feature works from Docs in Progress' youth and 55 and over filmmaking camps. There will also be screenings of documentaries focusing on local topics. All screenings are free and open to the public.

For anyone interested in learning more about Docs in Progress and upcoming events, visit [www.docsinprogress.org](http://www.docsinprogress.org).

## Student Photography Contest!



Unleash your creativity!

Win a cash prize!

"Visions of Our Community" is a themed photography contest for 12 to 18 year olds. Submit up to three photos taken with a camera or cell phone around Takoma Park or Silver Spring between June 15 and December 1, 2019. Separate cash prizes will be awarded in different subject categories for middle and high school students. For details, see [www.tpssvisionscontest.org](http://www.tpssvisionscontest.org).

## Building A Livable Community for All

### Draft Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan Available for Comment

Since the Community Conversation on Affordable Housing in February 2016, the City Council and staff have been working on a Housing and Strategic Development Plan. This multi-year process of research, staff facilitation, community discussion and Council consideration have led to the current draft of the strategic plan, "Building A Livable Community for All: Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan." Residents can review it online at <https://bit.ly/2IYM26y>.

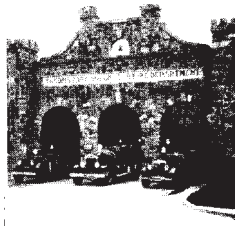
The objective of this current document is to take all that the Council and staff have been working on the last few years and boil it down to a vision, goals, and objectives to provide a road map for

the work ahead. They plan to use this document to set priorities for the staff, and budget, as well as advocate at the county and state for the changes needed to implement that vision.

During the next couple of weeks, the Council will continue its discussion of the plan, and the mayor would love your feedback. You can email her and other members of Council your thoughts at [kates@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:kates@takomaparkmd.gov). In her recent blog post (<https://bit.ly/2o8dyPE>), Mayor Stewart noted: "Our goal is to have the plan adopted by the end of October, so we can start advocating at the county and state level for changes we need to implement many of these ideas."



# AT YOUR SERVICE



## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of August 2019, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 342 fire-related incidents in 2019. The department also addressed or assisted with 2,139 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,481. Totals for 2018 were

400 and 1984, representing an increase 97 incidents.

During August, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,101 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,145.5 in 2018. Grand totals as of August 2019 were 8,690.5 hours compared to 8,714 in 2018, a decrease of 24.5 hours.

### Maryland Fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Sept. 30, 2019, 40 people have died in fires compared to 50 in 2018.

### Hot vehicle deaths

As of Sept. 30, 2019, 44 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. This brings the grand total since 1998 to 841.



Mary says: When I leave my vehicle, everyone goes with me, and I lock the vehicle. A few reminders, so you don't forget to check the back seat: Put your cell phone, purse, wallet or one of your shoes there. Whatever it takes, so you don't forget.



## Do You Have an Access and Functional Need?

By Cecilia Warren

the days prior to



Have you heard of the term "access and functional needs"? The acronym DAFN stands for disability, access, and functional need. This acronym is often used to describe individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Just as language has evolved, so has the provision of disaster services for DAFN populations. The definition of individuals with access and functional needs includes people who may have additional needs before, during, and after an incident or disaster in functional areas, including, but not limited to communication, health and medical needs, maintaining functional independence, personal care assistance, and transportation.

This includes a large segment of people who do not identify as having a disability. In other words, not everyone with an access and functional need has a disability. In fact, a person could have a temporary access and functional need. For example, an individual who broke a leg and must wear a rigid cast may not be able to drive for the duration of the healing process. During an evacuation, this person may not have access to transportation and need assistance to access a shelter. Once the leg has healed and the rigid cast is removed, the individual would no longer have an access and functional need.

Another example of an access and functional need is language access for individuals who do not use English as their primary language. The provision of language translation services is available in disaster shelters. Also, an individual who utilizes assistive technology to communicate or retrieve information has an access and functional need. Such devices could include speech to text software, a modified keyboard or adapted input device. Timely information is imperative during a disaster. Some events, such as hurricanes and blizzards, can be predicted in

the impact. We want all residents to be informed and have access to warnings, notices, and recommendations.

Individuals who have medical and health needs often require individualized planning prior to a disaster. For example, a person receiving home health or infusion services has additional considerations. We strongly urge such individuals to discuss their concerns with their home health service providers, who are trained to develop a preparedness plan with their clients. Review and update the plan frequently. Know what to do if the electricity fails or if inclement weather prevents the delivery of medication or supplies. Home health service providers can work with their clients to ensure they are appropriately prepared for interruptions caused by disasters.

The shift towards whole community disaster planning represents the approach that emergency management professionals, communities, government officials and other partners are using to determine the best ways to leverage their assets, improve capabilities and support the independence of everyone in the community. There is no one-size-fits-all approach. Some individuals need specific supports and services to access emergency management programs.

Cecilia Warren is director, emergency preparedness policy, for the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

Contact the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee at [tpepc@takomapark-md.gov](mailto:tpepc@takomapark-md.gov) or 301-891-7126. Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared on WOWD/Talk of Takoma, 1 p.m. first Sunday of the month.

## 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/](http://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](http://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](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk)

#OneCommunity - TakomaParkMD.gov



## Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

For additional information, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports).



# Celebrate 50 years of Woodstock

By Sean Gossard

Carpe Diem Arts invites you to come and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woodstock, the landmark 1969 music and arts festival held in Bethel, N.Y.

Carpe Diem Arts and the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center are collaborating for “Back to the Garden: A Celebration of Woodstock’s 50th Anniversary” on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The lineup includes everything from folk music to rock ‘n’ roll and features musicians like Walter Parks, who toured with Woodstock’s opening act Richie Havens; rocker Kentavious Jones; Chris Noyes, the new vocalist for Ocean Orchestra; Wammie-award winning singer-songwriter Lilo Gonzalez; Brooke Parkhurst and Rowan Corbett (formerly of Grammy-award winning Carolina Chocolate Drops); and local band Downwire.

Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) and WOWD Takoma Radio host and program director Steve Hoffman will serve as honorary emcees for the event.

“One of the goals of this event is to mobilize and really focus on the 2020 elections and get out the vote and celebrate this music at the same time,” said Carpe Diem Arts founder and executive director Busy Graham.

The concert will feature popular songs from the festival from Joni Mitchell and Richie Havens and will conclude with a group singalong of the Woodie Guthrie protest anthem, “This Land is Your Land.”



Singer and songwriter Lilo Gonzalez will be one of several performers celebrating Woodstock’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Montgomery College: Cultural Arts Center.



Photo: Busy Graham

Walter Parks, right, who formerly toured with Woodstock opener Richie Havens, will be performing with accordionist Rob Curto on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Montgomery College: Cultural Arts Center.

The event takes place at the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center (7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 20910) and costs \$5 for Montgomery College students, \$10 for stu-

dents and children and \$20 for the general public.

For more information, visit [mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/cac/back-to-the-garden-a-tribute-to-woodstock](http://mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/cac/back-to-the-garden-a-tribute-to-woodstock).

## The Takoma Foundation's newest grant cycle is now accepting applications!

**Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 2019**

The Takoma Foundation raises funds and makes grants to advance the social, environmental, economic, educational and cultural interests of the greater Takoma Park community. The foundation focuses its grant-giving on projects that empower individuals, break down barriers, build connections between people and expand community capacity. Since 1989 the Takoma Foundation has given away nearly \$350,000 to groups that make Takoma Park the great place it is to live and work. [www.takomafoundation.org](http://www.takomafoundation.org)



## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Monster Bash 2019

With Monster Bash right around the corner, the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. We have a new location and parade route for this year’s program on Saturday, October 26. Monster Bash will kick off at 1 p.m. with activities and music in the parking lot of the Takoma Park Middle School, followed by the costume



parade and judging down Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue. Judging will begin at 2 p.m. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in the back parking lot of the Takoma Park Community Center. There will be street closures down Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue during the parade. For additional information including a list of street closures, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash). If you would like to volunteer for this event, register online at [montgomeryserves.org](http://montgomeryserves.org). Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved inside Takoma Park Middle School, and there will not be any road closures. For weather related updates please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605.

Starting at Takoma Park Middle School  
Parading to Takoma Park Community Center  
Saturday, October 26  
1–5 p.m.  
Free

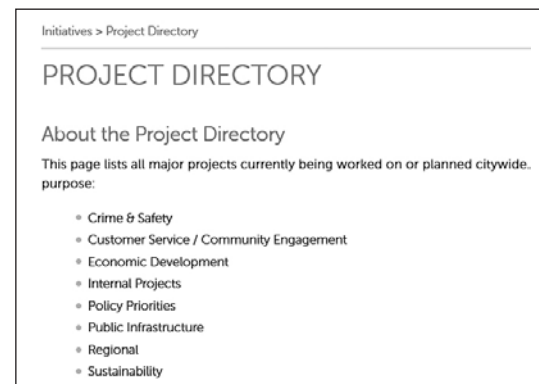
## Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

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

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

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



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



# OCTOBER '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 November issue is Oct. 11, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Oct. 25. To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov).

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

#### City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

Note that the City Council will NOT meet on Oct. 9.

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

#### Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.

Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families

240-450-2092 or [educare\\_ss@yahoo.com](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)

[www.educaresupportservices.org](http://www.educaresupportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teach early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Takoma Park Maryland Library

#### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:muchui@aol.com).

#### Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Carroll Ave. to Carroll St. NW

Come check out over 200 artisans, community groups, children's activities, food vendors, and a variety of green companies. The festival has three stages that host 18 popular, local bands performing music from indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae, and everything in between. Shoppers will find paintings, photographs, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, ceramics, kids' items and much more.

Free admission

#### 2nd Annual Bethesda Cares Golf Tournament

Friday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Bretton Woods Rec Center, 15700 River Rd.,

Germantown, MD 20874

Event benefit efforts to end homelessness in Montgomery County. More information available at [events.visitmontgomery.com/event/2nd\\_annual\\_bethesda\\_cares\\_golf\\_tournament#XYqg5Ea6PIU](http://events.visitmontgomery.com/event/2nd_annual_bethesda_cares_golf_tournament#XYqg5Ea6PIU)

#### Monster Bash 2019

Saturday, Oct. 26, 1 – 6 p.m.

Starting at TP Middle School, Parading to

TP Community Center

Monster Bash 2019 will kick off with games, fun activities and the annual costume contest followed by the costume parade which will have the judges judging during the parade route. The festivities end with the costume award ceremony and celebration. Categories include most original, funniest, and scariest. Categories: Ages 4 and Under; 5 – 8; 9 – 12; teen and adult; and overall group. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer (especially be a judge) for this event, contact John Webster at [johnw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:johnw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7290.

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

#### Takoma Park Community Band

Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.

Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

### VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENTS

#### Rides Program-Volunteer Training

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Ave.

Orientation session for those interested in driving Takoma Park seniors once a month or more. Give "the gift of a lift" to residents needing transportation. Register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109, or email [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

#### Friendly Visitors Program-Orientation Session

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Silver Spring Library, 900 Wayne Ave.

Village volunteers provide visits one hour per week to Takoma Park seniors who cannot get out as much as they might like. Register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646- 2109, or email [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

#### Aging Well Seminar: Legal Issues and Resources for Seniors

Thursday, Oct. 31, noon – 2 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center, Azalea Room

Join us to gain important information shared by an elder-law specialist from The Montgomery County Office of Maryland Legal Aid. This event is free and open to all, no pre-registration required. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit [villageoftakomapark.com/calendar](http://villageoftakomapark.com/calendar) or call 301-646-2109.

#### Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.

Learn hand drumming

#### Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

[www.republictakoma.com](http://www.republictakoma.com)

#### Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.

Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

#### Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW

Open mic for jazz musicians

#### Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. NW

Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

#### 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

#### Teeny Revelers Series

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 15, 29; 10:30 a.m. – noon

Washington Revels, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring

Enter into a Revels world of play and journey with your little ones through some of the parts and pieces that make up Revels performances and celebrations. Play with musical instruments, dress in costumes, bake pretend pies in a tiny kitchen to use as props, play with wooden toys and games, sing, parade and dance, get out some energy, and find friends and playmates for collaborative efforts.

#### Carroll Café

Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW

Join Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer as they celebrate 40 years in the Washington, D.C., area and the release of "WAHOO!", their 48<sup>th</sup> recording together. Long-time pal and poet Joanne Rocky Delaplaine will join them as their special guest.

\$18 in advance, \$20 at the door

Tickets and info: <http://carrollcafe.org>

#### Back to the Garden: A Tribute to Woodstock

Saturday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Montgomery County Cultural Arts Center

For the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, enjoy the songs from that seminal event, along with well-known American anthems that inspire hope for peace, justice, and unity, in one evening. From folk to rock-n-roll, the stellar line-up includes Walter Parks, who toured for nine years with Richie Havens; soulful rocker Kentavious Jones; Chris Noyes, the new vocalist for Ocean Orchestra; WAMMIE-award winner singer-songwriter Lilo Gonzalez; Brooke Parkhurst and Rowan Corbett (formerly of Carolina Chocolate Drops); and local band Downwire.

Tickets and info at [mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/cac/back-to-the-garden-a-tribute-to-woodstock](http://mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/cac/back-to-the-garden-a-tribute-to-woodstock)

#### Friends Fortnightly Book Group

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

The award-winning young adult novel "The Poet X" by Elizabeth Acevedo will be discussed by the Friends Book Group. Written in verse, "The Poet X" tells how young Xiomara Batista in Harlem struggles with her family, religion, and adolescence in all its angst-ridden guises — acceptance, friendship, and sexuality.

#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Oct. 17, 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.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Takoma Park Library

The Friends of the Takoma Park Library is holding its Fall Book Sale, 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. There will be many great books — some new — for all ages, at rock-bottom prices.

## Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

*Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy*

The fall season is a good time to plant trees. Takoma Park residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy and take advantage of an incentive. The City will contribute \$100 towards the first tree purchased. Residents can have a 2" diameter tree installed by the City's landscape contractor for \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, for a total of \$100.70. Additional trees will cost \$195 plus 6 percent sales tax. The trees are warrantied for one year. The \$100 discount is not available for a tree required by a tree removal permit replanting agreement.

Residents can select a tree(s) from the following seven tree species: swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, black gum, American linden, sycamore and river birch. Trees can be ordered through October 11.



A limited number of grants are available for low- to moderate-income homeowners. In selecting a tree planting location, make sure to keep in mind the eventual size of the tree and pay attention to underground/overhead utilities, building foundations and walkways/sidewalks. Use

the Right Tree Right Place principle for tree location selection: <https://bit.ly/2TDUpjD>. After your order has been received, the City's Urban Forest Manager will notify you of the planting date/time.

### ORDER FORM

Please include this completed form, with a check, payable to City of Takoma Park, for the number of trees selected, plus tax. Mail or drop off to Urban Forest Manager, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Deadline close of business October 11.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

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

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

\_\_\_ American Linden (2") \$195 \_\_\_ Sycamore (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax \_\_\_ River Birch (2") \$195

Total \_\_\_\_\_