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’s kitchen, 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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**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.

The City Council meetings will be held in the TPCC Auditorium.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**
- Monday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Council Conference Room

**COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**
- Monday, Oct. 21, 7:15 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE**
- Friday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**
- Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Council Conference Room

**FACADE ADVISORY BOARD**
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**NOISE CONTROL BOARD**
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE**
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**POLICE CHIEF’S ADVISORY BOARD**
- Monday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**PUBLIC WORKS**
- Monday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**
- Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**TPCC Hydrangea Room**

**TPCC Lilac Room**

**TPCC Council Conference Room**

**TPCC Auditorium**

**TPCC Atrium Room**

**TPCC Lilac Room**

**TPCC Hydrangea Room**

**TPCC Council Conference Room**

**Important City Phone Numbers**

City Information ............. 301-891-7100
City Clerk .................. 301-891-7267
City Manager .............. 301-891-7229
Finance ...................... 301-891-7112
Housing & Community Development ........ 301-891-7119
Library ..................... 301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services .............. 301-891-7113
Police ....................... 301-891-7200
Recreation/ Facilities Rental ....... 301-891-7290

**Vacancies on City Boards, Commissions and Committees**

The City Council is seeking applicants for a number of boards, commissions and committees. Takoma Park residency is required unless noted. 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 or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

**Advisory Board on the Arts**
- November 4, 7:15 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**Arts and Humanities Commission**
- September 11, 2019
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**Board of Elections**
- Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**Board of Elections**
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**Board of Library Trustees**
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.
- TPCC Hydrangea Room

**City Council Compensation Task Force**
- November 4, 7:15 p.m.
- Abbott Citizens’ Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

**City Council Action**

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

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendments**

**Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.**

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. The deadline for applications is Oct. 18, 2019.

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

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**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 ensures 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 owner 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.

**Youth Council**
- The Youth Council provides an opportunity for Takoma Park youth to acquire greater knowledge and understanding of government, public service, and political processes. The Youth Council is made up of nine members who are elected by their peers to serve a two-year term. The Youth Council is open to residents of the City of Takoma Park who are in grades 7 through 12.

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ENVIRONMENT

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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 pro-
duce, grains, candy and small hard-
ware items
• Farmers markets are allowed to use ap-
proved compostable bags.

Polystyrene Ban

The Young Activist Act Food Service Polystyrene Ban, passed in 2014 and ef-
cective July 1, 2015, the prohibits food-
service facilities from using polystyrene-
composited packaging or food service ware when providing prepared food for
onsite or takeaway consumptions. Polys-
ystyrene 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 can-
cers.) Polystyrene is not recyclable and
once discarded persists in the environ-
ment 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 recycl-
able and last essentially forever in our environ-
ment. Beginning in January 2020, the City will roll out this newest ban,
which will hopefully reduce litter and en-
hance the appearance of our city.

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 In-
sider 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-enews-updates
You have email! The Takoma Insider has arrived!

MEALS ON WHEELS

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With the extra routes, the group has in-
creased 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,”
Master said. “We have a huge need for a
few more people. People’s hunger is con-
tinuous, it isn’t just a yearly event.”

With most of the deliveries being done
during the usual workday hours, Master-
son says they tend to get people with flex-
ible work hours and many seniors. They also provide Student Service Learning
hours for high school students.

“We invite and welcome anyone inter-
ested in working with us to reach out to
me to learn more. We’re honored to in-
clude retired people, families, students
completing their SSL requirement, pro-
fessional people, part-time or flex-time
workers, you name it, among our volun-
teers – truly all ages and all backgrounds
coming together with the common goal
of providing meals to homebound
neighbors,” Master said. “We served
over 24,000 meals last year in our com-
munity; in 2020, we will be closer to
40,000.”

To learn more about volunteering, do-
ating, or receiving meals, call 301-434-
1922 or email mowtakoma@gmail.com.

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 dress-
ing 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 col-
lection 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 193 (7000 to
7800 block), Ethan Allen Avenue/MD
410, Philadelphia Avenue/MD 410, Pinye
Branch-Road/MD 320, and Flower Avenue
(7900 to 8600 block). This year collec-
tion dates for Carroll, Ethan Allen and
Philadelphia are Saturday, Nov. 23 and
Monday, Dec. 16. For Flower and Pinye
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 collec-
tion.
• 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.

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.

Many residents, as well as
tree care professionals in
our area, have become con-
cerned about the number,
and relatively quick deterio-
ration, of mature (primarily
white oak) trees in our area.
This situation is occurring
in the entire DC Metropoli-
tan Area and beyond. The
City has developed a website
that provides information
on the issue and what resi-
dents can do to protect their
trees and property: takom-
aparkmd.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 (LITE).
Regular inspections by a trained
professional will identify any tree
safetytree health issues and ways to
address both as needed and will help
prevent, as much as possible, any dis-
ases 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 vi-
tal nutrients and promotes macrobi-
otic 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) Fer-
tilization 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 de-
cline begins. As trees age, just like
people, they typically require extra
care.

Editor’s Note: Look for a more detailed ar-
ticle on this topic in the November Newsletter.

What You Can Do to Protect Your Trees
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 poisoning 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

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 expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure site provided by the 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 without 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.

First-Time Home Buyer Seminar

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 301-981-7216 or email jeank@takomaparkmd.gov or 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

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**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

Join 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.

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**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.

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**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. Ellen 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.

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**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.
**RECREATION**

**YOUTH**

**ART**

*Gift Making Workshop*

Participants will 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 material 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

Saturday, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Sunday, 1:15–2:15 p.m.

December 14 & 15

Resident: $25 / Non-resident: $45

**Camps**

*Winter Break Camp*

Come experience a 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, December 23–25, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Before Care and After Care available for an additional fee.

**Takoma Park Community Center**

**Azelia Room**

7500 Maple Avenue 5–12 years

4 Day Session

December 26, 27, 30, 31

9–4 p.m.

Resident: $110 / Non-resident: $120

**Sports**

**Registration for Futsal & Winter Basketball Opens Soon**

Residents: 10/16

Non-residents: 10/23

(Online & in person at either facility)

**Futsal 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 p.m. 3–5 Year Old 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 takomakarmd.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-8th Grade

5 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 seating 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.

Tuesday: 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 teen 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

**Tell 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 written pages 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

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 Community Center**

**7315 New Hampshire Avenue**

Grades 6–12

Friday, November 8

6–1 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 one on one session. You will also get a heads up on the hidden minefields of the 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

**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. Instructors welcome. A great class for homeowners, flexible schedules and generally clay-curious.

There is a $20 nonrefundable materials fee (per participant) due to the instructor on
**RECREATION**

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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
Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
October 30-December 11
(No class: 11/22)
Resident: $130 / Non-resident: $150

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 Recreation Center for pick-up volleyball games. For more information, email tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov.
Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
November 5–December 19
$55
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
7 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
October 9–November 20
$10

Tennis Fun and Fitness
Come out and enjoy an hour of tennis. Tennis offers a fun way to get some exercise while teaming up with others.
Instructor: Nancy Nickell
Takoma Park Community Center
Tennis Courts
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; available Alzheimer’s Association resources. Bring your questions.
Presenter: Nancy Quautes
Takoma Park Recreation Department
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
Through November 21
$5

**EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

SMART TECHNOLOGY
Digital Connectivity, Saturday, October 5
Learn about the various ways to digitally connect and the proper etiquette of digital connectivity.

Virtual Visit to the Galapagos Islands
Explore the Galapagos Islands with travel and photographer Barry Rindenstein. 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
Saturday, 9:15–10:30 a.m.
Through November 23
$5

**MARTIAL ARTS**

Karate Self-Defense
Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Ishinryu (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

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 cardiovascular 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 Wednesdays 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.
For more information, email 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 humorously 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 called the book a “powerful narrative that encourages long-term awareness, 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, A Is For Activist, will present his new book, M Is For Movement, a highly-illustrated, fiction-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, sacrifice, and patience in order to effect change for all people. Inspiring.”

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.

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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 “ImageQuest,” 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 “ImageQuest,” which allows you to 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 resources 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 Tumbler”), 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 and click on “Online Resources.” Many of these resources require your library card number, so have it handy!

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 them@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 ljgnet@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 before 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. “I am a teacher who likes to have a huge range of interests, and I love children’s literature. I like to see kids and families. 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.

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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 Fund 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 Community 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.

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.

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 has 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/2YIM2Ey. 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. 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.”
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of Sept. 30, 2019, 40 people have died in fires compared to 8,714 in 2018, a decrease of 97 incidents.

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.

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.
Celebrate 50 years of Woodstock

By Sean Gossard

Carpe Diem Arts invites you to come and celebrate the 50th 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 Kentavus 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 Woody Guthrie protest anthem, “This Land is Your Land.”

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 students and children and $20 for the general public.

For more information, visit 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

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

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

   - Police Facility Improvements
   - Miscellaneous

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

Information about Police Facility Improvements can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/pedge/00564.
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. 30, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Note that the City Council will NOT meet on Oct. 9.
Detailed agendas will always be available online for review at www.takomapark.md.gov/citycouncil/agerendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry
First Saturday, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 701 New Hampshire Ave. Bi-weekly and monthly food supplies for needy families 240-450-2092 or educate_s@yahoo.com www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Circle Time
Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 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
Thursday, 10 a.m.
Join Sasima Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.
Takoma Park Maryland Library
The Spirit Club
Wednesday, 8:30 – 10 a.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 Jerald Conn at jerald.conn@washingtondc.gov or 202-482-4364.
Kid’s Night Out
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids.
Takoma Park Farmers Market
Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Darn 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
Wednesday, 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, pasta and prepared foods and drinks, and healthy snacks. There is also live music, healthy food demos, kids’ activities, health screenings and free exercise sessions. SNAP and WIC accepted, and those shopping with federal nutrition benefits receive a $100 discount for a tree required by a tree removal permit and take advantage of an incentive. The City will contribute $100 towards the first tree purchased. Residents can own a 2” diameter tree on their property’s landscape, contributing $395 plus 6 percent sales tax, for a total of $410. Additional trees will cost $195 plus 6 percent sales tax. The trees are warranted for one year. The City’s landscape consultant can offer advice on selecting creative power, housing puppet manipulation skills, cross-pollinating ideas, receiving feedback about works in progress, and building local puppet community. Support the 25th.

Village of Takoma Park Events
Rides Program Volunteer Training
Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 – 8 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 301-646-2195, or email sandypetersett@gmail.com.

Friendly Visitors Program Orientation Session
Thursday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Silver Spring Library, 900 Wayne Ave.
Volunteer participants 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 301-646-2195, or email sandypetersett@gmail.com.

Aging Well Seminar: Legal Issues and Resources for Seniors
Thursday, Oct. 31, noon – 3 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center, Azalea Room
Join us to gain important information shared by an attorney specializing in the Maryland 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 or call 301-646-2195.

Doran for Joy! with Jugi MacMillan
Monday, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Cafe, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming.
Blues Mondays
Monday, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 9239 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com
Open Mic Night
Tuesday, 8 – 11 p.m.
Busboy’s and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW
Jazz Tues.
Takoma Station, 6914 1st NW
Open mic for jazz musicians
Wednesday Night Drum Jams
Wednesday, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Cafe, 268 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Baughan and friends
Puppet Lab
First and third, 10 a.m. – noon
Rhiomaly DC, 6959 Myrtle St NW
Puppet Lab’s purpose is to be a hub for all those interested in integrating puppetry into their lives who would benefit from building creative power, honing puppet manipulation skills, cross-pollinating ideas, receiving feedback about works in progress, and building local puppet community.

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree
Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy
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