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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Takoma Park Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

Wednesday, Feb. 5
7:30 p.m.
Auditorium – Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

Important Takoma Park Election Dates

The next City of Takoma Park election for Mayor and City Council will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3. This is the same date as the Presidential Election. Voters will cast ballots at their usual assigned voting location but will check in and vote first in the Presidential Election, and then check in and vote in the Takoma Park Municipal Election.

• Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Nominating Caucus
• Thursday, Oct. 22 through Thursday, Oct. 29 - Early Voting
• Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Running for Office?

Information is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov. You can also contact the City Clerk with any questions at clerk@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7287.

City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS
- Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:20 p.m.
TPCC Atomi Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Monday, Feb. 3, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 2, 7:15 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6:20 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

NOISE CONTROL BOARD
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

PARKING MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

POLICE CHIEF’S ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:45 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

YOUTH COUNCIL
Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room
Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

ADA NOTICE

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone with a disability who 1) wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing; or 2) cannot attend a public hearing but would like to record an audio comment to be played during the public comment period of the meeting, is invited to contact the City Clerk at jessica@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7287 at least 48 hours in advance.

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. Applications are posted on the City website calendar. Additional information is available at 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.

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.

Committee on the Environment: The Committee advises the City Council on all environmental issues and serves in partnership with the Council and City staff to establish and achieve sustainability and other environmental goals.

Committee 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.

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 arranges for lectures, film screenings, and other outreach and educational events. The Committee also 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.

BE A 2020 TAKOMA PARK ELECTION WORKER

Support the democratic process and be paid for your work!

As an election worker for the Takoma Park election, you provide an essential service to the functioning of democracy. You contribute to the community’s governance and the free and fair election of its leaders. You will also meet neighbors and friends. You are a point of contact between the Board of Elections and the general public. You work with a team to administer the voting procedures and give voters a positive experience. And with five City Election polling places for the first time in 2020, plus eight days of early voting, there are more opportunities than ever before to serve.

Requirements

• Be a registered voter in Maryland or Takoma Park.
• Cannot be a candidate in the city election nor working on a city election campaign.
• Complete a three-hour training session.
• Deal courteously and patiently with the public and coworkers.
• Be available for election day or early voting.
• No prior experience needed.

Additional Considerations

Bilingual workers are especially needed. Youth ages 14 and up may serve as election volunteers and earn SSL hours.

Apply Now! takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/ElectionWorkerApp. For more information, contact Irama Nalvarte, Assistant City Clerk at 301-891-7214 or irm@takomaparkmd.gov
FLOWER TIPS
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for Valentine’s Day,” said Karn of sourcing flowers. “It’s a good idea to ask the florist to make the arrangement without floral foam,” she said. “Those little green bricks of foam that many florists use are toxic, non-biodegradable nightmares. If customers make it clear they don’t want it, hopefully florists will get the message and use it less.”

According to her, there are plenty of other ideas, however, if you just think outside the rose box: “My husband gave me red tulips for our first Valentine’s Day together,” she said. “There are so many other beautiful flowers out there that aren’t red roses.”

And it doesn’t always have to be flowers, per se. “There’s also been a big boom in the use of interior plants,” Karn said, “so a plant would be a great thing because they’ll last a long time too.”

But she still stresses keeping things local, even if it may be a little more expensive. “You get what you pay for because they won’t last long from the grocery store, but local shops source their flowers from growers they know,” she said. You can check out her arrangements at www.butterkupflowers.com.

There also plenty of ways to shop from local farms if you’re looking to go right to the source.

Plant Masters will be at a few Bethesda Woman’s Farm Markets before Valentine’s Day. You can find them at marylandsbest.maryland.gov/producer/plant-masters.

And you can always send some local flowers to a loved one. Hoover-Fisher Florist offers same-day deliveries on flowers, plants, and gift baskets in Takoma Park. You may just want to plan ahead with Valentine’s being on a Friday. Visit them at www.hooverfisherflorist.com.

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City Clerk ........................................................................ 301-891-7267
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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
Mr. Lee: The Life, Influence and Activism of Lee A. Jordan

Lee A. Jordan was an iconic figure for Takoma Park, whose values and contributions still resonate in our community. Lee Jordan was a legendary coach and mentor to a generation of Takoma Park youth – both black and white – through his work at Takoma Park Junior High School and as founder of the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club, the first integrated organization of its kind in Montgomery County. He was also a tireless advocate for the African American community in Takoma Park and led the campaign for the creation of the Heller Community Center on Oswego Avenue.

To commemorate Black History Month, the Oral Histories from the African American Community Project will present a program about Jordan’s life. Family and community members who knew him well will discuss Jordan’s legacy on many fronts. Film clips from some of the project’s oral histories will be featured in the program, as well as music and visuals. Oral Histories from the African American Community is a project of Historic Takoma with funding from the City of Takoma Park.

Join us for this special program on Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center.

Community Grants Program
Now Accepting Applications

The City of Takoma Park is currently accepting applications for its Community Grants Program now through Thursday, Mar. 12, 2020. Projects that provide greater access to the arts and sciences in Takoma Park are eligible for up to $10,000 in financial support. Additionally, although not required, the City is encouraging applications for programming that connects arts and sciences with skills that promote job readiness for low- and moderate-income Takoma Park residents.

Recently funded projects include afterschool homework help, community house concerts, healthy eating programs, art therapy program for at-risk youth, film festivals, public history projects, and creative aging through dance.

Funding for FY21 is available for projects taking place between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The online application is open now and closes on Mar. 12, 2020. To apply, visit the Community Grants page link at TakomaParkMD.gov/Grants.

For more information, please contact the City of Takoma Park’s Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or email Jennifer Hale, grants coordinator, at jennihale@takomaparkmd.gov.

Get All of Your Money: Free Tax Services

The VITA program provides free tax preparation services for low to moderate income Montgomery County Residents with household incomes of $56,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers from nonprofit and public agencies will e-file your taxes. You can direct deposit your federal and state tax refund, so it’ll be in your bank account, fast and safe! You may schedule an appointment or walk-in at various locations in the county, including the Community Center in Takoma Park. Tax preparation services continue through April 15, 2020.

BY APPOINTMENT

Takoma Park – Community Tax Aid – 240-777-2577

Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Community Center – 7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Community Center – 7500 Maple Avenue

Silver Spring Library – Community Tax Aid – 240-777-2577

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – 900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring

Gaithersburg - 240-777-1123

Mondays: 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 80A Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg

Takoma Park/Silver Spring - 240-777-1123

Tuesdays: 3 – 8 p.m at the TESS Community Action Center, 8513 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring

Rockville - 240-777-1123

Wednesdays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Community Action Agency, 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 320, Rockville

Silver Spring - 240-777-1123

Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring

Germantown - 240-777-1123

Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at WorkSource Montgomery, 12000 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Wheaton - 240-777-1123

Fridays: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Gilchrist Center, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 506, Wheaton

WALK- IN

Aspen Hill Library, 4407 Aspen Hill Road
Thursdays, 2 – 6 p.m.
Feb 6 - April 9

Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue
Thursdays, 2 – 6 p.m.
Feb 6 - April 9

Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Feb 2 - April 5

Snow Removal

While you enjoy whatever winter wonderland may occur this year, do your part to keep the sidewalks in your neighborhood safe.

The City has specific regulations regarding snow removal:

• Residents have until noon following a night of snowfall, and 9 p.m. after a day of snowfall, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.

• Businesses must keep sidewalks clear between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The full width of the sidewalk, or a minimum of a three-foot-wide path, must be clear.

• You may not shovel snow into the street.

• Rock salt is prohibited on sidewalks and within 10 feet of trees.

After your sidewalk is done, reach out and ask neighbors if they need assistance with keeping their sidewalks clear.

Do you need help with your own shoveling? Look for the nearest teenager, or if you are a Takoma Park resident with a disability that prevents you from shoveling, or are age 55 or older, contact Paula Lisowski at 301-270-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov to add your name to the Snow Angels program’s waiting list.

Books and Family Fun!

Takoma Park Middle School PTA will host a huge two-day used book sale in conjunction with a silent auction and various family activities. Silent Auction features many terrific Takoma Park and local businesses.

When: Friday, Feb. 7, 6 – 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

What: Friday Night - Used book sale, silent auction, student/staff basketball game, pizza and bake sale; Saturday Morning - Used book sale (big discounts at noon), silent auction, face painting, balloon animals, stories, and bake sale.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/2724542991106162.
Takoma Park Arts Celebrates Black History Month

The City of Takoma Park’s Takoma Park Arts cultural series is celebrating Black History Month in February with a wide range of events, including a lecture, film screening, and concert. The Takoma Park City Council and the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission are dedicated to supporting diversity and racial equality through our free programs that are open to everyone. Please check out details about our upcoming events here and on the City’s website at takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

You can sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at https://bit.ly/303ZyVW.

From Slavery to Freedom: A Black Union Soldier’s Life Story
Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Free Event
In an engaging lecture, Dianne Cross will share the remarkable story of her great-great-grandfather Sgt. Isaac Hall, who earned his freedom from slavery fighting in the Union Army during the Civil War. Starting with only his name, a portrait, and oral family history, Dianne spent years researching his background to weave a compelling story of his life as one of more than 200,000 black soldiers who fought for freedom during the Civil War while facing discrimination and low pay in segregated units.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in history from Rutgers University, Dianne worked for 31 years for Lockheed Martin (now L-3 Communication System). She is retired and lives in Laurel, Md., and she is dedicated now to sharing Isaac Hall’s story.

Overlooked Films from the Civil Rights Movement
Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Free Event
The civil rights movement is a long ongoing struggle with a fascinating history and some neglected stories. Please join us for this screening of vintage films that shed light on the heroic pursuit of social justice and racial equality. Local filmmaker and film historian Richard Hall, who hosts the popular Vintage Movie Night series, will lead this screening of three short documentaries.

Filmed in 1963 by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, We’ll Never Turn Back features interviews with Fanny Lou Hamer, a 20-year-old Julian Bond, and black farmers in Mississippi, who were harassed when they tried to register to vote.

A Time for Freedom documents the 1957 Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom where Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks spoke at the Lincoln Memorial, six years before King’s famous “I have a dream” speech. In 1977, the U.S. government produced The Time Has Come, narrated by actor James Earl Jones, with interviews of prominent black elected officials, including a young John Lewis.

A Night of Guitar Music with Yasmin Williams
Feb. 7, 8 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Free Event with $10 Suggested Donation

Have you ever heard a guitar played with a bow, lap tapping, or alternate tunings? In this unique concert, finger-style guitarist Yasmin Williams expands the possibilities for guitar in a night of captivating music. She will perform songs from her debut album Unwind along with covers of instrumental classics.

NPR Music says Yasmin’s music “transcends the standard idea of what a guitarist should do.” U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly said, “If only we could supplant gun violence in America with the beauty of Yasmin’s music.”

The concert is free with a $10 suggested donation, and no tickets or reservations are required.
To hear some of Yasmin’s music, go to www.yasminwilliamsmusic.com.

Yasmin Williams in concert

Third Thursday poetry

Love Poems by Poet Couples
Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Free Event
Poetry about love has been written for centuries, ranging the full gamut of emotions from serious to sentimental to absurd. Local poet couples Mary Ann Larkin and Patrick Pepper and Terri Cross Davis and Hayes Davis will read their own love poems along with romantic poetry by famous poet couples, including Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes and Allen Ginsberg and Peter Orlovsky. Bring someone you love to this free poetry reading a week after Valentine’s Day!

Mr. Jon & Friends Children’s Music Concert
Feb. 22, 1 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
Free Event with $5 or $10 Suggested Donation

Mr. Jon & Friends performs energetic music for the entire family that is all about fun, dancing, and laughter. The group has won a Parents’ Choice Award for their music and attracted loyal audiences across the D.C. area. Please bring your kids to this free concert and tell your friends!

Singer-songwriter Jon Lewis has released three albums that have become top sellers on cdbaby.com. Sometimes performing solo or in a group, he plays more than 100
**RECREATION**

Registration for Winter Programs is open!

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**TOTS**

**DROP-IN**

**ART**

Community Playtime

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

Helffer Park Community Center

42 Osweego Avenue

Newborn-5 years

Ongoing

English: Mondays

Spanish: Fridays

10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Free

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**YOUTH**

**CLAY for Kids**

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, and slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4-5. There is a $15 materials fee ($5 per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

4-13 years

6 Week Sessions

Mondays: March 2-March 30

Wednesday: February 19-March 25

Resident: $140 / Non-resident: $160

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**MARTIAL ARTS**

**Duck**

A great class for homeschoolers, those with flexible schedules and the generally clay-curious! Students will utilize a variety of hand building techniques (slob, 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.

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

4 and older

6 Week Sessions

Wednesdays: 10-11:30 a.m.

February 19-March 25

Resident: $130 / Non-resident: $150

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**TEENS**

**Camps**

**Spring Break Filmmaking Camp: Focus on Takoma Park**

A spring break camp intended for budding journalists. Youth (ages 12-17) will learn the basics of video production while also discovering more about Takoma Park. Campers will gain skills in how to shoot video on professional cameras, learn how to conduct interviews with local residents, and how to film “b-roll” footage of Takoma Park in supervised production shoots. The collected footage will be edited together as a single piece by the instructor after the camp and will be shared with participants and the broader Takoma Park community via YouTube.

Takoma Park Community Center

Multi Media Lab

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

1 Week Camp

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 6-April 10

Resident $120 / Non-resident $140

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**EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT**

**Think Tank**

Think Tank is a free after school homework club aimed to improve student success by providing help with homework and assignments. Through using homework tutors/volunteers the program will help lower frustration, boost comprehension and teach how to apply new skills by monitoring homework and providing academic help when needed. Instructor: Javonte McDonald

New Hampshire Towers

7401 New Hampshire Avenue

Grades 1-5

Tuesday, Thursdays: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Free

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**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, comfortable homework space to complete homework or 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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 3:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday: 3:30-6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Free

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**Spring Break PREPS Week - Teens**

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions, an open mind, and a bag lunch!

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

1 Week Camp

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 6-April 10

Resident $175 / Non-resident $225

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**ART**

**Collage**
Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class emphasizes creating collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is designed to promote personal financial education in grades 6 through 12 and for students and young adults aged 18 to 20. Extension activities support English language arts, math, social studies and economics, and technology, while also helping students build the foundation to become financially responsible adults.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesdays, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
February 4–March 24
Resident: $19 / Non-resident: $20

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**RECREATION**
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How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Montgomery County National College Fair in Gaithersburg, MD. Register in advance. Space is limited. Transportation Provided. We will meet in the Teen Lounge. Bus will depart TP Community Center at 4:30 p.m. and return by 9 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesday, March 31
5:30–8:30 p.m.
Free / Non-resident: $10

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**ADULTS**

**Instructors needed**
(to teach Grades 6–12)

**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 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:20–7:30 p.m.
January 3–February 27
Drop-in: $10

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**SPORTS**

**Takoma Park Adult Softball League**
Dust off your glove and warm up your swing, the Takoma Park Adult Softball League is back! This is a fun co-ed recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Gather some friends to enjoy the spring season on the softball field! Team registrations must contain a minimum of 90% Takoma Park residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Top 4 teams advance to the playoffs.

**No Games on Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, or Memorial Day weekend.**

Various Field Locations
16 and older
7 Week Season
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
April 5–June 28
Resident Team Fee: $195 / Non-resident Team Fee: $245

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**ADULTS**

**RECREATION**
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2020 Mock Caldecott for Adults: Two dozen children’s librarians and children’s literature experts and fans gathered for several hours on Saturday, January 11 to read and discuss 10 possibilities for the 2020 Caldecott Medal. Our 2020 Mock Caldecott winner was A Stone Sat Still, illustrated and written by Brendan Wenzel. We also chose four Mock Caldecott Honor books: another, illustrated and written by Christian Robinson; Bear Came Along, illustrated by LeUyen Pham and written by Richard Morris, A Place to Land, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney and written by Barry Wittenstein; and This Was Our Pact, illustrated and written by Ryan Andrews.

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

- Nearly every four years, an extra day is added to the calendar year to keep it synchronized with the seasonal year. This is year is one of those years – a Leap Year – where we will have 366 days, instead of 365. And that means there is a Leap Day this year – February 29. To celebrate, Ms. Kati, our children’s librarian, has planned a special Leap Day program on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10–11 a.m. There will be leap-themed stories, such as Leap Back Home to Me by Lauren Thompson, and leap-themed activities like skip counting, leapfrog, jump rope and long jump. All ages are welcome, and no registration is required.
- March is Women’s History Month and we will have a special “Art Exploration” program for kids focused on famous women artists and illustrators on Sunday, March 8, from 2–4 p.m. Kids will be able to make art inspired by Yayoi Kusama’s polka dots, Lois Ehlert’s collage, Faith Ringgold’s story quilts and others. For children ages 4 up

LIBRARY

CALENDAR

Circle Time Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Spanish Circle Time Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
LEGO Club Sunday, Feb. 2, 1:30–3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 3–10.
Caldecott Book Party Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
We’ll eat cake and read the 2020 Caldecott Medal and Honor books. We’ll also have lemonade and allergy-free treats. All welcome.

Bedtime Stories & a Craft Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for some stories and a take-home craft project.
Petites Chansons Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
Led by Madame Marie

Black History Month Celebration Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m.
Join us as we close out our year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards. We’ll focus mostly on CSK-winning picture books. Lemonade, cookies, and allergy-free treats will be served!

COMING UP...

- LEGO Club, Sunday, March 1, 1:30–3 p.m.
- Best-selling Kids Novelist Ally Carter talks about her new book, Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Women’s History Month Art Exploration for Kids, Sunday, March 8, 2–4 p.m.

Black History Month at the Library

We’re hosting two celebrations of Black History Month! First, on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m., we’ll close out our year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards by reading some of the wonderful picture books that have won the CSK Award over the years. Lemonade, cookies and allergy-free treats will be served at this hour-long event.

Then, on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., kids’ author Lesa Cline-Ransome and illustrator James Ransome will present two new books. This dynamic husband-and-wife team — both winners of the Coretta Scott King Award over the years — will talk about their new picture book, Overground Railroad, which offers a window into a child’s experience during the Great Migration. The second book they’ll discuss is Leaving Lymon, a kid’s novel written by Lesa Cline-Ransome, which features a cover illustrated by James Ransome. Also set during the Great Migration, Leaving Lymon is a sequel to Clinic-Ransome’s award-winning kids’ novel, Finding Langston, and focuses on the bully from that book.
News from the Computer Center!

By Phil Shapiro

Our City’s public computers are accessible seven days a week and get wide usage from community members doing homework, looking for jobs, teaching themselves new skills, printing tax and immigration forms, and creating art.

Library staff have deep strength on technology matters and invite questions about computers, smartphones, Internet, ebooks, and anything tech related. Phil loves answering questions about creating video, and digital storytelling for YouTube. Ali, who works Saturdays, is very adept with Windows (and knows Mac and Linux, too). Anne, who works Sundays, teaches our Seniors’ Computer Class on Wednesday mornings and can help you with the Library’s digital tools such as Freading, Hoopla, and RBdigital.

The library subscribes to several such digital services. Another of these is Pronunciator, an online service that can help you learn more than 80 languages. All you need is your library card to use it. Learning another language can sometimes open new career doorways and also allow you to more fully experience the wonders of diverse cultures. You can access all these tools at home as well. The Computer Center staff is available to help you with the initial set-up on your phone or pad.

In addition to this technical support, our Computer Center staff can also coach you on ways to protect your privacy and avoid scams. Did you know that many people are leaving their home address off their resume these days? Learn how to protect your privacy and stay secure. In this digital age, that’s a skill we all need to have. Bring your most difficult questions to our computer staff; you might be surprised at how much they know.

A young resident uses the library’s Computer Center.
THE FIREHOUSE REPORT
By Jim Jarboe

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service assigned to the station responded to 519 fire-related incidents and 3,219 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a grand total of 3,738 in 2019.

Grand totals for 2018 were 593 and 3,067 representing an increase of 78 incidents. The Takoma Park volunteers put in a grand total of 12,198 hours of standby time in the station compared to 12,513.5 hours in 2018, a decrease of 415.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that the total fire deaths for 2019 was 57 compared to 71 in 2018. As of Jan. 24, 0 people have died in fires compared to 8 in 2019.

Safety message

Winter time is here! It’s also the time for the high potential of injuries due to falls. We must be extra careful when going outside doing snow and ice conditions.

125 years and going strong

The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their 125th Anniversary in 2019. A special thanks to all the past members that got it all started in 1894, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department was the first organized fire department in Montgomery County.

The volunteers built the fire station located at Carroll Avenue and Philadelphia Avenues in 1935. It was replaced with a new station on the same site in 2010. Since 1927 to present, several thousand members have walked through the doors of the two fire stations. They were either responding to the “house siren” for an emergency, attending a meeting, participating in a station drill, a community event, or just to hang around waiting for the next alarm.

They have provided more than 92 years of dedicated service to the department, citizens of Takoma Park and the surrounding jurisdictions since 1927. The department has responded to more than 175,000 emergency calls. The use of the house siren became obsolete in 1974. Some other key accomplishments by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department include:

- First pumper (1895 manually operated)
- First ladder truck (1896)
- First to own a motorized pumper (1938)
- First to use fog nozzles (1936)
- First to own a 50 foot 3-section ladder (1938)
- First to use portable radio equipment (1940)

In 1929, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary was organized. They have provided valuable service to the department and community.

Again, we want to thank all the members past and present for their dedication and commitment.

Q: My friend had frostbite. What is this, and what can I do?

A: Frostbite occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose as well as numbness and white or grayish-yellow skin. If you think you have frostbite:

- Go to a warm room.
- Soak in warm water.
- Use body heat to get warm.
- Cover exposed skin, but do not rub the affected area to warm it up.
- Do not massage or use a heating pad.
- Seek medical help immediately.

In addition to knowing how to prepare for these scenarios, it’s important to remember the following:

- Do you have your health support information list nearby? This includes contacts for medical personnel, health insurance information, medical records, nearest hospital, and family/friend contact?
- Do you know what your insurance covers for emergencies? Check now and make any necessary changes if you feel they are needed.
- In closing, want to have some fun indoors and learn more about emergency preparedness? Visit these websites and see how well you and your family can manage disasters:
  - Red Cross: Disaster Game or Lights Out! https://tinyurl.com/yx3f8gy2
  - Disaster Master, from Ready.gov: www.ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-english/index.html

Enjoy the winter variations and be glad we have four seasons! It’s easy to contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126.

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.
Local student-led nonprofit sweats the small stuff

By Taylor Dibbert

Small Things Matter is a nonprofit organization that strives to make a big difference in Takoma Park and elsewhere. Created in 2017, the student-led organization focuses on three areas: literacy, crafting, and food distribution.

Lana Anderson, 15, is in tenth grade and created the organization when she was in middle school. Her parents, Roxanne Yamashita and John Anderson, have been extremely supportive and remain quite involved.

The family lives in Rockville, but Lana—as a result of her acceptance into a magnet program—attended Takoma Park Middle School and currently attends Montgomery Blair High School. Yamashita told me that her family spends most of their time in Takoma Park.

Through its crafting program, Small Things Matter makes crafts to distribute to children in hospitals. Through its literacy program, the organization distributes books to children in need. According to its website, the organization “is committed to educating children with an emphasis on reading, which we believe lays down a strong foundation for educational success.”

Anderson noted that her membership in the Difference Makers club in middle school led to her decision to create Small Things Matter. She said that kids of all ages should be able to get involved and make an impact. Anderson is focused on organizing events for Small Things Matter’s various programs. She also does a lot of community outreach, such as contacting people to participate in food distributions or getting other groups to volunteer.

This work appeals to her because she likes helping people. “It’s important to try to give back to the community,” she said. It’s also fun. Anderson said that she’s made a lot of good friends by doing this work.

Anderson said that the Takoma Park community has been very supportive of Small Things Matter. “At all the events we’ve hosted … they all seemed very enthusiastic and excited.”

“It’s all about children finding ways to help others in need,” Yamashita said.

The members of Small Things Matter are mostly teenagers, though there are some younger kids too. “It goes from kindergarteners all the way up to high schoolers,” Yamashita said.

There are about 40 members, although the degree to which people are involved varies. There are at least 10 very active members who participate in the events. Small Things Matter is student-led, but also benefits from adult support and participation, especially from Kokua Foods, which is the food distribution component of the organization that was created in May 2017. Adults are very involved in the distributions since the need for drivers is paramount.

Steve Whitney, a volunteer driver for Kokua Foods who has lived in Takoma Park since 1981, said that the founders of Small Things Matter “manage to turn all their activities into enjoyable experiences for everyone, volunteers and beneficiaries alike.”

Seth Grimes, who has been a Takoma Park resident since 1996, has been volunteering with Kokua Foods from the beginning. He described it as “a wonderful program that is providing vital food assistance to Takoma Park residents and school families that need support.” He also noted that it “is keeping good, nutritious food out of the landfill, which helps us (broadly) reach our environmental waste and greenhouse-gas reduction goals.”

We have a great team of adults [working to rescue food],” Yamashita said. On the food-rescuing front, other key collaborators include Wegmans, Imperfect Foods, KOL Foods, Silver Spring Cares and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op.

This work really appeals to Yamashita. She enjoys working with kids and helping people. She also likes “the idea of community coming together to solve problems.” Small Things Matter is run entirely by volunteers, and according to her, obtaining funding is always challenging.

Last year, 2,184 kids received books as a result of the organization’s work, and a total of 3,794 books were shared. The organization distributed 3,125 crafted items in 2019 too, including tote bags, scarves, bookmarks and coasters.

Since its Kokua Foods program began, Small Things Matter has rescued more than 233,000 pounds of food. Small things matter indeed.

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Awarded America Walks Community Change Grant

Call it serendipity, call it coincidence, call it happenstance. It was Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019. America Walks, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to a vision of a walkable America, had recently announced the Community Change Grant. Proposals should address the following:

- Demonstrate that they will show increased physical activity and active transportation in a specific community.
- Work to engage people and organizations in new efforts of walking and walkability and demonstrate a culture of inclusive health. Projects will create healthy, active, and engaged communities that support walking as transportation, health, and recreation.

Applying for the grant meant having a really good idea, one that checked all the boxes; increase physical activity and active transportation, encourage walking in a new way, foster inclusive health benefits. The Safe Routes to School Coordinator thought it over, considered options, asked colleagues for ideas. Nothing seemed quite right, nothing hit all the marks. Until...

Leaving the building was difficult on October 23, 2019, a steady stream of students was walking along the sidewalk making it hard to get to the parking lot. After the last student passed, Ms. Faulk, a Piney Branch teacher, was bringing up the rear. “We’re walking for Unity Day,” she shouted with a smile. Unity Day, a day to wear orange and send the “message that together, we stand!” the students chanted. The route intersects with two elementary schools and one middle school, Takoma Park Community Center and Takoma-Piney Branch Local Library.

The planned route is ADA compliant. It’s a one-mile themed sensory/fitness route titled “Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes.” The route connects with two elementary schools and one middle school, Takoma Park Community Center and Takoma-Piney Branch Local Library. Walkers can begin the route at any point to enjoy a 15-30-minute walk enhanced with fitness activities and themed prompts.

The proposed messaging will relate to inclusivity, mindfulness, and kindness while the fitness prompts engage the walkers in bursts of activity. For example, users may be prompted to do five jumping jacks and with each one say something kind about someone. Pavement markings will be stenciled with paint or pre-made decals. Students today, especially in Takoma Park, have the advantage of growing up in an era marked with increased tolerance, acceptance, and understanding of differences in race, gender, or ability.

However, we still struggle as a nation to address equity. The themed route, “Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes,” provides a safe space for dialogue and exploration of these issues. Using the route together as a class, family, or group of friends gives walkers a break from the routine and a time to move forward, both physically and emotionally.

The planned route is ADA compliant.

Safe Routes to school will use the $1,500 in grant funding to create the walking route along with a tool kit for teachers and residents to use to enhance the experience. This year on Unity Day, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, the students can use the new “Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes” route.
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 March issue is Feb. 14, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Feb. 28. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomapark.md.gov.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. TPGC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomapark.md.gov/city/council/agendas.

 Presidents Day - City Offices Closed
Monday, Feb. 17
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, for the Presidents Day holiday. Yard waste collection is canceled. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry
First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7801 Kentucky Ave., Takoma Park
A bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educate_sscs@yahoo.com
www.educatesupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time
Tuesdays, 10:30 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 or to contact Daren Ciner at jciner@spiritclub.com or 303-883-4364.

Kid’s Night Out
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
Takoma Park Maryland Library
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
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Takoma Park Community Center

Village of Takoma Park Event Curated tour, Renwick Gallery
Friday, Feb. 21; meet at Takoma Park Metro at 10:45 a.m.
Join members and friends of The Village of Takoma Park to explore the Renwick Gallery’s latest exhibition, Heirs of Our People: Native Woman Artists. We will be guided by curators Jill Albright Fox, associate curator of Native American Art at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and Teri Goveas, an independent curator and member of the Kiowa Nation. This is the first major thematic exhibition to explore the artistic achievements of Native Women. Registration is required. For additional information and/or to register, go to villageoftakomapark.com.
Register under “Events.” This event is free; Village membership not required.

Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSSNA)
First Thursdays, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center
This group is open to parents/guardians of young adults and 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 Muchu at muchu@aol.com.

Folklore Society of Greater Washington’s Mid-Winter Festival
Saturday, Feb. 1, noon – 11 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
FSGW’s Mid-Winter Festival is a great way to curb your mid-winter blues. The Mid-Winter Festival transforms the Takoma Park Middle School into a festival site, with two dance floors, a storytelling room, a jam room, four rooms for intimate concerts and workshops, and the “big stage” in the school cafeteria. Visit fpwg.org/min-fest.

Summer Camp Registration opens
Monday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.
Registration for Takoma Park residents opens for Recreation Department Summer Camps. There will be an early bird discount of 15 percent applied to all registrations completed the week of Feb. 3 – 9. Discount will be applied automatically in person and online. Spaces fill fast. On Monday, Feb. 10, registration will open for non-residents and all registrants will receive 10 percent off from Feb. 10 – 18. For a complete list of camps and sign-up details, visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

From Slavery to Freedom: A Black Union Soldier’s Life Story
Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
In an engaging lecture, Dianne Cross will share the remarkable story of her great-great-grandfather Sgt. Isaac Hall, who earned his freedom from slavery fighting in the Union Army during the Civil War. Free Event (See p. 5 for details.)

Books and Basketball and Family Fun
Friday, Feb. 7, 6 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
Takoma Park Middle School PTA hosts a two-day event featuring a huge used book sale with student staff basketball game Friday night and family activities (story readings, face painting, balloon animals, and games) for young kids Saturday morning. Silent auction with items from amazing local businesses.

How to Search House Histories
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 – 4 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7228 Carroll Ave.
Local resident Jim Douglas will present detailed step-by-step instructions on how to search property histories in Maryland along with tips when houses were built and learning about the people that lived in them. Bring your laptop, a pencil and a notebook and make a difference in your life.

10th annual Mid-Winter Play Day
Sunday, Feb. 9, 1 – 4 p.m.
TP Community Center
Let’s Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the tenth annual Mid-Winter Play Day. Come join Let’s Play America, and be able to participate in the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for all. To be able to plan enough activities and performances, visit www.letspaniamorea.org. Volunteers contact Pat, 301-928-9962, theplayday@gmail.com.

“Show Some Love” Donation Drive
To benefit the Humane Rescue Alliance Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Takoma Park Library Parking Lot
Boy Scout Troop 33: Eagle Scout Project
We accept dry and wet food, towels, fleece blankets, treats, poop bags, etc.

Mr. Lee: The Life, Influence and Activism of Lee A. Jordan
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
The focus will be on Lee Jordan, the iconic leader of the African-American community in Takoma Park. (See page 4 for details.)

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People’s Open Mic
Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6892 Laurel Ave.
www.republikatakaoma.com

Takoma Park Community Band
Monday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Heffter Park Community Center, 42 Osweego Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffter Park Community Center. No audition required, just a lot of enthusiasm.

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan
Monday, 7 – 8 p.m.
Electric Mad, 280 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays
Monday, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6892 Laurel Ave.
www.republikatakaoma.com

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, 7 – 11 p.m.
Buyboxs and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam
Tuesday, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6819 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams
Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Mad, 280 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Spaughan and friends

Puppet Lab
First Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Rizhorne DC, 6900 Maple St NW
Puppet Lab’s purpose is to be a public space 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

TP Community Center Auditorium

Teeny Revelers
Tuesday & Thursdays, February 4 – March 12, 11 – 11 a.m.
Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring
Bring your little ones for fun, early arts enrichment activities at Washington Revels. On Tuesdays, kids have a chance to explore some of the parts and pieces that make up Revels traditions: Revels Play. Then on Thursdays, embark on a global voyage through children’s music in our Mini Voyagers program, where picture books come to life through songs, movement, crafts, games, and more!

Winter Concert featuring Mr. Gabe
Saturday, Feb. 23, Time 2 p.m.
TP Community Center
TP Community Center Auditorium

Mr. Jon & Friends Children’s Music Concert
Feb. 22, 1 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
TP Community Center Auditorium
Local parent couples Mary Alice and Patric Pepper and Terri Cross Davis and Hayes Davis will read love poems they have written to each other along with romanic poetry by famous past couples.

Winter Concert featuring Mr. Gabe
Saturday, Feb. 29, 11 a.m.
Takoma Park Child Development Center
centered around the importance of healthy soils for an organic lawn and tips for caring for your lawn without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Caring for Soils and Lawns Organically
Monday, March 7, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Join us for a talk by Mary Travaglini, The City’s sustainable landscape manager. To learn about the importance of healthy soils for an organic lawn and tips for caring for your lawn without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

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