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No changes this month  
July 4 Holiday observed Friday  
Friday collection routes will be  
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*Editor's Note: This month we're introducing a new series of articles that reflect on death and grief. We'll run them under the thematic heading, "So Many Memories." With many people in the Takoma Park Community experiencing the loss of friends and loved ones, I thought carefully about how best to address such profound loss in the newsletter. After careful consultation with staff, I decided the best approach would be to provide a forum for different thought leaders in the community to offer their reflections on grieving and loss. If you have questions or would like to contribute, please email me at [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov).*

—Apyrl Motley

# TAKOMA PARK

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## Takoma Park – Safe, Strong, and Supporting Each Other

By Suzanne Ludlow,  
City Manager

Consistent with the actions of other jurisdictions in the Washington, DC area, the Montgomery County Board of Health voted to move Montgomery County into Phase 1 Reopening ([www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/reopening/index.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/reopening/index.html)) on Monday, June 1 at 6 am. Phase 1 allows some outdoor seating around restaurants, some curbside service from retail stores, limited hair appointments, and some child care operations. Rulings and guidelines related to these private businesses are under the State of Maryland and the County health departments.

The City of Takoma Park continues to work with our business community to assist them in preparing for changes allowed under Phase 1. Unfortunately, there was not much advance notice from Montgomery County that Phase 1 Reopening would begin on June 1, so we and the businesses are scrambling to get ready. Thankfully, we have been working closely with them since the health crisis began and we are here to support our businesses and protect public health.

### What does the County decision mean for Takoma Park?

The biggest changes starting will be:

- Restaurants will be able to continue take out service and begin outdoor seating following social distance protocols.
- Retail stores will be allowed to have curbside pickup.
- Hair salons and barbershops are allowed to reopen following specific guidelines.

There will be no significant change in the City of Takoma Park governmental operations due to Montgomery County's



Suzanne Ludlow

Phase 1 Reopening. City of Takoma Park governmental buildings will not be open to the public for many weeks, and most of our services will continue to be handled remotely. Our Police Department is always open for emergency services, and our Police and Public Works staff continue to work serving the community.

### What have we been doing in this time before Phase 1 Reopening?

Our City staff has been putting in long, difficult hours working with families and small businesses in need. It is hard to adequately describe the heart-wrenching situations many of our residents face. We have families whose primary breadwinner is sick, and suddenly the family is without income and health insurance. Applying for and gaining access to services and stimulus payments are complicated by limited English or lack of documentation. We have been able to help a number of these families get testing, pay rent, obtain food and face masks and make key connections to ongoing services. We will continue to provide this assistance.

Our small businesses have also been pressed to the limit. When the federal stimulus program was issued to help small businesses, the program went through banks. Banks focused on the businesses they worked with most closely, which were often larger businesses. Most of our businesses in Takoma Park were not helped. However, the City of Takoma Park had already acted. Even before the federal government acted, we had started our Mini-Grant program with funds we were able to pull together. So far, we have helped

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Chief Tony DeVaul

## Message to the Community on the Death of George Floyd From Chief Tony DeVaul

As are all in our community, I am deeply disturbed by the actions of Minneapolis Police officers in the murder of George Floyd. The actions taken by the involved officers were incredibly disturbing and go against the basic law enforcement principle of the preservation of life. The lack of compassion, abuse of power, and use of excessive force does not just tarnish our profession, they tear at the very fabric of race relations in our country. Every human being must be treated with dignity and respect. George Floyd was afforded neither.

I am glad to see the outrage from law enforcement leaders across the country. We can no longer sit back and allow these incidents to happen. Real change must happen. The changes start with our hiring and training. We must hire people who want to be in law enforcement for the right reasons; those who truly want to help people and understand the importance of developing trust and positive relationships with our community members. It is not us against them, just us. We must also train our officers to deescalate situations with dialog, not force.

A vital key to developing trust and legitimacy with our communities is removing problem officers from our ranks. It is my understanding that the primary officer involved in the death of George Floyd had nearly 20 previous complaints lodged against him. While I do not know the individual facts of each complaint, the fact that an individual officer had nearly twenty complaints and two

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Information and Resources: Covid19  
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# Preparing for the November 3, 2020 City Election

On November 3, Takoma Park residents age 16 and over will vote for mayor and city council. For city residents also eligible to vote in the presidential election, that vote will be separate, but voting will take place at the same location.

The Takoma Park Board of Elections wants to be sure that voting is convenient for city residents. Contingency planning is being done to allow for vote by mail if the State of Maryland holds a vote by mail election in November due to COVID-19 (as was done for the June primary election). Watch for updates on the City website and in future newsletters.



## Thinking About Running for Office in 2020?

### How to Place a Name on the Ballot

In Takoma Park, a resident who wishes to have their name placed on the ballot for the office of mayor or city councilmember must be nominated at the nominating caucus. This year, the caucus will take place on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium or virtually/remotely (depending on the situation with COVID-19).

**Candidates for Mayor:** Nominations of candidates for mayor shall be made on motion by any qualified voter of the city, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the city, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. The candidate must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the city for at least six months immediately preceding their election, and must be a qualified voter of the City. The mayor must maintain principal residence in the city during the term of office. Term: 2 years. Salary: \$14,771 annually (paid biweekly)

**Candidates for City Council:** Nomination of each candidate for ward councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of the ward, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the ward, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. The candidate must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the city (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six months immediately preceding their election, and must be a qualified voter of the city. Councilmembers must maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office. Term: 2 years. Salary: \$11,362 annually (paid biweekly)

**Campaign Finance and Registration:** Potential candidates for office may register with the City Clerk beginning Monday, June 8. Registration is required before any campaign contributions can be accepted or before making any campaign expenditures. New campaign finance requirements take effect this year. See [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) for information or call Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267.

## Important Election Dates

- **Takoma Park Nominating Caucus – Tuesday, September 15**
- **Early Voting – Thursday, October 22 through Thursday, October 29**  
Vote at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Not applicable in the event of vote by mail.)
- **Election Day Voting – Tuesday, November 3**  
Vote at your assigned Takoma Park precinct between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Will change in the event of vote by mail.)

# Preparación para la Elección Municipal el 3 de Noviembre del 2020

El 3 de Noviembre, los residentes de Takoma Park mayores de 16 años votarán por el alcalde y el concejo municipal. Para los residentes de la ciudad también elegibles para votar en las elecciones presidenciales, ese voto será separado, pero la votación se llevará a cabo en el mismo lugar.

La Junta Electoral de Takoma Park quiere asegurarse de que la votación sea conveniente para los residentes de la ciudad. Se está haciendo una planificación de contingencia para permitir el voto por correo si el Estado de Maryland decide que la elección sea una votación por correo en Noviembre debido a COVID-19 (como se hizo para las elecciones primarias de Junio).

Esté atento a las actualizaciones en el sitio web de la Ciudad y en futuros boletines.



## ¿Está Pensando en Postularse para un Cargo en 2020?

### Cómo Colocar un Nombre en la Boleta Electoral

En Takoma Park, un residente que desee que su nombre aparezca en la boleta electoral para el cargo de alcalde o miembro del concejo municipal debe ser nominado en la reunión de nominaciones. Este año, la reunión de nominaciones se llevará a cabo el Martes, 15 de Septiembre a las 7:30 p.m. en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario o virtualmente / remotamente (dependiendo a la situación de COVID-19).

**Candidatos para alcalde:** La nominación de candidatos para alcalde serán hechas por nominación por cualquier votante calificado de la ciudad y si dicha nominación es secundada por un votante calificado de la ciudad, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. El candidato debe tener al menos 18 años de edad el día de la elección, debe haber residido en la ciudad durante al menos seis meses inmediatamente anteriores a su elección y debe ser un votante calificado de la ciudad. El alcalde debe mantener la residencia principal en la ciudad durante el mandato. Plazo: 2 años. Salario: \$ 14,771 anualmente (pagado quincenalmente).

**Candidatos para el Concejo Municipal:** La nominación del candidato para miembro del concejo de cada distrito se hará por nominación de cualquier votante calificado de tal distrito, y si dicha nominación es secundada por un votante calificado de tal distrito, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. El candidato debe tener al menos 18 años de edad el día de la elección, debe haber residido en la ciudad (y en el distrito donde fue elegido) durante al menos seis meses inmediatamente anteriores a su elección, y debe ser un votante calificado de la ciudad. Los miembros del concejo deben mantener su residencia principal en la ciudad y en su distrito durante su mandato. Plazo: 2 años. Salario: \$ 11,362 anualmente (pagado quincenalmente)

**Financiamiento de Campaña y Registro:** Los candidatos potenciales para el cargo de alcalde o miembro del concejo pueden registrarse con la Secretaria Municipal a partir del Lunes, 8 de Junio. Se requiere registro antes de que se acepten contribuciones de campaña o antes de realizar cualquier gasto de campaña. Los nuevos requisitos de financiamiento de campaña entrarán en vigencia este año. Consulte la página web [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) para obtener información o llame a Irma Nalvarte al 301-891-7214.

## Fechas Importantes de la Elección Municipal

- **Reunión de Nominaciones de Takoma Park – Martes, 15 de Septiembre**
- **Votación Anticipada: Jueves, 22 de Octubre a Jueves, 29 de Octubre**  
Vote en el Edificio Cívico de Silver Spring, 1 Veterans Plaza, de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. (No aplicable en caso de votación por correo).
- **Votación el Día de la Elección Municipal: Martes, 3 de Noviembre**  
Vote en el centro electoral asignado en su distrito en Takoma Park entre las 7 a.m. y las 8 p.m. (Cambiará en caso de votación por correo).



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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



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## NOTICE TO LANDLORDS AND AGENTS

### Rent Stabilization Allowance Annual Rent Increase Set at 0.4%

Effective: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

The City of Takoma Park law (*City Code Chapter 6.20 Rent Stabilization*) maintains the affordability of rental units by limiting the number and amount of rent increases charged for a specific rental unit. Generally, the rent may be increased only once in any given 12-month period.

Multi-family rental units and rental condominium units are subject to Rent Stabilization. Rent increases are limited to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index published by the Department of Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of March 2019 through March 2020.

Beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Rent Stabilization Allowance is **0.4%**. Landlords are required to comply with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law and cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

Pursuant to the City Code, a two-month written notice must be provided to the tenant (s) before you can legally increase the rent. (*City Code*

### *Chapter 6.20.050(C) Notice of Annual Rent Increases*

Please note that the following units may be exempt from Rent Stabilization upon application to the City. The exemption is not automatic and must be approved by the City.

- Rental units leased to tenants under the Housing Choice Voucher Program;
- Any rental facility where the rents are regulated under contract by a governmental agency that controls the rent levels of not less than one-half of the rental units in the rental facility and restricts the occupancy of those rental units to low and moderate income tenants; and
- Newly constructed rental units for a period of five years after construction.

For more information about the requirements of the City's Rent Stabilization law, please contact Jean Kerr, Housing Specialist at 240-672-1023 or email at [jeank@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jeank@takomaparkmd.gov).

## Roscoe's 4 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle) Focus on Food Waste Composting

### **Q: What can you put in the City food waste buckets?**

**A:** Most food waste can be put in the City's white and green compost buckets – vegetables and fruits (fresh or cooked); meat, fish and shell fish (including bones); dairy, eggs (and egg shells), grains, bread, pasta, cereal, baked goods, coffee grounds, filters, compostable tea bags (no plastic, foil or foil-backed products), nuts, beans, seeds (including shells/hulls), wood / bamboo chopsticks and wood popsicle sticks, paper products (paper towels, napkins, & paper plates), and pizza boxes (remove non-food items).

### **Q: What can't you put in the City food waste buckets?**

**A:** The following items are not allowed in the food waste buckets: diapers, facial tissues, fats, oils or grease, pet waste, and Styrofoam. Also, no plastic bags, except "compostable" plastic bags – see more information on this below.

### **Q: Is mandatory food waste collection one of the Climate Emergency Response Resolution's priority strategies?**

**A:** Yes. Globally, if most compostable waste was kept out of landfills, it could save an equivalent of 2.3 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. [Hawken, P. (2017) *Drawdown – The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, Penguin Books, New York, NY, p. 63] Locally, food waste makes up 0.8 percent of emissions in Takoma Park.

### **Q: What is the difference between biodegradable and compostable plastic bags,**

"We see this as a place where you can get lower-waste or no-waste household and body products," said Leandra Nicola, whose experience as the Coop's Community Engagement Coordinator led her to come up with the idea. "We offer package-free products or items that you can fill in your own reusable containers."

As the name implies, shoppers go to The Fullillery and fill up on soaps, shampoos and conditioners; household cleaners; and laundry and dish detergent. Not only are buyers reducing their consuming footprint, but The Fullillery sources only from responsible vendors, who protect the environment and treat their workers and

### **and which can be used in compost buckets?**

**A:** You can only use compostable "plastic" bags that are BPI Certified as "Compostable for Industrial Facilities" in the City's compost buckets. Biodegradable bags are not accepted in this program. Compostable plastic bags are available at both the Coop and Ace Hardware (and probably at other nearby grocery stores).

### **Q: Where is our food waste that the City picks up composted?**

**A:** The City takes our food waste to the Western Branch composting facility in Prince George's County near Upper Marlboro, operated by Maryland Environmental Service.

### **Q: How do I register for the City's food waste program?**

**A:** If you live in single family home or a multifamily building with 12 apartments or less that currently is participating in City trash pickups, you can register at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection). If you live in a multifamily apartment or condo building that is not participating in City trash, recycling, and food waste pickups, contact your building manager or owner to find out how you can have your food waste picked up.

This article is sponsored by the Zero Waste Group, local volunteers dedicated to reducing or eliminating needless waste in Takoma Park. If you have questions or suggestions, we can be reached at: [roscoes4rs@gmail.com](mailto:roscoes4rs@gmail.com).



Shampoos and conditioners in bar form

## The Fullillery "Greens" Buying of Household Items, Personal Care Products

By Kevin Adler

Anyone who's shopped at the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Coop is familiar with the bulk items section's array of nuts, coffee and other foods. Now a group of local residents is bringing that same form of no-

frills, no-packaging purchases of personal care products and household cleaners. The store is called The Fullillery, and it opened in December, operating from the conference room of an office building just off New Hampshire Avenue.

their suppliers well. And each product is carefully selected for quality that's superior to mass-market options.

The founders say that monthly sales were rising until COVID-19 forced them to shut down in early March. Far from looking at The Fullillery as a competitor, the Coop has been immensely helpful, said Nicola, as has been GreenThinker DC, a zero- and low-waste education group.

Stocking the shelves, tubs and jugs is led by Lauren Schauf, a zero-waste consultant and trained herbalist. Schauf joined the eight-member board of directors because



# TAKOMA PARK ARTS ONLINE



## Takoma Park Arts Moves Online

The coronavirus pandemic has forced the postponement of many arts events at the Takoma Park Community Center so the *Takoma Park Arts* cultural series has moved online to reach people at home.

City staff have organized online poetry readings and film screenings which can be seen on the *Takoma Park Arts* YouTube channel at [artsevents.takomaparkmd.gov](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8hBj6). There also are plans to stage online concerts to help keep the arts alive in Takoma Park, according to Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith.

"The arts are more important now than

ever," Smith said. "The arts bind us together even when we're apart and open a window to a wider world full of hope and possibilities. And we could all use some hope right now."

The *Takoma Park Arts* series is sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and supports local artists and performers by providing a venue for them to share their work at the Takoma Park Community Center. All events are free with donations accepted to support the performers who also are paid honoraria from the City's taxpayer-supported arts funding.

Art exhibitions on various themes also are staged bimonthly in the galleries at the Community Center where artists can display their work and make commission-free sales. A City TV crew films the opening receptions and interviews the artists for YouTube videos that reach an international audience.

The *Takoma Park Arts* series represents the City's commitment to the arts and has helped Takoma Park gain a national reputation as an arts-friendly city. The creative industry also is a key driver of Takoma Park's economy, supporting local busi-

nesses, generating tax revenue, and enhancing the quality of life.

"If you're going stir crazy at home, join us for a concert or poetry reading or relax with Virtual Vintage Movie Night. It will help," Smith said.

**There are more details about our online events on this page, and you can find many former events on YouTube at [artsevents.takomaparkmd.gov](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8hBj6).**

**Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts](https://www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts) for news about all our upcoming programs. Join us and celebrate the arts!**

### Speaking Our Truths: Poems of Identity, Place and Community

Watch on YouTube at  
<https://bit.ly/3dhBJj6>

Our first online poetry reading features four local poets whose work addresses themes of identity, place and community. The poets include Marti Pates, Sosha Pinson, Tatiana Figueroa Ramirez, and Susan Scheid with an introduction by Takoma Park Poet Laureate



Left to right: Tatiana Figueroa Ramirez, Marti Pates, Sosha Pinson and Susan Scheid

Kathleen O'Toole.

Pates challenges the social climate of urban areas in Baltimore by exhibiting beauty in poverty-stricken neighborhoods. Originally from eastern Kentucky, Pinson's work focuses on the complicated nature of survival in the aftermath of devastation and environmental destruction.

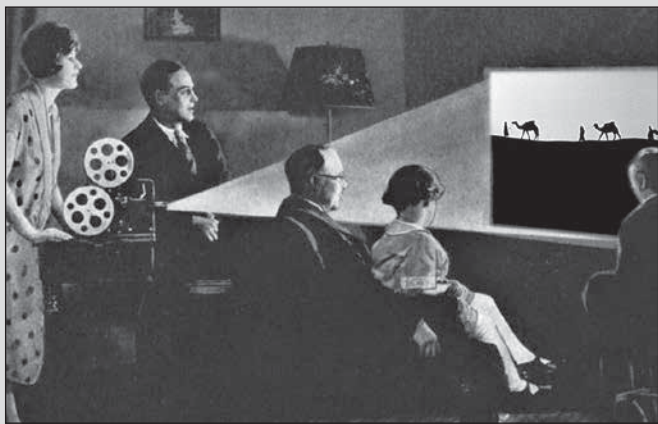
Ramirez was born in Puerto Rico and performs and teaches poetry workshops in the D.C. area. Scheid, whose poetry has appeared in many journals, is the author of *After Enchantment*.

## Vintage Movie Nights

### Travelogue Films

Watch on  
YouTube at  
<https://bit.ly/2Xa0wjX>

Local film historian Richard Hall has curated a collection of short travelogue films dating from 1914 to the 1960s. Before many people traveled far from home, travelogues connected them to a wider world filled with different cultures, exotic animals, and breathtaking scenery. Since we're all stuck at home now, take a virtual journey across the world with us!



### Propaganda Cartoons

Watch on  
YouTube at  
<https://bit.ly/34IWMxz>

From silent World War I films to World War II Disney cartoons made for the U.S. government and on through the Cold War, cartoons have been used as propaganda tools that entertain while attempting to mold public opinion in subtle or blatant ways. Local film historian Richard Hall has compiled a fun screening of vintage propaganda cartoons with political, social or commercial messages that were filmed over the past century.





**“As a Community, we must vow to teach love. The hate has gone too far. But, there is still time to make things right. Please join me in vowing to teach love. Together, we can fight racism.” -Talisha Searcy, Councilmember Ward 6**



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about 36 businesses with grants mostly in the \$2,000 range. When we received their applications for help, the businesses were ranked by need. Those with employees and special needs ranked higher, and we have been working through the 93 approved applications as funds become available. Now that the Council has identified additional funds, we hope to be able to assist all or most of the eligible businesses that applied for assistance over the next two months. However, we estimate that the businesses that applied represent only about 15% of our business community, so much more work is needed. Staff has been having weekly calls with the Crossroads Development Authority and the Old Town Business Association and communicating directly with many small businesses. We will continue to provide assistance to our businesses, and we have prepared recommendations for Council consideration of the use of public space to support our small businesses and protect public health. City administrative work has been

heavy: Our staff has been working long hours on budget preparation, oversight of employee health measures and hazard pay, IT services to staff working remotely, and facilitating the City Council as they hold virtual meetings. We will continue to hold virtual meetings at this time. Recreation, library and arts staff have been doing virtual programming, and it is wonderful! Please watch for the special summer programming the Recreation Department is putting into place. They have also been planning for direct services under new health protocols. Senior Recreation staff are studying the childcare protocols, which are quite extensive, and preparing for a number of options depending on how Montgomery County Public Schools decides to proceed with its classes. The library is looking to begin contactless book lending in June. (If you still have Library books from before the pandemic started, please return them so that we can get them ready for our new program!) Besides work for their own departments, some recreation and library staff have been helping other City efforts, from garden maintenance to assisting residents through the Emergency Assistance program.

Communications about the rapid changes that have occurred during the health emergency are key. We have been helping residents and businesses access funds and services, providing health information, and telling success stories. Our one communications specialist has had her hands full, but staff from other departments have stepped up. We have done mailings, social media, and website updates. It's a huge lift and ever-changing, but we have focused on being accurate and targeting information to those who need it the most. We will continue to communicate with residents and keep them informed during the crisis. Be sure to check out our Covid-19 Information and Resource page. Soon our Neighborhood Services Team staff will be returning to more active service. They provide educational information regarding our Safe Grow and other environmental laws, and they do parking enforcement and property code enforcement. While enforcement of serious safety issues has continued throughout the health emergency, most parking and code enforcement activities have been on hold. We will not start regular parking enforcement right away, but now that more businesses

can do curbside sales, we know there may need to be increased parking enforcement. Even as we look at how to address City service needs this summer and fall, we also have to keep our eyes forward to next year and the year after that. We will be watching how revenue changes may affect Takoma Park. The City Council and I will have frequent discussions on that topic as we learn more. And, we need to keep our eyes on the vision and priorities for Takoma Park post-pandemic. What will we be doing to make Takoma Park a more equitable and livable community? "Takoma Park – Safe, Strong and Supportive of Each Other" is not just a nice sentiment; it is a necessity. The pandemic has brought that home. What each of us does affects our neighbors. Wearing your mask, keeping your social distance, washing your hands, and helping each other out when we can is a health and community necessity. We are in this together!

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letters of reprimand filed against him in a 20-year career is, in itself, alarming and should have warranted some intervention by his supervisors. The fact that three other officers stood by and did not intervene to stop Mr. Floyd's death is extremely troubling. All officers have a moral and ethical obligation to intervene when they see injustice occurring. All too often we have seen officers stand by and not act when other officers abuse people of color. This must change, and all officers who do not act to intervene and stop incidents like the Floyd incident must be held accountable. Every police officer and leader I know has condemned the actions of the involved officers. What is not being unilaterally addressed is the role race placed in the incident and others across the country. It is clear there were moral and tactical shortcomings in the George Floyd case. What

is also clear is that all too often these cases involve police victimizing unarmed persons of color. I am not one to say, "It could never happen here in Takoma Park." I will say this, we are doing everything we can to ensure something like the incident in Minneapolis and others across our country does not occur in Takoma Park. As your police chief, I am acknowledging the role race plays in our everyday life and how we police our communities. I am committed to hiring individuals who want to be police officers for the right reasons, providing ongoing training to officers, and holding officers accountable for actions. I am proud of the work we have done in Takoma Park to make positive connections with all of our stakeholders, especially those who hold the most mistrust of the police; our minority youth. An example of how these connections have had an impact can be found in the partnership formed between our police department and city youth during the passing of Cyril Briscoe, a local rapper and beloved member of our

community. In the aftermath of his death, several members of our community began publicly expressing grief and remembrance of Cyril. Some members of our community complained about the impact the vigils were having on our community. Our officers worked directly with the organizers of the events to allow our community members to grieve while minimizing the impact on the surrounding neighbors. Some departments may have taken an aggressive stance to shut down the vigils and aggressively dispersed the mourners. We chose to work with the group to respect their rights and need to grieve. Many of the mourners expressed how thankful they were for how we handled the vigils. The one-year anniversary of Cyril's death occurred several days ago. While many areas of the country were experiencing violent protests, youth in Takoma Park held a peaceful vigil with our police present and supportive. I bring this incident up to illustrate how we as police need to work with our communities to build relationships and trust. These relationships can be

called upon in good and bad times. We are a long way away from solving this problem. The first step to fixing a problem is acknowledging that there is a problem. As I stated before, I am very pleased to see so many law enforcement leaders and line officers come out to condemn the murder of George Floyd. We as a community and a nation must come together to address the issues facing the law enforcement profession. I and all of the members of the Takoma Park Police Department are committed to being part of the solution, not the problem. We are stronger together! We are always open to ideas and input on how we can provide equal and equitable service to all of our community members. Have suggestions? Please send them to me at tonyd@takomaparkmd.gov.

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THE FULLILLERY
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she knew Fullfillery board member Brooke Moore from their children's preschool. For about a year, Schauf had been investigating opening a store to sell high-quality, socially-responsible, low-impact products. "She told me one day that this group was meeting about starting a low-waste project," Schauf said. "I didn't have any details, but when I got to this meeting, I immediately realized they were approaching the point I'd reached." Much of the product line is based on Schauf's prior research. "It was perfect because I'd hesitated about the need for a big loan for buying products and committing to rental space," she said. "They had those things worked out." The Fullfillery is located in a former conference room in an office building owned by Dan Robinson, one of its board mem-

bers. The store is at 6411 Orchard Avenue, near the VFW Hell's Bottom. Robinson rents it at below-market rates. "It works for now," he said. "Lots of parking, and it's a nice space, with a row of windows." While the space is unconventional, the bigger surprise for first-time visitors is the aroma. "People's jaws drop...because it smells so good," Robinson said. In trying to describe it, he added, "It's not a food smell, but it's delicious." A customer might detect lavender, peppermint, lemon, licorice or cedar. "It can be attributed to the Unwrapped Life products, which smell dreamy," Schauf said. "It's a light smell, and all of the scents are naturally derived, so you aren't overwhelmed by artificial perfumes." Unwrapped Life manufactures shampoo and conditioner, but in bar form, and its products are best-sellers at The Fullfillery. "No bottles, just elegant circular bars," Schauf said. "People love it. We had people

buy one for themselves as a test and then come back and buy 10 as holiday gifts." Laundry detergents from Meliora also are popular. These come as flakes that customers purchase in whatever volume they wish. "Meliora also has bar soap for dishes and a few other products we will be testing soon," Schauf said. For some products, The Fullfillery offers a do-it-yourself option. "We have spray bottles that have recipes...printed on the side, like window or wood cleaner," explained Nicola. "We have all of the ingredients, and you fill it yourself. Just shake it up, and you're good to go." Looking ahead, the board members have many ambitions. First, Robinson said they're "close to" a deal for space in Old Town Takoma, which would give them more visibility and convenience to shoppers, particularly the Sunday morning Farmer's Market crowd. Hours would be extended, too.

Second, the product line will expand, based on customer feedback. For example, they've added bamboo cleaning brushes and toothbrushes. Under consideration are monthly deliveries, similar to the CSA vegetable and fruit boxes that people subscribe to in the summer. Third is reducing costs, which often are in the range of luxury products. For example, their next order of vinegar will be a larger volume and in concentrate form that they can dilute. "It will make a big difference," said Schauf, in some cases bringing the price of a cleaner down to Wal-Mart levels. There's even talk of staging a play, "The History of Plastic," written by board member Rini Saha. "I'm very excited so far. This seems like a sustainable project, and we're getting the word out," said Nicola. "We have a lot of ways we can go, and each board member is contributing ideas."

# RECREATION

All virtual class links can be found on the Virtual Community Center page: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation).

## YOUTH

### DANCE

#### Dance Class

Exploring various dance styles that can be tried at home that include, but are not limited to, Hip-Hop, Ballet and Jazz. Instructor: Charonne Butler  
Ages 6–12  
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Free

### FITNESS



#### Recess

Opportunity for youth to virtually participate in exercise and communicate with their peers while remaining inside. Instructor: Charonne Butler  
Ages 6–12  
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Free

## TEENS



- ✓ Are you interested in politics?
- ✓ Do you want to be a part of your government?
- ✓ Do you want to serve your community?

If you live in Takoma Park, apply to the Takoma Park Youth City Council by June 28.

Info and application at:  
[tinyurl.com/tpycapp](http://tinyurl.com/tpycapp)

## ADULT



### FITNESS

#### Let's Move Caribbean Dance

Dance your worries away with this fun, energetic, and easy to follow dance workout. Afro-Caribbean fitness dance class is for all ages and will get the body moving to build cardio endurance and coordination. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness  
All Ages  
Fridays, 5–6 p.m.  
Free

#### Qi Gong

Simple gentle movements to improve health, mobility, flexibility and general happiness and peace of mind. We will share exercises from many different classes, culling the ones that we practice regularly in the morning and throughout the day. You will find benefits quickly as these exercises invigorate energy systems, open joints, and relax our bodies, minds, and spirits. Open to all – no experience needed. Your health is in your hands. Instructor: Patrick Smith & Joann Malone  
Ages 16 & up  
Saturdays, 2–2:30 p.m.  
Free

#### ReVamp Fit Home Workout

Fitness class will entail movements to work on your total body endurance, strength, and flexibility. Move with us to get your day started on a strong note! Instructor: Abel Asafere  
Ages 16 & up  
Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.  
Free



#### Spirit Group Fitness

Class will be geared toward supporting all members of the community, as each class spotlights trainers leading versions of the exercises for those standing, seated, progressed, and exercising alongside a supporter (which is a great option for those with limited mobility or with a developmental disability). Truly, a person of any fitness and ability level can get a meaningful exercise experience from these classes. Instructor: Spirit Club  
Ages 16 & up  
New videos uploaded each Wednesday  
Free

#### Total Body Blast

Provides a mix of calisthenics, balance, strength training and cardiovascular exercise in one dynamic session. Participants will work at their own pace to complete the workout that focuses on all major muscle groups  
Ages 16 & up  
Saturdays, 9–10 a.m.  
Free

## 55+

### Fitness

#### Enhance Your Fitness

The class theme is posture. The class focuses on core strengthening utilizing various body strength training exercises. Instructor: Adriene Buist  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 10–10:50 a.m.  
Free

#### "Zumba" Gold

This class is for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Instructor: Yesika Flores  
55 & up  
Fridays, 10–11 a.m.  
Free

**New Class!**

#### Line Dancing

An enjoyable social activity that provides great physical and mental exercise. It helps to strengthen bones and muscles. Line Dancing also increases stamina and flexibility as well as supports weight loss and stress reduction. Instructor: Barbara Brown  
55 & up  
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Free



## Phone a Neighbor

Are you a Senior who would like to receive occasional phone calls while staying at home? Know a Senior who might be interested? Don't hesitate to reach out. Volunteers are at the ready. All participants must have a landline phone or cell phone. To sign up, email [javontem@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:javontem@takomaparkmd.gov) or call Ms. Paula at 240-687-4132.

## It Takes a Village

By Vince Cain

The Recreation Department had a successful After the Bell program this year. The success of the program can be attributed to the two staff members: Latoya Gayle and Alexis Williams. Latoya served as the director of the program, and Alexis was a strong assistant director. After the Bell is an after-school program at the Takoma Park Recreation Center where the participants are provided a snack, receive homework assistance, and have the opportunity to participate in physical activities in the gymnasium.

Latoya brings with her five years of experience from the Morning and Afternoon Addition Childcare Program that is held at the Takoma Park Community Center. She credits her time working in her mother's daycare and volunteering at summer camps for opening her eyes to



Alexis and Latoya representing the Recreation Department, along with Councilmember Dyballa, at the Crossroads Market.

the childcare field. Through these experiences, she realized she had a passion for working with kids.

Alexis' experience as a summer camp counselor led her to follow her passion for mentoring kids. She felt she could use these experiences to add to the After the Bell Program. Alexis' hobbies are cheerleading, cooking, and baking. She set several goals for herself to ensure a successful year for the program. Her goals were to share her knowledge with the participants, create fun activities and establish a cheerleading club. Dancing and double-dutch are addi-

tional hobbies for Latoya. Her primary goals this year were to lead a successful after the bell program, provide a safe environment, introduce the children to a variety of activities and establish a sign language club.

Three of the most successful special events for the program included a "Detective Day" where kids were challenged to solve a "Who did it?" mystery. An "Indoor Carnival" that included face painting, games, and a movie. They also put together an "After the Bell Luau," which gave the kids the opportunity to participate in a variety of games highlighted by the limbo. One of the most popular activities was the "Takoma Kash" where the kids could earn this currency by showing good behavior, assisting fellow students, or helping the staff. The kids were able to spend their "Takoma Kash" at the "Takoma Market" that was

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## Let's Get Moving!

### 10 Stretches Anyone Can Do at Home

You are never too old to stretch. If you are a senior looking to gain more independence, mobility, and flexibility (which helps you to avoid falls and other injuries), stretching just might be your new best friend.

Studies have shown that with age, flexibility decreases by up to 50 percent in some joints. Since this decrease is gradual throughout your life, you may not even notice it. Then, one day you go to reach something or get up off the floor, and you realize that it is not easy like it used to be.

It is at this point many seniors turn to prescriptions, assistive medical equipment, or even in-home assistants to help them perform daily activities. But stretching can keep you from turning to those options.

Below are a set of exercises that seniors can do while remaining inside because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Before you start, be sure to do a 5- to 10-minute warmup, incorporating light exercises, such as walking in place and arm circles, to get your muscles and joints warm before stretching.

#### Bed Exercises

##### 1. Wake Up Call

- Remove your pillow from underneath your head.
- Stretch and reach in all directions from your fingers to your toes.
- Shake and wiggle, gently waking up your body.
- Arch your back a little.
- Now make your whole-body tense from your face to your toes. Hold for 5 seconds.
- Relax

##### 2. Neck Rolls

- Take deep breaths by inhaling through your nose and exhaling through your mouth.
- Turn your head slowly to the right as far as comfortable, and then slowly to the left; return to center.
- Next, keeping your head on the bed, make circular motions; first, in a clockwise movement, then counterclockwise.

##### 3. Shoulder Stretch

- Place a pillow under your knees.
- Stretch fingertips toward the ceiling.

- Reach with both hands. Hold and count to 3; relax.
- Lift shoulders off bed as far as you can; lower shoulders, pushing gently into the bed; relax.
- Reach toward the ceiling with right hand only (palms facing the ceiling) relax. Repeat with the left hand.
- Now the palms flat, stretch both hands toward the ceiling; hold and relax.
- Stretch fingertips toward your feet, point your toes down; hold, relax
- Finally, keeping arms straight with palms down, move both hands and arms as far apart across the bed as possible.
- Stretch, relax. Repeat.

#### Stretches for Specific Body Parts

##### 4. Elbow Stretch

- Place fingertips on your shoulders, and raise elbows pointing to the ceiling.
- Then, lower elbows to bed while keeping fingertips on shoulders.
- Lift elbows again, but this time touch your elbows together in front of you, or as close as you can without straining.
- Then, lower elbow to bed.
- Now keeping fingers on your shoulders, make 5 large circles clockwise with both elbows, then repeat 5 times counterclockwise.

##### 5. Triceps Stretch

- Sitting tall in a chair (or standing), lift your right arm up over head, bending at your elbow.
- Now, reach your opposite arm up to clasp your elbow, and pull gently in the opposite direction. You should feel a light stretch through the back of your arm.
- Hold for 20 to 30 seconds, then switch arms.

##### 6. Back Stretch

- Start by standing tall, with your hands on your hips.
- Gently arc backward, looking up toward the ceiling. Hold for about three seconds, then return to standing.
- Repeat 10 times.

##### 7. Standing Quadriceps Stretch

- Begin standing tall, holding onto the back of a chair or countertop with your free hand for balance.
- Slowly bend your right knee and grasp your foot. At this point, you might already feel a stretch through the front of your thigh.
- Hold this stretch for 30 seconds, then repeat on the other leg.
- If you are having trouble reaching your foot with your hand, try using a yoga strap or band, as mentioned above.

##### 8. Ankle Circles

- Get comfortable in a sturdy chair, sitting up tall.
- Extend your right leg out in front of you, keeping the other on the floor.
- Begin to rotate your right ankle; 10 to 20 rotations clockwise and 10 to 20 counterclockwise.
- Lower your leg and repeat on your opposite leg.

##### 9. Seated Hip Stretch

- Begin sitting tall in a sturdy chair.
- Cross your right leg over your left, letting the right ankle sit atop your left knee.
- Relax your right hip, letting gravity pull it toward the floor. You may already feel a stretch deep in your hip.
- To go further, gently press down on your right leg and the knee for a deeper stretch.
- Hold for 20 to 30 seconds, then switch legs.

##### 10. Hamstring and Low Back Stretch

- Come into this stretch by lying face-up on your bed or floor. Bend your right leg and slowly move it toward your chest.
- Keep your shoulders flat on the floor as you reach your arms around your right knee (if you cannot reach that far, try holding your pant leg) and pull it toward you.
- You should feel a slight stretch through your low back, glutes, and hamstring as you hold for 30 seconds.
- Repeat on your opposite leg.

## Important Message from the Recreation Department: Summer Programs and Services

The Recreation Department is working on plans for a fun and safe summer season of virtual activities and classes while being mindful of the challenges presented by COVID-19. Safety standards will require us to restructure the way we deliver leisure services, and we are working with the County and other local jurisdictions to see how our services might be provided. These decisions were not made lightly and take into account the safety of the participants and staff. After careful consideration, we've made the following determination regarding our services. As information changes, we are committed to providing you updated information as quickly as possible:

- **Summer Camps:** All in-person summer

camp camps are canceled for the summer, and we are working to process refunds. Look for an email shortly detailing options for refunds. All camp auto payments scheduled for June 1 have also been canceled. Updates detailing future virtual summer camp offerings will be provided as soon as they are available.

- **Child Care Programs:** We are actively working to refund the remaining Morning/Afternoon Addition and After the Bell fees (if applicable). We are waiting to hear MCPS's final plans for the next school year before developing a comparable program and accepting registrations. Please contact [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov) for more information.
- **Facility Rentals:** All rentals through

June 30, 2020 have been canceled, and refunds are being processed. If you have any questions regarding your refund, please check your ActiveNet account or email us at [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).

- **Memberships:** We've stopped auto-renewals of all memberships at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and will extend the membership according to the length of time that the City was closed. Please send questions to [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).
- **Summer Registration:** Registration for our virtual summer classes and activities will soon open; watch for dates on the City's social media pages. Classes will begin in July and will be free or

have a nominal registration fee.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented times. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email us at [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov) or call the Recreation Office during normal business hours at 301-891-7290.

Please stay home and stay safe. To participate in our exciting programs and activities from home, visit us at our virtual Community Center at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/virtual-community-center](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/virtual-community-center). Continue to be safe and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Gregory Clark**  
Director, Recreation Department  
City of Takoma Park





## SummerQuest 2020 Is Coming!

By Karen MacPherson

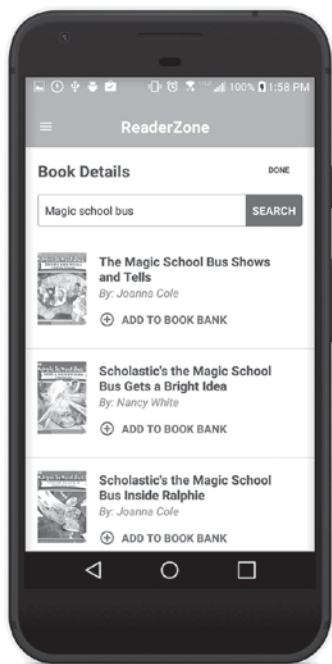
Given the pandemic, we have had to re-think our popular SummerQuest reading program. For more than 20 years, Library Associate Dave Burbank has created an exciting new reading adventure each summer, and readers have enjoyed watching their chosen SummerQuest characters move across the big gameboard in the Children's Room as they completed each reading challenge.

This year, however, we need to do SummerQuest differently. It's not clear when the library will re-open, and it's likely that we will be doing things in a very different way to limit crowding and possible exposure of the public and staff to the coronavirus, so we are bringing SummerQuest online.

Because our SummerQuest program is so unique and time has been short, we have developed a two-step process for readers to play this fun reading game this year. Once Dave completes the story and artwork for SummerQuest 2020, we will upload it to a special page on the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library website: [ftpml.org](http://ftpml.org). And, because we will not have a giant gameboard this year, readers will be tracking their SummerQuest reading progress via an online system called ReaderZone: [www.readerzone.com](http://www.readerzone.com).

This year, readers will first consult

Keep Track of Books You've Read  
in Your Book Bank



Dave's story and artwork on the Friends' website, and then sign up to begin tracking their reading via ReaderZone's simple-to-use phone app or on a computer. We're still working out the details, but we will be able to customize the challenges on



ReaderZone with Dave's famous rabbit characters. As readers complete a reading challenge, they note it on ReaderZone (either on the app or on a computer), and they will earn a "badge," which will be one of Dave's bunnies.

As always, the 10 reading challenges will be embedded in Dave's story. To make things smoother on ReaderZone, we've switched up a couple of the challenges, and this year, "Read as many books as you want" is the last challenge. As part of the ReaderZone program, we'll be putting lots of book suggestions in the "Book Bank" that readers can access when they sign up for ReaderZone. We'll give full instructions about tracking books on ReaderZone when we launch SummerQuest.

We've also broadened what books can be read for SummerQuest. Usually, only books checked out from the library count for SummerQuest. This year, however, readers are welcome to read books from their home bookshelves. In addition,

books streamed or downloaded from the library's digital services (Tumblebooks and Hoopla) will count. That includes both e-books and audiobooks.

We hope to launch SummerQuest 2020 on Monday, June 8, with an online program hosted by Dave via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details! We'll post them on our "events" calendar on our website, as well as on the library's Facebook page, our Twitter (@takoma), in the City's weekly "Takoma Insider" email (to subscribe, go to: [takomaparkmd.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7eebe001a5959260ff9ae083&id=04438b38c9](mailto:takomaparkmd.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7eebe001a5959260ff9ae083&id=04438b38c9) and on the takomapark and public and home school listservs.

One last note: We are grateful to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for their sponsorship of SummerQuest each year for more than two decades, a sponsorship that continues this year.

## Kati Knows Storytime

By Kati Nolfi

*NOTE: Kati is the library's children's librarian, who normally led as many as five programs a week for kids. Since the library closed, Kati has been home with her husband Dave and their two children, Natasha, age 7, and Alastair, age 3. Kati's Storytime Videos are posted on the library's Facebook page and are available on the YouTube channel she recently created, Kati Knows Storytime.*

Like everyone who works in a public service job, I was initially stumped by the prospect of "working from home." Also, like most, I have been recording a version of what I do at work, in my case at-home preschool and family storytime.

As much as I would love to do Facebook Live or Zoom, so far, we have opted for pre-recorded YouTube videos mostly because of our schedules. (Note: Kati's husband, a middle school teacher, does the filming.). I also appreciate using iMovie to edit out the occasional laughing fits, tantrums, and kid who decides now is the right time to take off his pants!

Like lots of folks I've added to my tech skillset and had to get comfortable seeing myself on video, which I got over pretty quickly. Kids tend to pull focus anyway.

I've learned that our videos have to be short: one story and one song max. It's quite different from an in-person program when I



Kati and Alastair get ready for storytime.

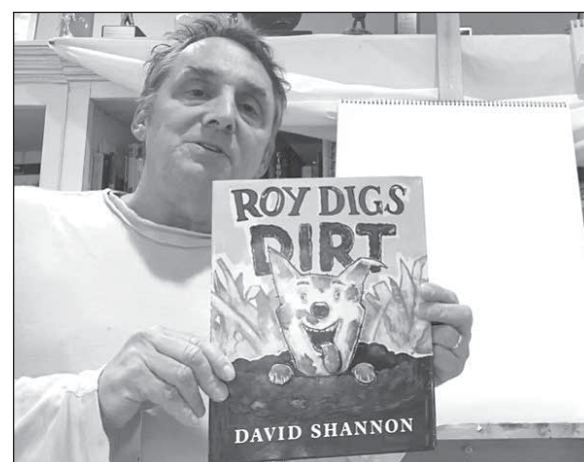
tend toward lots of books and supplying an abundance of craft materials and weaving in parachute play and bubbles. It's hard for me to keep these videos short, but everyone's attention spans and patience demands it!

Since I plan and lead craft programs at the library, I've also been posting – on the library's Facebook page – about the art projects we've been doing at home. However, I never want to add to the mental load of parents, in terms of that expectation that parents should be constantly enriching their children with educational and artistic opportunities. I miss everyone who came to our programs and can't wait to see you all again!

## Caldecott Medalist David Shannon Creates a Video for the Library

Caldecott Medalist David Shannon was scheduled to present his hilarious new picture book, *Roy Digs Dirt*, at the library in early April as part of our partnership with Politics and Prose Bookstore. Then the pandemic hit, and the in-person library event had to be canceled, although David was able to do the event online via the new author program software now used by Politics and Prose.

Still, David, who won a Caldecott Honor for his book, *No David!* apparently felt badly for not coming to our library, and so he decided to do a special video just for us. In the nearly 19-minute video, which is aimed at kids, David draws Roy, the canine star of his new book. As he draws, David talks about drawing, dogs, being bored and more. He really



David Shannon on video especially for the library

knows how to connect with kids, and so the video is a treat for anyone ages 3 and up. Grown-ups also will enjoy it! At the end of the video, David writes "Roy Digs Takoma Park" on the drawing.

The actual drawing will be sent to the library once we re-open. Meanwhile, enjoy this delightful video by David by going to this link <https://youtu.be/bus714TQO38>.



## 2020Census **Can We Count You In?**

**The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape the future of our community.**

### **Did you know...**

- For every person not counted, the State of MD will lose \$18,200 over the next ten years?
- Your confidentiality is protected.
- You can respond to a short questionnaire: online, by phone, or by mail.
- We need to have Every Person counted of every age range, from Parents to Grandparents and all children, including newborns.

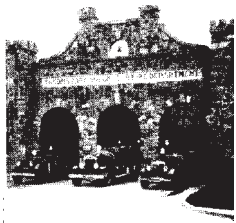
### **Funded Programs...**

- Healthcare: including programs like Medicaid and Medicare.
- Education Programs: Head Start, Pell Grants, school lunches, and food assistance programs.
- The Census determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives?



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## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

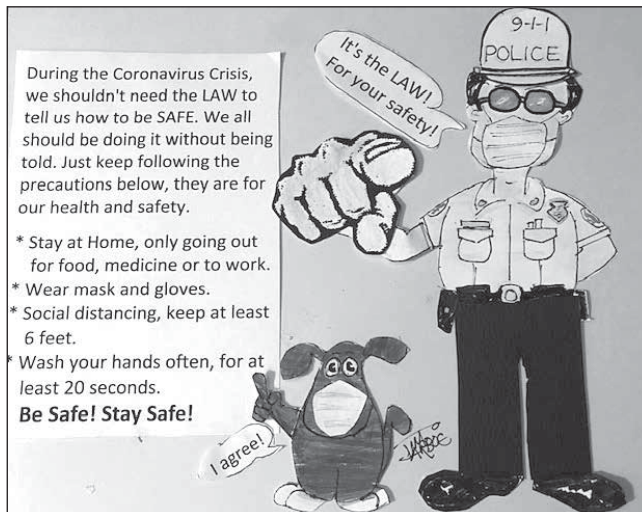
By Jim Jarboe

### Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland Fire Marshal Office reported as of June 1, 2020, 13 people have died in fires compared to 35 in 2019.

### Safety message

With the Coronavirus crisis being our major concern, we must not forget fire safety in the home. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and re-view your family fire escape plan.



Please keep these precautions in mind and stay safe.



## Considerations for People with Differing Abilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic



By Mary Jane Muchui and Peggy Edwards, members, Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA)

"Old timers" may remember the story of the canaries in the mines. These birds were caged and kept under observation since they were usually the first living creatures to succumb to unhealthy conditions.

People with disabilities, especially those whose brains are affected, may be in a similar situation as the canaries during an emergency such as the current one. Like the birds, they are more vulnerable to changes in their environment. Their "cages" are the limitations caused by their disabilities and how people treat them.

All of the uncertainties that the general population is subjected to affects our families in compounded ways. People with disabilities that affect their brains may have difficulty understanding why they should stay home, wear masks, etc.

Social isolation can be a by-product of having a disability. Those in a live-in arrangement don't go out in the community during the current local stay-at-home order. The ones with community aides are receiving visits less often, or not at all. Service providers are attempting to substitute their services with communicating by phone or computer instead of in-person visits.

Anxiety is heightened while we cope with the Coronavirus. The uncertainty of when our world will be back to normal is adding to all of our collective anxiety. Lack of routine, uncertainty of a job in the future, and delays in receiving unemployment are just some of the factors adding stress to those already suffering from anxiety. Many of our children depend on aides for some kinds of services and without the regular visits from caregivers, they become more anxious.

When caregivers look for psychiatric and psychological assistance in the

Takoma Park/Silver Spring area, it is often difficult to find, especially for people with lower incomes. These doctors may not participate with Medicare, Medicaid, or any type of insurance. They seldom accept new patients. When we do find a doctor to help with mental illness, the offices are often far away.

Communication is important for everyone faced with an emergency situation. Many POSNA parents are seniors who feel inadequate to help with computer tasks, such as unemployment applications, telemedicine calls, online therapy, etc. Some people in our community don't have access to the internet at home. They cannot join the social media fads. Those with low hearing or poor vision have difficulty communicating.

POSNA was formed in Takoma Park more than five years ago under the auspices of the Village of Takoma Park. One of our main goals is safety for our grown children. You don't have to be a parent to join. Our special emphasis is on helping those with disabilities that affect their brains.

POSNA has established a liaison with the Takoma Park Police Department. They often are the first responders in the case of psychiatric emergencies. Many of them have taken Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), but as the saying goes, "It takes a village." Everyone should be involved. We usually meet on the first Thursday evening of the month at 7 p.m. Currently we hold our meeting via Zoom. Please email us if you have questions/comments at infoPOSNA@gmail.com. We welcome your ideas.

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

## STAY CONNECTED!

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

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

## Please Help Us Stay Safe!

Trash items should be placed in plastic bags and tied closed before placing them in your trash can. This keeps loose trash from blowing out of the can and truck and protects our staff from possible contamination.

Please do not put loose trash out for collection - always use a plastic bag for the trash.





# Resources Available During the Coronavirus

In response to the great need in our community, the Department of Housing and Community Development has put together a list of resources available to residents. Our staff is still here to assist you. Se Habla Español. You can email us at [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov) or call 301-891-7119 for additional help.

## Takoma Park Residents in Need of a Mask

- Email: [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)
- Call: 301-891-7119

## Eviction Prevention and Past due Utility Bills

- Montgomery County Office to Prevent Homelessness  
Call: 240-777-3075
- Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park  
Email: [musst@verizon.net](mailto:musst@verizon.net)
- Legal Assistance – Maryland Legal Aid, Montgomery County Office  
Call: 240-314-0373
- Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)  
Home heating, electric utility bills (low-income homeowners, renters,

and roomers in Maryland)  
Apply:  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ohep](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ohep)  
Email application to:  
[ohep@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ohep@montgomerycountymd.gov)  
Call: 240-777-4450

## Foreclosure Assistance

Free Foreclosure Brief Legal Advice:

- Civil Justice Inc. Helpline  
Call: 443-808-0076  
(no income restrictions)  
Mondays, 1:30 – 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Maryland Legal Aid Foreclosure Assistance Project  
Call: 888-213-3320
- Montgomery County Eviction Prevention  
Call: 240-777-3075

## Return of Security Deposit

- Takoma Park Tenancy Only  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
Email: [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)  
Call: 301-891-7119

- Montgomery County  
Call: 240-777-0311

## Garnishment of Stimulus Check

Civil Justice Inc.  
Call: 410-706-0174  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Help in Receiving Stimulus Check

Catholic University of America Legal Clinic  
Email: [fsn@cc-dc.org](mailto:fsn@cc-dc.org)

## Unemployment Insurance Claim Issues

APALRC  
Call: 202-393-3572

## IRS Disputes and Payment Agreement

Catholic University of America  
Community Legal Services  
Call: 202-319-6788

## Immigration Issues, Travel Restrictions, Public Charge Rule Questions

APALRC  
Call: 202-393-3572

## Medical Insurance for the Uninsured

Maryland Health Connection  
Call: 855-642-8572 or 270-777-1815

## Bankruptcy Assistance (Chapter 7 only)

Catholic University of America  
Community Legal Services  
Call: 202-319-6788

## Auto Fraud and Repossession Abuse

Civil Justice Inc.  
Call: 410-706-0174  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Jobs

- Get Shift Done  
[www.getshiftdone.org/dmv](http://www.getshiftdone.org/dmv)  
Download the app
- Work Source Montgomery  
[worksourcemontgomery.com](http://worksourcemontgomery.com)
- Free One-on-One Virtual Job Coaching  
Worksource Montgomery  
First Tuesday of the Month;  
By appointment only.  
Email: [housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)  
Call: 301-891-7119



## Century-old press helps support small businesses

By Sean Gossard

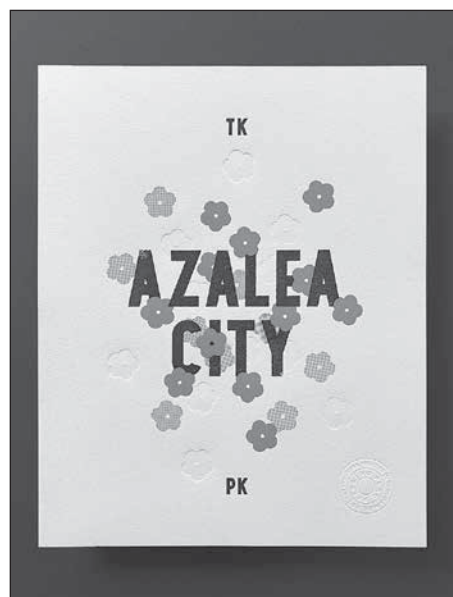
As the spread of coronavirus led to the temporary closures of businesses both big and small around the country, Jesse Kirsch, founder of No Plan Press, and the City of Takoma Park decided to come up with a plan to help those struggling locally.

So Kirsch, a full-time graphic designer living in Takoma Park with his wife and two sons, designed a series of locally-inspired prints to help raise money for the Citywide Small Business Mini-Grant Program and Old Takoma Business Association Micro-Grant Program.

"I'm making them to help give back to the community," Kirsch said. "With so many people with their livelihoods placed on hold, I wanted to figure out a way to give back that was special." The fundraiser is one part of a Takoma Park campaign to help raise money for small, independent businesses in the community.

Using Kirsch's 130-year-old press and the trio of prints he designed, he's been able to help raise more than \$8,000 for the grant programs. "My expectations were to raise a little bit of money — like \$1,000 or \$2,000," Kirsch said. "So, the fact that we passed that is great. I love that we're doing so well and making money for businesses."

Prints include an Azalea City design, one featuring Roscoe — Takoma Park's iconic rooster — and a "Takoma Park Together" print that comes in a variety of paper colors. Kirsch uses a mix of digital and old-style printing for his prints. He designs the prints on his computer and then uses the 130-year-old press for



the actual printing work. "I like the juxtaposition of very old technology using a press that's over a century old and then new technology using Adobe Illustrator and the computer for my designs," Kirsch says.

And that old-technology press has its own interesting history that Kirsch can trace back to at least 90 years. The 1,500-pound press, dated to 1890, is an old-style press that relies on the user to use a foot treadle — or peddle — to operate. "Its earliest owners can be traced back to the 1930s and a small business in Reading, Pa.," Kirsch said. "It was owned by a Jewish printer who printed advertisements in the area."

It later found its way to New York City, where Kirsch purchased it and hauled it to his garage.



Kirsch says the letter press eventually went out of favor in the 1950s with the invention of more affordable printing technology, and most were scrapped for their weight in metal.

But today, it's back in action and in excellent working order making prints to help small businesses.

Prints range in price from \$20 – \$200. Donations and all profits go to the Citywide Small Business Mini-Grant Program and Old Takoma Business Association Micro-Grant Program. All purchases will also be delivered for free to Takoma Park addresses. Kirsch said he's already recouped all the costs on ink and paper, so everything that's sold now will 100% go to the grant funds.

So far, the most popular print has been the Roscoe. Kirsch said he's running low



though on the Azalea City prints and has a good amount of the Takoma Park Together ones, which were printed in the highest quantity.

And because it's all done by hand on the letter press, each print has its own uniqueness. As the No Plan Press website explains, "The slight variations in color and texture of each print is what makes the letterpress printing process unique."

"It's been really motivating to get such positive feedback from the community and city government," Kirsch says. "The more people order, the more we can get into the community." To view and purchase prints, visit [www.noplan.press](http://www.noplan.press). You can also check out Kirsch's other prints and his press on Instagram @noplanpress.





## City of Takoma Park Public Works Department

# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

**Date:** Saturday, June 13, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am to 2:00

**Location:**

Public Works Yard  
City of Takoma Park  
31 Oswego Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



To assist residents with proper and safe disposal of hazardous waste, the Public Works Department holds an annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off day.

Takoma Park residents can drop off household hazardous waste for free (non-residents will be charged a **\$10 fee (CHECKS ONLY)** at the yard at the Public Works Facility.

### What Can Be Accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Items

Aerosol cans containing hazardous products  
Antifreeze and hydraulic fluids (5-gallon limit)  
Batteries: lithium, lithium-ion, nickel-cadmium, car (lead acid)  
Brake fluid  
Charcoal containing flammable agents  
Driveway sealant, tar  
Gasoline, gas-oil mixes, kerosene  
Herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides  
Fluorescent light tubes and ballast  
Thermostats and thermometers containing mercury  
Oil-based paints, paint thinners and solvents  
Photographic chemicals

### Not Accepted Household Hazardous Waste Items

Latex paint  
Commercial, industrial or medical wastes  
Compressed gas cylinders or radioactive materials  
Questions? email:  
[publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov)



# So Many Memories

## Poetry and Grief

By Kathleen O'Toole,  
Takoma Park Poet Laureate

In his stunning book, *The Wild Edge of Sorrow*, psychotherapist Francis Weller quotes a 12th century poem (author uncertain) to support his insistence that "...we must become fluent in the language and customs of grief."

'Tis a fearful thing  
To love  
What death can touch  
To love, to hope, to dream  
And oh, to lose.

A thing for fools, this  
Love  
But a holy thing,  
To love what death can touch.

Poets, and poetry, have always offered a powerful way to honor and celebrate to elegize those we have loved and lost, also those (both well-known and unknown) who have left a mark on our lives. Not surprising that so many of us have turned to poetry as the names and stories of strangers and celebrities who have fallen to COVID-19 wash over us. I think immediately of the opening lines of Walt Whitman's elegy to Lincoln:

*When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd  
And the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night,  
I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn, with ever returning spring.*  
Spring flowers, this year too, are both consolation and

aching reminders of loss. When my first poetry collection, *Meanwhile*, was published, a Takoma Park neighbor mused after a reading: "Why so much death in your poems?" I credited my upbringing in an Irish-Italian family where "Reading Obituaries" (one of the poem titles) was a daily sport, where death was talked about (a lot) and rituals, like laying flowers at family graves, expected. No surprise that the first section of my latest collection, *This Far*, is composed of elegies to what I call "the saints" in my own life, people whose daily lives, work, and acts of compassion, leadership and creativity often go unnoticed.

Some favorite poetic elegies (by poets, in this case, who have also passed on) seem right for this moment, as they honor unheralded subjects, and private moments of intimacy and sacrifice. When the Irish poet Eavan Boland died at the end of April, most tributes pointed out her poetry's power to shine a light on the lives of ordinary people, in history, and all around us.

Many shared her poem "Quarantine," ([poets.org/poem/quarantine](https://poets.org/poem/quarantine)), which depicts a private act of selfless love at the height of the Irish famine, the sort we are seeing in our own times.

I offer two others for your reflection. Perhaps you'll substitute the names and stories of your own mothers and sisters, or the neighbors, bus drivers, nurses, grocery staff and musicians whose loss you want to recognize.

### *the lost women* Lucille Clifton (1936-2010)

i need to know their names  
those women i would have walked with  
jauntily the way men go in groups

swinging their arms, and the ones  
those sweating women whom i would have joined  
after a hard game to chew the fat  
what would we have called each other laughing  
joking into our beer? where are my gangs,  
my teams, my mislaid sisters?  
all the women who could have known me,  
where in the world are their names?

### *Clearances* In Memoriam, M.K.H Seamus Heaney (1928 – 2013)

III.  
When all the others were away at Mass  
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.  
They broke the silence, let fall one by one  
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:  
Cold comforts set between us,  
things to share  
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.  
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes  
From each other's work would bring us to our senses.

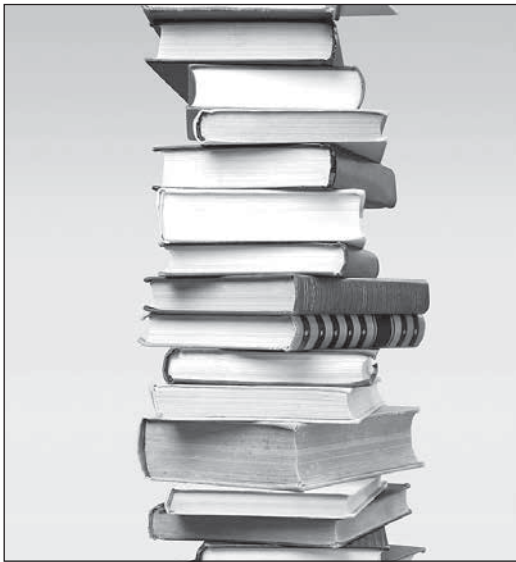
So while the parish priest at her bedside  
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying  
And some were responding and some crying  
I remembered her head bent towards  
my head,  
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives—  
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.

## Library Continued



## It's time to return your Takoma Park Maryland Library Books!

Hooray! Sometime soon, the Takoma Park Maryland Library will launch a contactless checkout "Books-To-Go" service. Stay tuned for details. As part of getting ready for this service, we'd love it if you returned the books you took out in the mad rush before we closed. Please help us get back into the swing of things by returning your books. Our book drop is open 24/7 and checked at least once daily. **No overdue fines, of course.**



## LGBTQ Pride Month

June is LGBTQ Pride Month! Celebrate by reading some winners of the Stonewall Book Awards, sponsored by the American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table. To find award winners, go to this link: [www.ala.org/rt/rrt/award/stonewall/honored#2018](http://www.ala.org/rt/rrt/award/stonewall/honored#2018).

Several the kids' Stonewall Award winners can be found as e-books and/or au-

diobooks on Hoopla, one of the Library's digital offerings. If you are not already a Hoopla user, check out this link: [www.takomapark.info/library/hoopla.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/hoopla.html).

Among the Stonewall Book Award kids' books available on Hoopla are *Hurricane Child* by Kacen Callender; *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard* by Rick Riordan; and *PRIDE: Celebrating Diversity and Community* by Robin Stevenson.

## Online Programs

### Storytime Videos

Children's Librarian Kati Nolfi has created a number of Storytime videos and some songs and rhymes that are easily accessed via the library's Facebook page; Kati creates two or three of the videos weekly.

### Comics Jam

Wednesdays, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Join Dave Burbank for some fun reading great comics! He concludes the program by taking drawing requests from participants.

### Sketch Club

Fridays, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Dave hosts this low-key program where everyone has fun drawing to-

gether, but each focusing on his/her own work.

To access both of these programs, go to <https://zoom.us>. Click on "Join a Meeting" and put in Meeting ID 734-913-6285. (If the Meeting ID changes, we will post the new one on our Facebook page and listservs).

### Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.  
Ms. Karen is now doing a weekly online Circle Time via Zoom. Mr. Gabe joins Ms. Karen at Circle Time on the second Tuesday of each month. Through June 9, the Meeting ID is: 897-6962-2209, and the password is: 309390

To keep up with the library's online activities - and other fun book-related things, check the events listing on our website, [www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library), our Facebook page, or our Twitter (@takoma).

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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set up in the classroom. Students could purchase items that the staff and parents donated.

Latoya's sign language club gave the participants the opportunity to learn a new language. The kids learned the alphabet, colors and how to sign their names. With the cheerleading club, participants

were taught the value of teamwork because they had to rely on one another. Although the current pandemic created some challenges, Alexis and Latoya are still working virtually to create activities for their After the Bell youth, such as a virtual arts and craft project and a slide show of the year in review. These young ladies did an excellent job this school year and are looking forward to continuing to make a difference in the community.



# June 2020 Calendar

For the foreseeable future, we'll use this space to feature city resources and provide important updates on city services. However, let us know if you have a virtual, 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 July issue is June 12, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning June 26. To submit virtual calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov).

## Event Cancellations

Due to COVID-19 concerns, please be advised that all events and meetings held in City facilities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Updates will be provided when events have been rescheduled.

The Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

For information on Takoma Park Arts online events, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities).

## 4th of July Parade and Evening Celebration Canceled

Due to the ongoing public health crisis around the pandemic, its likely restrictions on crowd size, and its impact on our city and community, the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Takoma Park 4th of July Parade and Evening Celebration. We hope to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the Takoma Park Independence Day Celebration with you all on July 4, 2021. Thank you for your support and please stay safe.

# SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



The City of Takoma Park has established a Small Business Mini-Grant Program to assist local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To donate, go to [takomaparkmd.gov/news/help-support-takoma-park-businesses](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/help-support-takoma-park-businesses).

## SHARE IDEAS

### Attend virtual City Council meetings!

Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Due to the public health crisis, the City Council has been meeting remotely by video conference. This will continue as long as necessary. The meetings are available to watch live (or view afterwards) in all the usual ways:

- on the City Council Video Page of the City Website (<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/meetings-and-documents/city-council-video/>)
- on City TV (RCN - Channel 13, HD Channel 1060 Comcast/xfinity - Channel 13 | Verizon Fios - Channel 28) , and Comcast/Xfinity HD Channel 997

- on Facebook (@TakomaParkMD/)
- on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/TakomaParkTV>)

The public can comment live during the public comment portions of the meetings by registering and logging into the video conference. The link will be provided by weekly email from the City Clerk and on the City website. For those not able to do so, written comments may be sent by email to [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov) to be circulated to the Council.

## STAY ACTIVE

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Takoma Park Recreation Department Virtual Recess

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – noon

It's Zoom Recess. Join the Rec Dept. for stretching and fun fitness. For additional information contact Charonne Butler at [Charonnebutler@gmail.com](mailto:Charonnebutler@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/events/236858234120337](http://www.facebook.com/events/236858234120337)

#### Takoma Park Recreation Department Virtual Dance Parties

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – noon

Youth ages 5-12 should join the Rec Dept. as Ms. Charonne teaches a different dance technique each week. For additional information contact Charonne Butler at [Charonnebutler@gmail.com](mailto:Charonnebutler@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/events/2857722547638219](http://www.facebook.com/events/2857722547638219)

#### TPRD Virtual ReVamp Fit Exercise Class

Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Geared toward ages 18 and up — get your heart rate up and your stress levels down. For additional information contact Abel Asafere at [revampfit1@gmail.com](mailto:revampfit1@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/events/2598461813731359](http://www.facebook.com/events/2598461813731359)

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### Washington Revels & Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidotes of Song

Online/Virtual Daily, 10 a.m. (ongoing) Every morning, Washington Revels and Carpe Diem Arts will share some "notes of hope" as one of their song leaders offers a song online. Be there as they begin each day with the inspiration and connection of singing together. Visit their website for instructions on how to join online. Free, but donations encouraged. Info: [info@revelsdc.org](mailto:info@revelsdc.org); <http://revelsdc.org/2020/daily-song>

## GOING TO MARKET

### Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.

Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families. Also available Monday through Friday by appointment only. For appointments call 240-450-2092 or email [educare\\_ss@aol.com](mailto:educare_ss@aol.com).

[www.educare-supportservices.org](http://www.educare-supportservices.org)

### Takoma Park Farmers Market – NEW LOCATION

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round

Parking lot behind the Shops on Laurel Avenue. Entrance: Next to Suntrust Bank, 6931 Laurel Ave.

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. 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. senior and immunocompromised shopping only. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. regular shopping hours. You can also pre-order produce by visiting, [takomaparkmarket.com](http://takomaparkmarket.com).

### Food Pantry at Takoma Park Middle School

The Difference Makers at TPMS have a food pantry for families. During the school closing, volunteers will continue to provide food for families' needs. To donate food, go to <https://amzn.to/2wFHq14> to order nonperishable items that will be delivered to TPMS.

### Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Through November 25

(Operating hours and dates open subject change)

Anne Street and University Boulevard East

This producers-only farmers market features a range of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, coffee, flowers and plants, and tasty prepared foods. [takomaparkmarket.com](http://takomaparkmarket.com)

### TPSS Co-op

Online orders only with pick up available 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Junction parking lot. Visit [tpss.coop](http://tpss.coop) or [tpss.coop/shop](http://tpss.coop/shop).

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