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Participate in Ward Redistricting Meetings

The City of Takoma Park is beginning the process to redraw boundaries of the six city council wards. Redistricting takes place every 10 years after the U.S. Census, when district boundaries for federal, state, and local elected offices are redrawn to reflect new and shifting population data. Residents of the city are invited to learn more about the process and participate in two community meetings this fall:

• Thursday, October 21, at 7 p.m.
• Thursday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

At the first meeting, residents will learn about redistricting and how they can participate in the process. At the second meeting, residents will be able to comment on draft redistricting maps. The meetings will be streamed and recorded, and depending on the circumstances, they will be held over Zoom or in a hybrid in-person/online setting.

For more details, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/redistricting. During and after each meeting, residents can provide comments either in-person, by email, or through a survey available online or pick up a copy at one of our facilities. The City Council will meet in November and January to review the draft and final ward boundary maps respectively. Videos of all meetings will be available online for the public to view at their convenience.

Takoma Park encourages residents to participate in the process, including by drawing their own communities online to help identify neighborhoods, and by drawing their own district boundaries online using an interactive mapping tool.

To learn more about the redistricting process and ways to get involved, including a complete schedule of meetings, visit the Takoma Park Redistricting Project Page on the City website.

Contact:
Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk
clerk@takomaparkmd.gov
301-891-7267

In Honor of Indigenous Peoples’ Day:
Greeting the Waters

Indigenous Peoples’ Day commemorates Native Americans’ persistent presence and ongoing struggles since Columbus landed in the Caribbean on October 12, 1492, marking the beginning of centuries of conquest, enslavement, and displacement in the Americas. Diverse communities now living together on ancestral tribal lands come together to acknowledge history, to uphold reconciliation, and to support our collective wellbeing.

Takoma Park sits within the traditional homeland of the Piscataway, a state-recognized tribe of Maryland. On Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Sligo Creek North Neighborhood Park from 3–4 p.m., we will come together to honor this living space and ancestors. Greeting the Waters is an ancient, ongoing practice that reinforces relationships between people and the cultural landscape. Please check the City’s website for specific event details as registration may be required to attend.

City Council Proclamation

At its October 6 meeting, the Takoma Park City Council will present a proclamation designating Monday, October 12, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples Day in Takoma Park “to acknowledge and celebrate the culture and sacrifice of the first people on this land.” The proclamation reads in part:

Indigenous Peoples Day serves as a reminder to reflect on the Native people, past and present, who have cared for this land over millennia.

City of Takoma Park Housing
and Community Development,
this map, dated May 1, 2013, reflects data from Montgomery County GIS Department, DC GIS, and Census 2010.
NEW TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABLE BANKING AND INVESTMENTS

Apply by October 15

The City Council is seeking applicants for a short-term Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments.

The Task Force will be asked to:

- Define and identify steps to implement sustainable banking and investment policies that fulfill the City’s nuclear-free and climate change goals, including:
  - a. Review the City’s policy statements and the recommendations of the Nuclear Free Committee and the Committee on the Environment,
  - b. Build on previous staff efforts and consultant advice,
  - c. Explore best practices and actions taken by other communities,
  - d. Define “sustainable” investments and identify specific City financial functions to be included, and
  - e. Work with City staff and consultants to recommend to Council the specific next steps on implementing these policies.

Review and recommend updates to the implementation specifics of the nuclear-free ordinance, to best fulfill the purposes of the ordinance and to coordinate with the City’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and other priorities, including:

- Clarify how the ordinance should apply to City uses and impacts of nuclear generated electric power as well as nuclear weapons,
- Update specific tasks and assignments in the ordinance,
- Consider specific tasks assigned to the Nuclear Free Committee, such as review of existing City contracts, awards, purchase orders; annual list of nuclear weapons producers; recommendations on transport of high-level nuclear waste; research on waivers of purchasing requirements; and outreach, and education on nuclear weapons issues.

The task force shall consider the potential impacts of changes to City banking and investment policies, including positive and negative impacts on climate change, health, safety, housing affordability, racial equity, and other factors.

Up to nine city residents will be appointed. To the extent possible, the City Council is seeking to appoint individuals with a mix of expertise and skills in municipal finance, banking, and investment; environmental, energy and nuclear free sustainability; public education and outreach; and/or related public policy issues. The Task Force will be appointed by the City Council in mid-October and report back to the City Council by February 28, 2022.

Applications will be accepted until October 15. For additional information, contact Jessie Carpenter at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7287. The application can be found at bit.ly/task-force-sbi.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Applications will be accepted through October 8 for appointment in October.

Additional appointments to fill vacancies will be made in spring 2022.

The City Council welcomes residents with all different types of experience and knowledge and seeks diverse members to represent our community. Your experience living in Takoma Park can give you what you need to be a part of a board or committee. New this year: members will receive $40 per meeting attended.

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    - • Wednesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.
    - • Wednesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.
    - • Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

- CITY BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - BOARD OF ELECTIONS
    - Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.
  - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
    - Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m.
  - NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE
    - Tuesday, October 12, 7 p.m.
  - POLICE CHIEF’S ADVISORY BOARD
    - Monday, October 18, 7 p.m.
  - RECREATION COMMITTEE
    - Thursday, October 21, 7 p.m.
  - TREE COMMISSION MEETING
    - Tuesday, October 12, 7 p.m.
  - YOUTH COUNCIL
    - (Tentative) Sunday, October 10, 3 p.m.
    - (Tentative) Sunday, October 24, 3 p.m.
  - 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 wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing is invited to contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7287 at least 48 hours in advance.
Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

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

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

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

3. Then click on the name of the project that interests you. In this example, a resident wanted more information for publication; send to tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov or Newsletter, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20912.

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

Operation Etch and Catch

To deter would-be thieves and to track stolen catalytic converters, the Takoma Park Police Department has teamed up with RS Automotive on Carroll Avenue and Lowe’s. Beginning Friday, October 8, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., people who want their catalytic converters etched and painted can visit RS Automotive, 7224 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, to have their license plate number etched onto their catalytic converter, free of charge. An appointment is needed after the launch date; call 301-270-4418.

Our goal is to deter potential thieves looking to steal catalytic converters. If your catalytic converter is stolen and recovered, law enforcement will be able to trace the converter based on the markings. When you call to make an appointment, make sure to mention the “Etch and Catch” program. Also, note that the business has the right to refuse service.

We would like to thank RS Automotive for partnering with TPPD on this crime prevention tool. Without their help, this program would not be possible. As a community, we need to work together to prevent crime, and this shop has gone above and beyond in its efforts. We hope that other automotive businesses in the vicinity of Takoma Park join us. We would also like to thank Lowe’s for donating the tools to assist us in this program.

The top vehicle in Takoma Park targeted for its catalytic converter thefts has been the Toyota Prius. Many people have asked what they can do to help protect their vehicles. Here are some tips to help prevent catalytic converter theft:

- Make an appointment to have your catalytic converter at RS Automotive as part of the “Etch and Catch” program.
- Park in a secured garage when possible or in a well-lit area with surveillance cameras and/or where the vehicle will be seen by a passerby.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting to illuminate driveways used for parking.
- Consider adding security cameras to oversee driveway and on-street parking areas.
- Research catalytic converter anti-theft devices and weigh the pros and cons of having one installed.
- We are asking for our community’s help to prevent catalytic converter theft and to assist with apprehending suspects. If you hear strange noises during the night, such as power tools or sawing, if you see a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road alongside a parked vehicle, you can call 301-270-1100. For more information about the program, visit takomaparkmd.gov/police/services-and-programs/catalytic-converter-etching-program.

Also, note that the business has the rights to refuse service.

Catalytic converter
Plant-A-Tree: Orders Now Being Accepted for Fall 2021

The City of Takoma Park offers discounted tree plantings for private property for the Spring and Fall planting seasons. Orders are now being accepted for Fall 2021. Orders must be submitted to the Public Works Office by October 25 to be included in the Fall planting season. Either visit the Tree Care and Resource page of the City of Takoma Park website or visit the Public Works Office at 31 Oswego Avenue to download or pick up an order form.

Trees offer numerous benefits to the public at large, including cooling the city, intercepting stormwater, supporting a robust local ecology, and providing for aesthetic improvement of our urban landscape. With a changing climate and increasing environmental stressors challenging our mature tree populations, planting new young trees is more important than ever. You can be a part of this important cause by having a tree planted in your yard and we are here to help you make that happen.

This program focuses on planting native shade trees. Shade trees do the best job at providing canopy cover to the city. Pick-up an order form to see which trees are being offered this season. We look forward to working with you to restore the urban forest canopy of Takoma Park and beautify your yard.

Seeking Suggestions:ARPA Spending

Do you have a suggestion or idea for ARPA spending in Takoma Park? Our virtual suggestion box is open and waiting to hear from you. Please email your ideas or suggestions for the new ARPA Manager to ARPA@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Street Festival Returns

The 40th annual Takoma Park Street Festival will be back live and in full swing on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine! The festival will follow the most up-to-date State and County protocols relating to COVID-19 and large outdoor events, so check the website (www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/takoma-park-festival) frequently for updates. We’re all in this together, so please get vaccinated and don’t come if you aren’t feeling well.

The festival will once again showcase original artwork, prints, ceramics, silk-screening, bath and body care, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, leather goods and more, plus food for days, and 18 local bands will perform on three stages throughout the event. Come out and support your favorite local businesses, bands, artists, and community groups as we celebrate 40 years of the festival.

Thanks to the Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services, the festival will now host a COVID vaccine and testing site during festival hours in front of 7000 Carroll Avenue. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered. Unvaccinated persons, persons seeking 2nd doses, and persons approved for booster shots and 3rd doses may receive a vaccine at the event. Persons seeking a 2nd or 3rd dose or booster are encouraged to bring their vaccination card. No reservation is required.
Don’t Miss Free Arts Events at the Takoma Park Community Center

Free film screenings, art exhibitions, and performances are returning to the Takoma Park Community Center in the Takoma Park Arts series. “The arts have been an important outlet for creativity and source of support during these difficult times, and we’re excited to start hosting many events in person again,” Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith said. All Takoma Park Arts events are free for anyone at the Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. Masks may be required based on current regulations. There are more details about some upcoming events below. You also can get more information and sign up for our Takoma Park Arts weekly e-newsletter at takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

Uniting US Art Exhibition Shares Talents of Veteran Artists

Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Uniting US art exhibition will feature a diverse range of artwork created by veterans and their families as a means of healing and financial support. An opening reception will be held on Sept. 30 for the exhibition, which will be on display at the Community Center until December. Uniting US artists create a wide range of powerful art, including paintings, sculptures, and mixed-media work. The artwork is imbued with personal narratives to spark discussions about the life experiences and military service of veterans from across the country. Uniting US artists receive 100% of the proceeds from any art sales, and artwork will be on sale at the Community Center. You can learn more about Uniting US at unitingus.org.

Film Screening Features Musicians in Louisiana Prisons

Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Filmed over two years in three Louisiana prisons, Follow Me Down is a feature-length documentary about the power of music in prison. Georgetown University ethnomusicologist Ben Harbert weaves together interviews and performances from extraordinary inmate musicians, some who are serving life sentences and others who are new to prison or soon to be released. The result, in essence, is a concert film, but instead of bright lights and big stages, these musicians rap in the fields while picking okra, soothe themselves with R&B in lockdown, and create a cappella gospel harmonies. With unprecedented access and Harbert’s insistence on letting the music speak for itself, the film offers an unexpected look at prison life, pushing viewers to reach their own conclusions about music, criminality, regret, redemption, and our shared humanity. Harbert will hold a Q&A with the audience after the screening.

It Has Been Home for Me Performance Features Local Residents

Friday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm

In a unique performance, It Has Been Home for Me will combine a locally produced film, an interactive installation, and audience participation in a celebration of the history and diversity of Takoma Park. The film features local residents dancing and speaking about their connections to our city. Created by artists Nancy Havlik and Corina Iona Dalzell, the performance was created in partnership with Arts for the Aging and Dance Exchange’s Dance On creative aging program, including support from the City of Takoma Park and the National Endowment for the Arts. Havlik is a choreographer for the Dance Performance Group and teaches dance workshops to seniors through Arts for the Aging. Dalzell is a resident artist at Dance Exchange, who previously was a dancer and choreographer in Seattle.
Tots

TOTS SPORTS
SATURDAYS
NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 18
AGES 3-5
TAKOMA PARK RECREATION CENTER
715 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE
Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up Kids Kindergarten – 8th grade are welcome to attend the Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up which occurs on Sundays from 1:45-3:30 p.m. at Hefner Park Community Center. Sessions may begin with a brief lesson, but general play will begin by 2 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Bring your own tournament board if you have one, but there will be extra. For more information, please contact Adam Winship at takomachess@gmail.com. (No class on 10/10, 10/24, 11/28) Hefner Park Community Center 42 Oxosigo Avenue Grades: K-8 Saturdays, 1:45–2:30 p.m. Thru December 19 Free

Youth

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

TOTS

Hips On Gardening with Carla Learn how to cultivate plants from seeds and cuttings, care for plants and grow flowers, vegetables, fruits, and house plants. Parents are welcome to participate with their children and/or teens. Fun for the entire family. Class will be held at the Takoma Park Middle School Green House. Instructor: Carla Perillo Takoma Park Middle School 7111 Piney Branch Road Green House 6-10 years Thursdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m. October 1 – November 18 Resident: $30 / Non-Resident: $30

Sports

Pre-Ballet Pre-Ballet is a combination of music and movement that emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns, and musicality in a creative movement. By introducing students to the basic movement patterns, and musicality in a creative movement, students will be provided with excellent coaching. You will learn proper placing, getting in and getting out of positions, and develop and improve balance and strength. Please contact Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov for more information. All skill levels are welcome. Registration is required. Takoma Park Community Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Ave 6-12 years 6-Week Sessions Saturdays, 12–1 p.m. November 6 – December 18 $70

Futsal League 2022 Futsal, a sport that is like soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It’s also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come, first serve. Participants are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. 8-game season. Practices will begin on Saturday, January 8. Games are on Sundays and begin January 23. There will be no games on January 16 and February 20. Registration opens: October 4 for families with approved Scholarships, October 11 for Residents & October 18 for Non-Residents. Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium Games: Sundays, January 23 – March 20 7-9 Year Division: 12-2 p.m. 9-10 Year Division: 2-4 p.m. 11-12 Year Division: 4-6 p.m. $70

Winter Basketball League 2022 The Winter Basketball League is a developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce children to the fundamentals of basketball and to emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning. The coaches in this league will focus on personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun. ***Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays, times vary. Specific details regarding each league will be available on takomaparkmd.gov/ recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league/ Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested (301-891-1282). Team Assignments: K–2 grade divisions will reflect gender parity based on number of participants. Special Requests: Requests must be made in writing and submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration, though requests are not guaranteed. Registration opens: October 4 for families with approved Scholarships, October 11 for Residents & October 18 for Non-Residents. Games played at various local schools gymnasiums Grades: K–6 8 Week Season Games: Saturdays, January 15–March 5 Resident: $80 / Non-Resident: $90

Teens

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Learn To Code: HTML & CSS Participants in this program will learn how to use HTML and CSS coding to create web pages. From a blank Notepad page, teens in grades 9–12 will craft web pages with content and design aspects they chose. HTML and CSS are fundamental languages that combine all webpages on the internet and structure each page. CSS is an extension to HTML that allows the rapid styling of web pages for customization and aesthetic design intentions. Participants will need access to a computer to participate in this class. Instructor: Jamal Butle Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Multi Media Lab Grades: 9–12 5 Week Session Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. October 21–November 18 Free

Dungeons & Dragons They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.” Instructor: Dave Burbank Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Auditorium 12–18 years Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. October 14–November 11 Resident: $35 / Non-Resident: $45

Fit Fun Friday Night Lights Join us every second Friday of the month for a fun filled Friday Night. Each month we will host a different style of fitness class. Sign up at Takoma Park Recreation Center’s website or call 301-322-0206.

Zumba for Teens Outdoor Class Zumba classes for teens feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumbi® choreography. We break down the steps, add games, activities, and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. Zumba for Teens help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of a teen’s life by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, teamwork, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, cultural awareness. Takoma Park Community Center Outdoor Basketball Court 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6–12 Wednesdays, 2:45–4:45 p.m. Thru November 17 Free

Social & Special Events

Cornucopia Celebration Join the Teen Program for a night to celebrate a season of gratitude. Participate in creating thankful crafts, silly games, and fun activities. End the evening with a family style dinnercourtesy of the Takoma Park Recreation Department’s Teen Program. Transportation is not provided. Meet us there! Takoma Park recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Grades 6–12 Friday, 7–9 p.m. November 12 Free with membership

Virtual class links can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/vcc. Indoor & Outdoor classes starting this month!
Money on my Mind!

By Javonte McDonald

I will never forget my first paycheck. Three-hundred and twenty-five dollars, for something that I would never have done at home. I worked for the Gaylord Resort in their laundry room. Inside a two-hundred-degree room, I sorted the laundry that you leave on the bathroom floor during your business trips. Most people never even think of the inner workings of a hotel facility, and it’s purposely hidden from the visitors eyes. But it creates a better environment for the customer. Trust me you did not want to see the amount of sweat created from being in a room with a giant dryer.

That first job teaches you valuable lessons that will guide outcomes throughout life: responsibility, enthusiasm, work ethic, and ambition. However, there is one thing that I wish I knew before money management. Do you remember what you purchased with your first check? Most people do. I purchased a subwoofer for my car and blasted music like I didn’t want to hear by the time I’m 30. It was a complete waste of money that I put inside my 1992 Chevy Cavalier, which was worth less than the speaker. When the summer ended and I returned to college, I had nothing to show for those sweaty days except a blown amplifier and a constant ringing in my ears.

I only wish there was a Teenage Money Management class like the one in Takoma Park when I was young. And I don’t say that just because I work here. If Ms. Boone taught me strategies like budgeting or debt management, I wouldn’t have gotten that American Airlines credit card back in 2007. Had I learned about investment and saving accounts, I might have purchased that Tesla stock. Just think back to your first check and financial mishaps. Now imagine if you were properly prepared and what you could have done with that extra money.

Teenage Money Management is a free and virtual class with sessions for Grades 5–6 and Grades 9–12. Classes will resume this winter. Poor financial decisions can have huge consequences, so register soon and instill the right financial knowledge in your teenager early on!
Director’s Column: Indigenous Literature at the Library

By Jessica Jones

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is located on unceded Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostian) lands, which we recognize as we head into November and the observation of Native American Heritage Month. While November is the dedicated month for Indigenous peoples, we read Indigenous authors all year.

Native stories are important no matter what month it is, and this November I want to take the opportunity to highlight some of the great Native and Indigenous authors and titles in our collection that you can check out January through December. Authors with tribal affiliations will have them in parentheses by their names (like this).

Children:

We have lots of beautiful picture books for little readers and their families, including Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole Nation Oklahoma) and Juana Martinez-Neal. We Are Water Protectors, written by Carole Lindstrom (Turtle Mountain Band Anishinaabe) and illustrated by Michaela Goade (Tlingit), won the 2021 Caldecott Medal.

Our Young Adult section has the Water Monster by Bryan Young (Diné), about a Diné (also known as Navajo) boy living in Phoenix who visits his grand- mother on the Diné reservation and goes on an epic journey to save a water monster.

While Little House on the Prairie conjures a lot of nostalgia for some folks, the way Indigenous peoples are treated in them may lead you to look for alternative viewpoints about that period in American history. Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Band Anishinaabe) has you covered with her Birchbark House series about Omakayas, a seven-year-old Anishinaabe girl who grows up on Lake Superior.

If you are interested in reading more about Native representation in children’s literature, Dr. Debbie Reese (Nambé Owingeh) reviews books and does a wonderful job of breaking down Indigenous issues in contemporary publishing on her site American Indians in Children’s Literature here: https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com.

Young Adults:

In fiction we have The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline (Georgian Bay Métis), about a non-Native people have lost the ability to dream. Elatsoe, by Darcie Little Badger (Lipan Apache), imagines an America sort of like our own, but with a literal, active spirit world that interacts with the world we know. Elatsoe, also Lipan Apache, works to solve the murder of her cousin and protect her family.

In nonfiction, standouts include An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States for Young People by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women by Lisa Charest-Boy (Tsilhqot’in) and Mary Beth Leatherdale.

Issues & Controversies from Facts on File

By Anne LeVeque

“All we want are the facts, ma’am.” This month’s online resource column focuses on a useful tool for students and teachers from high school through graduate school, journalists, fact-checkers, and anyone who wants to know all sides of a controversial issue. Even if you just want to be ready for that Thanksgiving dinner table debate or trivia night, this resource provides all the facts. You may recall those shelves of dark blue binders labeled Facts on File in your high school or college library – this is the online version of that resource. Facts on File has been providing unbiased information since 1941.

From the Library homepage (tellom-apark.info/library) click “Online” then click “Research,” then “Issues & Controversies.” You will be asked to enter your card number. If you have any trouble with this step, please call us, but be aware that we do not give library card numbers over the phone.

Once you have logged in, the Issues & Controversies homepage has current issues at the top. At press time, the current headings included Coronavirus, Afghanistan, War, Voting Rights, State Abortion Laws, Israel-Palestine Conflict, Immigration Policy, Minimum Wage, Opioid Epidemic, Amazon, Anti-Racism, D.C. Statehood, The Flibuster, and Mandatory Vaccinations. It also includes this year’s National High School Debate Topic: Water Resources. The National Speech & Debate Association sets these debate topics each year, and many organizations and libraries prepare material for these debates, including the Library of Congress.

When you look at the headline topics, there will be a specific question. For example, under “Voting Rights” the specific question is, “Should Congress pass a new Voting Rights Act?” When you click through, you will find up to seven different categories: a pro/con article, primary sources, court cases, media, infographics, editorials, and news. Not all issues have court cases, of course, so “Afghanistan War” will not have that category, for example. Other issues may have even fewer categories, but they will all have a pro/con article, editorials, and news. The page will have the date on which it was last updated, which for some topics will be a long time ago (‘Cheerleading’ was last updated in 2000), but the news and editorial content is continuously updated (the most recent article on cheerleading was June 2021, and the most recent editorial was August 2021).

Beyond the headline topics, you will find many more topics arranged both by subject and alphabetically. You can also search for a particular topic but be prepared to try different terms if you don’t get many hits. For example, “covid” gets only two hits, but “COVID-19” gets 17,
Friends Book Group delves into classic horror for October meeting

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group will discuss The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center.

Steph Lovelady, one of the group’s frequent participants, will lead the discussion. In the event the discussion cannot be held at the Community Center, it will be held online. Many, including Stephen King, Carmen Maria Machado, and Neil Gaiman, consider The Haunting of Hill House to be a masterwork of horror fiction. When it was published in 1959, New York Times reviewer Edmund Fuller wrote that Jackson “is the finest master currently practicing in the genre of the cryptic, haunted tale.”

Like many haunted house stories, the novel uses its four main characters to explore the influence of supernatural activity. Specifically, Jackson uses the sense of fear and terror experienced by these characters to drive the action as the novel moves to its ambiguous conclusion. The Haunting of Hill House was a finalist for the National Book award in 1959.

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library can be found at www.ftpmil.org.

Listen to This!

By Kati Nolfi

If you’re looking for a way to introduce meditation and mindfulness to your kids, please try this podcast! I love the format of Peace Out Podcast: Mindfulness Stories for Kids. Channel Tsang begins each episode with the Calmdown Countdown and then integrates breathing exercises with science facts. Each episode is about 10–15 minutes long, and each season is organized according to a theme: emotions, categories, you will see sources from all over the political spectrum. You won’t find sources that are extreme or those that routinely give out untrue or unverified information, although you will certainly find ones with whom you disagree vehemently (I say this with confidence, not having any idea, gentle reader, of what your opinions may be!). The publishers say that they “aim to provide the most accurate, accessible, and authoritative content available and present arguments on both sides of each issue in a clear, balanced, and unbiased manner.”

* Joe Friday never said, “Just the facts, ma’am.” Source: https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/just-the-facts

Friends Big Book Club

By Tim Rahn

Vanity Fair: A Novel Without a Hero by William Thackeray will be discussed in multiple sessions by the FTPML Big Book Club this fall.

The discussion begins on October 6 at 7:30 p.m. with a lecture and discussion led by Dr. Latha Reddy, Associate Professor of English at Howard University. A Takoma Park resident, Dr. Reddy specializes in British and Anglophone postcolonial literature from the Victorian era to the present.

The October 6 session will take place in the Azalea Room of the Community Center. Subsequent discussions will be on October 20, November 3, and November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room. In the event the Community Center is closed, the sessions will be held online. Vanity Fair, probably the best-known of Thackeray’s novels, was first published to acclaim in serial form from 1847 to 48. Initially, the story included illustrations by Thackeray and was printed with the subtitle Pen and Pencil Sketches of British Society. In 1848 it was published in a single volume with the subtitle, A Novel Without a Hero in 1848.

The novel begins during the last days of the Napoleonic Wars and continues for several decades. It uses the characters Becky Sharp and Amelia “Emmy” Sedley and their families and acquaintances to describe what was a new middle class and how the members of this class sought to establish themselves in British society.

Now best known as a satirist, Thackeray was a contemporary of Charles Dickens. In addition to writing novels, he was a journalist and made an unsuccessful run for Parliament in 1857.

Copies of Vanity Fair will be available in the library. For more information about the Big Book Group, contact fpmil-bookgroup@gmail.com.

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Adults:

Rebecca Roanhorse once said that a lot of Native authors use apocalyptic settings in their books because “we’ve already survived an apocalypse.” Her book Trail of Lightning follows Maggie Hoskie, a Diné-tah (Navajo) monster hunter, in a world ravaged by climate change. Waubgeshig Rice’s Moon of the Crusted Snow takes place in an Ontario reservation, where an apocalyptic event cuts the tribe off from the rest of the world.

For some classic works by Native authors, we have Vine Deloria’s Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto and God Is Red. Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony follows a Native veteran as he grapples with his experience in WWII.

As indigenous authors tell their stories and publishers increase Native representation in their catalogs, we will continue to support this work by making it available to our patrons. Let us know if there is a title you would like to read, so we can seek it out!

fun facts

Most Played Song on His PlayList: hangar by 6/85

How He Takes His Coffee: iced and in excess

Other: He’s vegan, recommendations appreciated!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Five Questions for Dan Powers, Public Administration Specialist

Before joining the staff of the City of Takoma Park, Dan Powers was in graduate studying urban planning. What brings him to Takoma Park? He saw working with the City was the “opportunity to work in a progressive local government serving diverse and engaged residents in a region I loved (the DMV).” If there’s one thing resident should know about Dan, it’s this: “Much of my work involves data, so if you have data needs or ideas for interesting data projects, please reach out!” For him community means “a group of people with a shared identity or sense of purpose who coexist and interact with each other. Also, a great TV show.” Here is Dan’s take on our five questions for new staff members.

Favorite Place/Activity in Takoma Park:

Sligo Creek/Olive Lounge/TA-

Dan Powers

koma Beverage Company

Best Thing about Working in Takoma Park: Getting to work on varied projects for a progressive city and helping inform city decision-making with data

What’s on Your Desk Right Now:

Paper, coffee cups, water bottle, coffee mug, pens, coffee thermos

What You Do in Your “Spare Time”:

Bike, hike, organize friend-things, karaoke (in non-COVID times), read movie reviews, walk everywhere

Best Advice You Ever Got (and from who):

Overnight oats exist and are better than oatmeal (from a former classmate).
Maryland fire deaths
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of September 22, 2021, 43 people have died in fires compared to 35 in 2020.

Hot vehicle deaths
As of September 22, 2021, 22 children have died in hot vehicles across the country. Grand total to 905 since 1998. Don’t let a tragedy happen, that could have prevented. Make sure you check the back seat, and everyone goes with you. Also, lock it!

Fire Prevention Week
October 3–9, 2021
This year’s FPW campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound – a chirping sound or a chirping sound – you must act.

What is your alarm telling you?
Smoke Alarms
• A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
• A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
• All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
• Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms
• A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
• A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
• CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
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What if someone in my home is dead or hard of hearing?
• There are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
• These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds.
• Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed.
• For more information, visit www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/Safety-for-the-Deaf-and-Hard-of-Hearing.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

October Preparedness: Treats Not Tricks
By Claudine Schwebel, co-chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee
Don’t allow yourself to be tricked into thinking that the worst is over after the recent hurricane or COVID intensity, so you can forget about vigilance. No! We all need to continue to be prepared. Here are some reminders and some new items as well as a Preparedness Checklist.

Storms: We were fortunate to have gotten a relatively small dose of Hurricane Ida compared to other parts of the east coast and even parts of Maryland. We did get thunderstorms and are likely to get more this fall. As a result, we may lose power or have to go to a friend’s home or shelter. www.ready.gov
• Remember “when thunder roars, go indoors.”
• Unplug electronic devices.
• Don’t drive through flooded roads.
• Contact your support network.

COVID-19: Get tested and get vaccinated. To find vaccination locations go to www.vaccines.gov/search and enter zip code. On September 11, there were 50 sites within 4.25 miles of zip 20912.
• If you were near person/s who later report having COVID, get tested ASAP.
• For zip code 20912, within 10 miles, there were 19 free and rapid testing sites, 28 drive through options, 45 online appointment sites and more. See covidlink.maryland.gov.

Cell phones for help and warnings: Cell phones enable us to call for help, to contact others, and to get emergency alerts when not at home if the power is out. It is critical that the phone is continually powered.
• Keep it charged, get a portable charger and take it with you; use Wi-Fi since it’s less draining than cellular connections and conserve power, so avoid watching videos and close background apps. And, if in rain/flood area, keep phone dry using a plastic zip top bag. If phone gets wet, you can wipe with dry cloth, remove the battery, and dry charging port with car heater or hair dryer.
• Need help? Call 911, or text 911 if you have a disability or hearing problem; get emergency updates via varied sites, such as local Takoma Park, FEMA, and local area where you are going. Takoma Park alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert

Preparedness for people with disabilities:
• A support network, including one person out of the area.
• Keep the contact list on paper and online.
• Make sure the network members know each other and your information.
• Keep paper list in plastic container.
• Include list of medications, pharmacy, doctor contacts, accessible transportation, and accessible emergency shelters.
• Wear medical alert tags or bracelets. Add also pertinent medical information to your electronic devices. Plus, list specific support needs.
• For medical equipment in your home that requires electricity, talk to your doctor or health care provider about how to keep it running during a disaster.

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Basic Preparedness Checklist
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✔ Communication plan: ready___ not___
✔ Electronic record and paper of health records—share link with contact persons
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✔ Power outage: working flashlights & extra batteries nearby: ready___ not___
• Cell phone charger, full power: ready___ not___
• Battery operated radio (or hand crank): ready___ not___
• Cash: power outage means cannot use credit card or ATM: ready___ not___
• Evacuation: Listen to local news; check Takoma Park Alerts; call 311: ready___ not___
• Stay tuned for Takoma Park ALERTs: ready___ not___
• Storm warning: check storm warning prepared: ready___ not___

AT YOUR SERVICE

THE FIREHOUSE REPORT
By Jim Jarboe

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Melissa Ezelle used archival photos and quotes from the archives to create her screen-printed pieces of artwork at Historic Takoma in October.

In the late 1800s, mostly those who worked in Washington, D.C., but wanted to live away from the city. “Obviously, there needed to be a labor force to support the upper middle class and staying, which says a lot about community and family,” she said. “I'm so grateful for Historic Takoma for giving me the opportunity to share these stories.”

Another area artist who has been on display around Takoma is Felicia Reed, a local award-winning fiber artist. Reed's Healing Wraps were on display through September, but she still has artwork on display locally and around the country.

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**Books-To-Go Continues!**

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is continuing its Books-to-Go service and its Books-to-You (delivery) service. Here is what you need to know:

- **Email** your request to librarytakoma-akar@gmail.com (preferred) or call 240-507-0229.
- **Subject line** of your email, include the name on the account you are using and either your birthday (month and day, not year) or the last four digits of your library card.
- **In your message**, list the items you want to check out. Include the title, author, and call number for each item requested.
- **Please check our catalog first** at https://takoma.byswatersolutions.com to be sure that the item is available. Please limit your requests to 10 items per order. If a book is checked out, you may place a hold on it.
- **We will notify you** when your request has been filled. Our reply email will give you information on when you can pick up your request.
- **When you arrive** at the library parking lot, call 301-580-0085 and we will bring it out to you. Requests will be held for one week, and then the items will be checked back in.

**Note:** If you have overdue books, you will not be permitted to check out new ones!

**RECREATION**

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**DROP-IN**

**Bingo**

Welcome back! Come try your luck and win a prize! This is drop-in, no registration required. Host: Paula Liscio

Takoma Park Community Center
750 Maple Avenue
Senior Room
55 & up
Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m.
October 26
Free

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**FITNESS**

- Belly Dancing
  
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Reed, a certified life spiritual and Christian coach and an international speaker, fiber artist, and TV host, noted that her work focuses on the nature of healing for those who have survived trauma. “My felted work was actually an answer to a prayer for my own healing,” she said. “I am a survivor of every form of abuse. I’m very passionate about finding ways for others to heal. I make these unique one-of-a-kind wraps in an ancient Mongolian technique of felt using silk and wool fibers and agitating it with soap and water.”

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**October 2021 Calendar**

We have been using this space to feature city resources and provide important updates on City services. We will provide updates as more in-person events become feasible. In the meantime, let us know if you have a virtual, or in-person, nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we will consider it for inclusion in the calendar.

Deadline for the November issue is October 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning October 29. To submit calendar items, email tpcnwsedt@takomaparkmd.gov. All City facilities fully reopened to the public on August 23. The Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

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**SHARE IDEAS**

*Attend City Council meetings!*

**Wednesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.** City Council Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.** City Council Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.** City Council Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.** City Council Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.** City Council Regular Meeting

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

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

*Monster Bash is Coming!*

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting our annual Monster Bash on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Our events will commence with a Bash Kick-off at 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School parking lot.

To hold the event and ensure patron safety, we will have the following anticipated road blockages:

- Pinney Branch Road, from the Takoma Park Middle School to Philadelphia Avenue from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- The intersections of Chestnut Avenue, Grant Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue, Pinney Branch Road, Philadelphia Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue, Holly Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue, Birch Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia Avenue, Old Philadelphia Avenue, and Philadelphia Avenue/Maple Avenue will have rolling closures between 1:45 – 3:30 p.m.
- Some residents will be unable to exit their neighborhood while streets are closed for the parade.

Please follow up with a visit to our website takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash to see the up-to-date information for Monster Bash. If you live or work along the parade route, we encourage you to participate in the festivities by decorating your front doors and/or windows and dressing up in a costume.

The Bash Kick-off beginning at 1 p.m. will be a great opportunity to visit with neighbors, family and friends while having fun. This will be followed by the Costume Contest and Parade, and we will end our program with an Award Ceremony and Celebration in the Community Center parking lot. The parade will begin at approximately 2 p.m. on Pinney Branch Road and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will then walk down Pinney Branch Road to Philadelphia Avenue (left turn) then to the Community Center parking lot for the Awards Ceremony and enjoy a fabulous concert.

The Takoma Foundation is excited to announce the 2021 Monster Bash! The Community Beerfest will be held at Takoma Station on Saturday, October 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For $5, participants will get two alcoholic drinks (beer, margarita, or Long Island Iced tea). They’ll also receive their choice of wings, fries, or a Beyond Burger. After that, it’s pay as you go. The event will be fully exclusive to Beerfest participants. We really appreciate those of you who support the foundation and its work. However, Community Beerfest is encouraging inclusion by enabling other customers to be at the bar during our event. If there’s bad weather, we’ll reschedule to October 16. Tickets are limited. To purchase yours, visit [www.takomafoundation.org](http://www.takomafoundation.org). To learn more about Takoma Station, visit [www.takomastation.com](http://www.takomastation.com).

Historic Takoma Reading Room Opening

**Sunday, October 17, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Takoma Park. Historic Takoma anticipates opening its new public Reading Room on Sunday, October 17. Visitors will have access to reference books on Takoma and Maryland history, the collection of Takoma Voices and City newsletters, historical journals, and more. Historic Takoma is also hosting the Maryland Reference Collection of the Takoma Park Maryland Library during the library’s renovation. Historic Takoma volunteers will be available to answer questions about the collections and Historic Takoma. Reading Room hours will be 1-4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month. [historictakoma.org](http://historictakoma.org)

**Public Space Workshops**

Join us at an upcoming, outdoor community workshop to share your thoughts (see page 4 for details).

- **10/05 (Tues.): City Building, 6–7 p.m.** (Rain Date: 10/7, 6–7 p.m.)
- **10/16 (Sat.): Sligo Creek/Houston Ave Park, 10–11 a.m.** (Rain Date: 10/23, 2–3 p.m.)
- **10/16 (Sat.): Recreation Center, 1–2 p.m.** (Rain Date: 10/30, 1–2 p.m.)
- **10/23 (Sat.): Essex House, 10–11 a.m.** (Rain Date: TBD)

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**STAY ACTIVE**

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

**Enhance Your Fitness**

Tuesdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m. 55 & up

Classic Foundational Fitness and Training

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10–11 a.m. 55 & up

**Spirit Group Fitness**

New videos uploaded each Wednesday