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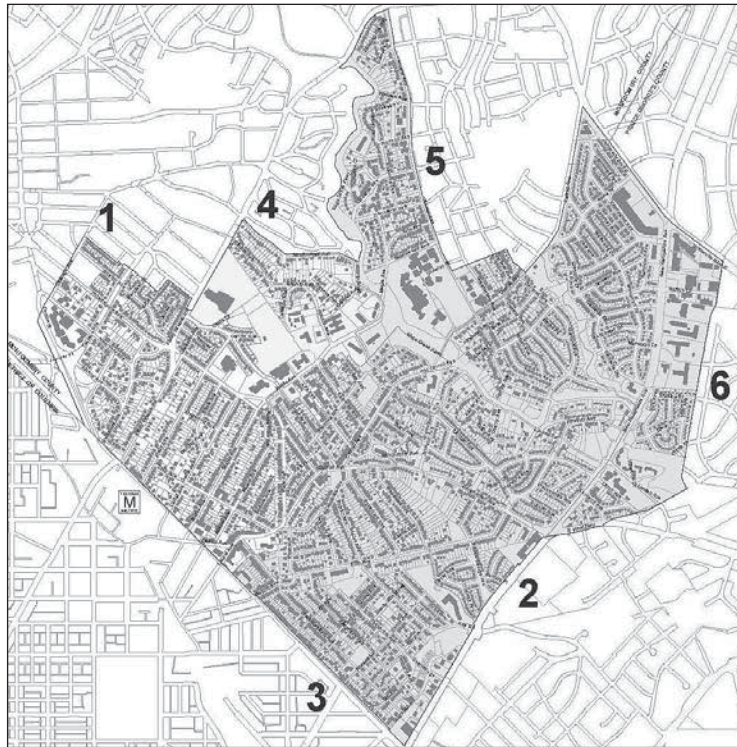
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Participate in Ward Redistricting Meetings

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.

Information and Resources: Covid19
takomaparkmd.gov

Questions, Comments and Suggestions
askus@takomaparkmd.gov

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Official City Government Meetings

REMOTE/VIRTUAL AND HYBRID MEETINGS

Meetings in September continued to take place remotely. The City Council meetings will continue to be remote/virtual through the end of the year. For the most current information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Information on any meetings taking place will be published there along with information on how the public can observe.

COMMENTING AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The time limit per comment is three minutes. Requests for additional time, or requests to share slides or video at a City Council meeting, must be directed to the Mayor at least 24 hours in advance. Email kates@takomaparkmd.gov.

Written comments sent by email to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov or by U.S. mail will be shared with the full Council.

Commenting over Zoom: Individuals interested in commenting live during City Council meetings (over Zoom) must sign up before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The link to sign up will be published on the calendar and on the City Council agenda page.

Commenting in person: If the Council is meeting in person in the Auditorium, advance sign up to comment *in person* will not be required.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.
- 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.

Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up by sending an email to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

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 301-891-7267 at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

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 both 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:

- a. Clarify how the ordinance should apply to City uses and impacts of nuclear generated electric power as well as nuclear weapons,
- b. Update specific tasks and assignments in the ordinance,
- c. 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 residents 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 301-891-7267. 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 and interacting with our community on a daily basis and/or working in your chosen profession 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.* Additional information and a link to the application form can be found online at: bit.ly/tkpk-committees.

City boards and committees are appointed by and report to the City Council and focus on a particular priority area. Applications are now being accepted for the following:

Arts & Humanities Committee focuses on matters relating to the arts and encourages the appreciation and participation of City residents in the arts and humanities.

Emergency Preparedness Committee assists in City planning and preparations for emergency operations and engages

residents in how to plan, prepare and recover from emergencies.

Grants Review Committee reviews and recommends grant applications for the Community "Quality of Life" Grants awarded annually to nonprofits and business associations that serve City residents by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences.

Sustainable Maryland Committee supports City efforts to achieve Sustainable Maryland certification, which in turn helps the City Council to meet its environmental goals and priorities.

Recreation and Community Engagement Committee concentrates on serving the varied recreation needs of our residents, emphasizing youth, seniors, and diverse resident backgrounds, on uses of City facilities, and on a wider range of related community needs such as health, leisure, education, enrichment programs.

Board of Elections plans and conducts all our City elections in coordination with the City Clerk. The Board also does voter education and outreach in our community, and reviews City election laws and procedures after an election to recommend changes as needed.

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) represents the interest of tenants and landlords and hears cases in matters affecting rental housing in Takoma Park.

Ethics Commission certifies compliance with state and city ethics requirements, hears complaints on potential City ethics violations, and advises on how the City ethics law applies to covered individuals.

Tree Commission hears appeals of City tree permit decisions in keeping with the City's goal to preserve, protect and promote our community's urban forest.

Applications should be submitted by October 8 to be considered for October appointments. Questions? Contact Jessie Carpenter at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267.

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

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

| Project Directory | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Project Title & Link | Project Classification | Target Completion Date | Ward |
| Library Renovation Project | Public Infrastructure - Buildings | 2017 - TBD | Citywide |
| Table: City of Takoma Park project directory listing all of the major projects currently being worked on or planned. | | | |
| Completed Projects | | | |
| Project Title & Link | Project Classification | Completion Date | Ward |
| Washington Adventist Hospital | Regional Project | 2019 | Citywide |
| Dorothy's Woods | Public Infrastructure - Property | 2018 | 3 |
| Police Chief Search | Recruitment | 2017-12 | Citywide |

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

POLICE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

About the Police Facility Improvements

City Council authorized funding to evaluate and redesign the police space in the Community Center. The current goal is to expand and renovate the police office space. Likely this will reduce the lobby area on the first floor of the police station.

Current Project Status

Preliminary architectural plans completed. Project is currently waiting for future funding.

Project Lead & Contact Info

Rich Bowers
Police Captain
Phone: 301-891-7104
Email: RichardB@takomaparkmd.gov

Police Facility Improvements Details

Project Info & Timeline

- Target completion date: 2016 – July
- Takoma Park's role in project: Lead
- Departments involved: Police

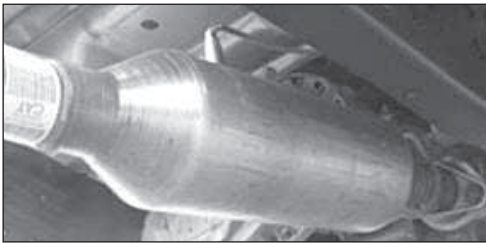
Budget & Funding Source

Links & Notes

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

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.**



Catalytic converter

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

license plate number etched on 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, if you see or hear anything out of the ordinary, please call 301-270-1100. For more information about the program, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/catalytic-converter-etching-program.

Important City Department Phone Numbers

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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 |



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Upcoming Community Public Space Workshops Need Your Voice

Do you care about parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, walking paths, streeteries, or other public spaces? The City Planning Division is working on a plan to guide decisions about public space in Takoma Park, and we need your help. Join us at an upcoming, outdoor community workshop to share your thoughts.

- **10/5 (Tuesday):**
Outdoor Workshop @ Community Center,
6–7 p.m.
Rain date: 10/7 @ 6–7 p.m.
 - **10/16 (Saturday):** Outdoor Workshop @ Sligo Stream Valley Park #1 (By Sligo Creek Pkwy. and Kennebec Ave.), 10–11 a.m.
Rain Date: 10/23 @ 2–3 p.m.
 - **10/16 (Saturday):** Outdoor Workshop @ Recreation Center, 1–2 p.m.
Rain Date: 10/30 @ 1–2 p.m.
 - **10/23 (Saturday):** Outdoor Workshop @ Essex House (parking lot), 10–11 a.m.
Rain Date: TBD
- Spanish and Amharic materials available; light food, beverages, and kid's activities will be provided.



Please check the City website to confirm event dates; they may be subject to change

For more information about the City's Public Space Management Plan, please visit the City's website and enter Public Space Management Plan into the search bar.



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.

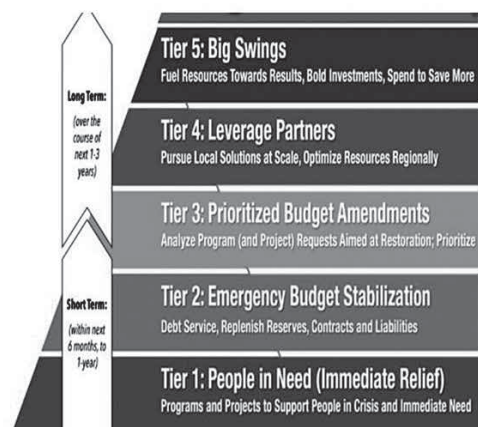
Trees offer numerous benefits to the public at large, including cooling the city, intercepting stormwater, supporting a robust local ecology, and providing for aesthetic improvement of our urban landscape.

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.

Prioritization of ARPA One-Time Funding

- **Short-Term**
 - Tier 1: Immediate Relief
 - Tier 2: Emergency Budget Stabilization
 - Tier 3: Budget Amendments
- **Long-Term**
 - Tier 4: Leverage Partners
 - Tier 5: Big Investments



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.



Love America by Cristin Dy

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.



Follow Me Down Film Screening image



It Has Been Home For Me Performance

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RECREATION



Virtual class links can be found at
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/vcc.

Indoor & Outdoor classes starting this month!

TOTS



YOUTH

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



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 Heffner 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, 10/31, 11/28) Heffner Park Community Center 42 Oswego Avenue Grades: K–8 Saturdays, 1:45–3:30 p.m. Thru December 19 Free

DANCE

Hip Hop Dance

Join this introductory Hip Hop Dance Class and have some fun! Students will explore various hip-hop styles, learn the importance of Hip Hop and choreographic tools to create their own dance and execute a short choreography. Students will participate in student lead performances. Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 6–13 years Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm Thru October 28 Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

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 shapes, positions, postures, and traditions of classical ballet, the Pre-Ballet curriculum enhanced both cognitive and physical development at this important time. Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 4–12 years Saturdays, 11:30–12:15 p.m. Thru November 20 Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

ENVIRONMENTAL



Hands 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 Perlo Takoma Park Middle School 7611 Piney Branch Road Green House 6–10 years Thursdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m. October 7–November 18 Resident: \$20 / Non-Resident: \$30

SPORTS



Basketball Skills

This class will teach the fundamentals of the sport. Good Sportsmanship will be emphasized. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching. You will learn proper dribbling, shooting and defensive techniques. Please contact vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov for more information. All skill levels are welcome, and 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. Parents 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

Registration
opens Oct. 11
for Residents

8 Week Season

Games: Sundays, January 23–March 20

7–8 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 (301-891-7282).

Team Assignments: K–2 grade divisions will reflect gender equity 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 school gymnasiums Grades: K–8

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 5–8 will craft web pages with content and design aspects they chose. HTML and CSS are fundamental languages that compose 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 considerations. 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: 5–8 5 Week Session Thursdays, 4–5 p.m. October 21–November 18 Free

Power Hour

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

DRAMA

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: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

FITNESS

Capoeira for Teens (Outdoor Class)

Capoeira is a Brazilian dance mixed with martial arts, acrobatics, and music. Through this class students will focus on learning basic corporal techniques of Capoeira including, acrobatics, defense, and attack movements. Students will also learn the rhythms and songs necessary for Capoeira, including, drums, tambourine, and other native Brazilian musical instruments. Instructor: Roda Movements Takoma Park Community Center Outdoor Basketball Court 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6–12 Mondays, 3:45 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. Thru November 15 Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

Commit 2 B Fit (Outdoor Class)

Get your yoga mat and water bottles and join us on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field for a fun and energized session to work out and get fit. Limited spaces available, registration required. For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov. Takoma Park Community Center Ed Wilhelm Field 2 Darwin Avenue Grades 6–12 Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Thru October 23 Free



Zumba for Teens (Outdoor Class)

Zumba classes for teens feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® 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, 3:45–4:45 p.m. Thru November 17 Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

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 dinner courtesy 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

Friday Night Lights

Join us every second Friday of the month for a fun filled Friday Night. Each month we will host a

RECREATION



Virtual class links can be found at
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/vcc.

Indoor & Outdoor classes starting this month!

RECREATION

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different event to include movie watch parties, DJ dance offs, Minute to Win It games, trivia, and game nights to include a few. Prizes will be given, and you can enter to win a family pizza night on us! For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6–12
2nd Fridays, 6–8 p.m.
November 12, December 10
Free with membership

Teen Talk Thursdays

Join Ms. Leicia at 4:30 p.m. for Teen Talk Thursdays. Grab your seats and we'll bring the "tea"! Let's talk about fashion, fads, questions, advice, current events, etc. You name it! Some weeks we will have experts or special guests join in on the conversations. For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Thru December 21
Free with membership

ADULT

ART

Can't Draw A Straight Line Drawing

Drawing is a fun and inexpensive art. Students can end up with wonderful drawings to frame. From pencils to oil pastels to magic markers the class will be looking at values, negative space, color, and perspective. No experience is necessary. The instructor will provide some materials for students to use and try out. A list of suggested supplies will be sent to students.
Spring Park
6999 Poplar Avenue
16 & older
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Thru October 9
Free

Painting Exploration

In this beginner class, participants are encouraged to try different materials and methods, as well as explore some of the basic elements of design in their work. Participants will try still life, landscape as well as painting from their imaginations. We will examine paintings by other artists and give helpful feedback



to one another in a comfortable setting. Grab a brush and come by the studio to explore painting! Hazardous Materials: Hands and clothes should be washed after using clay and glazes. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Fetting knives and other tools with sharp edges or points such as skewers and cutters are used in the class. A non-refundable \$35 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Later in the session, participants may want to purchase more materials from a list the instructor will provide.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Art Studio
16 & older
Fridays, 10–11:30 a.m.
Nov. 5 - Dec. 17
Resident: \$100 / Non-Resident: \$120
Material Fee: \$35

FITNESS

Fitness for Life

This class is for anyone looking to reach their health, fitness, and life goals. Whether you are an athlete, novice exerciser, or looking to enhance your current workout routine. Your coach will ensure you are performing the exercises in a safe and effective manner. This class is designed for you to work at your own pace. **This is a virtual class.** Instructor: Sergio Quisquinay
18 and up
8 week sessions
Thursdays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
September 16 - November 4
Free

Iyengar Yoga for Beginners

This class will introduce you to Yoga as taught by the Iyengar Method. This method opens the practice of yoga for everyone. The use of props and a step-by-step approach teaches alignment and brings strength and flexibility. The basic postures are introduced, and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt, energy is generated, and the breath is engaged. The aim is to bring into alignment the different parts of the body to associate the breath and mind and release tension



and stress. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Studio
18 & older
Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.
Thru December 22
Resident: \$180 / Non-Resident: \$210
Drop-In: \$15

Rise and Move

This class will strengthen your muscles (including your heart), increase mobility in your joints, provide you with energy and improve your coordination. Your coach will educate, guide, and assist you throughout the entire class to ensure you are performing movements safely and effectively. Equipment needed: Floor space, high back chair, mat, and weights (optional). **This is a virtual class.** Instructor: Sergio Quisquinay
18 and up
8 week sessions
Mondays, 10–11 a.m.
September 13–November 1
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
Virtual
16 & older
New videos uploaded each Wednesday
Free



Total Body Blast

Are you ready to have a blast, get your body in shape and toned? Grab your mat and weights and join KJ



Total Fitness for an all-around workout tailored for beginners to intermediate exercisers. Please work at your own pace and make modifications as necessary. Each class workout will consist of warm-up, upper body toning, lower body toning, core strengthening, and stretching. Recommended equipment: sneakers, floor mat, handheld weights, training gloves, towel, and water
Virtual
16 & older
Saturdays, 9–10 a.m.
Free

Zumba with Griselda

Zumba class will be 45 minutes to an hour long (depending on the need). Participants will engage in a total body workout, combining cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility through Latin music. Zumba class will include a mix of low-intensity and high-intensity movements, but participants can modify as necessary. The judgment-free Zumba class is designed to bring communities together and form a support group to reach each participant's fitness goal.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Studio
16 & older
Saturdays, 10:15–11:15 a.m.
Thru December 18
Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

MULTIMEDIA

Voice Overs...Now is your time

In what could be the most enlightening 2 hours you've ever spent, this class will show you how you can actually begin using your speaking voice for commercials, films, videos, and more. Most people go about it the wrong way. In this introductory class, you will learn about a unique, outside the box way to break into this creative, fulfilling, and potentially lucrative industry. Voice-overs can be managed on your own terms, on your own turf, in your own time, and with minimal overhead! Whether you choose to pursue voice-overs part-time or full-time, this could be the game changer you've been looking for. Instructor: Nicole Porch
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Azalea Room
18 & older
One Day Workshop
Monday, 7–9 p.m.
October 18
Free

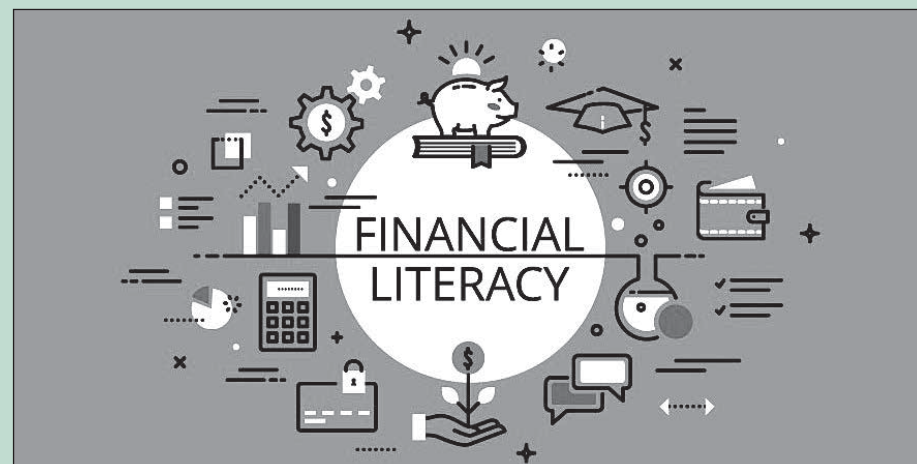


Money on my Mind!

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 re-



member 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 Airline 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!

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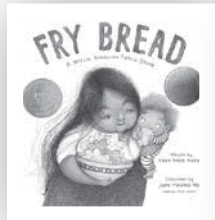


Director's Column: Indigenous Literature at the Library

By Jessica Jones

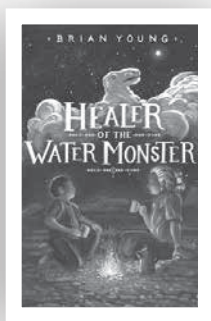
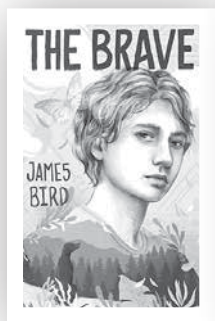
The Takoma Park Maryland Library is located on unceded Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) lands, which we recognize as we head into November and the observation of Native American Heritage Month. While November is the dedicated month for Indigenous peoples, we read Indigenous authors all year.

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.



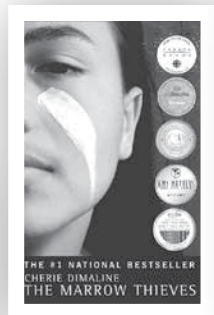
Some of the chapter books we have include: *The Brave* by James Bird (Ojibwe/Anishinaabe), about a neuro-atypical Ojibwe child named Collin, and *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young (Diné), about a Diné (also known as Navajo) boy living in Phoenix who visits his grandmother on the Diné reservation 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 world where 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 *#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women* by Lisa Charleyboy (Tsilhqot'in) and Mary Beth Leatherdale.

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Hours

Library hours are:
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday-Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Computer Center hours are:
Monday-Thursday 12 – 8 p.m.
Friday-Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Masks are required for all indoor activities, and we are asking patrons to limit their time in the library building. For those who prefer not to come indoors, Books-to-Go and Books-to-You are continuing, and the book return bin is still open at all times.

CALENDAR

We're continuing to offer many great library programs – weekly and monthly – via Zoom. To participate, go to <https://zoom.us>. Click on "Join a Meeting" and put in the Meeting ID (and Meeting password, if any) listed with each program. Registration isn't required for these programs, but, if you are registered, we will send reminders as well as notices of any changes or cancellations. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms. Please refresh your browser first to ensure you get the most updated information. Also, please make sure you register for the "Zoom" version of these programs.

PROGRAMS: To keep up with all our programs, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents.

Zoom Circle Time: Join Ms. Kati every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for an online Circle Time via Zoom! To participate, go to <https://zoom.us>. Click on "Join a Meeting." Then put in this Meeting ID: 995-4901-8825 and Meeting Password: 178851. At Circle Time, we sing songs, have fun with fingerplays and rhymes, and do lots of dancing and movement exercises. We read one book in the middle of the program.

Zoom Comics Jam: Once a month, generally on the second Wednesday at 4 p.m. The next date is October 13th. Please register for Zoom Comics Jam at www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents; we'll send an email with the next date to all registered. The Meeting ID for Zoom Comics Jam is 734-913-6285. No Meeting Password needed.

Zoom Spanish Circle Time: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. To participate in Zoom Spanish Circle Time, go to: <https://zoom.us>. Then put in Meeting ID: 959-5178-5847 and Meeting Password: 793725.

Zoom Scribbler's Cabal: Fridays at 4 p.m. Meeting ID is 734-913-6285 (same as Comics Jam), no Meeting Password needed.

Yoga Storytime

Join Ms. Kati on most Sundays at 10 a.m. outside the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) for a 30-minute Yoga Storytime for 2 and up. Supervised younger siblings are welcome. You are welcome to bring a bottle of water, a towel (optional; to put your mat on top and keep it dry and clean) and yoga mat. There are extra mats available if you need one. Masks are optional outdoors. We do yoga, read a story, enjoy some bubbles, and get a craft-to-go bag. We cancel for bad weather (heat, rain, cold) (no class on Oct. 24).

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 home page (takomapark.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 Filibuster, and Mandatory Vaccinations. It also includes this year's National High School Debate Topic: Wa-

ter 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 2006), 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,

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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.ftpml.org.

Friends Big Book Club

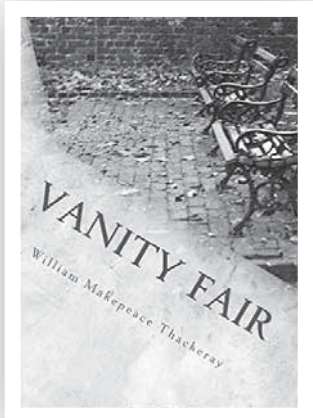
By Tim Rahn

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 ftpmlbookgroup@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 au-

thors, 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!



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. Chanel 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,

space, ocean, etc. If your kids like "But Why? The Podcast for Curious Kids," they will probably also like "Peace Out." In "Peace Out," kids are invited to share voice messages of their "kindness stories." While it might seem like a good idea to play in the car when sibling squabbles and anxieties are heightened, be careful not to get too blissed out!

Find this podcast at chaneltsang.com, peaceoutpodcast.com, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

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and "coronavirus" gets 65 hits. Try to ascertain the vocabulary used or give the library a call for some help. Additionally, you will find that search results are arranged by relevance rather than by date, which may be confusing. You can select a time frame for results, such as in the past month or in the past year.

Facts on File uses many different sources to provide a variety of views on a topic. If you click on "Sources" from the homepage, you will see five categories of sources: news organizations, magazines and journals, groups and institutes, government agencies, and editorials. Within these

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>

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/Takoma Beverage Company

Fun Facts

Most Played Song on His Playlist: hangar by 8485

How He Takes His Coffee: Iced and in excess

Other: He's vegan; recommendations appreciated!



Dan Powers

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).



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

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 you 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 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.
- 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.

What if someone in my home is deaf 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 Schweber, 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. To find a testing site, go to covidlink.maryland.gov/content/testing.
- 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 or 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 alerts: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert

Preparedness for people with disabilities: Develop an emergency plan and kit with the following:

- 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. Also add 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

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Basic Preparedness Checklist

- ✓ Emergency Contacts list: one local person and one out of area: ready___ not___
- ✓ Communication plan: ready___ not___
- ✓ Electronic record and paper of health records—share link with contact persons
 - Important documents, copies: ids, medical records, insurance, driver's license, social security, photos (paper or usb stick or phone): ready___ not___
 - Medication list easily accessible; doctor info; Extra medication: ready___ not___
- ✓ 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___
- ✓ Signed up for Takoma Park ALERTs: ready___ not___
- ✓ Storm watch and storm warning prepared: ready___ not___



Editor's note

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Takoma Park Windows Give Glimpse into Local Art Scene

By Sean Gossard

If you've taken the time to walk around downtown Takoma Park recently, you may have noticed even more art filling the City's many storefront windows. From pieces highlighting the area's vibrant rural history to artwork reflecting on the nature of healing from trauma, Takoma Park's windows have become a showcase for various artists.

Historic Takoma and Takoma ARTery have teamed up to help showcase local artists and artisans while also helping to fill storefront windows. At Historic Takoma on 7328 Carroll Ave. window art has turned into a way to showcase the beauty and rich history of the area. Starting in October, a new art installation by Melissa Ezelle will be up for showcase in Historic Takoma's windows.

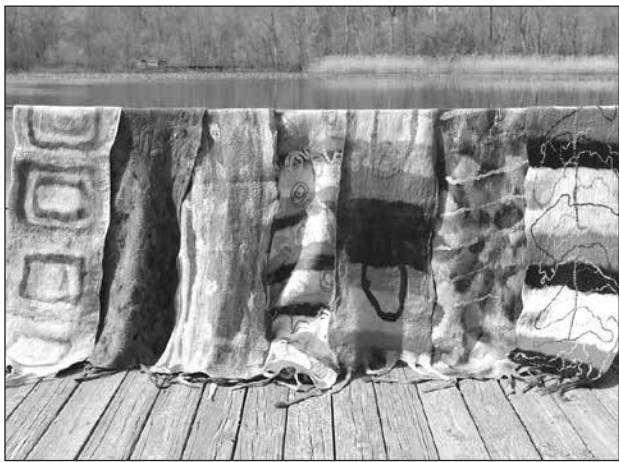
Ezelle, a printmaker and a textile artist, uses hand-dyed fabric panels to help tell the history of the area's African-American laborers in the late 1800s and early 1900s. "I printed on top of the panels using screen printing all by hand, actual lithographic photos from the archives," she explained. "In addition to the photos and imagery, I included some quotes from the archives."

"In her show 'Two Neighborhoods,' Melissa has taken us back to a time when our African-American community was forming, and reminding us of Takoma's rural history," said Marty Ittner, who had her own exhibit, "Wintry Mix," featured in Historic Takoma's windows. "Her hand-dyed fabric panels are rich with dreamy, layered imagery and text. I love how she has nestled period graphics, photos and handwriting in her screen-printed grasses. The final effect emanates a glimpse of our people and place of the past."

Ezelle says she started the project at the beginning of 2020 with the help of a grant with the Montgomery County Art Council. She originally wanted to highlight the history of the railroad in Takoma Park and surrounding area. Like many plans, however, she was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to change her focus.

"When COVID hit, it changed my work to focus on the essential workers in the area and not just the railroads," she said. "[Historic Takoma President] Diana Kohn told me about this oral history project being conducted by Susan Schreiber documenting the lives of African-Americans who settled in the area, so I wondered if there was a connection there."

She began researching those who settled around the area



The Healing Wraps were on display in Takoma Park storefront windows in September.



Felicia Reed poses with one of her hand-dyed Healing Wraps. Some wraps are on display now at Busboys & Poets on 14th St. NW.



Melissa Ezelle used archival photos and quotes to create her screen-printed pieces of artwork on display at Historic Takoma.



Melissa Ezelle's screen-print and mixed media piece on hand dyed cotton will be on display 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 that moved in," Ezelle said. "And that's what I wanted to focus on. There were some great interviews [from Historic Takoma] about the people and where they lived and the communities that they formed. I thought that was a much more interesting story."

Ezelle, who also teaches art at Montgomery County College, says her research focused on mainly two areas of the old Takoma Park—both of which remain—"The Hill," up on Ritchie, Geneva, Oswego Avenues, and "The Bottom," on Cherry and Colby Avenues off Sligo Creek Parkway.

"Some of the speakers really talked about the close-knit community and how everyone looked out for each other and how peaceful it was living there," she said. "I just thought that was a lovely story, and these places prospered due to the community connection there."

According to Ezelle, many of the communities sprung up around places people could work, including a mill and dairy farm. "I found those stories interesting, people settling where the work was 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 Park and the D.C. area is Felicia Reed, a local award-winning fiber artist. Reed's wet-felt "Healing Wraps" were on display with Takoma ARTery through September, but she still has artwork on display locally and around the country.

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 felting work was actually an answer to a pray 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 felting using silk and wool fibers and agitating it with soap and water."

Reed, who also has her work featured at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum in Houston and other museums around the U.S. as well as digitally, says healing is incredibly important in her work. "I want people to know that some of us have been through very significant cycles of healing and hopefully that reflects in my work and can help to save lives and promote change in society and dialogue," she said. "And get more resources out to those in need." You can see Reed's work on display at Busboys & Poets on 14th St. NW. If you're interested in seeing more of her art, check her out on Instagram @fiberartwithfelicia.

For more on Takoma ARTery and Historic Takoma, visit takomaartery.com and historictakoma.org.

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 librarytakomapark@gmail.com (preferred) or call 240-507-0229.
- In the 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.bywatersolutions.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!

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55+

DROP-IN

Bingo

Welcome back! Come try your luck and win a prize! This is drop-in, no registration required. Host: Paula Lisowski
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Senior Room
55 & up
Tuesdays, 12–2 p.m.
October 26
Free

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power outage. Check with power provider for accommodations.
See <https://www.ready.gov/disability> and more in the EPC column in August

FITNESS

Belly Dancing

In this easy-to-follow introductory class we'll explore the foundational techniques of Middle Eastern belly dance known as "raqs sharqi" and learn the gentle movements of hip circles, shimmies, figure eights and more. Great dance exercise.
Instructor: Joan Atkinson, Elena Faye Dance.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Studio
55 & up
Thursdays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Thru October 28
\$5

2021 newsletter.

Treat yourself to safety and care—be prepared!
Contact us at 301-8891-7126 or tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov. Join us once a month for "Dear Bea(trice) Prepared" on Talk of Takoma, WOWD/LP radio 94.3 Sundays 1–3.

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.

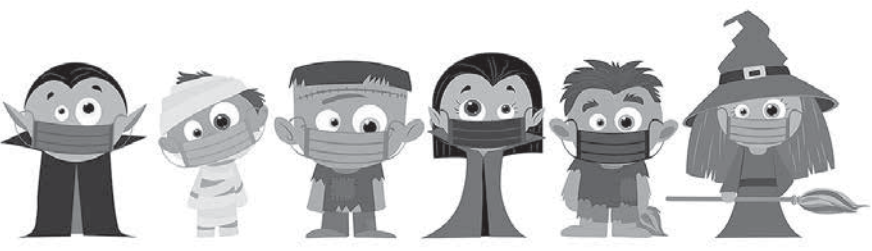
Deadline for the November issue is October 15, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning October 29. To submit calendar items, email tpnewse-ditor@takomaparkmd.gov.
All City facilities fully reopened to the public on August 23.
The Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

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.



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:

- Piney 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/Piney 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 not be able to exit their neighborhood while streets are closed for the parade (Hodges Lane, Chestnut Avenue, Holly Avenue, Darwin Avenue and Grant Avenue).
- Once the parade concludes all street closures will be lifted, we expect to re-open all streets by 3:30 p.m.
- Detour signs will be placed on Maple Avenue and Piney Branch Road with expected closures and times.
- There will also be no parking signs in the Community Center/Library back parking lot.
- Ride-On and Metro bus service will be interrupted on the aforementioned streets from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- In the event of inclement weather, Monster Bash will be moved inside Takoma Park Middle School and there will not be any road closures.

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 Piney Branch Road and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will then walk down Piney Branch Road to Philadelphia Avenue (left turn) then to the Community Center parking lot for the Awards Ceremony and enjoy a fabulous concert. In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Takoma Park Middle School and the road closures will be lifted. To receive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605. We look forward to seeing everyone's cute, scary, and creative costumes!

STAY ACTIVE

All virtual class links can be found on the Virtual Community Center page: 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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Takoma Park Street Festival
Sunday, October 3, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Carroll Avenue
Free

It's the 40th Anniversary of the Takoma Park Street Festival this year! We'll be making a few changes and following health guidelines closely, but we are looking forward to another great event. The festival will take place on a half mile stretch of Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, MD, to Carroll Street NW in Takoma, DC, with artists and makers, community groups, children's activities, food vendors, and a variety of green companies. The festival has three stages that host 18 popular, local bands performing music from indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae, and everything in between. Shoppers will find paintings, photographs, pottery, silk-screening, soaps, stained glass, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, ceramics, kids' items and much more!
www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/takoma-park-festival

a Beyond Burger. After that, it's pay as you go. The event will not be 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. To learn more about Takoma Station, visit www.takomastation.com.

Historic Takoma Reading Room Opening
Sunday, October 17, 1 – 4 p.m.
7328 Carroll Avenue

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

Walk to School on Oct. 6
Takoma Park Safe Routes to School helps organize Walk to School Day at local schools. Students who walk will be greeted with reflective items and educational materials to enhance safety and encourage walking more regularly. Check with your school's administration or PTA to see how Walk to School Day will be celebrated this year! Then join the fun on Oct. 6 and every day!

The Takoma Foundation and Takoma Station Celebrate Beerfest
The Takoma Foundation is excited to announce this year's Beerfest! Community Beerfest will be held at Takoma Station on Saturday, October 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. For \$45, participants will get two alcoholic drinks (beer, margarita, or Long Island Iced tea). They'll also receive their choice of wings, fries, or

Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Support Group
Do you have Parkinson's or another movement disorder? Or are you a caregiver? If so, you might be interested in our informal support group which meets monthly to share resources and experiences. Our meetings are virtual via Zoom, but soon we hope to return to in-person meetings at the Takoma Park Community Center. It is free, and you do not have to be a resident of Takoma Park. For further information, contact Tom Bigford at tebigford@gmail.com or 301-580-4056.

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)