



Takoma Park News

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IMPORTANT DATES



Check our website frequently for updates.



Takoma Park Opens Direct Cash Assistance Program

"It's pretty straightforward; the application, somebody creates an account in the online system and then they submit photos of documents they have," said acting deputy city manager Rosalind Grigsby, "We're also trying to use other programs they may qualify for as qualifiers, like SNAP or WIC funds or other assistance programs they're part of that demonstrate the need. That way we can forgo making them start from scratch with other documentation."

\$17.5 MILLION



Affordable Housing



**Small Business
Recovery**



Social Services Partnerships



Family Resiliency Programs



City Operations



Community Anchors

The City previously had programs helping with rents, medical expenses, and utilities, but wanted to give people more options of how the money could

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Takoma Park Police Department Gives Back

"I believe this is our fourth time doing it, and we've collected anywhere between \$600 to \$1,000 for prostate cancer research," said Cathy Plevy, public information officer for the Takoma Park Police Department. "It's a great talking point when doing outreach to residents of the community." Once December 1 rolls around, officers will need to trim up, however, to



Along with the coat drive, the police department will also be hosting a toy drive in conjunction with the city's fire department. The community is encouraged to drop off new and unwrapped toys or gift cards at the city's police or fire departments (7201

If you'd like to donate to any of these initiatives, reach out to Catherine Plevy at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

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On the DOCKET

Official City Government Meetings

The City Council meetings are conducted in a hybrid format, with the City Council and most staff typically present in the Auditorium. Participation on Zoom will continue to be an option for members of the community who do not wish to or cannot attend meetings in person. Zoom video conferencing will also be used to minimize travel time for some contractors and consultants, as well as for the City Attorney on most occasions.

For members of the public who wish to comment on Zoom, we request registration on Zoom before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Any resident who cannot attend in person or use Zoom for public comments should contact the City Clerk's Office for assistance. Call Irma Nalvarte at 301-891-7214 or email irman@takomaparkmd.gov.

The public can continue to view meetings as always: on City TV (RCN – 13, HD 1060; Comcast/xfinity – 13, HD 997; Verizon Fios – 28), on the City Council Video Page of the City Website; on City TV YouTube, or on City TV Facebook. There is no need to register on Zoom to simply view a meeting.

RECEIVE WEEKLY AGENDA AND MEETING NOTICE EMAILS

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 2 –
The City Council will not meet.

Wednesday, November 9 –
The City Council will not meet.

Wednesday, November 16 – The City Council will meet to hear the certified election results from the Board of Elections, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
(Community Center Auditorium)

- Final Meeting of the Current City Council
- Swearing In of the New City Council
- First meeting of the newly elected City Council

Wednesday, November 23 –
The City Council will NOT meet.

Wednesday, November 30 – City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

Wednesday, December 3 – (tentative) Joint Meeting with the 20th District Delegation, 7:30 p.m. (Community Center Auditorium)

CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Check the calendar on the City website for the most up to date information: www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." City Boards and Committees will be meeting on Zoom during the fall of 2022. After that, they will have the option of continuing to meet on Zoom or may resume in-person meetings.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Wednesday, November 16
(Check the City Calendar for time and location.)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

ETHICS COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, November 21, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

TREE COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND COMMITTEE
Monday, October 3, 7 p.m.
(Remote/Virtual Meeting)

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 as early as possible.

Proposed Charter Amendments Fair Summary

This is to give notice that on October 26, 2022, the City Council of Takoma Park adopted two Charter Amendment Resolutions.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-01 Updating the Charter Amendment Process. The proposed amendment to Article V of the Charter would amend provisions of the Charter that predate and are inconsistent with State legislation regarding Council initiated charter amendments. The amendment will include the 21-day pre-public hearing notice provisions, remove the provision regarding the delay between the public hearing and voting session, and provide other related changes for clarity.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-02 Updating the Personnel Appeals Process. The proposed amendment to Article IX of the

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2022 City Election

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 7500 Maple Avenue.

If you have not yet voted:

- Exercise your opportunity to rank candidates in order of preference using Ranked Choice Voting. In a three- or four-candidate race, ranking backup choices ensures your vote counts for your second (or third) choice in the event your first choice (or second choice) is eliminated. Selecting backup choices will not help defeat your first choice.
- The City Clerk's Office is open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday, November 7, to assist voters.
- Completed mail-in ballots must be placed in a City ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8 or mailed with a postmark dated on or before November 8. Postmarked ballots received by U.S. Mail will be accepted until noon on Wednesday, November 16.
- Preliminary election results will be announced election night. Results will be updated as the counting continues through November 16, when the certified results are presented to the City Council.
- Complete election results will be published in the December issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter.

Swearing-In of the new City Council and Farewell to Retiring Members

Monday, November 21
Community Center Auditorium • 7:30 p.m.

Since they did not run for re-election, we know that Councilmember Peter Kovar (Ward 1) and Councilmember Kacy Kostiuik (Ward 3) will be stepping down on Monday, November 21, when the new City Council is sworn in, and we will not know about Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Searcy until the election results are announced.

- On Nov. 21, the evening will begin with the seating of the current City Council for remarks and any unfinished business.
- After that, the Clerk of the Montgomery County Circuit Court will swear in the new Mayor.
- The Mayor will swear in the newly elected City Councilmembers.
- The new City Council will be seated for remarks and a brief organizational meeting.

CityCouncilAction

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


ON SEPTEMBER 28

- Resolution 2022-38 Appointing Taylor Johnson as Poet Laureate
- Ordinance 2022-40 Setting Forth Details of the November 8, 2022 City Election

ON OCTOBER 12

- Ordinance 2022-41 Authorizing Installation of a Speed Hump on Kentland Avenue (first reading was held on September 28)

- Ordinance 2022-42 Amending the FY23 Budget to Receive Grant Funding from the State to Provide to the 112 Lee Avenue Tenant Association
- Resolution 2022-39 Providing Direction to the City Manager to Request a Proposal from Collaborative Strategies, LLC (Councilmember Smith abstained).



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Building COMMUNITY

Big Celebrations for Takoma Park's Small Businesses



PHOTOS: Sam Kittner

By Sean Gossard

Come out and celebrate Takoma Park's newly opened small businesses with a ribbon cutting ceremony that will take place around the city on Saturday, Nov. 19. The annual event gives businesses that opened in the city in the past year a chance to celebrate and promote themselves.

Representatives from the Takoma Park city government and business associations—along with Takoma Park's CityTV and a photographer—will go from business to business to perform the ceremony. “We come by with the big ribbon and novelty scissors and celebrate the new businesses and what they bring to the city,” said Ira

Kowler, Takoma Park's economic development manager. “It's a cool event, an annual celebration of all the businesses that opened in the past year.”

Last year, the city did ribbon cuttings for around 20 new businesses. “Pre-COVID these happened a bit more regularly,” Kowler said. “But since COVID we've

slowed down a bit to doing them annually.”

That's not the only thing going on for small businesses around Takoma Park in November. The city's business associations—including Takoma-Langley Crossroads, Old Takoma, and Discover Long Branch—also plan to give an economic

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Mail Ballot Locator & Notification System

Introducing BallotTrax

The City of Takoma Park is partnering with BallotTrax, a free service that can send you an email, text, or phone call when we have accepted your ballot or if there is a problem with your ballot. You can also check to see if a ballot was mailed to you. If you prefer not to sign up, you can simply check the status on the BallotTrax site.

- Check to see if a ballot was mailed to you.
 - Find out if your ballot has been received and accepted by the City Board or Elections.
 - Receive a notification if there is a problem with your ballot.
- Sign up at takomapark.ballottrax.net/voter.

Adopt-a-Spot

Have you ever thought about adopting a spot? These people did! Adopt-a-Spot allows individuals or groups to adopt areas located within Takoma Park for regularly scheduled litter pick-ups. The City recognizes the individual or group with a sign bearing the group's name at the spot. The City will also provide cleaning equipment, such as trash bags and gloves. Examples of eligible locations include parks, landmarks, schools, vacant lots, walkways or trails, campuses, public grounds, or any sites prone to litter. Contact Neighborhood Services at 301-891-7113 or neighborhoodservices@takomaparkmd.gov.



Fall Yard Tips

Fall is one of the best times to improve your lawn, trees, shrubs, and garden. The basic maintenance you do during this “second spring” will pay off in healthier growth and fewer problems next year.

Mulch your trees.

Now is the time to add a layer of mulch around your trees. In the winter, mulch insulates the roots and provides nutrients. It helps the soil retain moisture, too. Even large and old trees benefit from adding a ring of mulch. The mulch should not touch the base of the tree. Apply mulch to a ring around the tree trunk. Remember the Rule of 3:

1. The mulch ring should extend 3 feet out from the trunk
2. The mulch should start 3 inches from the trunk so that no mulch touches the tree; and
3. The mulch should be 3 inches deep (but not more).

Start organic lawn care.

A beautiful lawn next spring starts with simple actions you can take this fall.

- Learn from your soil. Whether it's through weeds, or empty patches, the look of your lawn tells you about the health of



the soil. The soil should be loose and teeming with life too small to see—if your lawn is suffering, start with aerating your lawn, adding compost, re-seeding, and leaving all your grass and leaf clippings as a source of nutrients.

- Replace your “weed and feed” chemicals with grass seed. Fall is the perfect time to restore bare patches of lawn with seed—do this every year to fill in your lawn because a strong carpet of grass will keep weed seeds from germinating.

Recycle your yard trim.

During the fall, your yard becomes covered with leaves. What should you do with these leaves and other types of yard trim? Compost It. Take leaves, grass clippings, and garden prunings and recycle them into a nutrient-rich soil amendment, better known as “black gold” or compost.

- If you have more yard waste than you can compost, the Public Works Department collects yard waste from all single-family homes and most small apartment buildings within the City of Takoma Park year-round. Yard waste collection is a curbside collection service and is offered once a week on Mondays.
- Public Works also offers curbside loose-leaf collection in the fall.

3 ways to prep your lawn for winter.

1. Dethatch (remove thick mats of dead grass down at the ground level).
2. Aerate the soil (add small holes) to allow water and nutrients to penetrate.
3. Add compost.



Library Bus Stop Closure Coming Nov. 14

In the process of clearing the site for the Takoma Park Maryland Library reconstruction project, the bus stop in front of the library servicing the westbound 17 (RideOn) and F4 (WMATA) bus routes will be temporarily closed. The bus shelter will be removed and placed into storage for the duration of the construction.

Starting November 14th, riders will be directed to the next nearest stops at Maple Ave and Philadelphia Ave (F4) and Maple Ave and Grant Ave (17). The bus stop will be re-instituted, and the shelter will be re-installed, when construction activities finish. The bus shelter may remain for a while after the stop closure; please mind the WMATA signage with alternative bus stop instructions.

Fall Leaf Collection Program to Start Nov. 14

City Encourages Residents to Consider Mulching Leaves in Place

By Daryl Braithwaite, Public Works Director

This year's vacuum leaf collection program will take place between November 14 and December 16. Every household will receive a leaf collection notice in the mail, and there is more information on the City's website (takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection).

Loose leaves raked to the curb are collected via vacuum trucks. These leaves are taken to the Public Works yard where they are ground into small pieces. This leaf mulch is then available for residents through self-pick up or delivery for a fee.

While the City does provide collection for leaves, we strongly encourage residents to consider alternatives, including mulching or composting all or most of the leaves and keeping them in their yards. Information on the best ways to do this are below. Leaves can also be bagged in paper bags and collected on throughout the year in the Monday yard waste collection.

This year's collection will divide the City into five zones with one leaf collection crew per zone. The collection period will take place from November 14 to December 16. Most streets receive collection randomly throughout the collection period as crews pass through their zones. The program will cover every street at least twice during the collection



Public works facility where leaves are mulched

period and usually more often.

Collection routes with assigned collection dates:

There are five streets that receive collection on scheduled dates due to heavy traffic. These include Carroll (7000 to 7800 block), Ethan Allen, and Philadelphia Avenues, which will receive collection on Saturday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Dec 12. Piney Branch Rd. and Flower Ave. (7900 to 8600 blocks) will receive collection on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Dec. 3.

Important guidelines for leaf collection:

- Place leaves into a pile just behind the curb.
- Do not rake leaves into the

street as the leaves can create traffic hazards.

- Do not include branches, brush, vines, rocks, or debris. These items can damage equipment and delay collection.
- Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding.
- Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile during the work-day.

Leaf collection hotline:

The Leaf Collection Hotline will be available at 301-891-7626 for residents to report when their leaf pile is at the curb. It is not necessary to report when your leaves are ready, but it is an option.

Environmentally beneficial options for managing leaves

Residents should consider more environmentally beneficial alternatives for managing some or all of their fallen leaves. There is significant environmental benefit to keeping leaves and their nutrients on the yard and gardens. Leaf litter, particularly when mulched or shredded into smaller bits, helps improve soil quality and water retention by providing food for beneficial microorganisms, which in turn improves soil, tree and plant health. Mulch also suppresses weeds. Fallen leaves provide habitat for wildlife that nourish our urban ecosystem, creating hiding and hunting places for toads, birds, salamanders and beneficial insects. Trees in particular benefit from having a ring of mulch around them extending as far out as the tree's branches.

Less reliance on the city's vacuum leaf collection could reduce the City's carbon footprint associated by lessening the use of our diesel and gasoline powered collection equipment.

Residents have several options for managing leaves on their properties. By using these options, instead of raking leaves to the curb, you can avoid the frustration of having your leaves blow back into your lawn while awaiting collection. Using the City's Monday bagged yard waste program is also a way to avoid delays in collection; however, it does not

enable you to get the direct nutrient benefit from the leaves.

- Allow leaves to gather under trees, bushes, and other planted areas to decompose over time. Mulch rings can be made by piling leaves under the tree. A depth of 3 to 6 inches is ideal for a mulch layer around trees, while leaving a space of several inches between the mulch pile and the tree trunk to avoid trapping water that could cause rot. The leaf mulch ring should extend as far out from the tree as possible. A depth of 2 to 3 inches of mulched leaves is recommended for flower beds.
- Rake leaves into piles in an area of the property where they can compost in place to be used in the future around the yard. Leaves can be mixed with grass and other organic matter like food waste in a compost bin. Leaves can also be bagged and left to decompose in place for use in the Spring.
- Leaves can be shredded by running over them with a lawnmower and left in place — some mowers have a special mulching blade for this purpose. See the information box for more detail on mowing leaves.
- Residents using a lawn care service can request that they shred the leaves and leave in place or identify locations on the yard for large piles to decompose over time, rather than raking them to the curb or removing them entirely.

Mow, Mow, Mow Your Leaves!

If your mower has a bag or chute for a discharge outlet, close it up to enable the leaves to get chopped up more finely. To reduce carbon emissions its best to use an electric or battery powered mower. You will want the leaves to be dry. Do not try to mow piles of wet leaves.

A light covering of leaves on the lawn can be mowed over and left in place. This technique is most effective with a mulching mower and when the leaf drop is light or you can do it frequently.

You may want to use a bagging attachment to assist in transporting chopped leaves. Rake out several inches of leaves into a layer and run them over with the mower. You can then use the bagger to carry the mulched leaves to garden beds, around trees or other areas of the yard where you can store to enable it to decompose further.

If you have a heavier layer of leaves, you can follow these steps - run the mower over leaves several times to chop them into small pieces. Lightly rake the chopped leaves into a small pile and then mow that pile a few more times. These shredded leaf pieces can then be raked around

the lawn or distributed by blowing them with the mower (reopen open the discharge chute). You don't want the leaf bits to smother the grass. Raking them after they are chopped will help the grass blades stand up and the leaf pieces fall to the soil. If you have a large quantity of leaves, you may want to consider mowing just half of them at a time.

Fun Fact

Do you know that leaves contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during a season?



Important Yard Waste Collection Information



- Yard waste collection is cancelled when a holiday is observed on a Monday. The Holiday Collection Schedule page on the City website details how the schedule is set and when collection dates are changed due to a holiday.
- Grass, leaves, branches, and brush are collected all year long.
- Branches must be less than four feet long and less than three inches in diameter and tied into small bundles or stacked in a trash can.
- Leaves and loose yard materials need to be in paper bags, trash cans, or stiff-sided containers.
- Plastic bags cannot be used for yard waste collection. Yard waste in Takoma Park is composted; the plastic interferes with the composting process.
- Christmas trees are collected with yard waste. Place Christmas trees on the curbside with other yard waste. All tinsel, ornaments and stands must be removed.

Have a great fall!



PROGRAM

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be spent. "The council wanted something that gave people more control on what they need," said Grigsby. "It's trusting that they know what their families need."

If you're in need of assistance, it's better to act fast to make sure you complete an application before the funds are depleted.

"We'll give out money until we've spent it all," Grigsby said. "I hope that it goes quickly because our goal is to get it into the hands of people who need it as quickly as possible. LiveStories believes the funds will likely be spent in a couple of months."

The funds come from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provided emergency relief funds to communities hit hard by the pandemic. In July, the

Takoma Park City Council approved an FY23 budget of \$2,300,000 for the Direct Cash Assistance Program using the funds.

To help make sure everyone who is eligible can sign up online, the city times for when people can come into the city building or the new library and have staffers help them through the application:

Thursday, November 3, from 3–9 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room at the Community

Center, 7500 Maple Avenue

Saturday, November 5, time to be determined, in the Library at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue

Applications for the funds will be available at the City's web page for this project: takomaparkmd.gov/government/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa/arpa-social-services-partnerships/direct-cash-assistance.

The ARTS

Poetry Resonates through the Takoma Park Community Center

"Poetry is above all a concentration of the power of language, which is the power of our ultimate relationship to everything in the universe."

— Adrienne Rich

Eight poets will take listeners on a literary journey across the world and through the inner workings of the soul during two free poetry readings in November at the Takoma Park Community Center.

The readings are part of the City's *Takoma Park Arts* series, which includes free poetry readings, film screenings, art exhibitions, concerts, and other events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. Please go to takomaparkmd.gov/arts for more info and to sign up for our e-newsletter.

More than 100 poets from the D.C. area submitted applications to take part in upcoming readings, with 36 poets selected for nine readings that will be held over the next eight months. The poets are paid a small honorarium, and recordings of the readings are posted on the *Takoma Park Arts* YouTube channel at bit.ly/3rPvuwf.

Poetry Without Borders

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Four poets will share work featuring a global perspective: David Camero, Kim B. Miller, Victoria Moten, and Thu Anh Nguyen.

Camero started writing poetry when he was a teenager in France and then in Venezuela where he received a BA in literature. Miller is a spoken word and haiku poet, who has performed in person across the country and online inter-



nationally. Moten is an award-winning poet and middle-school English teacher. Nguyen writes about equity, justice, and community, and her work has appeared in many journals.

Words Have Power Poetry Reading

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Four poets will share their work branching across various topics: Hazel Cherry, Amy Eisner, Katherine Smith, and Pamela Murray Winters.

Cherry's writing centers on Black women and serves as a source of empowerment and liberation. She received an MFA in creative writing from American University. Eisner's poetry has appeared in many journals, including *Fence*, *Poet Lore*, and *Valparaiso*.

Smith is a teacher at Montgomery College and a senior poetry editor of the *Potomac Review*. She has published three books of poetry, and her work has appeared in various journals. Winters received an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She has published one book of poetry and was awarded several State of Maryland arts grants.



At left, *Grub* by Caitlin Gill

Below, *Peeking Duck* by Rick Ruggles

Environment(s) Exhibition Explores Our World

From street scenes to mountain landscapes, three artists explore different views of our world in the *Environment(s)* exhibition now on view at the Takoma Park Community Center.

The exhibition, which features work by Caitlin Gill, Mary Ott, and Rick Ruggles, will be on display until Jan. 3. Gill is a mixed-media artist, who explores ideas of identity, femininity, and the divergence between human and animal forms. Evoking ideas of discomfort, she encourages viewers to engage with their own connections to nature.

Ott's recent body of work focuses on arboreal images, including etchings of trees and landscapes that she prints in small editions. Ruggles is a photographer whose work revels in unusual shapes, textures, and moods, ranging from potholes in city streets to tufts of grass. He examines minute details and finds simple beauty in the humblest of forms, materials, and shadows.



RECREATION

TOTS

SPORTS



Tot Sports
Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports, such as soccer and basketball. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship. Instructor: Recreation Staff
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Ave
3–5 years
6 Week Session
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
November 5-December 17
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

YOUTH

CAMPS

Ice Ages: Winter Break Camp
Come explore the Ice Ages with us! Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities, and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun! Morning/After care will be available for an additional fee. Participants must bring a lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Registration is required. Space is limited; sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. There will be no camp on Monday, December 26.
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
6–12 years
4 Day Camp
Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
December 27-December 30
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Before Care, 7–9 a.m.
After Care, 4–6 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50



Fun Day
Fun Days are offered on specific days when Montgomery County Public Schools are not in session. The program is designed to provide recreational activities for children enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Through structured activities, crafts, and presentations, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants must bring a non-perishable lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change. Registration is required per day; select all four dates or just the one that fits your schedule. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of the program.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: K–5
Monday, November 7: Air and Space Museum
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

SPORTS

Futsal League 2023
Futsal, a sport 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. Practices will begin on Saturday, January 14. Games are on Sundays and begin January 22. Game times are subject to change based on gym availability and number of teams in a division.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
8 Week Season
Games Sundays
January 22-March 19
7–8 Division: 12–2 p.m.
9–10 Division: 2–4 p.m.
10–12 Division: 4–6 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110



Golf
This course is designed for the novice golfer. This class will focus on the fundamentals of the sport, including the equipment, some rules, etiquette, and the history of the sport. Instructor: Fred Harllee
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Classroom
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 & up
Saturdays, 11–11:45 a.m.
November 5-December 12
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

Winter Basketball League 2023
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 (one 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 at 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–2nd 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.
Games played at various local school gyms
Grades: K–8
8 Week Season
Games: Saturdays, January 21-March 11
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

Limited spaces available!

TEEN

CAMPS

Teens on the Move: Winter Edition
Winter break is here but that doesn't mean we have to stay inside! The Teen Program will be offering Teens on the Move: Winter Edition on December 27–30, 2022! Each day students will go on a trip to enjoy a new and unique experience. Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge at the Takoma Park Community Center. Participants must bring a bagged lunch and labeled water bottle. Registration is required. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. There will be no program on Monday, December 26, 2022.
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: 6–12
4 Day Session
9a.m.–4p.m.
December 27-30
Residents: \$150 / Non-residents: \$170

Dungeons and 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
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
10–17 years
Fridays, 4–6 p.m.
November 4-December 16
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Esports Club
Take your gaming to the next level! In joining our Esports Club, students will have the opportunity to enhance gaming skills and learn all about the world of competitive gaming while having fun with their peers. Space is limited, so register today! Instructor: Brandon Whitby
Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: 6–12
Wednesdays, 3:30–5 p.m.
Through November 16
Free

Girls Empowerment Yoga Class: Flow with Me
High school girls are invited to take part in an eight-week yoga led mentoring program that aims to increase self-confidence, self-love, reduce stress, and develop concentration and mindfulness. All sessions will begin with a themed activity followed by a gentle flow to promote flexibility, strength, and balance. Come join other young ladies and discover the flow within you! Instructor: Alessandra Flores
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: 9–12
Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Through November 17
Free

FITNESS

Teen Fitness
No matter your fitness level, this class is designed to work with you. Join us for a high energy workout. Your trainer will assist you in meeting your fitness goals. Bring a water bottle, towel, yoga mat, and a positive attitude. Instructor: Greg Harris
Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
11–17 years
Wednesdays, 5–6 p.m.
Through November 30
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrating STEM Day!
Interested in science, technology, engineering, and/or math? National STEM/STEAM Day is on November 8, and to celebrate, the Teen Program is hosting a one-day STEM workshop for teens in grades 6–8. This workshop's theme is Aviation and Space. Explore concepts about aviation and space through hands on projects, including powered blimp challenges and engineering hot air balloons. Registration is required, and space is limited, so register today!
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Grades: 6–8
Saturday, November 12
12–3 p.m.
Free

TRIP

Teen Trip: SkyZone
The Teen program will be going to SkyZone (7175 Oakland Mills Rd., Columbia, MD 21046) to have fun while school is out! SkyZone is an indoor trampoline park with a variety of activities that teens can participate in, including dodgeball, dunk contest, foam pit, and the free bounce space. Come out and have a good time! Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge, and the bus will depart at 12:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: 6–12
Monday, November 7
12–5 p.m.
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

ADULT

ART

Ceramics: Clay in the Studio
All ages welcome! Great class for homeschoolers, preschoolers (with caregivers present), and people with flexible schedules, this class focuses on homebuilding techniques, including pinch, coil, and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Students can create functional items, such as vases, soap dishes, and teacups as well as sculptures, including portrait heads and whimsical animals. Dream something up and try it out in the studio. Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. A \$25 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 & up
Wednesdays, 12–2 p.m.
November 2-December 14
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150
Materials Fee: \$25

Collage
Have fun working with found, purchased, and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principles of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable

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for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (Some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided.). A non-refundable materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman
Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 & up
Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
November 1-December 20
Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285
Materials Fee: \$25

Drawing

The practice of drawing can be both relaxing and enriching. Participants in this class will draw with black and white and color media, such as charcoal, oil and chalk, pastels, pen and ink, and colored pencils. Students will be supported by weekly lessons with demos involving proportion and perspective, ongoing feedback, and critique. Creative cropping, expressive mark making, exploration into limited value or color key and other techniques will be discussed. Personal creativity will be encouraged. Come join the fun and comradery of drawing together and develop a practice that will enhance your life. Beginning to advanced students welcome. Paper and drawing materials will be available for the \$20 materials fee due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 Week Session
18 & up
Thursdays, 6:30–9 p.m.
November 3-December 15
Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285
Materials Fee: \$20

DANCE

Ker De Zuri DanXercise (Afro Beat Dance)

Zuri Sana’a DanXercise’s mission is to bring you joy and memories through the art of African dance. Zuri Sana’a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, contemporary, and African dance moves within our choreography to create a memorable workout experience. Our moves

are feasible and suitable for all ages. Participants will be able to shred calories and learn fun choreography all in one class. Instructor: Khady N’Diaye
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
Thursdays, 7–8 p.m.
November 3-December 22
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65
Drop-in: \$10

FITNESS

Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-

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Summer has gone by. Leaves are turning colors, and the weather is getting colder, but there are still activities to enjoy this season. Check out a few of these fall activities around town in Montgomery County and Takoma Park. Get out and have fun!

Walk This Way Art Experience – Free

Weekly through December 31
Kingsley Trail in Little Bennett Regional Park, 23701 North Frederick Road Clarksburg, MD 20871
Slow down and connect with the natural elements surrounding the Kingsley Trail through play, observation, and appreciation with this newly installed art experience on the one-mile trail. The signs along the trail invite participants to further explore the trail by igniting their imagination and encouraging them to think outside the box. The installation ends at the lawn that is home to the historic Kingsley Schoolhouse. Make sure to venture over the bridge to check it out! Parking is available on-site in the Kingsley Trailhead parking lot. The art is by Rockville-based multimedia artist Inga Adda. For more information, go to www.montgomeryparks.org.

Gallery Gifts Pop-Up Shop – Free

Thursday – Sunday, November 5 to December 30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Triangle Gallery, 7711A Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
Gallery Gifts Pop-Up Shop is a temporary shop showcasing the work of local crafts artists. For more information, go to www.gallery-gifts.com.

Tasty Books — Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

Saturday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Casey Community Center, 810 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Fry Bread tells the story of how a traditional Native American food weaves through time and fills families with culture, identity, and traditions. You will see beautiful illustrations of modern and traditional families and the author even includes their favorite fry bread recipe. Stories come to life as they are read aloud and explored with hands-on crafts and snack-making. Adult supervision required. Individual tickets need to be purchased for each child and adult. Advance registration strongly encouraged; space is limited. For ticket and general information, call 301-258-6366 or go to www.visitmontgomery.com



Street Car Rides at the National Capital Trolley Museum!

National Capital Trolley Museum, 1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville, MD
All aboard every Saturday (12–5 p.m.) at the National Capital Trolley Museum! Learn about a century of D.C. streetcar service from 1862–1962, enjoy our model railway, and take a scenic ride on our collection of antique street cars on a two mile stretch of woodland track. Fun for all! Last streetcar ride leaves 30 minutes before closing. Reservations not required but encouraged. Tickets: \$10 General, \$8 Seniors & Children ages 2–17. For more information, call 301-384-6088 or visit www.dctrolley.org.

Rockville Musical Theater presents *Legally Blonde*

November 4, 5, 11 & 12 at 8 p.m., November 6 & 13 at 2 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851
Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her, so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential

and sets out to prove herself to the world. Music & Lyrics by: Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin. Book by: Heather Hach
Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture. Tickets: \$26 Adults; \$23 Students & Seniors. For more information, go to www.r-m-t.org.

Silver Spring Christmas Market and Holiday Craft Fair – Free

Sunday, December 4 at 12–4 p.m.
Veterans Place, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Start your holiday shopping and find the perfect gift for your loved ones at Veterans Plaza’s Silver Spring Christmas Market and Holiday Craft Show! Over 80 artisans, crafters, independent consultants, and other local small businesses are looking forward to showcasing you their products, just in time for the holidays! From arts and crafts to jewelry and baked goods, to body and hair care, our vendors have everything you wish to surprise your loved ones with! Happy Shopping! Happy Holidays! For more information, go to www.facebook.com/ChicEventsDC.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker

Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852
This holiday mash-up is back by popular demand! Join Maria-Clara and the

Nutcracker Prince as they set off for a magical adventure...in modern day New York City. The Hip Hop Nutcracker features Tchaikovsky’s classic score punched up by all-star contemporary and hip-hop dancers, a DJ, a violinist, and Kurtis Blow, one of hip-hop’s founding fathers, who opens the show with a short set. Innovative visual effects transform the landscape of E.T.A. Hoffmann’s beloved story from traditional 19th century Germany to the vibrant, diverse sights and sounds of modern urban life. Through this remixed and reimagined version of the holiday classic, The Hip Hop Nutcracker takes us on a journey that celebrates love and community. For performance dates and times, ticket fees, and more information, go to www.strathmore.org.

Most Wonderful Time

Olney Theatre Center, 1938 Original Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD
Embrace the diversity of celebrations that bring families together this time of year: from the many holidays we celebrate to the spirit of generosity and giving that gets amplified every December. And we want to bring our diverse

community together for a celebration of it all. This 90-minute, four-performer revue, created by Kevin McAllister, Olney’s director of curated programs with help from Christopher Youstra, associate artistic director for music theatre, will share memories, songs of the season, and yuletide warmth, from holiday standards like “Let It Snow!” to music from favorite holiday movies. For dates and times, tickets, and more information, go to www.olneytheatre.org.

Tastemakers Trail: Self-Guided Craft Beverage Tour (Adults 21+)

Fridays through December 31
Denizens Brewing Company, 1115 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910
Montgomery County Tastemakers are brewing, fermenting, distilling, and roasting some of the best local libations in the state of Maryland! Spend the day exploring the local craft beverage scene along the Tastemakers Trail. For more information, go to www.tastemakerstrail.com.

Tuesday Trivia

Grab your friends for this weekly battle of wits! Drink fresh, local beer while you compete for prizes. Starts at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Silver Spring. For more information, go to www.denizensbrewingco.com.



LIBRARY



Library and Computer Center hours are:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday-Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Holiday Closings:

- The Library and Computer Center will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.
- The Library and Computer Center will also be closed from November 24–27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Important Information

- **Our new address is** 7505 New Hampshire Avenue. There is plenty of parking as well as public transportation.
- **To protect** our most vulnerable patrons and staff, the Library strongly encourages everyone to continue to wear a mask while in the library, even though masks are optional in City facilities now.
- **The book return bin**, now located inside the Police Department on the lower level of the Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue, is always open.



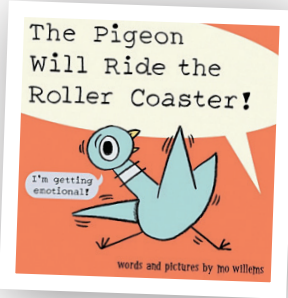
- **Books-to-Go** is continuing, and **Books-to-You** (delivery for Takoma Park residents only) is starting back up. Email librarytakomapark@gmail.com to order. **Note:** if you are picking up a Books-to-Go order, please call the library's main number, 301-891-7259.

Correction

In the September 2022 edition of the newsletter, Listen to This! was written by Jill Raymond, not Jessica Jones. We apologize for the error.

EVENTS

Celebrate the latest Pigeon book with a stuffie sleepover! Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m. Let's celebrate the release of Mo Willems's new book, *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!* We'll read the story and do an activity. Then drop off your stuffed animal (pick one you can bear to be apart from) and they will enjoy a library sleepover! Pick them up the next time you're at the library and see what hijinks they got up to. Ten lucky children will get a free copy of the new book to keep. First come, first served! In the Children's area of the interim library at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue.



Family Yoga Storytime
Sunday, November 20, 11 a.m. inside the interim library located at 7505 New Hampshire Ave. Start your day with a thankfulness yoga storytime perfect for the season! Music and movement and a story aimed at children under six. Mats available. Please register at tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents.



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DON'T MISS PROGRAM UPDATES!

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 tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms

Programs

Check the Library's Program Calendar to keep up with our programs. Please check by calling 301-891-7259 or looking to see whether a program has been canceled or moved to online-only.

Neighborhood Circle Time has moved to Tuesdays! Join Ms. Kati and/or Ms. Verónica every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for Circle Time in the little park on Maple Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway. We sing songs, have fun with fingerplays and rhymes, and do many dancing and movement exercises. We read a book in the middle of the program. If your child has a birthday coming up, please email Ms. Kati at kathrynn@takomaparkmd.gov with the age and day, and we will celebrate!

Canta Juego: Spanish Circle time every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom! Join the fun at our weekly Zoom Spanish Circle Time, led by Señora Geiza. In this 30-minute program, kids and adults can sing songs and do rhymes and movement exercises in Spanish. To participate, go to <https://zoom.us> Click

on "Join a Meeting." Then put in this Meeting ID: 959-5178-5847 and Meeting Password: 793725. Sponsored by Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

Join Ms. V for a session of *El Cuento* every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Farmers Market! In this program you can play *Lotería*, earn prizes, and listen to a story in Spanish! It will be great for Spanish-speaking families, as well as those who are learning the language. We will meet at the Crossroads Farmers Market (Anne St. at University Blvd. E, Takoma Park, MD 20912). *This program is possible thanks to a grant from the American Library Association.*

Sketch Club returns! Join Dave at 4 p.m. on Thursdays for Sketch Club — in-person at the interim library (7505 New Hampshire Avenue) and online via Zoom.

¡Únete a Ms. V para una sesión de *El Cuento* todos los miércoles a las 11:00 AM en el Crossroads Farmers Market! ¡En este programa puedes jugar *Lotería*, ganar premios y escuchar un cuento en español! Será ideal para familias que hablen español, así como para aquellas que están aprendiendo el idioma. Nos reuniremos en el Crossroads Farmers Market (Anne St. @ University Blvd E, Takoma Park, MD 20912). *Este programa es posible gracias a una beca de la Asociación de Bibliotecas de los Estados Unidos.*

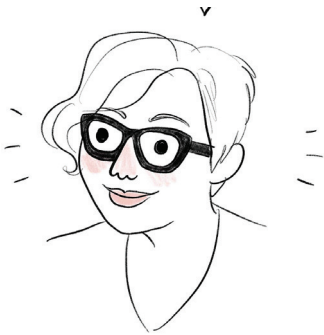
DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

November Is for Nesting

By Jessica Jones

There is a wide spectrum of relationships we have with winter. Wherever your relationship with winter falls, November is a good time to prepare for the chilly darkness that will soon claim us all.

We've spent September and October in nesting mode, getting relocated and resituated. By the time you read this, we will have reopened at our Interim Library location at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue,



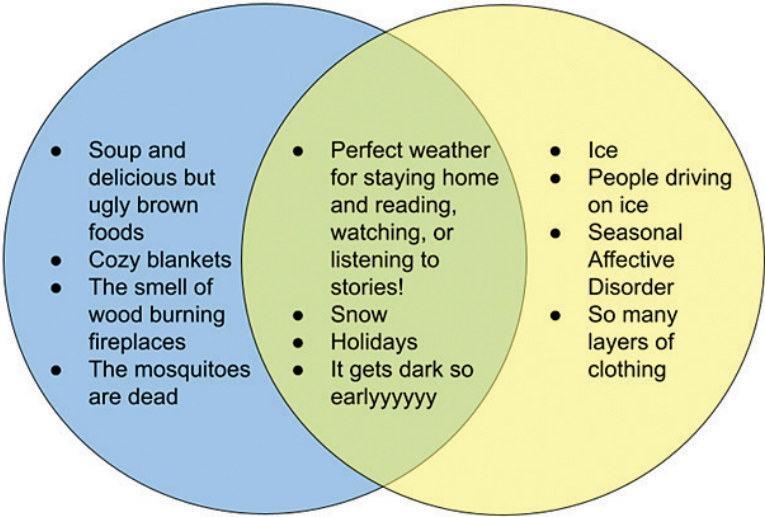
and we're working to make it as cozy a space as we can. There's a lot of light – a few of us differentiate it from the 101 Philadelphia Avenue location as the "Sunny Library." We have lots of furniture and space for people to come read and work. All the wonderful books and stories are here, ready to get you through the winter.

As much as I love winter, by the time February rolls around,

I'm usually ready to see colors outdoors that aren't in grayscale. If that's how you're already feeling in November, oof. Please take care of yourself. Everyone in this community is a vital part of it, so please hang in there!

Reasons to love winter

Reasons to hate winter



Book Review

By Kati Nolfi

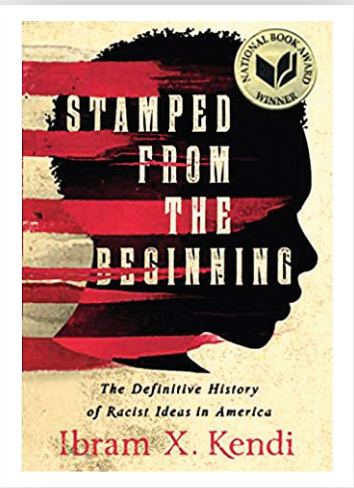
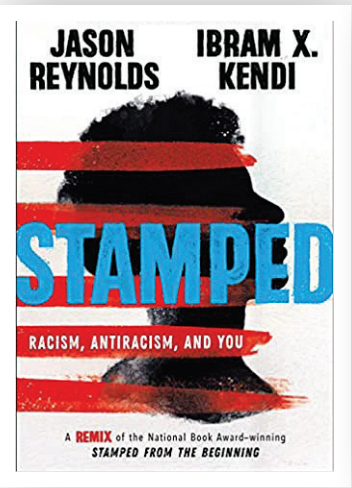
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You (audiobook) by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds — A Remix of Ibram X. Kendi’s National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* read by Jason Reynolds

Seldom is an audio performance as powerful as the text itself. Jason Reynolds’s Odyssey Award-winning *Stamped* is the perfect marriage of text and audio production. Not only is he the perfect writer to adapt *Stamped* for young people, his roots in spoken word are deep and he is a masterful reader. You’ve probably heard of this book or one of its versions, but it is such essential listening that I must recommend it. Read it, at least. But if you can, listen to it.

The family of *Stamped* books began with the original *Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi. Kendi explicates a spectrum of racism with segregationist on one end, antiracist on the other,

and assimilationist in the middle. Jason Reynolds “re-mixed” the book for teens and recorded its audio version (with Kendi reading his introduction), and Sonya Cherry-Paul adapted it for middle graders as *Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You* (narrated in audio by the very charming tween reader Pe’Tehn Raighn-Kem Jackson.) Each book stands on its own, rather than being a copy of a copy. Reynolds’s *Stamped* is unlike the many other popular adult nonfiction books that are adapted for young readers in a more workmanlike fashion.

He has a gift for taking the painful subject of American racism and making it a compelling read you can’t turn off or put down. The resonant timbre of his voice and his conversational tone draw the listener; Reynolds, the National Ambassador



for Young People’s Literature, has a universal reach beyond class, race, age, and gender (if not, perhaps, political affiliation, as this book has been banned and challenged) and is seemingly at ease in lots of different spaces.

As Reynolds says, this is a present book, not a history book. “We can’t attack a thing we don’t know. That’s dangerous. And... foolish. It would be like trying to chop

down a tree from the top of it. If we understand how the tree works, how the trunk and roots are where the power lies, and how gravity is on our side, we can attack it, each of us with small axes, and change the face of the forest.”

His persuasive insistence on the relevance and approachability of the book as not-a-history book could be unconvincing. It’s not. Textual asides are perfect in audio format and the bits of music after chapter breaks make it even better listening.

We have the audiobook format in our library, as well as print copies of the three versions of “*Stamped*.” Through the library’s Hoopla subscription, *Stamped* is available in ebook format.

Streaming audio is accessible through services the library does not subscribe to, such as Audible, Overdrive, Soundcloud and more. If you want to get it for free, investigate your free trial options or check Montgomery County libraries.

Listen to This!

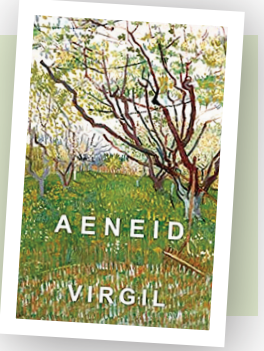
By Rebecca Brown

Ologies: Alie Ward, host of numerous science shows, interviews the experts on everything. Bats, squid, railroads, anything that ends in -ology, including top-



ics outside of the realm of science like taphology and kalology (go look them up!) Some episodes are re-edited into “Smologies”, kid-friendly versions (the non-kid-friendly versions have some swears). Visit www.alieward.com/ologies or wherever you find your podcasts, although the website has lots of extras and more information (and merchandise).

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Big Book Club is reading *The Aeneid* this autumn. Join them on November 2, 16, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center. Email ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com for details.



Los beneficios de leer y de ser bilingües

Por Verónica Rivera-Negrón

Leer regularmente trae muchos beneficios para nuestro desarrollo intelectual, social y personal, ¡y más aún si lo puedes hacer en varios idiomas!

Un artículo publicado en *InfoLibros*—un proyecto para promover la lectura y el auto-aprendizaje a través de libros gratuitos en línea—destaca 11 beneficios de la lectura.

- Leer...
- te hace más inteligente
 - te hace más creativo
 - te hace más feliz
 - te hace más empático
 - te quita el estrés
 - protege tu memoria
 - puede ayudar a evitar el Alzheimer
 - puede hacerte vivir más tiempo
 - mejora el rendimiento escolar
 - mejora tu habilidad matemática
 - leerle a los niños mejora su vocabulario

Es muy probable que como lector de esta sección de la biblioteca ya conocieras de estos beneficios, ¿pero sabías que la ciencia los demuestra? Te invito a buscar el blog de *InfoLibros* donde puedes leer

en detalle los estudios científicos en los cuales están basadas estas aserciones.

Si combinamos los beneficios de la lectura con los de saber más de un idioma, ¡ganamos más!

El Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos publicó un panfleto en el que destaca nueve beneficios de ser bilingües en el desarrollo de los más pequeños.

A los niños bilingües se les hace más fácil desarrollar destrezas cognitivas necesarias en la escuela como:

- comprender conceptos matemáticos;
 - desarrollar habilidades de pensamiento;
 - usar la lógica;
 - enfocarse, recordar y tomar decisiones;
 - y aprender más idiomas.
- Ser bilingües ayuda a los niños en su desarrollo social y emocional, ya que pueden:
- mantener fuertes lazos con su familia, cultura y comunidad;
 - desarrollar su identidad y sentirse orgullosos de sus raíces;
 - y hacer nuevos amigos y crear fuertes relaciones usando am-

bos idiomas. Ser bilingües les puede abrir puertas en un futuro.

- Globalmente, los adultos bilingües tienen más oportunidades de trabajo que adultos que solo hablan un idioma.

En Takoma Park Maryland Library creemos en el poder de la lectura y el multilingüismo. Es por eso que nos hemos comprometido a desarrollar colecciones en varios idiomas. Además de inglés, tenemos libros en español, francés y amárico.

Este año, obtendremos más de 700 libros y otros recursos en español para todas las edades, gracias a una beca de la Asociación de Bibliotecas de los Estados Unidos.

Lo mejor de todo es que al ser una biblioteca independiente, muchos de nuestros recursos son únicos y solo los puedes conseguir exclusivamente con nosotros.

Así que considera visitarnos en nuestra biblioteca temporera en 7505 New Hampshire Avenue. ¡Queremos ser parte de tu viaje de lectura!

In Search of Takoma Park Authors

Historic Takoma has launched a project to collect and document the work of authors living in (or closely associated with) Takoma Park. Initially this project focuses on collecting the publications of Takoma Authors and developing short biographical profiles to introduce the authors to the community. We currently have a small collection of books by local authors in our Reading Room, but it’s a tiny fraction of

this author-rich community.

If you are a published author living in Takoma Park – or once lived in Takoma Park or otherwise are closely associated with Takoma Park we have two requests: 1) A donation of your publication(s) to add to the collection. 2) We’d like to know a little bit about you, in particular name and contact information (strictly for our records, not for public distribution)-, a

short (2-4 paragraphs) background about you – career, the nature of your work, ties to Takoma Park, etc., if you have a web page or author site, the address of it – any awards, recognitions, etc. about you and your work (with links). We will compile short biographical sketches of the authors in our collection and publish these through our website. But there’s more! Our goal is to initiate “author events” later

this year. We’re thinking of a series of author talks or perhaps some panels. Stay tuned for more on this.

Meanwhile, if you have donations of publications and your biographical information to provide (or have any questions or suggestions), write to archives@historictakoma.org with the words “Takoma Authors” in the subject line.

At Your SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

Safety message

If you have any doubt about fighting a “small” fire, just get out! Close the door behind you and call 9-1-1 from the outside.

Special Note:

Thanksgiving Day is around the corner, and we must be careful when cooking. Never leave cooking unattended. It's still the Number One Cause of home fires. There are more fires Thanksgiving Day than any other day during the year.



Editor's note

English:

Look for this icon next to newsletter articles that you can read online in other languages using the translation feature on the City of Takoma Park's website. After clicking on the link for the article, look in the upper right hand corner of the web page next to the navigation bar, and select the language you want using the drop-down box.

French:

Recherchez cette icône à côté des articles du bulletin que vous pouvez lire en ligne dans d'autres langues à l'aide de la fonction de traduction disponible sur le site Web de la ville de Takoma Park. Après avoir cliqué sur le lien de l'article, regardez dans le coin supérieur droit de la page Web à côté de la barre de navigation, puis sélectionnez la langue souhaitée à l'aide du menu déroulant.

Spanish:

Busque este ícono junto a los artículos del boletín que puede leer en línea en otros idiomas usando la función de traducción en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Takoma Park. Después de hacer clic en el enlace del artículo, busque en la esquina superior derecha de la página web junto a la barra de navegación y seleccione el idioma que desee con el cuadro desplegable.

Amharic:

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Passport Services

Passport Services are available by appointment only Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 301-891-7100. Passport service hours are subject to change without notice. Whenever possible, office closures will be announced on Facebook, Twitter, and the City's website. Please note the following:

- The City of Takoma Park does not process the DS-82

Renewal Application, which is a mail-in only Application.

- All forms must be written clearly with no mark outs, scratch outs, etc.
 - Do not sign your forms before you meet with the Passport Agent.
 - The City of Takoma Park has no control over passport processing times.
- For additional information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports. Questions? Email sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov.

Being Prepared to Deal with Unwanted “Guests” at Thanksgiving

By Claudine Schweber, Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee



It's exciting to have our second post-COVID Thanksgiving, in-person gatherings with friends, family, and neighbors. However, there are some “guests” we don't want: power outages, fires, and winter storms. Would you know what to do to be safe? Use the Preparedness Checklist below to see how ready you are and what you need to do now. You should notice overlap in preparedness for all three situations, such as having an alternative power source, evacuation plan, and contact list.

In all cases, you should have an emergency contact list: one person out of the area and one local person, who can be the source/conduit for correct information about your situation and share information. Also, if you haven't already, sign up for Takoma Park Alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert.

Emergency Preparedness Checklist

Power Outages

Power Need Preparedness	Ready	To Do (by when)	Not Applicable
Alternative power sources available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">several working flashlights on each floor and nearbyflashlights tested periodicallyextra batteriesbattery-powered radio working—for news updates Note: Do not light candles or allow anyone to do so.			
Cell phone: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fully chargedFull power cell phone chargerCell phone charged at first warning of potential power outage; charge it periodically to be ready for action.			
Emergency Medical Equipment (respirators, kidney dialysis etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check at first warning of forthcoming outageRegister for <i>Emergency Medical Equipment Notification Program</i> at Pepco (Go to Pepco.com and search for emergency medical equipment notification			

Fire

Fire preparedness and prevention	Ready	To Do (by when)	Not Applicable
Fire alarms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Since 2018, Marylanders must have 10-year batteries or hard-wired alarms. Install them on every floor.Free installation and battery for battery-powered alarms. (fee for hard-wired alarms) offered by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">https://www.mcfrs.org/mcsafehttps://montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/resources/files/laws/smokealarmlaw.pdfFire alarms for deaf/hard of hearing, or visually impaired (and more assistance) see www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-ADA/DisabilityServices.html or call 311 for info. Escape route – develop a plan for getting out of the house quickly and safely; identify safe meeting place; practice and share with all members of the household			

Winter Storms

Storm watch = storm coming; storm warning = it's arrived

Fire preparedness and prevention	Ready	To Do (by when)	Not Applicable
Storm preparedness: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen on radio or Takoma Park Alert for news; act quickly.Emergency money – keep cash in house in case power outages mean ATM machines and credit cards won't work			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Power outages: See aboveEvacuation: See Fire above			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Important documents – medical, insurance, driver's license, etc. saved on a USB drive or make paper copies and put in safe placeCopy of medication list and doctors to take with youShare information with all contact persons			

How did you score? Ready to have a wonderful holiday season?

Reward yourself for updating your preparedness. Here is an educational “guest” video game, Stop Disasters: Created by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, this (free) game allows players to deal with five different situations: tsunami, hurricane, wildfire, flood, and earthquake, in different parts of the world! Test your knowledge of how to prepare for these critical situations. Visit www.stopdisastersgame.org.

Being aware and prepared is ongoing. As Yogi Berra told us, “It ain't over till it's over.” Contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126. Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared the first Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. on WOWD/Talk of Takoma. Email questions to talk@takoma.com.

RECREATION

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ups, squats, crunches, and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mats. Instructor: Jeremy Sherron
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 & up
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
November 1-December 22
(No class: 11/8 & 11/24)
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

55+

ART

Art and Crafts
This course covers a variety of quick art and craft projects. Have fun and learn a new skill once a month in class such as decorating vases, painting ceramic tiles, creating table decorations and a holiday project. Enjoy the supportive and relaxed atmosphere. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Lilac Room
55 & up
Mondays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
November 21, December 12
\$6

FITNESS

Rhythmic Drumming
Cardio Fitness Drumming lets the rhythmic beat move you through tapping and drumstick clapping while standing and/or sitting to exercise your mind and body. No drumming experience required. Instructors: Dance Solutions
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Gymnasium
55 & up

CELEBRATIONS

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update to the city council on Wednesday, Nov. 30. They’ll be detailing the economic pushes they’ve been making in their corridors to the council. That meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Ave.) and will also be broadcast on the City Council video page of the City website, on YouTube and on Facebook.

Takoma Park Business Investment Grants (BIG) are also still available to city businesses for upgrades and expansions. A maximum of \$10,000 is available to qualified businesses for capital expenditures related to a business

Tuesdays, 1:15-2:15 p.m.
November 1-December 20
(No class on 11/8/22)
\$6

Qigong 55+
Qigong is meditation via movement, standing and/or seated, that can benefit participants by lowering stress and anxiety, increasing focus, and improving balance and flexibility. It combines breathing, gentle movement, and meditation to improve mental, physical, and spiritual health. Instructor Anne Harrison
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Room
55 and older
Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.
November 4-December 16
\$6

SPORTS



Pickleball Open Play
Join other novice players for pickleball practice and play in the Gymnasium. No intermediate or advanced players please. Please note: Registration is required for this activity.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Gymnasium
55 & up
Thursdays, 12–2 p.m.
November 3-December 22
Free

start-up, expansion, or relocation within the City of Takoma Park. “You need equipment, signage and a whole bunch of different work in addition to paying rent and employees,” Kowler said. “The intention of the grant is to help businesses and give Takoma Park another edge for attracting businesses to locate themselves in the city.”

Awards will be made on a case-by-case basis as long as funds are available. Interested applicants can submit applications and supporting materials by visiting takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/TKP-KBIG. If you have any questions, email the Economic Development Team directly at econdev@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7119.

Housing & Community Development (HCD) announces RFP #HCD-2022-10 Redevelopment Opportunity: 7315 New Hampshire Ave

The City is seeking written proposals from qualified respondents for a public-private redevelopment of currently City-owned property located at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (the “Property”). The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to promote the reuse of the Property in a fashion that will achieve the City’s objectives, including the development of a new recreation facility, expansion of high-quality, stable housing opportunities along the New Hampshire Avenue corridor, and increased tax generation..

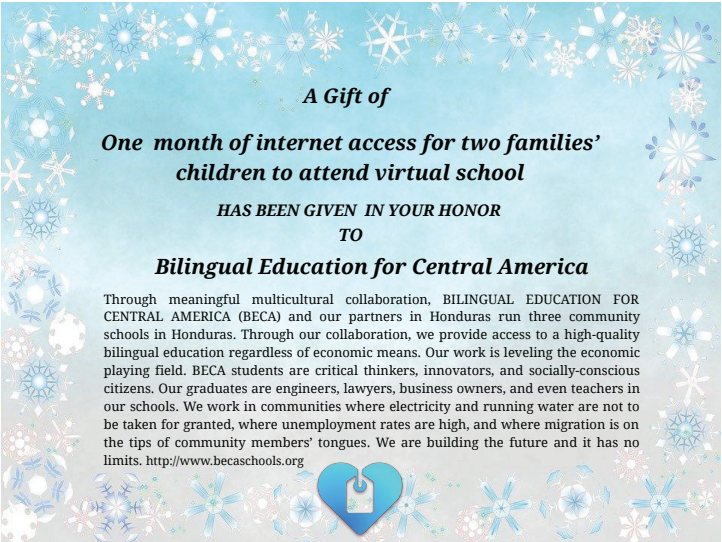
Read more:: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/services/bids-contracts/>

Give Thanks This Year with Gifts of Donation to Local Charities

Beginning Sunday, November 20, 2022, through January 3, 2023, the Alternative Gift Fair (www.aggw.org) will host its 24th Alternative Gift Fair season. Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington is thrilled to announce that we will be returning for our in-person Alternative Gift Fair at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 3 from 12–4 p.m.

You can express your love through gifts of donation and make shopping meaningful, enjoyable, and even inspirational. With an Alternative Gift, holiday “shopping” means donating to nonprofit organizations in the name of your loved ones. This year’s gifts are priced from about \$10 to \$100. All gifts are tax-deductible and include a gift description like the one seen at top.

Your charities receive 100 percent of the donations you give for gifts, and those funds are specifically earmarked for those gifts. Alternative Gifts fill direct and tangible needs, such as providing two months of school supplies to sponsor a student, a week’s worth of fresh, local veggies for a local family, or a classroom set of books for readers at the D.C. Jail. Your family members and friends will be touched to know that the gift they have just received will have a very real and meaningful impact on people and communities in need, especially in these extremely challenging times. Ideally there will be a cause for everyone on your shopping list. You will receive donation descriptions to send to friends and family for holidays, birth-



days, weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, and other events.

This year on December 3, you can connect directly with representatives from 14 different locally run, small direct-service charities with over 42 different alternative gifts from which to choose. You will have the opportunity to speak with the staff and volunteers of participating nonprofits, who will share details about their missions and how your generous purchases will contribute to making their goals of bettering the world a reality. Or at the touch of a button, you can purchase a gift online from the comfort of your own home. Join us in celebrating how much we have to be thankful for by sharing these heartwarming gifts that both give back and pay it forward!

You can purchase your Alternative Gifts November 20, 2022, to January 3, 2023, at www.aggw.org or come to our in-person fair on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 12–4

p.m. at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

For information or to volunteer, contact Mimi Ikke-Khalsa, fair director, at 301-613-6830 or aggw.org@gmail.com.

Alternative Gift Fair Season Kick-off Event

Join us at the Takoma Park Farmers Market on Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. to get a sneak peek at this year’s shopping list and meet some of our nonprofit volunteers.



Multifamily Building Grant for Electrification & Building Improvements Update

Awards for the Multifamily Building Grant for Electrification & Building Improvements: The Multifamily Building Grant for Electrification and Building Improvements, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), application closed in September 2022. This grant was co-issued by the Housing & Community Development and Public Works Departments. The total requested amount of funding was \$2,510,000 from 75 applications. Each applicant could request a grant for up to \$49,999 to help cover project costs. Forty-three projects across all five wards were awarded the first week of October, allocating for all \$750,000 in funding. The projects are set to start immediately and will all be completed by June 2023.



AMENDMENTS

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Charter would delete § 910 in its entirety. Section 910 requires the City to have a Board of Personnel Appeals and for the Council to establish via ordinance the Board’s jurisdiction. This change is consistent with prior legislative determinations made by the City Council.

These Charter Amendments will become effective on December 15, 2022 unless a proper petition for referendum shall be filed as permitted by Section 502 of the City of Takoma Park Municipal Charter and Annotated Code of Maryland, Local Government

Article, Section 4-304. A complete and exact copy of these Charter Amendment Resolutions shall be continuously posted on a bulletin board at the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center from October 27, 2022, until December 5, 2022.

For further information, contact the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, phone 301-891-7267, e-mail jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov. The full text of the amendments is available for review at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

Attest: Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Community ACTIVITIES

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 9*
Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.**
Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.***
Wednesday, November 23*
Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.
*The City Council will not meet.
**Special meeting to receive certification of election results
***Swearing In of the Newly Elected City Council

City Election

Tuesday, November 8, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
The Community Center will be open for voting in the City Election only.

Stormwater Resiliency Study Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.
Virtual
Please join City staff and the Low Impact Development Center (LIDC) for the kick-off of the Stormwater Resiliency Study for Takoma Park. The meeting will be held remotely on Zoom. Check the City's website for meeting details.
The meeting will provide general information about the scope of the project and an initial review of the various data sources that the study will be using, as well as enable residents to provide input on the identification of flood-prone areas in the City. Among the deliverables of the study is the development of general information about a suite of stormwater management solutions for private and public property that will be added to the City's website. The study will identify approximately 20 flood-prone locations for further analysis, and two of the locations will be studied in detail to illustrate measures to reduce run-off. The LIDC will also provide the City with a list of proposed incentives and code changes for consideration to enhance stormwater management requirements. Lastly, the project will provide a dashboard that will enable residents to estimate the amount of run-off on their property generated by various storm events. For more information about the project, please contact Daryl Braithwaite, public works director, at daryl@takomaparkmd.gov.

Community Meeting about Ethan Allen and Elm Avenue

Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m.
Virtual
Please join City staff and Councilmember Cindy Dyballa to provide an update on the interactions the City has had with the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding this intersection. The meeting will be held remotely on Zoom. Check the City's website for meeting details.

Long Branch 5K Run

Sunday, November 20, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garland Neighborhood Park, 8601 Garland Ave, Silver Spring
The Long Branch 5K Run is a fun, family-oriented community event. Proceeds from the event fund local programs at local elementary schools in addition to supporting the annual Long Branch Festival, a major community event. To learn more, visit discoverlongbranch.com/featured-events/long-branch-5k.

Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 3, 12–4 p.m.
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
Online: November 20, 2022 – January 3, 2023
Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington is thrilled to announce the return of its in-person Alternative Gift Fair. On December 3, you can connect directly with representatives from 14 different locally run, small direct-service charities with more than 42 different alternative gifts from which to choose. To get a sneak peek at this year's shopping list and meet some of our nonprofit volunteers, attend the Alternative Gift Fair season kickoff event at the Takoma Park Farmers Market on Sunday, November 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. In addition, you can purchase your alternative gifts online November 20, 2022 – January 3, 2023, at www.aggw.org. For information or to volunteer, contact Mimi Ikke-Khalsa, fair director, at 301-613-6830 or email at aggw.org@gmail.com.

Pajamarama Early Holiday Shopping

Sunday, December 4, 8–11 a.m.
Outdoors, next to the Takoma Theater at 6833 4th St, NW
Kick off the holiday season with Takoma's favorite holiday tradition. Find unique holiday gifts including home decor,

kitchen items, books, toys, puzzles, games, bikes, plants, pottery, lamps, clothing, shoes, jewelry, beads, pet supplies, baked goods, groceries, personal care items and much more. Pajama-wearing shoppers will be rewarded with early morning discounts at participating local businesses. Enjoy treats, music, and shopping on the block. For more information, go to www.mainstreettakoma.org.

Volunteer at Crossroads Farmers Market!

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (Through November 23)
Anne St. at University Blvd. E.
They need help with setting up, breaking down, and various tasks throughout the day. To learn more and sign up to volunteer, visit www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org/event/volunteer-at-the-market-7.

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Behind the Shops on Laurel Avenue, next to Suntrust Bank, at 6931 Laurel Avenue
Join us every Sunday on Laurel Avenue in lovely historic Takoma Park. You'll find the freshest local, seasonal produce, breads, pasture raised meats, artisan cheese, eggs, baked goods and more from local farms. For more information, go to www.takomaparkmarket.com.

Historic Takoma Reading Room

Sundays (first and third)
7328 Carroll Avenue
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.

Docs In Progress

Doc In Progress is offering programs ranging from beginner filmmaking and storytelling workshops to workshops for emerging filmmakers looking to polish their skills in camerawork, editing, and more. For more information, visit www.docsinprogress.org/filmmakers.

CITY CAREERS

The City of Takoma Park recruiting includes all career staff, part time or temporary staff, interns, and more. The list of open positions changes frequently, so please check takomaparkmd.gov/careers regularly for up-to-date information. The most recent available positions are:

- **Entry Level Police Officer** to patrol City streets; enforce local, state, and federal laws; maintain law and order, protect life and property, and deter crime
- **Multiple Part-time Recreation Program Assistants for Sports** to support the City's many sports leagues along with a variety of programs throughout the year. This position requires the ability to work evenings and weekends
- **Senior Accounting Assistant** to provide support to the Finance Department, in the areas of accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll
- **Part-time Grants Coordinator** to oversee, administer, and manage City-sponsored grants, and grants awarded to the City from the County, State and Federal government as well as nonprofits and foundations

Applications, and details about these



and other open positions can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/careers.
The City of Takoma Park is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We strive to be a diverse workforce that is representative of the residents we serve and the area in which we live. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where employees of diverse backgrounds can thrive and make a positive impact in the services we provide.



TKPK Business Investment Grant

Apply now for up to \$10,000 in business investment grant funds!

How to Apply

Interested applicants can submit applications and supporting materials at bit.ly/3zF01ly.

Eligible Uses

The BIG Grant can be used for capital expenditures related to business start up, expansion, or relocation within the City of Takoma Park, including:

- Exterior Property Improvements
- Interior Fit-Out
- Capital Equipment

Questions?

econdev@takomaparkmd.gov
301-891-7119

Eligibility Criteria

- Be located in the City of Takoma Park;
- Be in Good Standing with the State of Maryland and in compliance with all City, County, and State regulations;
- Have a valid Use & Occupancy Certificate;
- Have an actionable lease agreement or ownership deed to the property;
- Submit actionable quotes for all eligible project components.

The TKPK Business Investment Grant is a dollar-for-dollar matching, reimbursement grant!

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