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City Offices & Facilities Closed Veterans Day Fri., Nov. 11

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> **Monster Bash** October 29

Trash/Recycling Collection No changes this month

Bulk Buy Tree Sale

Through October 29. Receive a \$100 subsidy towards the cost of the first tree purchased. Contact the City Arborist at 301-891-7612 for program details.



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City Exploring Strategies to Invest in the Rec Center

By Sean Gossard

Big things are in store for the Takoma Park Recreation Center with the City mulling plans to renovate the aging facility. There is even the possibility of getting an entirely new recreation building on the ho-

"The building was originally built in the 70s," said Ira Kowler, Takoma Park's economic development manager. "It's old, it's a one-story building with a basketball court and some multi-purpose rooms, but it needs some TLC. For the past half-decade, the City's been trying to think creatively about the potential that this site has and the potential it has to meet a lot of needs for the City and community at large."

The City took control of the recreation center at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue from Montgomery County about two years ago as part of a land swap arrangement, unloading forested area for the 1.8-acre plot and 10,000 square-foot building. The arrangement was made under the condition that the City would still provide recreation facilities. "The City really acquired the building with the intention of improving the recreation services and facilities and serving the goals of our Housing and Strategic Development plan from 2019 to produce more affordable housing through-



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out the city," Kowler said.

In 2021, Takoma Park partnered with the urban consulting practice Brick & Story to create an engagement plan to ask the community what they want to see in a recreation center and to use the space to its full

potential. "A lot of folks wanted new programing and different hours—including more evening hours—more fitness rooms, a weight room, exercise room and fitness

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In Memoriam: TPVFD Chief James "Jimmy" Jarboe Sr. (Ret.)

Editor's Note: One the pleasures of serving as editor the Takoma Park Newsletter for the past seven years has been communicating monthly with Chief Jarboe. The Chief gave such care and attention to each of his monthly submissions of the Firehouse Report. In addition to the standard report, he loved sharing his artwork (check out the Halloween graphic on p. 16) as well as photos of different happenings at the TPVFD from awards presentations to babysitting class "graduations." He will be missed. In his memory and in honor of his many contributions to the community, we are rerunning this interview from the May 2019 newsletter. For many of us, he'll always be the Chief.

Mayor & Council 7500 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912

Still the Chief

By Rick Henry

The "Jarboe Battalion," an unofficial group of Takoma Park firefighters that has existed for more than 50 years and was once seven men strong, is now down to a lone member. But that member is a Chief, and he has no intention of letting the legacy end anytime soon.

"Once a Chief, always a Chief," said



Credit: Rick Henry

Chief Jarboe at the fire station (2019)

Jimmy Jarboe, 80, as he led a reporter on a tour of the Takoma Park Fire Station on a recent Sunday morning.

He explained that although he retired as a professional firefighter in 1988, because of health issues, he served as volunteer chief for 12 years (he retired in 2008). and he is still referred to as Chief. He is not the only Jarboe to earn that moniker, but he is the last to hold it.

Jimmy Jarboe's brother, Teddy, was also known as Chief, having served as a Career Fire Chief in Kensington and as a Deputy Fire Chief in Montgomery County, passed

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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, October 5*

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 9*

*The City Council will not meet.

**Tentative meeting

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. Check the calendar on the website for the most up to date information.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday October 19, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

ETHICS COMMISSION

Check the calendar for date and time. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, October 17, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 20, 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.

CityCouncilAction

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

ON SEPTEMBER 14

- Resolution 2022-35 Ratification of Agreement with AFSCME Local 3399
- Resolution 2022-36 Designating Resident Agent for Service of Process (City Manager Fox)

ON SEPTEMBER 21

- Ordinance 2022-39 Amended the Annual Budget in Order to Provide Wage Adjustment Compensation to City Employees (FY23 Budget Amendment No. 3)
- Resolution 2022-37 Appointed members to the Youth Council: Nina Butler (Ward 1); Sahana Parikh (Ward 1); Nuhamin Michael (Ward 2); Ava Bedaque (Ward 2); Kamilla Sorenson (Ward 3); Emma Weeda (Ward 3); Leul Wondwosen (Ward 4); Julia Maynard (Ward 4); Leah Negash (Ward 5); Joshua Smith (Ward 6); Kalib Bond (Ward 6); (Alternate) Samuel Vaena (Ward 1); (Alternate) Shea Radman (Ward 2); (Alternate) Emma Notman-Villegas (Ward 3); (Alternate) Adam Diallo (Ward 4); (Alternate) Barkot Gebre (Ward 5).

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendment – Updating the Charter Amendment Process

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, § 4-304 of the Local Government Article and City of Takoma Park Charter § 502(c), the Council of the City of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City Charter that will bring the Charter current with respect to changes in state law regarding the Charter amendment process.

The title of the proposed charter amendment is City of Takoma Park, Maryland, Charter Amendment – 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.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov for the full text of the amendments and information on viewing and commenting during the hearing. Comments may also be sent to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. For information contact the City Clerk at clerk@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267.

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Amendment – Updating the Personnel Appeals Process

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Pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, § 4-304 of the Local Government Article and City of Takoma Park Charter § 502(c), the Council of the City of Takoma Park will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City Charter to remove language inconsistent with prior legislative determinations by Council.

The title of the proposed charter amendment is City of Takoma Park, Maryland, Charter Amendment – Removing Requirement for Board of Personnel Appeals. The proposed amendment to Article IX of the 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.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov for the full text of the amendments and information on viewing and commenting during the hearing. Comments may also be sent to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. For information contact the City Clerk at clerk@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267.



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Building COMMUNITY



On the Move for Walk & Roll to School Day!

National Walk & Roll to School Day is coming up on October 12! The City Planning Division is teaming up with local public elementary and middle schools to make this day a celebration. Stay tuned for more information from your respective school adminis-



Relocation of the Maple and Philadelphia Bikeshare Station on Oct. 5

In the process of clearing the site for the Takoma Maryland Library reconstruction project, the Philadelphia & Maple Ave. Capital Bikeshare Station (#32010) will be temporarily removed and placed into storage for the duration of the construction. The station will be removed on Wednesday, October 5.

City and County staff identified several potential alternative locations, both near the Community Center and elsewhere in the community. However, none met the engineering, safety, or connectivity criteria for the Capital Bikeshare program.

The nearest alternative stations

- Maple & Ritchie Ave (0.3 miles)
- Carroll & Ethan Allen Ave (0.4



miles)

- Takoma Metro Station (0.6 miles)
- Carroll & Westmoreland Ave (0.7 miles)

For questions or concerns, please contact the Takoma Park Planning Division at planning@ takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-



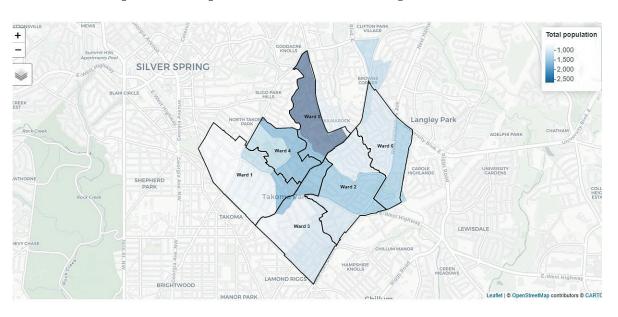
Get in touch!



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City Clerk	301-891-7267
Communications	301-891-7236
Finance	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development	301-891-7119
Library	301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services	301-891-7113
Police301-270-11	00 / Emergency 911
Public Works	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental	301-891-7290

New Takoma Park Interactive Demographic Map and Update to Data Explorer



Takoma Park Interactive Map, which can be viewed on the City website

Want to find out more about your neighborhood? The Takoma Park Interactive Demographic Map provides important information about Takoma Park's neighborhoods – like their population and demographics - and allows residents to compare them to other neighborhoods in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and the District of Columbia.

The City recently completed a new Takoma Park Interactive Demographic Map (takomapark. shinyapps.io/tpdemographicmap) and the annual update to the Takoma Park Data Explorer (r.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/takomaparkexplorer.html).

Interactive Demographic Map shows the same information as the old map but updates the data to 2016-2020; lets you view the data at different geographies (Census block groups, tracts, and places); and lets you compare Takoma Park to municipalities in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and DC. It also lets you download the data in the map as an Excel file or shapefile if you want to look at it on your

The Takoma Park Data Explorer lets you see important data about the City and its residents, including information on economic and racial disparities in the City. With the completion of this year's update, the data in the explorer now reflects 2016-2020 American Community Survey Data (www.census.gov/ programs-surveys/acs) updated from 2015-2019 American Community Survey Data.

For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/ housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/takoma-parkinteractive-demographic-map.

-Dan Powers, Senior Policy and Data Analyst, City of Takoma Park; danielp@takomaparkmd.gov



Takoma Park MINOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Visioning Open House

to participate in the visioning phase of the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. The Montgomery County Planning Department and the City of Takoma Park invite the community to participate in the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. The planning team will host a Visioning Open House on Tuesday, October 18, at Piney Branch Elementary School (cafeteria) from 7 to 9 p.m. RSVPs are encouraged.

The event will consist of an open-house style format on what the future of Takoma Park could look like along Ma-

The community is invited ple Avenue, at the Washington • What is the future of Maple Adventist Hospital and Uni- Avenue and surrounding versity campuses, and the Erie Center. Staff will work with residents and other stakeholders to consider opportunities, expectations, and goals for the plan area. In addition to the community engagement and existing conditions analysis, this will be used to craft the vision for the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. Your participation is encouraged as the plan seeks to answer the following ques-

- area?
- What is the future of Washington Adventist Campus and surrounding area?
- How can the plan build on community assets to enhance the livability and quality of life in the Plan Area?

Interpretation services are available upon request. For additional information on the plan and to RSVP for this event, visit the project website, montgomeryplanning.org/ tpmma.

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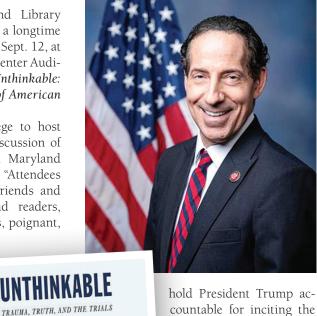
Rep. Raskin Speaks in Takoma Park

By Sean Gossard

The Takoma Park Maryland Library hosted U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin, a longtime resident of the city, on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium to discuss his memoir, *Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy.*

"It was an immense privilege to host Representative Raskin for a discussion of his book," said Takoma Park Maryland Library Director Jessica Jones. "Attendees were a mix of constituents, friends and acquaintances, colleagues, and readers, and the talk itself was, in turns, poignant, funny, and insightful."

Unthinkable, New York Times No. 1 Bestseller in Hardcover Nonfiction, "tells the story of the forty-five days at the start of 2021 permanently that changed his life—and his family's—as he confronted the painful loss of his son to suicide, lived through the violent insurrection in our nation's capital, and led the impeachment effort to



hold President Trump accountable for inciting the political violence," according to the publisher's description.

"I'm thrilled to be doing this with my favorite library, and I get the Library of Congress at work," Raskin joked in his opening in remarks. "It's the very least that I could do given all the overdue fines we've owed over the years." Raskin

used the opportunity to talk about his son, Tommy Raskin, who died by suicide on Dec. 31 of 2020 at the age of 25, just a week before the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"This book is a love letter to Tommy Raskin that becomes a love letter to America, too. But also, it's a bit of a love letter to Takoma Park," Raskin said. "It opens in Takoma Park; it closes in Takoma Park; there are pictures of Takoma Park. Takoma Park was so central to Tommy's life, and so central to my political career, and you'll see it runs as a light motif throughout the book. His entire childhood was defined by this wonderful community."

Raskin went on to speak about the challenges he faced when only a week after his son's death he had to return to work in Congress to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election on Jan. 6. "Several people were urging me not to go in, but I said, 'It's in the Constitution, I have to go in,'" Raskin said. "It had never occurred to me that there'd be an invasion of the Capitol."

He continued to speak on the turmoil that followed throughout the attack, saying members of Congress could hear the chants outside grow louder. Eventually they heard a sound of someone trying to break through the chamber doors. "Our new House Chaplain, who was on Day 3 of her job, got up and gave a very moving

farewell prayer," Raskin said.

But he felt a lot of emotions while it was happening—anger and bafflement—but didn't feel real fear except for his family who were in the building at the time. "I really didn't feel any fear because, the whole time, I felt Tommy in my chest and in my heart. And I felt the things that he believed in because he was a morally and politically passionate person who was a champion of human rights... I was thinking how horrified he'd be to see this happen to his country."

Raskin also described the following impeachment trial that focused on Trump's incitement of violence against the Union and inflaming a mob to attack the Capitol. "The vote that we ended up getting was the most sweeping bipartisan vote in American history to convict a president, but it still fell 10 votes short of the 67-vote margin, so he beat the Constitutional spread, as we say."

Raskin also took some questions from the crowd before closing out the talk, which lasted more than an hour, before wrapping up. "I want to thank you all for standing by us with so much love and solidarity through these private and public traumas and let's hope for better days ahead for everybody."

Rep. Raskin's talk is available on Takoma Park City TV's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/TakomaParkCityTV.



OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

JAMIE RASKIN

Ira Kowler

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classes," Kowler said. "There was

some broad interest in having more flexible space and potentially more uses of space, whether that's a café or open community space or housing."

Part of the funding for the first rounds of improvements to the building will be from \$175,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used for the short-term improvements needed on the existing structure, such as updating the air conditioning in the building and fixing roofing and other issues.

The City was also awarded \$145,000 through a state grant for predevelopment work on the site. Part of the predevelopment work is looking into a public-private partnership with the possibility of a ground floor recreation center and multi-floor mixed use space above it.

"The City is excited to take the next step in figuring out what an open private-public process might be," Kowler said. "We are moving forward with gauging interest in whether a bigger development is something that's possible on the site under the condition that we get a bigger and better recreation center."

No matter what the future holds, the City plans to work hard to minimize any impacts and keep services running as smoothly as possible during the process. "It's a long process, and the building will be around for a while regardless of what happens," Kowler said. "Now we're at an exciting next step in the process with funding for immediate work that must be done and funding for larger development opportunities. The services are No. 1, and any sort of process would have to account for not disrupting those services. The ultimate goal is to get a better rec center."

On the Beat with Takoma Park PD

Here are some highlights from one of the many community-based initiatives in which the Takoma Park Police Department participates.

Takoma Park Police Team Up with Local Places of Worship for National Faith & Blue Weekend

Faith & Blue Weekend is a national event with activities in communities across the country that brings together law enforcement and residents to build connections, create mutual understanding, and enhance justice and reconciliation.

WHAT IS IT? National Faith & Blue is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through events, activities, and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

WHY? National Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based organizations are key pillars of the community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.



HOW? National Faith & Blue is an extension of the One Congregation One Precinct initiative (OneCOP), a program of Movement Forward Inc., which is a solution-focused, human and civil rights organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, Faith & Blue is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations, and the community.

WHO? Faith & Blue organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America. The effort is being coconvened by OneCOP and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) Office of Commu-

nity Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) to organize the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent American history.

WHEN/WHERE? We are excited to host our second event in Takoma Park on Saturday, October 8, 2022, beginning at 2 p.m. with a movie matinee!

We have reached out to various places of worship in and around the City and have asked them to join us, along with their congregations, for this movie matinee. We hope to see many in our community there! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Plevy, PIO, at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7142.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

For National Hispanic Heritage Month, we pay tribute to our Police Department staff, who have positively influenced and enriched our department and community. We have staff from the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela!



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The ARTS

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Taylor Johnson Takes Helm as Takoma Park Poet Laureate

Most small cities across the country don't have their own poet laureate, but Takoma Park is different.

Since the program's inception in 2005, the Takoma Park poet laureate has served as the City's ambassador to promote public appreciation of poetry and support a creative community for local poets. The poet laureate also helps organize the City's popular *Takoma Park Arts* poetry reading series, which features free poetry readings at the Takoma Park Community Center by poets from across the D.C. area.

The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Committee unanimously recommended Johnson as the City's next poet laureate based on his selection by a subcommittee led by outgoing Poet Laureate Kathleen O'Toole. The subcommittee reported that Johnson "has the heart, vision, and skills to collaboratively weave poetry into the fabric of Takoma Park and harness the power of the arts to help build community."

The City Council unanimously approved Johnson's appointment at a Council meeting on Sept. 28. Johnson, who will be paid a \$2,000 annual honorarium from City funds, will serve a three-year term beginning Oct. 1.

After growing up in the D.C. area, Johnson moved from New Orleans to Takoma Park this year with his wife. He has led poetry workshops at schools and colleges in the D.C. area, and his work has been published in many journals, including *The Paris Review* and *Tin House*.



photo credit: S*an D. Henry-Smith.

Taylor Johnson

Johnson has received several fellowships and residencies and currently serves as the inaugural poet-in-residence for the Guggenheim Museum. His first book of poetry titled *Inheritance* was named a Best Poetry Book by the *New York Times* in 2020.

Johnson spoke recently with the City's Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith about his work as a poet. You also can learn more about him at taylorjohnsonpoems.com.

When did you first start writing poetry and what sparked your interest?

Johnson: I had an interest in poetry when I was 15 years old and was taken with the language of John Donne and Gwendolyn Brooks. Then I found more contemporary poets to study, including Dawn Lundy Martin, Terrance Hayes, and Carl Phillips. Around that time, I also was a member of the D.C. youth slam poetry team. I studied poetry in college and am grateful for where that deep study continues to lead me.

How can poetry influence or inspire people?

Johnson: Poetry attunes people to the beauty, complexity, and deep emotion present in everyday living. Poetry can inspire readers to speak about their identities, their loves and losses, and their joys and hardships.

As a poet, I'm moved by how reading another poet's work opens me deeply to my own language, a sense of being beheld as a member of this universe. Poetry illuminates the spiritual possibilities of color, tessellations of line and form, unuttered vernaculars of beauty in the natural world, and tensions between self and society.

What projects would you like to develop to encourage poetry writing by residents?

Johnson: I would love to lead some na-

ture-based poetry walking tours utilizing our great trail system. I'd also enjoy updating the poem signs around Takoma Park to reflect a more diverse range of contemporary voices with a focus on local poets.

I also am interested in creating a youth poet laureate position that could work with me to make poetry books and hold youth poetry workshops in local schools and libraries. Finally, I would like to hold poet laureate "office hours" at local farmers markets and other events where I could suggest poems and poets as well as lend or give away poetry books.

What are some common misperceptions about poetry, and how can we address them?

Johnson: Poetry can be a daunting art form to take in because it's often seen as having a "right way" to read it, which isn't true. There's such great openness in the language of poems, but I think it requires a level of humility and dedicated time in approach.

Do you have any advice for anyone who wants to write poetry but has never tried?

Johnson: Read and find people who want to discuss poems. That feels like the most important part, observing your language and the language of others and then joining that great conversation.

Art Exhibition Explores Disparate Environment(s)



At left, Caitlin Gill, Matriarchy

Three artists – Caitlin Gill, Mary Ott, and Rick Ruggles – whose work branches from nature to urban themes will be featured in a new exhibition titled *Environment(s)*. A free opening reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. The exhibition will be on view until Jan. 3, 2023.

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 seeks to notice small details and simple beauty in the humblest of forms, materials, and shadows.



Above, Mary Ott, Unicorn Glacier



Please visit takomaparkmd.gov/arts to learn more about the *Takoma Park Arts* series and sign up for our e-newsletter to receive news of our upcoming events.

RECREATION

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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 children to develop motor skills and nurture their growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Instructor: Recreation Staff
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3–5 years
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Through October 22
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

YOUTH

EXTENDED CARE



Fun Days

Fun Day is offered on specific days when Montgomery County Public Schools are not in session. The program is designed to provide recreational activities and trips for children enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Through structured, socially distanced activities, crafts, and presentations, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants will meet at the Community Center. They must bring lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change.

Registration is required. You can sign up for one day or all. Space is limited; sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of the program. Trips are subject to change.

Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue

5–12 years Monday, October 24

Monday, November 7 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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

CAMP



Winter Break Camp

Come explore the Ice Ages! This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. 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 program on Monday, December 26. AM/PM care is available for an

December 26. AM/PM care is availal additional fee.
Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue

5–12 years 4 Day Session

Tuesday-Friday December 27-December 30

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Before Care, 7–9 a.m. After Care, 4–6 p.m.

Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

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. Instructor: Greg Harris Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue

6–12 years Saturdays, 12–1 p.m.

October 29-December 17 Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100



Futsal League 2023

Futsal, a sport similar to 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. Registration opens: October 4 for families with approved scholarships, October 11 for Residents, and October 18 for Non-residents. 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



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 (240-687-2202).

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, and October 18 for Non-residents. Games played at various local school gyms Grades: K–8

8 Week Season Games: Saturdays, January 21-March 11

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

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Looking to Get Back on the Court in a New Way? Volunteer to Coach!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department relies heavily on parents/adults as volunteers to orchestrate our Winter Basketball League. This helps immensely in the continued success of our Winter Basketball League. The league will tip off January 21 and run through March 11.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization — without their hard work and dedication, we couldn't do the work we do every day to help kids, families, and the community thrive," said Debby Huffman, acting director, City of Takoma Park Recreation Department. "By bringing people together from all walks of life around a shared purpose to do good, the Recreation Department is helping create a stronger, more cohesive community."

One of our newer coaches last season was Akil Charles. Akil is a personal trainer for his own company, A.R.C. (Achieve, Rise, Conquer) Athletics. He started volunteering as a coach for the Winter Basketball League in 2022. He played basketball at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and collegiately at St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia, Canada). He has coached for the United States Basketball Association (USBA) in Guangzhou, Zhuhai, China.



Akil said, "It is important to me to be a volunteer and a coach. I look forward to it every year. Basketball is my passion, and I love giving back to the community. The Winter Basketball league gives me a chance to spread my knowledge of the game to youth on my team as well as many others."

Akil believes that staying connected beyond the basketball season is very important. He said, "This volunteer opportunity as a coach has helped me to stay connected and build relationships with youth and their parents from the Winter Basketball League on and off the court."

Throughout the season many players said they enjoyed playing in the league. One participant said, "I love my coach. I wasn't sure about playing at first, but my coach made sure to make it fun for me."

The primary objective of the Takoma Park Recreation Department Winter Basketball League is to develop people, not professional athletes. Volunteer coaches are dedicated to developing youth and will emphasize the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. For more information on volunteering, contact John Webster via johnw@takomaparkmd.gov. We are looking forward to another great season!

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TEEN

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 9 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 and 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 for 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: Grea Harris Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 11–17 years Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. September 14-October 19

TRIPS

Teen Trip: Field of Screams

Join the Teen Program for a spooky trip to the Field of Screams (4501 Olney-Laytonsville Rd., Olney, MD 20832), voted the #1 best scream park in Maryland. Teens will have a frighteningly fun time taking part in the haunted house and trail experiences. Additionally, there will be carnival games with tickets available onsite. Parent discretion is advised. Space is limited, so register today. Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge, and the bus will depart at 5:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue Grades: 7-12 Friday, October 21 5-10 p.m. Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

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

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 as well as 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 18 & up Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. November 3-December 15 Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. I will help you to jump-start your memories, organize your ideas, and edit your work. We use the book Writing the Memoir by Judith Barrington. Bring a notebook to each class and be ready to have fun! Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt Virtual

18 & up Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Through December 21 Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Ker De Zuri DanXercise Class (Afrobeat/Afro-Ndombolo Dance Class)

A contemporary Afro Dance company specializing in African dancing, Zuri Sana'a DanXercise's mission is to bring you joy and memories through the art of dance. Zuri Sana'a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, and 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 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 16 & up Thursdays, 7–8 p.m. November 3-December 22 Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65



Zumba

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness. No equipment needed for this class. Instructor: Alice Cook Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 16 & Up Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m. October 1-November 19 Resident: \$70 / Non-Resident: \$80 Drop-In: \$15

MULTIMEDIA

Videotaping Fundamentals

In this virtual class, you will learn the basic videotaping principles and how to apply them to everyday videotaping with any device. This course will teach you how to get the best lighting, framing, sound, and proper camera movements. Students are encouraged to bring a video recording device, but it's not required for class. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Virtual 18 & up Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. October 4-October 11 Resident: \$50 / Non-Resident: \$60

SPECIAL EVENT

MONSTER BASH IS COMING!

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting our annual Monster Bash on Saturday, October 29.

Please visit our website for more info takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/ 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 along Maple Avenue. The parade will begin at approximately 2 p.m. on Piney Branch Road, and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will walk down Piney Branch Road to Philadelphia Avenue (left turn) then to Maple Avenue 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!



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the library renovation, the Senior Room, Multi-media, and Computer Labs are temporarily closed. Community Center 55+ fitness classes have moved to new locations. See class listings for details. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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, and 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. October 17, November 21, December 12



DROP-IN

Bingo.

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 Lilac Room 55 & up Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. October 25 Free

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City of Takoma Park Election Information

Two Separate Elections on November 8

- Gubernatorial General Election
- City of Takoma Park Election

The Takoma Park Election for Mayor and City Council is separate from the Maryland gubernatorial election process. Remember to vote in *both* elections.



Takoma Park Vote by Mail

The Takoma Park Board of Elections is sending

a vote-by-mail City Election ballot to every active registered voter. You may return the ballot by mail in the enclosed prepaid envelope or drop the ballot in an official Takoma Park Ballot Drop Box at one of two locations:

- Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave. lower level parking lot)
- Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.)

Ballots will be mailed the week of October 10. Check www.takomaparkmd.gov to find out how to track your ballot with Ballottrax.

Absentee Ballots

If you expect to be out of town through election day and want your ballot sent to a different address, request an absentee ballot: https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/2022_TP_Absentee_App (the link is on the City website as well).

Election Day Voting

The Community Center will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day for residents who prefer to vote in person or residents not yet registered. Remember that only the Takoma Park Election for mayor and city council will take place at the Community Center. To vote in the State/County election on November 8, you will go to your regular precinct polling place.

Dos Elecciones Apartes el 8 de noviembre

- Elección General para Gobernador de Maryland
- Elección de la Ciudad de Takoma Park

La elección de Takoma Park para alcalde y concejo municipal es independiente del proceso de elección para Gobernador de Maryland. Recuerde votar en ambas elecciones.



Takoma Park Voto por Correo

La Junta Electoral de Takoma Park está enviando una papeleta electoral de votación por correo de la Elección de la Ciudad a cada votante registrado activo. Puede devolver la papeleta por correo en el sobre de franqueo prepagado adjunto o devolver la papeleta en un buzón oficial de Takoma Park en una de las dos ubicaciones:

- Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park (7500 Maple Ave. estacionamiento de nivel inferior)
- Centro Recreativo de Takoma Park (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) Las papeletas se enviarán por correo la semana del 10 de octubre. Consulte www.takomaparkmd.gov para averiguar cómo rastrear su papeleta con Ballottrax

Papeletas de Voto en Ausencia.

Si espera estar fuera de la ciudad hasta el día de las elecciones y desea que su papeleta se envíe a una dirección diferente, solicite una papeleta de voto en ausencia: https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/2022_TP_Absentee_App_SPA (el enlace también está en el sitio web de la Ciudad).

Votación el Día de las Elecciones

El Centro Comunitario estará abierto de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. el día de las elecciones para los residentes que prefieran votar en persona o los residentes que aún no están registrados. Recuerde que solo la elección de Takoma Park para alcalde y concejo municipal se llevará a cabo en el Centro Comunitario. *Para votar en las elecciones estatales / del condado el 8 de noviembre, irá a su lugar de votación asignado en su area.*

City Election Candidate Forums

Moderated by Eric Bond, Host of Talk of Takoma on WOWD-LP 94.3 FM

 Thursday, Oct. 6
 Thursday, Oct. 13
 Monday, Oct. 17

 Mayoral Forum (7:30 p.m.)
 Wards 2 and 4 (7:30 p.m.)
 Ward 3 (6 p.m.)

 Ward 6 (7:30 p.m.)
 Ward 6 (7:30 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 10

Ward 1 (6 p.m.) *Held at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium Ward 5 (7:30 p.m.) (7500 Maple Avenue), forums will be streamed live and recorded.



Who Can Register and Vote in Takoma Park?

Voter Registration for the Takoma Park City Election - Up To and Including Election Day

If you are already registered at an address in the City, you need not register again. If you are not registered, you may register to vote in Takoma Park elections if you:

- are a resident of the City of Takoma Park
- will be at least 16 years old on Election Day
- do not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- have not been convicted of buying or selling votes
- are not under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote.

$\textbf{U.S. citizenship is not a requirement for voting in City of Takoma\ Park\ elections.}$

Not everyone who registers to vote in City elections will be eligible to vote in county, state or national elections. Review the registration form carefully to understand the requirements for voting in the State of Maryland. For registration information, view www.takomaparkmd. gov/elections, call 301-891-7267 or email: elections@takomaparkmd.gov.

Need Assistance with City Voting, Voter Registration or City Election Questions?

In-person voter assistance for the Takoma Park Election will be available at the City Clerk's Office in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. from October 24 through November 7, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. If language assistance is needed, contact Irma Nalvarte at 301-891-7214 or irman@takomaparkmd.gov.

¿Quién puede registrarse y votar en Takoma Park?

Registro de Votantes para las Elecciones de la Ciudad de Takoma Park - Hasta e Incluyendo el Día de las Elecciones

Si ya está registrado en una dirección en la ciudad, no necesita registrarse nuevamente. Si no está registrado, puede registrarse para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park si:

- es residente de la ciudad de Takoma Park
- tendrá al menos 16 años de edad el día de las elecciones
- no reclamen el derecho de voto en otro lugar
- no haber sido condenado por comprar o vender votos $\,$
- no están bajo tutela por discapacidad mental o si lo está, la corte no lo ha encontrado incapaz de comunicar su deseo de votar

La Ciudadanía Estadounidense no es un Requisito para Votar en las Elecciones de la Ciudad de Takoma Park.

No todos los que se registran para votar en las elecciones municipales serán elegibles para votar en las elecciones del condado, estatales o nacionales. Revise el formulario de registro cuidadosamente para comprender los requisitos para votar en el estado de Maryland. Para obtener información de registro, consulte www.takomaparkmd.gov/elections, llame al 301-891-7267 o envíe un correo electrónico a elections@takomaparkmd.gov.

¿Necesita ayuda con la votación de la ciudad, el registro de votantes o preguntas sobre las elecciones de la ciudad?

Asistencia electoral en persona para la elección de Takoma Park estará disponible en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave. del 24 de octubre al 7 de noviembre, de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. Si necesita asistencia en Español, comuníquese con Irma Nalvarte al 301-891-7214 o irman@takomaparkmd.gov.

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City Election Calendar					
Activity	Date/Time	Location			
In-Person Voter Assistance, Voting, Replacement Ballots, Ballot Marking Devices, Registration	Monday - Friday October 24 to November 7 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Call when you arrive or make an appointment.			
Ballot Return by Secure Drop Box	Daily until November 8 (Box is closed and sealed at 8 p.m. on November 8.)	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue (Lower Level) Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue			
Ballot Return by US Mail	MAIL EARLY (but no later than November 8 with a postmark)				
Election Day In-Person Voting	Tuesday November 8 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Ave			
Board of Elections Reports Election Certification	Thursday November 16 7:30 p.m.	Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium			
Mayor and Council Swearing In	Monday November 21 7:30 p.m.	Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium			

Calendario Electoral de Takoma Park					
Actividad	Fecha/Hora	Ubicación			
Asistencia al Votante en Persona, Votación, Papeletas de Reemplazo, Acceso a nuestro Sistema Electrónico para Marcar Papeletas, Registro	Lunes - Viernes 24 de octubre a 7 de noviembre 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue Llame cuando llegue o haga una cita.			
Devolución de Papeletas por Buzón Seguro	Diario hasta el 8 de Noviembre (el buzón estará cerrado y sellado a las 8 p.m. el 8 de noviembre)	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue (Lower Level) Centro Recreativo de Takoma Park 7315 New Hampshire Avenue			
Devolución de Papeletas por correo de EE. UU.	CORREO ANTICIPADO (pero no enviar más tarde del 8 de noviembre con un matasellos)				
Votación en persona el Día de las Elecciones	Martes, 8 de noviembre 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Ave			
Junta de Elecciones Informa Certificación Electoral	jueves, 16 de noviembre 7:30 p.m.	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park Auditorium			
Juramento del Alcalde y del Concejo	lunes, 21 de noviembre 7:30 p.m.	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park Auditorio			

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

SETH GRIMES

Community engagement is my superpower – as a two-term Councilmember, Takoma Park Mobilization co-founder, and advocate for food and housing security for our most vulnerable neighbors, I will deliver the competent, visionary leadership our city needs, now more than ever, expanding on Kate Stewart's legacy. As mayor, I promise you equity, action, openness, and accountability. Local government is my passion. I co-wrote Takoma Park's lawncare



pesticide ban and 16-year-old voting and helped hire the City's sustainability manager. I have learned so much from hundreds of conversations with residents and businesses. My priorities for Takoma Park? Enhancing our shared sense of community. Climate Action: Innovative local work is essential in meeting a global challenge. Improving housing, recreation, and public spaces: Investment that builds community. Ensuring open, effective, inclusive city government: Government that respects and responds to residents' concerns. I ask your vote for Mayor of Takoma Park. Thank you.

sethgrimes.org

TALISHA SEARCY

I want to be your mayor because I believe in our community and the value we all bring to growing a vibrant and welcoming city in which to live, work, and play. I have served residents for almost a decade, including as Ward 6 City Councilmember since 2017. I have a proven track record of making a real impact, and I have a vision for how we can advance Takoma Park together. I support smart growth, including sustainable and green solu-



tions, affordable housing with mixed-use spaces, and partnerships with small businesses to build the City's vibrancy. I support healthy futures, with programs that address behavioral health needs, increase access to social services, and develop our local workforce. I support a City for the people with accelerated development of community resources, including the Library and Recreation Center, as well as inclusive City services and reimagined public safety initiatives.

www.talishasearcy.com

JARRETT SMITH

I am humbled to be able to say that I have served on the Takoma Park City Council representing Ward 5 for ten years. Takoma Park is a great community, and it has been an honor to be given the responsibility to represent the residents of Ward 5. I want to show our great city a new perspective on leadership. I will shortly complete my executive master's in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania. I moved to D.C. after I graduat-



ed from Seattle Prep. I received my bachelor of business administration with a concentration in finance from Howard University in 1993. I am an avid reader, movie enthusiast, and a proud member Kappa Alpha Psi. My wife, Sonya, and I live near Washington Adventist University. My council experience makes me ready to be mayor on day one while my upbringing has trained me for leadership. Learn more about my campaign here: smithfortakomapark.com.

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Ranked Choice Voting

Takoma Park elections use ranked-choice voting. You can rank candidates in order of preference: first choice, second choice, and so on. Ranking additional candidates will not affect your first choice. Your other choices are only considered if your first choice is eliminated.

How votes are counted in ranked-choice voting:

- All first-choice votes are counted. If a candidate gets more than 50% of the votes, they win.
- If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Ballots for that candidate are counted for their next choice.

If there is still no candidate with a majority, the process repeats until a candidate has more than 50% of the remaining votes and is declared the winner.

Votación por Orden de Preferencia

Las elecciones de Takoma Park utilizan la votación por orden de preferencia. Puede clasificar a los candidatos en orden de preferencia: primera opción, segunda opción, etc. Clasificar candidatos adicionales no afectará su primera opción. Sus otras opciones solo se consideran si se elimina su primera opción.

Cómo se cuentan los votos en la votación por orden de preferencia:

• Se cuentan todos los votos de primera opción. Si un candidato obtiene más

Ranked Choice Voting

Council - Ward 9 Concejo - Distrito 9		2 nd choice 2 ^a opción		4 th choice 4 ^a opción
Candidate C		0	0	0
Candidate D	0	0	0	
Candidate E	0		0	0
George Washington	0	0		0

Correct! All choices must be different. ¡Correcto! Llene un solo óvulo en cada columna.

- del 50% de los votos, gana.
- Si no, el candidato con menos votos es eliminado. Los votos para el candidato eliminado se contaran para la siguiente opción.
- Si todavía no hay un candidato con mayoría, el proceso se repite hasta que un candidato tiene más del 50% de los votos restantes y es declarado ganador.

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CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

WARD 1

SHANA FULCHER

My mother and I moved into Montgomery County through the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MDPU) Program. We often visited Takoma Park. Eating on Main Street and browsing shops, we aspired to live here. Once we did, I worked at Mark's Kitchen while

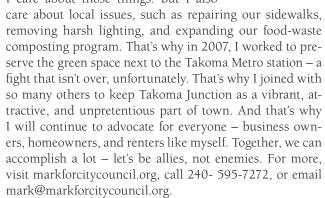


attending Montgomery College. My husband and I bought our first home in Hyattsville. We enjoyed our neighborhood but wanted our children to attend MCPS. We moved to Takoma Park in 2009. My service to our community is mostly through Girl Scouts. I've been a troop leader for 10 years and served as service unit manager (SUM) for the last five. As SUM, I gained experience working with people who feel passionate about their community but have disagreements. I proved myself a good listener who can help find compromise. I gained experience engaging and empowering youth. I'm running because I can bring together a more inclusive Takoma Park. For more, visit www.shanafulcher.com or reach out at fulcher@gmail.com.

www.shanafulcher.com

MARK SHERMAN

All over the world, there are problems, from the drought in the West and the erosion of democracy in Guatemala to the melting of the ice caps and the war in Ukraine. An activist all my life – my first trip to Washington was in 1973 to protest the Vietnam War – I care about those things. But I also



markforcitycouncil.org

ELIZABETH F. WALLACE

For me, Takoma Park is epitomized by our 4th of July Parade. It festively displays our family-oriented values, simultaneously embracing diversity over the years. Although I moved here in 1994 with my two children, I had attended it for decades with my father, who grew up on Aspen, and his father



on Baltimore. Residents have worked hard to protect our values and encourage growth at the same time. We faced many challenges; however, climate change has stepped foot over our horizon. I promise to support actions to protect families, our parks and trees, health, food security, transportation, and homes, finding new ways to ensure affordability. I will use skill sets I honed as the owner of three small businesses to support workforce development and sustainable business investment. Each ward has its own vulnerabilities. Let's continue to connect our common values to preserve the good, care for all, and be resilient. For more, visit www.connecttakoma.com.

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CINDY DYBALLA – INCUMBENT

Since I was first elected, I've worked for policies and programs that support the community we all want to live in, one that's inclusive to all ages, in-

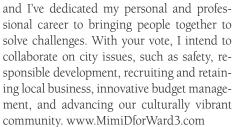


comes, cultures, and races; affordable for a range of incomes, housing types and lifestyles; and sustainable to the climate, environment, and local economy. I've brought many more residents into our civic conversation. I've learned to do my homework, listen to all the voices in our diverse ward, and keep an open mind. And we've had the challenges of COVID-19 response and now recovery and the opportunities of federal recovery (ARPA) funds to help our most vulnerable. I seek another term because these issues take sustained effort. I want to further implement our housing and economic strategic plan, climate action framework, COVID-19 recovery plan, and public safety reforms, and take steps to balance city services, budget, and revenues. With several council members stepping down, my experience will matter. For more, visit cindy4ward2.com or Facebook at Cindy Dyballa.

cindy4ward2.com

MIMI DIEZ

I have 19 years' experience in managing social and environmental sustainability programs for city-like institutions. Advocating for my community is in my DNA,



www.MimiDforWard3.com

RANDY GIBSON

My career has been devoted to public service beginning with the Peace Corps. I've worked for justice and social welfare with a pioneering Fairtrade

organization (SERRV), an Illinois-based community and economic development



International Voluntary Services, AARP, and USDA's Rural Development and Farm Service agencies. My wife (Julia Jarvis) and I have raised our daughters Jeanne and Lauren on Gude Avenue; they attended TPES through Blair. A longtime civic activist, I've supported environmental actions with Climate Action Coffee, within Takoma Park Mobilization. For fun, I walk my dog Phoebe, hike the Appalachian Trail, kayak, and garden. We are at a watershed moment, and our City must respond. By engaging local talent and energy, we can support the health of our ecosystem and economy. Stronger fiscal oversight can meet progressive goals sooner and more sustainably. Now retired, I'll work for you, listen respectfully, and find common ground.

WARD 3

foundation, Salvation Army World Service,

friendsofrandy.org

ALEXANDER HADDEN

Alex Hadden will represent the issues at the doorstep of Ward 3 residents, while upholding the



progressive values of Takoma Park. His resident-driven priorities include livability, sustainability, multijurisdictional coordination and communication, preparing for growth, and improving government as a service. The City's sustainability efforts should focus on leveraging federal, state and utility incentives to promote clean energy adoption. There are nearly 1,000 condo units being built within walking distance of Ward 3 residents, so the City's capital investment and planning activities must recognize more traffic, visitors, and commercial activity. Alex is an economic development finance expert who has evaluated, negotiated, and secured approval for billions of dollars in infrastructure financing globally, with an eye to commercial viability, construction and operational risks, and sustainable impact. His career has included evaluating digital infrastructure, transportation, affordable housing, micro and small business lending, energy efficiency and modernization, impact investing and public-private partnerships.

www.alexforward3.com

WARD 4

TERRY SEAMENS INCUMBENT

Terry had a 40-year career in IT performing software development, managing software consultants, and selling microcomputers and com-



ponents. Terry joined the City Council over 20 years ago. He has focused on improving city management and transforming the Police Department to more closely align with Takoma Park's progressive character. Terry and his wife Joyce work tirelessly for the less fortunate in the community. They volunteer for the Manna Food Center to provide food assistance to those with insufficient resources. Terry is on Adventist Community Services' Board where Joyce is the director of health and wellness and director of operations for the Piney Branch Pool. Terry Chairs the board of Frontline Community Services, which provides housing and support services to improve the lives of people with disabilities. They are active in local community groups, including the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee. Call Terry at 240-793-5108 with ideas for a better Takoma Park.

tjseamens@aol.com

A. J. CAMPBELL

As your Councilmember, I will hold community outreach sessions and provide summaries of important meetings. I am sure you will find me

utterly unavoidable for comment even on the most hot-button TKPK issues. I am a disabled, queer, single mom, cancer survivor, writer, activist, IEP advocate, and volunteer who has owned and run a business in Takoma Park for 15 years. I hold two master's degrees in public administration and information systems from George Washington University. I volunteered for years with the Girl Scouts as a leader, with the TP Folk Festival in marketing, with the PTA as a fundraiser, and cooking dinner for a local homeless shelter. I lobbied for the new window guard regulations in Montgomery County after two children fell out of unguarded windows here in Takoma Park. I can work with just about anybody and often do. For more, visit YesCampbellCan.com or reach out on Twitter/IG @campbellwriter or email yescampbellcan@gmail.com.

YesCampbellCan.com

WARD 5 CARA HONZAK

My husband and I have been Ward 5 residents for 20+ years, first as renters and since 2005, as homeowners. Our three children attend MCPS

schools (high school, middle and elementary), and our oldest attended the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School here in our ward. In running for City Council, I am deeply committed to the well-being of my ward neighbors - in all of our multilayered diversity. I seek to listen, learn, and collaborate to build solutions that are winwin across our entire ward and beyond, while doing all in my power to ensure representation of those who are not able to engage directly. I bring to the candidacy my 20+ years of professional experience in participatory community building as an advocate and international health, gender and climate specialist, and my Spanish skills, which I will use to actively connect with a large number of our ward's residents. For more, visit www.CaraforTakoma.com or reach out info@CaraforTakoma.com.

www.CaraforTakoma.com

YARED TEBABU

Hello, I'm Yared Tebabu! I'm running for representative of Ward 5 with the hopes of being a bridge between people and policy, with a focus on open constituent communi-



cation and community engagement! What this means is an open-door approach to your concerns and interests; I want to lend an open ear to empower you and by extension Takoma Park. As one of the youngest candidates, I hope I can do my part to ensure our representative government is inclusive of all. Feel free to reach out to me at Yared4Ward5@gmail.com or 240-614-0564! Thank you and have a good day.

yared4ward5@gmail.com

AMBROISE AGOSSE

Ambroise Agosse earned degrees in geography, history, and environmental science in Benin Republic and worked for Benin's government



forestry agency before coming to the U.S. in 2011. To provide more opportunities in the best environment for his family, he moved to Takoma Park in 2019 with his children, who attend MCPS schools. Ambroise attended Riverland College (Minnesota), Montgomery College, and University of District of Columbia (UDC). After earning master's in water resources management, he worked at UDC's Water Resource Institute and Agriculture Research Center. He now owns and operates two Takoma Park-based companies.

Ambroise prioritizes the advancement of opportunities for women and children, support for entrepreneurs, personal healthcare, and the health of the local ecosystem. With his education, experience, and awareness of the real, everyday issues that residents face, Ambroise will bring fresh perspectives and problem-solving skills to the council. Help make Takoma-Park stronger, more responsive, and resilient. Vote Ambroise Agosse for Ward 6.

agosseaforcitycouncil@gmail.com

RAJU CHARLES

- 70 yrs. old
- BA, religious philosophy, Spicer Memorial College, India. Attended Columbia Union College.
- Formally ICU tech and medical assistant at Holy Cross Hospital and University of Maryland.
- Elected Offices/Civic Activities: Member, Free Burma Committee; Takoma Park Master Plan Advisory Group, Amnesty International, CASA Maryland; Deacon Sligo SDA Church, founder and president, India Forum for Liberty and Justice, Public Relations Director, TEACH International, President, KARES.
- Takoma Park resident and community activists 15 years
- Desire to serve my community and bring voice to the voiceless
- I advocate for affordable housing and rent in Takoma Park.
- I stand for community safety especially for our schools and children.
- Continue to keep Takoma Park safe.
- I'm a strong proponent for community policing.
- Recognize and assist families ravaged by CO-VID-19.
- Small Business: Reduce taxes for small business. Help small business with startup funds where needed.

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MIKE MOORE

As a 36-year resident of Takoma Park's Ward 6, a former city councilmember, and longtime president of the Hillwood Manor Community Association, I'm well-versed



in the opportunities presented and the challenges faced by our part of town. I'll focus on constituent service and on soliciting residents' input on council decisions. But we in Ward 6 also need to engage more fully on city-wide issues than has sometimes been the case. Unless the city can significantly bolster revenues via smart, right-size commercial development, it will be hard to keep escalating property taxes from threatening the ethnic and economic diversity of which we're rightly so proud. With my history of serving Takoma Park, and my experience as a lawyer, a legal reporter, and an editor of publications on criminal justice issues, I'm eager to help the council successfully navigate the coming years.

www.Mike4Ward6.com

JASON SMALL

There are a lot of places where people can feel far away from decisions that affect their lives. Municipal government should not be one of them. There are statutes and



case law that govern basic things about home rule in Maryland. As a lawyer and policy person who has direct municipal government experience, I know this is true. There are things about being minority and American with a chronic illness that help you see from an open-minded perspective. I also check those boxes. Every ward should feel like their issues matter. I'm fussy enough to get difficult about this fact. I am willing to concede a fair point, however. So, I think this would make me a good candidate. For more, visit jasonsmallforward6.com or Facebook at Jason Small for Ward 6 City Council.

jasonsmallforward6.com

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

 $\sqrt{\text{Vote for mayor.}}$ Vote for a city councilmember to represent your ward.

¿QUÉ HAY EN LA PAPELETAS?

 \surd Voto por el alcalde \surd Voto por un miembro del consejo de su distrito electoral

This Information Will Appear on All Ballots

Instructions

- Vote for candidates by marking your first choice, your second choice, and so on. You are free to rank
 only a first choice. Ranking additional candidates will not affect your first-choice candidate.
- Do not mark more than one box in a column. Do not mark more than one box for any candidate.
- To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, print the name in the space provided and mark the box that shows your ranking of the write-in candidate.

Instrucciones

- Vote por candidatos en orden de preferencia indicando su primera opción, segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Puede clasificar solamente un candidato como primera opción. Eligiendo otros candidatos no afectará su primera opción de voto.
- No llene más de una casilla por columna. No llene más de una casilla por candidato.
- Para votar por una persona que no está nombrada en la papeleta, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio asignado y llene la casilla en la columna que corresponde con el orden de preferencia.

Esta Información Se Encuentrará En Todas Las Papeletas

Mayor Alcalde	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción	3 rd choice 3 ^a opción	4 th choice 4 ^a opción
Seth Grimes	0	0	0	0
Talisha Searcy	0	0	0	0
Jarrett Smith	0	0	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidato autonominado	0	0	0	0

Each Ward Will Have A Different Council Contest

Council–Ward 1 Concejo–Distrito electoral 1	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción	3 rd choice 3 ^a opción	4 th choice 4 ^a opción
Shana Fulcher	0	0	0	0
Mark Sherman	0	0	0	0
Elizabeth Wallace	0	0	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidato autonominado	0	0	0	0

Council–Ward2 Concejo–Distrito electoral2	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción
Cindy Dyballa	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidato autonominado	0	0

Council–Ward3 Concejo–Distrito electoral3	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción	3 rd choice 3 ^a opción	4 th choice 4 ^a opción
Mimi Diez	0	0	0	0
Randy Gibson	0	0	0	0
Alex Hadden	0	0	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidate autonominado	0	0	0	0

Cada Distrito Tendrá Un Concurso Para Concejo Distinto

Council—Ward4 Concejo—Distrito electoral4	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción
Terry Seamens	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidate autonominado	0	0

Council–Ward 5 Concejo–Distrito electoral 5	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción	3 rd choice 3 ^a opción	4 th choice 4 ^a opción
A. J. Campbell	0	0	0	0
Cara Honzak	0	0	0	0
Yared Tebabu	0	0	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidato autonominado	0	0	0	0

Council–Ward 6 Concejo–Distrito electoral 6	1 st choice 1 ^a opción	2 nd choice 2 ^a opción	3 rd choice 3 ^a opción	4 th choice 4 ^a opción	5 th choice 5 ^a opción
Ambroise Agosse	0	0	0	0	0
Raju Charles	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Moore	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Small	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in candidate/candidato autonominado	0	0	0	0	0





Please check the website or call us to make sure we have reopened!

Library and Computer Center hours are:

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

- Our new, interim address is 7505 New Hampshire Avenue.
 We're in the old Salvation Army store location. Park in front or at the rear.
- To protect our most vulnerable patrons and staff, we strongly encourage everyone to continue to wear masks while in the library, even though masks are optional in City facilities now.
- Books-to-Go is continuing, and Books-to-You delivery service for Takoma Park residents has been revived. Email librarytakomapark@gmail.com to request books.
 - Please note if you are picking up a Books-to-Go order, please call the library's main number, 301-891-7259.
 - If you are ordering for delivery, you must be at home to receive them. We will not leave books at the door.



DON'T MISS PROGRAM UPDATES!



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Programs

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

- Older Kids Crafts: Every Sunday afternoon we have various art and craft supplies to make independent projects. We've been making bracelets, potholders, and knitted chains. Suggested for ages 9 and up.
- Canta Juego will continue online, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- Yard Dramas: Wednesdays at 11a.m. at the Crossroads
 Farmers Market. Yard Dramas is an interactive, outdoor
 story time program for the whole family! The program will
 meet at the Crossroads Farmers Market on Anne St. &
 University Blvd. E, Takoma Park, MD. Next to Mega Mart.
- Jump Start with the Arts! In partnership with the library, Carpe Diem Arts presents Jumpstart with the Arts, a movement, music, and storytelling series for preschoolers and their caregivers! Tuesdays in October at 10:30 a.m. In-person at the field on Maple Ave between Essex House Apartments and Sligo Creek Parkway. Street parking available.
- Monster Bash! The library has joined forces with the Recreation Department to offer a new prize category, Best Literary Costume. Get your creative juices flowing and create a great book-related outfit. The Monster Bash will take place on October 29. See the Rec. Dept. for details.

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

A Halloween State of Mind

By Jessica Jones

Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays, and I have never seen a place that embraces it like the greater DC area does. Last year was my first Takoma Park Halloween, and I cannot wait for this next one.

For the first time, the library will be sponsoring a category and

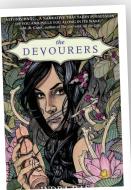
prize in the Monster Bash costume contest. We are looking for the Best Literary Costume, so if you were thinking about dressing up like a book character, we would encourage that even more enthusiastically than before!

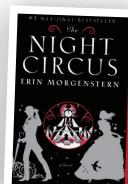
If you are looking to get in a Halloweeny frame of mind, we have lots of books

get you there – whether you love Halloween for the costumes, the spooky stories, the candy, the history, and cultural traditions, or all of the above.

Yes, I would like to pre-game for Halloween with creepy stories, please: Werewolves star in the book *The Devourers* by Indra Das, or maybe you prefer vampires, in which case maybe try or revisit one of our many Anne Rice novels. If you want to go







back to folklore roots, try Victor LaValle's *The Changeling*, which almost feels like *The Odyssey* but all around the island of Manhattan and with scarier monsters. If you're into books that have stood the test of time, try *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson, or *The Witches of Eastwick* by John Updike.

Not really into scaries, all about the food: Halloween isn't only about candy. Fall food in

general is the best. One of my favorite Twitter accounts is, weirdly, a bot. @RedwallFeasts tweets descriptions of the food from the Redwall books – one of the best parts of the series. If you love food description in books, check out some of these in the library collection: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern has beautiful, descriptive passages about ev-

erything in its namesake enchanted circus, including food, and it's one of my favorite books to fall into and forget about the rest of the world for a little while. Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel is available as both a book in the library and an audiobook on Hoopla! Babette's Feast by Isak Dinesen (or Karen Blixen as she is also known) is available as an audiobook

on Hoopla and is such a lovely story with exceptional descriptions of an epic feast.

I believe that the first day of fall when you really feel *cold* outside should be a legitimate holiday. If you need to find me this October, look for the librarian wearing a sweater, drinking something with pumpkin spice in it like the basic person I am, and creeping myself out with some scary stories. It's the best season ever.

Welcome to Takoma-Langley Crossroads!

By Anne LeVeque

As you may know, the articles for this newsletter are written far ahead of its publication date. So what follows is purely the product of my imagination. As of early September, our plan is to be open at our interim location at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue by mid October, when you are reading this article. To see whether we are open at this location, please check our website, www.takomapark.info.

We are really excited about our new neighborhood. There are lots of great places for lunch, and there are many places we can grab some groceries before heading home at the end of the day. We're on a much busier street. For some staff members, the commute is shorter; for others, it's a little longer.

One enormous difference between this location and our former building next to the Community Center is that this is a storefront building. When I lived in Austin, Texas years ago, there were several library branches situated in shopping centers, so it's not unheard of.

One challenge in choosing a location is that a library building has very particular structural





requirements. In library school we learned about these requirements, including how many pounds per square foot the floors had to be able to bear to hold different types of library stacks. I grew up in Baltimore, next door to Johns Hopkins University, and there were many professors in our neighborhood. One professor had so many books in his home, he decided to put up bookcases like what you find in a library, jutting out into the room. The floors of his house collapsed under the weight! We certainly have more books than most personal libraries, and we have metal shelving - not the least bit lightweight!

Other challenges were finding

a space within our budget and space that is flexible enough to accommodate the various needs we have, including staff office space, study space, space for books, space for computers, and space for children's programs. We are very grateful that we have found a place to call home, even if on an interim basis.

Here's what you need to know now that we're open at the interim location:

• The hours are the same as at the old building: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday - Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. The library and computer center now have the same

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¡Takoma Park Maryland Library busca voluntarios que hablen español para facilitar un nuevo programa llamado *El Cuento*

¿Qué es El Cuento?

A través del juego *Lotería* y lecturas de cuentos en español, *El Cuento* será un programa para familias hispanohablantes en la comunidad, así como para aquellas que estén aprendiendo el idioma. *El Cuento* será un programa itinerante. Es decir, que se presentará en la biblioteca, así como fuera de ella en parques públicos, eventos y otros espacios.

¿Cuáles son los requisitos?

Los facilitadores voluntarios deben:

- Hablar español
- Ser mayores de 18 años
- Por política de la Ciudad de Takoma Park, deben estar vacunados contra el COVID-19
- Estar disponible para entrenamiento los sábados, 12 de noviembre y 10 de diciembre, de 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- Estar disponible para facilitar *El Cuento* una vez al mes a partir de enero de 2023.
- Tener entusiasmo para trabajar con familias, promover la lectura y el idioma español

¿Qué recibiré a cambio?

Los facilitadores voluntarios recibirán:

- Entrenamiento sobre cómo hacer programas de cuentos multilingües en espacios públicos y al aire libre
- Almuerzo durante los días de entrenamiento
- Todos los materiales para facilitar el programa
- Evaluaciones y retroalimentación conti-
- Reembolso de gastos de transportación por aquellos programas que faciliten fuera de la biblioteca
- Acceso a libros y otros materiales en español que solo están disponibles en Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Horas de servicio estudiantil (Student Service Learning Hours, en inglés) (si las necesitan)

¡Me interesa! ¿Cómo solicito?

Interesados pueden solicitar por escrito u oralmente:

- Solicitud escrita: Por favor, llena la solicitud (https://bit.ly/3Dz15Ju)
- Solicitud oral: Entendemos que algunas personas pueden sentirse más cómodas hablando español que escribiéndolo. Por lo tanto, existe la opción de solicitar oralmente. Para esto, comunícate con

Verónica (veronican@takomaparkmd. gov, 240-997-8453) para coordinar una conversación telefónica en la que te harán las mismas preguntas de la solicitud escrita.

Tengo más preguntas. ¿Con quién me puedo comunicar?

Para preguntas o comentarios, comunícate con Verónica Rivera-Negrón, Gerente de Servicios para Niños y Jóvenes, a veronican@takomaparkmd.gov or 240-997-8453.

Este programa es posible gracias a una beca de la Asociación de Bibliotecas de los Estados Unidos (ALA, por sus siglas en inglés).

Takoma Park Maryland Library is seeking Spanish-speaking volunteers to facilitate a new program called *El Cuento!*

What is *El Cuento?*

Through the *Loteria* game and storytelling in Spanish, *El Cuento* will be a program for Spanish-speaking families in the community as well as those learning the language. *El Cuento* will be a traveling program. In other words, it will be presented in the library and other places, such as outside in public parks.

What are the requirements?

Volunteer-facilitators should:

- Speak Spanish
- Be over 18 years old
- Per City of Takoma Park policy, they must be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Be available for training on Saturdays,

- November 12, and December 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Be available to facilitate *El Cuento* once a month starting in January 2023
- Have enthusiasm to work with families, promote reading, and the Spanish language

What will I get in return?

Volunteer-facilitators will receive:

- Training on how to do multilingual storytelling programs in public spaces and outdoors
- Lunch during training days
- All materials to facilitate the program
- Evaluations and continuous feedback
- Reimbursement of transportation expenses for those programs facilitated outside of the library
- Access to books and other materials in Spanish that are only available at the Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Student Service Learning Hours (if needed)

I'm interested! How do I apply?

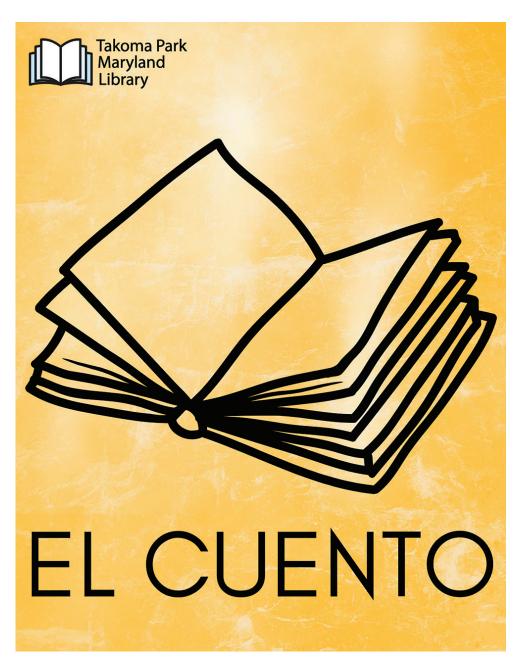
Interested folks may apply in writing or verbally:

- Written Application: Complete the online application (https://bit.ly/3Dz15Ju).
- Verbal Application: We understand that some people may feel more comfortable speaking Spanish than writing it. Therefore, there is the option to apply verbally. To do this, contact Verónica (veronican@takomaparkmd.gov or 240-997-8453) and make arrangements for a telephone conversation in which you will be asked the same questions from the written application.

I have more questions. Who can I contact?

For questions or comments, please contact Verónica Rivera-Negrón, library manager, Children & Young Adult Services, at veronican@takomaparkmd.gov or 240-997-8453.

This program is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association (ALA).



Listen to This!

By Kati Nolfi

Jo's Boys: A Little Women Podcast for Little Women, Little Men, and Everyone in Between

As the weather cools and the seasons change, it's time to pick up my copy of *Little Women*, one of the coziest stories of all time. Even if you're not a rereader, can I interest you in a deep dive into Louisa May Alcott's oft-revisited classic novel? Peyton Thomas is reading *Little Women* and discussing one chapter at a time with a special guest, "pulling out queer and trans threads" while they discuss. There's some really

interesting, obscure, and unexpected stuff here, from the his-

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tory of pickled limes to crossdressing and lavender marriages to unpacking Laurie's status in 1868 as a man of color, an Italian with "curly black hair and brown skin."

I was delighted to discover that a recent episode is Chapter 13: Castles in the Air. It's a conversation with author Hena Khan (a frequent guest of the Takoma Park Maryland Library), who adapted *Little Women* for her middle grade book, *More to the Story*, wherein the Marches are a contemporary Pakistani American family. Hena Khan is not the only creator to put her own spin

on the religion, race, and gender/sexuality of the characters. *Little Women* is such a specific and universal text with such a strong heart that it can be adapted again and again and again.



You can meet Hena Khan in the Community Center Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. for the public launch of Zara's Rules for Finding Hidden Treasure!

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hours

- The phone number will remain the same, 301-891-7259.
- The temporary location is on or near several bus routes: Ride-On buses 15, 16, 17, 18, and 25 all go to the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center, as do MetroBuses K6, K9, J4, F8, C2, and C4. Ride-On 16 northbound stops on New Hampshire Avenue at Kingwood Drive, close to our new location, as does Metro-Bus K6. The closest southbound stop is at New Hampshire and Merwood. The WMATA trip planner is use-
- ful for finding the best way from your location to us.
- There is ample parking available, including reserved spaces for mobility challenged patrons
- Check our website for programs - many have continued, and we will have some new programs.
- Books-to-Go (curbside) and Books-to-You (delivery for Takoma Park residents only) have resumed. Email librarytakomapark@gmail.com to request books for curbside or delivery service
- You can always reach us by email, and if you have questions about the move or the new building, email us at newlibrary@takomaparkmd.gov.

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At Your SERVICE



This year marks the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9–15) sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association. As this year's theme emphasizes, it's important to have a home fire escape plan in place.

Having a home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds, so they can get out safely. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year:

- Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure they are part of the plan.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily.
- Pick an outside meeting place (something permanent like a neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) that is a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet
- Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside
- Share your home escape plans with overnight guests.
- Practice! Practice! Practice day and nighttime home fire drills.



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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Be Careful, Be Attentive, Be Prepared



By Claudine Schweber, Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

As we enter the last quarter of 2022, we can look back at the challenges and changes of this year. So—let's reflect, pay attention, and be ready for the realities in the months ahead by putting on your CAP: being Careful, Attentive, and ...Prepared!

Be Careful

- Protecting your cell phone: It's so easy to put your cell phone in the back pocket of your slacks/jeans, so you can just grab it with one hand, especially if you don't' have a jacket. Yes, easy for someone else to take it out! Don't put your phone where it's so accessible to others.
- Avoiding online shopping scams: The return to school has been welcomed by families, students, and scammers! Before you click purchase, check on the policies for refunds and returns especially for sale items; save receipts /confirmation emails; don't pay for purchases that weren't shipped when promised; contact the seller for full refund, which is the law!

Be Attentive

- Ready to get out and about? Now that we can go shopping, to the theater, movies, and sporting events and take public transportation, many people feel free at last. But don't stop making it a habit to check for safe exits. In the event of a fire or building damage, etc., you need to know your path out. When outdoors attending events, identify in advance where you and others will meet if separated or if there's an emergency, and the path away.
- Ready to go for an energetic or calm walk alone?
 Tell others where you are going and the expected length of time; take your cell phone and keys (only for home), and no money unless a purchase is part of the walk. Carry water and a flashlight; wear basic clothes and no jewelry. (See the EPC Column on p. 10 of the July 2022 Newsletter for more safety tips.)

Be Prepared

- To be ready for power outages due to storms or electrical issues, have a completely charged cell phone, portable charger, and several battery powered flashlights nearby (you know—don't light candles!)
- Stuck indoors? Make sure you have the following on hand just in case: three days of food (canned + hand powered can opener) and seven days of water and medication—enough for at least a week,

- Medical care: Keep pharmacy contact information and an easily accessible list of medical personnel; also maintain an emergency contact list with one local and one out of area contact
- Fire safety: Make sure you have 10-year battery powered smoke alarms. Your alarm doesn't work? Montgomery Fire and Rescue offers free home smoke alarm installation and safety checks. Call 311 or visit www.montgomery-countymd.gov/mcfrs-info/firesafety.html.
 - As of 2013, residential battery-operated smoke alarms must also be equipped with a "hush-button" feature that would temporarily silence the alarm if activated by a non-emergency condition.
 - Alarms for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Since these persons cannot rely on help from the traditional audible smoke alarm, they can have visual alarms equipped with strobe lights, which alert persons to fire danger by flashing or vibrating. These should be installed on every floor, and some people may want to install a bed shaker that shakes when the smoke alarm sounds. Learn more at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/seniors/visualsmokealarms.html
- Physical security assessment of your home and recommendations for personal security: Takoma Park Police offers a Free Home Security Survey. Call 301-270-1100 or visit takomaparkmd. gov/government/police/services-and-programs/ residential-home-security-survey.
- Help for persons with disabilities or elderly: In addition to the fire safety support, there may electricity needs for medical equipment; sufficient medication; contacts. Note: Takoma Park Police Department CARE program will check on special needs persons or those alone. For more information, call 301-270-1100 or visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/caring-about-residents-every-day-care-2.

Note: In all these situations, it is critical that non-English speakers should have a translator and contact person, so that language is not a significant barrier to safety.

Ready? Add a feather to your CAP!

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.

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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.

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JARBOE

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away suddenly in February (read his obituary in the April 2019 newsletter), leaving Jimmy as the last of a family that has served as firefighters in Takoma Park and Montgomery County since 1956. (Read the article on the "Family Tradition" in the November 2019 newsletter.)

It was Teddy who was the first Jarboe to join, volunteering at age 16 in 1956. Jimmy followed soon after, and they were quickly joined by three more brothers, their father, and their uncle.

But it was Teddy who was the leader, and his sudden death hit Jimmy hard. "It was a shock," said Jimmy. "He was my number one input and influence."

Teddy's background as a longtime firefighter and fire safety educator profoundly shaped Jimmy's work as a community fire safety advocate, a role he has embraced as a volunteer since his retirement as a professional firefighter. In this role, he attends community events and festivals, speaks at schools and generally takes every opportunity he can to educate the community about fire safety.

It is an important role, and one that only adds to an impressive legacy, said Darrell Hout, Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service Captain, Station Commander, assigned to the Takoma

Park station. "He has been doing education and outreach for decades," Hout said of Jimmy Jarboe. He was one of the originators of the smoke detector program here in Takoma Park. "His heart has always been in it," Hout said. And it still is.

On that recent Sunday morning, Jimmy eagerly cornered Hout to propose a new idea for reaching out to the community. And, of course, Jimmy volunteered to be the person to implement it. Which begs the question, "Does he see a time when he will give up volun-

"My wife just asked me if I'll ever stop," he said, chuckling. "I've been around the firehouse a long time. I rode the trucks for 50 years, and now I really like working with the community and educating the public about fire safety.

"Plus, it's helping people, it's saving lives, and being around the station and the people is fun."

In other words, the Jarboe legacy seems destined to live on. For that, we in the Takoma Park community can all be thankful.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 18, at Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home in Silver Spring. Donations in memory of Chief Jarboe may be made to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (www.tpvfd.org).



Above: Chief Jarboe visiting Lunch & Learn Summer Camp (2016) Below left: Chief Jarboe helping at the annual TPVFD Christmas Tree Sale (2017)

Below right: Delivering turkey dinners to families in need at thanksgiving (2021); Left right: TPVFD Chief Jarboe, TPLC/PDG Mike Bigler, TPVFD members Andrew Willey, Ariel Cruz, Auxiliary President Tina Willey, and Chaplain Dave Hooker







PLEASE NOTE: Due to the library renovation, the Senior Room, Multi-media, and Computer Labs are temporarily closed. Community Center 55+ fitness classes have moved to new locations. See class listings for details. We apologize for any inconvenience.

RECREATION

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DANCE

Line Dance

Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility, and stress reduction are just some of the benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Register for one line dance class only, not both. Choose the class that fits your schedule. Instructor: Barbara Brown Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium

55 & up Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. November 1-December 20 Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. November 2-December 21

Zumba Gold

Designed for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves they love at a lower intensity, this class introduces easy-to follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion, and coordination. Register for one in-person Zumba Gold class only. Choose the class that fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. November 2-December 21 *Fridays, 10-11 a.m. November 4-December 16

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Skills for Seniors

This class will offer instruction in basic computer skills including email, safe internet browsing, sending and receiving photos, using word processing applications, and more. A current Takoma Park Maryland Library card is required to access the computers and participate in this class. Limit four spaces. Instructor: Anne LeVeque Location to be determined

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. October 19-November 9

FITNESS

Foundational Fitness 55+

The program is designed to enhance strength; decrease fall risks; increase physical fitness level; improve cardiovascular capacity and range of motion; and enhance general sense of well-being. Class utilizes a high back chair, light hand weights and/or a resistance tube. Have a towel and water bottle nearby, Instructor: Michael Williams Virtual 55 & up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. November 1-December 29

Enhance Your Fitness

A great total body workout using low-impact aerobics movement and gentle resistance training, this class focuses on increasing strength, balance, and flexibility through stretching, breathing, core training, and proper posture alignment using standing and seated exercises including warm-up and cool down routines. Instructor: Adriene Buist Virtual 55 & up Tuesdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m. November 1-December 20

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

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Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. November 3-December 22

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 Front Room 55 & up Tuesdays, 1:15-2:15 p.m. November 1-December 20 (No class on 11/8) \$6

Tai Chi Strength.

Begin with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance. End with cool down exercises. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 55 & up Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m. November 1-December 20



This class is about the gentle flow of yoga poses modified to individuals' needs depending on their balance level. Improve balance, flexibility, posture, and stamina and energize mind and spirit for better health and well-being. No experience needed. Students must bring their own yoga mats. Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m. November 1-December 20

Yoga for Healthy Aging

This class helps build strength, endurance, flexibility, and range-of-motion and improve posture and balance, and aids in preventing/ reversing bone loss related to osteoporosis using seated, standing, and floor poses and breathing and relaxation techniques. Students need to provide their own yoga sticky mats, a yoga belt (or equivalent, e.g., a necktie), a tennis ball, and preferably a yoga block and blanket. Instructor: Carol Mermey Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Fridays, 12–1 p.m. through December 9 (No class 11/11 & 11/25)

SPORTS

Pickleball Open Play

November 3-December 22

Join other novice players for pickleball practice and play in the gymnasium. No intermediate or advanced players please. Please note: Registration is now required for this activity. Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

Free with a Recreation Center Membership



*Virtual & In-person

(No in-person class 11/11 & 11/25)

Community ACTIVITIES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 5*

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 9*

*The City Council will not meet.

**Tentative meeting

VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENT

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Thursday, October 27, 1–2:15 p.m. Virtual Event

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's

and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research, and treatments available, and Alzheimer's Association resources. Presented by Sheila Griffith, MS, NHA, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter, this virtual session is free and open to all and may be accessed via internet or phone. Pre-registration is required. Go to villageoftakomapark.com or call 301- 318-1923 to register and receive access information.

Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. TPPD, 7500 Maple Ave.

The Takoma Park Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your prescriptions to the TPPD. Collection boxes will be set up in the first-floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over the counter,

and pet medications will be accepted. In addition, vape pens and other e-cigarette devices are now accepted, but only after the batteries are removed from such devices. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

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 Election Candidate Forums

Moderated by Eric Bond, Host of Talk of Takoma on WOWD-LP 94.3 FM

Thursday, Oct. 6 Mayoral forum (7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 13 Wards 2 and 4 (7:30 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 10 Ward 1 (6 p.m.) Ward 5 (7:30 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 17 Ward 3 (6 p.m.) Ward 6 (7:30 p.m.)

*Held at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue), forums will be streamed live and recorded.

Monster Bash

Saturday, October 29, 1 p.m.

Maple Avenue

Alternate Location (inclement weather): Takoma Park Middle School

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Monster Bash. The Bash Kick-Off 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 along Maple Avenue. The parade will begin at approximately 2 p.m. on Piney Branch Road, and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will walk down Piney Branch Road to Philadelphia Avenue (left turn) then to Maple Avenue for the Awards Ceremony and enjoy a fabulous concert. We look forward to seeing everyone's cute, scary, and creative costumes!



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:

- Senior Policy and Data Analyst to provide the City Manager with accurate and timely information to support decision-making on a range of public policy issues.
- Director of Information Technology to provide oversight and direction in the planning and implementation of technology solutions.
- Right-of-Way Maintenance Technician to perform a variety of routine maintenance duties within the assigned area in parks and/or streets.
- Building Maintenance Specialist to perform skilled work in the repair and maintenance of City facilities and equipment.
- Executive Assistant to the City Manager to provide highly responsible, confidential, varied and typically complex administrative support to the City Manager and work with the Deputy City Manager in the



overall administration of City operations to advance the City Council's Priorities.

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.



