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IMPORTANT DATES

City Offices & Facilities Closed Labor Day Sun., Sept. 4 - Mon., Sept. 5

Trash/Recycling Collection

Labor Day Monday yard trimming collection canceled.

Bulk Buy Tree Sale

September 1 to 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.

Nominating Caucus for City of Takoma Park Election Tues., September 13

City Council Meetings Resume September 14

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Check our website frequently for updates.

See City Election Information on pages 2-3.

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Takoma Park Maryland Library Is on the Move: An Interview with Jessica Jones, Library Director

By Sean Gossard

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is temporarily moving before it gets a brandnew home.

On Aug. 24, the Takoma Park Maryland Library closed its location at 101 Philadelphia Ave. as it is in the process of constructing a completely new building that is expected to take 18 months to complete. The library and computer center will remain closed during the month of September with plans to move to a temporary space in October at an interim location.

"There's been a lot of conversation about the scope of the project, and it's important for people to know that while it's a new library and that's huge and the cornerstone of this whole project, it's also a new computer center and recreation rooms with more accessible facilities," said Library Di-

Scan the QR Code for updates or go to

takomaparkmd.gov/newlibrary

Questions?

Side view of the new library scheduled for completion in April 2024

rector Jessica Jones.

Part of the major renovations to the library—originally built in the 1950s—will be an increase in the square footage, a dedicated room for teenagers, a program room, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant facilities, an updated computer center. and much, much more.

"In a post-shut down era, everyone's concerned there's adequate space," said Jones, "so we have more space, and there's going to be a new HVAC system coming. It will not only be more user friendly but will be safer and easier to accomplish your goals when you visit."

According to Jones, the teen room was especially important to keep young adults more engaged with the library: "The separate teen room is a huge deal as their needs are different than younger kids, and it gives them some ownership of the building."

There will also be major updates to the computer center and other areas for those looking for a quiet place to work. "Some private study rooms will be especially useful if someone needs a quiet space for a Zoom interview or something along those lines," Jones explained. "The computer center will be like what we have now, but much nicer, of course. We can continue doing classes in there to help bridge the digital divide. It's important for us to have those resources."

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City to Offer Free Canopy Tree Plantings

By Marty Frye, Urban Forest Manager, City of Takoma Park

Email: newlibrary@takomaparkmd.gov

The Urban Forestry Division of the City of Takoma Park is announcing an exciting new program called Tree Takoma. Starting in Fall 2022, the City is offering free canopy tree plantings to any interested private property owner within the Takoma Park city limits. We are very excited to be partnering with the DC-area's flagship tree planting nonprofit Casey Trees for this pro-

Tree Takoma will offer both a tree planting consultation with a Casey Trees urban forester and the tree installation itself, both free of charge. The Casey Trees urban forester will work with you during the consultation to determine the best locations and tree species for your property. The program offers a diverse palette of native canopy trees, which changes from season to season and will be determined at the time of your

Consultations can be scheduled yearround, and plantings occur during the spring and fall. Trees will be a minimum of 1.5-inch trunk diameter or 6-feet tall and will be installed with a bed of shredded wood mulch and a deer guard to protect the trunk. After planting, your responsibility is to water the trees as they get established and care for them to ensure they lead a healthy and prosperous life.

Tree Takoma

Casey Trees will typically be in touch within six weeks to schedule a consultation. After the City provides your information to Casey Trees, they will be your contact for all information pertaining to scheduling the consultation, finalizing your tree planting plan, scheduling your tree planting, and addressing any questions you might have pertaining to the tree planting.

Native canopy trees provide numerous enefits to you and the City, including stormwater management, cooling the air, reducing heating, and cooling costs, beautifying the landscape, and more. Since the City only manages approximately 15 percent of the land area in Takoma Park, it is important that we partner with private property owners to plant trees and help in replacing the canopy that is lost each year. We hope you will join us in this important work of maintaining the urban forest canopy of Takoma Park.

To sign up for the program, follow the link below to the City's website to submit an online request or visit the Public Works building at 31 Oswego Avenue for a paper form. https://tinyurl.com/35zd7cv4

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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 CityTV (RCN – 13, HD 1060; Comcast/xfinity – 13, HD 997; Verizon Fios – 28), on the City Council Video Page of the City Website; on CityTV YouTube, or on CityTV 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 RECESS

The City Council is on recess through September 13. Regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 14.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.

CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

City Boards and Committees will be meeting on Zoom during the fall of 2022. After that, they will have the option of continuing to meet on Zoom or may resume in-person meetings.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

ETHICS COMMISSION

Thursday, September 22, Time 6:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 19, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

The committee will meet in September. Please check the the calendar for date and time

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND COMMITTEE

Monday, September 12, 7 p.m. (Remote/Virtual Meeting)

TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 14, 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 JULY 6

Resolution 2022-17 Supporting National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund Grant Application – Multifamily Property Improvements: Application for \$500,000 to supplement the existing ARPA funds for the Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Funds.

Resolution 2022-18 Supporting National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund Grant Application – Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Support: Application for \$500,000 to support preacquisition and capital costs associated with preparing tenant groups to take advantage of the City's Tenant Opportunity to Purchase law.

Resolution 2022-19 Supporting National

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Notice of Takoma Park Nominating Caucus Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, to accept nominations of candidates for mayor and councilmember. The meeting will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue and on Zoom. The meeting is open to all registered voters. Others are welcome to view the meeting. Only qualified voters of the city may run for office, place names in nomination or second a nomination.

At the meeting, nominations of candidates for mayor may be made on motion of any voter of the City, and if another voter seconds that nomination, the nominee will be considered a candidate.

Nomination of each candidate for councilmember may be made on motion of any voter of their ward, and if that nomination is seconded by a voter of their ward, the person so nominated will be considered a candidate.

A person may only accept nomination of one office. The name of each nominee that meets the qualifications of the office shall be placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 City Election.

Contact Jessie Carpenter, 301-891-7267 or clerk@ takomaparkmd.gov with any questions regarding the Nominating Caucus or running for office in Takoma Park, or if you need any special assistance to access or participate in the Caucus.

Aviso de la Reunión Electoral de Nominación de Takoma Park Martes, 13 de septiembre, 2022 – 7:30 p.m

La Reunión Electoral de Nominación se llevará a cabo a las 7:30 p.m. el martes, 13 de septiembre, para aceptar nominaciones de candidatos para alcalde y miembro del concejo. La reunión tendrá lugar en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue y en Zoom. La reunión está abierta a todos los votantes registrados. Otros son bienvenidos a ver la reunión. Sólo los votantes calificados de la ciudad pueden postularse para cargos, nominar un candidato(s) o secundar una nominación.

Durante la reunión, las nominaciones de candidatos para alcalde pueden realizarse por moción de cualquier votante de la ciudad y, si la misma es secundada, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato.

La nominación para miembro del concejo puede realizarse por moción de cualquier votante de su distrito y si la misma es secundada, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato.

Una persona puede aceptar una nominación para un solo cargo municipal. El nombre de cada persona nominado que cumpla con los requisitos del cargo se colocará en la papeleta para las Elecciones Municipales del 8 de noviembre de 2022.

Para más información en Español con respecto a la reunión electoral de nominación o si necesita asistencia especial para aceceder o participar en la reunión, comunicase con Irma Nalvarte, 301-891-7214 o envie un mensaje a clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Building COMMUNITY

City Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022

2022 is an election year in Takoma Park. City voters will be electing a Mayor and all six City Councilmembers to two-year terms. The Nominating Caucus is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Election day is Tuesday, November 8.

The Election will be conducted by mail! For those who prefer to vote in person, there will be voting at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue) on Election Day.

Information About Candidates. Candidates will be nominated at the Nominating Caucus on Tuesday, September 13. The October issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter will include names, photos, and 500-word statements from all candidates. Watch for information about candidate forums and events to educate yourself about your choices.

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Voter Registration for the City of Takoma Park Election (and for the Gubernatorial Election). Most voter registration is handled by the Montgomery County Board of Elections. The most important action you can take to prepare for these two elections is to confirm that you are registered at your current address in Takoma

Park. If nothing has changed, and you have voted before at your address, you should be fine. If you have any doubt, or if you have moved in the past few years, confirm, or update your registration right away. Information on how to check your registration is available on the City website or by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

If you are not registered, register now. Don't wait! If you are 16 years old and a U.S. citizen, you may register with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, even though you will not yet be able to vote in the gubernatorial election.

You will be able to vote in the City election.

Residents who are not U.S. citizens, or who do not wish to register with the State of Maryland, may register with the City of Takoma Park to vote only in City elections for mayor and city council.

For the City of Takoma Park election for mayor and city council, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail. There is no need to request a ballot. However, if you will be out of town in October, request that an absentee ballot be sent to you at your out-of-town address.

For the gubernatorial election, voters must request a mail-in ballot if they do not wish to vote in person. See www.takomaparkmd.gov for additional information.

Elección Municipal Martes, 8 de noviembre de 2022

2022 es un año electoral en Takoma Park. Los votantes de la ciudad elegirán a un alcalde y a los seis concejales de la ciudad para períodos de dos años. La Reunión Electoral de Nominación está programado para el martes 13 de septiembre de 2022 a las 7:30 p.m. El día de las elecciones es el martes 8 de noviembre.

¡La elección se llevará a cabo por correo! Para aquellos que prefieren votar en persona, habrá votación en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park (7500 Maple Avenue) el día de las elecciones.

Información sobre candidatos. Los candidatos serán nominados en la Reunión Electoral de Nominación el martes 13 de septiembre. La edición de octubre del boletín de Takoma Park incluirá nombres, fotos y declaraciones de 500 palabras de todos los candidatos. Esté atento a la información sobre los foros y eventos de candidatos para educarse sobre sus opciones.

Registro de votantes para la elección de la ciudad de Takoma Park (y para la elección de gobernador). La mayoría del registro de votantes es manejado por la Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery. La acción más importante que puede tomar para prepararse para estas dos elecciones es confirmar que está registrado en su dirección actual en Takoma Park. Si nada ha cambiado, y usted ha votado antes en su domicilio, debería estar bien. Si tiene alguna duda, o si se ha mudado en los últimos años, confirme o actualice su registro de inmediato.

La información sobre cómo verificar su registro está disponible en el sitio web de la Ciudad o comunicándose con la Oficina del la Secretaria Municipal.

Si no está registrado, regístrese ahora. ¡No esperes! Si tiene 16 años y es ciudadano estadounidense puede registrarse con la Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery, aunque aún no podrá votar en las elecciones para gobernador. Podrás votar en las elecciones municipales.

Los residentes que no son ciudadanos estadounidenses, o que no desean registrarse en el Estado de Maryland, pueden registrarse en la Ciudad de Takoma Park para votar solo en las elecciones de la Ciudad para alcalde y concejo municipal.

Para la elección de la ciudad de Takoma Park para alcalde y concejo municipal, los votantes registrados recibirán una papeleta por correo. No hay necesidad de solicitar una papeleta. Sin embargo, si va a estar fuera de la ciudad en octubre, solicite que se le envíe una papeleta de voto en ausencia a su dirección fuera de la ciudad

Para la elección de gobernador, los votantes deben solicitar una papeleta por correo si no desean votar en persona. Consulte www.takomaparkmd.gov para obtener información adicional.



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Adventist Healthcare Closes Takoma Park Urgent Care Center

Adventist Healthcare has permanently closed its urgent care facility at 7600 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park as of Aug. 19.

The nonprofit health services organization based in Gaithersburg, Maryland, announced that a new primary care office will open nearby in September at 7610 Carroll Avenue, Suite 410, in Takoma Park.

Adventist Healthcare said that Takoma Park residents in need of urgent care should visit the Patriot Urgent Care Center at 14421 Baltimore Avenue in Laurel, or for emergency care should visit the White Oak Medical Center at 11890 Healing Way in Silver Spring.

There are also a host of other urgent care centers around Takoma Park not affiliated with Adventist Healthcare that residents can visit. Those include:

- Patient First Primary and Urgent Care Silver Spring at 8206 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring
- CVS MinuteClinic at 7939 New Hampshire Ave. in Hyattsville
- AllCare Family Medicine & Urgent Care at 8455 Colesville Rd.



The entrance to the urgent care facility, which closed last month

- Suite 101-A in Silver Spring
 Family's Health Care at 8011
 New Hampshire Ave. in Adel-
- phi

 SDM 1-Stop Primary Urgent
- Care at 6401 New Hampshire
 Ave. #100 in Adelphi

Adventist Healthcare's new primary care facility opening in September will provide "comprehensive primary care and family medicine services for adults and children in the Montgomery County and Prince George's County areas across the Washington, DC region," according to its website.

That care includes same-day

sick visits; women's and men's health and wellness exams; health physicals, health maintenance and preventive care geriatric (senior) wellness exams; vaccinations and immunizations, including flu shots; and managements for chronic conditions like asthma and allergies, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and heart disease.

For more information on Adventist Healthcare, visit adventisthealthcare.com.



Back to School Activities - We Belong Together: Equity Walk

Now that morning and afternoon walks to and from school have restarted, visit one of the two interactive activity trails to spark play and discussion surrounding equity with family, friends, classmates, and those in your community.

Look for the colorfully painted sidewalks along the Community Center and/or Anne Street! Scan the QR code located at each station to access maps and conversation prompts, use the questions and quotes to guide your discussions, and check out the additional resources to support your learning. After you're done, fill out our short survey (https://bit.ly/3Du6j6z) to receive a fabulous free t-shirt!



Families enjoy visiting the Equity Walk.

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Get in touch!



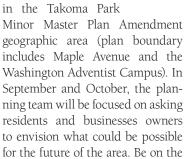
City Department Phone Numbers

City Information	301-891-7100
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	-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental	301-891-7290

Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment Moves into Visioning Phase

Residents and businesses owners will be asked to provide feedback on future of Maple Avenue and Washington Adventist Campus site

Montgomery Planning (M-NCPPC) and City planners have been working together over the last year to hear from residents on what's working and what could be improved in the City in the Takoma Park



lookout for pop-up events and Vi-



sioning Workshops (inperson and virtual) and make sure that your voice is heard throughout the planning process. Check out the QR code below!

The Minor Master Plan Amendment will re-envision the Wash-

ington Adventist Hospital and University campuses, the Erie Center, as well as the area along Maple Avenue. The planning team will work with community members throughout the planning process to guide the area's growth. Learn more at montgomeryplanning.org/takomapark.

Takoma Park Business Investment Grant

If you have a business that you want to expand, grow or locate in Takoma Park and you are looking for funds to help achieve that, you're in luck!

The Takoma Park Business Investment Grant (BIG) is available to qualified businesses for capital expenditures related to a business start-up, expansion, or relocation within the City of Takoma Park.

Individual property applicants are eligible for up to a maximum of \$10,000 in grant funds. Applicants covering multiple commercial units may be eligible for additional funding.

Funds can be used for things including exterior property improvements, like signage, lighting, ADA accessibility, repainting, awnings and windows/doors; interior fit-out, like display racks and seating areas; capital equipment; and hard costs associated with the activation of a previously vacant commercial property.

In order to be eligible for the grant, applicants must be located in the city of Takoma Park; be in good standing with the state of Maryland and in compliance with all city, county, and state regulations; have a valid Use & Occupancy Certificate; have an actionable lease agreement or ownership deed to the property; and submit actionable quotes for all eligible project components.

Funds cannot be used for routine maintenance and ap-



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plicants must demonstrate they can support the expansion of business operations. Additionally, applicants may not apply for any work or expenses that began prior to the approval of their grant application.

Awards will be made on a case-by-case basis as long as funds are available. Upon submission of a completed application, city staff will review the application and make discretionary awards based on business growth, project impact,

business diversity (minority or local ownership statuses, project location), and prior city funding and support

Interested applicants can submit applications and supporting materials by visiting takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/TKPKBIG.

If you have any questions, email the Economic Development Team directly at econdev@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7119.

LIBRARY

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Plans for the renovations began back in 2013 with former library director Ellen Arnold-Robbins, who retired in March 2021. "I feel for Ellen, who carried the project for years and years and retired last year, as the plans were becoming a reality," said Jones. "I hope my work on this project honors all the contributions that she made because there were so many."

Moving an entire library is a major undertaking, but Jones already has plenty of experience in that area. Before she came to Takoma Park in 2021, she worked to help relocate libraries in Texas and New Mexico. "It's always a bit of an ordeal of moving a library, and I have the somewhat dubious distinction of moving them several times," she said. "The moving services company we hired has experience moving libraries, especially those around the D.C. area. What staff are going to be doing is packing everything that's not books, and the moving company will move everything that is books."

And it's a lot of material, not all of which will be making the trip. "We have about 53,000 books and audio books in the collection after a big weeding campaign. We're working extra hard to make sure everything that gets moved is relevant to community interest and up to the condition that we need," Jones said. It's an intense process to weed through the entire collection, but it's necessary."

Like most things in the City, the library project received help and input from the Takoma Park community. "We've really solicited a lot of feedback and that takes time to implement. But we've got a lot of valuable input from the community," Jones said. "It will be a stronger and better library because of it. I also want to thank the people for their patience and their support while it's happening."

If you have any questions about the move or the new facility, email newlibrary@takomaparkmd.gov. you can also scan the QR code shown on page 1.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What about the materials that I already have checked out?

A. Fret not, if you have books or other media already checked out of the library. The library will automatically renew anything you have checked out until the temporary location opens, and fines will not be accruing during that time.

Q. Should I return my books or other media to the library?

A. No, those with books or other media checked out should not try to return them until the temporary location opens in October. The book drop will also be unavailable during the closure. "Since we won't have computers up and running, we won't have a way to check things in," Jones said. "We ask everyone to keep everything on them until the new location opens. If you have special circumstances, like moving out of the area, email us and we will work with you."



Q. Will I still be able to access online resources?

A. Online resources, like e-books and audiobooks, language learning, materials for children and research tools, will remain available at www. takomapark.info/library/online.html.

Q. What will be hours at the temporary library facility?

A. The hours at the temporary facility will be the same as at the old building: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday - Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. The library's phone number will also remain the same (301-891-7259).

Q. What will happen to the mural on the side of the library?

A. The iconic mural on the side of the library is set to be carefully dismantled and preserved and then integrated into the new building. Library Director Jessica Jones said of the mural, "It's such a recognizable part of the library and embodies the spirit of Takoma Park. It's important to us to save that."

Q. When will the new library be finished?

A. The entire construction process for the new library is expected to take 18 months and is slated to be finished in April 2024.

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The ARTS

Coral Reefs Spotted at Local Bus Shelters

Takoma Park has moved closer to the Caribbean since colorful coral reefs have magically appeared inside two local bus shelters.

Vinyl wraps featuring a lively aquatic design have been installed on glass panels at the bus shelters to enliven community spaces and encourage public transportation. The City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Division organized the project using public art funds.

"We wanted to create a fun scene that would brighten people's day while they're walking by or waiting for the bus," Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith said. "They are the first bus shelters where you can sit next to tropical fish and sea turtles without holding your breath."

Arts and Humanities Intern Paula Barrios designed the wraps, which were installed on two shelters at the ALDI shopping center at 1300 Holton Lane and at the



intersection of Maple Avenue and Hilltop Road.

Grab a face mask and snorkel and dive right in! Take some photos of yourself exploring the coral reefs and share them on the City of Takoma Park's Twitter page at twitter.com/takomaparkmd and Instagram at instagram.com/takomaparkmd.

Vinyl wraps promoting the Takoma Park Arts series also have been installed on three additional bus shelters. The wraps feature artwork and former performers in the Takoma Park Arts series, which hosts free arts events at the Takoma Park Community Center. Two shelters are located at the intersection of Flower Avenue and Houston Avenue, and the third shelter is next to Piney Branch Elementary School at 7510 Maple Avenue





Takoma Park Arts Series Returns with New Events

After a summer hiatus, the *Takoma Park Arts* series will be returning with new events in September. The series features free poetry readings, film screenings, art exhibitions, concerts, theater, and other special events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue.

More than 100 poets from the D.C. area submitted applications to take part in future poetry readings. A committee led by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Kathleen O'Toole selected poets who will participate in future readings on general subjects or specific themes,

including Struggle and Solidarity, Healing Power of Poetry, and Poetry Without Borders.

The *Unsung Heroes* art exhibition will be on display in the atrium at the Community Center until Sept. 27. Local artist Renee Lachman is honoring City of Takoma Park employees whose important work often goes unnoticed in a new series of paintings and charcoal drawings. Sanitation workers, gardeners, crossing guards, and library staff are featured in her artwork.



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.

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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Breakfast for Dinner

Turn your favorite breakfast dishes into the main event as dinner options (with a few desserts thrown in just for fun). How about a cheddar-chive strata with fresh salsa? Carrot-potato pancakes with applesauce? Maybe you would prefer a more traditional French Toast dressed up with bananas and blueberries? Any way you slice it, Tiny Chefs will love tucking into these comforting breakfast classics. There is a nonrefundable \$4 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Heffner Park Community Center 42 Oswego Avenue 4-7 years Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. September 7-October 12

Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

SPORTS

Materials Fee: \$4



Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports like soccer and basketball. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture social and spiritual growth through teamwork and good sportsmanship. Instructor: Recreation Staff Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 3-5 years 6 Week Session Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. September 17-October 22 Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

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Fun Davs

Fun Days are offered on specific days when Montgomery County Public Schools are not in session. The program is designed to provide recreational activities for children enrolled in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Through structured activities, crafts and presenters, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants will meet at the Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue) then take a trip for the day. Things to bring are masks, a non-perishable lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change. Registration is required per day; select all four dates or just the one that fits your schedule. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of the

Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Grades: K–5 Monday, September 26: Pump it Up Wednesday, October 5: Bowlero Monday, October 24: Gaver Farm Monday, November 7: Air and Space Museum 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility, and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance. Students will gain physical fitness, mental, and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 4-17 years Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. September 10-November 5 Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190 Uniform Fee: \$70

SPORTS



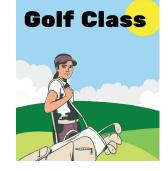
Basketball Skills

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 Community Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 6-12 years 7 Week Session Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. September 10-October 22

Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

Golf

This course is designed for the novice golfer. This class will focus on the fundamentals of the sport, including the equipment, some rules, etiquette,



ory of the sport. Instructor: Fred and the hist Harllee

Takoma Park Recreation Center Outdoor Classroom 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 6 & up 5 Week Session Saturdays, 11-11:50 a.m. September 10-October 8

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

TEENS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Entrepreneurship for Teens

Ever thought about starting your own business? Even teens can do it! Entrepreneurship for Teens is an interactive virtual class that centers around a growth mindset, entrepreneurial skills, and business startup. Registration is required for this class. Once signed up, you will receive a link for access to the virtual

class. Instructor: Tyronda Boone Grades: 6-12 8 Week Session Mondays, 6-7 p.m. September 19-November 7 Free

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! Takoma Park Community Center Hydrangea Room 7500 Maple Avenue Grades: 6–12 8 Week Session Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. September 21-November 9



Girls Empowerment Yoga Class

High school girls are invited to take part in an eight-week yoga mentoring program that aims to increase self-confidence and 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 8 Week Session Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. September 29-November 17 Free

ADULT

ART

Nature's Beauty Come celebrate and enjoy fall.

This class will meet outdoors, and we will paint, draw, and collage from nature or photos about nature. The class can enjoy the outdoors using the covered picnic tables. Some art materials will be supplied. Have fun and create art! Explore different mediums. Instructor: Alice Sims

Heffner Park 42 Oswego Avenue 16 & up Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. September 17-October 8 Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

Drawing

The practice of drawing can be both relaxing and enriching. Participants in this class will draw with black and white and color media, such as charcoal, oil and chalk, pastels, pen and ink, and colored pencils. Students will be supported by weekly lessons with demos involving proportion and perspective, ongoing feedback, and critique. Creative cropping, expressive mark making, exploration into limited value or color key, and other techniques will be discussed. Personal creativity will be encouraged. Come join the fun and comradery of drawing together and develop a practice that will enhance your life.

Beginning to advanced students welcome. Paper and drawing materials will be available for the \$20 materials fee due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Art Studio 18 & up Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. September 15-October 20 Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285 Materials Fee: \$20

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

English as a Second Language (Beginners)

ESOL/ESL: A beginners' virtual course featuring conversation and vocabulary in English using daily routines and information. Suggested text for class: English Through Pictures, Book 1 by Richards and

Virtual 16 & up 6 Week Session Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-6:30 p.m. September 20-October 27 Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

Writing Life Stories

Gibson.

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 jumpstart 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. September 7-December 21 Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

FITNESS

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. This class combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, contemporary, and African dance moves within our choreography to create a memorable workout experience. Our moves are feasible and suitable for all ages. Participants will be able to shred calories and learn fun choreography all in one class. Instructor: Khady N'Diaye Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Studio 16 & up Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. September 8-October 27 Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

Boot Camp

Drop-in: \$10

This total body program Instructor includes a circuit of Profile on p. 7 drills, such as jumping jacks, running, pushups, squats, crunches, and weight training. Drop-ins are welcome. Students are required to bring their own mats. Instructor: Jeremy Sherron Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 16 & up 7 Week Session Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. September 13-October 27 Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

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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. September 24-November 19 Resident: \$70 / Non-Resident: \$80 Drop-In: \$15

MARTIAL ARTS

Karate Self-Defense

Are you Looking for a new form of exercise? If so, try Karate Self-Defense. Through the practice of karate, one can gain self-confidence, leadership experience, self-defense skills, focus, discipline, improved physical fitness, and more. Instructor: Christian Brown Takoma Park Recreation Center Back Room

7315 New Hampshire Avenue 16 & up Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. September 12-December 21 Free with Recreation Membership

MULTIMEDIA

Videotaping Fundamentals

In this virtual class, you will learn the basic videotaping principles and how to apply it 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 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

55+

ART

Art and Crafts

December 12

This course covers a variety of quick arts 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
4 Weeks
Mondays, 11 a.m.—12 p.m.

September 8, October 17, November 21,



Crocheting Group

Join the group to learn new stitches and work on your projects in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Group led by Sue Bracey. Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Lilac Room 55 & up 6 Week Session Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m. September 6-October 11

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come try your luck and win a prize! This is dropin; no registration required. Host: Paula Lisowski Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Lilac Room 55 & up Tuesdays, 12–2 p.m. September 27 & October 25

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

Instructor: Barbara Brown
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Room
55 & up
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
September 6-October 18
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
September 7-October 19

Zumba Gold

modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity, the design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion, and coordination. Register for one inperson Zumba Gold class only. Choose the class that fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores Takoma Park Community Center Dance Studio 7500 Maple Avenue 55 & up Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. September 7-October 19 Fridays, 10-11 a.m. (in person & virtual options) September 9-October 21

For active older adults who are looking for a

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 4 spaces. Instructor: Anne LeVeque Location TBD

55 & up

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

October 26-November 16

FITNESS

Enhance Your Fitness

A great total body workout using low-impact aerobic 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. September 6-October 18

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. September 6-October 20

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Get to Know Our Bootcamp Instructor: Q&A with Jeremy Sherron

The Takoma Park Recreation Center would like to spotlight one of our newest instructors, Jeremy Sherron. Jeremy teaches bootcamp classes at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jeremy showcased his skills and led a free demonstration at our annual Fitness Expo this past April. During the Expo, you could easily see Jeremy's passion for fitness. This Summer 2022 season was his first time teaching with Takoma Park Recreation, and he is looking forward to having more successful classes in the future. Please read a little more about Jeremy or stop by the Recreation Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to meet him in person.

Q: Tell us about your background. Where did you get your interest in fitness?

A: I am the director and manager of Everest Wellness. With a degree in health care management from New York University, I have years of experience in corporate wellness and fitness. I grew up in Brooklyn, New York, graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School, and spent the next 12 years working as a lab technician while taking classes and studying.



Jeremy Sherron

Following graduation, I was the wellness coordinator for St. Dominic's Home for students with physical disabilities in Rockland County and then wellness coordinator and manager of Senior Centers for Catholic Charities in Brooklyn and

Queens. I traveled extensively meeting with companies and conducting wellness fairs.

I started my own company, Everest Wellness, to bring wellness engagement to frontline workers. The goal is to attain a work/life balance, become physically fit, and promote good mental health. In 2017, I moved my family to Silver Spring, Maryland, and continued with my company as well as consulting on wellness for Volkswagen and Verizon.

Q: Why do you think it is important for people to work out, especially during this pandemic?

A: Working out and healthy living, as we know, is essential for a healthy lifestyle. As for me, healthy living makes me happy and keeps my mood high, which has been so beneficial through the last few years.

Q: What do you hope people will take away from your class?

A: I hope people will come away with not just physical improvement but also a mental and spiritual lift after they have completed one of my classes. If nothing else, I wish they receive a sense of belonging and meet their need for social

interaction.

O: How do you know when you've had a successful class?

A: I know my class is successful when I see people sweating at the end of every class. A good indicator that participants are enjoying the class is when I see them keep coming back and registering for more sessions.

Q: What other hobbies or interests do you have besides fitness?

A: Outside of fitness I have a passion for music; I am an accomplished pianist.

Q: What should students bring with them to your bootcamp class?

A: Students should bring hand weights, an exercise mat, water bottle, and a positive attitude.

Jeremy will be teaching Bootcamp classes throughout the year. Log into ActiveNet to register or stop by the Recreation Center and our staff would be happy to assist you with registration. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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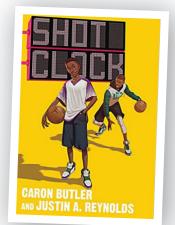
These programs will take place during the library closure.

Jump Start with the Arts! In partnership with the library, Carpe Diem Arts presents a movement, music, and storytelling series for preschoolers and their caregivers! Tuesdays in September at 10:30 a.m. in the field on Maple Avenue between Essex House Apartments and Sligo Creek Parkway.

Yard Dramas @ Crossroads Farmers Market – 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. Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Canta Juego: Spanish Circle Time Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Authors Caron Butler and Justin A. Reynolds will be here to discuss their book, Shot Clock, on September 9, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Maryland Library and the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Book sale and signing to follow; sales provided by Politics & Prose



DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

In Appreciation of Books Wherever You May Find Them

By Jessica Jones

When I was growing up, my dad worked in publishing sales, and my younger sister and I spent a lot of our childhood in bookstores. They were the first place I learned how wonderful it was to be surrounded by books.

As children, my sister and I had a make-believe game with our own bookstore (Beeping Books) and coffee shop (Beeping Hot Coffee), named after my sister Danielle's love for the sound of a barcode scanner. We were not old enough at the time to appreciate the use of "Beeping" as a placeholder for swears.

Many years (and bookstores and libraries) later, books are still something that my thoughts turn to, almost constantly. I may not work in a bookstore, as Danielle and I never made Beeping Books a reality, but we have definitely retained our love for books, and they are an omnipresent fixture in our lives.

Whenever my husband and I have moved – from Texas to Michigan to New Mexico back to Texas and finally to Takoma Park – our apartments always felt



like home when we unpacked the books. If home is where the books are, a Library is, by extension, a homey place. It's certainly something for which the library and computer staff and I strive.

This library, the home for our books - and by extension our stories and programs and staff - is temporarily relocating while we prepare for the building's next chapter.

After years of discussions, designs, meetings, and planning, it's finally happening: Takoma Park is getting a new library. And more than that, we're also renovating the computer center and part of the Community Center. It's a big project, and it's going to take a while. The new library and adjoining facilities will reopen at

Maple and Philadelphia Avenues in Spring 2024. But you won't have to wait that long to check out another book.

We are moving the library and computer center operations to a temporary location for the duration of construction, and the books are coming with us. It won't be "home," but it will be the closest thing we can manage until we have a brand-new building to welcome you back to.

The City's wonderful communications office is helping us get out the word about the relocation, where programs will be, what is available and when, and what's happening in the construction process. There is so much to convey to you all, but what I want to make sure I get to say personally, is thank you for sticking with us through this process. Thank you in advance for your patience and your support and engagement. Thank you for making this project a reality, and we are doing our best to continue providing you with excellent books, programs, and resources - both in our temporary space, and eventually in our new one.

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Moving Day Has Arrived! A New Chapter in the Library's Story

By Anne LeVeque

Finally! Construction is about to begin on the new library building. After years of planning and debate, it's really happening. Everyone at the library and computer center is looking forward to more space for books, staff, and patrons as well as a new building that is ADA compliant and up to code. While we wait for our new building to be built, we must have someplace to call home, someplace for our patrons to visit and find books and other materials.

The library and computer center are closed for the entire month of September as we prepare to move into new, temporary space. Check our website for the new location's address. We anticipate opening there at the beginning of October. Here's what you need to know while we are closed:

- We will automatically renew any materials you have checked out until the temporary location opens.
- Please do not try to return books! Hold onto your materials until the temporary location opens. If you have special circumstances, such as moving away, please email us, and we will make arrangements for your books' return.
- All our online resources



Young readers during Summer Mercado

(www.takomapark.info/library/online.html) will be available during the closure. If you need help with them, email us.

- Books-to-Go (curbside) and Books-to-You (delivery for Takoma Park residents only) will be suspended during the move.
- For printing needs, Montgomery County Libraries have wireless printing available for a small fee. Closer to the Community Center, there are some local businesses that provide

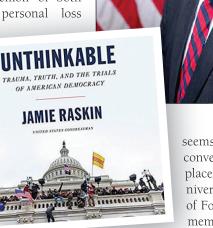
this service. Takoma Business Center at 7304 Carroll Ave., the UPS Store at 6955 Willow Ave. NW, and Community Printing at 6979 Maple St. NW, are a few.

Programs! Canta Juego will continue online. Jump Start with the Arts will be held outdoors in the field on Maple Ave. at Sligo Creek Parkway; Yard Dramas, Wednesdays at 11 a.m., will be at Crossroads Farmers Market. All other

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Very Special Author Event: An Evening with Jamie Raskin

On September 12 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center auditorium, Representative Jamie Raskin will talk about his book, Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy, a New York Times #1 bestseller. Unthinkable is a memoir of both tragic personal loss



and the enormous challenges to democracy our country faces. A longtime resident of Takoma Park, Raskin and his family are known to many of us as neighbors and friends, while the rest of the country knows him as a Congressional leader who led the impeachment of Donald Trump. It

seems fitting that this conversation will take place on the 208th anniversary of the defense of Fort McHenry, commemorated in Maryland as Defender's Day.

Just as democracy and the infant United States of America was defended long ago, Jamie Raskin continues the patriotic tradition of defending our Constitution "from all enemies, foreign and domestic."*

*from the oath which all members of Congress, the military, and all federal employees take

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Listen to This!

By Jessica Jones

Renegades: Born in the USA. If you are an Obama fan or a Springsteen fan, or especially if you are both, this nine-part series is an essential part of the canon. Really, even if you've been to see Bruce live, or seen Obama speak in person, this focused-but-meandering conversation is a unique view into each man, brought out by their comfortable friendship. Both acquired insights into their authentic selves despite the derailments world-wide fame could have precipitated. But the paths were labyrinthine, and the pain is out front. On one level, this is an audio-only buddy movie. The two are clearly having great fun hanging out, breaking into song at unexpected moments, and evading Secret Service agents in Springsteen's Corvette.



Each segment focuses on a topic such as "Race in the United States," "Traveling the U.S. and Finding Home" and "Relationships with our Fathers and Masculinity." Yet the totality of the series interweaves all these particulars into a narrative about each man's complicated personal roots and sense of himself as a child, a teenager, and a man trying to "find home." Found wherever you get your podcasts.

By Verónica Rivera-Negrón

servicios en español

¡Enhorabuena! Takoma Park Maryland Library obtuvo una beca de \$20,000 de la Asociación de Bibliotecas de los Estados Unidos (ALA, por sus siglas en inglés) con la que obtendrá materiales en español y desarrollará un programa nuevo.

La beca, llamada ALA COVID Library Relief Fund, está diseñada para apoyar a las bibliotecas en tiempos de dificultad económica por la pandemia. Con este dinero, adquiriremos aproximadamente 700 libros y otros recursos en español para niños, adolescentes y adultos.

Los fondos también se usarán para desarrollar un nuevo programa en español, tentativamente llamado El Cuento. El programa utilizará el juego de Lotería para conectar con familias hispanohab-

By Anne LeVeque

resources to support students

at all levels, from preschool on

The Library has many online

lantes en la comunidad, enseñar vocabulario nuevo a quienes estén aprendiendo el idioma y promover la colección en español con lecturas de cuentos.

La biblioteca obtiene beca para expandir

El Cuento se presentará en la biblioteca, así como fuera de ella en parques públicos, eventos y otros espacios. ¡Nos entusiasma llevar nuestros programas a dónde esté la comunidad!

Ya hemos comenzado a llevar contenido en español fuera de la biblioteca. Por ejemplo, este verano participamos del Summer Mercado 2022, organizado por Takoma Langley Crossroads. Colaboramos con Melissa Strova Valencia, quien presentó el cuento *Lluvia* del libro bilingüe Doce cuentos musicales para niños / Twelve Musical Tales for Children del músico y escritor colombiano Edgar Strova Ávila.

Además de disfrutar de la pre-

sentación, el público podía pasar por la estación de la biblioteca a leer varios libros en español a la sombra de un árbol. A lo largo del evento, interactuamos con unas 50 personas–niños, adolescentes y adultos-quienes recibieron más información de nuestros programas y recursos.

Para continuar este trabajo y alcanzar un mayor número de personas, la biblioteca reclutará voluntarios que hablen español para facilitar El Cuento a partir del 2023. Este otoño, esperamos reclutar 14 voluntarios, quienes recibirán entrenamiento, materiales y reembolso de gastos de transportación por aquellos programas que faciliten fuera de la biblioteca. Personas interesadas en ser voluntarias, se pueden comunicar con Verónica a veronican@takomaparkmd.gov.

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programs will be suspended until the library opens in the temporary location. See www. tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents.

The Child & YA Team will take some time to adjust to the new space and reimagine programming in the future. Regular programs, like Neighborhood Circle Time and Scribbler's Cabal: Sketch Club will be on hiatus until further notice. Please share your feedback to help shape the future of our programs by filling out our survey! (https://forms.gle/ wteFJy24wjEmhpoC9)

Here's what you need to know once we're open at the new loca-

- · Check our website for program information, including locations and start dates.
- have the same hours.
- The phone number (301-891-7259) will remain the same.
- Books-to-Go (curbside) and Books-to-You (delivery for Takoma Park residents only) will resume when the library re-

You can always reach us by email, and if you have questions about the move or the new building, email us at newlibrary@tako-





Listed below are upcoming events sponsored by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Li-

Friends Book Club: On Thursday, September 8, (7:30 to

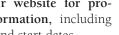
9 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center) the Friends Book Club will be discussing *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. It will be the last of the club's "Cli-Fi" (fiction relating to climate change) books to be considered this year. If you are in-

terested in joining the discussion and you do not receive Friends Book Group announcements, write to ftpmlbookgroup@gmail. com for details on joining.

FTPML Big Book Club: The selection for the Friends Big Book Club for the fall of 2022 is The Aeneid by Virgil. The Aeneid is the epic story of the Trojan hero Aeneas after the fall of Troy. The Aeneid tells how Aeneas eventually finds his way to Latium (present day Italy) by way of Carthage, and then successfully fights the native tribes to found

> Rome. It is considered a "foundational" work of the Western canon. There will be a lecture about the book on October 19 in the Azalea Room of the Community Center, followed by discussions on November 2, November 16, and November 30. The three November discussions

will be in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center. The library should have two translations available to borrow: The Aeneid: A New Translation—Vergil by Shadi Bartsch and The Aeneid Vergil by Sarah Ruden. To receive announcements, write to ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com.



The hours will be the same as at the old building: Monday -Thursday, 10 a.m.- 8p.m.; Friday - Sunday, 12-6 p.m. The library and computer center now

maparkmd.gov!





Online Resources for Students

up. These resources are generally fairly user-friendly, but some may take a bit of patience to figure out. All of these resources will require you to put in your library card number. Contact the Library if you have trouble logging in; from the home page click 'my account.' • Early Learning Center by World Book - has games, videos, activities, stories, and

BOOK LIBRARY

Pre-school Children:

early learning basics.

• Tumblebook Library -- has ebooks, and animated readalongs, along with puzzles and games, videos, and books in Spanish and French as well as English.

Elementary School Students:

• National Geographic for Kids - you can browse or search by topic, or look at National Geographic Kids magazine. Everything National Geographic covers including animals, the environment, history, cultures, places, science and technology, and much more. There are videos, books, and mag-



• Britannica Library for Children - Britannica has been a trusted source of information for over two hundred years. You can find reliable information on almost any subject here. There are articles, videos, images, and



• World Book Kids - World Book is another trusted source that has been around for over 100 years. On this site you will find articles on a variety of topics, pictures, videos, interactive maps, great activities, and much more. This site also has a dictionary, however the dictionary does not include higher vocabulary words that some students might encounter. There is a section devoted to science projects that can be very helpful for students looking for ideas, and includes a section on 'How to do a Science Project.'

Middle and High School **Students:**



- Teen Book Cloud From the creators of Tumblebooks, this collection of ebooks has a great selection of graphic novels, classic literature, educational videos, and audiobooks. They also have 'enhanced novels' which allow a student to bookmark, highlight, make notes, and listen to narration. There is a section specifically for AP English, with all the works that might be covered in those classes.
- World Book Student is for upper grades and includes useful tools such as a citation builder along with the encyclopedia articles.
- Infobase Ebooks has an enormous number of titles, many of them in the succinct 'Facts on File' format. It too has a citation feature

- which will enable a student to quickly build citations in the appropriate style.
- Gale Ebooks is linked on our page as 'Hundreds of reference volumes'. This resource has many of the wellknown DK books, including the Eyewitness books and DK Readers. It also has the 'Dummies' series which seems to have a book on every possible topic.
- EBSCO database (under 'Magazines') has full text for thousands of publications including books, articles, videos, news sources, and more. The interface is not the most intuitive one, but if you know what you're looking for it can be very useful. It also has citation tools for the older student.
- Britannica Escolar is a Spanish-language encyclopedia for students. Once you log in, you can choose either elementary or secondary level when you search.
- Enciclopedia Estudiantil

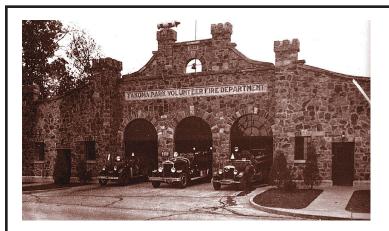


Hallazgos is an encyclopedia and dictionary in Spanish, produced by World Book. It has links to periodicals from all over the Spanish-speaking world. These are direct links, so may not all offer full-text.

There are many more online resources that we provide. High school students can use the resources in the adult section; there are many dictionaries and encyclopedias, including resources in Spanish and French. From the library home page (www.takomapark.info) just click on 'Online' to find the full list of all our resources.

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At Your SERVICE



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of August ____, 2022, ____ people have died in fires compared to ____ in _ 2021.

Hot vehicle deaths

As of August ___, 2022, ___ children have died in hot vehicles across the country. Please, when you leave your vehicle make sure you check the back seat, and everyone goes with you. Also lock your vehicle.

Safety message

Keep smoke alarms in good condition:

- Replace the batteries twice a year.
- Clean dust from smoke alarms with a vacuum attachment.
- Replace units that are more than 10 years old.
- Push the test button monthly to ensure proper operation.

Be prepared:

- Have an outside meeting place where your family will meet in case of a fire.
- Practice home fire drills.



Editor's note

English:

Look for this icon at the end of 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.

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Once Again – September Is National Preparedness Month: Are You Ready?

By Claudine Schweber, Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

It's been a difficult year, again with storms, floods, COVID and its variations, now monkey pox, some burglaries, power outages, and medical equipment failure. Being prepared can prevent panic or inaction and its consequences

First, let's see how well prepared you are, use this checklist:

If you must remain indoors, do you have:

- Three-day supplies of water and non-perishable food (no cooking or refrigeration); hand- operated can opener.
- In case of power outages: battery operated lights (flashlight, lantern); portable radio (battery).
- Health support: prescription medicine for a week; doctors' contact list with contact information and specialty; contact information for nearest hospital; copies of health insurance info (Note: Despite our preference for technology, make a paper copy of this information.)
- Fully charged portable cell phone charger

YES____NO____ (which ones?)

If you must leave for several days, do you have:

- A go-bag with supplies (see above): clothing/underwear; sturdy shoes
- Medications and doctors' contact information
- Book, games, puzzles to keep busy



• Contacts list; cell phone and working charger

YES____ NO___ (which ones?)

School information:

- Emergency contact number for the school
- Contact info for school personnel
- Ability to contact your family member and for him/her to contact you

YES____NO____ (which ones?)

How did you do? Before there's another emergency, act now on the "no" items.

Second, act on the relevant items below:

Don't wait; communicate!

- Identify an emergency contact person who would be the resource person others could reach to find out status.
- Put this number in your cell phone; include one out of area contact and make sure that both are in touch. Tell others about the contacts.
- Text first, then call/email, If you are in danger, text may get through faster.
- Identify a meeting place where you would gather after a fire,

flood, or other emergency event if separated. Share this information and tell the emergency contact.

 For non-English speakers, make sure that a translator is available and keep that person informed about the emergency contact.

Get help for those living alone with special needs, the elderly, or those with a disability.

- · CARE is a program for Takoma Park residents who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day. Residents need to Call the police department' 301-270-1100 once every day between the hours of 12-5 p.m. There is a three-hour grace period and then the police follow up. Registration forms online (takomaparkmd. gov/government/police/services-and-programs/caringabout-residents-everydaycare-2) or call 301-270-1100.
- Establish a communication plan or set up a neighbor-toneighbor help system for persons with disabilities or the elderly.
- Free rides to doctor appointments, religious services and more from Village of Takoma Park for members. Call 301-646-2109 for info or visit villageoftakomapark.com.
- Emergency Medical Equipment: For persons using electricity to power life support equipment, Pepco's Emergency Medical Equipment notification program provides notice of scheduled outages and notification of storm warnings. In case of power outages and to check estimated restoration times, call Pepco at 1-877-737-2662.

Sign up for enrollment at https://tinyurl.com/4kuzre2z

Contact us at tpepc@takom-aparkmd.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.

Build a kit with everyone in mind





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.

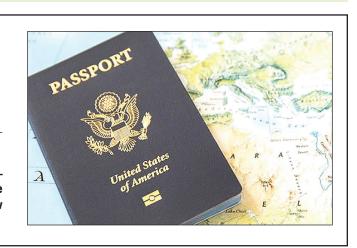
All forms must be written clearly with no mark outs, scratch outs, etc.

- 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.



Translation on website www.takomaparkmd.gov



CityCouncilAction

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Capital Strategic Economic
Development Fund Grant
Application – 112 Lee Avenue:
Application for \$300,000 to support
the financing of needed building
improvements after acquisition by
the Leeland Tenant Association.

ON JULY 20

Ordinance 2022-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Doyle Construction for Construction and Building Services for the Library Project. The contract amount is \$9,226,940. (Voting No: Councilmember Smith)

Resolution 2022-20 Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Lease for the Temporary Relocation of the Library, pursuant to the Library Project, within the range of stated staff cost estimates. (Voting No: Councilmember Smith)

Ordinance 2022-25 Contract for Inspection and Material Testing Services for the Library Redevelopment Project. The contract is with Hillis-Carnes Associates, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$100,000. (Voting No: Councilmember Smith)

Ordinance 2022-26 Contract for Construction Management Services for the Community Center Renovation. The contract is with Arcadis for a not to exceed amount of \$194,184. (Voting No: Councilmembers Kovar and Smith)

Ordinance 2022-27 Awarding a Contract for a Stormwater Resiliency Study. The contract is with the Low Impact Development Center, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$134,994.

Resolution 2022-21 Providing for Appointments/Reappointments to the Arts and Humanities Committee: Appointment – Jose Luis Diaz (Ward 2), Taylor Johnson, Linette Lander (Ward 6); Reappointment – Leslie Sapp (Ward 3), John Warren (Ward 5).

Resolution 2022-22 Providing for Appointments/Reappointments to the Board of Elections: Appointment – John S. Quinn (Ward 5); Reappointment – Timothy Anderegg (Ward 6).

Resolution 2022-23 Providing for

Appointments/Reappointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs: Appointment – Antoaneta Tileva (Ward 4), Suzanne Gordon (Ward 6), and Ivie Baker (Ward 5); Reappointment – Mark Brochman (Ward 5).

Resolution 2022-24 Providing for Reappointments to the Ethics Commission: Reappointment – Keli Cochran (Ward 6), Jess Bravin (Ward 3).

Resolution 2022-25 Providing for Reappointments to the Grants Review Committee: Nadine Bloch (Ward 3), Keli Cochran (Ward 6), Nicole Ferraiolo (Ward 1), and Susan Rosenblum (Ward 3).

Resolution 2022-26 Providing for Appointments/Reappointments to the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee: Appointment – Victor Thuronyi; Reappointment – Julie Boddy (Ward 1).

Resolution 2022-27 Providing for Reappointments to the Recreation Committee: Reappointment -Cherwanda Oliver (Ward 5), Rachna Rikhye (Ward 1), Jon Worley (Ward 2).

Resolution 2022-28 Providing for Reappointments to the Sustainable Maryland Committee: Reappointment – Chiara Atoyebi (Ward 6), Janet Owens (Ward 3), Orissa Samaroo (Ward 2).

Resolution 2022-29 Providing for Appointments/Reappointments to the Tree Commission: Appointment – Long Do (Ward 3); Reappointment – Meipo Martin (Ward 2), Paul O'Brien (Ward 4).

ON JULY 27

Resolution 2022-30 Expressing Appreciation to Jessica Clarke for Her Service as Takoma Park Deputy City Manager. Ms. Clarke served as Deputy City Manager from March 2020 through July 2022.

Ordinance 2022-28 Approving FY23 Stormwater Budget Amendment No. 1. First reading was held on July 20.

Ordinance 2022-29 Approving FY23 Budget Amendment No. 1. First reading was held on July 20.

Ordinance 2022-30 Amending the Takoma Park Election Ordinance (Title 5). First reading was held on July 20. (Abstaining:

Councilmember Smith). The ordinance clarifies the candidate campaign finance registration requirement, adds political committee registration, addresses entities prohibited from making campaign contributions, reduces the number of campaign finance reports from four to three, requires authority lines on all campaign materials, and prohibits a person from voting a mail in or absentee ballot that was issued for another person.

Ordinance 2022-31 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contracts Related to Outfitting of the Leased Space Associated with the Library Redevelopment Project. The amount allocated for the outfitting is up to \$200,000. (Voting No: Councilmember Smith).

Ordinance 2022-32 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Moving Services for the Library. The contract is with TPM for moving to and from the temporary leased space at the estimated cost of \$132,406. (Voting No: Councilmember Smith).

Ordinance 2022-33 Approving a Change Order to the Purchase Power Agreement for Solar Power System Relocation, Storage, and Reinstallation Related to Library Construction. The change order amount is \$56,500.

Resolution 2022-31 Ratifying Agreement with United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 400. The agreement provides for a wage scale grid adjustment of 5 percent and a one-step 1.5% increase on the salary scale, retroactive to July 1, 2022, for a total wage adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023 of 6.5%.

Emergency Ordinance 2022-34

Amending the Annual Budget to Provide Wage Adjustment Compensation to City Employees (FY23 Budget Amendment No. 2). The ordinance appropriates \$251,157.48 for a 1.5% wage increase for all non-union employees and employees who are Local 400 members, and a 10% wage increase for the 14 Sergeant and above police employees due to the recent compensation study.

Ordinance 2022-35 Approving a Contract for the ARPA Direct

Cash Assistance Program. The ordinance authorizes execution of a contract with LiveStories for the administration and implementation of the ARPA-funded direct cash assistance program. The contract amount is \$149,900.

Resolution 2022-32 Authorizing a Contract with Montgomery County for the Inspection of all Residential Rental Facilities. The contract is for three years with the option of extending for one additional year. The first-year contract amount is not to exceed \$274,330.

Ordinance 2022-36 Authorizing
Montgomery County to Administer
and Enforce City Laws Relating to
Inspections of Residential Rental
Facilities. The ordinance provides
Montgomery County the authority
to administer and enforce City
laws related to residential rental
inspections pursuant to the
contract authorized by Resolution
2022-32.

Ordinance 2022-37 Awarding a Contract for a Human Resources Information System. The ordinance authorizes a contract for services with Paycom for the implementation, support, and maintenance of a Human Resources Information system in an amount not to exceed the total budgeted cost of \$177,000.

Ordinance 2022-38 Authorizing a Contract for Public Space and Private Property Tree Planting. The contract with Casey Trees is for a not to exceed amount of \$70,000 at the per tree cost of \$325. The service will include public space tree planting, establishment watering, private property tree planting, and private property consultation services as a means of encouraging private property owners to plant trees.

Resolution 2022-33 Providing for Reappointments to the Emergency Preparedness Committee: Mandi Booth (Ward 2), Jim Della-Giacoma (Ward 2), Kathleen Quinn (Ward 2), and Claudine Schweber (Ward 3) were reappointed to terms expiring on June 30, 2024.

Resolution 2022-34 Providing for the City Council's Summer Recess (July 28 – September 13, 2022).

RECREATION

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QigongQigong 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
good mental, physical, and spiritual health.
Instructor: Anne Harrison
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Dance Room
55 & up
Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.
September 8-October 20

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. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue Gymnasium 55 & up Tuesdays, 1:15–2:15 p.m. September 6-October 18

YOGA 55+

Tuesdays at New Hamp Ave Returns Nov. 15 - Dec. 27

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 mat, a yoga belt (or equivalent, e.g., a necktie), a tennis ball, preferably a yoga block and blanket. Instructor: Carol Mermey Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue Dance Room 55 & up Fridays, 12-1 p.m. September 9-December 9

SPECIAL EVENT

Family Outdoor Movie

The movie will begin around dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars



with your family! The movie will be a family friendly "G" or "PG" rated hit. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged. Ed Wilhelm Field Behind PBES

Behind PBES
All ages
Saturday, September 10
Starts at dusk
Free

Community ACTIVITIES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.



25 Years Later: Reflections on Takoma's Unification into One County

Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Program features residents and officials who were behind the successful campaign leading to a unified Takoma in 1997. Cosponsored by Historic Takoma and the City of Takoma Park. Free, reception to follow.



Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest

Sunday, September 18 Pie slice tickets for sale starting at 12:30 p.m.

Laurel Avenue in Takoma Park

The popular contest returns after a two-year hiatus. Bakers are invited to enter their best pies made using seasonal ingredients available now at the market - both sweet and savory. Celebrity judges taste the pies and winners are named in the following categories: Best Apple Pie, Best Peach Pie, Best Other Pie, Best Kid's Pie, Most Unusual Pie, Yummy Mess Award, and Professional Baker. Following judging, the market slices up the pies and sells them to the public to raise money for the market's Federal Benefit Match Program. Each year about 50 pies are entered and have included classic pies to creative uses of market ingredients. The event is a fun day for pie bakers and pie eaters alike. Schedule: pie delivery (11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.), judging (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.), and winners announced & pie slices available (1 p.m.). For contest rules, visit takomaparkmarket.com/ pie-contest-rules.

Volunteer at Crossroads Farmers Market!

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (Through November 23)

Anne St. at University Blvd. E.

They need help with setting up, breaking down, and various tasks throughout the day. To learn more and sign up to volunteer, visit www. crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork. org/event/volunteer-at-the-market-7,

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.

ANNUAL PLAY DAY

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road

It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy shoes, and get ready to play! Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present this wonderful event! Rain or Shine. This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances, visit www.letsplayamerica.org. The event is free and open to all ages. See you there!



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:

- Executive Assistant to 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.
- Construction Manager to oversee construction projects to include sidewalks, traffic calming installations, street repairs, and stormwater management facilities.
- **Deputy Police Chief** to oversee the day to day operations of a modern, full-service agency dedicated to policing the City with a highly engaged and community-involved approach.
- Captain (Operations Commander) to oversee the operations (patrol, traffic, and community policing) section of the Police Department.
- Recreation Manager to provide specialized duties related to the City's



recreation functions including tasks associated with the operations of the department's programs at the Community Center.

Applications, and details about these and other open positions can be found at **tako-maparkmd.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.





Wordsmith wanted.

The City of Takoma Park is looking for an editor for the monthly *Takoma Park*News and quarterly City Guide.

If you're interested in receiving a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this position, email donnaw@takomaparkmd.gov.



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