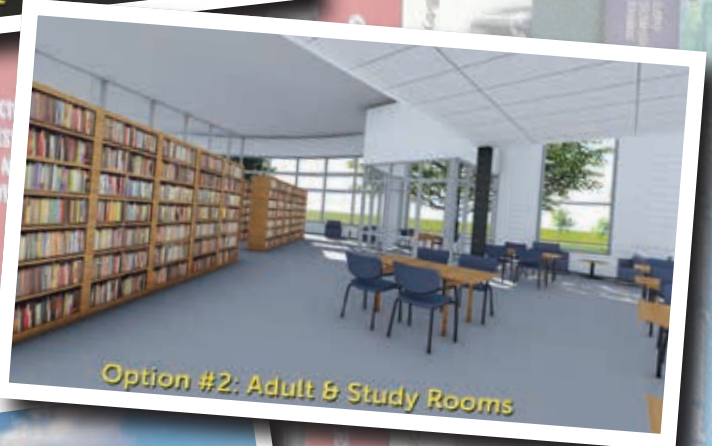
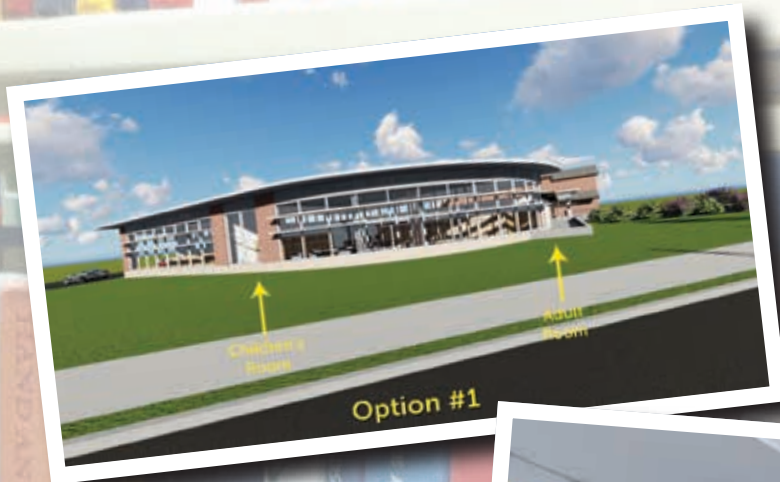


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Spring/Summer 2017

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March 15, 2017  
AT 8:30 A.M.



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Monday, May 29

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In its FY16 budget, the Takoma Park City Council allocated funds for significant improvements to the Takoma Park Maryland Library facility, including detailed design development focused on options for renovation and possible building expansion. This process began after comprehensive space planning, Council presentations, public meetings, and the development of these conceptual designs by The Lukmire Partnership.



Look for this icon throughout the guide, which identifies the City's green initiatives.



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## City Council

All legislative powers of the City are vested in a body designated as the Council of the City of Takoma Park, consisting of seven members. Six of these members are elected by ward and are called Councilmembers, and one is elected at large and is called the Mayor. The regular term of the Councilmembers and the Mayor is two years or until their successors have been elected and duly sworn. Newly elected Councilmembers and the Mayor take office on the second Monday following their election.

### Mayor: Kate Stewart

KateS@takomaparkmd.gov  
Office hours are by appointment.  
Call Peggye Washington at  
301-891-7230 or email  
PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov

### Ward 1: Peter Kovar

202-853-5481  
PeterK@takomaparkmd.gov

### Ward 2: Tim Male

240-274-0341  
TimM@takomaparkmd.gov

## City Manager

301-891-7229  
SuzanneL@takomaparkmd.gov

Day-to-day management of the Takoma Park government is overseen by the City Manager. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, implements the policies they adopt, and proposes an annual budget to the City Council.

To make an appointment with City Manager Suzanne Ludlow or invite her to a community meeting, please contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.

### Ward 3: Rizzy Qureshi

202-689-2794  
RizzyQ@takomaparkmd.gov

### Ward 4: Terry J. Seamens

301-565-0190  
TerryS@takomaparkmd.gov

### Ward 5: Jarrett Smith

301-960-7462  
JarrettS@takomaparkmd.gov

### Ward 6: Fred Schultz

301-434-7090  
FredS@takomaparkmd.gov



**City Manager  
Suzanne Ludlow**

## City Meetings & Events

### City Council Meetings

The Takoma Park City Council meets in the Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue. Meetings are held on Wednesdays, unless the City Council is on recess or a Wednesday falls on a holiday; meetings then move to the next available calendar day. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in August and December. City Council meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise.

City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live or as archives.

### Open Meetings

All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions, and task forces are open to the public unless noted otherwise. All are subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Notice of meetings is provided on the City Calendar and on the City Council rolling agenda.

### Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, committee or task force is one way to be involved and provide a service to the community. These groups are advisory to the City Council, and some have specific roles related to conducting hearings or carrying out certain activities.

### Active Boards, Commissions & Committees

Arts & Humanities Commission, Board of Elections, Commemoration Commission, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), Committee on the Environment, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Facade Advisory Board, Grants Review Committee Noise Control Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Personnel Appeal Board Recreation Committee, Safe Roadways Committee, Tree Commission

Members are appointed by the City Council. Check the City website for each to see membership requirements and to find out the specifics of each group's mandate. Residents are free to sit in on a meeting or two before applying to see if it is a good fit with interests and skills. See the City website for the calendar of scheduled meetings.

To learn more and apply, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/bcc](http://takomaparkmd.gov/bcc).



# City Departments

## Finance

301-891-7212  
finance@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/finance  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Finance Office oversees the City's financial resources, processes payroll, pays bills, collects certain fees, and safeguards and invests City funds.

### Payment of City Fees

#### Online Payment

Payments associated with a City-issued invoices may be made online by Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A convenience fee of 2.9% or \$1.50, whichever is greater, will be charged. E-check transaction users will have a \$1.00 convenience fee charged.

The following fees can be paid online:

- Rental licensing
- Recreation programs
- Parking fines
- Stormwater

For information on other permitting fees, please contact the appropriate department.

#### By Mail or In-Person Payment

Finance Department, City of Takoma Park  
Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

## Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119  
housing@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization and cultural programming, including We Are Takoma (arts@takomaparkmd.gov; takomaparkmd.gov/arts).

## Human Resources

301-891-7203  
hr@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/hr

For an up to date listing of current vacancies and employment opportunities with the City of Takoma Park, visit takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers.

# STAY CONNECTED!



The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the City website, and public safety notifications via email and text, to name a few. Here are some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.

- Visit takomaparkmd.gov, where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- Like the City of Takoma Park on  or follow us on  at @TakomaParkMD and on 
- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert
- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at takomaparkmd.gov/news



- Make a service request or report an issue using "My TkPk," an online and application based reporting tool: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk





# We Want You!

## SUMMER CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Closing soon!

- Teach sports and games •
- Outdoor activities •
- Arts and crafts • and more

For job openings and  
application information, visit  
[www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers).



# Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259  
[takomaparkmd.gov/library](http://takomaparkmd.gov/library)  
[facebook.com/takomaparklibrary](https://facebook.com/takomaparklibrary)

**Library Hours:** Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 12 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday - 12 - 6 p.m.; Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Computer Center Hours:** Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.; Monday – Friday, 12 - 8 p.m.; Saturday 12 - 6 p.m.

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is an independent municipal public library. Library cards are free to anyone living, working or attending school in Takoma Park. Others must pay an annual non-resident fee.

# Police

911 (fire and rescue)  
301-270-1100 (emergency)  
301-270-1100 (non-emergency)  
[police@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:police@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://takomaparkmd.gov/police)  
Open 24/7

Whether online, in person or phone, the Police Department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park.

# Public Works/ Infrastructure

301-891-7633  
[publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks](http://takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks)  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of City-owned roads, buildings, stormwater management systems, gardens, parks, vehicles, and equipment. The department also provides solid waste collection and recycling services to single-family residential properties in the City and in the various business districts.

# Recreation Department

301-891-7290  
[recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The City of Takoma Park's Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages. Our facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate our residents, improve our health and connect us as families and as a community.



301-891-7118  
[cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/citytv](http://takomaparkmd.gov/citytv)

Takoma Park City TV is a government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park. Watch City TV online or on Comcast and RCN channel 13 or on Verizon channel 28.

Also find us on ...



@TakomaParkTV

Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, the "We Are Takoma" series and other community events on City TV.

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¡Visítenos! Somos Takoma y El Barrio También  
Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.*





# City Facilities

## Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7290

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday,  
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The Heffner Park Community Center features a multi-purpose room with a small kitchenette, restrooms and a water fountain. Rentals will also have access to 30 chairs and 10 tables. Tot music classes, arts, crafts, self-improvement, games, hobbies, and dog obedience courses are among the activities offered.

*\*NOTE: Heffner Park Community Center is open for Recreation Department classes and private rentals only.*

## Public Works

31 Oswego Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-891-7633  
publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Food Waste Collection Program

The City's curbside food waste collection program is available to all the households within the City of Takoma Park. Single family and multi-family properties with City collection and recycling pickup are eligible to participate in the food waste collection program. Please register at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection).

### Large Item Pick Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$10 charge for the collection

of up to three items. Call to schedule a pickup.



### Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment to be recycled to the Public Works facility. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday



### Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale. Purchase 96-gallon trash carts for \$62.54 and 64-gallon for \$55.12. Carts have lids, wheels and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works Yard for pick up.

## Takoma Park Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7100

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

## Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7289

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:30 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday\* 12 - 9 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday Closed

The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, fitness room, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!

*\*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only.*



**Sunday, May 1**  
**8:00 a.m. start**  
**Takoma Park Community Center**  
**TKPK5K.com**



**5K RUN, 5K WALK, 1 MILE FUN RUN, 1/4 MILE YOUTH RUN**

**East Silver Spring ES • Piney  
Branch ES • Rolling Terrace ES •  
Takoma Park ES • Takoma Park MS**





# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

## Carroll Avenue Bridge Replacement Project:

The Carroll Avenue bridge replacement project began in the summer of 2016 and is anticipated to be completed by this summer. The rehabilitation of the bridge includes replacing the deck, beams and columns above the arches, the sidewalks, railings, and the ornamental lights. The overall project limits extend from the intersection at Jefferson Avenue to the entrance of the Washington Adventist Hospital. In addition to rehabilitating the bridge, the project includes constructing a new sidewalk along the east side of Carroll Avenue between Old Carroll Avenue and the bridge, upgrading existing sidewalks and ramps in the work zone, and making roadway drainage improvements. Information about the project and project manager contact information can be found on the SHA website: [bit.ly/CarrollAveBridge](http://bit.ly/CarrollAveBridge). The Project Directory on the City's website is also updated regularly: [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/carroll-ave-bridge-construction](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/carroll-ave-bridge-construction).

## Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue:

As a component of the City's New Hampshire Avenue Initiative, the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project will provide a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will take place at the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue/East-West Highway and New Hampshire Avenue. The project includes crosswalk improvements, bike lane addition, sidewalk improvements and bio-retention facilities to treat stormwater. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2017. More information is available at [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape). Staff contact: Rosalind Grigsby, 301-891-7205, [rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov)

## Flower Avenue Green Street:

The Flower Avenue Green Street project will incorporate pedestrian safety, traffic calming and innovative stormwater management, as well as improvements to bus stops and lighting. Streetlight upgrades, new benches and refuse containers on the west side of Flower Avenue have been completed. Washington Gas began replacing the gas main this past winter. The remaining work is expected to start in the spring of 2017. More information is available at [floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov](http://floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov). Staff contact: Nima Upadhyay, 301-891-7621, [nimau@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:nimau@takomaparkmd.gov)

## Flower Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway Traffic Calming:

This intersection has long been a source of concern for the adjacent Long Branch Sligo neighborhood due to the speed of traffic entering the neighborhood from Sligo Creek Parkway. City Council authorized staff to develop a concept plan and request permission from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the owners of the Parkway, to initiate an intersection redesign. An initial design concept has been developed that establishes a "T" intersection while providing treatment facilities in the existing roadway shoulder to treat surface water prior to entering Sligo Creek. The project must go through detailed design and Park and Planning review and approval followed by permitting. A public meeting will be held to review the design. If approved, the construction timeframe is not yet known, but is



anticipated for 2017. WSSC recently completed sewer line relocation across Sligo Creek in this location and removed a section of the pavement during their project. Staff contact: Ian Chamberlain, 301-891-7611, [iancc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:iancc@takomaparkmd.gov)

## Pedestrian Signal Upgrades along Carroll and Philadelphia Avenues:

Pedestrian signals and curb ramps are being improved in 15 locations along Carroll and Philadelphia Avenue. These improvements will bring the pedestrian signals up to current standards. The intersections along Philadelphia Avenue where work will take place include Takoma Avenue, Piney Branch Road, Maple Avenue, and Carroll Avenue. Intersections along Carroll Avenue include Grant Avenue, Laurel Avenue, and Tulip Avenue. The Maryland State Highway Administration is overseeing the project. Project contact: Richard Baker, 410-787-7645, [rbaker@sha.state.md.us](mailto:rbaker@sha.state.md.us)

## Sidewalk Improvements

Since 2010, the City has embarked on a program to replace and repair existing sidewalks to provide safe accessible pathways and comply with Federal regulations. The City also established a process in 2012 for the community to request new sidewalks. Since then, the City has constructed more than 10,000 linear feet of new sidewalk. Current requests include the following:

- Lincoln Avenue (400 & 500 Block) – Design Completed, Construction FY2017
- Kansas Lane (from Allegheny to Cockerille) - Design in development
- Glenside Drive – Design in development
- Maple Avenue (7900 Block) – Request received
- Larch Avenue (900 Block) – Request received

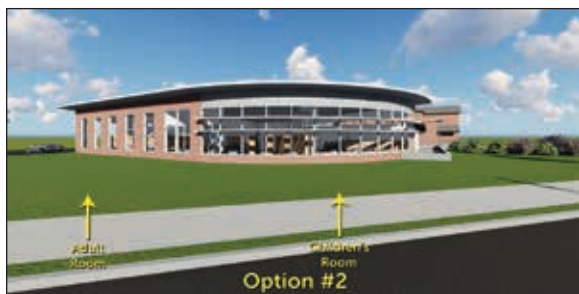
For more information about the process for requesting new sidewalks, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sidewalk-design-and-construction](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sidewalk-design-and-construction). Staff contact: Daryl Braithwaite, 301-891-7615, [daryl@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:daryl@takomaparkmd.gov)

## Sligo Mill Playground:

Creation of a new playground in a portion of the lot owned by the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission is under development. More information is available at: [takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sligo-mill-overlook-playground](http://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sligo-mill-overlook-playground). MNCPPC approved the design, and the City expects to advertise for construction bids and start construction this summer.



## Featured Resource



Library renovation conceptual designs by The Lukmire Partnership

## Renewing a Valued Resource: The City's Plans for a 21st Century Library

By Ellen Arnold-Robbins,  
Director, Takoma Park Maryland Library

It was a rainy night on Dec. 6. Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Board President Tim Rahn dashed through the library on his way to the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium to give testimony to Maryland State Legislators about the need for a renovated and expanded City Library. The delegates perked up when he described how he had encountered Library staff hastily moving furniture in the children's room and setting up chairs to accommodate a talk by a local author.

The fact is this happens several times every day. Staff are often rushing to prepare for Community or Spanish Circle Times, elementary school and pre-school class visits, weekend craft programs, Comics Jam, visits by well-known children's authors and illustrators and so many other programs. Despite the fact that the crowded children's room is without a working HVAC unit, and a portable blower is needed to keep visitors comfortable, the room is the only program space in the library.

Preparation for programs in the children's room often involves covering or moving out cases of young adult books as there is no young adult area. Teens with homework assignments have no place to interact or discuss assignments. The "dedicated" space

for teen reading consists of a standing shelf unit and a book cart outside the children's room. Many of the kids' and teen books reside in an overflow "office" and must be hunted down by staff when they are requested.

The adult reading room is well-used and often crowded with wireless users as well as library patrons browsing for books or reading newspapers and magazines. In the hours before the library and computer center open, people may often be found sitting on the community center floor or outdoors with their laptops and other devices.

In sum, the library needs an enlarged, updated, comfortable and inviting space for all the many needs and uses of Takoma Park readers. At the Dec. 6 meeting before state delegates, the city manager and residents highlighted the upcoming bond bill request that will, if granted, provide some funding to support the library project in five key areas:

1. **Energy efficiency.** Built in 1955, and last updated 26 years ago, the library needs to be substantially renovated to be energy efficient and meet current building code provisions.
2. **Accessibility.** The current facility is not sufficiently accessible for people with disabilities; to make the changes required to meet ADA standards, space for books and activities would need to be reduced unless the building shell is expanded.
3. **Diversity.** The library is heavily used and serves a large number of low-income residents, people of color and immigrants, but does not have space for the books and resources to fully meet their needs.
4. **Space for youth.** The library's children's room lacks comfortable space for school-aged children and teens to read, study and collaborate.
5. **Flexibility.** The proposed design is attractive and will provide a







flexible community library space that can be adapted over time and will last for decades.

The newest concept designs are the result of a lengthy development process: a 2014 needs assessment, public meetings, expressed needs and ideas of staff and the City Council, and years of collaboration with, and intensive work by, The Lukmire Partnership, award-winning experts in public library design. Interior and exterior drawings and concepts may be viewed on the Library Renovation page of the Project Directory on the City web site at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and in the library.

Pending an engineering and topographic site survey, which is now in progress, total construction costs could approximate \$5.5 million, with additional costs for storage and relocation during construction, furnishings, additional site-work and design, and contingency costs.

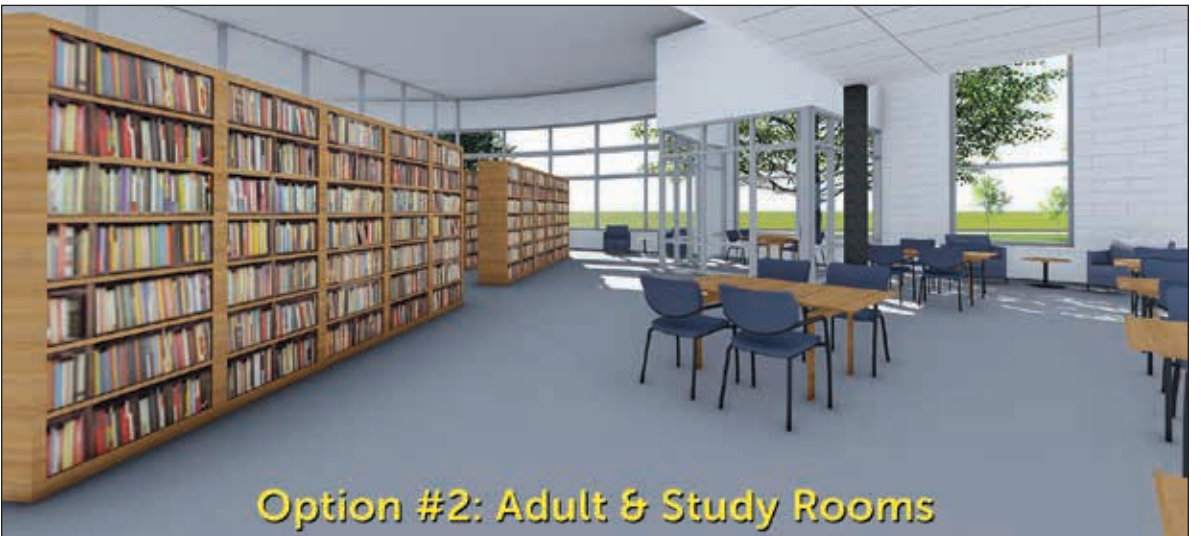
The City will pursue funding for this project through several avenues. These will include a Bond Bill from the State of Maryland, which is actually a grant that must be matched with other funds but does not have to be repaid. Most of the matching funds are expected to be funds borrowed through the State Infrastruc-

ture Loan Program.

Residents and City Council Members have been supportive of the library as a beloved institution, and valued center of community activity, and have endorsed designs that will transform it into a true 21st century public library.

Their views are consistent with findings of the Pew Research Center in its report on libraries (September 2016). According to the report, a large percentage of adults ages 16 or older say that libraries should definitely offer “more comfortable spaces for reading, working and relaxing.” At the same time, the share of this group saying that “libraries should definitely *not* move books and stacks out of public spaces” increased in 2016 from the previous year. The report continues: “The act of borrowing printed books is still by far the most popular activity at libraries, even compared with using computers: 64 percent of library users ages 16 and older checked out a book in the last 12 months, compared with 29 percent who used a computer at the library in the same time frame.”

These trends are clear and echo what Takoma Park residents have said they want for their city’s library in the years to come.





## City Services

# Public Works

301-891-7633

[publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov)

[takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks](http://takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks)

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Many of the City's green initiatives are managed by the Public Works Department.

## Services

### Mulch

Leaf mulch, made by grinding the leaves collected annually, is available for pickup and delivery. The mulch pile is accessible for self-loading every day of the week. Loading of trucks and mulch delivery is done for a fee. Deliveries are available from March through October. To schedule a delivery, call 301-891-7633. Charges are \$45 for a 3-yard load and \$65 for a 7- or 10-yard load for City residents.

## Upcoming Events

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

**Saturday, June 3**

The 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day is scheduled 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. at Public Works Yard. Takoma Park residents can drop off household hazardous waste for free while non-residents will be charged a \$10 fee. The Public Works Facility is located at 31 Oswego Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For more information, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-day](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-day).



### Arbor Day Saturday, April 8

Arbor Day will be celebrated on the grounds of the Takoma Park Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tree seedlings will be distributed for free.



### Spring Compost giveaway March 7 to June 2

Households that are currently participating in the City's Food Waste Collection program can receive 5 buckets of compost from the food waste program. The compost is stored at the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Avenue, Silver Spring, 20910. Contact: Special Projects Coordinator at 301-891-7621 for program details.

### Holiday Trash Schedule

#### May 29, Monday, Memorial Day

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

#### July 4, Tuesday, Independence Day

Tuesday trash, recycling and food waste collection will happen on Wednesday.

# Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

[housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)

## The Home Stretch: City rolls out Down Payment Assistance Pilot Program

In response to the need to expand access to affordable homeownership, the City set aside \$50,000 in the FY17 budget to pilot a down payment assistance program. The program, called "The Home Stretch," is projected to assist up to five eligible individuals or families in achieving homeownership.



Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicant must be a "first-time homebuyer." For the purposes of this program, a first-time homebuyer is defined as one who has not owned property in the past five (5) years.
- Applicant's income must not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Montgomery County. For a family of four, for example, the maximum allowable income is \$86,600 for 2016. The median income for the County is \$108,600.
- Applicant must successfully complete a homebuyer education course approved by the City of Takoma Park prior to receiving assistance.
- The home must be located in the City of Takoma Park.
- The home must serve as the applicant's principal residence.

Interested applicants must submit an online interest form. For additional information, please visit the City's website.



Police

911 (emergency) • 301-270-1100 (non-emergency)  
police@takomaparkmd.gov • takomaparkmd.gov/police  
Open 24/7

Whether online, in person, or by phone, the Police Department serves the people of Takoma Park. Here is a sample of the programs and services we provide.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1  
6 – 9 p.m.  
Piney Branch Elementary School  
7510 Maple Avenue

National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Takoma Park Police Department hosts its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The department’s goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department. The event is free.

If you are a locally-based organization and would like to be part of the event, please reserve a spot (and there’s no cost to participate). For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov. This is a great way to promote your organization and build a relationship with your local police department and community members.



Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April/May 2017

The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice a year. 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. Prescriptions are brought to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue. Collection boxes are set up in the first floor police lobby of the Takoma Park Community Center. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications are accepted.

Although we continue to participate in this nationwide event, as a reminder, residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, first floor lobby. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. **Items that cannot be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers.** The Takoma Park Police Department collects and stores these items and then safely disposes of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events.

During the event, Takoma Park Police also offer residents an opportunity to sign up for the “Watch Your Car Program.” This program is a way for police officers to ensure your vehicle is not being driven by an unauthorized driver. A sticker is displayed in your vehicle window, so both officers and criminals know you are participating in the program. Services are free. If you have questions, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.



Stay Informed

To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at takomaparkmd.gov/police. Notifications include, but are not limited to crime alerts, traffic, weather, missing persons, lost pets, etc. For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Unity in the Community

It is important to the Takoma Park Police Department to have meaningful interaction, open dialogue and strengthened relationships between community residents



and the police officers who serve and protect them. Unity in the Community is an initiative started by Meaghan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake, Mayor Kate Stewart and Captain Tyrone Collington of the Takoma Park Police Department that focuses on community policing. The initiative was created as a plan of action to build upon the continuation of community responses throughout the nation to unite local police departments with their communities into one collective voice.

The initiative is a step Takoma Park has taken to create and strengthen relationships between the Takoma Park Police Department, elected city officials and community residents by expanding opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds to come together through community dialogue, relationship-building events, sustained partnerships and fundraising campaigns. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend, volunteer or lend their services.



# Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

[takomaparkmd.gov/library](http://takomaparkmd.gov/library)

[facebook.com/takomaparklibrary](https://facebook.com/takomaparklibrary)

 @takoma

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is one of only two municipal public libraries in Maryland. With a Takoma Park Maryland Library card, you can:

- Borrow print books and magazines, audiobooks and music CDs.
- Access our extensive digital resources, including college and career information, language learning programs, test preparation, and both e-books and digital audiobooks.
- Use our public computers for up to two hours each day with assistance from on-site staff.

Free public Wi-Fi is available in the Library and Community Center.

## Programs

The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children and adults. To keep up with the latest schedule of library programs, please check our website, [takomapark.info/library](http://takomapark.info/library), where you also can find our five blogs: News, Books, The Children's Room, Teen Book Buzz, and Comics. You also will find a section labeled "programs" with a calendar showing specific program dates. We also post library news and program updates on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Registration is encouraged or required for some programs (as noted). **To register for programs, please go to [tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call us at 301-891-7259.**

Many library programs are underwritten by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. The Friends offer two reading groups and hold two to three book sales annually, among other events. More information about the Friends and their activities can be found on their website, [ftpml.org](http://ftpml.org), or their Facebook page ([facebook.com/FTPML](https://facebook.com/FTPML)). In addition to support from the Friends, the library's partnership with Politics & Prose Bookstore allows us to offer programs featuring top-notch authors and illustrators for children and adults.

### Library Hours

Sunday - 12 - 5 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday  
12 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Computer Center Hours

Sunday  
12 - 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday  
12 - 8 p.m.

Saturday  
12 - 6 p.m.

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

## Weekly Library Programs

### Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. **AND** 11 a.m.

A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teaches early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.



Photo by Maurice Belanger

### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. **AND** 11 a.m.

Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.

### Scribblers Cabal

Most Fridays, 4 p.m.

Kids are invited to draw with Library Assistant Dave Burbank, our library staff artist. To keep updated about the schedule, please register.



### MOOC Discussions

Sunday afternoons

MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses – offer a free way for older teens and adults to keep up lifelong learning. For information on how to register for these free online classes, and for specifics on the dates and times of our discussions, please check our website and Facebook page.



# Monthly Library Programs

## Lego Club

One Sunday a month, 1:30 -3 p.m.  
Ages 3-10  
Each program will have a building theme, and then free play. All LEGO is provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Registration is required.



## Kid's Art

One Sunday a month, 2 -3 p.m. Make special crafts with children's librarian Kati Nolfi. All materials are provided – kids just bring their creativity.

## Caldecott Club

One Monday a month, 7 p.m.  
Come join our popular family book club, where we read books – via the big screen – that are possible contenders for the Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for kids ages birth-14. Lemonade and cookies are served at each program!

## Comics Jam

Second Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m.  
September through June  
Join Dave Burbank, the library's graphic novel guru, in reading comics together on the big screen. The program concludes with Dave taking "drawing requests" from the audience.



## Bedtime Stories & A Craft

First Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
Children's Librarian Kati Nolfi leads our pre-bedtime program of songs and stories, plus a craft. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

## Petites Chansons

One Saturday a month, 10:30 a.m.  
September through June  
Madame Marie teaches basic French language concepts through songs and rhymes. To learn specific dates for Petites Chansons, please register and we will keep you updated.



# Spring/Summer Special Programs

Photos by Maurice Belanger



## Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Library hold their spring book sale on the Library lawn.



## Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Author/illustrator Chris Van Dusen talks about his newest picture book, *Hattie & Hudson*

## Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

SummerQuest kick-off! Please join us as we launch a new summer of reading with SummerQuest 2017.



## Spring 2017

The Friends of the Library's "Big Book" Club tackles *Faust* by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Check at the Library for specific dates and more information.





# Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

**7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7100**

**Hours of Operation**

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

**Art Studio**

- The art room, kiln, and easels are available to students enrolled in classes.
- Not available for rentals

**Auditorium**

- 154 fixed chairs
- Room for six wheelchairs
- Row of seven fixed chairs can be removed
- Food and beverage not permitted

**Computer Center**

- Two rooms, 25 workstations equipped with ports for flash drives and headphones, and work space for laptop users
- Internet, word processing, graphics software and more
- Color printer
- Low conversation, working in pairs, cell phone use allowed in Room A
- Absolute quiet in Room B
- Valid Takoma Park Library card or purchased guest pass required for computer use of up to two hours per day

- Four additional stations with 20 minute limits available in library, additional four available in Senior Room for those 55+  
Monday - Friday 12 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 12 - 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

**Dance Studio**

- Large studio with mirrors and wood floor
- No street shoes on dance floor

**Game Room**

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games

**Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)**

Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 12 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

**Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)**

Monday - Friday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Active Adult (55+)**

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Library**

Cards are free for City residents and those who work or go to school in Takoma Park.

Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.  
Monday 12 - 9 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Wednesday 12 - 9 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday 12 - 6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Multimedia Lab**

Our educational studio features state-of-the-art video and recording equipment and instructional courses designed to accommodate aspiring audio/video engineers and intermediate level students who want to hone their skills.

Hours are subject to change:

Monday – Wednesday 3 - 8 p.m.  
Friday 3 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 12 - 5 p.m.

**Notary Public**

Notary service is available by appointment only. The service is free for City residents. Call 301-891-7100 to set up an appointment.

**Passport Service**

Passport service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center. No appointment necessary. Please call Sofia Visurraga, Customer Service Representative, at 301-891-7204 for information.  
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí. No necesita hacer una cita para presentar aplicación. Por favor llame al 301-891-7204 para obtener información para aplicar por su pasaporte americano.*

*Lunes a jueves de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

**Senior Room (55+ yrs)**

- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
- Four computers and printer available
- Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more  
Monday - Friday 12 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 12 - 6 p.m.

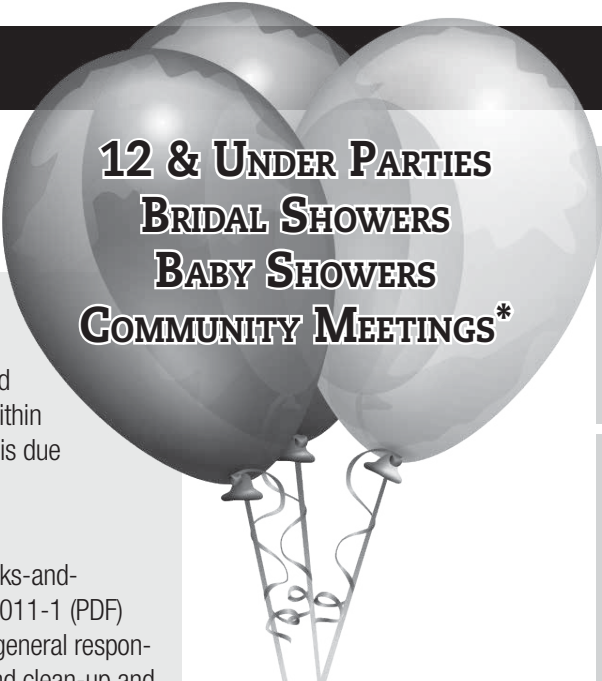
**Teen Lounge (Grades 6-12)**

- Hours vary by time of year
- X-box, large screen TVs
- Area for socializing
- Daily activities





# Book Your Next Event with Us!



**Go online:** Request a room or park shelter with a credit card from our website at [apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation). See Page 39, Registration and Policies for instructions for online registration. \* Rentals within 10 business days must be requested in person. Payment is due after request has been approved.

**Policies**

Please visit us online at [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-and-athletic-fields](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-and-athletic-fields) and click on Administrative Regulation No. 2011-1 (PDF) for regulations governing public use, facilities rentals and general responsibilities of the user. The renter is responsible for set-up and clean-up and nothing can be affixed to the walls.

**Rental Hours**

**Takoma Park Community Center**

Monday - Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **
Sunday	12:30 - 4:30 p.m. **

**Heffner Park Community Center**

Monday - Saturday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Takoma Park Recreation Center**

- Call for availability
- See page 16 for prices

*\* Business rate applies to all organizations, nonprofits, for profit entities or community groups.*

*\*\* Hours for auditorium rentals may be until 11:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and until 12:00 a.m. Friday - Sunday.*

**Small Meeting Rooms**

**Rose Room**

Capacity	10 with tables
	15 without tables

**Lilac Room**

Capacity	20 with tables
	25 without tables

**Hydrangea Room**

Capacity	20 with tables
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**Fees**

T.P. resident	\$15/hour
Non-resident	\$40/hour
Business*	\$60/hour

\*Commercial rate includes businesses and non-profits.

**Large Meeting Rooms**

**Azalea Room**

Capacity	55 with tables
	65 without tables

**Heffner Park Community Center\*\*  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Capacity	40 with tables
	50 without tables

**Fees**

T.P. resident	\$25/hour
Non-resident	\$50/hour
Business*	\$70/hour

\*\* \$50 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

**Auditorium**

capacity: 154

The Auditorium, located in the Takoma Park Community Center, is LEED-CI Silver Certified and has 154 fixed seats with two aisles and room for six wheel chairs. The floating wood stage is approximately 18 inches off the floor, 30 feet wide and 19 feet deep at the center.

This environmentally friendly space has a state of the art lighting system with colored LED washes, sound system with two wireless microphones and connections for up to 10 wired microphones. The presentation system has a 6' x 11' projection screen in the center of the stage and two small screens on either side of stage.

Extra fees apply for staffing outside of normal hours of operation, specialized AV services, extraordinary maintenance demands, or required security. Insurance is required.

Fees: \$110/hour, nonprofit  
\$180/hour, regular

Minimum 4 hour rental

**For more information about renting the Auditorium, contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or email [JohnW@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:JohnW@takomaparkmd.gov)**



# Takoma Park Recreation Center

**7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7289**

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:30 - 9 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday\* 12 - 9 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

*\* Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only.*

*The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, fitness room, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!*

## Time to Get in Shape!

The Takoma Park Recreation Center has a great fitness room featuring:

- Dumbbells (5-45 lbs.)
- Leg curl
- Leg extension
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Treadmills
- Lat pulldown
- Chest press

## Membership Fees

**Recreation Center General**  
(1 year; does not include fitness room)

Adult (18+ yrs)	\$35
Teen (13 - 17 yrs)	\$10
Youth (5 - 12 yrs)	\$5

**Fitness Room**  
(open same hours as building\*)

Adult (6 months)	\$65
Adult (1 year)	\$100
Senior (55+)	Free

## Adult Open Gym (18+ yrs)

- Wednesdays 8:15 - 9 p.m.
- Membership required

## For more information on these programs look through this guide ...

- Suto Dance
- Ladies Boot Camp
- Cardio Kickboxing
- Go-Go Fitness
- Karate Self-Defense Club
- Pilates
- Multiple Youth Classes
- and much more

## Hourly Rental Information

<b>Gym* (capacity 294)</b>	
General	\$30/hour
Business	\$70/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

## Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)

General	\$15 per hour
Business	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

## Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)

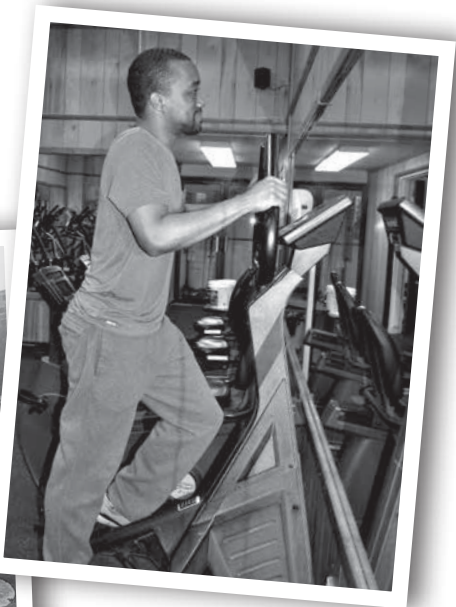
General	\$15 per hour
Business	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

**Call 301-891-7289  
for availability.**

*\* \$50 security deposit required.*

Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

All program days and times are subject to change.





Know Your Parks!



Belle Ziegler Park

Belle Ziegler Park

(Takoma Avenue & Albany Avenue)  
7350 Takoma Avenue

- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Multiuse sports field
- Half basketball court
- Water fountain
- Port-a-john
- No grill
- On street parking only

Ed Wilhelm Field

(Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)  
2 Darwin Avenue

- Football field with softball field overlay
- Located in Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park
- Takoma-Piney Branch shelter is rented through M-NCPPC Parks at 301-495-2525.**



Forest Park

Forest Park

(Prince Georges Avenue & Elm Avenue)  
598 Elm Avenue

- Pavilion with 2 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- 2 half basketball courts
- T-ball backstop
- Water fountain
- On street parking only

Heffner Park\*

(Behind Heffner Park Community Center)  
42 Oswego Avenue

- Playground equipment
- Half basketball court
- Pavilion and BBQ grill
- Water fountain

*\*Not individually permitted. Incorporated in the rental of the community center only.*



Spring Park

Lee Jordan Field

(Behind Takoma Park Middle School)  
7611 Piney Branch Road

- Football field with soccer fields overlay
- 4 baseball/softball diamonds
- Walking track (¼ mile)
- Port-a-john

Spring Park

(Poplar Avenue & Elm Avenue)  
6999 Poplar Avenue

- Playground equipment
- T-ball field
- Water fountain
- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Port-a-john
- Running spring
- Basketball court
- BBQ grill
- On street parking only

Parks and Permits

It is highly recommended to secure permits for various events and activities held in public parks throughout the City. Permits only guarantee space and time of a location. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 before conducting business on park property.

Park Usage Fees

Shelter

\$85 per day	T.P. resident
\$105 per day	Non-resident/ Business

Field (in person reservations only)

\$20 per hr.	T.P. resident
\$35 per hr.	Non-resident/ Business

Event Permits

Frequently asked questions for special events in parks:

**Q: Do I need to apply for a park permit for my event?**

**A:** In order to secure a space and time of a public park, it is highly recommended to have a permit.

**Q: Are moonbounces permitted?**

**A:** No, moonbounces are not permitted on public City property.

**Q: What do I do in the event of inclement weather?**

**A:** Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.

**Q: How do I rent a park pavilion and/or field?**

**A:** See "Book Your Next Event with

Us" on page 15. Field reservations are in-person only and not available for Ed Wilhelm Field or Lee Jordan Field.

**Q: Can I have a yard sale?**

**A:** Sales of merchandise is prohibited on all City property outside of scheduled City events.

**Q: Can I serve alcohol?**

**A:** The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/shelter.

**Q: Are buildings and parks available for rental on holidays?**

**A:** No. Buildings, fields, and parks are not available on City holidays.

Rental Hours

Daily from 9 a.m. to dusk



# We Are Takoma

301-891-7119

arts@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/arts



**Note: All events take place in the auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center unless otherwise noted. Some events may have suggested donations of \$10.**

For more information, check out Events page on the City of Takoma Park Facebook @TakomaParkMD. You can also find event information on Twitter and Instagram @TakomaParkMD.



## HUMANITIES LECTURES

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. In this series, experts share their insights on history, pop culture, Americana, and world cultures. Upcoming lectures will take place on March 2, April 6 and June 1.



## GALLERY EXHIBITS

Exhibitions open every two months and feature works by artists from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Works can be found in galleries on the second and third floors of the Takoma Park Community Center. The second floor is open during regular hours, while the third floor gallery is available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



"Miro in Dialogue" by Cedric Baker

**Four + 1**

March 9 – April 30

The exhibition features works by Cedric Baker, Norma Brooks, Aishwariya Chandrasekar, Pam Eichner and Monica

Jahan Bose. Join us for the free opening reception Thursday, March 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Upcoming Exhibitions

May 4-June 29

July 6-August 31



## Poetry – 3rd Thursday Series

**March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 27**

In its 12th year, this popular series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Poetry readings take place in the Community Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Free.



## FILM

Second Thursday of the month. Events include screenings of completed documentaries, documentaries in progress, and experimental films. Films will be shown on March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8.



## PERFORMING ARTS

For children and adults, these events showcase the diverse cultures and talents in our community and beyond.

Now in its 16th year of presenting long-form improv, the Washington Improv Theater will perform in Takoma Park on Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.



Washington Improv Theater. Photo: Jeff Salmore



MONTHLY WORKSHOPS



Writing a Village

Led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for individuals who love words. This workshop will meet from 7-9 p.m. in the Lilac Room on March 20, Rose Room on April 17, and Hydrangea Room on May 15 and June 19. Free.



Photo Salon

A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. This workshop will meet from 7-9 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room. Free.



Adler



Schaeffer



Joyner-Myers



Strasser



Gordon



Parlon

Arts & Humanities Commission

The Commission shall consist of a minimum of 7 and maximum of 15 persons appointed by the City Council. A minimum of 2/3 of the members must reside in the City of Takoma Park. Every effort shall be made to have a broad and diverse representation of the fine and performing arts community and of cultural organizations on the Commission. Commissioners serve three-year terms expiring on June 30 of the year.

Kevin Adler	Ward 2/2019
Emily Dufton	Ward 3/2019
Eric Gordon	Ward 2/2017
Nandi Henderson	Ward 6/2018
Abraham Joyner-Meyers	Ward 1/2018
Thomas Parlon	Ward 4/2018
M. Charlene Porter	Ward 3/2017
Joelle Rabion	Ward 1/2019
Alexandra Reyes-Pinkston	Ward 5/2019
Camilla Schaeffer	Ward 2/2017
Susan Strasser	Ward 1/2018
Gloria Tseng-Fischer	Ward 3/2020
Madona Tyler LeBlanc	2020

PUBLIC ART

Mural at Prince Georges/Conway Avenues

Children are playing and exploring on a wall near New Hampshire Avenue. Michael Kirby is painting a mural of a joyful scene in a world below ground among tree roots. The mural is on a long concrete wall at Prince Georges and Conway Avenues. Kirby will invite Takoma Park residents to join him in painting this spring.



Mural. Photo: Clifton Bouma

Bird Calls

Have you ever phoned a feathered friend? David Shulman and Howard Connolly have created a public art installation that gives you that opportunity. In November, the two artists unveiled *Bird Calls* at the corner of Erie and Flower Avenues.

*Bird Calls* allows a person to interact with the art, which is a transformed pay phone. You push a button on the keypad then listen to the recorded sound of a local bird. Shulman, an audio artist, made sure to include a local rooster! Connolly, a sculptor, produced the casing for the phone and crafted the metal bird perched high above. So, go explore and enjoy *Bird Calls*.



Bird Calls. Photo: Selena Malott

Where Do You Want Public Art?

We're looking for suggestions for locations for public art installations. Do you have the perfect place for public art in your neighborhood? Let us know. Email your idea to [arts@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:arts@takomaparkmd.gov).



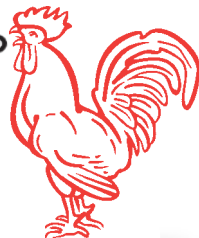
## Recreation

# Recreation Department

**7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912**  
**p: 301-891-7290**  
**f: 301-270-4094**  
**recreation@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/recreation**  
**Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

*City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15  
at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22  
at 8:30 a.m.*



### Roscoe the Rooster

Roscoe the Rooster made Takoma Park his home for 10 years, roaming the city and staking his territory on the lawn in front of and behind the apartment houses near Mark's Kitchen on Carroll Avenue. Roscoe died in a hit and run in February 1999.

A life-sized statue of Roscoe the Rooster, crafted by local artist Normon Greene, stands on a pedestal in front of the clock tower in the center of downtown Takoma Park.

Roscoe makes special appearances throughout the City Guide.

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages! The department's facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate residents, improve health and connect

families and the community. Staff are continually working to improve our offerings while adding new and innovative programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs of our residents and community.

### Rental Requests

**For more information about local parks and room rentals, see pages 15-17.**

See Information About Our Partners on Page 38: Let's Play America, M.A.N.U.P., Piney Branch Pool, Takoma Park Boy's & Girls Club, Takoma Park Community Band, and Takoma Soccer.





# Takoma Park resident scholarships available for Recreation Dept. programs

## Scholarship program

The benefits of recreation are too numerous to list, and often low-income families stand to gain the most. Recreation promotes physical, mental and social well-being. Recreation programs serve as settings in which friendships bloom and wholesome connections and community pride are forged. The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents (youth, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities) who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.

## Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- Scholarships are for all ages. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.

- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Meals,' he/she is eligible for a scholarship.

## How to apply

1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Administrative Office, 7500 Maple Ave.
2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application before the deadline along with additional forms to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Ave.).
3. It may take up to 10 business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will be contacted by our office with an updated status.
4. Scholarship applications and supplemental documentation must be submitted **at least three weeks prior** to the start of registration.



## Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers assist with coaching, special events, class instruction and much more.

Volunteering is a rewarding and fun way to give back to the community. Volunteers of all ages needed.

**For more information,  
please call  
301-891-7290  
or visit  
montgomeryserves.org**



## The Love of Coaching



Jesse Taylor is a longtime volunteer coach for the City of Takoma

Park Recreation Department's athletic programs. Coach Jesse, as he is affectionately known, has coached and volunteered with several sports programs, including basketball, T-ball and flag football. Taylor is one of those volunteers that you can always count on to come back season after season ready to pour back into the youth. His energy, passion and patience are immeasurable, and this is what makes him such a popular pick for players and parents alike.

Jesse, who is also a former participant in the recreation department sports leagues, prides himself on taking opportunities to be a positive role model for those in and around the Takoma Park Community. This past

summer, Coach Jesse (pictured here with his team, far right), earned his very first Y.E.S. League Championship after several years of falling short. He often speaks on how

important that championship was to the kids on his team because "they all felt like underdogs that weren't supposed to be there."

Coach Jesse has the innate ability to quickly build relationships and gain trust amongst his players. This attribute has allowed him to be a better teacher of the game, no matter what the sport is. The recreation department is so very appreciative to have wonderful coaches like Jesse Taylor, who continually dedicate countless hours to help aid in the success of young people. If interested in becoming a coach or participating in one of our upcoming sports programs, please visit us online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/sports).





# Special Events

## Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an “egg”citing time! There are four age categories:

Ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. **The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11 a.m. Sharp! Don't miss out.**

**Mr. Bunny will be available to take photos with you.**



Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School)  
Saturday, April 15

10:30 a.m.

Free

*Rain Date (if needed): April 17 at 4 p.m.*

## Family Outdoor Movie Night

Movie starts at 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



(vote for the movie online a few weeks before) Bring your own snacks. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and a cup of water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged. Don't forget your flashlight to help you pack up after the movie! Watch out for our fall Outdoor Movie Night in early September!

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Saturday, June 3  
Approx. 5:30-11:30 p.m.  
Free

## Schools Out Summer Play Event

Attention! Attention! Yes, that's right... Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the Schools Out Summer Play Event! Come join Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of play at the TP Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). Free fun for all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on

your comfy clothes and get ready to play!

Transportation for the seniors to and from the event. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit [www.letsplayamerica.org](http://www.letsplayamerica.org). See you there! To volunteer, sign up at [montgomeryserves.org](http://montgomeryserves.org)

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Friday, June 16

5 - 8 p.m., Volunteers 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.



## Independence Day Celebration

Be part of the tradition.

Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence continuously for over 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence

Day Committee to plan and oversee the July Fourth activities.

There are plenty of opportunities to be part of the morning and/or evening programs. Contact Gene Herman for further details: 301-585-5832 or [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com).

Tuesday, July 4

Parade: 10 a.m.

Evening Program: 7 p.m.

Fireworks following evening program

[www.takomapark4th.org](http://www.takomapark4th.org)



## After Hours Basketball

This program, in its third summer, will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16-24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late

night basketball. This program will be from 9-11 p.m. during the summer! We are looking to provide safe but fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department.

Ages 16-24

Two nights a week this summer  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.





NOTE

City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15  
at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22  
at 8:30 a.m.

Tots  
Newborn-5



CAMP

Rookie Sports Camp

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to the first day of camp. Participants will meet in the Rose Room every day and be walked over to the PBES gym.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Rose Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
3-4 years  
Monday-Friday  
1 Week Sessions

Session 1: June 26-June 30

Session 2: July 10-July 14

Session 3: July 24-July 28  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Resident: \$80 / Non-resident \$90



Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp

Everyone knows that even the youngest of children love to create in the kitchen. The Recreation Department has partnered with Tiny Chefs to create a class just for the preschool culinary enthusiasts! In this specially designed program, we connect cooking concepts and recipes with themes and characters drawn from selected children's books, songs or games. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
3-4 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 17-July 21  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, sing songs, work on craft projects, enjoy a wonderful outdoor playground and socialize. We provide toys, craft supplies, story time and a snack. Community Playtime is not open when the MCPS is closed. Visit [www.takomaplaytime.org](http://www.takomaplaytime.org) for more information.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Newborn-5 years

English: Mondays, April 3-June 12

Spanish: Fridays, April 7-June 16  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free



EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Based on a German model, Kindermusik was developed in the United States over 30 years ago. It is taught worldwide and incorporates the early childhood musical foundations of Kodaly, Suzuki, Orff and more. Becky Linafelt received her Kindermusik teaching license in 2003 and is proud to be part of the Takoma Park community as a mom and educator. Busy and curious toddlers also love the Kindermusik® classes that are offered through the Takoma Park Recreation Department. **To register for all Kindermusik® classes, or to find out about drop-in classes, please visit [www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net](http://www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net).**



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To register for all Kindermusik® classes, please visit: [kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net](http://kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net)

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**Kindermusik: Cuddle and Bounce**

With age-appropriate activities for newborns, infants and crawlers, this parent-child, music and movement class will help you strengthen those early parent-child bonds, understand your baby's development and heavily focus on child development and communication with your baby. You and your baby will enjoy instrument play, dance, exploration time and together time with others. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Newborn-1 year  
8 Week Session  
Wednesdays, March 29-May 24  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

**Kindermusik: Laugh & Learn**

Laugh & Learn is Kindermusik's version of the one-room schoolhouse. Bringing children of all ages together provides a dynamic and integrated learning experience for everyone. Families with one child or multiple children are welcome to attend. Sibling discount offered. One \$30 home materials kit per family included in registration fee.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
3-4 years  
7 week session  
Thursday, March 30-May 25  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

**Kindermusik: Wiggle & Grow Family Time**

Family Time is Kindermusik's version of the one-room schoolhouse. Bringing children of all ages together provides a dynamic and integrated learning experience for everyone. Families with one child or multiple children are welcome to attend. Sibling discount offered. One \$30 home materials fee per family included in registration fee. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Newborn-6 years  
7 Week Sessions  
**Saturday Session:** April 1-May 27  
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

**Kindermusik: Sing and Play**

Get ready to sing, play, and move with your little one in this high-energy music class designed to be just right for very young children. This new Kindermusik curriculum focuses on your child's beginning movement, helping to build the muscles your young toddler needs to walk, run, and climb; and on vocal development, helping your child's speaking and singing voice. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
1-2 years  
8 Week Session  
Wednesdays, March 29-May 24  
10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

**Kindermusik: Wiggle and Grow**

This music-filled class celebrates the unique joys of your growing child. Each week your child will love singing, dancing and playing instruments, and you'll love helping him/her practice a wide variety of abilities, such as gross and fine motor skills, turn-taking, social skills, and active listening. In class, we'll also share tips and ideas for using music throughout the week. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
2-3 years

8 Week Sessions  
**Wednesday Session:** March 29-May 24  
9:30-10:15 a.m.  
**Thursday Session:** March 30-May 25  
10:30-11:15 a.m.  
**Saturday Session:** April 1-June 3  
10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

**Sports**

**See T-Ball on page 28**



**Tennis Skills for Tots**

This 1/2 hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small racquets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and racquet coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation is required. No experience needed. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park MS Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
3-6 years  
8 Week Session  
Sundays, April 16-June 4  
**Early Session:** 12-12:30 p.m.  
**Late Session:** 12:30-1 p.m.  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60





# Youth

5-12



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**NOTE**

*City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.*

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

**Registration has already opened.  
Don't miss the fun—Sign up now!**

Before Care and After Care  
are available for an additional fee.

***Please inquire about the necessary  
paperwork needed prior to the  
first day of camp.***

***Scholarship applications must be  
submitted at least 3 weeks prior to  
the start of registration.***



## SPRING BREAK CAMP \*\*\*\*\*

### **Before Care and After Care**

Available for those families who require  
or desire additional activities beyond the  
regular camp hours. Activities include  
games, outdoor play and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center or  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.

**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$35 each /  
Non-resident: \$45 each

### **Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Spring Camp**

Campers will be provided with excellent  
coaching which allows each participant  
to develop a sense of pride and individual  
accomplishment. The level of instruction  
will be adjusted to fit the individual needs  
of each participant. Before Care and After  
Care are available for an additional fee.  
Paperwork will need to be completed  
prior to the first day of camp.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
5-12 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
\$200

### **On Stage: Spring Break Workshop**

In On Stage: Workshop, students get on  
the stage & get to work acting, singing  
& dancing! We'll start each day with  
physical, vocal, imagination & focus  
building warm-ups. We will work on  
groups scene work from the musical,  
The Wiz. We'll have loads of fun learning  
music and choreography. On Stage:  
Spring Break Workshop will end with a  
performance, so parents can see what  
we've been working on!

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
7-14 years  
Tuesday-Thursday, April 11-April 13  
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150  
Additional Materials fee: \$10

*Class Listings cont. on p. 27*



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SEE  
PG. 29 FOR  
TEEN CAMP  
INFO!

# Summer Camps & Specialty Camps

FIND THE PERFECT CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD HERE!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories. The Camp Takoma and Camp Recess programs offer sports, arts and crafts, music, swimming, creative time, cooperative games, and special activities. Our Specialty Camps provide campers with activities in their favorite areas such as arts, sports, dance, and performing arts.

Supported by an excellent group of counselors and program staff, campers are encouraged to try new things, meet new friends, and most importantly have fun.

**Please inquire about the necessary paperwork needed prior to the first day of camp.** Before Care and After Care are available for those camps ending at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park

Community Center and Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Our Counselors In Training (CIT) Program is designed for our 14-16-year-olds. It develops leadership skills and character, while providing an excellent opportunity for community service. The Recreation Department will only grant summer student service learning hours (SSL hours) to those who participate in the CIT program. If you are interested in volunteering you must attend and complete all the trainings. See page 29 for more information about our CIT Program.

### Summer Camp Payment Plan

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due

into three equal payments: 33% of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining payments due on or before May 1 and June 1. You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates cannot be changed. For example, if you register for programs in May 66% of the fees will be due, with the remaining installment due by June 1. Payment plans will not be available after June 1. All payment plans will be assessed a \$25 late fee if payment is received more than five days after the due dates of May 1 and June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 7 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

**REGISTRATION OPENED SATURDAY, January 28th**

\*Scholarship applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to registration.

## Summer Camp 2017 Reference Chart

Limited spaces available, register online or in person.

Ages		June 26 - 30	July 3 - 7	July 10 - 14	July 17 - 21	July 24 - 28	August 14 - 18
Rookie Sports Camp	3-4	✓		✓		✓	
Teeny Tiny Chefs	3-4				✓		
Girls Basketball Camp	7-14					✓	
Visual Arts Camp	11-14	✓		✓	✓		
Teens on the Move	Grades 6-12			✓	✓	✓	

As of 2/21/17

Check back in Spring for info about our Specialty Teen



# Recreation: Youth (cont.)

## MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink, and explore mixed-media approaches to representational imagery. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue  
11-13 years  
6 Week Session  
Tuesday  
May 2-June 6  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

## DRAMA & THEATER

### Dungeons and Dragons

Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.” Taught by the library’s

own Dave Burbank.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
9-18 years  
5 Week Sessions  
Thursdays  
**Session 1:** April 13-May 11  
**Session 2:** May 11-June 8  
4-6 p.m.  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

### On Stage: Scene Study

This is an in-depth acting class comprised of scene work as well as acting warm-ups & theatre games. It focuses on

## After The Bell Childcare

After The Bell childcare program is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). This program will provide a safe environment for children grades K-5 where they will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday-based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have time to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more. Parents can arrange transportation through MCPS by calling 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers) and we will meet them at the bus stop.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 months  
MCPS school year  
3:30-6:30 p.m.  
\$1,250

## Morning Addition Childcare

This program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort participants to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School. Children will also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or to prepare for their day at school.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 Months  
MCPS school year  
7-9 a.m.  
Resident: \$1,300 / Non-resident: \$1,600

# EXTENDED CARE

## School Year 2017-2018

If you had a great summer with us, we encourage you to register your children for our childcare programs during the school year. Morning and Afternoon Addition are held at the Takoma Park Community Center and After the Bell

is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Our emphasis is on providing fun leisure and recreation programs. There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct 1st.

**Registration begins Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m. for Takoma Park residents; March 22 for non-residents**  
**Spaces fill up fast - Don't wait!**

## Afternoon Addition Childcare

Our emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs while utilizing the multi media lab, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. Activities planned this year include: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, study time and general free play that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 Months  
MCPS school year  
3-6:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$2,100 / Non-resident: \$2,600

## Morning & Afternoon Addition Childcare Package

For families requiring both programs, this package will allow your child to be registered in both the Morning and Afternoon Addition programs at a discounted price.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 Months  
MCPS school year  
7-9 a.m. AND  
3-6:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$2,850 / Non-resident: \$3,450





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Stanislavski-based acting techniques used to build a character and create a believable scene. Students will pair up to work on a scene throughout class, which will culminate in a performance. Material is provided, or students may bring their own scenes to be approved.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
11-14 Years  
8 Week Session  
Mondays, April 3-May 22  
3:30-5 p.m.  
Resident: \$165/Non-Resident: \$185

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center Kid's Night Out for fun-filled nights of games, arts & crafts, movies and theme nights.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6-12 years  
First and third Fridays, ongoing  
7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

ENVIRONMENTAL



Community Garden

Volunteers will gain hands-on experience in how to grow food as you work alongside garden veterans. Our team of volunteers from the neighborhood community, environmental change-makers and other area organizations tend, harvest, seed, and water the garden together, and have a great social time doing it. We welcome your help with the garden the fourth Saturday of the month. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Coordinator: Cindy Dyballa

Takoma Park Recreation Center Outdoors  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
All ages  
Fourth Saturdays of each month  
8-9:30 a.m.  
Free

FITNESS

Step Team

Stepping is a form of dance, popular among college fraternities and sororities, in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping, and words or chanting. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. The team will consist of approximately 10-12 girls and boys between the ages of 6-17 years old. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Front Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6-17 years  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, ongoing  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4-16 years  
Saturdays  
**Beginners:** 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
**Advanced:** 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
**Session 1** (9 Weeks): April 1-June 10  
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks): July 1-August 19  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Taekwondo

Martial arts are studied for combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable \$40 fee paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Felix Lindeire.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue

5 years and older  
Mondays  
**Session 1** (8 Weeks): April 24-June 19  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks): July 10-August 28  
6-7 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

SPORTS

Cardio Tennis

Have fun while engaging in interval training tennis activities to practice and improve your game and get a moderate to serious workout in at the same time. We will mix music, fun, and footwork in with a little bit of technique instruction as desired. A little tennis experience is helpful but not mandatory. Racquets and other equipment provided, or bring your own. Three class options available per week. Sign up for one, multiple or all the days and utilize our "flexible drop in" scheduling to make up missed classes on another day due to weather or your own travel plans. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park MS Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
12 and older  
3 Week Session  
**Tuesdays:** August 9-August 23  
**Thursdays:** August 11-August 25  
**Saturdays:** August 13-August 27  
7-8 a.m.  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

Flag Football League

This league is an instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. Practice begins the week of March 27. First game is on April 22.



Ed Wilhelm Field  
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School  
6-8 division plays at 1 p.m.  
9-11 division plays at 2 p.m.  
12-14 division plays at 3 p.m.  
6 Week Season  
Saturdays, April 22-June 3  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

T-Ball

This co-ed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, batting, running bases, and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants





must bring their own baseball glove. Games will be played at Ed Wilhelm Field. Games are played on Saturday mornings at either 9 or 10:30 a.m. Volunteer coaches are a key element of this program's success; inquire at 301-891-7284 for coaching opportunities.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School  
5-7 years  
6 Week Season  
Saturdays, June 10-August 5  
9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. start time  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

Tennis Clinic

This FUN and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
6 Week Session  
Tuesdays  
April 18-May 16  
6-9 years: 4:05-5:05 p.m.  
10 and up: 5:05-6:05 p.m.  
Resident: \$60 / Non-Resident: \$70

Tennis: Beginner/Intermediate

This class is geared toward younger and/or beginner students. We will utilize smaller racquets, smaller courts, red/ orange balls primarily and progress to larger courts and faster balls as needed. We will focus on forehands, backhands and rallying. And introduce serving, volleying, scoring as needed. Three class options available per week. Sign up for one, multiple or all the days and utilize our "flexible drop in" scheduling to make up missed classes on another day due to weather or your own travel plans. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
6-12 years  
8 Week Session  
Sundays, April 16-June 4  
1-2 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis Skills: Beginners/Intermediate

This class is for teens and adults with little to no prior tennis experience. For beginners we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes using red and orange balls on a shortened court. For the more advanced and quick learners, we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency and accuracy, and working on serves and volleys. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
12 years and up  
8 Week Session  
Sundays, April 16-June 4  
2-3 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis Skills: Intermediate

This is a class for more advanced students. You will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
6-12 years  
8 Week Session  
Sundays, April 16-June 4  
4-5 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis: Intermediate/Advanced

This class is geared toward older and/or intermediate to advanced students. We will utilize green dot and yellow balls primarily, using training balls as needed. We will focus on more advanced technique and footwork for forehands, backhands and rallying, and on improving serving, volleying, fitness, power, consistency and strategy. Cooperative rallies and competitive play will be used to make improvements "match ready". Three class options are available per week. Sign up for one or more days and utilize our "flexible drop in" scheduling to make up missed classes on another day due to weather or your own travel plans. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
12 and older  
8 Week Session  
Sundays, April 16-June 4  
3-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis Skills: Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for more advanced students who have learned how to keep the ball going and interested in trying to refine their skills, consistency and power. We will be using primarily Orange and Green balls. Competitive games, match play instruction and practice (serving, scoring, volley and strategy) will also be included. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
8 years and older  
10 Week Session  
(No class April 6 & 13)  
Thursdays  
March 23-June 8  
4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140



Y.E.S. League 2017: Grades 5-8

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt.

Takoma Park Middle School  
Gymnasium  
7510 Maple Avenue  
5th-8th Grade  
7 Week Season  
Mondays, June 26-August 14  
6-8 p.m.  
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35



# Teens

## 13-17

### NOTE

City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22  
at 8:30 a.m.



### ART

See Art programs  
on pages 25 & 27  
(from Youth) and  
pages 32 (from Adult)



### CAMPS

#### Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up for a three-day training to become a Certified Counselor in Training. Prior to volunteering for summer camp, each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During their trainings, teens will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. During the summer camp sessions, CITs will support all planned program activities on site as well as any regularly scheduled off site activities, such as swimming and field trips. This volunteer opportunity, to work with camp, involves working directly with children by helping them to enjoy and feel successful in each activity. The Recreation Department will only approve summer student service learning hours (SSL hours) for those who participate in the CIT program. Training dates (must attend all trainings):

Tuesday, May 2, Intro/Camp Standards, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, What It Means to Be a CIT, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, May 6, First Aid/CPR Training, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. Each session is for

two weeks. Main camp times: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
14-16 years

**Camp Training:** Tuesday, May 2 and  
Thursday, May 4  
4-6 p.m.

**CPR Training:** Saturday, May 6  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

#### Spring Break Camp-P.R.E.P.S. Week

Spring Break Camp P.R.E.P.S. (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) Week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips, such as bowling, laser tag, or roller skating, will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch. Limited Spaces are available. Sign up today. For this price, we are sure this will fill fast.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
1 Week Session

Monday-Friday, April 10-April 14  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

#### Teens on the Move Camp

Teens on the Move Camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Paperwork will need

to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Register for one week or all four, but this fun camp will fill fast. Before care and after care are now available for an additional fee if needed.

Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12

Monday-Friday

**Session 1:** July 3-July 7\*

**Session 2:** July 10-July 14

**Session 3:** July 17-July 21

**Session 4:** July 24-July 28  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

\*4th of July week fee: Resident: \$100 /  
Non-resident \$120

Registration  
Underway!

Check out  
the website  
for additional  
Specialty Teen  
Camps in June and August



### DRAMA

See Dungeons &  
Dragons on page  
27 (in Youth)



### DROP-IN

#### Teen Lounge

This special room is for TEENS ONLY! Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to come and participate. Come join us after school for fun, laughs, and special events.



## Recreation: Teens (cont.)

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Ave  
Grades 6-12  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
3-7 p.m.  
Tuesday: 3-8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
Free

### Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high-quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come on out to a night of games, activities and more.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Ave  
12-17 years  
Second and fourth Fridays, ongoing  
7:15-8:30 p.m.  
Free with Membership Card

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Modeling School

Discover your potential for modeling as a career or hobby. Develop poise and gracefulness to distinguish your style. We help talent prepare for pageantry and the modeling industry with the same techniques used by today's top models and industry pros. Instructor: Charmonique Vogue

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio / Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
Wednesdays, April 13-June 1  
4-5 p.m.  
Free

### HOMEWORK POWER HOUR



Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. Staff is available to assist and review assignments.

**Teens grades 6-12**  
**Tuesdays, ongoing**  
**4 - 5 p.m.**  
**FREE**



### SAT Preparation

This course is designed to cover the critical reading and writing sections applicable to the SAT test. Students will receive valuable test-taking strategies and knowledge building strategies to help improve their score. When students complete the course, they should be able to organize thoughts for a timed essay, interpret selected reading passages, use diverse vocabulary and determine the necessary skill needed for a question. In addition this course is designed to pinpoint the student's strengths and weaknesses, drill with practice quizzes, review techniques that will help you identify question types and apply appropriate strategies for success and monitor your progress and chart your improvements. Build real confidence to tackle the reading and writing sections of the SAT.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
7 Week Session  
Mondays, April 3-May 15  
6:45-8 p.m.  
Free

**New**

## ENVIRONMENTAL



**See Community  
Garden on page 28  
(in Youth)**



## FITNESS

**See Fitness  
Classes on pages  
33-34 (in Adults)**



### Teen Fitness

It does not matter your fitness level, we will show you how to do a workout appropriate for your ability. You will be able to concentrate on your cardio and strength. These 2 healthy and energizing routines will help you burn calories and strength while building muscles; to help you build a lean, healthy body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Fitness Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
12-16 years  
Mondays, ongoing  
7-8 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

## MARTIAL ARTS

**See Kung Fu and  
Taekwondo on page  
28 (in Youth)**



### Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). Beginners welcome. This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Ave  
16 years and older  
Mondays and Wednesdays, ongoing  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card

TOTS

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ADULTS

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SPORTS

See 2017 Adult Softball League on page 34 (in Adult)



After Hours Basketball

This program, in its third summer, will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16-24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late night basketball. This program will be from 9-11 p.m. during the summer. We are looking to provide safe but fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Free

Ages 16-24  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6-August 7  
9-11 p.m.



Flag Football League

This league is an instructional, community league. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of Flag Football in a safe environment. This league always fills! Don't be left out. Practice begins the week of March 27. First game is on April 22.

Registration Underway!

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School  
12-14 division plays at 3 p.m.  
6 Week Season  
Saturdays, April 22-June 3  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60



See additional Tennis classes on page 29 (in Youth)



Tennis Skills: Cardio

Have fun while engaging in interval training tennis activities to practice and improve your game and get a moderate to serious workout in at the same time. We will mix music, fun, and footwork in with a little bit of technique instruction as desired. A little tennis experience is helpful but not mandatory. Racquets and other equipment provided, or bring your won. Three class options available per week. Sign up for one, multiple or all the days and utilize our "flexible drop in" scheduling to make up missed classes on another day due to weather or your won travel plans.

Takoma Park Middle School

Tennis Courts  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
3 Week Sessions  
**Tuesdays:** August 8-August 22  
**Thursdays:** August 10-August 24  
**Saturdays:** August 12-August 26  
7-8 a.m.  
12 and up  
Resident: \$50/Non-resident: \$60

Y.E.S. League 2017: Grades 9-12

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games, and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt. Rosters of 10 players

Takoma Park Middle School Gymnasium  
7510 Maple Avenue  
9-12th Grade  
6 Week Season  
Tuesdays, June 27-August 15  
6-8 p.m.  
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35





# Adults

## 16+ years

### NOTE

City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.



### ART

#### Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

Come learn how to use clay without the wheel. Bowls, soap dishes, vases and plates can be made by many methods, including plaster molds to create large bowls and plates. Sculpture students can make clay animals, figures or portrait heads. Glazes are food safe. There is a \$15 materials fee for clay, glazes and tools due the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People. No class April 10, 17, May 29.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 years and older  
8 Week Session  
Mondays, April 3-June 12  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

#### Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls, and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$15 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 years and older  
8 Week Sessions  
**Monday:** April 3 -May 22  
**Wednesday :** April 5-May 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

#### Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how

collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two and three dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory, and composition, and is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 years and older  
6 Week Sessions  
Tuesdays, May 2-June 6  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240



### ENVIRONMENTAL



See Community  
Garden on page 28  
(in Youth) Adults  
meet the first and  
last Saturday of the  
month



### FITNESS

New

#### Cardio Kickboxing

Cardio Kickboxing is designed to improve strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. This two-day a week new class will soon become a favorite! Please bring a water bottle and a towel.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
7 weeks  
April 6-May 20  
Thursdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
\$75

#### Go-Go Fitness

New  
Time

Go-Go Fitness is a comprehensive 60- minute high cardio, dance fitness workout that incorporates various dance styles, toning moves as well as the classic call and response of a live Go-Go music workout set. Drop-in.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
Saturdays, ongoing  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Drop-in: \$5



# Recreation: Adults (cont.)

TOTS

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## Jazzercise

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60 minute class includes easy-to-follow fun aerobic dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises, all to the beat of great music. The music ranges from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. **For more information and to register, call 301-351-4575 or email [ewaynia.jazzercise@gmail.com](mailto:ewaynia.jazzercise@gmail.com).** Instructor: Jazzercise.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
Wednesdays  
7-8 p.m.

EFT Pass \$45 month /12 month minimum  
\$120/8 Weeks  
Drop-in: \$15  
Register through Jazzercise

## Ladies Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, Ladies Boot Camp is a total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mat. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older

Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Session 1** (8 Weeks): April 4-May 25  
**Session 2** (4 Weeks): June 6-June 29  
**Session 3** (8 Weeks): July 11-August 31  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
4 Week Session: \$45  
8 Week Session: \$85  
Drop-in: \$10

## Pilates

Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance, with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign their body. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Front Room



7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
Wednesdays  
6-7 p.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks): April 5-May 10  
\$60  
**Session 2** (4 Weeks): June 7-June 28  
\$40

## Qi Gong: Sunlight

Sunlight Qi Gong is a powerful, beautiful series of movements designed to increase the practitioner's connection to the vitality, warmth, heart-energy and the joy of the sun. As spring wakens flower and beckons us outdoors, Sunlight Qi Gong helps us access our vital "Qi" energy within ourselves and in nature, balancing the Yin of winter with the bright, active Yang energy of Spring. No experience needed.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 years and older

8 Week Session  
Tuesdays, April 4-May 23  
7-8 p.m.  
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105  
Drop in: \$15

## Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 years and older  
Wednesdays  
6:00-7:15 p.m.  
April 26-June 14  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120  
Drop-in: \$15

## Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Iyengar Yoga takes the intermediate student deeper into the poses. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (Beginner's class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 years and older  
8 Week Session  
Wednesdays, April 26- June 14  
7:30-9 p.m.  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120  
Drop-in: \$15

## MARTIAL ARTS



See Kung Fu and  
Taekwondo on  
page 28 (in Youth)

## Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 years and older  
Wednesdays, ongoing  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Free with Recreation Center membership card



Recreation: Adults (cont.)

SPORTS

2017 Adult Softball League: Team Fee

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays at various locations in Takoma Park and the surrounding areas. Team registrations must contain 50% of TP residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit is 25. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. All games are double headers. \*Spaces not guaranteed.

Various Fields  
16 years and older  
9 Week Season  
Sundays, April 2-June 11  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$545 / Non-resident: \$645

2017 Adult Softball League:  
Free Agent Waitlist

Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated fees to that team. \*Spaces not guaranteed.

Registration Underway!

Various Fields  
16 years and older  
9 Week Season  
Sundays, April 2-June 11  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

TP Adult Summer Basketball League

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Put together your winning team and go against other area teams in order to win the league championship. Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team you will be responsible for paying registration and any other associated fees to that team. Teams will be provided uniforms.

Steve Francis Basketball Court  
Piney Branch Neighborhood Park  
18 years and older  
6 Week Season  
Wednesdays June 28-Thursday August 10  
6-8 p.m.  
Team Fee: \$200

Recreation: 55+

55+



NOTE

City resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.  
Non-resident registration:  
Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 33-34.

\*Ask us about scholarship opportunities.



CAMPS

Senior Camp

We're planning our first Specialty Camp for Boomers and Seniors this summer. Join us for an exciting week of "Culinary Camp" coming June 5-9. Wine and food education seminars (learn from the experts), cooking demos and classes and unique interactive programs and trips will be included. There is limited space, so register early. See the Spring 2017 Forever Young newsletter for details.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and Older  
Monday-Friday, June 5-9  
12-5 p.m.  
Resident: \$49 / Non-resident: \$59

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration required.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursdays April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24  
12-2 p.m.  
Free



Game Room Open Play

The Game Room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The Game Room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to hang out before, in-between and after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Game Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Ongoing

Spring Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Summer Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Free

Needlework Get-together

Work on your knitting and crochet with other needlework enthusiasts. Join us for fun, conversation and support with your projects. This is not an instructional class. Drop-in. No registration is required. The group will not meet during inclement weather.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Mondays, ongoing  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Free

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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

AARP Smart Driver Course

The AARP Driver Safety Program, the nation's largest classroom refresher course for drivers 55 and older is designed to tune up driving skills, explain safe driving strategies and cover the latest rules of the road and defensive driving techniques. Some insurance companies in Maryland may offer auto premium discounts to drivers who take this course. Check with your agency. **Make your check payable to AARP. Bring your check, AARP card and driver's license to class.** Instructor: Jerry Hulman.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older

Friday, April 28  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

AARP class fee: \$15 for AARP members / \$20 for non-members

**Payment for the class will be collected by the AARP instructor on the day of class.**

Computer Basics

This three week course will introduce people with little or no previous experience to basic skills such as sending and receiving email, internet searching, and using a word processor to compose letters, etc. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Effective with Spring/Summer registration, Bone Builders has a new registration procedure! Registration will be first-come, first-serve and open to anyone over 55 years old. Previous participants must register as well; a space will not be held for you. The one-hour daytime classes, held twice-weekly throughout the County, led by trained volunteers, are designed to prevent and slow the development of osteoporosis. Regular participants can help increase their bone density naturally through the classes.



Takoma Park Community Center  
Computer Room A  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
3 Week Session  
Wednesdays, May 10-May 24  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
\$10

Computer Extras

Take your computer skills to the next level. In these three classes, experiment with social media; master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps. Learn what to do with all those pictures in your mailbox. Bring your questions! You need a Takoma Park card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290. Instructor: Patti Mallin.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Computer Room A  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
3 Week Sessions  
Wednesdays  
**Session 1:** April 19-May 3  
**Session 2:** May 31-June 14  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
\$10

FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare offers a monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in. No

registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursdays April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24  
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Free

Bone Builders

The Bone Builders program, in partnership with Montgomery County, consists of three parts: balance exercises, weight training, and discussion concerning diet, safety and exercise. The program uses trained RSVP volunteers to lead the classes with supervision by a certified trainer. For best health benefits and increase in bone density, participants are encouraged to attend class twice a week. Due to the popularity of the program you can only register for the Mon/Thurs class or the Tues/Fri class.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Mondays and Thursdays  
**Session 1:** April 3-June 29  
**Session 2:** July 3-August 31  
10-11 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
**Session 1:** April 4-June 30  
**Session 2:** July 7-August 29  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Free

New  
Registration  
Procedure



Cardio Groove

High-energy and fast-paced, low-impact aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly. Followed by a cool down and stretch. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
8 Week Session  
Thursdays, April 6-May 25  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Free

Enhanced Fitness Training

This well rounded hour of fitness focuses on increasing flexibility, strength and balance through stretching, breathing, aerobic movement, core training and proper posture alignment. Please bring mat, towel and water. Instructor: Adriene Buist. No class 4/11/17

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Ave  
Front Room  
55 and older  
10 Week Session  
Tuesdays, April 4-June 13  
1:15-2:15 p.m.  
Free

Full Body Fusion

Active adults will enjoy this low-impact full-body workout to music. Elements of balance, movement, strengthening and yoga blend to create a fun, functional and energetic workout. Bring an exercise mat to class. Instructor: Jaylene Sarracino. No class 4/11/17

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 and older  
10 Week Session  
Tuesdays, April 4-June 13  
2-3 p.m.  
Free

Gentle Yoga

Yoga can help increase flexibility, strength, and balance, using a series of seated and standing poses. Beginners and experienced students welcome. Work at your own level. You must bring a yoga mat to class. Instructor: Carol Mermey.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio



7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
6 Week Session  
Alternate Fridays  
**Spring:** April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16  
**Summer:** July 7, July 21, July 28, August 11, August 25  
12-1 p.m.  
Free

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Due to the popularity of the program you can only register for either the early session or the late session; choose which time fits your schedule the best! Instructor: Barbara Brown.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Wednesdays  
**Session 1** (13 Weeks): April 5-June 28  
**Session 2** (9 Weeks): July 5-August 30  
**Early Session:** 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
**Late Session:** 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Free

Tai Chi Strength

This class begins with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and

endurance and ends with cool down exercises. Instructor: Robert Thompson. No class on 4/11/17.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Front Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 and older  
10 Week Session  
Tuesdays, April 4-June 13  
12-1 p.m.  
Free

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. This is a free class; however, registration is required to participate in this program. Due to the popularity of the Zumba class, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores. No class 5/20/17

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**Session 1** (10 Weeks): April 6-June 8  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks): July 6-August 24  
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Session 1** (10 Weeks): April 8-June 17  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks): July 8-August 26  
Free

SPORTS

Tennis Fun & Fitness Skills Class

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness using special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ. No Class 4/13/17

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 and older  
8 Week Session  
Thursdays, April 6-June 1  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Free

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS



# Pets

**For all classes, dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please.**

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### Adult Dog: Basic Manners

This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs in the “real world”, on a leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Dogs 1 year and older  
6 Week Sessions  
Thursdays  
6:45-7:45 p.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks): April 6-May 18  
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165  
(No class April 13)  
**Session 2** (5 Weeks): June 1-June 29  
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

### Puppy Kindergarten

If you have a puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten! Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised off leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. Most of all, we'll have fun! Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Puppies 8 weeks-5 months  
Tuesdays  
6:45-7:45 p.m.  
**Session 1** (6 Week Session): April 4-May 16  
(No class April 11)  
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165  
**Session 2** (5 Week Session): May 30-June 27  
**Session 3** (5 Week Session): July 18-August 15  
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

### Puppy II: For the Adolescent Puppy

Puppies in adolescence (between of 6-12 months of age) tend to get bolder, less focused, and develop selective listening. This class will teach and build upon basic skills with a focus on impulse control, not jumping, and polite behavior around other dogs and people. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue



Dogs 6-12 months  
Thursdays  
8-9 p.m.  
**Session 1** (6 Weeks): April 4-May 16  
(No class April 11)  
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175  
**Session 2** (5 Weeks): May 30-June 27  
**Session 3** (5 Weeks): July 18-August 15  
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

### Reactive Dog Class

Does your dog bark, lunge, or growl at other dogs when on leash? We will teach your dog better behavior, help lower your dog's arousal, and provide strategies for leash walking. Dogs will attend class just once and one at a time. Students will attend each week and get weekly home practices. Email coaching provided between classes. For dogs 6 months and older. If you're unsure if you should enroll, email [rewardsdogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:rewardsdogtraining@gmail.com).

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Dogs 6 months or older  
6 Week Session  
Thursdays, April 6-May 18  
(No class April 13)  
8:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m.  
Resident: \$205 / Non-resident: \$225



### Partnerships

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships that allow our department to leverage resources and generate citywide interest and support for our facilities, programs and events. We appreciate your support!

### Let's Play America

Let's Play America is a nonprofit organization that strives to encourage people of all ages to play and helps them create playful events in their own communities. Visit [letsplayamerica.org](http://letsplayamerica.org) for more information.

### M.A.N.U.P

Making A New United People (M.A.N.U.P) is a community-based nonprofit organization that develops teen leaders' by providing them with resources and training to ensure that they are resilient, healthy, and contributing community members. They meet on Tuesdays at 6:30-8 p.m. in the Teen Lounge at the Community Center.

### Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 4-8 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, or

[joyces@ascgw.org](mailto:joyces@ascgw.org), or visit [www.ascgw.org](http://www.ascgw.org).

### Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

The Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club focuses on academics, the fundamentals of football and cheer, and most importantly, building the team concept. For more information, visit [www.takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com](http://www.takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com).

### Takoma Park Community Band

Founded in 1975, the band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com).

### Takoma Soccer

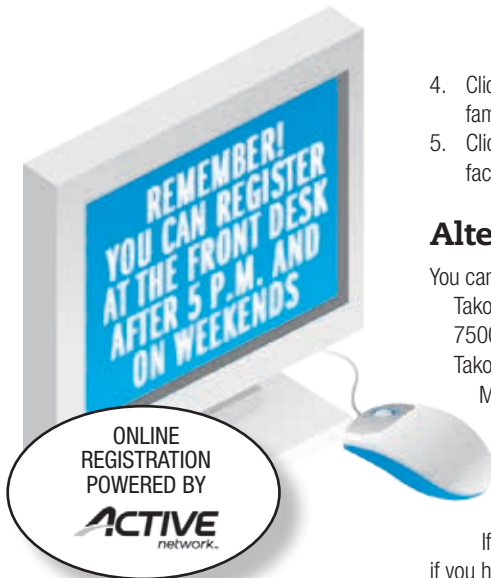
Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program that provides local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. For more information, contact Howard Kohn at 301-270-8187 or via email at [kohn@erols.com](mailto:kohn@erols.com).





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<http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>



4. Click **Create Account** or enter other family members into the system at this time.
5. Click **Intro** and search for a course or facility.

Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in:  
Takoma Park Recreation Department  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning classes, please call **301-891-7290** or e-mail us at [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).

- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.4 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit [takomaparkmd.gov/council](http://takomaparkmd.gov/council) and review the street listing.
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.
- Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Request a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.
- Service fee applies online

Instructions for creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

1. Access **apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation**
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.

Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

Registration policies

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies.

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program. Credits **must** be used by **June 30**. After that time, the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exceptions**). No refund after the program has ended.
- Membership passes are not eligible for a refund.



WE DON'T SPAM

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that you have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.



REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.



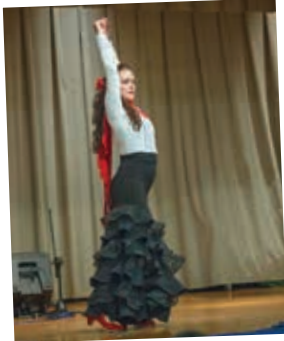


# Celebrate Takoma!

*This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors enjoying:*

- Azalea Award Ceremony
- Food vendors
- Entertainment
- Games from around the world
- Crafts
- Community tables

Some vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees charged for food. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the festival inside Piney Branch Elementary School.



**On Maple Ave  
(in front of Piney Branch Elementary School)**

**Saturday, May 20  
4 -7 p.m.**

**Event held rain or shine**

**Due to limited parking, we encourage your family to walk to this great event! For more information, please call 301-891-7290 or visit [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma).**



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