

Takoma Park city guide

Fall 2017

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50 years of fun!

Takoma Park Recreation Department

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 7



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information

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION
BEGINS AUGUST 15
AT 8:30 A.M.
FOR RESIDENTS.

2017 Holiday Closure Calendar

Veteran's Day

Friday, November 10

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23 -
Sunday, November, 26

Christmas

Friday, December 22 at 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 25

About the Cover

The Recreation Department turns 50 this year. Some Takoma Park Residents, who have been a part of programs throughout the years, joined us to celebrate this milestone.

Cover photo taken by Danielle Murphy, the Recreation Department's office manager.



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

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ADA



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TAKOMAPARK ALERT

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. [Learn more at takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)



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.



**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.



City of Takoma Park, Maryland
Election for Mayor and City Council, Tuesday, November 7, 2017
takomaparkmd.gov/election-2017

This is the last election at the Takoma Park Community Center – don't miss it!
The Mayor and Council will be elected to a three-year term.
The next election will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, when two-year terms will resume.

Engage

- Run for office
- Support a candidate
- Be an election worker

Register

- In person, online, or by mail
- On election day

Vote

- By mail (by October 31)
- Early (November 1 – November 5)
- On Election Day (November 7)

Takoma Park Elections are special.

- All residents ages 16 and up may vote in City elections. United States citizenship is not required.
- Residents may register to vote any time, up to and including on Election Day.
- Any registered voter may vote by mail by requesting an absentee (mail-in) ballot.
- Voters may rank candidates in order of choice on the ballot (first, second, and so on).
- Write-in votes are permitted.

Election Calendar

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

Nominating Caucus: The nominating caucus kicks off the official election season in Takoma Park. Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov or contact the City Clerk, Jessie Carpenter, JessieC@takomaparkmd.gov, if you are thinking of running for office. To be on the ballot, a candidate must be nominated at this meeting.

Tuesday, October 17

- Takoma Park residency must be met by October 17 (21 days prior to the election) in order to vote in the election.
- Voter registration through the Montgomery County Board of Elections closes at 5 p.m. on October 17. After this date, all residents should register at the City Clerk's Office.

Wednesday, October 18

- For residents not yet registered to vote, registration takes place at the City Clerk's Office from October 18 through Election Day.

Monday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.

City-Wide Election Forum with Candidates (moderated by the editor of the Takoma Voice)

Tuesday, October 31, 4 p.m.

- Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

Wednesday, November 1 - Sunday, November 5

- Early voting
(For locations and hours, see www.takomaparkmd.gov)

Tuesday, November 7, 2015

- **ELECTION DAY, Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **All election day voting takes place at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue**

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.

- Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results.

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

- Swearing-in and Reception for the newly-elected City Council - The Mayor and members of the City Council will take the oath of office in the Community Center Auditorium.

City Departments

Administration

**Takoma Park Community Center
Third Floor**

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Administration Office includes the City Manager, City Clerk, City TV, and Information Systems.

City Manager: 301-891-7229

City Clerk: 301-891-7267

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, 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.

Police

911 (fire and rescue)

301-270-1100 (emergency)

301-270-1100 (non-emergency)

police@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/police

Open 24/7

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



301-891-7118

cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov

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 ...



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

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Public Works/Infrastructure

301-891-7633
publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
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
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 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.

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259
takomaparkmd.gov/library
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 in Montgomery County or working in Takoma Park. Others must pay an annual non-resident library card fee.

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
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.

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 a 96-gallon trash carts for \$69.38 and 64-gallon for \$64.08. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works facility for pick up during office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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.*

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

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 additions, sidewalk improvements and bio-retention facilities to treat stormwater. Construction is expected to start in late summer. More information is available at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/ethan-allen-gateway-streetscape.

Staff contact: Nima Upadhyay, 301-891-7621, nimau@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 summer. The remaining work is expected to start in early 2018. More information is available at floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov.

Staff contact: Nima Upadhyay, 301-891-7621, 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. The City Council has 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 2018. Staff contact: Ian Chamberlain, 301-891-7611, ianc@takomaparkmd.gov

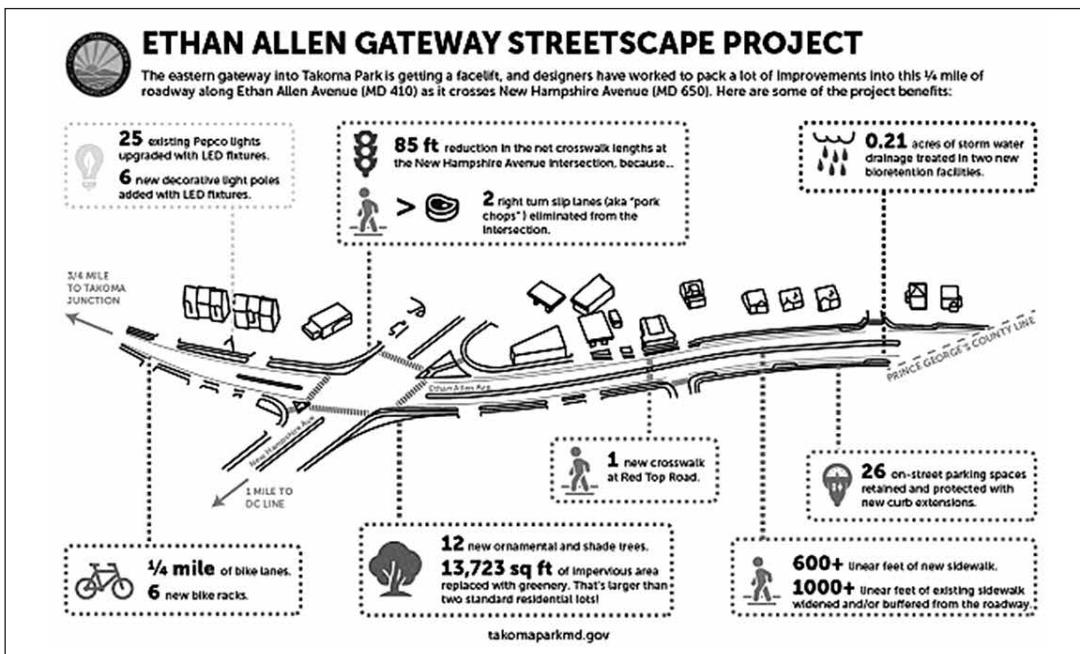
Sidewalk Improvements

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) – Construction to start in FY 18
- Kansas Lane (from Allegheny to Cockerille) - Design in development
- Glenside Drive – Design in development
- Maple Avenue (7900 Block) – Request received
- Larch Avenue (900 Block) – Design in development

For more information about the process for requesting new sidewalks, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sidewalk-design-and-construction.

Staff contact: Daryl Braithwaite, 301-891-7615, daryl@takomaparkmd.gov



A Golden Anniversary for the Recreation Department

By Michael Kurland,
Recreation Supervisor

The City of Takoma Park's Recreation Department celebrates its 50th anniversary as an official city department this year. The department, which originally started as a Recreation Committee and Council in Montgomery County in 1948, oversaw eight parks and only became an official department of the city in 1967.

Belle Ziegler, who was the Deputy City Clerk, became the Recreation Department's first director. She added weekly roller skating at the old firehouse, annual kite-flying contests, egg hunts, holiday parties, a Halloween haunted house, a garden tour, a plant sale, baton-twirling lessons and a number of new arts and crafts classes and workshops. Belle also was a driving force for the City's annual 4th of July Parade.

“There would be hundreds of people who would come out each night to the old Firehouse Gymnasium. The Recreation Department's biggest programs at the gymnasium during the 70s and 80s were roller skating and basketball.”

—Jimmy Jarboe, Chief, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department

Ms. Ziegler retired in 1990 but remained involved in the community, working on programs to provide food and clothing to the needy, supporting environmental causes and serving as a member of the Izaak Walton League, a conservation group. A plaque at Belle Ziegler Park commemorates when the department first began on its journey 50 years ago this year.

“We used to print flyers for the schools to let them know about events using a mimeograph machine. We also printed posters using silk screening and by hand.”

—Doug Ziegler, son of former Recreation Department Director Belle Ziegler



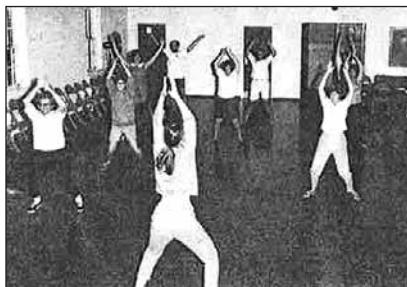
Belle Ziegler in Independence Day Parade



Halloween event from the 60s



Basketball league from the 60s



Slimnastics class from the 60s



Rollerskating in the 70s



Kid's dance class from the 70s



Kite flying from the 80s



Dance in the 90s

Belle Ziegler to Retire Say It Ain't So, Belle

By James Buie

Belle Ziegler, Takoma Park's long-time recreation director, is retiring November 1 after 25 years with the City. Mrs. Ziegler, who started working as a part-time playground coordinator in 1960, has worked with four mayors, four city administrators, and in two city halls. In 1963, she became a secretary "in charge of recreation." When the

City created a department of recreation in 1967, Mrs. Ziegler became its official director.

She was once described as the one who "gathers the loose ends...and should have a helicopter and four pairs of hands—not to mention the patience of a saint, the wisdom of Solomon and the tact of a diplomat." Over the years, Mrs. Ziegler has seemed to have acquired everything but the helicopter.

Mrs. Ziegler helped start nearly all the City's recreation programs, and a number of important community groups. She served on the first Sister City Committee in 1963—for Jeju, Brazil—started the Takoma Park Senior Citizens group, the municipal band, community singers, youth soccer, carving club, azalea quilters, house and garden tour committee, drama groups, and the Independence Day committee. She's also the only one who knows where everything is.

Replaceable? Hardly. What Ziegler gave Takoma Park wasn't her time. Obviously, it was her heart. Thanks, Belle.

TP newsletter article, 1990

Featured Resource

Throughout the years, the Recreation Department continued to grow and flourish under directors like Sharon (Frances) Ellis, Cheryl Bluford and Debra Haiduven. Each director brought dedication, recreational experience, innovative ideas and her own personal style to the department. Some of these programs included dog manners classes, counselor-in-training programs and sports leagues like Y.E.S. League, winter basketball and the adult basketball league.

The department was originally located on 8 Sherman Avenue and run by a handful of people, most of whom were volunteers. The department now has 12 career staff, more than 30 part-time staff and countless numbers of volunteers.

In 2007, the teen program got a completely new look under the direction of Gregory Clark. Prior to then, it was under the Outreach Department and had few programs dedicated for teens specifically. One of these programs was Extreme Horizons, a camp for 6-8 graders. With Mr. Clark's direction, a fully dedicated teen program was established. Some of the programs that were launched included leadership workshops, college tours and other fun trips, Teens on the Move Summer Camp and other specialty camps as well as a dedicated Teen Lounge for teens to come and socialize with their peers.

“The department has a vast number of programs and activities and I am proud of the manner in which we have grown. Moving forward, we plan to expand our outreach program for young people, partner with a variety of community stakeholders to improve services, and provide programming reflective of the City’s diversity.”

—Gregory Clark, Recreation Director, Takoma Park



Monster Bash, 2015

Around the same time, the senior program got a facelift and became a fully dedicated program for the department. Prior to 2008, there were a couple of trips the seniors went on a year and a few classes that were dedicated for them such as line dance, Bone Builders and cake decorating classes. Now seniors can enjoy Bone Builders, line dance, computer, and Zumba classes; workshops, multiple trips a month, and a brand new week-long Senior Culinary Camp. The program has also expanded to the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue to accommodate the new programs.

Changes have also come to the youth summer camp programs. Some of these include tots camps, culinary camp, STEM camp, theatre camp, sports camp, wilderness camp and many more specialty-type camps. These all give camp-goers a focused area of learning to explore.

More changes – for the better – are likely to occur in the future as the Recreation Department looks forward to its next 50 years of having fun while serving the diverse needs of the Takoma Park Community.



Visual Arts Camp, 2016



Tai Chi: Strength at Recreation Center, 2017

Public Works

301-891-7633
 publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
 takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks



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

Bulk Buy Tree Sale
 September 1 to October 15.



Receive a \$100

subsidy towards the cost of the first tree purchased. Contact the City Arborist at 301-891-7612 for program details.

Fall Leaf Collection
 November 20 through December 22

The department will notify residents in advance about the collection. Details can be found at takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection.

Fall Compost Giveaway
 September 4 through 30

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

September 4, Monday, Labor day
 Yard trimming collection is canceled.

November 10, Friday, Veterans Day Observed
 Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, November 11.

November 23, Thursday, Thanksgiving
 Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Wednesday, November 22.

November 24, Friday, Day After Thanksgiving
 Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, November 25.

December 25, Monday, Day After Christmas
 Yard trimming collection is canceled.

Housing & Community Development

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

Get Out and See the World, Here in Your Own Town

The next time you are tempted to sit down and order online, check out your options in Takoma Park!

Takoma/Langley Crossroads
 takomalangley.org

The Takoma/Langley Crossroads, located at the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue, is the City's largest commercial district with more 200 shops and restaurants offering a unique shopping experience with an international flair. Shopping that speaks your language. *Meet us at the Crossroads!*



Long Branch
 www.discoverlongbranch.com

Long Branch, centered at Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road, focuses on the colorful with its extensive public art and lively multi-ethnic businesses. *Discover Long Branch!*



Main Street Takoma
 www.mainstreettakoma.org

Main Street Takoma offers a small town spirit with urban sophistication. The wide variety of locally-owned, independent stores operating along Carroll Avenue offer a welcoming blend of specialty retail, restaurant and personal service businesses. *Takoma: Living on the Edge*

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RECREATION

Police

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

Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day

September/October 2017

The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration 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. Collection boxes are set up in the first floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications are accepted.

Although the City continues 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, 1st 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.

Junior Police Explorer Program, Post 7500

Ongoing

Do you have what it takes to be one of our newest explorers? The Takoma Park Police Explorer Post is a partnership through Learning for Life and the



Takoma Park Police Department. The objective of this program is for young men and women to begin a foundation of becoming good citizens with a background in law enforcement by learning honor, integrity and leadership.

Explorers work closely with members from many different areas of the Takoma Park Police Department. Participants undergo classroom lectures coupled with hands-on, practical exercises to demonstrate knowledge and proficiency. While training can be rigorous, many Explorers find that they leave the post with many of the skills to be good people, citizens and employees in any field while making lifelong friendships. Many previous Explorers have been hired by other police departments and have had successful careers.

Requirements:

- Minimum age of 11 years old but no older than 20 years upon entry
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Free of significant or repetitive criminal and traffic violations
- Free of alcohol or drug use, including abuse of prescription drugs
- Able to attend weekly training meetings consistently

To request an application, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7142.

Community Police Academy

Beginning October 2017

The Takoma Park Police Department will be accepting applications for its Community Police Academy in September 2017 for its new session. The Community Police Academy will begin in late October 2017.

If you are interested in or have questions about any of these programs, please contact Public Information Officer Catherine Plevy at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912; cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov, or 301-891-7142.

The Community Police Academy meets once a week during the weekdays from 7 – 9:30 p.m. **The day of week for the next session has not yet been determined.** The classes cover topics such as patrol, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, K9 unit, drug enforcement, etc. The presentations are lecture style and are given by officers, detectives and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-alongs with patrol officers.

Through implementation of the Community Police Academy, the community will gain new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the community it serves. The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and are filled based on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full length of the program to get the most out of it.

If you are interested in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, you are 18 years of age or older, and you live or work in Takoma Park, you may apply. The applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or any felony offenses.



Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

takomaparkmd.gov/library

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, 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 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, or their Facebook page (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.

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.



Photo by Maurice Belanger

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.



Photo by Maurice Belanger

Fall Special Programs

Monday, September 18, 7:30 p.m.

SummerQuest 2017 Wrap-Up Party



Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.

Friends Fortnightly Book Club discusses *Austerlitz* by W.G. Sebald, Community Center



Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Sale on the Library lawn

Monday, October 24, 7 – 7:45 p.m. & 7:50 – 8:45 p.m.

Scary Stories with Candace Wolf

Early program for ages 5-7; later program for ages 8-13

November Program with Eaglebear & Friends

Check at the Library for the exact date.



Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale, Computer Center Rotunda

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Solstice Celebration with Bill Jenkins & the Foggy Bottom Morris Men



Fall and Winter

Friends' Big Book Club discusses *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens. Check at the Library for dates.

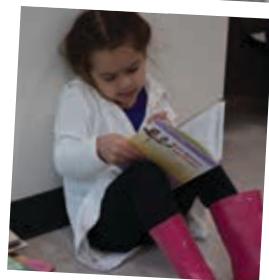


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Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

**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.

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.

Youth Adult (18 - 24 yrs)

Monday - Friday	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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Active Adult (55+)

Monday - Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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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. (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). 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
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| 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. See Page 39, Registration and Policies for instructions for online registration. * Rentals within 10 business days must be requested in person. Payment is due at the time of the reservation.

Policies

Please visit us online at 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

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

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 (5-50 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

Gym* (capacity 294)

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)

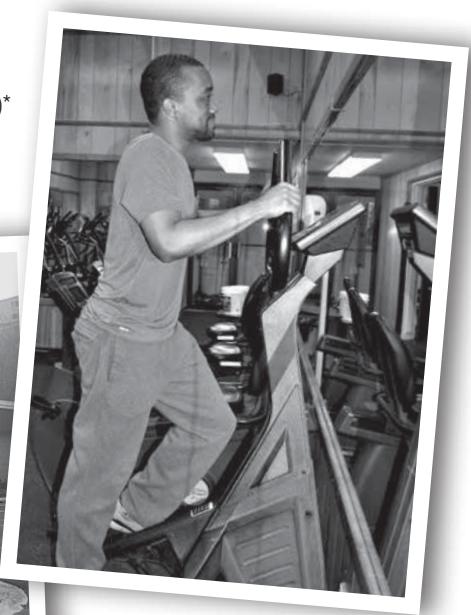
General	\$15 per hour
Business	\$60 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

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-NGPPG 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



DEPARTMENT
DIRECTORY

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



Lecturer Heather McHale posing before her lecture *The Feminist and Progressive Doctor Who*. Photo: Marilyn Sklar

First Thursday of the month. In this series, experts share their insights on history, pop culture, literature, Americana, and world cultures with Takoma Park.



Visitors enjoy textile art during opening of *Traditions* in September 2016. Photo: Marilyn Sklar

GALLERY EXHIBITS

We Are Takoma features six exhibitions annually showcasing paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and installations by professional and amateur artists. Each show is celebrated with an open, and the public is invited to attend.

FILM

Second Thursday of the month. We Are Takoma collaborates with Docs in Progress in Silver Spring to bring free screenings of documentaries, as well as the popular Vintage Movie Night, a compilation of short educational films from the 1920s to 1970s.

LIBRARY

CITY FACILITIES

PERFORMING ARTS

For children and adults, these events showcase the diverse cultures and talents in our community beyond. Taking place on Thursdays or Saturdays, performances have included dance, folk music, rock groups, theatre, improv, children's music, classical music, and more. Suggested donation \$10.



U-Liners
Photo: Marilyn Sklar

At far right, Aztec dancers in *El Grito* September 2016 Photo.

At right, Children perform various Mexican folk dances in *el Grito* September 2016.

Photos: Marilyn Sklar



WE ARE TAKOMA

RECREATION

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS



Writing Salon

Led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words. This workshop will meet in the Lilac Room. 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 in the Hydrangea Room. Free.



Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler Reads Poem 1.
Photo: Marilyn Sklar

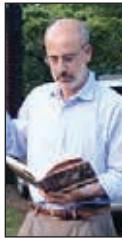


POETRY

The popular Third Thursday Poetry series, entering its 13th year, features works from many poets across Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Poets and participants are invited to a free reception following the program.



Poets in November 2016 Third Thursday Poetry.
Photo: Marilyn Sklar



Adler



Gordon



Joyner-Myers



Parlon



LeBlanc



Rabion



Schaeffer



Strasser



Tompkins

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
Courtney Tompkins	Ward 2/2019
Gloria Tseng-Fischer	Ward 3/2020
Madona Tyler LeBlanc	2020



Michael Kirby painting

PUBLIC ART

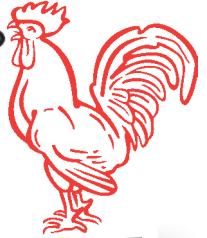
We Are Takoma supports murals and sculpture within the landscape of Takoma Park. In the last twelve months, audio artist David Schulman and sculptor Howard Connelly unveiled the interactive work Bird Calls at the corner of Flower and Erie Avenues. And painter Michael Kirby recently completed the mega mural of an underground fantastical world at Prince Georges and Conway Avenues.

Recreation Department

7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7290
recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

City resident program
registration: Tuesday,
August 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program registration:
Tuesday, August 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.

A New Face in the Recreation Department: Q&A with Kristen Boone



Kristen Boone joined the Recreation Department mid-June as the Recreation Manager II. She will oversee sports, teen staff and Recreation Center staff. Here is a little bit about her, but please stop by, say hello, and get to know her better!

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and your hobbies.

Boone: Not too long ago, I overcame my fear of flying, and now I can't stop traveling! I have a personal goal of completely filling my passport and visiting six out of the seven continents in my lifetime (sorry Antarctica). I enjoy trying new foods and cuisines, going to

music festivals, and exploring the outdoors through adventure activities, such as zip lining, rock climbing, jet skiing, and riding ATVs.

Q: Why do you feel this position will be a good fit for you?

Boone: This position is a great fit for me because it is a perfect balance of facilitating sports, developing programs and serving the diverse needs of the community's youth, which are all areas about which I am most passionate. It is important to me that I when I leave work every day, I feel that I am serving a greater purpose than myself. I knew that the City of Takoma Park's Recreation Department had done great things to build a strong and thriving community; therefore, it was a no-brainer for me to pursue this opportunity.

Q. What sports or programs were you involved in growing up, and how do you feel they shaped who

you are now?

Boone: I was involved in a sport or an extra-curricular activity every season. I've participated in everything from soccer, basketball and softball to Girl Scouts, equestrian activities and piano lessons. I wholeheartedly believe that those experiences have shaped me into well-rounded individual and allowed me to make many friends. As a result, I've grown from a shy little kid, who would hide behind my mom's legs anytime someone would speak to me, into an outgoing adult, who can strike up a conversation with anyone.

Q: Could you give us a hint of what is to come with the new Youth Success Program you will be spearheading?

Boone: I am excited for what our new Youth Success Program is going to bring for our young residents. We are going to provide more opportunities for our teens to be civically engaged as well as promoting college and career readiness through workshops, improved resources and more!



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



Special Events

Let's Play America 9th Annual Play Day

Attention! Attention! Everyone, everywhere! It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to play! Yes, that's right Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present to you the 9th Annual Play Day! Rain or Shine. This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit www.letsplayamerica.org. See you there!



Takoma Park Middle School
Outside
7611 Piney Branch Road
All ages
Saturday, September 23, 2017
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free

Monster Bash 2017

With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 28, Monster Bash 2017 will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, activities and music in front of the Co-Op, followed by the costume parade and judging down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. For additional information, call 301-891-7290. If you would like to volunteer for this event, register online at montgomeryserves.org. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

Starting in front of the TPSS Co-op and walking down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 28, 2017
1 – 6 p.m.
Free



Recreation: Tots

*City resident
program registration opens
August 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident
program registration opens
August 22 at 8:30 a.m.*



Tots

Newborn-5

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3-5 years
2017-2018 School Year
Saturdays, beginning September 9
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
See sutodance.com for fees

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Spanish for Tots

Come learn Spanish in a fun and natural way! Tots will be fully immersed in the Spanish language through fun, energetic, age-appropriate activities while developing their listening-comprehension skills in the target language. Each class has a different theme that teaches key vocabulary and important phrases that are the foundation for building complex grammar structures in the Spanish language. Children participate with a parent or caregiver during each session. A \$10 fee is due to instructor to cover for the cost of materials and supplies. Instructor: Maria Rhoe

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
18 months-3 years
6 Week Session
Saturdays, September 9-October 14
10 – 11 a.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95



DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snack. Visit www.TakomaPlaytime.org for more information. Drop-in, registration not required.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-5 years

English: Mondays, starting Sept. 11

Spanish: Fridays, starting Sept. 8
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Tennis Skills for Tots

This 30-minute 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 eye-racquet-ball coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation is required. (No experience needed) Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
3-6 years

8 Week Session

Sundays, September 17-November 5

Early Session: 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Late Session: 12:30 – 1 p.m.
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

TOTS

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55+

PETS

Youth

5-12



City resident program registration opens August 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program registration opens August 22 at 8:30 a.m.

ART

Ceramic Wheel Throwing: Parent and Child

A parent and a child will work together on the potter's wheel and learn about throwing pots. The pieces will be fired and glazed and will be food safe. One parent and one child please. \$50 fee for each additional child. Children must be at least 8 years old. There will be a \$25 materials fee, per family due the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8 and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, October 5-November 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Clay for Kids

Children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4 & 5. There is a \$15 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline Mackinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-11 years
6 Week Sessions
Mondays Session 1: September 18 - October 23
Mondays Session 2: October 30 - December 11
Wednesdays Session 1: September 20 - October 25
Wednesdays Session 2: November 1 - December 13
4 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

MAKE/Shift Studio I: Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two and three dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media - every class has a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8-11 years
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays, 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.
Session 1: September 7-October 19
No class 9/21
Session 2: November 2-December 21
No class 11/9 & 11/23
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175



MAKE/Shift Studio I: Drawing and 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. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape and floral studies. Focus of class appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials/model fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
11-14 years
Tuesdays
6 Week Sessions
Session 1: September 12-October 17
Session 2: October 31-December 19
No class 11/7 & 11/21
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to first day. Please bring a lunch and snack with you daily. There will be no camp on Monday, December 25.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue

Recreation: Youth

5-12 years

4 Days

Tuesday-Friday, December 26-December 29

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Winter Break Camp Before and After Care

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

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

5-12 years

4 Days

Tuesday-Friday, December 26-December 29

Before Care: 7 – 9 a.m.

After Care: 4 – 6 p.m.

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

each

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center

Back Room

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

6-8 years: 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

9-12 years: 12 – 1:45 p.m.

2017-2018 School Year

Saturdays, beginning September 9

See sutodance.com for fees

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.” Taught by the library’s own Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park Community Center

Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

9-18 years

EXTENDED CARE

School Year Child Care Programs

Registration began in March

Don't wait; spaces always fill!

After the Bell 2017-18

This after school childcare program for MCPS 2017-2018 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Dept., please contact MCPS Transportation 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers and we will meet them at the bus stop. The “After the Bell” Program will not operate on days MCPS is closed. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

Kindergarten–5th Grade

Monday-Friday, September 4, 2017-June 22, 2018

3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

\$1,250



- There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into eight (8) monthly payments. The next payment will be due October 1.
- Scholarship applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the program.

****At this time both Morning and Afternoon Addition at the Community Center are full. We are placing names on a waitlist, and if a space becomes available, we will contact you.***

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

TOTS

5 Week Sessions

Thursdays

Session 1: September 7-October 5

Session 2: October 12-November 9

Session 3: November 16-December 21
4 – 6 p.m.

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

On Stage: Scene Study

Scene Study is an acting class that focuses on scene work. Students participate in warm-ups and games and then work a portion of each class on a scene over the eight weeks. Students will learn to apply Stanislavski-based acting techniques (objective/obstacle, subtext, sensory perception, truth & belief, substitution, imagination, etc.) used to build a character and create a believable scene. Students will pair up and work on a scene throughout the course, culminating in a performance for family/friends, so you can see the fruit of their labors. Material is provided or students may bring their own scenes to be approved. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue
11-16 years

8 Week Session

Mondays, September 18 – November 6
3:30 – 5 p.m.

Resident: \$168 / Non-resident: \$188

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting Class

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include CPR, fire safety, First-Aid, infant and child care and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all five classes and exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. **All classes will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House.** Instructor: Chief Jim Jarboe

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
7201 Carroll Avenue
11-13 years

5 Week Session

Mondays, September 11-October 9
7 – 9 p.m.

Free

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ADULTS

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PETS



ENVIRONMENTAL



Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about 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!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden

7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-14 years

Saturdays: 9/23, 10/28, 11/25
8 – 9:30 a.m.

Free

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

6-12 years

Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Free with Recreation Center membership card

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu! Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. 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 uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

4-16 years

10 Week Sessions

Saturdays, September 9-November 18

No class 11/11

Beginner: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Advanced: 11:15 – 12:15 a.m.

Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. “Tae” means “foot,” “leg,” or “to step on;” “Kwon” means “fist” or “fight;” and “Do” means the “way”

FITNESS

Step Team

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

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

or “discipline.” So it can mean the way or discipline of foot and fist. Martial arts are studied for various reasons, including combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable, \$40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
6 years and older
15 Week Session
Mondays, September 11-December 18
6 – 7 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPORTS

Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. **This is a basketball class not league play.** Instructor: Greg Harris

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m.

Session 1 (7 Weeks):
September 9-October 21
\$70

Session 2 (6 Weeks):
October 28-December 16
\$60

Check out our
Winter Basketball
League! Information
on page 28



Futsal League 2018

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
7-10 years
8 Week Season
Sundays, January 7-March 11, 2018
1 – 4 p.m.
\$60

Tennis Clinic: Beginner/Intermediate

This class is for somewhat older students (and adults!) with a little bit or no prior tennis experience. We will focus on stroke and rally development, also introducing basic volley, overheads, serves and scoring. We will be using primarily red and orange balls. Competitive games and match play instruction will be introduced



as needed/wanted. We use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Equipment provided, or bring your own. For additional information, please visit www.movingforwardtennis.com. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
Tuesdays, September 12-October 10
6-9 years: 4:05 – 5:05 p.m.
10 and older: 5:05 – 6:05 p.m.
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Tennis Skills: Beginner/Intermediate

This class is for beginners, we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. We may progress to full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys/scoring. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
6-12 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 17-November 5
1 – 2 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis Skills: Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for more intermediate and advanced students (and adults!) who have learned how to keep the ball going and are interested in trying to refine their skills, consistency and power. Competitive games, match play instruction and practice (serving, scoring, volley and strategy) will also be included. We may introduce specialty shots as desired (slice, drop shot, spin serves). For additional information, please visit www.movingforwardtennis.com. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
8 and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, September 7-November 2
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140



Recreation: Youth (cont.)

TOTS

Tennis Skills: Intermediate

This is a mixed class for students with a variety of 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 may progress to green dot balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys/scoring. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
6-12 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 17-November 5
4 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

YOUTH

Winter Basketball League 2018

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball, emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encouraging personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun,

**Resident
Program
Registration
Opens Oct. 7**

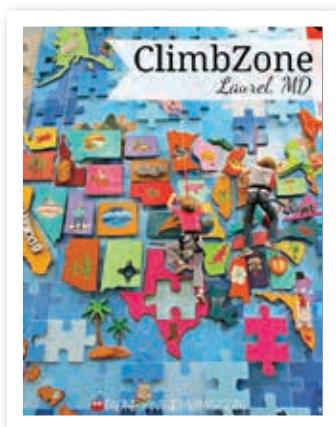
provide comparable playing time for all participants, and meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (one hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Game are held on Saturdays; times vary. Specific details regarding each league will be available on takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league.

Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed; training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested (301-891-7284).

Team Assignments: Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Special Requests: Requests must be made in writing and submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration. Please note that due to the sheer volume of the league we cannot accomodate all requests.

Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten-8th Grade
8 Week Season
Games starting Saturdays, January 13, 2018
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80



TRIPS

Fun Day - ClimbZone

Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Climbers can scale walls like Mount Rushmore, the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, or take a trek across a state map of the United States. They must pack a lunch. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited; sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the trip.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
Thursday, September 21
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

**INTERESTED IN COACHING
OUR WINTER BASKETBALL
LEAGUE? PLEASE
CONTACT TSPSPORTS@
TAKOMAPARKMD.GOV**



Teens

13-17



City Resident program registration opens August 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program registration opens August 22 at 8:30 a.m.

ART

See Art programs on pages 24 (from Youth) and pages 32 (from Adult)



DRAMA

See Dungeons & Dragons on page 25 (in Youth)



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

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-16 years
2017-2018 School Year
Saturdays, beginning September 9
12 – 1:45 p.m.
See sutodance.com for fees

DROP-IN

Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only (middle school and high school students). You are welcome to gain access to two 50-inch and one 70-inch LED SMART TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday-Friday
3 – 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Free

Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second and fourth Friday nights? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Free with membership.

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

See Babysitting Class on page 26 (in Youth)



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Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Ongoing Tuesdays
4 – 5 p.m.
Free

ENVIRONMENTAL



Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about 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 time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Saturdays: 9/23, 10/28, 11/25
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

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 level. You will be able to concentrate on your cardio and strength. These two healthy and energizing routines will help you burn calories and gain strength while building muscles to help you have a lean, healthy body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Free with a membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fitness Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-16 years
16 Week Session
Mondays and Wednesdays, September
11-January 22
7 – 8 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center Membership
Card

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and
Taekwondo on page
26 (in Youth) and
Karate Self-Defense
on page 34 (in Adults)

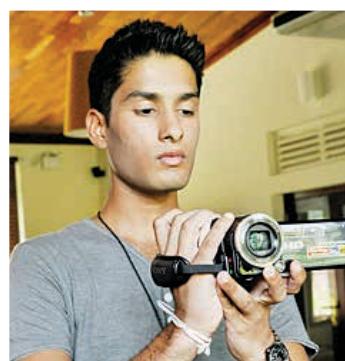


MULTI MEDIA

Check ActiveNet for new
classes in Multi Media!

MULTI MEDIA LAB

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



Video Production Class for Teens

Teens in grades 6-12 sign up today to learn the basics of video production in the media lab at the Community Center. Try your hand at creating, filming, editing and more. Instruction will be given by Gandhi Brigade Youth Media.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
8 Week Session
Thursdays, September 14-November 2
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

See Winter
Basketball League
on page 28
(in Youth)



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. Then we 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
12 years and older
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 17-November 5
2 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Recreation: Teens (cont.)

Tennis Skills: Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for beginners, we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. We may progress to full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys/scoring. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
12 years and older
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 17-November 5
3 – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120



HAVE YOU MET
KRISTEN?
READ ALL
ABOUT HER ON
PAGE 21.



Check out all
the fun we have
all year long!

TOTS

YOUTH

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Adults

16+ years



City resident program registration opens August 15 at 8:30 a.m.
Non-resident program registration opens August 22 at 8:30 a.m.

ART

Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

The class focuses on basic hand-building techniques including pinch, coil and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Open to all levels of experience. Students can create functional items, such as vases, soap dishes and teacups as well as sculptures, including portrait heads and whimsical animals. Dream something up and come try it out in the studio! Experienced potters may use the studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. All glazes are lead free and food safe. \$20 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on Friday. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
 Art Studio
 7500 Maple Avenue
 16 and older
 7 Week Session
 Mondays

Session 1: September 11-October 23
Session 2: October 30-December 18
 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

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 \$20 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Art for the People

Takoma Park Community Center
 Art Studio
 7500 Maple Avenue
 16 and older
 8 Week Sessions

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Session 1: September 5-October 24

Session 2: October 31-December 26

No class 11/7

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Session 1: September 6-October 25

Session 2: November 1-December 20

Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

See Ceramic Wheel Throwing: Parent and Child on page 24 (from Youth)



Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage



techniques, work with elements and principles of design and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable 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 and older
 6 Week Sessions
 Tuesdays

Session 1: September 12-October 17
Session 2: October 31-December 19
 No class 11/7 and 11/21
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240



DRAMA & THEATER

Acting Audition Preparation



Would you like to be in a play? Learning to audition is the first step, and this class will prepare you with the primary tools you'll need, including having an effective audition monologue to perform. After selecting a monologue with the instructor, you will learn (through lively theatre exercises) the basic acting techniques that can be applied to your audition piece to heighten its performance. In addition, class will cover the other essential audition tools: pictures, resumes, interviews and techniques for cold readings and scene call backs. The class will culminate with a performance of the monologues in a final public presentation. No materials needed. Instructor: W. Allen Taylor

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
19 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, September 11-November 20
No Class 11/6
7 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

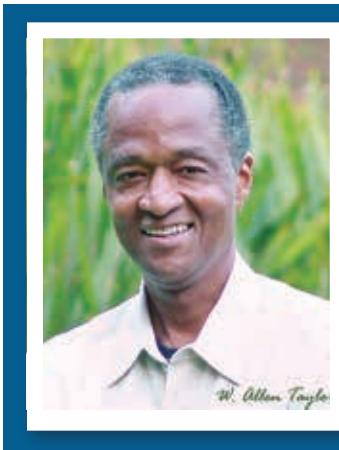
Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. This class will help you jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Bring a notebook or laptop to each class and be ready to have fun. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 6-October 25
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

ENVIROMENTAL

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome.



Meet our new instructor W. Allen Taylor

- M.F.A. in acting, American Conservatory Theatre
- 38 years of theatre experience (acting, teaching, directing)
- Award-winning solo performer
- Experienced audition coach
- Member of Actors Equity Association

You will gain hands-on experience in growing 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 time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
First and fourth Saturdays of the month,
September - December
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

Cardio Kickboxing

Cardio Kickboxing is a group fitness class that combines martial arts techniques with fast-paced cardio. This high-energy workout challenges the beginner and elite athlete alike in this two day a week class. Build stamina, improve coordination and flexibility, and burn calories as you build lean muscle with this fun and challenging workout. Please bring a water bottle and a towel. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

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

Session 1: (8 weeks):
September 7-October 28
\$85

Session 2: (7 weeks):
November 2-December 21
\$75

Thursdays, 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Drop-in: \$10

Go-Go Fitness

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
Saturdays, ongoing
12 – 1 p.m.
Drop in: \$5

Ladies Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: September 5-October 26
Session 2: October 31-December 26
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

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Recreation: Adults (cont.)

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Pilates

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core" - abdomen, back, and hips. 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. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mats and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Wednesdays

Session 1: September 6-October 11
Session 2: October 18-November 22
6 – 7 p.m.
\$60
Drop-in: \$10

Qi Gong - Five Animal Play

This form of Qi Gong is one of the most ancient continuously practiced healing exercise systems in the world. Enjoy peaceful movements modeled on the crane, bear, monkey, deer and tiger. Participants will develop more strength, grace, flexibility, balance and healing in a relaxed group setting. You will feel the effects in your body, mind and spirit as you find more harmony with nature and yourself. No experience necessary. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session

Tuesdays, October 10-December 5
7 – 8 p.m.
No class 11/7
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only;
No cash)

Qi Gong - Waking Up Together

This class is a mindfulness based approach to relationships that deepens awareness of ourselves and our partners, fosters communication and awakens joyful energy. By utilizing mindfulness meditation practices and simple Qi Gong exercises, couples will learn ways to nourish the positive elements in themselves and one another. We will offer exercises in listening and compassionate speech. The class will meet for four sessions, every other week. No experience necessary, just an open heart. Wear comfortable clothes as there will be simple movements offered. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
4 Week Session

Every other Wednesday,
October 18-November 29
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners

This class will introduce to you yoga as taught by the Iyengar Method. In this method, the emphasis is on alignment and precision. The basic postures are introduced and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt so also energy is generated and the breath is engaged. The goal is to bring into alignment not just the different parts of the body but alignment of the body with the mind and the mind with the soul. Mats and props will be provided to make all poses accessible to all. Students are requested to wear comfortable clothing, and please do not eat in the two hours prior to the class. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 6-December 20
6 – 7:15 p.m.

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$210
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only;
No cash)

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

Practice and persistence bring transformation. After achieving a firm foundation of Level 1, a student wishes

to go forward in her/his exploration of the discipline of yoga. This intermediate level class offers a deeper penetration of the consciousness from the periphery towards the core. The more advanced postures are introduced, and inversions are included. The practice of pranayama (breathing) is included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
15 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 6-December 20
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$210
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only;
No cash)

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 26 (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
Mondays and Wednesdays, ongoing
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MULTI MEDIA

Check ActiveNet for new video production & editing classes

Zumba is coming to the Recreation Center this Fall!

55+

City resident program
registration opens August 15
at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program
registration opens August 22
at 8:30 a.m.

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 32-34 (from Adults).

*Ask us about scholarship opportunities



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ART

Ceramics Clay Workshop



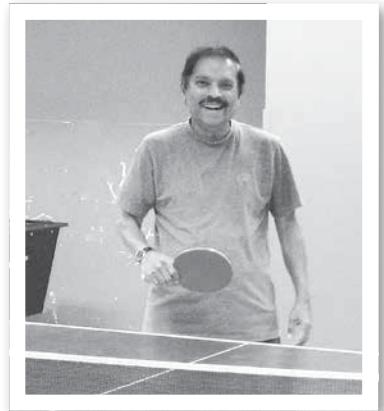
Create your own beautiful cup, small plate and teaspoon needed for a tea party (glazed, fired, washable and food safe) held on the last day of the workshop. All supplies provided. This is a free workshop; however online or in-person registration is required with the Recreation Department. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and up
5 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 20-October 18
10 a.m. – 12 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. **Game Room is not available during Table Tennis Skills class fall session, Thursdays, 9/14-11/16, 12 – 1 p.m.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing
Mondays-Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Fridays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free



EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

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. Instructor: Patti Mallin

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays
September 13-September 27
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
4 Days
Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16,
Dec. 21
12 – 2 p.m.
Free



Recreation: 55+

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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 and learn what to do with all those pictures in your mailbox. Bring your questions! **You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers.** Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Patti Mallin

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays
October 11-October 25
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16,
Dec. 21
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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. Register for one session only. Instructor: Montgomery County RSVP

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older

17 Week Sessions
Mondays and Thursdays, September
7-December 28
10 – 11 a.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays, September
5-December 29
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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 stretching. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, September 11-November 13
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare will conduct monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
4 Days

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. Students will use resistance bands. Please bring mat, towel and water. Instructor: Adriene Buist

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue



Recreation: 55+

55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 12-November 14
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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 12-November 14
2 – 3 p.m.
Free

Gentle Yoga

Yoga can help increase flexibility, strength and balance, using a series of seated and standing poses. Learn breathing and relaxation techniques. 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
8 Week Session
Alternate Fridays
Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is a great physical and mental exercise and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility and stress reduction are just some of the benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Register for one class only. Instructor: Barbara Brown

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older
13 Week Session
Wednesday, September 6-December 20
(No class 9/20, 9/27)

Early Session: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Check out the
Forever Young Newsletter
for information
on 55+ trips!

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 12-November 14
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Walking Group

Don't worry about the cold weather, and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in. No registration is required.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
14 Week Session
Tuesdays, ongoing
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for active seniors, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Due to the popularity of the Zumba classes, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

55 and older
12 Week Sessions
Thursday Session:
September 7-November 30
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday Session:
September 9-December 2
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Table Tennis Skills (Ping Pong)

Great fun! This class provides enjoyable physical exercise and requires no prior experience. Students will learn game rules and practice skills. Instructor: Donn Olsen



Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, September 14-November 16
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun & Fitness

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 utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, September 14-November 16
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

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Pets

City resident program registration opens August 15 at 8:30 a.m.
 Non-resident program registration opens August 22 at 8:30 a.m.



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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

Basic Manners for All Dogs

Whether you have a rowdy adolescent or an older dog, this class is for you. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, attention), leash manners, polite greetings, dog body language and reinforcement. You'll get a dog with polite manners, and dogs will get the training and mental enrichment they need. Instructor: Joyce Loebig

Heffner Park Community Center
 42 Oswego Avenue
 Dogs 6 months and older
 6 Week Sessions
 Thursdays

Session 1: September 14-October 19
Session 2: October 26-December 7
 8 – 9 p.m.
 Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Beyond The Basics: Advanced Dog Manners

Ready to take your training to the next level? Join this new class for dogs who have mastered basic training and want to learn more. You'll improve your dog's basic skills and work through new challenges, including real-life scenarios, walking close to other dogs and off-leash training. Dogs must have completed a basic manners class within the last year. Dogs should know sit, down, stay and basic leash manners. Instructor: Joyce Loebig

Heffner Park Community Center
 42 Oswego Avenue
 Dogs 6 months and older
 4 Week Session
 Tuesdays, November 14-December 5
 7 – 8 p.m.
 Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Puppy Kindergarten

Early puppy socialization and training has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class includes supervised, off-leash play for the puppies where you'll learn dog body language and appropriate play. The class will cover foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, attention), leash manners, polite greetings and socialization experiences. Instructor: Joyce Loebig

Heffner Park Community Center
 42 Oswego Avenue
 Dogs 8 weeks – 6 months
 4 Week Sessions
 Thursdays
Session 1: September 14-October 5
Session 2: October 12-November 2
Session 3: November 9-December 7
 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
 Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Partnerships

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and not-for-profit organizations. These partnerships 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. Play can improve physical health, mental health and a sense of well-being, as well as bring together diverse community members. Let's Play America works to create communities where people of all ages can safely enjoy outdoor and indoor play as a regular part of their lives. With many play events scheduled throughout the year, please visit letsplayamerica.org for more information.

M.A.N.U.P.

The programs for MANUP are gender specific

to enhance male and female development through the principles of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in cooperation with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. This is a drop-in program, and permission slips are required for trips. They meet 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. - 5 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m.;
 Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.;
 Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pool hours subject to change.
 Lane swimming, water aerobics, kayak classes, and much more. Located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. Park behind the Community Center, use side entrance to school on Grant Ave. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, joyces@ascgw.org, or visit ascgw.org.

Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

The Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club is a non-profit organization that has operated in the Takoma Park community for over 50 years. The Club focuses on academics, the fundamentals of football and cheer, and most importantly, building the team concept. For more information, visit takomaparkbgc.teamopolis.com.

Takoma Park Community Band

The band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. The band is looking for musicians at all levels of expertise who would enjoy being a part of a musical group. Practices held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue. For more information, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com.

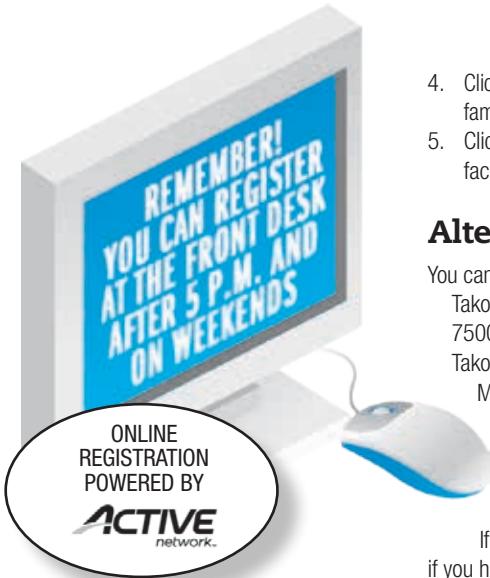
Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program whose goal is to provide local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. Takoma Soccer strives to teach children the value and fun of teamwork, cooperation, practice, and sportsmanship. For more information, contact Howard Kohn at 301-270-8187 or kohn@erols.com.



visit us online @

<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.

- 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 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.

Fall 2017

Special Events



Mayor Kate Stewart will host lunches at restaurants in the Takoma Langley.

Crossroads neighborhood of Takoma Park, the city's neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture. Enjoy food from the Caribbean, South Asia, Latin America and more on this local food trip around the world. Listed below are the dates and locations of the lunches. Community members are encouraged to attend. All lunches begin at 12 p.m. For more information and updates on any location changes, visit takomalangley.org/lunch-with-the-mayor.

- September 8 El Marinero Comida Lantina and Grill
- September 22 El Campeon Rotisserie Chicken & Bakery
- October 13 Tijuana's Mexican Cafe

City of Takoma Park, Maryland Election for Mayor and City Council, Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Don't miss it! This is the last election at the Takoma Park Community Center. The Mayor and Council will be elected to a three-year term.

The next election will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, when two-year terms will resume.

Engage

- Run for office
- Support a candidate
- Be an election worker

Register

- In person, online, or by mail
- On Election Day

Vote

- By mail (by October 31)
- Early (November 1 – November 5)
- On Election Day (November 7)



Monster Bash 2017

With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 28, Monster Bash 2017 will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, activities and music in front of the Co-Op, followed by the costume parade down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park.



Starting in front of the TPSS Co-op and walking down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 28
1 – 6 p.m.
Free
See p. 22 for more information.

Author Event: Takoma Park Library Hosts Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate

Applegate will discuss her new kids' novel, *Wishtree*, which *Booklist* described as "a moving tale starring, of all things, an oak tree." In a starred review, *Publishers Weekly* praised the book as a "distinctive call for kindness, delivered by an unforgettable narrator." She is also the author of *The One and Only Ivan*, winner of the Newbery Medal, and *Crenshaw*, which spent over twenty weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Applegate lives in Tiburon, California, with her family.



Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
Tuesday, September 26
7:30 p.m.