

Takoma Park city guide

Spring/Summer 2018

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RESIDENT PROGRAM
REGISTRATION BEGINS

March 15, 2018
AT 8:30 A.M.

2018
Holiday
Closure
Calendar

Memorial Day

Sunday, May 28 -
Monday, May 29

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4

About
the Cover

The Takoma Park Police Department is committed to building relationships with residents through a variety of programs and working with them to keep lines of communication open and the community safe.



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



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)

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ADA



The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings and programs. For auxiliary aids or services at a City of Takoma Park event, contact Jason Damweber, Deputy City Manager, at jasond@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 or Maryland Relay Service at 800-735-2258 TTY/Voice. Two weeks advance notice is requested.

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. However, this Council will serve three years to align with the 2020 Presidential Election. 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



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Peter Kovar**
240-319-6281
peterk@takomaparkmd.gov



**Ward 2:
Cindy Dyballa**
240-320-6494
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jarretts@takomaparkmd.gov



**Ward 6:
Talisha Searcy**
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talishas@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 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 American Express, 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).

TAKOMA PARK

5K

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



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

TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
SUNDAY, MAY 6 • 8:00AM • TKPK5K.COM



SafeRoutes



EAST SILVER SPRING ES
PINEY BRANCH ES
ROLLING TERRACE ES
TAKOMA PARK ES
TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHEERS TO 10 YEARS

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.

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
www.takomapark.info/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 or attending school 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.



301-891-7118
cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Watch City TV online or in HD on RCN channel 1060, Comcast's Municipal Broadcast Network 997, or in SD, on channels 13 (RCN Comcast) and 28 (Verizon).

Also find us on ...



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

¡Tenemos programación en Español!
¡Visítenos! Somos Takoma y El Barrio También
Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.



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.*

STAY CONNECTED!



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

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



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



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 safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will include the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue/East-West Highway and New Hampshire Avenue and extend east on East West Highway up to Kentland Avenue. The project includes crosswalk improvements, bike lane addition, sidewalk improvements and bioretention facilities to treat stormwater. Construction is expected to begin in late March 2018 and is anticipated to last six months. 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. Gas main replacement, some streetlight upgrades and installation of new benches and refuse containers on the west side of Flower Avenue have been completed. The project construction is expected to begin in summer of 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. City staff, in conjunction with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff (MNCPPC), have developed a re-

design of the intersection. The design would establish a more restricted “T” intersection while providing treatment facilities in the existing roadway shoulder to treat surface water prior to entering Sligo Creek. A public meeting was held in October 2017 to present the design to the community. The project must go through MNCPPC review and approval, followed by permitting and Maryland Department of the Environment review and approval. The construction timeframe is not yet known, but it is anticipated for the latter half of 2018 and is dependent upon funding. Staff contact: Ian Chamberlain, 301-891-7611, ianc@takomaparkmd.gov

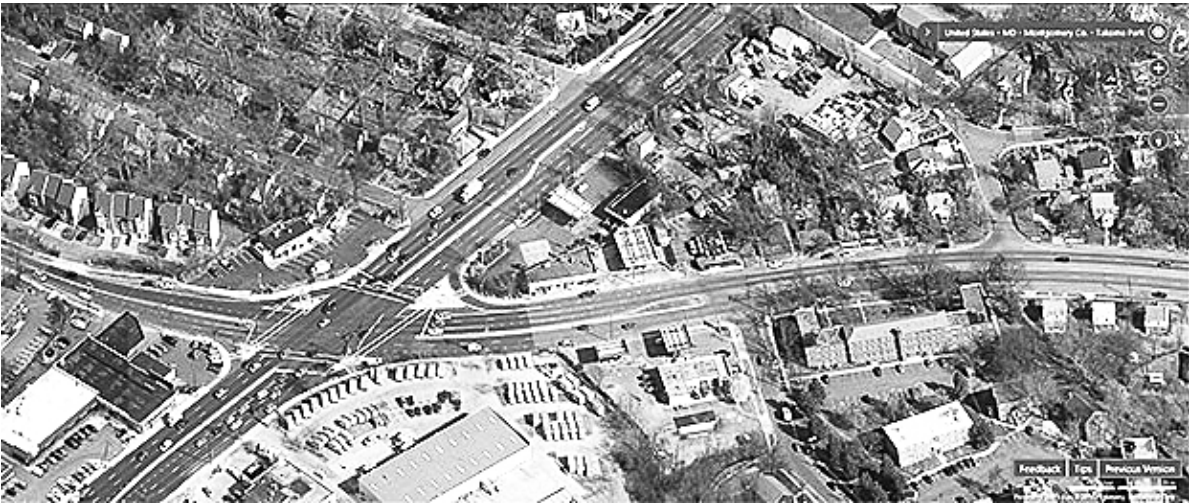
Sidewalk Improvements

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. The status of the new sidewalk requests is listed below:

- Lincoln Avenue (400 & 500 Block) – Construction to start in spring of 2018
- Kansas Lane (from Allegheny to Cockerille) – Community request for consideration of one-way street designation
- Glenside Drive – Design in development
- Maple Avenue (7900 Block) – Design in development
- 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



Featured Resource

The Takoma Park Police Department:

By **Jeremy D. Dickey,**
Media Specialist

Takoma Park is fortunate to have a dedicated local police department to keep our community a safe place to live, work, and play. The Takoma Park Police Department is well-known throughout the region and has seen many positive changes recently.

The Goals the City Council Set for TPPD

In 2017, the City Council emphasized its vision for the department through a resolution “establishing the City Council’s goals and priorities for the Takoma Park Police Department.”

The Resolution states that the primary goal of the Takoma Park Police Department is to promote “public safety and to protect all residents while respecting and upholding their dignity and rights.” The Resolution also clearly defines an emphasis on building public trust and a positive image in the community. In recent years, there has been an erosion of trust between the public and police departments



on a national level. It is important to rebuild and strengthen that trust here in our city.

The Takoma Park Police Officers are guardians of public safety and protectors of Constitutional and human rights. Our police officers support victims of crime through proactive communication and actions, which affirm that the department cares about the community and is sensitive to the concerns and needs of crime victims.

The Council has also placed an emphasis on increasing community policing efforts by the department. Community policing is a strategy of policing that focusses on building ties and working closely with community members. It is the expectation that every police officer in the department becomes familiar with residents, businesses, community groups, and schools to build strong relationships.

It is also imperative that the leadership of the Po-

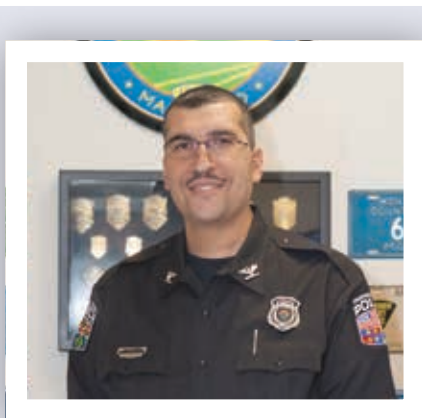
lice Department fosters and ensures a culture of transparency, accountability, and responsiveness. In searching for the new Police Chief, the City Manager sought someone with such a track record.

These are just some of the goals that the council has established for the department. To read the full list of goals, visit <http://bit.ly/TPPDGoals>.

Meet Chief Tony DeVaul and Learn About the Future of the Police Department

Another positive change that the Takoma Park Police Department has experienced is the recent hiring of Antonio “Tony” DeVaul as the new Takoma Park Police Chief. Before joining the city team, Chief DeVaul worked for the Maryland-National Capital Park Police for 23 years, where he was the Police Chief and oversaw a department of 151 staff members and a \$13-million budget. During the Chief’s tenure with the Park Police, he worked his way up through the ranks, beginning as a patrol officer and serving as a supervisor of every division in the department before becoming an assistant chief and ultimately chief in 2012.

Chief DeVaul holds a Bachelor’s degree in management from Johns Hopkins University and is currently a candidate for a Master of Science degree in organization-



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Chief Antonio "Tony" DeVaul

Caring for the Community

al leadership, also from Johns Hopkins. A 2015 graduate of the FBI National Academy, Chief DeVaul stood out among an excellent field of candidates for the Takoma Park Police Chief position, performing very well in each step of the rigorous selection process.

Of particular interest and importance regarding his selection was his dedication to community policing and a guardian philosophy, and a proven track record of building and nurturing strong community relationships, especially with youth, neighborhood associations and businesses. “I am honored to be selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Takoma Park,” said DeVaul when asked for comment. “The Takoma Park Police Department has an exceptional reputation and is known for its active community policing. I look forward to engaging all city residents and continuing to build lasting partnerships with all of our stakeholders.” Chief DeVaul grew up in Takoma Park and is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County.

When looking to the future of the Takoma Park Police Department, Chief DeVaul has three areas that he hopes to build upon: youth, diversity, and transparency.

YOUTH: Youth outreach and engagement is a critical first step in relationship building. The Takoma Park Police Department has many initiatives that directly impact the youth of the city. From the Police Explorer program to afternoon homework



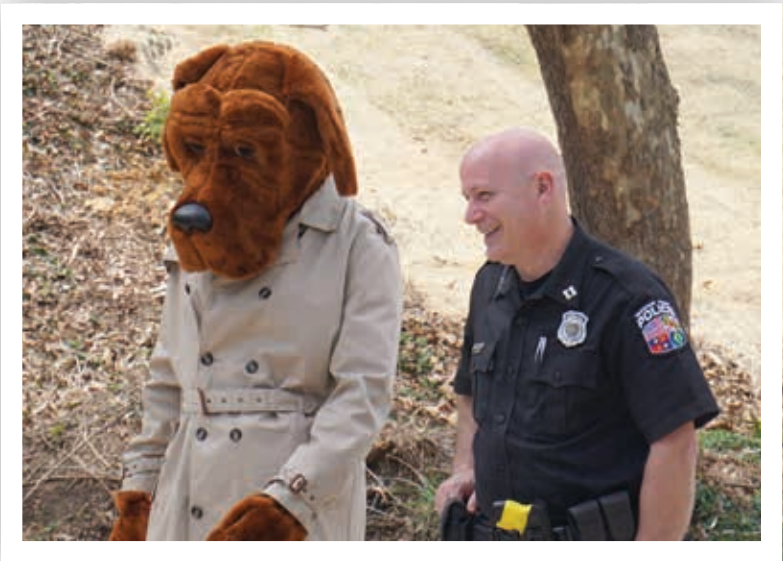
club, the department is doing a great job working with youth, but Chief DeVaul sees room for improvement: “Our homework program is currently one day a week, and I’d really like to expand that program.”

DIVERSITY: Diversity is another area that Chief DeVaul hopes to improve upon:

“While it is already fairly diverse, there is room for improvement in this area as well. It’s important that a police department looks like the community that it serves.”

TRANSPARENCY: Trust is built on transparency, and a police department is most successful when it has the full trust of the community that it serves. For this reason, transparency must always be the gold standard. From producing annual crime reports, utilizing changing communication techniques to inform residents, and allowing residents to submit criticisms and kudos about officers, the Takoma Park Police Department has taken great steps at improving transparency. Chief DeVaul hopes to build upon these initiatives and expand the ways in which the public is informed about the department.

We are very excited to have Chief DeVaul join the team. “This community is near and dear to me,” said Chief DeVaul. “I want to be able to have the same influence on the youth in this community that I grew up experiencing in Takoma Park.”



City Services

Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

Services

See page 6 in the City Department Directory for a listing of additional services offered.



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.

Free Compost

Participants in the Food Waste Collection Program can get free compost! In an effort to encourage organic lawn care in Takoma Park participants are eligible to receive up to five buckets of free compost. Compost is primarily available in the spring and summer. To check for availability, call Public Works at 301-891-7633.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Arbor Day Celebration Saturday, April 7

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



Holiday Trash Schedule

May 28, Monday, Memorial Day
Yard trimming collection is canceled.

July 4, Wednesday, Independence Day
Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Thursday, July 5.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Saturday, June 2

City residents can drop off their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from 10 a.m.-2p.m. at the Public Works Yard for free while nonresidents will be charged a \$10 fee. Event will accept computer components as well as CFL and fluorescent tubes.

Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development

Upcoming Events

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge

Cheers to 10 Years! The 10th annual TKPK5K will be held on Sunday, May 6. This family friendly 5K road race is open to all ages and abilities. Events include a 5K Run or Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run and 1/4 Mile Youth Run. The fun begins at 8 a.m. in front of the Takoma Park Community Center. Money raised from the TKPK5K supports PTA activities related to safety, health and wellness at five schools serving Takoma Park residents. For more information and to register, visit www.tkpk5k.com.

Bike to School Day, Wed., May 9

Elementary and middle school students are invited to ride their bikes to school on National Bike to



School Day, Wednesday, May 9. Get your bike ready for spring and summer fun. Wipe off the spider webs, check the tires, brakes and chain and be sure to strap on your helmet. For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safe-routes-to-school/safe-routes-to-school-events.

Bike to Work Day, Fri., May 18

Celebrate bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work on Friday, May 18. Be one of the first 17,000 to register for Bike to Work Day and stop by one of the pit stops in Takoma Park to receive a free T-shirt and refreshments and be entered into a raffle for a new bicycle. For more information and to register, visit biketoworkmetrodc.com.

Police

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

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



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7
6 – 9 p.m.
Piney Branch Elementary School
7510 Maple Avenue

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

If you are a locally-based organization and would like to be part of the event, please reserve a spot (and there's no cost to participate). For more information, contact Captain Tyrone Collington at tyronec@takomaparkmd.gov. This is a great way to promote your organization and

build a relationship with your local police department and community members.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration



(DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice a year. This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Prescriptions are brought to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue. Collection boxes are set up in the first floor police lobby of the Takoma Park Community Center. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications are accepted.

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

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

Stay Informed

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

Ongoing Programs & Services

Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE)

Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE) is a program directed at the residents of Takoma Park who live alone with special needs or just need to be checked on each day. Registered residents call the department each day between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. If they don't call, they will be called. If they do not answer, a patrol officer will be sent to check on their welfare. For more information, Contact Cathy Plevy at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov to register for the program.

Residential Security Survey Program

A residential Security Survey is an inspection of your home, performed by a police officer, in an effort to identify areas in which you could improve the physical security of your residence. The surveys are offered to Takoma Park residents free of charge, by appointment only. They generally take about an hour and can be scheduled during the evening. To schedule a security survey, please contact the Takoma Park Police Department at 301-270-1100.

Vacant House Check Program

If you are planning on going on a vacation, and no one will be staying at your house, you are eligible to request a vacant house check on your home. In this program, a Takoma Park Police Officer will visit your home once a day during your absence and inspect the premises for any signs of suspicious activity. To take advantage of this program, call the Police Dispatcher at 301-270-1100, and request a vacant house check registration. They will need information such as the duration of your absence, vehicles parked in the driveway, emergency notification information, etc.

@TakomaParkPD



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twitter

Library

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

www.takomapark.info/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 HoursSunday
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



Photo by Maurice Belanger

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.

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

Spring/Summer
Special Programs

(Please note that these dates are tentative; check our website for any updates)

Favorite Poem Evening, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

At this wonderful local tradition, sponsored jointly by the Library and the Friends of the Library, we invite people to share a favorite poem. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the evening.

Friends of the Library Book Sale, May date to be decided, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come find some book bargains! Proceeds benefit Library programs.

2018 SummerQuest Kick-off, Monday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Come join us for the launch of SummerQuest 2018! SummerQuest creator Dave Burbank will talk about this year's reading adventure and create personalized SummerQuest characters for participants. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for sponsoring our SummerQuest program for more than two decades.



Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Hours of Operation

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

Art Studio

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

Auditorium

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

Computer Center

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

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

Dance Studio

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

Game Room

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games
Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)
Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Saturday 12 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.
Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)
Monday - Friday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Active Adult (55+)
Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
* Hours vary in summer due to camps.

Library

Cards are free for Montgomery County 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, Friday 3 - 8 p.m.
Tuesday 5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday 12 - 5 p.m.
(Closed Thursday and Sunday)

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
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. This time should be included in the rental. 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

| | |
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| Capacity | 20 with tables |
| | 25 without tables |

Hydrangea Room

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Capacity | 20 with tables |
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Fees

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

*Commercial rate includes businesses and non-profits.

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| Capacity | 55 with tables |
| | 65 without tables |

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

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| Capacity | 40 with tables |
| | 50 without tables |

Fees

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

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

Auditorium

capacity: 154

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

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

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

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

Minimum 4 hour rental

For more information about renting the Auditorium, contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or email JohnW@takomaparkmd.gov

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.*

All programs and classes at the Takoma Park Recreation Center are co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. We thank them for the continued support.



What’s in our parks?

| | Reserve Through Rec. Dept. | On Street Parking Available | Public Transportation Accessible | Bike Station Within Walking Distance | Water Fountain | Picnic Tables | Playground | Pavilion | Grill | Half Basketball Court | Restroom Facility |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Belle Ziegler Park* 7350 Takoma Ave. Ward 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colby Avenue Park Cherry & Colby Ave. Ward 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forest Park 598 Elm Ave. Ward 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heffner Park 42 Oswego Ave. Ward 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson-Boyd Park 7398 Jackson Ave. Ward 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Park* 6999 Poplar Ave. Ward 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Toatley-Fraser Park Eastridge Ave. Ward 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |

*These parks feature a field.

In addition to the parks above, the city maintains:

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|--|--|--|--|
| Dorothy's Woods Woodland & Circle Ave. Ward 2 | Ed Wilhelm Field 2 Darwin Ave. Ward 4 | Lee Jordan Field 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Ward 4 | Takoma Park Dog Park 2 Darwin Ave. Ward 4 |
|--|--|--|--|

For information about other parks in our city, please visit: montgomeryparks.org

Parks and Permits

It is highly recommended to secure permits for various events and activities held in public parks throughout the City. Permits guarantee location and time of a rental. 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 |

FAQs

- In order to secure a space and time of a park pavilion or field it is highly recommended to have a permit.
- Moon bounces are not permitted on City property.
- Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.
- To reserve a pavilion or field See “Book Your Next Event with Us” on page 15.
- Sale of merchandise is prohibited on City property outside of scheduled City events.
- The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/shelter.
- Buildings, fields, and parks are not available on City holidays.



301-891-7119
arts@takomaparkmd.gov • takomaparkmd.gov/arts

We are Takoma is an arts and culture series offered by the City of Takoma Park with the support and guidance of the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission. Programs are held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. The free events include performances, art exhibitions, film screenings, poetry readings, and more. Donations are welcomed and go directly to the performer. To learn more about the series and upcoming events, check out www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.



POETRY



Poetry in Takoma Park

“Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent, makes your toe nails twinkle, makes you want to do this or that or nothing, makes you know that you are alone in the unknown world, that your bliss and suffering is forever shared and forever all your own.”
—Dylan Thomas

Celebrate Takoma Park’s long standing tradition of supporting poetry and discover how poets can transform our views of

the world in new and unexpected ways. Poetry can open our eyes to the joys and struggles of our workaday lives, revel in the stunning grandeur of nature, rage against injustice, or share the quiet musings of the soul.



Poetry Readings

Hear poets from across the region read their original work at the popular Third Thursday Poetry Reading series. The readings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of most months. Held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, the free readings are followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet the featured poets.

More poets are being sought to read their work, and all are encouraged to apply by the May 4 deadline. Poets don’t need to have published work or be Takoma Park residents. The submission form is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.



Poem in a Pocket

April is National Poetry Month and you can join in the celebration on April 26 for Poem In Your Pocket Day. Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets, people across the nation are encouraged to select any poem, carry it with you, and share it with others throughout the day at schools, book stores, libraries, parks, or workplaces. You can find more than 7,500 poems at www.poets.org if you need help deciding, and you can share your choice on Facebook or on Twitter using the hashtag #pocketpoem.

Spring for Poetry Walk

Poems by both local and renowned poets are featured on large posters in public places across the city in Takoma Park’s Spring for Poetry Walk, which is supported by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Graphic design students from Montgomery College design the posters which are displayed in Old Town, the Junction, city parks, library, Takoma Park Community Center, and other locales.

Poet Laureate Program

The Takoma Park Poet Laureate program honors the poetry and achievements of a local poet. The program not only supports Takoma Park’s poets but also stimulates interest in poetry in the community, inspiring young and old to express themselves through the written word and encouraging a lifelong appreciation of poetry and literature. Takoma Park’s current poet laureate is Merrill Leffler, a published poet, founder of Dryad Press, and longtime city resident.

Poet laureate Merrill Leffler in his back yard



Poet Laureate Nominations

The City of Takoma Park is seeking applications from local poets who are interested in becoming the City’s next poet laureate. The poet laureate oversees the popular Third Thursday Poetry Reading series held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium and works with City staff on other poetry-related events and readings at public meetings. Poets must be Takoma Park residents with published work, and they can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else for the volunteer position. More details and the online application form are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts.

WE ARE TAKOMA SERIES

 HUMANITIES LECTURES

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. In this series, experts share their insights on history, pop culture, Americana, and world cultures.

 ART EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions featuring work by local and regional artists are displayed in several galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. Opening receptions are held for each bimonthly exhibition, and more details are available on the City of Takoma Park’s Facebook page.

For more information, check out www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts or the City of Takoma Park’s Facebook page @TakomaParkMD.

 FILM SCREENINGS

Second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series includes screenings of completed documentaries, documentaries in progress, and experimental films with an opportunity to discuss the film with the filmmaker.

 POETRY READINGS

Third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The Third Thursday Poetry Reading series features the work of poets from across the region.

 PERFORMING ARTS

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

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

 Writing a Village

Led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park, this monthly poetry workshop is for individuals who love words. This workshop will meet from 7–9 p.m. in the Rose Room on April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20. Free.

 PHOTO SALON

A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art, and amateur photographers are welcome. This workshop will meet from 7–9 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room on April 30, May 21, June 25, July 30 and August 27. Free.

Recreation

Recreation Department

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



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

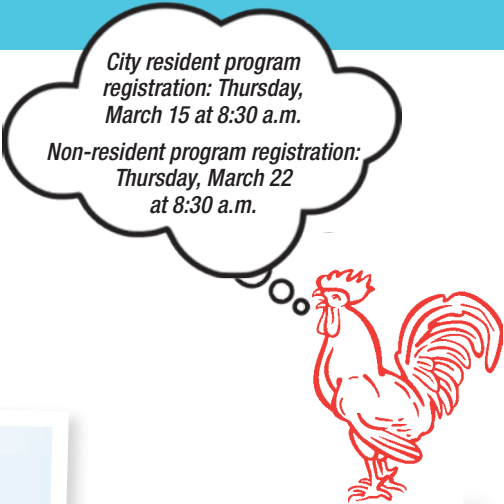
families and the community. Staff are continually working to improve our offerings while adding new and innovative programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs of our residents and community.

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



Is my class canceled due to weather?

The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (**301-891-7101 x5605**). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information. In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a two hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9 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.

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

for a scholarship.

- Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.

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.

NEW AVE ADVENTURE CAMP IS HERE!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is excited to announce its newest summer camp, the "New Ave Adventure Camp." The New Ave Adventure Camp will replace our standard Camp Recess at the Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). As we continue to grow and provide quality, family-oriented programs, activities, and special events, New Ave Adventure Camp aims to provide a fun and impactful experience and long-lasting



memories for children from ages 5 to 12. Participants will be treated to two field trips per week, fun activities, and new learning experiences under the supervision of our knowledgeable camp staff.

The New Ave Adventure Camp will run for seven weeks, and each week will

have a special theme that will influence the activities in which the participants will participate. New Ave Adventure Camp will fuse fitness, games, science and crafts. Montgomery County Public School Transportation will take us on new and exciting field trips this year; in addition to our swimming trips to the Long Branch Community Center Pool. Also, be sure to take advantage of our before and after care programs if needed, for an additional fee. The New Ave

Adventure Camp will definitely provide your child with a safe summer filled with fun.

For more information, please contact vincento@takomaparkmd.gov, browse our website takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and like us on Facebook.



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

Recreation

Special Events

April–August
2018

Celebrate Takoma

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair



or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Some vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees charged for food. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside PBES. Due to limited parking, we encourage your family to walk to this great event. For more information please call 301-891-7290 or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma.

Join us for:

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

On Maple Ave (in front of Piney Branch Elementary School)
Saturday, May 19
4 – 7 p.m.

Event held rain or shine

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Movie starts at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family.

The movie will be a family-friendly "PG" rated hit. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn and bottle of water per person. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.



Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School
Saturday, June 2
Movie starts at dusk
Free

5th Annual Adult Play Day

Attention! Attention!
Yes, that's right.

Let's Play America, with support from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, presents to you the Fifth Annual Adult Play Day! Come join Let's Play America for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to play! To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit www.letsplayamerica.org. See you there!

VFW Post
3420 Orchard Avenue
21 years and older
Saturday, June 9
7 – 10 p.m.
Free



Independence Day Celebration

Be a part of the tradition.

This year's celebration will be on Wednesday, July 4.

Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence

continuously for over 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4 activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. For further details, contact Gene Herman at 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com.

All ages
Wednesday, July 4
Parade: 10 a.m., Maple Avenue
Evening program: 7 p.m., Lee Jordan Field at Takoma Park Middle School
Fireworks to follow evening program
Free
www.takomapark4th.org



Recreation: Tots

City resident
program registration opens
Thursday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident
program registration opens
Thursday, March 22
at 8:30 a.m.



Tots
Newborn-5

SUMMER CAMP - REGISTRATION OPENED FEBRUARY 5.

| Program | Ages | June 25-29 | July 9-13 | July 16-20 | Aug 6-10 |
|-----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rookie Sports Camp | 3-4 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp | 3-4 | | | ✓ | |

DANCE

Pre Ballet

Join this class and watch your child blossom! Pre Ballet for ages 3-4 emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. Instructor: Chartamia Turner

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
3-4 years
Sundays, 3 – 3:45 p.m.

Session 1 (8 Weeks): April 1-May 20
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125
Session 2 (6 Weeks): July 1-August 5
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$105

Zumbini

Let the shenanigans begin! Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers...get ready to sing, dance, and rock out with instruments while creating new and meaningful memories with your little ones. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst for kids ages newborn to 4 years, Zumbini is an early childhood education program utilizing music and movement to promote cognitive, social, emotional and motor skill development for the children in class,

NEW
CLASS!

all while creating the ultimate bonding experience for them and their caregivers. Each session will include a \$35 fee for a Zumbini bundle, which should be paid directly to the instructor. The bundle includes an original songbook, making it easy to sing along, and a musical CD to listen to at home or in the car. Instructor: Miko Machingura

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-4 years
6 Week Session
Saturdays, April 17-June 9
(No class 5/9 & 5/19)
10 – 10:45 a.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

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 a snack. Visit www.takomaplaytime.org for more information. No registration is required; this is a drop-in program.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn-6 years
Ongoing, through June 15

English: Mondays
Spanish: Fridays
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Tennis Skills for Tots

This 1/2 hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small racquets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and 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
April 15-June 3
Early Session: 12 – 12:30 p.m.
Late Session: 12:30 – 1 p.m.
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

See T-Ball on page 26
(in Youth)

Youth

5-12

*City resident program registration
opens Thursday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program registration
opens Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.*



ART



Clay for Kids

In this class, 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 and 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
4-8 years

6 Week Sessions

Mondays: May 7-June 18
(No class 5/28)

Wednesdays: April 25 - May 30
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 Session

Thursdays, May 3-June 7
4 - 5:45 p.m.

Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed-media approaches to representational imagery. 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

6 Week Session

Tuesdays, April 24-May 29
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

DANCE

Pre Ballet

Join this class and watch your child blossom! Pre Ballet for ages 4-5 emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. Instructor: Chartamia Turner

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-5 years

Session 1 (8 Weeks): April 1 - May 20
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Session 2 (6 Weeks): July 1-August 5
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$105

**NEW
CLASS!**

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 the 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
7-18 years
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays
May 3-May 31
4 - 6 p.m.
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

Looking for something exciting for your kids to do? On the first and third Friday of every month, the Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for kids. Come to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
First and third Fridays, ongoing

7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

ENVIRONMENTAL
Community Garden



Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about 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 spring

and fall. We welcome your help with the garden. Coordinator: Howard Kohn
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All ages
Fourth Saturday of each month
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Monday - Friday, March 26-30
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
See our Summer Camp Guide
for more details.



After The Bell Childcare

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

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

Morning Addition Childcare

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade

EXTENDED CARE

School Year 2018-2019

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

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

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

10 months
MCPS school year
7 – 9 a.m.
Resident: \$1,300 / Non-resident:
\$1,600

Afternoon Addition Childcare

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade
10 Months
MCPS school year
3:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$2,100 / Non-resident: \$2,600

Morning & Afternoon Addition
Childcare Package

For families requiring both programs, this package will allow your child to be registered in both the Morning and Afternoon Addition programs at 7500 Maple Avenue at a discounted price.

Resident: \$2,850 /
Non-resident: \$3,450

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

FITNESS

Step Team & Double Dutch

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. Practice will be split to work on both Step and Double Dutch. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn. Free with membership. Instructor: Latoya Gayle

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-16 years
Ongoing, Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-16 years
Saturdays
Beginners: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Session 1 (8 Weeks): April 7-June 9
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149
Session 2 (8 Weeks): July 7-August 25
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" or "discipline." It can mean the way or discipline of foot and fist. Martial arts are studied for combat skills, cultivation

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
5 years and older
Mondays, 6 – 7 p.m.
Session 1 (10 Weeks): April 2-May 21
Session 2 (9 Weeks): July 2-August 27
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$195

SPORTS

T-Ball

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring their own baseball glove. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Ed Wilhelm Field. Games are played on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. depending on your team's schedule.

Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School
5-7 years
8 Week Season
Saturdays, June 9-July 28
9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. start time
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Tennis Clinic - Beginner/Intermediate

This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
10 years and older
5 Week Session
Tuesdays, April 17-May 15
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
7 Week Session
Sundays, April 15-June 3
1 – 2 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

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
7 Week Session
Sundays, April 15-June 3
4 – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

YES League 2018: Grades 5-8

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

Takoma Park Middle School
Gymnasium
7611 Piney Branch Road
5th-8th Grade
5 Week Season
Mondays, June 18-July 23
(No games week of July 4)
6 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

Summer Camps & Specialty Camps

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY. FIND THE PERFECT CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD HERE!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories. The Camp Takoma and New Ave Adventure Camp programs offer sports, arts and crafts, music, swimming, creative time, cooperative games, special activities and weekly trips. Our specialty camps provide campers with activities in their favorite areas, such as arts, sports, dance and performing arts. Supported by an excellent group of counselors and program staff, campers are encouraged to try new things, meet new friends, and most importantly have fun. **Please inquire about the necessary paperwork needed prior to the first day of camp.** Before Care and After Care are available for those camps ending at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center and Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Our Counselors in Training (CIT) Program is designed for our 14-16 year-olds. It develops leadership skills and character, while providing an excellent opportunity for community service. The Recreation Department will only grant summer student service learning hours (SSL hours) to those who participate in the CIT program. If you are interested in volunteering, you must attend and complete all the trainings. See page 28 for more information about our CIT Program.

Summer Camp Payment Plan

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due into three equal payments: 33 percent of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining

payments due on or before May 1 and June 1. You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates cannot be changed. For example, if you register for programs in May, 66 percent of the fees will be due, with the remaining installment due by June 1. Payment plans will not be available after June 1. All payment plans will be assessed a \$25 late fee if payment is received more than five days after the due dates of May 1 and June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 6 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program. Register and make payments online via Active Network site and in person at 7500 Maple Avenue & 7315 New Hampshire Avenue locations. *Scholarship applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to registering.

| Program | Ages | June 18-22 | June 25-29 | July 2-6 | July 9-13 | July 16-20 | July 23-27 | July 30-Aug 3 | Aug 6-10 | Aug 13-17 | Aug 20-24 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Rookie Sports Camp | 3-4 | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp | 3-4 | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Camp Takoma | 5-12 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dance Camp | 5-13 | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Dribble, Pass, Shoot Camp | 5-12 | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Girls Basketball Camp | 6-13 | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| New Ave Adventure Camp | 5-12 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| On Stage Camp: Back Stage | 11-15 | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| On Stage Camp: Center Stage | 6-11 | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| On Stage Camp: Spotlights | 10-15 | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Sports Camp | 5-12 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| S.T.E.A.M. Camp/StarLab | 5-12 | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Visual Arts Camp | 11-14 | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Wilderness Camp | 8-13 | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Impacting the World Through Video Camp | Grade 6-12 | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Teens On The Move | Grade 6-12 | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |

Registration opened on February 5. Some camps have already filled. Check online for up-to-date listings. Stop by to pick up a 2018 Summer Camp brochure or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Teens

13-17

*City resident program
registration opens
Thursday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program registration opens
Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.*

**Remember to look in both the
Youth & Adult sections for
additional programming teens
may be able to participate in!**



CAMPS

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring Break Camp - PREPS Week

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as, bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be

included. Come with questions and an open mind!

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Spring Break Documentary Filmmaking Camp: My Story

In this one-week, fun and educational day camp, participants work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about themselves, using original video footage, interviews, photographs, music, and narration. Campers will be provided access to and training with professional video cameras and Final Cut Pro editing equipment. Final projects will

be shown in a mini-festival for family and friends, uploaded to YouTube, and may also be featured at the Community Stories Film Festival to be held in Fall 2018. Don't forget to bring a non-refrigerable lunch each day. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Instructor: Docs In Progress

Takoma Park Community Center

Multi Media Lab

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$200

SUMMER CAMPS

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up for a three day training to become a Certified CIT that will enable you to volunteer for summer camp. Each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During these trainings, teens will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. During the summer camp sessions, the CIT will support all planned program activities on site as well as any regularly scheduled off site activities such as swimming and field trips. This volunteer opportunity, to work with camp, involves working directly with children by helping them to enjoy and feel successful in each activity. Training dates (must attend all trainings): *Tuesday, May 1 Intro / Camp Standards 4 – 6 p.m. *Thursday, May 3 What it means to be a CIT 4 – 6 p.m. *Saturday, May 5 First Aid/CPR Training 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session



Recreation: Teens

to volunteer with various camps run by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. *Each session is for two weeks. Main camp times: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
14-16 years
Camp Training: Tuesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 3
4 – 6 p.m.
CPR Training: Saturday, May 5
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

Impacting the World through Video Camp

In this two-week, fun and educational day camp, youth will work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about an issue or cause of importance locally. Participants will develop a call to action and create a short video, which may incorporate interviews, archival materials, narration, music and original footage. Participants will be provided access to and training with video cameras and the Final Cut Pro editing system. Final projects will be shown in a mini-festival for family and friends, uploaded to YouTube, and may also be featured at the Community Stories Film Festival to be held in Fall 2018. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi-Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
2 Week Session
Monday-Friday, July 30-August 10
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$300 / Non-resident: \$375

Teens on the Move Camp

This camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Register for one week or all four, but this fun camp will fill fast. ** Some Fridays may start as early at 7 a.m. and go as late as 8 p.m. Participants will be given prior notice. No Camp July 4.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue



Grades 6-12
Monday-Friday
Week 1: July 2-July 6*
Week 2: July 9-July 13
Week 3: July 16-July 20
Week 4: July 23-July 27
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140
*4th of July week fee: Resident: \$100 / Non-resident \$120

DROP-IN

Teen Lounge

This special room is for teens only. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to come and participate. You will 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, laughs, and special events.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Ave
Grades 6-12
Monday-Friday: 3 – 8 p.m.
(opens at 4 p.m. during Summer)
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do on the second and fourth Fridays of the month? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high-quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens. Come out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a free night out of

the house.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12-17 years
Second and fourth Fridays, ongoing
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

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. Registration is not required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
Monday-Thursday during the school year
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

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 strength while building

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

Recreation: Teens (cont.)

TOTS

muscles; to help you build a lean, healthy body.

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

SPORTS

After Hours Basketball

This program will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults ages 16 - 24. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Park Police Department to offer Tuesday and Thursday late night basketball over the course of the summer. We are looking to provide safe but fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16-24 years
Tuesday & Thursday, July 3-August 16
9 – 11 p.m.
Free

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS



Tennis Skills - Beginner/Intermediate

This class is for teens and adults with little to no prior tennis experience. For beginners we will introduce and develop



Youth Summer Employment Program Interest Meeting

Friday, April 27 starting at 6:30pm
Open to TP residents 16-21

Is your teen/young adult in need of a summer job? Come to the Interest Meeting to learn about this 8-week program that starts June 25. The SYEP Program provides young people with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. To register RSVP or to find out more information, please call Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283.

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 and up
7 Week Sessions
Sundays, April 15-June 3
2 – 3 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Tennis Skills: Intermediate / Advanced

This class is for teens and adults who have learned how to keep the ball going and is interested in refining their skills, consistency and power. We will primarily use the green and yellow balls for instruction. Competitive games and match play (serving, scoring, volley and strategy) will be used as needed. Advanced serving techniques, shot selection and strategy will be available for those students that are

ready. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
12 and up
7 Week Sessions
Sundays, April 15-June 3
3 – 4 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Y.E.S. League 2018: Grades 9-12

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

Takoma Park Middle School
Gymnasium
7611 Piney Branch Road
9-12 Grade
5 Week Season
Tuesdays, June 19-July 24
(No games week of July 4)
6 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

Adults

16+ years

*City resident program registration opens
Thursday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program registration opens
Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m.*



ART

Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

This 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 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: Art for the People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, May 7-June 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 \$15 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 years and older
8 Week Sessions

Tuesday Session: April 3 -May 22

Wednesday Session: April 4-May 23
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased, and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory, and composition, and the class is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (some personal or found

collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, April 24-May 29
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

Paint a Masterpiece

In this uncritical and instructive painting class, we will look at what you believe a masterpiece to be and why. Examples will be shown or bring your own. We can explore through art history why some art works are considered great. Then you will



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choose a painting and paint your version, part of it, or one done in the same style. You will choose your art materials and bring them to class. Therefore there are no material fees. Classes will consist of discussion and painting. By exploring a masterpiece, you will learn more about it and increase your own skills. Instructor: Art for the People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
4 Week Session
Saturdays, April 7-April 28
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

DRAMA & THEATER

Acting Technique for the Stage

Would you like to be in a play? Learning to audition is the first step and this class will prepare you with the primary tool you'll need which is having an effective monologue to perform. After selecting a monologue with the instructor, you will learn (through lively theatre exercises) the fundamentals of stage technique, script analysis, and character development that will heighten the performance of your piece. In addition, the class will cover the other essential audition tools: pictures, resumes, and techniques for cold-readings and scene callbacks. 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
16 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, April 2-June 11
7 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

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. It will help you jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Bring a

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We will be conducting interviews soon, so don't wait!



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 Sessions
Session 1: Wednesdays, April 4-May 23
Session 2: Wednesdays, July 11-August 29
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

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 spring. We welcome your help with the garden. Coordinator: Howard Kohn

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
First and fourth Saturdays, ongoing
8 – 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

Ladies Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue



Recreation: Adults (cont.)

16 years and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: April 3-May 24
Session 2: July 3-August 23
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85
Drop-in: \$10

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. 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 years and older
Wednesdays
6 – 7 p.m.
Session 1: (6 Weeks): April 4-May 9
Session 2: (4 Weeks): June 6-June 27
Session 3: (6 Weeks): July 11-August 15
4 weeks: \$40 / 6 weeks: \$60

Qi Gong - Energize Your Work
A five-session introduction that will integrate Mindfulness practices and Qi Gong exercises into the work day. Learn to transform your on-the-job stress reactions with active attention and listening to cultivate a richer professional presence and communication style. Develop your personal mindfulness strategy to cultivate positive responses and serenity to your ongoing professional pressures. Nourish your energies with Qi Gong and mindfulness practice throughout our work day and extend their benefits throughout your life and the lives of those you serve. Make better decisions. Be a more effective leader. Experience serenity now. All that is required is an open mind and a willingness to experiment by integrating these mindfulness tools to truly energize our work. Instructors: Joann Malone & Patrick Smith
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older

5 Week Session
Wednesdays, May 2-May 30
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Qi Gong - Energy Circles
Energizing simple movements designed to improve health, mobility, flexibility, general happiness and peace of mind. You will develop a daily routine by selecting from a variety of exercises that are easy to learn. You will find immediate benefits; invigorating energy systems, opening up joints and relaxing our bodies, minds and spirits. No experience needed to connect with our vital life energies. Instructors: Joann Malone & Patrick Smith
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, April 10-May 29
7 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners
Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6 – 7:15 p.m.
April 11-June 13
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140
Drop-in: \$15

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate
Practice and persistence brings transformation. After achieving a firm foundation in the beginners class, a student wishes to go forward in her/his exploration of the discipline of Yoga. This intermediate level 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: Tesheen Chettri
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, April 11-June 13
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140
Drop-in: \$15

Zumba
Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout, by mixing low and high intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
6 week session
Saturdays, April 14-May 26
11:45 a.m. – 12:45p.m.
\$50
Drop in: \$10



**WANT TO TEACH
A CLASS?**

**We are always looking for
new instructors to teach classes at both buildings.**

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MARTIAL ARTS

See 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). Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club

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

Kung Fu

Bungo Fu, the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn: meditation, self defense, improved flexibility and self awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. Instructor: Master Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Sessions
Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Session 1: April 2-May 21
Session 2: July 2-August 20
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

MULTI MEDIA

Introduction to Photoshop

Photoshop is the most widely used computer program for the creative enhancement or alteration of digital photographs. This class will emphasize several basic methods to retouch, restore and save photographs. Course requirements: Participants



should have basic knowledge of computers. All participants will need an external memory device (stick or drive) of at least five gigabytes to store and save photographs. Instructor: Barry Hinderstein

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, April 3-May 29
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$180

SPORTS

2018 Adult Softball League - Teams

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50 percent Takoma Park residents to qualify for resident team entry fee. Roster limit 15. All games are double headers. *Spaces not guaranteed.

Various fields
16 years and older
8 Week Season
Sundays, April 8-June 10
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Resident Team: \$545 / Non-resident Team: \$645

2018 Adult Softball League - Free Agent Waitlist

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



2018 TP Adult Summer Basketball League - Teams

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Put together your winning team and go against other area teams to win the league championship. Teams will be provided uniforms.

Local outdoor basketball courts
2 Darwin Ave
18 years and older
6 Week Season
Wednesdays & Thursdays
June 20-August 9
6 – 8 p.m.
Team Fee: \$200

2018 TP Adult Summer Basketball League – Free Agent

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If space becomes available on a team, you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated fees to that team. *Spaces not guaranteed.*

Recreation: 55+

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*City resident program
registration opens Thursday,
March 15 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program
registration opens Thursday,
March 22 at 8:30 a.m.*

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 31-34 (from Adults).

***Ask us about scholarship opportunities**



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CAMP

Air, Land and Sea Discovery Camp

Welcome to Forever Young's 2018 Summer Camp for adults 55 plus. You'll enjoy a week of activities designed to expand your skills and knowledge while having fun. For a one-time registration fee, you'll have access to all the week's activities. Activities will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center unless we travel off campus to a variety of educational venues. Activities generally take place afternoons between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (with two full days, morning and afternoon included). Register online or in person with the Recreation Department. For more details about the camp please see the 2018 Spring/Summer (April to June) Forever Young newsletter to be distributed the first week in March. Online go to: takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Monday-Friday, June 4-June 8
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$100

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. No registration required.

Takoma Park Community Center

Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays: April 26, May 24, June 28,
July 26, August 23
12 – 2 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

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

classes during the day.
Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing
Spring Hours (through June 22):
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Summer Hours (June 25-August 24):
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free



Recreation: 55+

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Walking Group

Don't worry about the 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
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Gymnasium
55 and older
Ongoing
Tuesdays, ending June 19
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

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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: Anne Leveque

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Room A
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, April 4-April 18
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

TEENS

Computer Extras

Take your computer skills to the next level. In these three classes, experiment with social media; master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps. Learn what to do with all those pictures in your inbox. Bring your questions. You need a Takoma Park card to access the computers. Registration with the Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Anne Leveque

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Room A
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, May 2-May 16
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 (Plus a Takoma Park Library card)

ADULTS

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FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
5 Days
Thursdays: April 26, May 24, June 28,
July 26, August 23
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. Due to the popularity of the program, you can only register for the Mon/Thurs class or the Tues/Friday class.

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

Mondays and Thursdays

Session 1: April 5-June 28
Session 2: July 2-August 30
10 – 11 a.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays

Session 1: April 3-June 29
Session 2: July 3-August 31
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Free

Cardio Groove

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays

Session 1 (10 weeks): April 9-June 18
Session 2 (8 weeks): July 2-August 20
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Enhanced Fitness Training

This well rounded hour of fitness focuses on increasing flexibility, strength and balance through stretching, breathing, aerobic movement, core training and proper posture alignment. Students will use resistance bands. Please bring a mat, towel and water. Instructor: Adriene Buist

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

Session 1 (10 Weeks): April 6-June 8
Session 2 (8 Weeks): July 6-August 24
Free



Line Dancing

Line Dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. 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



Coming Soon! Fit4Function

Motivational Workshop on 4/13/18

See the Spring/Summer 2018 Forever Young Newsletter for details.

necessary. Due to the popularity of the program you can only register for either the early session or the late session; choose which time fits your schedule the best! Instructor: Barbara Brown

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

Session 1 (13 Weeks): April 4-June 27
Session 2 (8 Weeks): July 11-August 29
Early Session: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Late Session: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Free

Tai Chi Strength

This class begins with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance and ends with cool down exercises. Instructor: Robert Thompson

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

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance,

flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Due to the popularity of the Zumba class, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 1 (10 Weeks): April 5-June 7
Session 2 (8 Weeks): July 5-August 23
Saturdays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Session 1 (10 Weeks): April 7-June 23
(No class 5/5 & 5/19)
Session 2 (8 Weeks): July 7-August 25
Free

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Tennis Fun & Fitness Skills Class

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness 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, April 12-June 14
12 – 1 p.m.
Free

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 that encourages people of all ages to play. LPA and the Recreation Department co-sponsor four play events a year; a pool party and three play days. The dates are on the LPA website under events. People of all ages interested in helping with planning play events and/or volunteering are welcome to attend monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the TPCC Hydrangea Room. Residents who want to close their street for play, help with the independent play events or would like more information are welcome to contact Pat Rumbaugh at theplaylady@gmail.com or 301-928-9962 or visit www.letsplayamerica.org.



Credit: Selena Malott

Pat Rumbaugh, The Play Lady, is joined by the volunteers who helped with the Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day on February 12, 2017.



Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.; Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 9 a.m.; Monday – Thursday, 4 – 8 p.m.; Friday, 4 – 7:45 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pool hours are subject to change. Lane swimming, water aerobics, kayak classes, and much more are available. The pool is located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. Park behind the Community Center, and use side entrance to school on Grant Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Seamans at 301-565-0190, joyces@ascgw.org, or visit acsgw.org.

Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

The Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club is a nonprofit 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.



Credit: www.manupnow.org

M.A.N.U.P. operates two types of mentoring programs: in-school and community-based.

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.



Credit: Takoma Park City TV

The Takoma Park Community Band held its 40th Anniversary Concert in April 2014.

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.



Credit: www.takomasoccer.org

Children as young as three years old can play with Takoma Soccer.

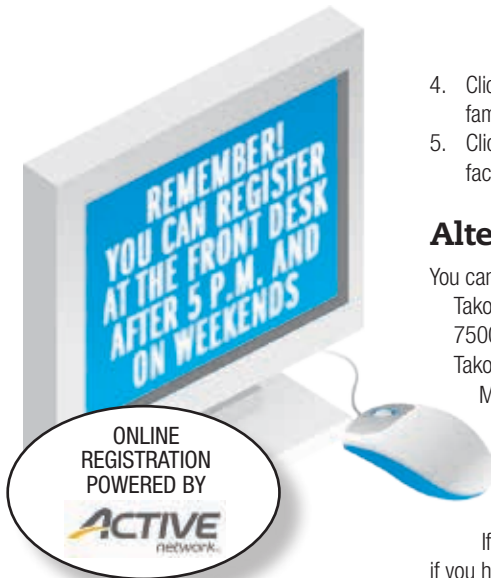
M.A.N.U.P.

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.



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:

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- 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.
- 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.
- The online processing fee will not be included in refunds.



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.

Spring 2018

Special Events



Friends of the Library Book Sale

May date to be decided, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual book sale on Saturday, May 19 on the library grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friends book sales provide a rare opportunity to find terrific bargains to give as gifts or to add to your own library. We will have fiction and non-fiction for all ages in superb condition at low prices. The Library will accept donations of used books of general interest and in good condition.

More than three boxes require a prior arrangement because of our space limitations. We also need volunteers to help at the sale. For more information, contact Ellen Robbins at the library. Come find some book bargains! Proceeds benefit library programs.



Photo by Maurice Belanger



Celebrate Takoma

This family festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of Takoma Park and its residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the afternoon with your neighbors. Some vendors and entertainers are local to the Takoma Park area. Nominal fees charged for food. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside PBES. Due to limited parking, we encourage your family to walk to this great event. For more information please call 301-891-7290 or visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/celebrate-takoma.

Join us for:

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

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

Saturday, May 19

4 – 7 p.m.

Event held rain or shine



Independence Day Celebration

Be a part of the tradition. This year's celebration will be on Wednesday, July 4. Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence continuously for over 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4 activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. For further details, contact Gene Herman at 301-585- 5832 or gene511@aol.com.

All ages

Wednesday, July 4

Parade: 10 a.m., Maple Avenue

Evening program: 7 p.m., Lee Jordan Field @ Takoma Park Middle School

Fireworks to follow evening program

Free

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