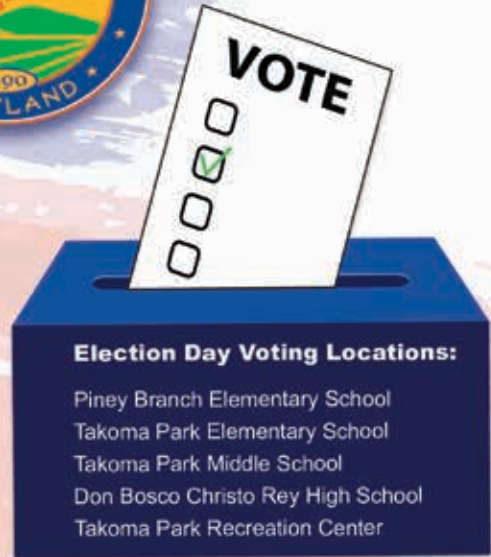
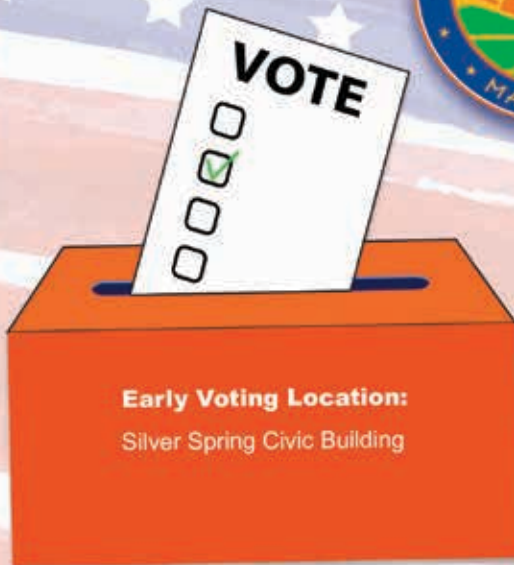


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Spring/Summer 2020

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City of Takoma Park 2020 Election



**The City and Presidential Elections
will be separate but in the same location!**



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Resident Program
Registration Begins
March 16
at 8:30 A.M.

2020 Holiday
Closure
Calendar

Memorial Day

Sunday, May 24
Monday, May 25

Independence Day

Friday, July 3
Saturday, July 4

Labor Day

Sunday, Sept. 6
Monday, Sept. 7

About
the Cover

The cover highlights the upcoming elections in Takoma Park where residents will be able to cast their votes for City and Presidential elections in one location.



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 Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267 or Maryland Relay Service at 800-735-2258 TTY/Voice. Two weeks advance notice is requested.

City Leadership

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 is serving a three term. After the November 3, 2020 election, two-year terms will resume so that elections will take place in November of every even numbered year. The newly elected Councilmembers and Mayor will take office on Thursday, November 12, 2020.



Mayor: Kate Stewart
kates@takomaparkmd.gov
Office hours are by appointment.
Call Peggye Washington at
301-891-7230
or email PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov



Ward 1:
Peter Kovar
240-319-6281
peterk@takomaparkmd.gov



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240-320-6494
cindydy@takomaparkmd.gov



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terrys@takomaparkmd.gov



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jarretts@takomaparkmd.gov



Ward 6:
Talisha Searcy
202-339-7914
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 Public Meetings, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

City Council Meetings

The Takoma Park City Council meets in the Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue. Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., unless the City Council is on recess. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in August and December. City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live or as archives. The Wednesday meetings include a public comment period.

Open Meetings

All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions 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.

Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, or committee is one way to be involved while providing 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: 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, Recreation Committee, Complete Safe Streets Committee, Tree Commission, and Youth Council.

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

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

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization, economic development and cultural programming, including Takoma Park Arts (arts@takomaparkmd.gov; takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities).

Noise Control in the City of Takoma Park

Takoma Park has a noise control law to protect public health and allow for the peaceful enjoyment of property. It provides common sense guidelines for residents and businesses.

While we cannot eliminate noise in our community, we can take steps to control it. Key Provisions of the Noise Control Law:

- Provides day/night sound level limits. (However, a sound level meter measurement is not required to establish a noise disturbance.)
- Establishes a Noise Control Board. The Noise Control Board 1) assists and advises the City on noise control issues, and 2) holds hearings and decides on two-party noise complaints.
- The law does not cover noise from:
 - Aircraft and railroads, motor vehicles on public roadways
 - Emergency operations by police, fire or public utilities
 - City services or City-sanctioned events

Guidelines for Good Neighbors

- Monitor the volume of televisions, radios, and other sound-producing equipment, especially during nighttime. Pay particular attention to bass controls.
- Use manual tools such as brooms and rakes for cleaning porches, patios, and driveways. Reserve power tools like leaf blowers for large jobs that cannot be done manually.
- Consider the impact of noise from power tools in your home, garage, or outdoors.
- Consider noise control when building, renovating, or buying/renting equipment.
- Check central and window air conditioning units periodically to ensure that they are operating as quietly as possible.
- Do not let dogs bark constantly.

Noise Disturbances in Multi-Family Buildings

If tactful communications won't solve noise issues between neighbors in apartments, there are options:

- In rentals, communicate with the tenant association (if applicable), building manager, or owner.
- In a condominium, communicate with the condo board or building manager.
- Mediation can be an option IF neighbors are willing to participate.
- If two units are affected by the noise disturbance, residents can file a two-party noise complaint.

Businesses Can Be Good Neighbors Too!

During nighttime hours, businesses (especially those near residences) should avoid:

- Construction and landscaping activities
- Loading and unloading goods and materials
- Use of electric sound and public address equipment
- Use of power equipment mounted on motor vehicles

When Noise Disturbances Don't Stop, You Have Options

One-Time Disturbance: While the noise disturbance is happening, call the Takoma Park Police Department at 301-270-1100.

Ongoing or Persistent Noise Problems: Email neighborhoodservices@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7113 to request that the Neighborhood Services Division investigate a noise complaint.

Two-Party Noise Complaints and Noise Control Board Hearings: Two residents (from different households) can file a written noise complaint and request a hearing. The complaint must be filed within 10 days of a specific noise disturbance.

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 single family and multi-family properties with City collection and recycling pickup. 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

See page 16 for more information

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!



City of Takoma Park

The **2020 Census counts every person** living in the United States and five U.S. territories.

Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire - **online, by phone, or by mail.**

Census Day: April 1, 2020

For more information, visit
2020CENSUS.GOV

United States
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PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

Flower Avenue Green Street Project:

Project construction is underway and is expected to last until August 2020. The water main installation work is expected to be complete by Spring 2020. The sidewalk and streetscape work is expected to begin in March/April 2020.

For more information visit, takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/flower-avenue-green-street-project. For questions please contact Ian Chamberlain, construction manager, 301-891-7611, ianc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Streetlight Replacement Project:

Lighting Maintenance Inc., a subcontractor for PEPCO, began the street light replacement the second week of December 2018 and completed the work in July 2019.

Residents who wish to request additional shielding on the new streetlights in the case of light intrusion into bedroom windows can send an email with the request, address, and their contact information to publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov. Please include the pole number for the fixture and nearest address.

For progress reports and more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/streetlight-update-project. For questions, please contact Daryl Braithwaite, director, Public Works, 301-891-7633, daryl@takomaparkmd.gov.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Have you ever thought about adopting a spot? These people did!

Adopt-a-Spot allows individuals or groups to adopt areas located within Takoma Park for regularly scheduled litter pick-ups. The City recognizes the individual or group with a sign bearing the group's name at the spot. The City will also provide cleaning equipment, such as trash bags and gloves.

Examples of eligible locations include parks, landmarks, schools, vacant lots, walkways or trails, campuses, public grounds, or any sites prone to litter.

Contact Neighborhood Services at 301-891-7113 or neighborhood-services@takomaparkmd.gov.



Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

What is going on in Takoma Park? The Project Directory can fill you in! The Project Directory lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide and includes need-to-know information for each one. takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory

GOVERNMENT	SERVICES	INITIATIVES	NEWS
Boards, Commissions & Committees City Clerk City Council City Manager City TV Communications Finance	Bids & Contracts Business & Multifamily Recycling Careers/Jobs Community Partners and Resources Curbside Collection	Project Directory (All City Projects) Arts & Humanities Community Conversations Library Renovation Municipal Tax Duplication	City Council & Mayor Blog City Manager & Staff Blog News & News Alerts Forever Young Newsletter Sign Up For e-Newsletters

- 1. To access the Project Directory from the City of Takoma Park website, on the home page under initiatives, select "Project Directory" as shown above.

Initiatives > Project Directory

PROJECT DIRECTORY

About the Project Directory

This page lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide, purpose:

- Crime & Safety
- Customer Service / Community Engagement
- Economic Development
- Internal Projects
- Policy Priorities
- Public Infrastructure
- Regional
- Sustainability

- 2. You'll be taken to the "Project Directory" page, which lists all major projects being worked on or planned citywide. Projects are grouped by classification based on their purpose.

POLICE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

About the Police Facility Improvements

City Council authorized funding to evaluate and redesign the police space in the Community Center. The current goal is to expand and renovate the police facility space. Likely this will reduce the lobby area on the first floor of the police station.

Current Project Status

Preliminary architectural plans completed. Project is currently waiting for future funding.

Project Lead & Contact Info

Rich Bowers
Police Captain
Phone: 301-891-7104
Email: rbowers@takomaparkmd.gov

Police Facility Improvements Details

Project Info & Timeline

- Target completion date: 2016 - July
- Takoma Park's role in project: Lead
- Department involved: Police

Budget & Funding Sources

Links & Notes

- 3. Then click on the name of the project that interests you. In this example, a resident wanted more information about Police Facility Improvements.

City Election 2020: Everything Changes

2020 is a presidential election year. Takoma Park residents have been watching debates, reading the news, listening to their favorite podcasts, and engaging on listservs, Twitter and Instagram. The stakes are high. Every vote matters. The Maryland primary election is April 23. The presidential election is November 3.

This is also a Takoma Park city election year. The next election for mayor and city council will take place on November 3, 2020. Although voters may have the presidential election on their minds, Takoma Park residents will have another important choice to make: The next Takoma Park Mayor and City Council!

When voting in person on election day at their usual voting place, or during early voting* at the Silver Spring Civic Building, eligible residents will:

- 1. Check in with Montgomery County election officials to receive, mark, and scan a ballot for president and other offices.
- 2. Takoma Park residents will check in with Takoma Park election officials to receive, mark, and cast their ballot for mayor and a city councilmember for their ward.

Important Election Dates

Takoma Park Nominating Caucus – Tuesday, September 15

The caucus will convene at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. At the caucus, candidates for Mayor and Council will be nominated. All eligible candidates will be listed on the November 3 ballot.

Early Voting – Thursday, October 22 through Thursday, October 29

Vote at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election Day Voting – Tuesday, November 3

Vote at your assigned Takoma Park precinct between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.



The elections will be separate, but in the same location. The process will be convenient, quick, easy, and accessible for all Takoma Park residents.

City residents who are 16 or 17 and those who are not yet U.S. citizens may vote in the City election only. They may vote at their assigned voting places on election day or early at the Silver Spring Civic Building, but they will only check in and vote in the City election. They may also vote by mail or stop by the Community Center to vote once ballots are available.

*Early voting for City elections is only available at the Silver Spring Civic Building or Takoma Park Community Center.

Why did the City Council make this change to Takoma Park elections?

Three times as many residents vote in

an election for president or governor as compared to City of Takoma Park elections.

As shown below, elections in the off years do not get as much attention and have lower voter turnout. This is typical in Maryland municipal elections. We can do better in Takoma Park!

Don't Just Vote – Run for Office!

Getting on the Ballot – the Nominating Caucus for City Elections

On Tuesday, September 15, registered voters of the City will gather in the Community Center Auditorium to nominate candidates for mayor and city council. A person must receive at least a nomination and a second to that nomination in order to have their name placed on the ballot. This meeting is open to everyone and ev-

Number Voting in City Elections		Number Voting in Presidential or Gubernatorial General Elections	
November 2017 City Election	2,581	November 2018 Election for Governor	7,718
November 2015 City Election	2,552	November 2016 Presidential Election	8,305
November 2013 City Election	1,199	November 2014 Election for Governor	4,697
November 2011 City Election	1,957	November 2012 Presidential Election	6,616

Takoma Park Elections Are Special – No Excuses for Not Voting

- Takoma Park has allowed residents who are not U.S. citizens to register and vote in city elections since 1993.
- Takoma Park was the first jurisdiction in the United States to extend voting rights to residents who are 16.
- Voters who are not yet registered may register up to and including on election day.
- Elections are conducted by Ranked Choice Voting. Voters may rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the fewest first choices is dropped, and the second choice on those ballots is redistributed to candidates still in the race. This continues until a candidate receives a majority.
- Any voter may request a mail in ballot.

Questions about Takoma Park elections?

Review information at www.takomaparkmd.gov or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 301-891-7214 or 301-891-7267.

ery registered voter may participate.

A candidate for Mayor may be nominated by any registered voter of the City. Any registered voter may second the nomination.

Candidates for City Council are nominated by ward. Any registered voter of that ward may nominate or second the nomination for a city councilmember from that ward.

At the end of the nominating caucus, the list of candidates is known. Once eligibility is determined, their names will be placed on the ballot.

To run for the office of mayor, a person must be 18 years of age by Election Day, must have resided in Takoma Park for at least six months by the time of the election, and must be a qualified voter of Takoma Park. The current annual salary of the mayor is \$14,771.

To run for City Council, a person must



Credit: Selena Malott

Maurice Grant and other residents sign in to vote. (Nov. 3, 2015)

be 18 years of age by election day, must have resided in Takoma Park (and the ward they wish to represent) for at least six months by the time of the election, and must be a qualified voter of Takoma Park. The current annual salary for city councilmembers is \$11,362.

Voter Registration

Every resident of the City of Takoma Park who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to register and vote in City elections. A resident does not need to be a U.S. citizen to vote in an election for mayor and city council.

If you are registered to vote at an address in Takoma Park, you are eligible to vote in the city election. If you are not yet registered, complete a voter registration application now to save time on election day. (The City of Takoma Park allows residents to register and vote on the same day).



Credit: Selena Malott

Rebekah Zanditon at voter check-in. (Nov. 3, 2015)

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.

Food Waste Collection

Interested in participating in the curbside food waste collection program? The program is accepting new participants. To sign up, visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection or call Public Works Office at 301-891-7633.



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 and continue until supplies are depleted. 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

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday, June 13 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Yard, 31 Oswego Avenue.

City residents can drop off their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for free while non-residents will be charged a \$10 fee. Event will accept computer components as well as CFL and fluorescent tubes.

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Free Tree Seedling Give-Away: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Takoma Park Library.



Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

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

May is Bike Month!

Bike to School Day

Elementary and middle school students are invited to ride their bikes to school on National Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 6. 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.

Bike to Work Day

Celebrate bicycling as a sustainable, fun, and healthy way to get to work on Friday, May 15. There will be two pit stops in Takoma Park, one in Old Takoma at the Gazebo and the other on New Hampshire Avenue at the Sligo Creek Trail. The first 17,000 registrants for Bike to Work Day receive a free T-shirt. Stop by one of the pit stops in Takoma Park for refreshments, give-aways, and be entered into a raffle for a new bicycle. For more information and to register, visit biketoworkmetrodc.com

Takoma Park Bike Map

Takoma Park is a great place to ride a bike for your daily commute, running errands, or just for fun. The Takoma Park Bike

Map was updated in May 2019, pick up a copy at the Community Center or on the City website: <https://tinyurl.com/www33ta>

Takoma Park Bike Repair Stations

Takoma Park has installed three bike repair stations, located at the Community Center outside the entrance to the Police Station, on New Hampshire Avenue near the Sligo Creek Trail, and on the Metropolitan Branch Trail across from Belle Ziegler Park. The stations include air pumps and the basic tools needed to make emergency bike repairs.

Capital City Bikeshare

The City has seven Capital Bikeshare stations in Takoma Park connecting to those in nearby Silver Spring and Washington D.C. secure.capitalbikeshare.com/map

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge

The 12th annual TKPK5K Challenge will be held on Sunday, May 3. This family friendly race is open to all ages and abilities. Participants can run or walk a ¼ mile, 1 mile or 5K (3.2 miles). The fun begins with the 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. in front of the Takoma Park Community Center. Funds from the race support the PTAs at five schools in Takoma Park. For more information and to register, visit www.tkpk5k.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 4
6 – 9 p.m.
National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Takoma Park Police Department hosts its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The department's goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department. The event is free.

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

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. 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.

Be on the lookout for dates in the spring/summer for Coffee with a Cop. No agenda. No speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your community.

Takoma Park Police Partner with Ring and Join Neighbors!

We're excited to announce that Takoma Park Police has joined Neighbors! While this app will not be monitored by law enforcement 24/7, Takoma Park Police can now view, post and respond to crime and safety related information posted on the Neighbors App. Takoma Park Police can also submit video requests to help with active investigations in your area. You do not need Ring devices to participate; anyone with any camera system can upload to the Neighbors App. We are encouraging each and every one of you to spread the word out to the community about the Neighbors App. By working together, we can all make Takoma Park a safer community! If you see something share something and report it to the Takoma Park Police 301-270-1100. Please remember for emergency situations, always call 911.



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 or register online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/police under Services & Programs, and request a vacant house check registration.

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, www.takomapark.info/library, where you can also find our "News" blog, as well as quick links to a few of our upcoming programs and also to city news pages. You also will find a section labeled "programs" that contains information about all of our programs, plus 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 support three reading groups and hold two to three book sales annually, among other events. More information about the Friends and their activities can be found on their website, ftpml.org, or their Facebook page (facebook.com/FTPML). In addition to support from the Friends, the library's partnership with Politics & Prose Bookstore allows us to offer programs featuring top-notch authors and illustrators for children and adults.

Library Hours

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

Computer Center Hours

Sunday
12 - 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
12 - 8 p.m.
Saturday
12 - 6 p.m.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Weekly Library Programs

Circle Time

Tuesdays,
10:30 - 11:00 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,
10:30 - 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 Associate Dave Burbank, our library staff artist. To keep updated about the schedule, please register.



Photo by Karen MacPherson

Madame Marie leading monthly Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

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.



Photo by Karen MacPherson



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.

At left, Mr. Gabe at Circle Time

Spring/Summer 2020 Special Programs

(Please check our website for actual dates)

Learn to Make a Flip Book

Sunday, March 22, 1-2 p.m.
Explore storytelling through this simple form of animation.
Registration required; recommended for ages 5-10.

Fairy House Workshop

Sunday, April 19, 1-3 p.m.
Make a fairy house of (mostly) natural materials.
Registration required; recommended for ages 5-8.

Yoga Storytime

Saturday, May 23, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Ms. Kati will lead kids 5 & under (and their families) in fun yoga poses, songs and stories. Registration required.

SummerQuest 2020 Kick-Off

Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.
Join us as we launch another fun SummerQuest reading game!

Get Ready for Kindergarten!

Sunday, August 2, 1-2 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Get ready for kindergarten with themed story time and activities. We will also have a back-to-school book list and snack. Registration encouraged; please register for only one date!



At left, Caldecott Club after reading the recently-an-nounced 2020 Caldecott Medal and Honor winners

Photos by Karen MacPherson



Author Lesa Cline-Ransome and her husband, illustrator James Ransome

Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday
12 - 5 p.m.

Art Studio

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

Auditorium

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

Computer Center

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

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

Dance Studio

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

Game Room

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games
Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)
Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Saturday 12 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.
Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)
Monday - Friday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
See page 35
Active Adult (55+)
Monday - Saturday *See page 35*

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.

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 & Sunday 12 - 5 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 pavilion 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-pavilions-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.

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

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. Not available at Heffner Park CC.*

Small Meeting Rooms

Rose Room

Capacity 10 with tables
15 without tables

Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables
25 without tables

Hydrangea Room

Capacity 20 with tables

Fees

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

* Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

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	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business*	\$80/hour

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



**QUALIFYING RENTALS:
12 & UNDER PARTIES
BRIDAL SHOWERS
BABY SHOWERS
COMMUNITY MEETINGS***

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: \$130/hour, nonprofit
\$200/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**

Spring Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.	2:30 - 9 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.	12 - 9 p.m.
Sat.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun.	Closed

**Summer Hours
(beginning 6/22)**

Mon. - Fri.	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat.	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sun.	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!

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)

Youth (5 - 12 years)	\$5
Teen (13 - 17 years)	\$10
Adult (18+ years)	\$45

Fitness Room
(open same hours as building*)

Adult (6 months)	\$75
Adult (1 year)	\$110
Senior (55+)	Free

Hourly Rental Information

Gym* (capacity 294)	
General	\$40/hour
Business	\$80/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)

General	\$25 per hour
Business	\$70 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)

General	\$25 per hour
Business	\$70 per hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

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

** \$50 security deposit required.*

Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Join Us For:

- Adult open gym (18+ yrs)
Tuesdays, 7:45 - 9 p.m.
- Classes for all ages
- Summer camps
- After school programs

*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											

In addition to the parks above, the City maintains:

Dorothy's Woods Woodland & Cirlce Ave. Ward 2	Ed Wilhelm Field 2 Darwin Ave. Ward 4	Lee Jordan Field 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Ward 4	Takoma Park Dog Park Darwin Ave. Ward 4
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For information about other parks in our city, please visit montgomeryparks.org or call 301-495-2525.

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.

Pavilion Rental Fees

\$95 per day T.P. resident
\$115 per day Non-resident/Business



FAQs

- In order to secure a park pavilion, it is highly recommended to have a permit. (See page 15).
- Moon bounces are not permitted on City property.
- Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.
- To reserve a pavilion, 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/pavilion.
- Buildings and parks are not available on City holidays.
- Reserving a pavilion does not guarantee use of an adjacent field if applicable.

TAKOMA PARK ARTS

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

TAKOMA PARK ARTS

The *Takoma Park Arts* cultural series hosts many free events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue, including art exhibitions, concerts, film screenings, theater, poetry

readings and more. Please go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts to learn more about our upcoming events and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter: takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities/arts-newsletter-sign-up.



Third Thursday Poetry Readings

You can hear poets from across the region read their original poems at the popular Third Thursday Poetry reading series. The free readings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of most months in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium at 7500 Maple Avenue. A reception follows the readings with a chance to meet the poets.

Speaking Our Truths: Poems of Identity, Place and Community March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Local poets Tatiana Figueroa, Marti Pates, Sosha Pinson, and Susan Scheid will read their work focusing on ideas about community and personal identity.

Exploration of Different Themes April 16, 7:30 p.m.

Local poets Catherine Allen, Jamie Ferrugia, Ginnie Hartman, and Gary Stein will read their work branching across a diverse array of topics.

Our Imperfect Union: Poetry Bridging Divides May 21, 7:30 p.m.

How do we cross the real and imagined borders that separate us? Randy Bridgeman, Christine Higgins, Bonnie Naradzay, and Maggie Rosen will read their poetry addressing these issues.

Calling All Poets! June 18, 7:30 p.m.

All poets are welcome to read their original work, and no reservations or applications are required. Just show up and read your poetry!

The Poem Wants a Drink

By Karen Glenn

In the workshop, students analyze what each poem wants, what each one strives to be. Well, this poem is a layabout with limited ambitions. It wants a drink.

This poem doesn't give a damn for rhyme or reason. It only sings off-key. It has no rhythm in the jukebox of its soul.

It grew up without symbols.

It doesn't know from assonance.

Give it mambo lessons, and it still won't learn to dance. It has not one stanza with a lyric pedigree. It's late, and getting later, and this poem wants a drink.

Call it gray and tired. Even call it a cliché. This poem's lived long enough to know exactly what it means to say: Don't be stingy with the whiskey, baby.

.....Yes, the night has been a cruel one, and this poem could use a drink.

A World of Music and Theater

The *Takoma Park Arts* series will bring a diverse range of performers to the Takoma Park Community Center. All of the events are free with a \$10 suggested donation for adults and \$5 for children with all proceeds going to the performers. Check out our line-up!

The Latin Guitar March 28, 8 p.m.

Performing music from the rich guitar tradition of Latin America, John W. Warren (classical guitar) and Bruno Lucini (percussion) will play classical, folk, and popular music from Brazil, Cuba, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico, and Argentina. The performance also will include original compositions and arrangements of some popular songs.

Ethio-Funky Soul April 3, 8 p.m.

Munit Mesfin is an Ethiopian-American singer, songwriter, and cultural organizer who is active in the local Ethiopian contemporary music scene. She performs in a genre-defying way, combining Ethiopian, reggae, and jazz classics with her original songs in a funky and energetic show. She loves to get audiences singing along in Amharic and English.

Isadora Duncan: In Celebration of Movement Word Dance Theater April 24, 8 p.m.

In celebration of the natural movements of the human body inspired by the natural movements of the Earth, Word Dance Theater expresses heartfelt emotions through dances choreographed by Isadora



Word Dance Theater



Dance Exchange

Duncan, the mother of modern dance. The dance company and their students present a collection of dances rooted in inner expression for a magical performance of beauty, grace, and freedom.

Nuestra Senora de las Nubes Spanish-language play by Teatro de la Luna May 1, 8 p.m.

This two-person play is presented in Spanish to celebrate our local Latin American community. Bruna and Oscar, two exiles of the Our Lady of the Clouds, fall apart, and represent the most emblematic characters of a continent named Exile. The play, written by Aristides Vargas, is directed by Micky Thomas.

Coming Together: A Celebration of Who Gets to Dance Dance Exchange May 8, 8 p.m.

Dance Exchange invites you to join us for an evening that explores the question of who gets to dance. The performance by the local Takoma Park dance company will celebrate intergenerational collaboration of all ages through live performance, video, and conversation.

Spring Cabaret ArtStream's Maryland Cabaret Company May 29, 8 p.m.

This multi-media performance by the ArtStream nonprofit organization features actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Actors, volunteer mentors, and theatre professionals work together in a cabaret-style show, including music, dancing, comedy, and theater scenes.

The Adventures of Mono Liso Children's Theater April 25, 4 p.m.

María Elena Walsh was a poet and singer who entertained generations of children with whimsical songs and books. Like all children in Argentina, Cecilia Esquivel (singer and actress) and Laura Quiroga (dancer and choreographer) grew up with her music. In this tribute to María Elena, the performers imagine the adventures of the famous Mono Liso as he searches for his wandering orange that was stolen by a burglar. The audience will hear classic songs and participate by singing, acting, and dancing in a bilingual show for the whole family.

Recreation

Recreation Department

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

City resident program
registration: Monday,
March 16 at 8:30 a.m.
Non-resident program registration:
Monday, March 23
at 8:30 a.m.



STOP BY AND SAY HI TO SOME
OF OUR ALL-STARS!

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.



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.

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 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.

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.

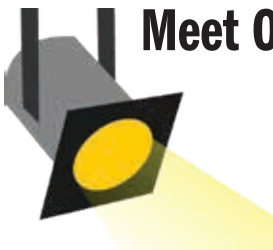
Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- Scholarships are for all ages.
- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Meals,' they are 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.



Meet One of Takoma Park's Most Active Volunteers

Twenty years ago, Doris Duarte moved to Takoma Park, MD, to not only find a community that she would grow to love, but to fulfill a passion that burned inside her. That passion was for service and working in the community for a better tomorrow.

Through the years, Mrs. Doris has coordinated distribution of food to needy families, served on the Takoma Foundation Azalea Awards Committee, and worked as the assistant director for Lunch and Learn. Even with these commitments on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30–6 p.m., she still finds time and the energy to volunteer with the Recreation Department's Think Tank program because of her commitment to working with youth. "It's something about the gleam in a child's eye when a difficult question becomes understood. It gets me every time," Mrs. Doris explained.

Think Tank takes place at New Hampshire Apartments, where Mrs. Doris serves as the Tenant President. Mrs. Doris always felt there was a need for the program, but did not have the resources to get it off the ground. She reached out to the City of Takoma Park, and the rest was history. "The Recreation Department has been integral in making sure this program is a success," Mrs. Doris said. "We were able to turn an idea



into reality!"

A firm believer in the adage that "it takes a village to raise a child," Mrs. Doris knew that it would take more than just an idea and committed to working within the program.

In 2018, Think Tank was born. The program is a free, afterschool homework club aimed to improve student success by providing help with homework and assignments. However, homework support is not the only reason the youth attend each week. According to Mrs. Doris, "Beyond the help they are receiving academically, the kids receive a chance to interact with each other in an environment that is not a classroom. We complete homework, play pop culture trivia games, create holiday art projects, and sing karaoke."

Since March of this year, the Recreation Department's Think Tank boasts more than 25 participants and hundreds of completed assignments. Through the last 20 years, many youths have grown alongside Mrs. Doris's passion. Think Tank is another product of the fire inside of her and will glow for the years to come.

Recreation

Special Events

*Come meet
me at the
Egg Hunt!*



April - August 2020

Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg" citing time! There are four age categories: 2 and under, 3–4 years old, 5–6 years old, and 7–8 years old. Games will begin at 10 a.m., and the hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp! Don't miss out. Don't forget to bring your basket to Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School) for a morning of fun. Rain date: Monday, 4/13.



Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind PBES
2–8 years
Saturday, April 11
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Free



New this year, recycle
your eggs at the event!

Fitness Expo

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our Annual Fitness Expo Saturday, April 4 at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 9 a.m. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.



Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All ages
Saturday, April 4
Starting at 9 a.m.
Free

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Movie starts at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly G or PG rated hit. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.



Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School
Saturday, June 6
Approximately 7:30–11:30 p.m.
Free

Independence Day Celebration

Be part of the tradition. This year's celebration will be on Saturday, July 4. Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence continuously for more than 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4th activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. Contact Gene Herman for further details: 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com. www.takomapark4th.org.



All ages
Saturday, July 4
Parade: 10 a.m.
Evening program: 7 p.m.
Free

Recreation: Tots

City resident
program registration:
Monday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident
program registration:
Monday, March 23
at 8:30 a.m.

Tots
Newborn-5



CAMP

Pick up a
copy of our
Camp Guide
for details
on our
summer
camps!



DANCE

Music and Movement

Students will learn about beats, tones, lyrics, balance, coordination and general body awareness. Students can use instruments and props. We believe that music and movement activities have a positive impact on cognitive development.
Instructor:
Edurama
Heffner Park Community



Center
42 Oswego Avenue
3–6 years
8 Week Session
Saturdays, 11:30–12:15 p.m.
Spring Session: April 4–June 6
Summer Session: July 11–August 29
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

Pre Ballet

Pre Ballet for ages 3–6 is a combination of music and movement that emphasizes learning basic ballet vocabulary, movement patterns and musicality in a creative movement. By introducing students to the basic shapes, positions, postures and traditions of classical ballet, the Pre-Ballet curriculum enhances both cognitive and physical development at this important time. Instructor: Charonne Butler
Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue
3–6 years
8 Week Session
Thursdays, 5:30–6:15 p.m.
April 2–May 21
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snack. Visit www.takomaplaytime.org for more information.
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn–5 years
Ongoing through June 15
English: Mondays (except 6/1)
Spanish: Fridays (except 6/5)
10 a.m. –12 p.m.
Free

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Search “suggest a class”
on our site to
share your info.



TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

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Youth

5-12



City resident program registration:
Monday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program registration:
Monday, March 23 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 non-refundable \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–12 years
6 Week Sessions

Mondays: April 20–June 8
(No Class: 5/25 & 6/1)

Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

Wednesdays: April 15–May 20

Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160
4:15–5:15 p.m.

Clay in The Studio

Students will utilize a variety of hand-building techniques (slab, pinch, coil) to create functional and non-functional vessels and sculptures out of clay. Caregiver participation required with young children (ages 4–6). Adult students (ages 16+) with experience may use the studio's electric wheels. Beginners are welcome. There is a non-refundable \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 and older
8 Week Session

Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.

April 15–June 10

Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190

CAMPS

SPRING BREAK CAMP

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

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

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

SDC Spring Break Basketball Camp

Campers will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride in individual and team accomplishments. Counselors will focus on personal improvement, sportsmanship and fun. Before and After Care is available for this program at an additional fee. Instructor: Ray Brewer

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5–12 years
1 Week Session
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
April 6–April 10
\$220

Spring Break Camp - Futuristic Fun

In the future, will we dress the same, talk the same, eat the same foods, and play the same games? The best part about this camp is you get to decide what the future holds. Must pack a lunch, water bottle and snacks. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited; sign up early. Before and After Care is available for this program at an additional fee.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
1 Week Session
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
April 6–April 10
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

Spring Break Camp Extended Care

Need those extra hours before or after camp? We have you covered at both locations. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports.

1 Week Session
Monday–Friday
April 6–April 10
Before Care: 7–9 a.m.
After Care: 4–6 p.m.

Locations:
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–16 years
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50
OR
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5–12 years
\$40



Summer Camps & Specialty Camps

Find the perfect camp for your child here!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories. The Camp Takoma and 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 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 31** 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. **The payment plan option (which must be chosen at the time of registration) divides**

the total amount due into two equal payments: 50% of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining payment due on or before June 1. You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates cannot be changed. 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 date of June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 7 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

Register online via Active Network site and in person at 7500 Maple Avenue or 7315 New Hampshire Avenue locations.

*Scholarship applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to registering.

2020 Summer Camp Reference Chart

	Ages	June 22-26	June 29-July 2	July 6-10	July 13-17	July 20-24	July 27-31	August 3-7	August 10-14
Rookie Sports Camp	3-4	✓		✓				✓	
Tiny Chefs Camp	3-4					✓			
Girls Basketball Camp	6-13				✓				
New Ave Adventure Camp	5-12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
On Stage Camp: Back Stage	11-15			✓					
On Stage Camp: Spotlight	11-16			✓					
Visual Arts Camp	11-14	FULL		✓	✓				
Impacting the World through Video Camp	Grades 6-12							✓	

Denotes a session is full, consider wait listing.
All weeks of Camp Takoma, Dance Camp, Futsal, Center Stage, Wilderness and Teens on the Move are all full, consider wait listing.

For the most current information please log into ActiveNet.

Availability as of time of guide printing

Recreation: Youth

TOTS

YOUTH

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ADULTS

55+

On Stage: Spring Break Workshop
West Side Story

During this workshop, students get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing! We will work on songs from the Broadway musical West Side Story. On Stage: Spring Break Workshop will end with a showcase performance, so parents can see what we've been working on! \$10 materials fee includes tracks/CDs, lyrics and prop supplies. Paperwork needs to be submitted prior to first day of the workshop. Bring a non-perishable lunch and/or snack. Before Care and After Care are not available for this workshop. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
9–15 years
3 Day Session
Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
April 7-April 9
Resident: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155

DANCE

Hip Hop Dance

Join this introductory Hip Hop Dance Class and have some fun! Students will explore various hip-hop styles, learn the importance of Hip Hop and choreographic tools to create their own dance and execute short choreography. Students will participate in student-led performances. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
6–10 years
8 Week Session
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
April 2-May 21
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
8–19 years
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays, 4–6 p.m.
April 30-May 28
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

DROP-IN

Kid's Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides affordable, safe and fun activities for kids on the first and third Friday nights of the month. Come out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends and meet new ones. Free with Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5–12 years
First & Third Fridays
6:45–8:45 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card



Takoma Park Kids' Chess Meet Up

Kids (Kindergarten-5th grade) are welcome to attend the Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up, which occurs on Sundays from 1:45–3:30 p.m. at Heffner Park Community center. Beginners are welcome. Bring your own tournament board if you have one, but there will be extra boards. There will be a brief lesson at 1:45 p.m., but general play will start by 2 p.m. For more information, contact Adam Winship at takomachess@gmail.com. No registration necessary

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Grades K-5
Sundays, 1:45–3:30 p.m.
April 5-August 30
(No Meeting: 4/12, 5/3, 5/24, 7/5)
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



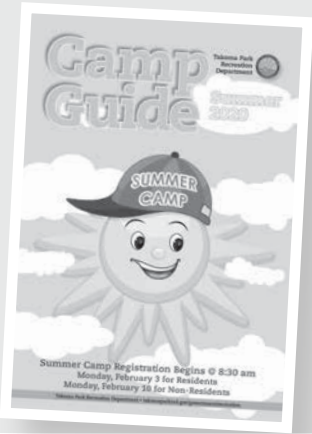
Babysitting Class

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

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House
7201 Carroll Avenue
11–13 years
5 Week Session
Mondays, April 6-May 4
7–9 p.m.
Free

SUMMER
CAMP 2020

Registration has already
begun! Pick up a copy
of our camp guide for
all the details!



FITNESS



Double Dutch
Learn to jump rope Double Dutch style. Participants will learn how to turn the ropes as well as have fun jumping. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork.

No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn. Free with membership.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6–17 years
9 Week Session
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Spring Session: April 2-May 28
Summer Session: June 2-August 27
Free with Recreation Center membership

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids
Improve your fitness and learn to defend yourself with Bungo Fu, the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. In this class the students can gain flexibility and strength and improve

balance and hand-eye coordination. Beginners and experienced students are welcome. There is a \$70 uniform fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Master Robert 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.
Spring (10 Weeks): April 4-June 20 (No Class: 4/25)
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175
Summer (8 Weeks): July 11-August 29
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

EXTENDED CARE

School Year 2020-2021
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.

Registration begins April 1 at 8:30 a.m. for Takoma Park residents; April 8 for non-residents.

Spaces fill up fast - Don't wait!

The children will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday-based events. Each day kids will receive an afternoon snack, have a time period to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more!
There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct. 1.

Morning Addition Childcare
Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort participants to TPES and PBES. Children will also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or prepare for their day at school.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Azalea Room
Kindergarten-5th Grade
MCPS School Year
7–9 a.m.
Resident: \$1,500
Non-resident: \$1,800

Afternoon Addition Childcare
Staff will escort the participants from TPES and PBES to the program.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Azalea Room
Kindergarten-5th Grade
MCPS School Year
3:30–6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$2,300
Non-resident: \$2,800

After the Bell Childcare
Transportation will not be provided through TPRD; please contact MCPS Transportation (301-840-8130) to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers), and we will meet them at the bus stop.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade
MCPS School Year
3:30–6:30 p.m.
\$1,450

Morning & Afternoon Addition Childcare
For families needing the combination for morning and afternoon childcare select this option and receive a discounted price.
Resident: \$3,050 /
Non-resident: \$3,650



Recreation: Youth

SPORTS

2020 T-Ball League

This coed league allows participants to have fun while learning the 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 gloves. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Belle Ziegler Park. Games are played on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. No games will be played July 4th weekend.

Belle Ziegler Park
7350 Takoma Avenue
5–7 years
8 Week Season
Saturdays, May 30–July 25
(No Games 7/4)
9 a.m.
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

Y.E.S. League 2020 Grades 5–8

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 5–8
7 Week Season
Mondays, June 22–August 3
6–9 p.m.
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

TRIPS

Fun Day - National Zoo

Join us as we explore the National Zoo and learn about the animals that live there! Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited; sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of program. Please provide your child(ren) with a non-perishable lunch, snack and water bottle.

Drop off and pick up:
Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
1 Day
Tuesday, April 28
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

Recreation: Teens

*City resident
program registration:
Monday, March 16
at 8:30 a.m.*
*Non-resident program
registration:
Monday, March 23
at 8:30 a.m.*

Teens 13-17



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

ART

Drawing & Watercolor

Middle School students, are you interested in learning to draw and paint with black and white and color media? Students in this class have fun exploring watercolors, pen and ink and mixed media as well as representational drawing. Subjects include still life, self-portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The skills focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Non-refundable materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
11–14 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays, May 5–June 16
Fridays, May 8–June 12
3:30–5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring Break Filmmaking Camp: Focus on Takoma Park

A spring break camp intended for budding journalists. Middle and high school students will learn the basics of video production while also discovering more about Takoma Park. Campers will gain skills in how to shoot video on professional cameras, will learn how to conduct interviews with local residents, and how to film “B-roll” footage of Takoma Park in supervised production shoots. The collected footage will be edited together as a single piece by the instructor after the camp and will be shared. Don’t forget to bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Scholarships are available for TP resident FARMS-eligible students. Instructor: Docs in Progress

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
Grade 6–12
1 Week Session
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
April 6–April 10
Resident: \$175 / Non-resident: \$225

Spring Break 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 college tours to get a sense of life after high school.

Recreation: Teens

Occasional break away trips, such as bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch! Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grade 6–12
1 Week Session
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
April 6–April 10
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

DROP-IN



Hip Hop Yoga Workshop at Hillwood Manor

Hip Hop and yoga fans, rejoice!! Hip Hop yoga is a physical yoga practice paired with hip-hop music. This class is designed for 9-15-year-olds. Hip Hop Yoga provides fun ways to move together, clear out anything stuck or dull and get energized. There's plenty of movement through sun salutes, back-bends, some partner work and a fabulous guided relaxation to finish. Parents are encouraged to participate! No yoga experience is required. Drop-in available space permitting.

Hillwood Manor Apartments
1100 Linden Avenue
9–14 years
1 Day
Wednesday, July 8
3–4 p.m.
Free

Paint & Juice at Hillwood Manor

This event is a great opportunity to get a little messy, stir up the creative juices, and have fun. Guided by one of our professional artists, you and your group will work at individual easels to create a masterpiece that is suitable for framing. The goal is to open up and enjoy an evening of creative expression, regardless of existing artistic knowledge. Although this class is targeted to our youth, we encourage parents to attend.

Hillwood Manor Apartments
1100 Linden Avenue
All ages
1 Day
Wednesday, June 24
3–5 p.m.
Free

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. Free for residents and non-residents.

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

TEEN LOUNGE

Grades 6–12

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday: 3:30–7 p.m.

Tuesdays: 3:30–6 p.m.

(opens at 4 p.m. during Summer)

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high-quality, affordable, safe and fun activities for teens on the second and fourth Friday nights of the month. Come out and enjoy your friends with a night of board games, ping pong, basketball, soccer and other activities. This is a great way to meet new friends. Free with Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12–17 years
Second and fourth Fridays, ongoing
6:45–8:45 p.m.
Free with a Recreation Center membership

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up for a three-day training to become a Certified CIT. Prior to volunteering 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 5: Intro/Camp Standards 4:30–6:30 p.m.
*Thursday, May 7: What it means to be a CIT 4:30–6:30 p.m.
*Saturday, May 9: First Aid/CPR Training 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. Each session is for two weeks. Main camp times: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Recreation: Teens

TOTS

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Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
14–16 years
Camp Training: Tuesday, May 5 & Thursday, May 7
4:30–6:30 p.m.
CPR Training: Saturday, May 9
10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

Entrepreneurship for Teens

This class engages teenagers in entrepreneurial activities to set them up for long-term success. All rooted in the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, these programs prepare students for college, teach them to follow their passions, and inspire them to create their own ventures. George Washington University professor Ellen M. Zavian helps students to use their new entrepreneurial skillset and work in teams to develop a venture idea that creates economic and social value.

New

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front & Back Rooms
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 6–12
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
April 14-May 26
(No Class: 5/12)
Free

Think Tank

Think Tank offers a quiet and respectful space for assisting our 4th–12th grade students with their homework needs. Participants will receive one-on-one study help and assistance on projects and get homework questions/concerns answered or addressed after school.

New Hampshire Towers
7401 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 4–12
Ongoing
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30–6 p.m.
March 31-June 11
Free

FITNESS

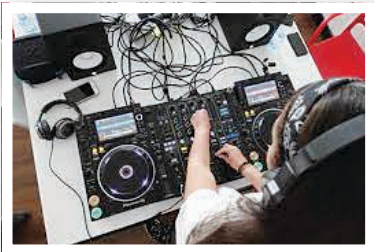
Hip Hop Yoga

This program is a fun and structured way to reduce stress and promote body positivity of 6th through 8th grade students. Each session targets physical strength and emotional stability through age appropriate yoga poses, guided

discussions, breathing techniques and meditation. No experience needed. This is a drop-in program held at Takoma Park Middle School. No registration is needed. Instructor: Khepera Wellness

Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
Grades 6–8
9 Week Session
Thursdays, during lunch period
April 16-June 11
Free

MULTI MEDIA



Built from Scratch - D.J. Training

New

You wanted it. You got it. DJ training from one of the premier DJs in the Washington metropolitan area, DJ Fonzarelli! This program will assist teens in learning equipment uses and functions in the art of being a DJ. The class will prepare teens for DJ opportunities by learning terminology, designing a set, making a playlist, and creating song rotation as well as becoming knowledgeable in the multiple methods to record sets.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
8 Week Session
Thursdays, 4:30–6 p.m.
April 2-May 21
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$15

Game Design with Day to Code

Note: This program is only open to Takoma Park Residents. Day to Code is a new code academy that will teach any driven student to become a full-fledged web or software developer in months. This time-tested curriculum is known for driving results. Ninety-five percent of students are hired within six months, 80% in field. This class will teach you the basics of software development and offer a great curriculum. We welcome students of all backgrounds. Our curriculum accommodates prospective

students of all experience levels. Lunch is provided for participants.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
4 Week Session
Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
June 27-July 25
Free for Residents

Photography 101

We are constantly taking photos, but they don't come out the way we imagined. In this class, learn the intros to photography as an art form and step up your photography game. The class will cover how to shoot manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape photography, posing 101, how to edit your photos, using natural light vs. non-natural light, composition and turning your phone into a camera. Instructor: Vinny Mwano.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
12–17 years
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, April 7-May 26
6–7 p.m.
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

SPECIAL EVENTS

Staff vs. Students Kickball Game

New

On June 15, the Staff vs. Students co-ed kickball game will take place at 1 p.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field. A select team of staff members will be competing against a volunteer squad of students in a game intended to celebrate the end of the school year. The environment is sure to be competitive. The squad of staff will feature some popular faces ranging from all of Takoma Park's departments, City Council, and Administration. The event will include food, music and games. To participate in the kickball game, contact Javonte McDonald, youth success coordinator at 301-891-7284 or javontem@takomaparkmd.gov.

Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Avenue
All Ages Welcome
1 Day Event
Monday, June 15
1–3 p.m.
Free

Youth Success Field Day



The Takoma Park Recreation Dept. will host a community field day full of friends, food, and fun at Ed Wilhelm Field. Engage in classic field day games like potato-sack races, relays and tug-of-war. Don't miss out on face painting, giant lawn games, water play and prizes!

Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Avenue
All ages welcome
Tuesday, April 14
3-5 p.m.
Free

SPORTS

Y.E.S. League 2020: 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 Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 9-12
5 Week Season
Wednesdays, June 24-July 22
6-8 p.m.
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

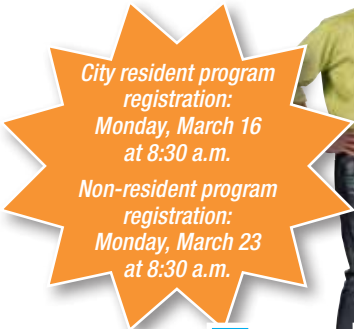
WORKSHOPS

Catch This Beat: A Beginner's Guide to Make Up for Teens



Want to learn how to do an everyday makeup look? Catch this Beat will teach you how to foundation color match, slay your eyebrows, the importance of contouring, eyelash application, tips and tricks for makeup application, product recommendations and more. Students will also be able to participate in makeup demos and a Q & A session. Come with a clean, hydrated face, and be sure to inform us if you have any allergies.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6-12
7 Week Session
Mondays, April 20-June 8
4-5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$15



City resident program
registration:
Monday, March 16
at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident program
registration:
Monday, March 23
at 8:30 a.m.



Adults

16+ years

ART

Ceramics - Hand Building & Sculpture

The class focuses on 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 try it out in the studio! Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. Non-refundable \$25 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on most Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
April 27-June 15
(No Class: 5/25 & 6/1)
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120



Ceramics - Wheel Throwing

Have you ever day-dreamed about serving dinner to your friends and family on a set of your own handmade dishes? This class is for beginners and more advanced students. Pieces will be fired in an electric kiln, and all glazes are food safe. Start with cups and move on to plates, large bowls and teapots. There is a materials fee of \$25 due the first day of class. Instructor: Art For the People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesday Session: April 28-June 16
Wednesday Session: April 29-June 17
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Collage

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

Recreation: Adults

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instructor, will be due on the first day of class. All adhesives are water soluble, non-toxic and do not require solvents. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
May 5-June 16
(No Class: 4/7)
Resident: \$230 / Non-resident: \$260



Crafting Polymer Jewelry



Polymer clay is a versatile artistic material that offers amazing possibilities for design and creativity. In this class, you'll learn dozens of skills and techniques for creating unique surface patterns. You'll then learn them to design and craft your own one-of-a-kind polymer earrings, brooches and necklaces. A \$35 materials fee will be due to the instructor on the first day of class and includes jewelry findings, professional-grade polymer, craft supplies and use of tools and equipment. Instructor: Sharyn Neuwirth

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
3 Week Session
Saturdays, 1–3:30 p.m.
April 18, 25 & May 2
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

Drawing



The practice of drawing can be both relaxing and enriching. Participants in this class will draw with black and white and color media, such as charcoal, oil and chalk, pastels, pen and ink and colored pencils. Students will be supported by weekly lessons with demos involving proportion and perspective, ongoing feedback and critique. Creative cropping, expressive mark making, exploration into limited value or color key

and other techniques will be discussed. Personal creativity will be encouraged. Come join the fun and comradery of drawing together and develop a practice that will enhance your life. Beginning to advanced students welcome. Paper and drawing materials will be available for the \$20 materials fee due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, 6:30–9 p.m.
April 27-June 8
(No Class: May 25)
Resident: \$190 / Non-resident: \$210

Paint on Canvas

Come have fun and paint with acrylics in a non-judgmental class. There are no mistakes as you find your own style of painting. Paint, brushes and canvas paper canvas board and other materials will be provided. There will be a \$20 materials fee due at the first day of class. Instructor Name: Art For The People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Saturdays, 10–11:30 a.m.
April 18-May 23
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

DANCE

Mindful Movement

This open and inviting class combines elements of meditation, dance, yoga, and authentic movement. This class is for dancers and non-dancers alike. Using creative movement and principles from different dance styles, we will explore and observe, through sensing and moving, our mind and body connection to bring awareness and creative freedom to the wonderful world of your body. Expect free dancing, some technical elements of dance, (i.e. African, jazz, contemporary, modern) breathing techniques, meditative stretching, and lots of insight and fun! Whether you want to view your body with more compassion and understanding, or you want to gain dancing insight and creativity, or you just want to move, this class is for you! Instructor: Beth Mwano

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INSTRUCTORS WANTED!



Go to: takomaparkmd.gov
and search "suggest a class"
to send us your information!

42 Oswego Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.
April 1-May 20
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

DRAMA & THEATER

Acting Technique for the Stage

"How did you learn all those lines?" Learning to create a believable three-dimensional character for the stage is an extraordinary process. The lines are only the beginning for developing a successful performance. After selecting a monologue with the instructor, you will learn (through lively theatre exercises) the fundamentals of acting and stage technique, script analysis, and character development that will heighten your performance and provide a dependable process for continued growth. In addition, the class will prepare you with essential tools for auditioning, including techniques for cold-readings and scene callbacks. The class will culminate with a public presentation of the monologues for an invited audience. No materials needed. Instructor: W. Allen Taylor

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, 7–9 p.m.
April 6-June 15
Resident: \$195 / Non-resident: \$215

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

Spring Session: April 1–May 27
(No Class: 4/15)

Summer Session: July 1–August 19
Resident: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155

FITNESS

Five Animal Play Qi Gong

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m.
April 7–May 26
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125
Drop-In: \$20

Iyengar Yoga (Beginners)

This class will introduce to you Yoga as taught by the Iyengar Method. In this method the emphasis is on alignment and precision. The basic postures are introduced, and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt, so also energy is

generated, and the breath is engaged. The goal is to bring into alignment not just the different parts of the body but alignment of the body with the mind and the mind with the soul. Mats and props will be provided to make all poses accessible to all. Students are requested to wear comfortable clothing, and please do not eat in the two hours prior to the class. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
11 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6–7:15 p.m.
April 1–June 17
(No Class: 4/8)
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165
Drop-In: \$15

Iyengar Yoga (Intermediate)

Practice and persistence brings transformation! This intermediate level class offers a deeper penetration of the consciousness from the periphery towards the core. The more advanced postures are introduced, and inversions are included. This fun class is challenging and gives you the opportunity to explore all asanas methodically and incorporate them into your life. The practice of pranayama (breathing) is included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
11 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 p.m.
April 1–June 17
(No Class: 4/8)
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165
Drop-In: \$15



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. This class is open to all those identifying as female. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Spring (8 Weeks): April 2–May 28
\$95

Summer 1 (4 Weeks): June 2–June 25
\$50

Summer 2 (8 Weeks): July 3–August 23
\$95
Drop-in: \$10

Pilates

With moves both on and off the mat, this Pilates class takes a refreshing approach to a stronger core. Props include three kinds of exercise balls and other tools. With soft lighting and great music, the hour flies by. 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
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.
Spring Session: April 8–May 13
Summer Session 1: June 3–July 8
Summer Session 2: July 15–August 19
\$70

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. 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 Sessions
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Spring: April 11–May 16

Summer 1: June 6–July 18

Summer 2: July 25–August 29
\$55
Drop-In: \$10

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MARTIAL ARTS

Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means one heart way). This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Instructor Penn State University Karate Club. This program requires a Recreation Center Membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
Spring Session (9 Weeks): April 1-May 27
Summer Session (14 Weeks):
June 1-August 31
Free with Recreation Center Membership

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-eye coordination as well as assisting them with the maintaining of balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
Mondays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
Spring Session (10 Weeks):
April 6-June 15
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185
Summer Session (8 Weeks):
July 6-August 24
Resident: \$150/ Non-resident: \$170

MULTI MEDIA

Photography 101

We are constantly taking photos, but they don't come out the way we imagined. In this class, learn the intros to photography as an art form and help you step up your photography game. The class will cover how to shoot manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape

photography, posing 101, how to edit your photos, natural light vs. non-natural light, composition and turning your phone into a camera. 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: Vinny Mwano

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, 7:15–8:15 p.m.
April 7-May 26
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

Take Charge of Your Digital Photos

Do you know how many photos you have on your smart phones? Can you locate them? Do you know how to manage them? This class will teach you how to organize, store, protect, edit, share and print the hundreds, possibly thousands of photographs on your computer, tablet and smart phone. You will be introduced to programs that make it easier to work with digital photos. This includes Apple Photo and Image Culture and Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. You will work on the Apple iMac computers. The more advanced programs are only available through subscription, but the skills you will learn in this class are found in other programs. For this class you should bring a USB drive of at least three to five gigabytes. It is possible to format it to work on both a Mac and PC. Instructor: Barry Hinderstein

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
April 1-May 27
(No Class: April 8)
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

Video Production and Editing

Learn the art of video production from – pre-production techniques and properly videotaping with any device to techniques of editing. Participants will edit a project using FCPX or Premiere Pro. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
13 and older

5 Week Session
Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m.
April 2-April 30
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

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 basketball Tuesday and Thursday nights 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, 9-11 p.m.
July 2-August 13
Free

2020 TP Adult Summer Basketball League (Team Fee)

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. Games are played at Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6 or 7 p.m.

Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park
Steve Francis Basketball Court
2 Darwin Ave
18 years and older
8 Week Season
Tuesdays & Thursdays
June 23-August 20
Games: 6 or 7 p.m.
Team Fee: \$300

2020 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 are not guaranteed. *Games are played at Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park.

55+

*City Resident program registration:
Monday, March 16
at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-Resident program registration:
Monday, March 23
at 8:30 a.m.*



**Registration required for classes,
unless otherwise noted.**

ART

Creative Craft Jewelry

New

Create beautiful craft jewelry in this two-hour workshop with Alice Sims and Sue Bracey. All materials provided. Registration with the Takoma Park Recreation Department is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day Session
Monday, May 18
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
\$5

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. This is a drop-in program; no registration required. Host: Paula Lisowski

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays, 12–2 p.m.
April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28,
August 25
Free

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 31–34 for more options.

***Ask us about scholarship opportunities.**

Game Room Open Play

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

Spring Hours (through June 20):

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

Summer Hours (June 22–August 21):

Monday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Basics

This three-week course will introduce people with little or no previous experience to basic skills, such as sending and receiving email, internet searching, and using a word processor to compose letters, etc. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Instructor: Anne LeVeque

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab

7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
April 15–April 29
\$5

Computer Extras

Take your computer skills to the next level. In these three classes, experiment with social media, master the calendar and other computer/smart device apps, and learn about Internet safety. Bring your questions! You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Instructor: Anne LeVeque

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
May 13–May 27
\$5



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Finding Your Fitness Personality Workshop



Do you struggle to find a fitness program that's a right fit for you? Are you interested in how your personality may influence your fitness approach? Finding Your Fitness Personality might be the workshop for you. Based on two widely researched and trusted theories, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Stages of Change Model, this workshop helps participants find the best exercise program for them. Instructor: Cynthia Luna

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day Session
Monday, April 20
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
\$5

Introduction to IMPROV Workshop



Are you interested in exploring ways in which an improvisational mindset can help you unleash different possibilities for your life? During this workshop participants will explore the fundamentals of IMPROV and then have an opportunity to participate in several foundational exercises that can help them become better problem solvers, creators, and communicators. Instructor: Cynthia Luna

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day Session
Tuesday, April 21
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
\$5

Smart Phone and Tablet Applications Workshop

This workshop will lead participants through some of the standard apps that come with their Smartphones and tablets with additional focus on the video and picture app. Bring your questions. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day Session
Saturday, May 9
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
\$5

Virtual Visit to Southern Africa

Join us for a virtual visit to southern Africa with traveler and photographer Barry Hinderstein. Come enjoy the beauty and majesty of Botswana and Zimbabwe in this enjoyable slide show with commentary. Drop-in. Registration is not necessary.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
1 Day Session
Tuesday, May 5
1–2 p.m.
Free

FITNESS



Bone Builders: Monday/Thursday

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. Instructors: Martha Feldman, Darlene Levenson and Mary Anne Annis

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
14 Week Session
Mondays & Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.
Spring (14 Weeks): April 2–June 29
(No Class: 5/25)
Summer (10 Weeks): July 2–August 31
Free

Bone Builders: Tuesday/Friday

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. Instructor: Anne McHenry

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Spring (14 Weeks): April 3–June 30
Summer (8 Weeks): July 7–August 28
(No Class: 7/3)
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. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Spring (10 Weeks): April 6–June 15
(No Class: 5/25)
Summer (8 Weeks): July 6–August 24
\$5

Enhanced Fitness Training

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
April 2–June 11
(No Class: 4/9)
\$5

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.
Spring (12 Weeks): April 3–June 19
Summer (8 Weeks): July 10–August 28
\$5

Heart and Core

Move to the high-energy beat to pump up the heart rate followed by 20 minutes of Pilates core floor workout to strengthen the area from shoulders through hips. Class members should bring their own mats. Instructor: Nancy Nickell
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
9 Week Session
Saturday, 9:15–10:15 a.m.
April 11–June 13
\$5

Kundalini Yoga and Meditation

Kundalini Yoga will introduce participants to integrating mind, body and spirit using meditation, sound vibrations (chanting) and modified poses to help increase strength, flexibility and tranquility. Please bring your yoga mat. Instructor: Polly Matthews
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
April 14–June 16
\$5

Senior Summer
Camps!



Culinary Camp - Part Deux
June 1-5

Documentary Filmmaking
June 8-12

See the Forever Young Newsletter
for registration details

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 necessary. Register for one class only; early session or the later session. Instructor: Barbara Brown
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Wednesdays
Early session: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Late session: 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Spring (13 Weeks): April 1–June 24
(No class: 5/6, 5/27, 6/3)
Summer (8 Weeks): July 8–August 26
(No class: 8/5)
\$5

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 a cool down. Instructor: Master Thompson
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Spring: April 9–June 11
Summer: July 2–August 20
\$5



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: Master Thompson
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, 12–1 p.m.
April 14–June 16
\$5



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 classes, you may register for one class per week only. Choose the class that best fits your schedule either Thursday or Saturday. Instructor: Yesika Flores
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Spring (12 Weeks): April 2–June 18
Summer (8 Weeks): July 2–August 20
Saturdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Spring (11 Weeks): April 4–June 20
Summer (8 Weeks): July 11–August 29
\$5

SPORTS

Tennis Fun & Fitness

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
11 Week Session
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
April 2–June 11
\$5

TRIPS

**See the Forever
Young Newsletter**
**for a list of
our Spring Trips!**
Registration opens
April 2 - Residents
April 8 - Non-Residents

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 p.m.; Monday - Friday, 6:30 – 9 a.m.; Monday – Thursday, 4 – 8 p.m.; Friday, 4 – 7:30 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 Seamens at 301-565-0190, tjseamens@aol.com, 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>

Resident
program
registration
begins
MARCH 16
at 8:30 a.m.



With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

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

Instructions for creating an account

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

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

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**.

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.

- 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.

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 2019

Special Events



FITNESS EXPO

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our Annual Fitness Expo Saturday, April 4 at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from local community health and fitness organizations. The expo will kick off at 9 a.m. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

All ages

Saturday, April 4

Starting at 9 a.m.

Free



SUMMERQUEST 2020 KICK-OFF

Monday, June 8,
7:30 p.m.

Join us as
we launch
another fun
SummerQuest
reading game!



ISADORA DUNCAN: IN CELEBRATION OF MOVEMENT WORD DANCE THEATER

In celebration of the natural movements of the human body inspired by the natural movements of the Earth, Word Dance Theater expresses heartfelt emotions through dances choreographed by Isadora Duncan, the mother of modern dance. The dance company and their students present a collection of dances rooted in inner expression for a magical performance of beauty, grace, and freedom.

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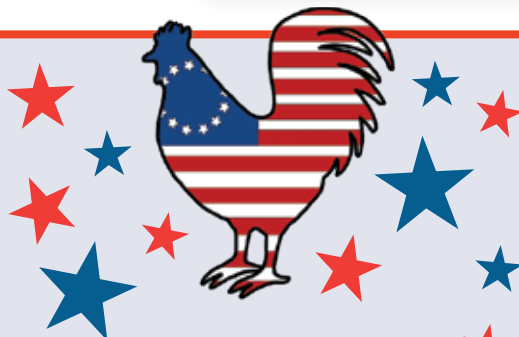
7500 Maple Avenue

Friday, April 24

8 p.m.

Free

\$10 suggested donation for adults/ \$5 for children with all proceeds going to the performers



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Be part of the tradition. This year's celebration will be on Thursday, July 4. Takoma Park has celebrated our nation's independence continuously for more than 120 years. Volunteer to help the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee to plan and oversee the July 4th activities. There is plenty of opportunity to be a part of the morning and/or evening programs. Contact Gene Herman for further details: 301-585-5832 or gene511@aol.com. www.takomapark4th.org.

All ages

Saturday, July 4

Parade: 10 a.m.

Evening program: 7 p.m.

Free

