

Takoma Park city guide

Spring/Summer 2023

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Monday, June 19

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Labor Day
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About the Cover

It's that time of year again! The Takoma Park Recreation Department is offering a plethora of fun and exciting summer camps for children of all ages. From dancing and visual arts to STEM programs, the Recreation Department is always excited to bring you a fun filled summer, packed with lots of memories! Its camps continue to fill earlier and earlier so if you love the camps, don't wait. If the camp you were interested in is already full, they encourage you to join the wait list. Registration for summer camp has already begun! For more, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.



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

TAKOMAPARK ALERT

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

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

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. Elections take place in November of every even numbered year.



Mayor: Talisha Searcy
talishas@takomaparkmd.gov



Council - Ward 1:
Shana Fulcher
shanaf@takomaparkmd.gov



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cindyd@takomaparkmd.gov



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carah@takomaparkmd.gov



Council -Ward 6:
Jason Small
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City Manager

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.

City Public Meetings, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

City Council Meetings

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.

The City Council meets in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Meetings are conducted in a hybrid in-person and remote format. Public comments may be provided over Zoom with advance registration. Of course, members of the public can testify in person as well.

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.

Many board and committee meetings continue to be held on Zoom or in a hybrid format. For the most current information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Information on any meetings taking place will be published there along with information on how the public can observe.

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 and Humanities Committee, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Grants Review Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, Noise Control Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Recreation and Community Engagement 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.
City Manager: 301-891-7229
City Clerk: 301-891-7267

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

Communications Department

301-891-7236
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Communications employees manage all aspects of Takoma Park's outreach efforts to residents, the media and other stakeholders. Communications staff manage official social media channels, City's website: takomaparkmd.gov, the Takoma Park Newsletter, The Takoma Insider- digital news, and partner with City TV and Radio.

City TV

301-891-7118
City TV hours and availability are dependent on production schedules.

Takoma Park City TV is an award-winning government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park.

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
- Parking fines
- Recreation programs
- Stormwater

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



At top: Direct Cash Assistance Event
Above: Adventist HealthCare Ribbon Cutting
Below: Adventist HealthCare Opening



Above: Takoma Park Police Dept Takes Polar Bear Plunge!
Below: TKPK5K Race



City Department Directory

By Mail

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
planning@takomaparkmd.gov
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).

Human Resources

301-891-7203

hr@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources

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

Police

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

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

Public Works

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

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.



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 \$15 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call 301-891-7633 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 \$61.41 and 64-gallon for \$53.31. 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.



Battery Recycling Drop-Off Now Available

The City has partnered with Call2Recycle to provide battery recycling. Residents can now bring many types of used batteries to the Public Works Department, located at 31 Oswego Avenue, during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Acceptable batteries include, AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, lithium ion, small- sealed lead acid, nickel cadmium, button cell, nickel metal hydride, and nickel zinc. See the City website for more information about what battery types can and cannot be accepted.

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

7505 New Hampshire Ave
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7259
www.takomapark.info/library
facebook.com/takomaparklibrary

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Computer Center Hours: Monday - Thursday 12 – 8 p.m.
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Standard Hours: 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, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!



**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.*



Important City Department Phone Numbers



City Information.....	301-891-7100
City Clerk	301-891-7267
City Manager	301-891-7229
Communications.....	301-891-7236
Finance	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development.....	301-891-7119
Library	301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services.....	301-891-7113
Police	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental.....	301-891-7290



LEARN, GROW AND HAVE FUN!

Why is camp so cherished by the campers and community? Of course, you can say it's fun and there are lots of people you can create lifelong memories with. But why do most people enjoy camp?

One way to begin understanding this is to recognize that camp provides and enriches children with a number of things they need but for various reasons may fail to get otherwise. Life throughout the year is limited in its ability to fulfill certain childhood needs while camp, thankfully, is well suited to compensate. Participation in camp will allow many new positive experiences, help develop lifelong skills, teach teamwork and resilience, build self-esteem and support healthy living. Kids love camp because being there offers joy and relief; the community loves it because everyone wants to see children happy.

All of this is what the Takoma Park Recreation Department offers to the community. We have a variety of licensed camps that provide an opportunity for all kids ages 6-18 to participate in. Being licensed means that our camps are held to the highest standards by the Maryland Department of Health. Be sure to check out Camp Takoma, New Ave Adventure Camp, Dance Camp, Just Teens Camp, and Visual Arts Camp!

This year, camps focus on a range of fun and enriching activities including sports, field trips, swimming, art, dance and more!

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

For more information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.

Help Wanted!

Part-Time Summer Camp Counselor Positions Available

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for creative, enthusiastic and committed individuals who want to have fun this summer. We are currently hiring part-time staff for summer camp counselor and director positions at competitive hourly rates. Great for teachers, college students or anyone wanting to work with the best youth in the area! Interviews will take place soon and training will take place in mid-June. Interested? Apply today at takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources/

Takoma Park City TV

7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7118

City TV hours and availability
are dependent on production schedules

Takoma Park City TV is an award-winning government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park. Other entities in Montgomery County, such as Montgomery College, the Montgomery County Government, the Public Schools, and the City of Rockville, also operate PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) Access channels, which comprise the PEG Network. These channels offer cable subscribers the ultimate in local programming, with shows featuring local government, schools, teachers, soccer games, performances, hearings, classes, and events that the major broadcast programmers tend not to cover in a central metropolitan area like this.

Watch City TV

- Takoma Park City TV is available via local cable television providers.

Watch City TV on Cable

- RCN | Channel 13, HD Channel 1060
- Comcast/Xfinity | Channel 13
- Verizon Fios | Channel 28

City Council Meetings

- City TV now offers a hybrid format with City Council meetings.
- Video – Live and Archives (since September 5, 2018)
- Video Archive (through July 25, 2018)

City TV Schedule

- For the latest schedule, check out the City TV two-week program schedule. The City TV schedule is subject to change without notice.

Watch the Municipal Broadcast Network

- Takoma Park City TV, Rockville 11, and Montgomery Municipal Cable share an HD channel, the Municipal Broadcast Network.

Municipal Broadcast Network Channels:

- Comcast/xfinity | Channel 997



City TV interviewing Bike to School Day participants.

Hometown Media Award Winner

Hometown Media Awards - 2022 Winner

City TV received a 2022 Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for the Community Media Foundation.

- City TV won the Overall Excellence in Governmental Programming.
- The award honors all the programming of the station, not just one show.
- City TV entered a category with stations doubling their budget.
- This is the fourth time City TV has won the overall award.

Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

SERVICES

Food Waste Collection

Interested in participating in the curbside food waste collection program? The program is accepting new participants. To sign up, please visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection>

Once registered, pick up the curbside food waste container at Public Works, 31 Oswego Avenue, open 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday

Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment and computer components for proper disposal to the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Avenue. Hours are: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday - Friday



Holiday Trash Schedule

May 29, Monday (Memorial Day)

Yard Waste collection is cancelled.

July 4, Tuesday, Independence Day,

Tuesday collection will take place on Wednesday.



Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale. 64-gallon trash carts are \$53.30 and 96-gallon are \$61.41. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles.

Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works Yard for pick up.

Large Item Pick Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses, and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$15 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call to schedule a pickup at 301 891-7633. Office hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday, June 3, 10 am.-2 pm 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.



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.



Stay Informed

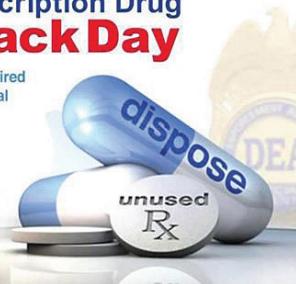
To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at takomaparkmd.gov/police. Notifications include, but are not limited to crime alerts, traffic, weather, missing persons, lost pets, etc. For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you.

Sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

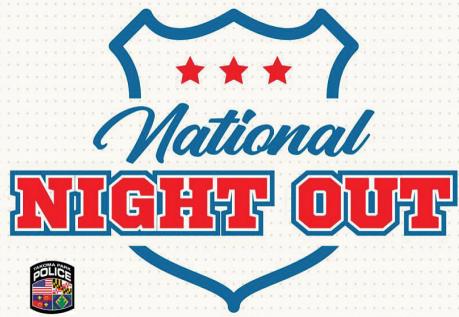


Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Twice a year, the Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. **Save the date for April 22, 2023, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** 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. Bring your prescriptions to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Collection boxes will be set up in the first floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications will be accepted. In addition, vape pens and other e-cigarette devices are now accepted **BUT only after the batteries are removed from such devices.**

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, 1st Floor Lobby, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. **Items that CANNOT be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers.** The Takoma Park Police Department will collect and store all items and then safely dispose of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events.

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.



National Night Out

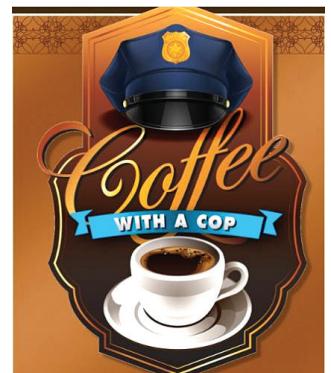
Save the Date! National Night Out will be held on August 1st this year.

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 will be hosting 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, so bring your whole family and invite all your friends! Be on the lookout for more information.

Coffee with a Cop

Throughout the spring/summer months, Takoma Park Police hosts Coffee with a Cop at various times and places. There are no agendas or speeches just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your community. Be on the lookout for those announcements. We love to meet our residents and business owners!



Securing Your Shed – Tips to Deter Shed Burglaries

Warmer months are coming so please take note of these tips regarding shed burglaries. Many homeowners do not lock their sheds because they feel there's not anything valuable inside. Other times they think that because a shed is located within a fenced area, it's secure. The fact is an unsecured shed can attract thieves no matter where it's located. Even worse, tools inside could be used to break into your home.

Don't take chances with your property and your safety – follow these tips to ensure your shed is properly secured and protected.

- **Keep your shed maintained.** Rotten boards, rotted window frames and loose hardware can't provide adequate protection for the items stored in a shed. Inspect your shed annually and repair any structural problems. If you choose to build a new shed, select products that resist termites and fungal decay.
- **Keep it locked.** This is an obvious prevention tool that, unfortunately, is often forgotten. A locked shed is the first line of defense against theft. Keep your shed locked when not in use. Ensure that you use a strong padlock, and that the hardware surrounding the lock is sturdy and can't be easily pried off.

SECURING YOUR SHED TIPS TO DETER SHED BURGLARIES



- **Cover windows.** Burglars will decide if a shed is worth breaking into by looking in the windows to view the contents. If your shed has windows, use privacy-control window film or a glass frosting spray to obscure them. If you prefer to have a view while working in your shed, add blinds or curtains that can be closed when the shed is not in use.
- **Improve lighting.** If your shed is located in a dimly-lit corner of your yard, this can encourage thieves to make it a target. Install motion sensor lights to deter unwelcome visitors. Sensor lights can also provide adequate lighting should you need to access your shed at night.
- **Install sensors.** If your shed houses expensive items such as vehicles, mowers, bikes and sports gear, you may want to install an alarm. If you do not have a monitored home security system, consider adding a wireless sensor system to your shed. Once a sensor is tripped, your cell phone is immediately sent a notification.

While there is no such thing as a theft-proof shed, with these types of precautions, you can improve shed security and the security of your home as well.

Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE)

During the spring/summer, we start to get thunderstorms that sometimes cause power outages. Please check out our CARE program for yourself or someone you love. CARE is a program directed at our residents who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day. CARE is another way we can give back to the community and take care of those in need.



CARE

Caring About Residents Everyday

A program directed at our residents who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day.

CARE is another way we can give back to the community and take care of those in need.

To learn more about the program, or to register, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/police under Services & Programs



Spring/Summer Crime Prevention Tips

Here are a few things to keep in mind during spring/summer:

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring/summer weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into

a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.

- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification.

True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.

- In warm weather months, personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other yard tools lying around in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage or yard shed; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property. An open garage door or yard shed can also be inviting, keep them closed even when you're at home.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not "normal" to their neighborhoods and alert the Takoma Park Police Department (911 or 301-270-1100 / Non-Emergency Number).

Be Safe!

Spring/Summer Crime Prevention Tips



CHILD SUMMER SAFETY TIP

Sometimes we attend large events during the summer months. Before taking children to these events, take a second, pull out your cell phone and take individual pictures of each child. That way, if the unthinkable happens and a child gets lost, you have a picture of how they are dressed and what they look like that day.



The photo can also be immediately sent to police to aid in locating the child. Seconds can be precious in this scenario. So, take a second, make it a habit and take the picture!



#TakeThePicture

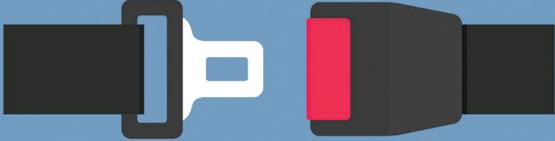
Etch & Catch Anti-Theft Catalytic Converter Program

In an effort to deter would-be thieves and to track stolen catalytic converters, the Takoma Park Police Department teamed up with a local automotive business, RS Automotive. Our goal is to deter potential thieves looking to steal catalytic converters. If your catalytic converter is stolen and recovered, law enforcement would be able to trace the converter based on the markings. For an appointment to have your catalytic converter etched and painted for FREE, call RS Automotive directly at 301-270-4418 to make an appointment. For more information on the program, visit the Takoma Park Police Department web page.



Click it or Ticket Campaign and Distracted Driver Awareness

Every May, the Takoma Park Police Department participates in the statewide Chief's Challenge, which emphasizes safety restraint enforcement. Officers focus on enforcement of the state's seat belt laws as part of the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign. Officers stand at various places throughout the City during the campaign in order to issue tickets to any person not wearing a seatbelt or who does not have their child properly restrained. They also educate the public



May is "Click it or Ticket" Campaign Month

Takoma Park Police officers will focus on enforcement of the state's seat belt laws as part of the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

**Seat belts save lives!
Please buckle up - it's the law!**




There is not an app for saving your life.

Don't text and drive!

on seatbelt usage and safety.

We also recognize that April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month. Takoma Park Police participates in the 'National Distracted Driver Awareness' campaign, focusing their efforts on distracted driving using traffic enforcement initiatives. Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving; this includes using a hand-held cell phone

and texting. This effort is part of a high-visibility enforcement initiative that combines intense enforcement with further educating the public of the dangers of distracted driving. The ultimate goal is to save lives by convincing motorists to obey the law. Takoma Park Police continue their efforts beyond the campaign month to focus on drivers who are distracted using hand-held cell phones, or engaging in other distracting activities while driving.

VACANT HOUSE CHECKS

Did you know that Takoma Park Police offer **FREE** vacant house checks to its residents while they are away? For more info and an application, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on Services & Programs




Vacant House Check

During the spring/summer, many people take vacations. Don't worry about your home while away; take advantage of the FREE vacant house check program offered by the Takoma Park Police Department for residents of the City. A Takoma Park Police Officer will visit a resident's home once a day during their absence and inspect the premises for any signs of suspicious activity. It provides the residents with some peace of mind if they will be away from their property for an extended period of time.

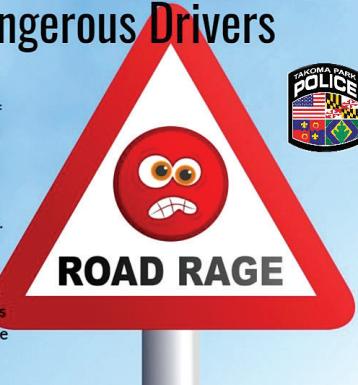
Safety Letter to Dangerous Drivers

Takoma Park Police encourage the community not to engage in or react to road rage. Instead, they are offered an opportunity to send an email or letter to the department with a description of the vehicle, license number/state, date and place of occurrence, date of occurrence, place of occurrence and what happened (i.e., running a stop sign, road rage incident, etc). While a ticket cannot be issued, we do send the registered owner of the vehicle a safety letter letting him/her know that members of the community noticed their dangerous driving behavior and what types of fines would be associated with such driving behaviors, as well as some driver safety tips. Please send information to Cathy Plevy, cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Safety Letter to Dangerous Drivers

Don't react to bad drivers and/or engage in road rage. If you see someone driving dangerously, report it and we will contact them. Send an email to Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov with a description of the vehicle, license plate number/state, date and place of occurrence and what happened (i.e., running a stop sign).

While a ticket cannot be issued, we can send the registered owner of the vehicle a safety letter letting him/her know that members of the community noticed their dangerous driving behavior and what types of fines would be associated with such behaviors, as well as some driver safety tips.




Takoma Park Maryland Library

Website: takomapark.info/library
Phone: 301-891-7259
Email: library@takomaparkmd.gov

THE LIBRARY HAS MOVED

The Library has moved to **7505 New Hampshire Avenue** in the Hampshire Place shopping center. This is for the duration of construction on our new library building, expected to be completed in the Spring 2024. You can keep up to date with our progress and interim location in a variety of ways:

- Subscribe to the Takoma *Insider*, an email with fortnightly news about all the City departments
- Check the Takoma Park Newsletter, sent monthly to all residents
- Check our website at www.takomapark.info/library and read our blogs and events pages.
- Follow us on Facebook (search Takoma Park Maryland Library) and Twitter (@takoma).

Our phone number is the same: 301-891-7259.

LIBRARY & COMPUTER CENTER HOURS

Our hours are the same for both the Library and Computer Center:

- Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Library and Computer Center will be closed on the following holidays:

- May 28 and 29, 2023, Memorial Day
- June 18 and 19, 2023, Juneteenth Day
- July 4, 2023, Independence Day
- September 3 and 4, 2023, Labor Day

Many of our programs are continuing, including Books-to-Go (curbside pickup) and Books-to-You (delivery for City of Takoma Park residents only) - email library@takomaparkmd.gov to make a request.

Check our website for our regular Children's and Young Adults Programs.

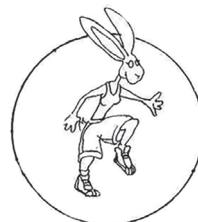
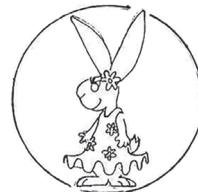
It is especially important that you check our website for LOCATION of events - we may have some events at the interim location and some at the Community Center auditorium, or other locations.

For questions about the interim location or about library construction, please email newlibrary@takomaparkmd.gov.



SummerQuest!

Beginning June 12, the SummerQuest reading program kicks off! SummerQuest is an interactive reading game for all ages from read-to-me through adulthood. Players can pick up a character and game board from the front desk staff. To move through the story, you read a different kind of book for each section of the game board (adventure, poetry, different cultures, etc.). Join us on the adventure and read along!



El Cuento returns!

Beginning in April, come to the Crossroads Farmers Market Wednesdays at 11am for Lotería & Storytime in Spanish. Win prizes and learn at the same time!

Computer Center drop in help, or call ahead for Computer Skills Coaching (free, ongoing, anytime)

The Computer Center staff offers one-on-one coaching in computer skills for everyone. If you are interested in learning the basics of using the internet, setting up email, editing photos, even creating a website or sharing videos, call the Library and ask for a member of the Computer Center staff to set up a time to come in and learn. The Computer Center has the same hours as the Library, Monday - Thursday 10am - 8pm, Friday - Sunday 12 noon - 6pm.

Preserve your family's heritage

Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:30pm

To commemorate the American Library Association's National Preservation Week this year, the Library is partnering with Historic Takoma, Inc. for a program on what you can do to preserve your family's history. Please join us to learn about how to evaluate, handle, and store your family's record of memory. This event will be held at the Historic Takoma, Inc. building at 7328 Carroll Avenue.

Favorite Poem Night

Once again the Library will be hosting Favorite Poem Night to celebrate National Poetry Month. Participants should email Jill Raymond at jillr@takomaparkmd.gov, and let her know which favorite published poem they will be reading. All are welcome, even if not comfortable with reciting/reading a poem. Tuesday, April 25, 7:30pm at the Library's interim location.

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) News

Book Sale! Look for information about our semi-annual book sale in May. www.ftpml.org

Book groups - FTPML has two book groups, the **Big Book Club (BBC)** and the **Friends Book Group (FBG)**.

The FBG will be reading *So Long, See You Tomorrow* by William Maxwell as its May selection. Discussion will



be on May 11, 2023, location and time TBA. Future FBG meetings will be held on July 13, September 14, and November 19, 2023, with selections to be determined.

The BBC spring selection has not been announced as of press time. Email ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com for more information about either group and to receive up-to-date announcements. Check the City newsletter or the Takoma Insider for details.

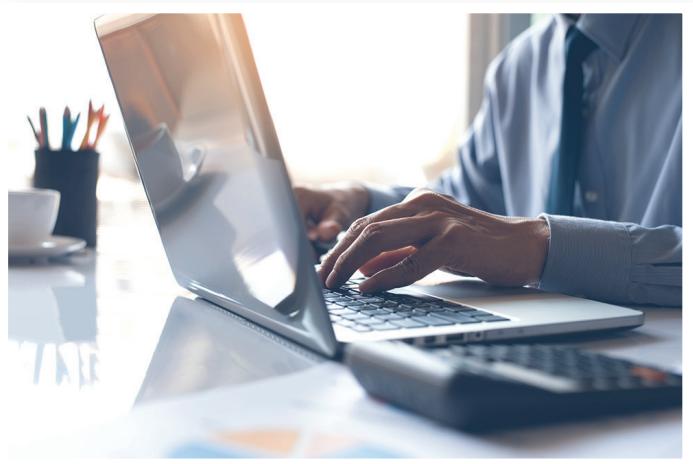
Return of the MOOC!

What's a MOOC? It's a Massive Open Online Course, the 21st century version of the "correspondence course" of yesteryear. Pioneered by MIT in the early part of this century, there are now literally thousands of courses available for anyone to freely take. Some courses offer certification for a fee, and based on successfully completing all elements of the course. But many of us just take them for enrichment and intellectual stimulation. We haven't had one since 2018 and it's time to start them up again.

The Library will hold MOOC sessions on Sundays at noon beginning in June. Discussion of the week's readings will last about an hour and a half to two hours. Participants will independently review the course material for that week prior to the discussion.

Our Summer 2023 topic has yet to be determined - email us with suggestions, annel@takomaparkmd.gov.

Once we have a topic, you can register with the Library on our website (under Events), and we will send you instructions on how



to register with the chosen course. Look for more information in May!

Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

**Open During
Library
Construction!**

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

Standard Hours:

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
- * Unavailable for rental during construction*

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

Notary Public

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

Passport Service

Passport Service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center. Appointments are required. Please email Sofia Visurraga, Customer

Service Representative, at sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov for information and appointments.
Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

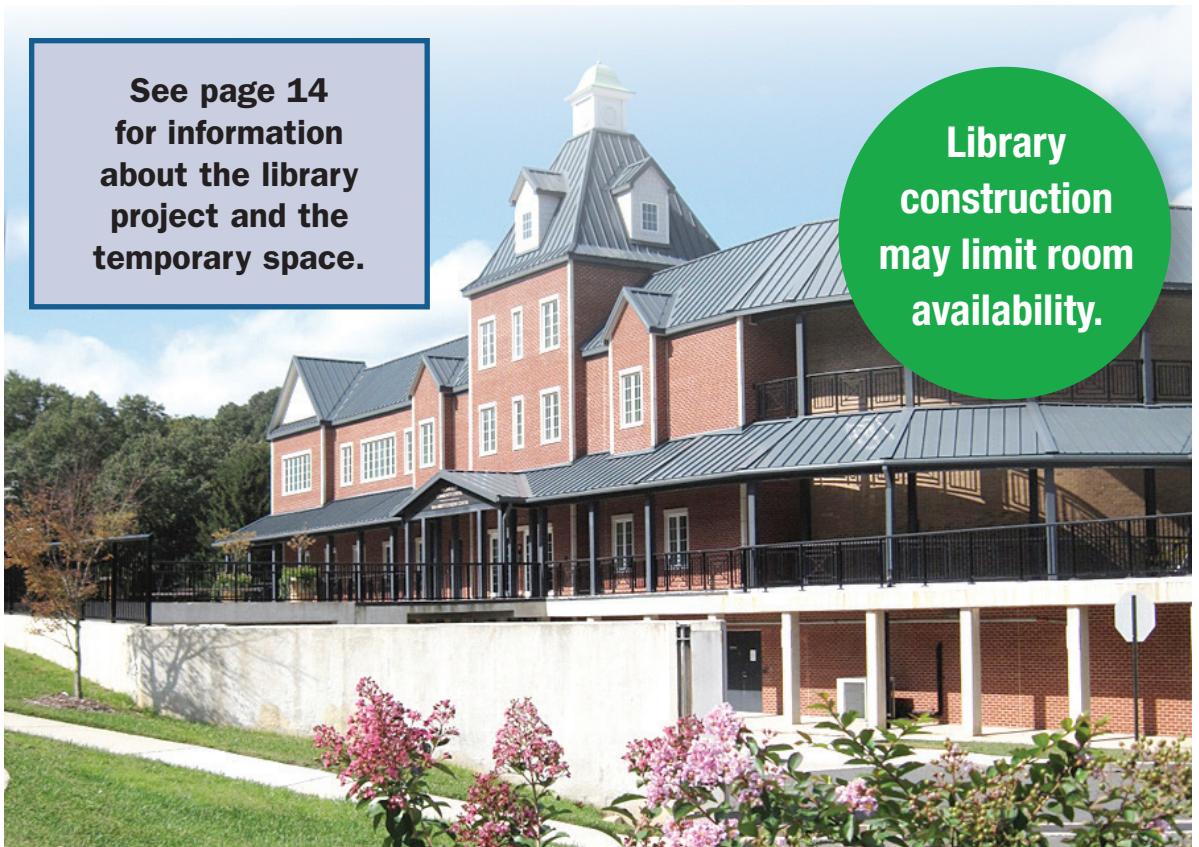
Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí, solo con cita. Solicite la cita enviando un correo electrónico sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov

Teen Lounge (Grades 6–12)

Comfortable, safe space for teens to socialize and enjoy a snack after school. Teens can also participate in daily activities and work on homework.

**See page 14
for information
about the library
project and the
temporary space.**

**Library
construction
may limit room
availability.**



Book Your Next Event with Us!



Library construction may limit room availability

To reserve an indoor space: Go online or come in person to our office at 7500 Maple Avenue. We are open on weekdays 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Rentals can be made three months in advance, but no less than 10 days before the event. Full payment is due at the time of 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.

Standard Rental Hours

Takoma Park Community Center

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

Heffner Park Community Center

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center

- Call for availability: 301-891-7286
- See page 16 for prices

NOTE:
Fee increases effective 9/1/22

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

Small Meeting Rooms

Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables
 25 without tables

Hydrangea Room

Capacity 20 with tables

Fees

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

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

Capacity Maximum 15 during construction

Heffner Park Community Center

**42 Oswego Avenue
 Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Capacity 40 with tables
 50 without tables

Fees

T.P. resident	\$45/hour
Non-resident	\$70/hour
Business*	\$90/hour

\$75 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

Auditorium unavailable for rentals during construction.



Takoma Park Recreation Center

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

Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:30 - 9 p.m.
 Tues. & Thurs. 12 - 9 p.m.
 Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sun. Closed
 * Tuesday & Thursday 12-2 p.m.
 are reserved for senior use only

Summer Hours
 (beginning 6/20)

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sat. 9 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!

Membership Fees

Recreation Center General

(1 year; does not include Fitness Room)

	Resident	Non-resident
Youth (5 - 12 years)	\$5	\$15
Teen (13 - 17 years)	\$10	\$20
Adult (18+ years)	\$55	\$65

Fitness Room

(Closes 30 minutes ahead of building)

	Resident	Non-resident
Adult (6 months)	\$85	\$95
Adult (1 year)	\$120	\$140
Senior, 55+	Free	Free

Hourly Rental Information

Gym* (capacity 294)

TP Resident	\$50/hour
Non-resident	\$75/hour
Business	\$95/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)

Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)

TP Resident	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business	\$80/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Call 301-891-7289 for availability.

* \$75 security deposit required.

Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Join Us For:

- Before & After school programs
- Classes for all ages
- Summer camps
- Senior programs
- Kids & Teen nights

Please Note:

There is a change to our fee structure for all Recreation Center programs, memberships and rentals. To check if you qualify as a City of Takoma Park resident visit takomaparkmd.gov and search Ward Map.

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											
Tootley-Fraser Park Eastridge Ave. Ward 5											

In addition to the parks above, the city maintains:

B.Y. Morrison Park Carroll & Ethan Allen Ave. Ward 3	Dorothy's Woods Woodland & Cirle Ave. Ward 3	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

\$105 per day	T.P. resident
\$125 per day	Non-resident/Business



FAQs

- In order to secure a park pavilion, it is highly recommended to have a permit. (See page 17).
- 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 17.
- 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

Follow the Sidewalk Poetry Map to Stay on Track

*Poems underfoot
Immortalized in concrete
Follow map to see*

An online map connects seven poems written by local residents which have been imprinted in sidewalks along a 3.8-mile looping route across Takoma Park.

The map, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3wuxH1F>, includes photos and icons marking the locations of the poems along a route that travels past some popular local destinations, including the Sligo Creek Trail, Adventist University, Takoma Park Community Center, and downtown.

The ongoing project was organized by the City's Arts and Humanities Division with assistance from public works crews who use large, customized metal plates to stamp the poems in wet concrete during



sidewalk construction or repairs.

"The weather is warming up so this is a great time to walk or bike around town to see our sidewalk poetry," Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith said. "It's exciting to see poetry by local residents in unusual locations. Many people don't experience much poetry in their lives so this is a way to bring poems

to them and maybe inspire them to write their own poetry."

Takoma Park has the only sidewalk poetry program in the D.C. area. It was inspired by a similar project initiated by artist Marcus Young with Public Art Saint Paul in St. Paul, Minn.

More than 150 local residents entered the sidewalk poetry contest in 2021, and a committee of local poets picked 10 children and 10 adults as the winners. Each winner received a \$100 prize and an opportunity to have their original poem immortalized in concrete. You can read all of the winning poems at takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/sidewalk-poetry-contest-winners-announced.

More poems will be stamped as sidewalk work continues this spring.

Have Pop-Up Trike. Will Travel.

A bright orange cargo trike will be rolling around town soon to bring fun projects to city residents where they live and work.

The Pop-Up Trike will be used in public outreach for some new arts, library, and planning programs. The trike was purchased from Icicle Tricycles using City funds. The custom vinyl wrap features some City logos and the word "IMAGINE" in English, Spanish, and Amharic.

The trike will be used for fun arts projects like chalk drawing, painting, or

poetry, Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith said. Future pop-up events will be posted at takomaparkmd.gov/arts and in the Takoma Park Arts e-newsletter.

"We want to take our programs outside the Community Center to reach more people and explore their creativity with some fun art projects," Smith said. "Keep an eye out for a bright orange trike because we may be rolling through your neighborhood!"



Housing and Community Development

Planning and Community Development • 301-891-7119 • planning@takomaparkmd.gov

The Planning Division manages the City's plans and processes related to land use, transportation, and development review. This includes projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, updated bus shelters and street furniture, new bike lane planning, and more!

May is Bike Month! Check the City webpage for bike information:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/community-development/bikeways-program/>

Bike to School Day

Are your bikes ready to roll for Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 3rd? Dust off your bikes and be sure to perform an **ABC** spin check! Before heading out, make sure you have enough **Air** in your tires, check to see if your **Brakes** are working, and be sure that your **Chain** isn't loose



or rusted.

Ride with friends, family, and your classmates to receive some bike safety swag! For more information on Bike to School Day and for resources on bike education and the "rules of the road", check out the "Bike and Walk to School Day" page on the city website.

Bike to Work Day – May 19th

Whether you're working from the office or from your living room, celebrate bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, and healthy way to exercise and commute on Friday, May 19th. Come by Takoma Park's pit stops in Old Takoma and on the Sligo Creek Trail @ New Hampshire Ave to receive a free T-shirt and bike safety swag. For more information and to register, visit biketoworkmetrodc.com

We want YOUR feedback on new bikeway projects!

The City of Takoma Park is actively working on the designs for multiple bikeway projects, including the New Ave Bikeway on New Hampshire Ave, an upgrade to the Metropolitan Branch Trail, and a redesign of Maple Avenue.

Follow along with each project on the City's website where you can learn about public events and opportunities to participate in the planning process! Visit: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/bikeways-program/>.

Economic Development Division • 301-891-7119
econdev@takomaparkmd.gov



Photo by: Sam Kittner-Grand Opening of Sugar Braids-2022

Economic Development Division

Are you a business located in Takoma Park or a business owner looking to move to a thriving, diverse community? Are you a property owner or investor looking to explore your options in Takoma Park? Our Economic Development Team is here to help navigate the city's business and real estate development process. Our staff can provide various kinds of support, including:

- Technical Assistance
- Site Selection
- Access to Capital

Housing Division • 301-891-7119 • housing@takomaparkmd.gov

The Housing Division is responsible for monitoring Takoma Park's rental housing stock, ensuring compliance with the City's landlord tenant laws, and administering a variety of grant opportunities designed to further its goals to create and maintain a more fiscally

and environmentally sustainable community and improve the quality of life for all residents. To find out more about the services and grant programs listed, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development.

Takoma Park Housing Programs

COVID-19 Rental Assistance

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the City is pleased to provide additional funding to residents who are at risk of homelessness. The program provides financial assistance to residents who are behind on rent and make 200% of the federal poverty limit. This program is run in partnership with Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park (MUSST). You can reach out for assistance by emailing or texting musst@verizon.net.

Emergency Assistance Program

The City of Takoma Emergency Assistance program provides emergency financial assistance to residents facing a crisis related to housing, utility payments, necessary medical care, provisions of food, or other urgent needs. Residents making 200% of the federal poverty limit are able to apply for funding through the City's partner, Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park (MUSST). You can reach out for assistance by emailing or texting musst@verizon.net.



Home Stretch

The Home Stretch Down Payment Assistance Program provides grants to low-and-moderate-income individuals and families to achieve homeownership in the City of Takoma Park, helping build generational wealth in our community. Qualified households can receive a \$10,000, 0% interest loan, of which 20% will be forgiven every year for five years when the loan is fully forgiven. To learn more about the program, please visit <https://bit.ly/TKPKDownPayment> or call the Housing and Community Development at **301-891-7119**.

Rental Assistance Program

The Rental Assistance Program provides short-term, ongoing support to residents facing financial difficulties making rent payments. City residents making 200% of the federal poverty limit are able to apply for up to \$350 per month in assistance for three months (for a total of \$1,050 in assistance) so that renters have time to find employment or income to continue to live in their homes. This program is run in partnership with Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park (MUSST). You can reach out for assistance by emailing or texting musst@verizon.net.



If you have any questions, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at **301-891-7119** or email housing@takomaparkmd.gov

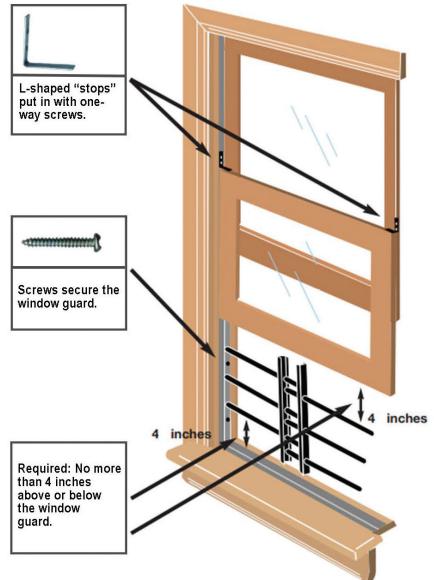
Window Guard Regulations for Rental Units in Takoma Park

Window Guard Requirements

- Must be installed so that a 4" diameter sphere cannot fit through them or must prevent the window from opening more than 4"
- Must be able to bear a load of 150 lbs (specified by the manufacturer)
- Stoppers must be $\frac{1}{2}$ the width and depth of the track and should be securely fastened
- Window guards can be a combination of bars and stoppers such that an opening of more than 4" is impossible
- Tenants can request them at any time, and they must be installed within 14 days of the request

A Window Is Exempt When

- It is not designed to open;
- It is a ground-floor or basement window;
- Windows leading to a fire escape ladder or exterior balcony;
- It contains an air-conditioning unit bolted to the window and does not have gaps of more than 4 inches.



Notification/Compliance Requirements

- Current tenants must be notified by March 1, 2023, that they can request window guards be installed in their unit
- New tenants must be notified as part of the lease agreement
- Tenants must be notified annually by mail or by hand either when you notice a rent increase or go for a renewal (whichever comes first)
- You need to maintain the following information on-site for the City to review
 - An inventory of the models of window guards used;
 - The number of window guards installed in each unit;
 - A statement/affidavit that all window guards meet the requirements of the regulation.

Requesting a Variance

- Variances must be submitted to the Housing Division by filling out the Variance Request Form
- You must provide adequate justification for why your windows cannot meet the standards. Be sure to include photos and drawings to illustrate your situation
- If you are including an alternative window guard, you must include a sample of it in your application

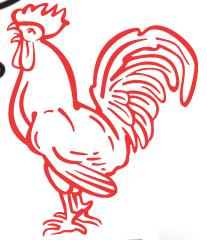


Questions? Contact the Housing Division at
Housing@TakomarkMD.gov or 301-891-7222

Recreation Department

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

*Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
3/8 for Scholaship Awardees
3/15 for TP Residents*



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 this section of the City Guide.

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

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

Rental Requests

For more information about local parks and room rentals, see pages 16-19. Availability is limited during construction.

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 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WE ARE HIRING SUMMER CAMP STAFF!

*Working with youth & teens,
facilitating fun and enriching
activities and creating
a safe environment.*



Apply online at:

takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources

WE ARE HIRING • WE ARE HIRING • WE ARE HIRING

RENEW NOW!

SO THAT ALL TAKOMA PARK RESIDENTS CAN PLAY... SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING



Recreation Department scholarships are available for Takoma Park residents in need. Scholarships can be used for activities, camps and childcare through the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department and is valid for the calendar year. Apply now!

For more information visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

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Las becas del Departamento de Recreación están disponibles para los residentes de Takoma Park que las necesiten. Las becas se pueden utilizar para actividades, campamentos y cuidado de niños a través del Departamento de Recreación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park y son válidas para el año calendario. ¡Aplique ya!

Para obtener más información, visite takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Des bourses du département des loisirs sont disponibles pour les résidents de Takoma Park dans le besoin. Les bourses peuvent être utilisées pour des activités, des camps et la garde d'enfants par l'intermédiaire du département des loisirs de la ville de Takoma Park et sont valables pour l'année civile. Postulez dès maintenant!

Pour plus d'informations, visitez le site takomaparkmd.gov/recreation



Special Events



Family Outdoor Movie Night

Our outdoor movie will begin at dusk on 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 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
2 Darwin Avenue
All ages
Saturday, June 3
7:30-11:30 p.m.
Free

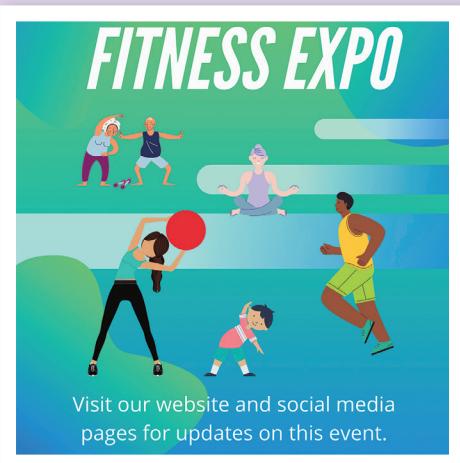


Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg" citing time! There are 4 age categories: 2 & 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!

Check our website for more details leading up to the event: takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Avenue
2-8 years
Saturday, April 8
Starting at 10 a.m.
Free



Fitness Expo

Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from our local community health and wellness organizations. The expo will kick off at 10 a.m. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All ages
Saturday, April 1
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Free

Recreation: Tots

NOTE: Due to Library and Community Center renovations, some of our classes have changed locations; please be sure to review the descriptions for updated information.

Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
Scholarship Awardees: 3/8
TP Residents: 3/15

Tots

Newborn-5



ART

The ABC's of Art!

You're never too young to make art, so bring your creativity and your curiosity to the ABC's of Art! Each week we'll read a fun new story and create a complimentary art project. Drawing, painting, collage and more. Instructor: CREATE Arts Center

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue

3-5 years

8 Week Session

Saturdays, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

April 1-May 27

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

DANCE

Combo Tot Dance

Fun and energizing class for your little ones. This is the introductory foundational class consisting of rhythmic movements, into basic tumbling and various styles of dance. Jam packed with games and toys your little ones your little ones won't even realize they are learning to dance. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

3-5 years

8 Week Session

Sundays, 12:15-1 p.m.

Spring: April 2-May 21

Summer: July 2-August 20

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

SPORTS

Tot Sports

Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports such as soccer and basketball. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture their growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3-5 years

6 Week Session

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

April 15-May 20

Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70



Youth

5-12 years



Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
Scholarship Awardees: 3/8
TP Residents: 3/15

ART

Ceramics: 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. There is a non-refundable \$30 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

7-13 years

8 Week Sessions

Mondays, 4-5 p.m.

April 17-June 12 (No class 5/29)

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.

April 19-June 7

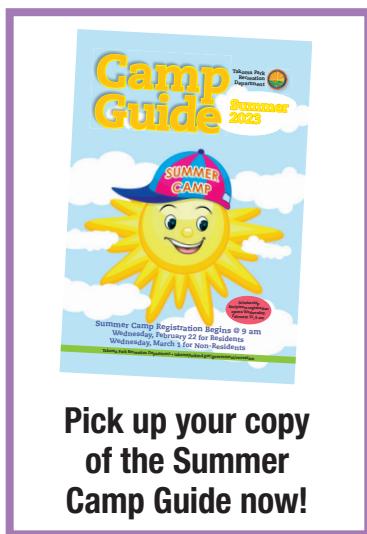
Fridays, 4-5 p.m.

April 14-June 9 (No class 4/21)

Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230

Materials: \$30

Also see:
Clay in the
Studio (pg 32)
a day time
class, good
for home
school
families.



Creative Youth Development for Elementary Ages

Our Creative Youth Development program integrates artistic expression with youth development principles, supporting young people's stories, ideas and emotional struggles. For many people, this kind of learning is simply not available in their schools. This class is designed for youth ages 7-11 years old who want to strengthen their personal, social and intellectual capacities to succeed in school, career and life. Instructor: CREATE Arts Center

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

7-11 years

8 Week Session

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 1-May 27

(No class 4/8)

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

DANCE

Dance With Me

A class that provides fun and excitement to everyone! This class allows for everyone to bring a friend or family member to learn fun dances and games in a safe, entertaining and supportive environment. Dance with me caters to youth with differing abilities. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

8-11 years

8 Week Sessions

Sundays, 1:15-2 p.m.

Spring: April 2-May 21

Summer: July 2-August 20

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

DROP-IN

Kid 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

8-12 years

First & Third Fridays, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Spring: April 7, April 21, May 5,

May 19, June 2

Summer: June 16, July 7, July 21,

August 4, August 18

Free with Recreation Center Membership

Recreation: Youth

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu, is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self defense, improved flexibility and self awareness. This ancient form of self defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance. Students will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4-16 years
8 Week Sessions
Saturdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Spring: April 1-May 27
Summer: July 8-August 26
Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190
Uniform Fee: \$70

SPORTS

Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. This is a basketball class not league play.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
7 Week Session
Saturdays, 12-1 p.m.
July 8-August 19
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

Golf

This course is designed for the novice golfer. This class will focus on the fundamentals of the sport including the equipment, some rules, etiquette and the history of the sport. Supplies and equipment will be provided for participants. Sign up as a family or with

a friend, all are welcome! Registration is required. Instructor: Fred Harllee

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outside Classroom
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 & up
6 Week Session
Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m.
Spring: April 15-May 20
Summer: July 8-August 12
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Y.E.S. League

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades: 5-8
7 Week Season
Mondays, 6-9 p.m.
June 26-August 7
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

EXTENDED CARE

Registration now
opens at 12 pm!

School Year 2023-2024

The Recreation Department is pleased to again offer before care and after care at both of our facilities. Morning and Afternoon Addition are held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue and Before and After the Bell is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

Our emphasis is on providing fun, leisure and recreation programs before and after the school day, while providing a safe environment for children grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Children will have time for free play, homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or simply prepare for their upcoming day in before care. Each

REGISTRATION OPENS:

Current Scholarship Awardees: 4/12
TP Residents: 4/19
Non-Residents: 4/26

afternoon kids will receive a snack, have a time period to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more! Programs operate when MCPS schools are in session.

There is a payment plan available, with a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct 1st.

Morning Addition or Before the Bell

7-9 a.m.
Resident: \$1,700 / Non-resident: \$2,000

Afternoon Addition or After the Bell

3:30-6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$2,500 / Non-resident: \$3,000

Bundle Discount

Participants who register for both before care and after care at the same facility in one transaction will receive a discount.

Resident: \$3,570 / Non-resident: \$4,250



Teens

13-17 years



Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
Scholarship Awardees: 3/8
TP Residents: 3/15

ART

Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, self portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students are 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. Materials fee of \$20 paid directly to the instructor must be made on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue
11-14 years

6 Week Sessions

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

May 2-June 6

Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

May 4-June 8

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

Materials Fee: \$20

CAMPS

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/

Registration
open!

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 are listed below, must attend all trainings to qualify. Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. **At orientation youth will schedule their volunteer session. Each session is for two (2) weeks and do not have to be consecutive weeks. Main camp times: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

14-15 years

CIT Orientation: Wednesday, May 10
5-6:30 p.m.

Pre-Service: Tuesday-Thursday, June
20-22

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

First Aid/CPR Training: Friday, June 23
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

DANCE

Kolor Me Dance: Hip-Hop

Hip-hop dance began during the late 1960's and early 1970's, originally inspired by the movements of African dancing, and flourished as a new style of dance performed on the street for the people. Hip-hop incorporates aspects of modern dance, tap, and swing, integrating music and complex movements to form artistry. Come and learn the fundamentals of hip-hop dance by learning fun routines! Teens will also have the opportunity to explore other types of dance such as stepping. Instructor: Kokoe Abas

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades: 6-12

8 Week Session

Fridays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

April 14-June 2

Free

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

10-17 years

Pick up your copy of the Summer Camp Guide now!

Recreation: Teens

4 Week Sessions

Fridays, 4-6 p.m.

Session 1: April 14-May 5

Session 2: May 12-June 2

Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

DROP-IN

Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second and fourth Friday of the month? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a night out of the house.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

12-16 years

Second Fridays, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Spring: April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26

Summer: June 9, July 14, August 11

Free with Recreation Center

Membership

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Mind Over Matter:

Stress Relief for Teens

Teens are experiencing more stress than ever, but they can learn the tools to release it! In this course participants will learn to: recognize and tame stress and strong emotions, cultivate calm and happiness, focus on the present moment with kindness, relax their bodies, improve their focus, increase kindness and compassion for themselves and others. Each class will include some movement, discussion and sitting practices. Students will also have the opportunity to shape the class content! Instructor: Jen Smith

Location details TBD

Grades: 6-12

Free

Teen Money Management

Money talks! Want to learn the language?

This financial literacy program specifically focuses on basic finance skills that are relevant to the lives of teens. By learning the concepts listed below and putting them into practice, participants will be much better prepared when they begin building their



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to miss it!



own credit history and managing their own money. Topics include: Long Term Saving Goals, Credit Cards and Credit Reports, Opening a Bank Account, Student Loans, Budgeting. Once Registered Zoom Link is included on Receipt. Instructor: Tyronda Boone of Zoey & Zander

Virtual

Grades: 6-12

8 Week Session

7 Week Session

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

April 17-June 5

Free

Teen Playwrights

Are you interested in theater and/or Broadway? Have you ever wondered how such a beautiful, large production such as Lion King, Romeo and Juliet, or Hamilton are made? Journey into

playwriting to learn all about how these productions come to life. Students will be led by a professional theater artist through an interactive playwriting process, including but not limited to developing conflict, creating characters, revision, and production. Instructor: Young Playwright's Theater.

Takoma Park Community Center

Hydrangea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades: 6-12

8 Week Session

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m.

April 18-June 8

Free

SPORTS

Y.E.S. League

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed five 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

6 Week Season

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

July 5-August 9

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



Adults

16+ years



**Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
Scholarship Awardees: 3/8
TP Residents: 3/15**

ART

Ceramics: Clay in the Studio

A great class for homeschoolers, preschoolers (with caregiver present) and people with flexible schedules. All ages are welcome. This class focuses on hand building techniques including pinch, coil and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Students can create functional items as well as sculptures. Dream something up and try it out in the studio. Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. A \$35 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Registration for Wednesday class includes studio time on most Fridays, 12:30 - 1 p.m. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 & up
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
April 19-June 7
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230
Materials Fee: \$35

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 \$35 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on most Fridays from 1-1:30 pm. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
8 Week Session
Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
April 17-June 12 (No class 5/29)
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230
Materials Fee: \$35

Crafting Polymer Jewelry

Polymer clay is a versatile artistic material that offers amazing possibilities for creating personalized jewelry. In this introduction to polymer clay, you'll learn a variety of surface techniques using texture, highlights, simple canes and veneers. You'll then learn to apply these to create earrings, pendants and brooches. Most work will be done by hand but I'll have a pasta machine and other tools and supplies for you to experiment with. The materials fee includes the polymer clay and jewelry findings. Unlike ceramics, polymer clay can be cured in a home oven. So you will be able to apply your new skills to create a wide range of unique jewelry at home without special equipment. Instructor: Sharyn Neuwirth

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
12 & up

1 Day Workshop

Saturday, April 1
1-5 p.m.
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100
Materials Fee: \$23

Ceramics - Wheel Throwing

In this class we will learn the basic skills involved in creating functional forms on the potter's wheel. Centering, pulling, collaring, trimming, and glazing will all be covered. While our focus is on the basic forms cups, bowls, and plates an experimental and lively approach to the work is encouraged. No experience is required, students at an intermediate level are also welcome. A materials fee will cover one bag of clay, glazes and firing. A class fee of \$40 is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Leslie Milofsky

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m.
April 18-May 23
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Materials Fee: \$40

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, on-going feedback and critique. Creative

Recreation: Adults

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 camaraderie 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
6 Week Session
Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m.
May 4-June 8
Resident: \$230 / Non-resident: \$260
Materials Fee: \$20

Spring Into Art

Have fun and paint on paper, canvas and tiles, even your Iphone. You can try out the computer program Photoshop elements too. Look at flowers, photos, shells and other nature oriented material. In a supportive atmosphere share your appreciation of nature and get ready for spring to blossom. Most materials will be provided. Instructor: Alice Sims

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
4 Week Session
Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
April 15-May 6
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing and during class discussion?

Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. This class will help you to jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Prepare to have fun! Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Virtual
16 & up
9 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.



Spring: April 5-May 31
Summer: July 5-August 30
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

FITNESS

Boot Camp

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 & up
7 Week Session
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 1 (7 Weeks): April 11-May 25
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125

Session 2 (4 Weeks): June 6-June 29
Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

Session 3 (7 Weeks): July 11-August 24
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125
Drop-in: \$10

Foundation Fitness II

Foundation Fitness II (FFTII) is a group exercise program that is appropriate for all age and skill levels, but especially for those who are new to fitness training. FFTII is designed to improve health and skill-related fitness components with focus on muscular strength and endurance; flexibility, agility, balance, coordination, speed variance and power. The program is designed to enhance muscular definition



and strength; decrease fall risks; improve cardiovascular capacity; increase physical fitness level; improve movement efficiency and range of motion; and enhance general sense of well-being. The exercises and movements can be modified to challenge all levels of fitness. Classic utilizes a high back chair; light hand weights (1, 2, or 3 lb weights depending on fitness level) and/or a resistance tube. Each participant should provide their own equipment, a towel and water bottle. Additionally participants should be able to perform floor exercises using a mat and various resistance tools. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual
18 & up
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Spring (12 Weeks): April 1-June 24
Summer (9 Weeks): July 1-August 26
Resident: \$6 / Non-resident: \$16

Iyengar Yoga for Beginners

This class will introduce you to Yoga as taught by the Iyengar Method. This method opens up the practice of yoga for everyone. The use of props and a step by step approach teaches alignment and brings strength and flexibility. The basic postures are introduced and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt, energy is generated and the breath is engaged. The aim is to bring into alignment the different parts of the body to associate the breath and mind and release tension and stress. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

Recreation: Adults

18 & up
10 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
April 5-June 7
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Ker De Zuri DanXercise Class-Afro Beat

Zuris Sana'a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, contemporary and african dance moves within our choreography to create a memorable workout experience. Our moves are feasible and suitable for all ages. Participants will be able to shred calories and learn fun choreography all in one class. Instructor: Khady N'Diaye

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
12 Week Session
Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.

Spring (12 Weeks): April 6-June 22
Summer (9 Weeks): July 6-August 31
Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

Sunlight Qi Gong

Sunlight Qi Gong is a powerful, beautiful series of movements designed to increase the practitioner's connection to the vitality, warmth, joy, & heart energy of the sun. As spring wakens flowers and beckons us outdoors, Sunlight Qi Gong helps us access our vital "Qi" energy within ourselves and in nature, balancing the Yin of winter with the bright, active Yang energy of Spring. Join today - Your Health Is In Your Hands! No experience needed. The instructor will provide the Zoom link for the class. Instructors: Patrick Smith & Joann Malone



Virtual
18 & up
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, 7:30-8 p.m.
April 4-May 23
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident \$40

Zumba

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with danced moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness. No equipment needed for this class. Instructor: Dance Solutions

Takoma Park Community Center

Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 & up
Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Spring (12 Weeks): April 1-June 24
Summer (9 Weeks): July 1-August 26
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

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 class will consist of warm-ups, stretching, and learning and practicing Isshinryu Karate upper and lower body basics.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 & up
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Spring (9 Weeks): April 3-May 31
Summer (12 Weeks): June 5-August 30
Free with Recreation Center Membership

Kung Fu

Bungo Fu, the Jamaican style of Kung Fu! Come learn: meditation, self defense, improved flexibility and self awareness! This ancient form of self defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8 Week Sessions
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Spring: April 3-May 22
Summer: July 10-August 28
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200
Uniform Fees: \$70

SPORTS

Adult Summer Basketball League

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

Location TBD
18 & up
7 Week Season
Games: weeknights, 6-7 p.m.
June 28 - August 10
Resident team: \$300 /
Non-resident team: \$400

Adult Softball League

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50% of T.P. residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit 15. All games are double headers (8 weeks).

Location TBD
16 & up
8 Week Season
Games: Sundays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Resident team: \$700 /
Non-resident team: \$800

Adult Sports Free Agents

Individual participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available on a team. If offered a space on a team, you will be responsible to pay your registration and any other associated fees to that team.

Spaces not guaranteed



55+

Spring & Summer
Registration Opens:
Scholarship Awardees: 3/8
TP Residents: 3/15



DANCE

Line Dance

This is an enjoyable social activity that provides great physical and mental exercise. It helps to strengthen bones and muscles. It also increases stamina and flexibility as well as supports weight loss and stress reduction. No experience necessary. Choose which day of the week you would like to attend class. Instructor: Barbara Brown

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Spring (10 Weeks): April 11-June 13
Summer (7 Weeks): July 11-August 22
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Spring (10 Weeks): April 12-June 14
Summer (7 Weeks): July 12-August 23
\$6

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 32-34 for more options.

*Ask us about scholarship opportunities.

Zumba Gold

Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Choose which day of the week you would like to attend in-person class, and add on Virtual class on Fridays if you like! Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

55 & up

Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Spring (10 Weeks): April 12-June 14
Summer (7 Weeks): July 12-August 23
Fridays, 10-11 a.m. (Virtual & In-Person)
Spring (10 Weeks): April 14-June 16
Summer (7 Weeks): July 14-August 25
\$6

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck and win a prize! This activity is drop-in, no registration is required. Host: Paula Lisowski

Location subject to change, watch the Forever Young Newsletter for updates!

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 & up
Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m.
April 25, May 23, June 27
Free

Game Room Open Play

The Game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place

Senior Summer Camp!
Coming Soon



See the Spring-Summer
Forever Young Newsletter
for more information.

Recreation: 55+

to join friends for lively conversation, and just to "hang out" before, in-between and after classes during the day. Very limited parking available. NOTE: Library and Community Center renovations may impact this program in the future.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 & up

Spring Hours

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Summer Hours (June 26-August 19)

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

Free

FITNESS

Enhance Your Fitness

A great total body workout using low-impact aerobic movement and gentle resistance training. This class focuses on increasing strength, balance and flexibility through stretching, breathing, core training and proper posture alignment using standing and seated exercises including warm up and cool down routines. The virtual class link will be sent with your email receipt. This class has a new starting time of 11:00 a.m. Instructor: Adriene Buist

Virtual
55 & up

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Spring (11 Weeks): April 4-June 13

Summer (7 Weeks): July 11-August 22
\$6

Foundational Fitness 55+

Foundational Fitness for adults ages 55 and older is designed to improve health with focus on muscular strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and coordination utilizing a high back chair, light hand weights and/or resistance tubes. Have a towel and water nearby. Equipment is not provided. Link provided in registration receipt. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual
55 & up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Spring (11 Weeks): April 4-June 15

Summer (7 Weeks): July 11-August 24
\$6



Qigong 55+

Qigong is meditation via movement, standing and/or seated, that can benefit participants by lowering stress and anxiety, increasing focus and improving balance and flexibility. It combines breathing, gentle movement and meditation to improve good mental, physical and spiritual health. Instructor: Anne Harrison

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Spring (10 Weeks): April 13-June 15

Summer (6 Weeks): July 20-August 24
\$6



Tai Chi Strength

Begin with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance. End with cool down exercises. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.

Spring (10 Weeks): April 11-June 13

Summer (6 Weeks): July 11-August 22
\$6

Walking Group

Don't worry about the weather outside and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. This activity is drop-in so no registration is required, however a free fitness pass is required to use the Gym.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Tuesdays, 1:15-2 p.m.

Spring (10 Weeks): April 11-June 13

Free with membership

Yoga for 55+

This yoga class is about the gentle flow of yoga poses modified to an individual's needs depending on their balance level. Improve balance, flexibility, posture and stamina and energize mind and spirit for better health and well being. No experience needed. Students must bring their own yoga mat. Instructor: Sarita Lama

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m.

Spring (10 Weeks): April 11-June 13

Summer (7 Weeks): July 11-August 22
\$6

Yoga for Healthy Aging

This class helps build strength and endurance, increase flexibility and range of motion, improve posture and balance and create a general sense of well-being. Special attention is paid to bone health. Work at your own pace in a series of seated, standing and floor poses and incorporates breathing and relaxation techniques. Students need to provide their own yoga sticky mat, a yoga belt (or equivalent, e.g., a necktie), a tennis ball and preferably a yoga block and blanket. Instructor: Carol Mermey

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

Fridays, 12-1 p.m.

Spring (10 Weeks): April 14-June 16

Summer (7 Weeks): July 14-August 25
\$6

SPORTS

Pickleball Open Play 55+

Join other "new" players for pickleball practice and play in the Gymnasium. This activity is geared toward beginners. Two courts and limited paddles available.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 & up

10 Week Session

Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

April 13-June 15

Free with Recreation Center membership

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!



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)

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.

Pool Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 6:30-9 a.m. & 4-8 p.m.
Sat: 8 a.m.-4p.m.

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. Residents who want to close their street for play, help with the independent play events or would like more information are welcome to contact them at info@letsplayamerica.org or 301-928-9962 or visit www.letsplayamerica.org.

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. For more information, email takomaparkcommunityband@gmail.com or call the band president, Rylee Bell, at 703-620-2327.



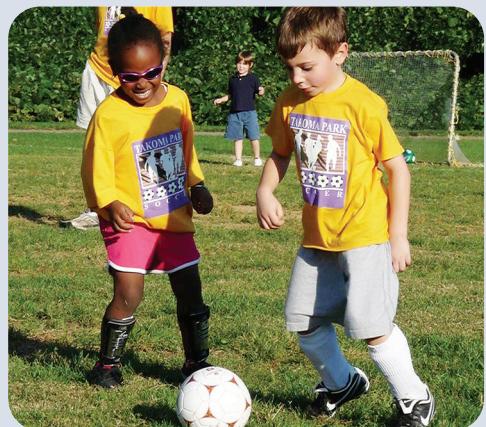
Credit: Takoma Park City TV

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, go to www.takomasoccer.org or contact Howard Kohn at kohn@erols.com.



Credit: www.takomasoccer.org

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



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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.

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.

- 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/ and search "ward map."
- 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.

Wait list policy

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

Registration policies

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

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/email (recreation@takomaparkmd.gov) 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.



City of Takoma Park

Direct Cash Assistance Program

Were you impacted by COVID-19? Apply for one-time financial support.

Eligible low-income households that were negatively impacted by COVID-19 can receive a one-time \$1,000 direct cash assistance through the Takoma Park Direct Cash Assistance Program.

General eligibility criteria for the Direct Cash Assistance Program includes —

- Household income must be less than \$50,000.
- Must be located within the boundaries of Takoma Park, Maryland (address cannot be a PO Box or an address that leads to a shipping center as their physical location).

The Takoma Park Direct Cash Assistance Program is funded by the City of Takoma Park and is administered by FORWARD.



FORWARD

Detailed eligibility requirements and application can be found at https://bit.ly/TKPK_CashAssistance.

Call 1-855-582-3973 if you need assistance with the application.

Scan:



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