

Takoma Park city guide

Winter 2020

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WHY ARE THE OAKS DYING?

BEETLES, BORERS AND ROT, HELP!



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RESIDENT PROGRAM
REGISTRATION BEGINS
DECEMBER 12
AT 8:30 A.M.

2019 Holiday
Closure
Calendar

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Sunday, January 19 -
Monday, January 20

President's Day

Sunday, February 16 -
Monday, February 17

About
the Cover

The cover features images
of dying oaks at the inter-
section of Prince Georges
and Elm Avenues.



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



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

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ADA



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

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

City Council

All legislative powers of the City are vested in a body designated as the Council of the City of Takoma Park, consisting of seven members. Six of these members are elected by ward and are called Councilmembers, and one is elected at large and is called the Mayor. The regular term of the Councilmembers and the Mayor is two years or until their successors have been elected and duly sworn. However, this Council will serve three years to align with the 2020 Presidential Election. Newly elected Councilmembers and the Mayor take office on the second Monday following their election.



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



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Talisha Searcy**
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City Manager

301-891-7229
suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov

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

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



**City Manager
Suzanne Ludlow**

City Meetings & Events

City Council Meetings

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

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

Open Meetings

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

Opportunities to Serve

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

Active Boards, Commissions & Committees

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

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

To learn more and apply, visit takomaparkmd.gov.

City Departments

Administration

Takoma Park Community Center Third Floor

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

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

City Manager: 301-891-7229

City Clerk: 301-891-7267

Finance

301-891-7212

finance@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/finance

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

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

Payment of City Fees

Online Payment

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

The following fees can be paid online:

- Rental licensing
- Recreation programs
- Parking fines
- Stormwater

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

By Mail or In-Person Payment

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

Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

takomaparkmd.gov/government/

housing-and-community-development

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).

Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

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

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

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

Initiatives > Project Directory

PROJECT DIRECTORY

About the Project Directory

This page lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide.

purpose:

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

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

POLICE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

About the Police Facility Improvements

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

Current Project Status

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

Project Lead & Contact Info

Jack Powers
Police Captain
Phone: 301-891-7104
Email: Richard@takomaparkmd.gov

Police Facility Improvements Details

Project Info & Timeline

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

Budget & Funding Source

Links & Notes

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

Human Resources

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

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

Police

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

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

Public Works/Infrastructure

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

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

Recreation Department

301-891-7290
recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259
www.takomapark.info/library
facebook.com/takomaparklibrary

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

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

The Takoma Park Maryland Library is an independent municipal public

library. Library cards are free to anyone living in Montgomery County or working or attending school in Takoma Park. Others must pay an annual non-resident library card fee.

City Facilities
Heffner Park
Community Center

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

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

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

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



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

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

Also find us on ...



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

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



Public Works

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



Food Waste Collection Program

The City's curbside food waste collection program is available to single family and multi-family properties with City collection and recycling pickup. Please register at www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection.



Large Item Pick Up

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



Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

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



Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

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

Takoma Park Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center

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

See page 16 for more information

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

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways:



- **Social Media:** Follow TakomaPark - Facebook: *Like us* - Twitter: *@TakomaParkMD*
- **NEW! SociaMedia Hub:** Don't like Twitter or Facebook but want to know the latest post or tweets by the City? **Visit:** takomaparkmd.gov/about-takoma-park/social-media-hub/
- **Takoma Park Alert:** Public safety notifications - **Sign up** for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: (emails/texts): takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert

- **Takomaparkmd.gov:** where you can **access information** on upcoming Council meetings, agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- **Monthly Newsletter:** both in **print** and **electronic** copy
- **NEW! The Takoma Insider:** Receive our weekly eNews right to your email. **Sign up:** <http://eepurl.com/gg4dMb>
- **My TkPk:** Make a service request or report an issue using the online app. **Learn more:** takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk

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Rendering of the bioretention at the 7600 Flower Avenue

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

Flower Avenue Green Street Project:

The construction of Takoma Park’s first Green Street began in June 2019. Project construction will take a year; weather permitted, we anticipate the project being completed by late 2020. One of the project’s features is stormwater management to include seven bioretention gardens. For more information, visit the project page on the City’s website.

Staff contact: Daryl Braithwaite, 301-891-7615, darylbtakomaparkmd.gov

Sidewalk Improvements

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

- Maple Avenue (7900 Block) – Design in development
- Gude Avenue – Design in development
- Hopewell Larch & Kentland Avenue – Request received

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

Staff contact: Daryl Braithwaite, 301-891-7615, darylbtakomaparkmd.gov

Stormwater Management Projects

Stormwater Management projects include the design, construction, maintenance, and repair of storm drains, inlets, channels, ditches and stormwater treatment facilities. The projects are aimed toward controlling stormwater runoff for the purposes of reducing downstream erosion and water pollution and to meet State and Federal requirements for treatment of run-off. These projects are funded through the Stormwater Utility Fee, which is levied on all property owners, based on the amount of impervious surface on each property.

Current List of Stormwater management projects includes the following:

- Takoma Branch Stream Restoration – Design in development
- Grant and Holly – Design in development
- Maple Avenue Outfall Repair – Design in development
- Manor Circle and Carroll – Inlet Installation
- Albany Avenue – Inlet and Pipe Repair
- Hancock Avenue Right of way (Behind Park View Tower) – Bioretention Installation and Inlet Repair

For more information about the project, visit <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/stormwater-management-projects>.

Staff Contact: Ali Khalilian, 301-891-7620, alik@takomaparkmd.gov



The short answer is climate change.

BEETLES, BORERS AND ROT, HELP!

By Daryl Brathwaite, Public Works Director, City of Takoma Park

Many of us have noticed what appears to be a large number of oak trees whose leaves suddenly turn brown over a period of a few weeks. This rapid decline is believed to be caused by a convergence of multiple stress factors beginning several years ago. These factors include extreme shifts in soil moisture conditions, proliferation of root diseases, and secondary infestations of more aggressive wood boring pests.

Last year was an extremely rain-soaked year (a record 88 inches of rain with frequent downpours), and March through July 2019 was very wet as well. Super-saturated soils can cause injury to the fine feeder tree roots, choking them of needed oxygen and predisposing them to root rots, such as phytophthora and armillaria. As the impact to the roots gets transmitted to the tree, the tree sends out a stress

signal, which can attract beetles and borers. This summer's high temperatures and dry conditions made it even harder for the large trees to survive. Even though a tree appears to die in just a matter of weeks, its decline has often been a long, but unseen process.

Community Forum

On November 4, the City held a community forum to bring together tree experts with the public to discuss this summer's rapid decline of many large over story trees, especially white oaks. The forum was videotaped and can be accessed through the City's website here: takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/tree-care-and-resources or on Facebook (<https://bit.ly/32raInD>).

In addition to the weather factors mentioned, other conditions, such as tree root damage due to construction activity or a change to drainage in the nearby area, as well as damage due to other insects and diseases, are impacting tree survival.

Many trees in urban environments are often growing in very limited space. Our small lots combined with sidewalk and driveways limit the root area of the trees; soils are often compacted and do not drain well. Many of the trees we have seen dying this year are in the later years of their life span, and many may have been in declining health. White oaks are considered an upland tree species, meaning they do not deal well with saturated soils, particularly over an extended period.

As we continue to gather information about the current situation and best measures for protecting our trees, the City has a webpage (takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/tree-care-and-resources) where updates and information

will be posted as it becomes available. Local resources include the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service bulletins.

For many of the affected trees, if not dead already, it is unfortunately too late: The trees will continue to decline and die. Some of the trees that show some signs of decline may, with extra care, recover. The key is to work with a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) to identify tree health problems and come up with solutions.

Protect Your Trees

Here are some steps you can take to protect your trees.

- **Have your trees inspected every couple of years**, or as needed, by a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE). Regular inspections by a trained professional will identify any tree safety/tree health issues and ways to address both and may prevent any diseases or insect issues from spreading to other trees.
- **Water trees extensively during dry spells.** This is even true in the winter months. When we have periods of no rain for weeks at a time, it is important to provide water to the wide root area around the trees. Allow the water to soak into the ground (a foot or so if possible). A soaker hose is recommended.
- **Place mulch around the base of your tree.** The larger the mulch circle the better, but at least a 6' to 10' radius around the trunk of a large tree. It is important to keep the mulch separated from the trunk itself by several inches. Adding mulch around your tree provides vital nutrients and promotes microbiotic activity essential for good soil. One great source of mulch is the fallen leaves the trees provide – just chop up the leaves by running a mower over them and rake them up a few inches thick and lay them around your tree root area.
- **Mimic forest conditions for your trees when possible.** Ideally you have a soil test done to determine the soil chemistry (pH, nutrient levels, organic matter). Fertilization treatments, based on soil analysis, in combination with water manage-

City Assistance Available for Tree Removal for Low- and Moderate-Income Residents

The City offers assistance for hazardous tree removal to low- and moderate-income residents (85% of the median income for Montgomery County). The emergency tree fund criteria and homeowner's application are on the City website's Tree Care and Resources page: takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/tree-care-and-resources.

ment and mulching can help improve the growing conditions. These treatments are more effective when applied proactively before decline begins. As trees age, just like people, they typically require extra care.

- **Get infected trees removed quickly.** If you do have a tree that has been infected by a beetle or borer, it is essential to get the tree removed quickly before the pests can move and infect other trees around it. The tree should be cut as close to the ground as possible. These trees need to be removed and landfilled or chipped to kill the pests. Do not keep the wood from these trees for firewood. The pests can remain active in the trunk sections for quite a while.



Plant More Trees

It is critical to plant trees to replace those that are lost due to decline or infestation. Planting trees that are native to our area is beneficial for the flora and fauna the trees will support.

The City offers a twice a year tree planting program in the Fall and Spring. Watch the Takoma Park Newsletter for the notices.

When planting a new tree, make sure to understand its preferred growing environment and select species that can handle an urban environment. The City's Tree Resource page has links to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's native plant manual and Casey Trees' urban tree selection guide.



City Services

Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks



SERVICES

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

Snow Season

The City's Public Works staff will be working hard this winter to clear snow from City's streets. You can help make this effort work better by following these suggestions:

- During snow events, please park your car off the street if possible.
- If you must park on the street, make sure to pull your car as close to the curb as possible, and at least 25 feet from an intersection.



- Please clear your sidewalk of snow and debris.

For more information on snow removal, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/snow.

Food Waste Collection Program

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



Holiday Trash Schedule

**Wednesday, January 1,
New Year's Day**

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Thursday, January 2.

**Monday, January 20,
Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday**

Yard waste collection is cancelled.

**Monday, February 17,
President's Day**

Yard waste collection is cancelled.

Housing & Community Development

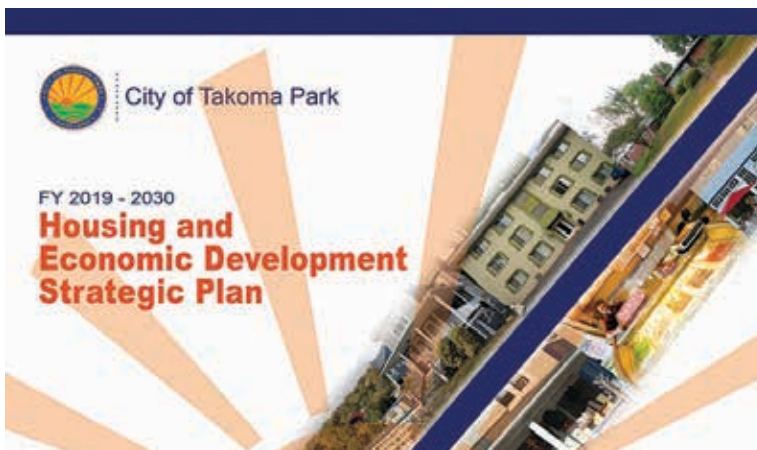
301-891-7119

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

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

The City's Department of Housing and Community Development provides services in many areas including landlord/tenant matters and first-time homebuyer workshops; neighborhood, bicycle, transit and large area planning projects; economic development coordination and assistance; and arts and humanities coordination. One of the major activities of the department this year involves the implementation of the recently-adopted 2019-2030 Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Departmental staff work closely with the Council, other departments and other governmental, non-profit and private sector partners to advance City Council goals, including A Livable Community for All, Environmentally Sustainable Community, and Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life. We look forward to working with you!



Police

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



Community Police Academy Begins Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The Community Police Academy is a 13-week long program consisting of one class a week on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The classes cover topics such as patrol, traffic enforcement, use of force, criminal investigations, canine, firearms, crisis negotiation, etc. The presentations are slide show/lecture style and will be given by officers, detectives and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-alongs with patrol officers.

The Takoma Park Police Department believes that educating the community will result in gaining their understanding and support. Through implementation of the Community Police Academy, the community will gain new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the community it serves. To hear what others have said about the academy, visit takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/community-policing/community-police-academy.

The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and will be filled based on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full 13 weeks to get the most out of the program.

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

Applications for the Community Police Academy are available at the Takoma Park Police Department located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. You may also access the application on, fill it out and submit it electronically to Cathy Plevy: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/kb2evbr4rbj7>. **The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Dec. 20, 2019.**

Any questions about the Community Police Academy can be directed to the Public Information Officer, Cathy Plevy, at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Stay Informed

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

Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE) Program

With winter approaching, please remember that we have a CARE 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.

Residents who register will call the police department once each day between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. If they don't call, we will call them. If they don't answer, we will send a patrol officer to check on their welfare. This program is to protect those in need and bring a sense of peace to those friends and relatives who care, but who are not close enough to check themselves.

To enter the program, you would register by filling out a CARE registration form. That form essentially gives us your name, address, date of birth, home number and cell number, vehicles owned, pets or any other information that would be relevant to an officer visiting your home. It also asks for information on any medical conditions, to include recent surgeries, mobility issues, and so forth; as well as the name, phone number and address of your primary care doctor and an emergency contact. The registration also requires a photograph of the participant and a key to the residence as well as a signed CARE agreement. Once a person has successfully registered, then the registration form, signed agreement, photograph and residence key are placed in a CARE binder and stored in the TPPD Communications/Dispatch Office, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Agreement and registration forms can be found at www.takomaparkmd.gov/police under Services & Programs.

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259
www.takomapark.info/library

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

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

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

Programs

The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children and adults. To keep up with the latest schedule of library programs, please check our website, www.takomapark.info/library, where you can also find our "News" blog, as well as quick links to a few of our upcoming programs and also to city news pages. You also will find a section labeled "programs" that contains information about all of our programs, plus a calendar showing specific program dates. We also post library news and program updates on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Registration is encouraged or required for some programs (as noted). **To register for programs, please go to tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.**

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

Library Hours

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

Computer Center Hours

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

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Weekly Library Programs



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Maurice Belanger



Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teaches early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.

Scribblers Cabal

Most Fridays, 4 p.m.
Kids are invited to draw with Library Associate Dave Burbank, our library staff artist. To keep updated about the schedule, please register.

Monthly Library Programs

Lego Club

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



Kid's Art

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

Caldecott Club

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

Comics Jam

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



Bedtime Stories & A Craft

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

Petites Chansons

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



Photo by Maurice Belanger

Special Programs for Winter

Friends Bi-Monthly Book Club Discussion, January 22, 7:30 p.m.

The graphic novel, Jimmy Corrigan, the Smartest Kid on Earth by Chris Ware, will be discussed by the Friends Bi-Monthly Book Club, with Tim Rahn and Dave Burbank. Geared to adult readers, the Friends Book Group discussions are open to all !



Book Party, Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.

Come celebrate the 2020 Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor winners! This annual gala of the Caldecott Club features cake and lemonade, plus allergy-free treats for those who need them. All ages welcome to this celebration of the best-illustrated children's books of the year.



Black History Month Celebration, Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.

Join us in closing out our year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott



King Awards. We'll be highlighting the newly-minted 2020 CSK winners, as well as a few favorites from the past. Our books will include both picture books and some passages from winning novels or non-fiction books. All are welcome!

Leap Day! Saturday, February 29, 10-11 a.m.

Leap-themed story and activities (skip counting, leap frog, jump rope, long jump, *Leap Back Home to Me* by Lauren Thompson). Refreshments. Registration not required. All ages



Women's History Month Art Exploration, Sunday, March 8, 2-4

Make art inspired by the styles and methods of famous women artists and illustrators, including Yayoi Kusama's polka dots, Lois Ehlert's collage, Faith Ringgold's story quilts, and others. For children 4 and up

Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

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

Hours of Operation

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

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

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

Sunday
12 - 5 p.m.

Art Studio

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

Auditorium

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

Computer Center

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

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

Dance Studio

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

Game Room

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

Library

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

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

Multimedia Lab

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

Notary Public

Notary service is available by appointment only. (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). The service is free for City residents. Call 301-891-7100 to set up an appointment.

Passport Service

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

*Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí. No necesita hacer una cita para presentar aplicación. Por favor llame al 301-891-7204 para obtener información para aplicar por su pasaporte americano.
Lunes a jueves de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

Senior Room (55+ yrs)

- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
- Four computers and printer available
- Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more

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

Teen Lounge (Grades 6-12)

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



**Construction
may limit room
availability**

Book Your Next Event with Us!

Go online: Request a room or park pavilion with a credit card from our website at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation. See Page 39, Registration and Policies for instructions for online registration. Rentals within 10 business days must be requested in person. Payment is due at the time of the reservation.

Policies

Please visit us online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-pavilions-and-athletic-fields and click on Administrative Regulation No. 2011-1 (PDF) for regulations governing public use, facilities rentals and general responsibilities of the user. The renter is responsible for set-up and clean-up. This time should be included in the rental. Nothing can be affixed to the walls.

Rental Hours

Takoma Park Community Center

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

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

Heffner Park Community Center

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center

- Call for availability
- See page 16 for prices

** Business rate applies to all organizations, nonprofits, for profit entities or community groups. Not available at Heffner Park CC.*

Small Meeting Rooms

Rose Room

Capacity 10 with tables
15 without tables

Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables
25 without tables

Hydrangea Room

Capacity 20 with tables

Fees

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

* Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

Capacity 55 with tables
65 without tables

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

Capacity 40 with tables
50 without tables

Fees

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

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



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

Auditorium

capacity: 154

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

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

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

Fees: \$130/hour, nonprofit
\$200/hour, regular
Minimum 4 hour rental

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

City Facilities

Takoma Park Recreation Center

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

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

*Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 - 2 p.m are reserved for senior use only.

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

Time to Get in Shape!

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

- Dumbbells (5-50 lbs.)
- Leg curl
- Leg extension
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Treadmills
- Lat pulldown
- Chest press

Membership Fees

Recreation Center General
(1 year; does not include Fitness Room)

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

Fitness Room
(open same hours as building*)

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

Hourly Rental Information

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

Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)
General \$25 per hour
Business \$70 per hour
After hours additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)
General \$25 per hour
Business \$70 per hour
After hours additional fee(s)*

Call 301-891-7289 for availability.

* \$50 security deposit required.

Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

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

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



What’s in our parks?

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

In addition to the parks above, the City maintains:

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

Parks and Permits

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

Pavilion Rental Fees

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



FAQs

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

TAKOMA PARK ARTS

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

Public Piano Brings Music to the Streets

The downtown Takoma Park gazebo has been transformed into an impromptu concert venue by a painted public piano sponsored by the City's *Takoma Park Arts* cultural series.

Local artist Zahava Frank painted the donated piano with a colorful design featuring a rainbow and a tree sprouting leaves. An opening concert was held last year where more than a dozen pianists played for a



Since its installation last year, the City's public piano, designed by local artist Zahava Frank, has been played by musicians young and old.

receptive crowd. Local pianists ranging from beginners to experts have played the piano every day since it was installed. The piano is scheduled to remain in the gazebo until December 2019.

"The response has been amazing," said Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith. "People used to just walk by that park, but they are stopping to hear the piano or play it themselves. Now strangers are meeting and talking to each other."

"Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar."

— Percy Bysshe Shelley



Poetry About Love, Loss and Redemption

You can hear poets from across the region read their original poems at the popular Third Thursday Poetry Reading series. The free readings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of most months in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium at 7500 Maple Avenue. A

reception follows the readings with a chance to meet the poets.

Poetry from Prison and Beyond Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m

Free Minds offers poetry classes, book clubs, and peer support to help D.C. youth who are incarcerated as adults

see their potential. Some Free Minds graduates will read their original poetry about incarceration and the path toward redemption and resilience.

Love Poems by Poet Couples Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Two local poet couples will read poems by famous poet couples and their own poetry dedicated to each other just one week after Valentine's Day. The featured poets include Mary Ann Larkin and Patric Pepper, along with Teri Cross Davis and Hayes Davis.

A World of Music At Your Door

The *Takoma Park Arts* series will bring a diverse range of performers to the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. Concerts are free with a \$10 suggested donation with all proceeds going to the performers. Check out our line-up!



All-Woman vocal ensemble Orfeia

A Balkan Journey by Orfeia

Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

Founded in 2006 by Bulgarian folk singer Tatiana Sarbinska, Orfeia is an all-woman vocal ensemble that provides a magical journey through the rich musical heritage of the Balkans, famous for its sharp dissonances, haunting lyricism, and asymmetric rhythms. Orfeia's repertoire spans the rich vocal traditions of Eastern Europe, from traditional village songs to sacred chants dating from the Middle Ages to today.

Patagonia Winds

Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

The Patagonia Winds quintet takes chamber music to a new level by weaving multimedia visuals into dynamic performances that draw audiences deeper into the experience of timeless music.

Yasmin Williams

Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

Please join Yasmin Williams for a night of captivating music that challenges what is possible on the guitar. She will

perform songs from her debut album *Unwind* along with covers of instrumental classics using a medley of techniques, including percussive guitar, lap tapping, and even playing multiple instruments at once.



Jon Lewis

Mr. Jon and Friends

Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Jon (Jon Lewis) plays energetic and interactive music for kids and families that has won him a Parents' Choice Award. His fun music inspires laughter and dancing, so be ready to get up from your seat and on your feet!

The Latin Guitar

March 28 at 8 p.m.

Performing music from the rich guitar tradition of Latin America, John W. Warren (classical guitar) and Alejandro Lucini (percussion) entertain audiences with accessible and rhythmic music. This performance of original compositions and popular songs includes classical, folk, and popular music from Brazil, Cuba, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico and Argentina.

Ethio Funky Soul with Munit Mesfin

April 3 at 8 p.m.

Born in Ethiopia and raised around the world, Munit Mesfin performs in a genre-defying way, combining Ethiopian, reggae and jazz classics with her original music in a funky and energetic show. She loves to get audiences to sing along in Amharic or English and has performed in Ethiopia, Egypt, South Africa, Spain, Germany and the United States.

The *Takoma Park Arts* series hosts many free events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue, including art exhibitions, concerts, film screenings, theater, poetry readings and more. Please go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts to learn more about our upcoming events and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

Recreation

Recreation Department

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

*City resident program
registration: Thursday,
December 12 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program registration:
Thursday, December 19
at 8:30 a.m.*



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

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

Rental Requests

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



Roscoe the Rooster

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

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

Roscoe makes special appearances throughout the City Guide.

Is my class canceled due to weather?



The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (**301-891-7101 x5605**). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information. In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.

Takoma Park resident scholarships available for Recreation Dept. programs

Scholarship program

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

Scholarship guidelines

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

- for a scholarship.
- Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.

How to apply

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



Getting to Know Dance Instructor Charonne Butler

Charonne Butler has been dancing for over 15 years. She graduated from Suitland High School's Visual Performing Arts Program in 2003. She later received a full academic scholarship at Towson University where she completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Education with a K-12 certification. Charonne previously taught for Prince George's County Public Schools and District of Columbia Public Schools where she introduced the art of dance to all who stepped into her classroom. Now in her twelfth year as an educator, she continues to help people explore dance with a modern philosophy that focuses on kinesthetic movements and spatial awareness. Her goal is to create a platform that allows dance and education to better our youth and school systems. Charonne has been with Takoma Park Recreation Department for two summers and has recently added year around classes. Additionally, Charonne started her own dance company, ABC-Dance LLC, Any Body Can Dance! and is now teaching for Howard County Public Schools. She truly believes that you don't have to be a dancer to dance. Creating an awareness of the health and social benefits dance brings to our neighborhoods is how she plans to unite communities.



How did you get involved in teaching dance?

I was exposed to dance through Parks and Recreation when I was growing up. During high school I volunteered to teach dance in one of the community centers. I enjoyed the process so much I decided to major in dance in high school and college and have been teaching ever since!

What led you to become a dance instructor?

I discovered many ways that dance helped me understand and process life. I discovered my strengths and weaknesses through dance and I want to help others do the same.

What do you want a potential first-time participant to know about these classes?

Both classes I will be teaching this season, Pre Ballet and Hip Hop Dance, are made to help build technique and confidence within, while developing strategies to maximize talents and important character traits. The goal is to have fun and learn at the same time.

How does this class differ than others you have taught?

These classes are very different from the Creative Dance class I have taught previously because there are required techniques and terminology that students will learn. Instead of exploring the creative process, we will focus on specific dance styles, history, cultural influences and specific choreography. Register early! There are limited spaces in both Pre Ballet for Tots and Hip Hop Dance for Youth. And with Charonne's passion and experience you won't want to miss either of these classes!

Recreation

Special Events

*Come meet
me at the
Egg Hunt!*



January - April 2020

Empty Bowls Sale

Shining a light on the issue of hunger, and the impact on those at risk in the community.

Sold at the MLK Day Event
Monday, January 20
Takoma Park Middle School



Fitness Expo

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

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



Annual Egg Hunt

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

Ed Wilhelm Field
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School
2–8 years
Saturday, April 11
10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Free



**New this year, recycle
your eggs at the event!**

10th Annual Mid-Year Play Day

Attention! Attention! Yes, that's right. Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present the 10th Annual Mid-Year Play Day! Come join Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for



all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes, and get ready to play! To see a full listing of activities and performances, visit www.letsplayamerica.org. See you there!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
All ages
Sunday, February 9
1–4 p.m.
Free

Recreation: Tots

City resident
program registration:
Thursday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Non-resident
program registration:
Thursday, December 19
at 8:30 a.m.

Tots
Newborn-5



ART

Check out Clay for Kids in the Youth section, page 24.

CAMP

Look at the camp preview on page 25 for some information on Tots Camps!

DANCE

Pre Ballet

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

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
3–6 Years
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, 6:15–7 p.m.
January 7-February 25
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

See article about instructor on page 21



DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snack. Visit www.TakomaPlaytime.org for more information.



Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn–5 years
English: Mondays, January 6-March 30
Spanish: Fridays, January 3-March 27
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

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 his/her growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3–5 years
7 Week Session
Saturdays, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
January 25-March 7
\$55

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

Youth

5-12

*City resident program registration:
Thursday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m.*
*Non-resident program registration:
Thursday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.*



ART

Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. Caregiver participation required for children ages 4 and 5. There is a non-refundable \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Fettingling knives and other tools with sharp edges or points, such as skewers and cookie cutters, are used in the class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–12 years
6 Week Sessions
Mondays, 4:15–5:15 p.m.

Session 1: January 6-February 24
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)

Session 2 (*5 Week): March 2-March 30
Wednesdays, 4:15–5:15 p.m.

Session 1: January 8-February 12
Session 2: February 19-March 25
6 Week: Resident: \$140 /Non-resident: \$160
*5 Week: Resident: \$120 /Non-resident: \$140

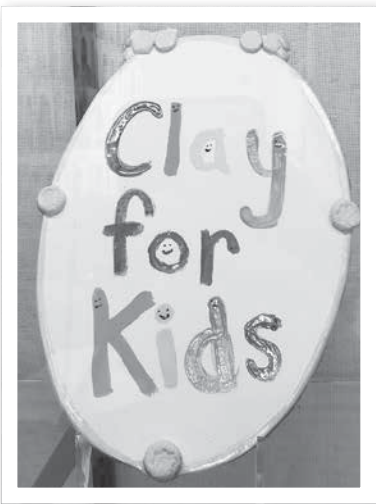
Clay in the Studio

A great class for homeschoolers, those with flexible schedules and the generally clay-curious! Students will utilize a variety of hand-building techniques (slab, pinch, coil) to create functional and non-functional vessels and sculptures out of clay. Caregiver participation required with young children (Ages 4–6). Adult students (Ages 16+) with experience may use the studio's electric wheels.

Beginners are welcome. There is a non-refundable \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Fettingling knives and other tools with sharp edges or points, such as skewers and cookie cutters, are used in the class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.

Session 1: January 8-February 12
Session 2: February 19-March 25
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150



CAMPS

SDC Spring Break Basketball Camp

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each participant

to develop a sense of pride and individual and team accomplishments. Counselors will focus on personal improvement, sportsmanship and fun. Bring a non perishable lunch and water bottle. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Before and After Care is available for this program at an additional fee. Instructor: Ray Brewer

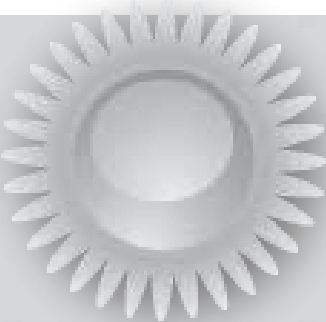
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5–12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
April 6-April 10
\$220

Spring Break Camp - Futuristic Fun

What will the future look like? Will we dress the same, talk the same, eat the same foods, or play the same games? Will robots rule the world? The best part about this camp is you get to decide what the future holds. Participants must pack a lunch, water bottle and snacks. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Before and After Care is available for this program at an additional fee.

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

**Before Care and After Care for Spring
Break Camp is on page 26**



2020 TPRD Summer Camp Sneak Peek

FIND THE PERFECT CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD HERE!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories. For a complete list of camps, visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Camp Registration begins online & in person at 8:30 a.m.

February 3 for Residents

February 10 for Non-residents

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

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM!



TP City Residents receive a 15% off all camp registrations the week of **February 3–9.**

Both Residents and Non-Residents receive a 10% discount off all camp registrations the week of **February 10–16.**

Don't miss out! Spaces fill fast!

HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK OF OUR SUMMER CAMPS FOR 2020:

Camp	Age or Grade
Rookie Sports Camp	3 – 4 yrs.
Tots Culinary Camp	3 – 4 yrs.
Futsal Camp NEW THIS SUMMER!	5 – 12 yrs.
New Ave Adventure Camp	5 – 12 yrs.
Camp Takoma	5 – 12 yrs.
Dance Camp	5 – 13 yrs.
Girls Basketball Camp	6 – 13 yrs.
On Stage Theatre Camps	6 – 15 yrs.
Wilderness Camp	7 – 13 yrs.
Visual Art Camp	11 – 14 yrs.
Impacting the World Through Video	Grades 6-12
Teens on the Move	Grades 6-12

A full listing of our summer camps will be available at both the Community Center and Recreation Center. Stop by to pick up a summer camp brochure or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

CAMP EXTENDED CARE

Spring Break Camp Extended Care

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

1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, April 6-April 10

Before Care: 7-9 a.m.

After Care: 4-6 p.m.

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

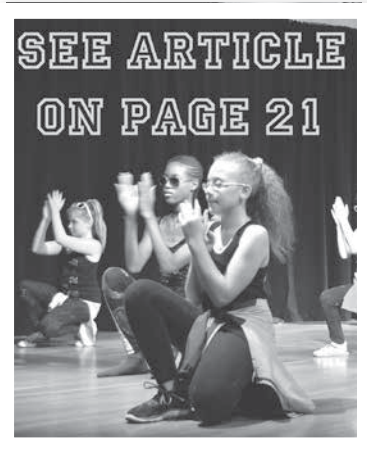
DANCE



Hip Hop Dance


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

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
6-10 years
8 Week Session
Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
January 9-February 27
Resident \$85 / Non-resident: \$95



DRAMA & THEATER

Look for On Stage Scene Study in the Teen section on page 28.



Dungeons and Dragons

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
8-18 years
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.

Session 1: January 2-January 30

Session 2: February 6-March 5

Session 3: March 19-April 23

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

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
First and Third Fridays
6:45-8:45 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center Membership

Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up

Kids Kindergarten - 5th grade are welcome to attend the Takoma Park Kids Chess Meet Up, which occurs each Sunday. Bring your own tournament board if you have one, but there will be extras. Beginners are welcome, and there will be a brief lesson at 1:45 p.m. General play will start by 2 p.m. For more information, contact Adam Winship at takomachess@

gmail.com. No registration necessary.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Grades K-5
11 Week Session
Sundays, 1:45-3:30 p.m.
January 5-March 29
Free



EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Let's Chat

This activity provides a small group environment at Takoma Park Middle School designed to promote positive dialogue and nurture meaningful relationships between 6-8th grade students who need academic, emotional, and/or social support. Mentors commit to one lunchtime visit per month for the duration of an academic year. Participants must be Takoma Park Middle School students.

Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road
Grades 6-8
Second Tuesday of each month
October-December
12-2 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

Double Dutch

Learn to jump rope Double Dutch style. Double Dutch is a form of jump rope. Participants will learn how to turn the ropes as well as have fun jumping. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. The team will consist of approximately 10-12 youth between the ages of 6-17 years old. Practice will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour. No experience is necessary, and we welcome all who are willing to learn.

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6–17 years
13 Week Session
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
January 7-March 31
Free with Recreation Center Membership

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 students defend themselves by strengthening hand-eye coordination as well as assisting with maintaining their balance. Students will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson


Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4–16 years
10 Week Session
Saturdays, January 4-March 7
Beginners: 10:15–11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. –12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is not only a combat sport; it is also a way of life for enthusiasts around the globe. The word Taekwondo itself is made up of three Chinese/Korean words: Tae meaning to kick or jump; Kwon meaning first or hand; and Do which means “the way.” Taekwondo benefits include enhancing self-esteem by heightening your physical and mental powers; building confidence by encouraging you to succeed and to take control of your life; developing discipline by thoroughly training your body and mind in the tenets and techniques of Taekwondo. Taekwondo emphasizes kicking techniques. Taekwondo is a fun way to achieve fitness and focus. There is a one-time, non-refundable, \$40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

**BEFORE CARE
AND AFTER
CARE**
**for school year 2020-2021
will open for registration
on April 1 for City
Residents**



6 and older
12 Week Session
Mondays, 6–7 p.m.
January 6-April 6
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

TRIPS

Fun Day - Pump It Up

Have your children join us for a literal “Fun Day” as we explore an epic inflatable indoor playground! Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of program. Please provide your child(ren) with a non-perishable lunch, snack and water bottle.

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5–12 years
Monday, January 27
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

WORKSHOPS

On Stage: Spring Break Workshop

During this workshop, students get on the stage and get to work acting, singing and dancing! We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination and focus building warm-ups. Then we'll work on learning dance combinations, developing characters, learning songs, choreographing, engaging in drama games, and getting to know the theatre space and terminology. On Stage: Spring Break Workshop will end with a showcase performance, so parents can see what we've been working on! Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! \$10 materials fee includes tracks/CDs, lyrics and prop supplies. Paperwork needs to be submitted prior to first day of the workshop. Bring non-perishable lunches and/or snacks. There is not before or after care with this camp. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
9–15 years
3 Day Session
Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
April 7-April 9
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165



Teens

13-17

*City resident program
registration:
Thursday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m.*
*Non-resident program registration:
Thursday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.*



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

ART

Drawing & Watercolor

Middle School Students: Do you want to have fun learning to draw with black-and-white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery? Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Non-refundable materials fee of \$25.00, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
11-14 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Session 1: January 7-February 11

Session 2: March 3-April 14

(No class: 4/7)

Fridays, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Session 1: January 10-February 21

(No class: 1/24)

Session 2: March 6-April 24

(No class: 3/27 & 4/10)

Resident: \$160 / Non-resident: \$180

CAMPS

Spring Break Filmmaking Camp: Focus on Takoma Park

In this spring break camp intended for budding journalists, youth (ages 12–17) will learn the basics of video production while also discovering more about Takoma Park. Campers will gain skills in how to shoot video on professional cameras, learn how to conduct interviews with residents, and get experience filming “b-roll” footage of Takoma Park in supervised production shoots. The collected footage will be edited together as a single piece by the instructor after the camp and will be shared with participants and the broader Takoma Park community via YouTube. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Scholarships are available for TP resident FARMs-eligible students. Instructor: Docs in Progress

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

Spring Break PREP Camp for Teens

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business

professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips, such as bowling, laser tag, or roller skating, will be included. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch! Limited Spaces are available. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Sign up today; for this price, we are sure this camp will fill fast!

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

DRAMA & THEATER

**Look for Dungeons
& Dragons in the
Youth section,
page 26.**



On Stage Acting: Scene Study

This is an acting class that focuses on applying theory to scene work. Students participate in warm-ups and games, experiment with aspects of acting theory and then work a portion of each class on a scene during the 8 weeks. In Scene Study, we will apply Stanislavski-based acting techniques (objective/obstacle, subtext, sensory perception, truth and

Recreation: Teens

belief, substitution, imagination, etc.) used to build a character and create a believable scene. We will also combine some of these concepts with those from other great acting teachers/theorists like Uta Hagen, Sanford Meisner and Michael Chekhov. Students will pair up and work on a scene throughout the course, culminating in a performance for family and friends, so you can see the fruit of their labors! Material is provided, or students may bring their own scenes to be approved - provided materials include scenes from some amazing playwrights and contemporary plays, television series and films. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
11–16 years
8 Week Session
Mondays, 4–5:30 p.m.
January 13–March 23
(No Class: 1/20, 1/27, 2/17)
Resident: \$185 / Non-resident: \$205

DROP-IN

Power Hour

Take advantage of our homework power hour focusing on academic support. We are the perfect balance of academics and fun. Students are given quiet time to complete homework or to read. Staff is available to assist and can review the completed assignments. Upon completion of work, students are invited to lounge, play games, and/or participate in activities. Registration is not required. Free for residents and non-residents.

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

Teen Lounge

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

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Ongoing during school year
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
3:30–7 p.m.
Tuesday: 3:30–6 p.m.
Free

Teen Night

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12–18 years
Second & Fourth Fridays
6:45–8:45 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center Membership

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Competitive Gaming

Esports, or electronic sports, is the term used to describe the sport of competitive video game playing. Currently, more than 475 colleges now support esports at the club level, providing more than \$9 million in scholarships to talented gamers. Our Competitive Gaming program will provide our teenage youth (grades 6–12) the opportunity to participate in competitive Esports and compete for scholarship opportunities. This program encompasses competitive participation while providing the social/emotional learning and soft skills developed by being on a sports team. This includes a local field trip and class visits from gaming industry companies to promote STEM career paths. The games we will be competing in are Fortnite and Apex Legends.

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
11 Week Session
Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
January 8–March 18
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)
Free



Creative Cooking with Crossroads (Healthy Eating Program)

The Healthy Eating Program is a fun and interactive learning course about basic cooking and kitchen skills as well as healthy recipes (easy to replicate at home). Teens will be able to learn some nutritional components and how to create their own recipes. Teens will also take a trip to the Crossroad's Farmers Market and learn about growing and purchasing the right foods. Transportation from the Community Center to the Community Kitchen is provided; meet at the Teen Lounge. Instructor: Crossroads Community Network

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (Meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
8 Week Session
Mondays, 3:45–4:45 p.m.
February 3–March 30
Resident: \$10 / Non-Resident: \$20

Montgomery County National College Fair

Decisions, Decisions. Who has the best academics? Who has the best athletics? Should I stay on campus? How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Montgomery County National College Fair in Gaithersburg, MD. Register in advance; space is limited. Transportation provided. Bus will depart TP Community Center at 5:30 p.m. and return by 9 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (Meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Tuesday, March 31
5:30–9 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

Poet Life Academy

Poet Life Academy builds self-confidence and self-esteem and encourages self-expression. Students will attend a field trip to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. They will meet and be mentored by professional poets. Participants will gradually gain the confidence to get on stage, stand before their peers, and share their original poetry. At the end of the session, we will have a graduation where each teen will recite a poem they wrote and receive a certificate of achievement. Instructor: Poet Life Academy

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
10 Week Session
Mondays & Wednesdays, 4–5 p.m.
January 6-March 11
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

Think Tank

Think Tank offers a quiet and respectful space for assisting our 5–12th grade students with their homework needs. Participants will receive one-on-one study help, assistance on projects, and homework questions/concerns answered or addressed after school. Through using tutors, the program will help lower frustration, boost comprehension and teach application of new skills. Tuesdays (4–5 p.m.) will include an Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Program session with Department of Health and Human Services with a focus on stress relief activities.

New Hampshire Towers
7401 New Hampshire Avenue
Grades 5–12
12 Week Session
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 3:30–6 p.m.
January 7-March 26
Free

Xtreme Finances for Teens

Learn how to earn and grow your money. Register by January 3. Limited slots are available. Attend the Orientation/Launch Event. Open a checking and/or savings account (parental consent and proper identification required). Provide a signed waiver. Participate in the Celebration Event. Attend all seven after school sessions to learn how to earn and grow money: Module 1 - Money Management, Module 2 - Borrowing, Module 3 - Earning

Youth Summer Employment Program Interest Meeting

Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this 8-week program which will begin June 29 and will end August 21. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the return of the City's Youth Summer Employment program. The purpose of the Youth Summer Employment Program is to provide young people with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. To register for the Interest Workshop or to find out more information, please call Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283. Participant must be a Takoma Park Resident and age 16 by June 1, 2020.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 16-21
Friday, March 13
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Free



Power, Module 4 - Investing, Module 5 - Financial Services, Module 6 - Insurance, and Module 7 - Financial Institution Fair Celebration. Instructor: Ronald Jennings

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, 3:30–5 p.m.
February 4-March 24
Free

Young Entrepreneurs Program

Did you know it's never too early to turn an idea into a small business opportunity? The objective of the Young Entrepreneurs Program is to inspire teens to explore and expand their knowledge of business by exercising professionalism, creativity and confidence. Participating in the Young Entrepreneurs Program will help you develop life skills and independence and give you a head start on building a good resume. Instructor: Brass Ring Co

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
9 Week Session
Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
February 6-April 2
(No class: 3/12)
Free

TRIPS

Snow Tubing for Teens

Grab your hat and gloves and join us for an evening in the snow as we head to Liberty Mountain to go snow tubing. Race down one of 10 tubing lanes solo or link up with a friend. During a break from snow tubing, hang inside the lodge and have a hot cup of cocoa or get a game of flag football started outside. It's your day so have fun the way you like. No experience necessary. Space is limited, so register now.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge (Meeting location)
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades 6–12
Friday, January 24
2–8 p.m.
Free



Registration for
Summer Camp
opens February 3
for City Residents

Adults

16+ years

*City resident program registration:
Thursday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-resident program registration:
Thursday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.*



See our new all
ages class "Clay
in the Studio" listed
under Youth, page 24.



ART

Ceramics - Hand Building & Sculpture

The class focuses on hand-building techniques including pinch, coil and slab construction, as well as surface treatment and glazing. Open to all levels of experience. Students can create functional items such as vases, soap dishes and teacups, as well as sculptures including portrait heads and whimsical animals. Dream something up and try it out in the studio! Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. Non-refundable \$25 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on most Fridays from 9:30–11:30 a.m. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. Fettling knives and other tools with sharp edges or points, such as skewers and cutters, are used in the class. Instructor: Caroline McKinnon

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

6 Week Sessions

Mondays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Session 1: January 6–February 24
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)

Session 2: March 2–April 20
(No class: 4/6 & 4/13)

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

Ceramics - Wheel Throwing

Have you ever day-dreamed about serving dinner to your friends and family on a set of your own handmade dishes. This is a class for beginners and more advanced students can join and work at their own pace. Learn the challenging and fascinating skill of wheel throwing and fire in an electric kiln. Start with mugs and work up to teapots. Non-refundable materials fee of \$20 due to the instructor on the first day of class. Glazes are all food safe but cannot be ingested. Tools, such as needle tool or trimming knives, are sharp. Instructor: Art For the People

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

8 Week Sessions

Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Session 1: January 7–February 25

Session 2: March 3–April 21

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Session 1: January 8–February 26

Session 2: March 4–April 22

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

Collage

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

beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A non-refundable materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Materials include optional use of a paper cutter and exacto knives. Scissors are included in the materials baggie. All adhesives are water soluble, non-toxic and do not require solvents. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

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

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Session 1: January 7–February 11

Session 2: March 3–April 14

(No class: 4/7)

Resident: \$230 / Non-resident: \$260



TOTS

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55+

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Encaustic Collage Weekend Workshop

Encaustic collage is a collage medium that uses bees wax as an adhesive and allows for layering of papers and lightweight found materials as a base for over painting with oil and encaustic paint. This workshop will cover collage layering processes using translucent and opaque papers and sculptural effects that can be created with the wax with stencils, stamps and incising. Ways to enhance your collage with encaustic paint will be introduced, as well as principles of layering wax and wax-based paint over absorbent surfaces, such as wood, cloth, canvas and watercolor paper. All materials will be provided for the \$50 non-refundable materials fee paid to the instructor includes all substrates, medium, brushes and paint. A letter of optional collage materials to bring will be sent out after you register. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
2 Day Session
Saturday & Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
February 29 & March 1
Resident: \$275 / Non-resident: \$305

Paint on Canvas

Come paint and have fun in a non-judgmental class. Make mistakes and explore styles of painting. Find your style. We will be painting in acrylics and paint. Brushes, canvases and canvas paper will be provided. A non-refundable \$20 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Art For The People

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue

16 and older
6 Week Session
Saturdays, 10–11:30 a.m.
January 11-February 15
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

DANCE



Mindful Movement

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

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.
January 8-February 26
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Rose Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
January 8-March 4
(No class: 1/15)
Resident: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155

Youth Mentor Training

A training session for adults who are interested in mentoring youth. Adults will learn that mentoring is a very rewarding experience that assists youth in dramatic changes in their lives. This training will provide the self and other understanding which will lead to confidence and skill. Instructor: Alex Rounds

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Azalea Room
18 and older
10 Week Session
Saturdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
January 11-March 14
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

2020 Business Interest Meeting (SYEP)

The Recreation Department is looking for businesses to partner with for their Summer Youth Employment Program! Be the memorable business that gives a teen a first job and teaches important life lessons that will last forever. Limited spaces are available for this informational interest meeting. RSVP by email to LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7283.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Wednesday, January 8
Starting at 10:30 a.m.

FITNESS

Everyday Qi Gong

Simple gentle movements to improve health, mobility, flexibility and general happiness and peace of mind. We will share exercises from many different classes, culling the ones that we practice regularly in the morning and throughout the day. You will find benefits quickly as these Qi Gong exercises invigorate energy systems, open joints and relax our bodies, minds and spirits. Open to all - no experience needed. Your health is in your hands. Instructor: Patrick Smith

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Session
Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m.
January 7-February 11
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95
Drop-in: \$20

Iyengar Yoga (Beginners)

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
12 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6–7:25 p.m.
January 8-March 25
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230
Drop-in: \$15

Iyengar Yoga (Intermediate)

Practice and persistence brings transformation! This intermediate level offers a deeper penetration of the consciousness from the periphery towards the core. The more advanced postures are introduced, and inversions are included. This fun class is challenging and gives you the opportunity to explore all asanas methodically and incorporate them into your

life. The practice of pranayama (breathing) is included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
12 Week Session
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 p.m.
January 8-March 25
Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$230
Drop-in: \$15



Ladies Boot Camp

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

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

Session 1 (8 Weeks):
January 7-February 27
\$95

Session 2 (4 Weeks):
March 3-March 26
\$50
Drop In: \$10

Pilates

With moves both on and off the mat, Pilates takes a refreshing approach to a stronger core. Props include 3 kinds of exercise balls and other tools. With soft

lighting and great music, the hour flies by! Students are required to bring their own mats and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.
Session 1: January 8-February 12
Session 2: February 19-March 25
\$70

Zumba

Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the “work” out of workout by mixing



low- and high-intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
6 Week Sessions
Saturdays, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Session 1: January 11-February 15
Session 2: February 22-March 28
\$55
Drop-in: \$10

MARTIAL ARTS

Karate Self-Defense

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

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+



Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 and older
13 Week Session
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
January 6–March 30
Free with Recreation Center Membership

Kung Fu

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 assisting with the maintaining of balance as they get older. The student will gain physical fitness and mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Thompson
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
9 Week Session
Mondays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
January 6–March 16
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

MULTIMEDIA

How to Manage Your Digital Photos

Do you know how many photos you have on your smart phone? Can you locate them? This class will teach you how to organize, store, protect, enhance and use the hundreds, possibly thousands, of photographs on your computer, tablet and smart phone. Students will be introduced to programs that make it easier to work with digital photos. This includes Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. You will be able to use these programs on the iMac computers in the Multi Media Lab. We will explore the use of free programs, such as GIMP. Students will learn how to scan photos, especially old and damaged family photos, for the purpose of retouching and restoring. It is recommended that students have an external memory drive of at least 3 gigabytes to store photos used in the class. The benefit of larger external drives will be reviewed. If you work with a computer, it will be possible to format your external drive for both Mac and PC. Written material will be provided. It is anticipated that extra computer time in the Media Center, with the instructor, will be available each week. Instructor: Barry Hinderstein

Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
18 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
January 8–February 26
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

Using Digital Media for Community Engagement

Participants will learn a step-by-step guide to digital media as a marketing tool for

GUESS WHAT??

Photography classes are returning to the Community Center!! Teen and Adult classes available, register online or in person



community engagement. Participants will also learn steps for creating useful community engagement. Instructor: Isaac Asare
Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
13 and older
2 Day Session
Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m.
February 13 & February 20
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

Video Production and Editing

Learn the art of video production from pre-production techniques to properly videotaping with any device and using techniques of editing. Participants will edit a project using FCPX or Premiere Pro. Instructor: Isaac Asare
Takoma Park Community Center
Multi Media Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
13 and older
5 Week Session
Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m.
January 30–February 27
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPORTS

2020 Adult Softball League - Team Fee

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

Various Local Fields
16 and older
9 Week Season
Sundays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
April 5–June 28
(No games: 4/12, 5/10, 5/24, 6/21)
Resident: \$645 / Non-resident: \$745

2020 Adult Softball League - Free Agent Waitlist

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

55+

*City Resident program registration:
Thursday, December 12
at 8:30 a.m.*

*Non-Resident program registration:
Thursday, December 19
at 8:30 a.m.*



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

DROP-IN
(Registration not required)

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize. Drop-in. No registration required. Host: Paula Lisowski

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays, 12–2 p.m.
January 28, February 25, March 24
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.

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

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

***Ask us about scholarship opportunities.**

The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation and just to “hang out” before, in-between and after classes during the day. Game Room not available during Table Tennis Skills Class Winter Session Mondays and Thursdays 12–1 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
55 and older
7500 Maple Avenue
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Monday/Thursday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Free

**EDUCATION &
DEVELOPMENT**

Computer Basics

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
January 22–February 5
\$5

Computer Extras

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



TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

Recreation: 55+

TOTS

Library card to access the computers.
Registration with the Recreation
Department is required. Instructor: Anne
LeVeque

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
3 Week Session
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
March 4-March 18
\$5

YOUTH

RSVP AARP Free Tax Aide Program

Free tax preparation assistance by
trained volunteers for low-to-moderate
income with special attention to seniors
age 60 plus. Appointments must be
made directly with Montgomery County
RSVP/AARP. Schedule online at www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide or
call 240-777-2577 (Monday-Friday,
9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.) for an appointment.
Appointment scheduling begins January
27.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
11 Week Session
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Azalea Room
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Lilac Room
February 5-April 15
Free

TEENS

FITNESS

BESA African Dance Class

Active adults age 55 and older will enjoy
this high-energy dance class. Besa
Workout is an exercise with forms and
techniques created from African dances.
“Besa” is an Akan (Ghanaian) word
meaning “come dance.” This fun, aerobic
exercise is a great cardio workout. This
class is free; however, in-person or online
registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
12 Week Session
Saturdays, 1–2 p.m.
January 4-March 21
Free

ADULTS

55+



Bone Builders: Monday/Thursday

The Bone Builders program, in partnership
with Montgomery County, consists of three
parts: balance exercises, weight training,
and discussion concerning diet, safety
and exercise. The program uses trained
RSVP volunteers to lead the classes with
supervision by a certified trainer. For best
health benefits and increase in bone density,
participants are encouraged to attend
class twice a week. In-person or online
registration is required to participate in this
program. Instructors: Martha Feldman,
Darlene Levenson and Mary Anne Annis

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
14 Week Session
Mondays & Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.
January 2-March 30
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)
Free

Bone Builders: Tuesday/Friday

The Bone Builders program, in partnership
with Montgomery County, consists of three
parts: balance exercises, weight training,
and discussion concerning diet, safety
and exercise. The program uses trained
RSVP volunteers to lead the classes with
supervision by a certified trainer. For
best health benefits and increase in bone
density, participants are encouraged to
attend class twice a week. In-person or
online registration is required to participate
in this program. Instructor: Anne McHenry

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
14 Week Session
Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
January 3-March 31
Free

Cardio Groove

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
January 6-March 23
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)
\$5

Enhanced Fitness Training

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
January 9-March 12
\$5

Gentle Yoga

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio

Recreation: 55+

7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Fridays, 12–1 p.m.
January 10–March 20
(No class: 3/6)
\$5

Heart and Core

Move to the high-energy beat to pump up the heart rate then followed by 20 minutes of Pilates core floor workout to strengthen the area from shoulders through hips. Class members should bring their own mats. Registration in-person or online with the Takoma Park Recreation Department is required. Instructor: Nancy Nickell

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
11 Week Session
Saturdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m.
January 4–March 14
\$5

Kundalini Yoga and Meditation

Kundalini Yoga will introduce participants to integrating mind, body and spirit using meditation, sound vibrations (chanting) and modified poses to help increase strength, flexibility and tranquility. Please bring your yoga mat. Instructor: Polly Matthews

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
January 7–March 10
\$5

Line Dancing

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
12 Week Sessions
Wednesdays, January 8–March 25

Early class: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Late class: 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
\$5



Tai Chi Strength, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
January 2–March 5
\$5

Tai Chi Strength, Tuesdays, 12 p.m.

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

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, 12–1 p.m.
January 7–March 10
\$5

Walking Group

Don't worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. Drop-in. No registration is required; however, a free fitness pass is required to use the gym. Same day, same location, new time per walker's requests.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
Ongoing
Tuesdays, 1:15–2 p.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Sessions
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
January 9–March 12
Saturdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
January 11–March 14
\$5

SPORTS

Ping Pong Skills

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

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Mondays, 12–1 p.m.
(10 Week Session) January 6–March 23
(No class: 1/20 & 2/17)
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
(12 Week Session) January 2–March 19
\$5

Tennis Fun & Fitness

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, 12–1 p.m.
January 9–March 12
\$5

Partnerships

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and not-for-profit organizations. These partnerships allow our department to leverage resources and generate citywide interest and support for our facilities, programs and events. We appreciate your support!

Let's Play America

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



Credit: Selena Malott

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



Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

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

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

Takoma Park Boys & Girls Club

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



Credit: www.manupnow.org

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

Takoma Park Community Band

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



Credit: Takoma Park City TV

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

Takoma Soccer

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



Credit: www.takomasoccer.org

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

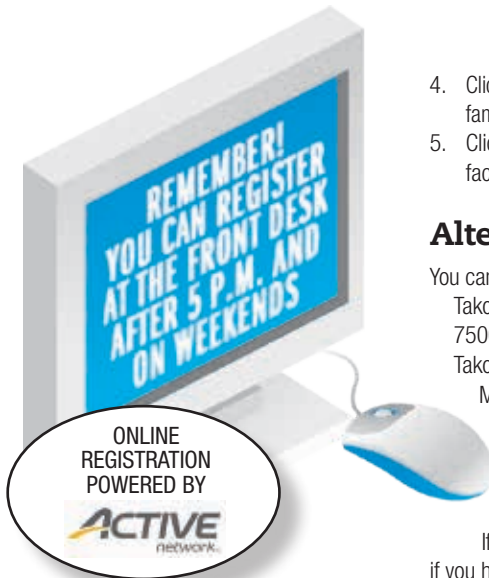
M.A.N.U.P.

The programs for MANUP are gender specific to enhance male and female development through the principles of education, social responsibility, self-empowerment and economic awareness. Several programs include guest speakers, field trips to various educational and fun locations, career development and more. This mentoring program is made possible by countless volunteer hours. These mentors work in cooperation with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. This is a drop-in program, and permission slips are required for trips. They meet Tuesdays at 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Teen Lounge at the Community Center.

visit us online @

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

Resident
program
registration
begins
DECEMBER 12
at 8:30 a.m.



With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

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

Instructions for creating an account

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

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

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

Alternative registration

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

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

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

Wait list policy

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

Registration policies

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

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

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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



WE DON'T SPAM

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



REGISTER EARLY!

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

Winter 2020

Special Events



10th Annual Mid-Winter Play Day

Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present the 10th Annual Mid-Year Play Day! Come join Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department for a fun afternoon of indoor play. Free fun for all. It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes, and get ready to play! To see a full listing of activities and performances, visit www.letsplayamerica.org. See you there!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Sunday, February 9
1–4 p.m.



Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

The holidays are around the corner, so let's get shopping! The 14th Annual Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale will return to the Takoma Park Community Center on Dec. 7 with more than 30 local vendors selling original

artwork, photography, jewelry, clothing, toys, ornaments, and more! You can support local artists and find great gifts with true meaning for everyone on your list. We hope to see you there!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Saturday, Dec. 7
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Free Event



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Book Party

Come celebrate the 2020 Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor winners! This annual gala of the Caldecott Club features cake and lemonade, plus allergy-free treats for those who need them. All ages welcome to this celebration of the best-illustrated children's books of the year.

Takoma Park Maryland Library
101 Philadelphia Avenue
Monday, February 3
7 p.m.
Free Event



The Library's Caldecott Book Club