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WHAT'S NEW?

Takoma Park Street Festival

October 4
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine
Music, art, food and fun
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Lifelong Takoma Insert

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Monster Bash

October 31
1 p.m.
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Trash Collection

No changes this month



Morris dancers entertain the festival crowd.

Photo by Selena Malott

Feast your eyes on this festival

The 38th annual Takoma Park Folk Festival was a feast for the senses. Upon arriving on convenient shuttles from Takoma metro station or the Montgomery College, festival goers were immediately surrounded by the aromas of the various cuisines available for tasting.

Some opted for refreshing all-natural smoothies or fresh-squeezed lemonade. Others enjoyed a full meal of teriyaki chicken kebabs with a side of lo mein, or perhaps, they chose the vegetarian African fare provided by Suya To Go. For dessert, the choices included funnel cake, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, and Italian custard shakes.

After enjoying their meals and community conversation in one of the designated outdoor eating areas, festival goers may have ventured inside to hear the lively music performances of the Aloha Boys or

the Devil's Tailors. While en route they couldn't miss the energetic movement of the DC Morris Dancers as they entertained the crowd gathering near the entrance to Piney Branch Middle School.

If you were wondering what to do next, helpful volunteers were nearby to offer suggestions or directions to your next destination. In the vendor area, the eye-catching clothing, jewelry, and other crafts required closer inspection. Unique scents like citrus winter and orange lavender oatmeal drew attendees to Aburi Botanicals where soaps, oils, and other products were on display.

Tie Die Maker Steven Homberg made the trip from North Carolina to attend his fourth Takoma Park Folk Festival. He boasted that his clothing was softer to

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City Council considers advisory question for November ballot

According to City Clerk Jessie Carpenter, it's been a decade since an advisory question appeared on the Takoma Park election ballot. That could change. At its Sept. 28 meeting, the Council is expected to vote to approve placing Councilmember Tim Male's advisory question on the ballot for the Nov. 3 election.

Male has proposed placing an advisory question on the ballot to change City elections to coincide with the presidential and Maryland gubernatorial elections. He has advocated for this change as a means to

increase voter turnout and broaden the racial and ethnic diversity of voters. "There is good evidence of higher turnout and lower costs," Male said. In addition, "cities that have synced up their local elections with state and federal elections have found that it had a big influence on the demographics of who votes," he continued, "and it's easier for everybody."

"There's been a movement during the past six years to encourage people to vote,"

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It takes a village to make a mural

By Bob Guldin

Something there is that doesn't love a wall – at least if that wall is big and boring and faces a busy neighborhood commercial street. That's why a wide brick supermarket wall in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads will soon be decorated with a lively mural – to be created in part by people from the neighborhood.

The mural will be on Holton Lane near New Hampshire Ave., on the side of an ALDI supermarket, facing the Langley Park Post Office. The project is getting support from the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) with the collaboration of local residents and the Krsko Creative Group.

The public art project is supported by the City's Community Grants Program, and this will be the first public art in the Takoma/Langley commercial district in decades. The cost of the mural is expected to be \$20,000; the City and the CDA will split the cost.

Melanie Isis, the director of the Takoma/Langley CDA, says "the mural will be a transformation" of the immediate environment. According to Isis, the lead artists, Peter Krsko and Alicia Cosnahan, "have done an enormous number of community murals," including those on local restaurants El Golfo and El Gavilán.

The artists are inviting local residents and business owners to become part of mural-making and engage in all steps of the creative process, which will include development of preliminary sketches, art workshops and wall painting.

Community participation timeline

The CDA and the lead artists have planned a series of community workshops and painting sessions. The first was held Sept. 28, to present the mural theme and get feedback on the sketch. Meetings will be at 1335 Holton Lane. Upcoming mural events are:

Oct. 15, 6-8 p.m. Community meeting to introduce the final mural sketch based on previous feedback

Oct. 16, 4-8 p.m. First community work session to prime the wall

Oct. 17, 10 a.m.–noon Community art workshop

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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.*

Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings take place in the TPCC Auditorium, unless noted otherwise. *When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meetings may begin at 7 p.m. Detailed agendas are always available for review online: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas>

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Date TBA

TPCC Room TBA

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Date TBA

TPCC Room TBA

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

TPCC Room TBA

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

ETHICS COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 15

TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Rose Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, check <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/calendar>. Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the city clerk at 301-891-7267 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

NOTICE ON ADA COMPLIANCE

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact Emily Cohen, at 301-891-7266 or emilyc@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

The City Council was on recess during the month of August. September ordinances and resolutions will appear in the November issue.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Interested in serving? A great first step is to review information on the website and attend a meeting to learn more about the work of the group. Committee information and meeting dates/times may be found on the calendar at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing an application form and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications to the city clerk. For complete information or to apply, view the City's website. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or contact your City Council representative.

The following groups have vacancies as of Sept. 18:

Arts and Humanities Commission (four vacancies – no representatives from Ward 4)

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (one vacancy – no representatives from Ward 6)

Commemoration Commission (four vacancies – Wards 3, 4, and 5 are not yet represented)

Committee on the Environment (three vacancies – no representatives from Ward 5)

Emergency Preparedness Committee (one vacancy – no representatives from Wards 4, 5, or 6)

Ethics Commission (two vacancies – no representatives from Wards 3 or 5)

Grants Review Committee (three vacancies – no representatives from Ward 4)

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (two vacancies – no representatives from Wards 2, 4, 5, or 6)

Personnel Appeal Board (one vacancy – Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 not represented)

Recreation Committee (three vacancies – no representatives from Ward 4)

Safe Roadways Committee (three vacancies – no representation from Ward 4)

Tree Commission (one vacancy)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Public Hearing on Request for Installation of Traffic Calming

600 Block of Boston Avenue

Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 – 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Ave.

Residents of the 600 block of Boston Avenue have submitted a petition requesting installation of traffic calming on their block. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the request at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may also be sent to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. All comments received will be added to the hearing record.

Public Hearing on Request for Installation of Traffic Calming

6500 Block of Kansas Lane

Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 – 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Ave.

Residents of the 6500 block of Kansas Lane have submitted a petition requesting installation of traffic calming on their block (establish one way only traffic between Cockerille Avenue and Allegheny Avenue, towards DC). The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the request at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may also be sent to clerk@takomaparkmd.gov. All comments received will be added to the hearing record.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk
City of Takoma Park

7500 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, Md. 20912
301-891-7267

www.takomaparkmd.gov

Nominations of Candidates for Mayor and City Council to be accepted on September 29

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and City Council for the Nov. 3, 2015 City of Takoma Park Election. The meeting will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD. While open to the public, only registered voters of the City may participate in the meeting. Residents may register before the start of the meeting.

Nomination of each candidate for Councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of her/his ward, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of his/her ward, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate.

Nominations of candidates for Mayor shall be made on motion by any qualified voter of the City, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the City, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate.

Any nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the nomination meeting. A person may only accept a nomination of one City office. The name of each eligible person nominated for the office of Mayor and Councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she shall file a declination with the City Clerk within three (3) days after his/her nomination. Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which she/he is nominated.

Nominaciones de Candidatos para Alcaldía y Miembro del Consejo se Aceptará el 29 de Septiembre

La Junta de Nominación de Candidatos (Reunión Electoral) empezará a las 7:30 p.m. el Martes, 29 de Septiembre. Se aceptará nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo para las elecciones de la Ciudad de Takoma Park el 3 de Noviembre. La Reunión Electoral se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. La reunión esta habierta al publico pero solamente residentes de Takoma Park que están registrados para votar podrán participar en la reunion.

Nominaciones de cada candidato para Miembro del Consejo se hará con una moción por cualquier votante capacitado de Takoma Park en el distrito de tal candidato, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante del distrito de tal candidato, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato.

Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecho por cualquier votante capacitado en la Ciudad de Takoma Park, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante en la Ciudad de Takoma Park, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Cualquier candidato nominado podrá rechazar una nominación durante la reunión. Una persona podrá aceptar solamente una nominación de un sólo puesto. El nombre da cada persona que satisface los requisitos y que sea nominado por el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro de Consejo será nombrado en la boleta oficial a menos que esa persona entregue una carta por escrito rechazando la nominación a la Oficina de la Scretaria Municipal dentro de los 3 días después de su nominación. Cualquier persona nominado como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.

2015 Election Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. - **Nominating Caucus**, Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 through Election Day – **In person voter registration at the City Clerk's Office**, 3rd Floor, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m. - **Last day to apply to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot by mail.**

Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Sunday, November 1 – **Early Voting (see the early voting schedule for times and locations).**

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – **Election Day, Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls.

Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. - **Inauguration - Mayor and Council Members take office**, Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Calendario de las Elecciones Municipal del 2015

Martes 29 de Septiembre , 7:30 p.m. – **Junta de Nominación de Candidatos (Reunión Electoral)**, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Inicio el Miércoles 14 de Octubre hasta el día de las Elecciones – **Presentarse en persona para registrarse para votar** en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3^{er} piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Martes 27 de Octubre, 4 p.m. – **Es la fecha límite para solicitar por correo una boleta electoral de voto en ausencia.** Puede solicitar solicite en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3^{er} piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Miércoles, 28 de Octubre hasta el Domingo, 1 de Noviembre – **Se permitirá votar antes del día de las elecciones** en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. El horario se anunciará posteriormente.

Martes 3 de Noviembre – **Día de las Elecciones**, las cabinas (urnas) electorales estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. Asimismo es la fecha límite para recibir las boletas electorales de votos en ausencia hasta las 8 p.m.

Lunes, 16 de Noviembre, 7:30 p.m. – **Inauguración** – Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo oficialmente tomarán su puesto, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue

Voter Registration

All residents of Takoma Park who are at least 16 years and who do not claim the right to vote elsewhere may vote in this November's election. Every voter must register to vote. Takoma Park has election-day registration, but we recommend that all eligible voters register before then. If you are already registered, you do not need to do anything further.

Generally, you can register using the **State of Maryland form** as long as you meet all of these conditions: you are a U.S. citizen, you are at least age 16, you do not claim the right to vote elsewhere, and you are not incarcerated or under supervision due to a felony conviction.

Those residents eligible to vote in Takoma Park elections but not eligible to register with the State of Maryland may use the **City of Takoma Park form**. Typically, this includes residents who are not United States citizens or who are under supervision or on parole due to a felony conviction. Residents who are not yet 16 but wish to prepare for voting in Takoma Park elections may register using the City form once they are 14 years of age.

Complete information and voter registration applications are available at elections. takomaparkmd.gov.

Registro de Votantes

Todos los residentes de Takoma Park que tienen por lo menos 16 años de edad y que no esta registrado en otra parte, puede votar en las elecciones en Noviembre. Todos los que desean votar tienen que registrarse para votar. Se puede registrar el mismo día de las elecciones, pero se recomienda registrarse antes del día de las elecciones. No tiene que hacer nada más si ya esta registrado para votar.

Generalmente, si satisface los requisitos, se puede registrar usando la **aplicación del Estado de Maryland**, si: es ciudadano Americano, tiene por lo menos 16 años de edad, no esta registrado para votar en otra parte y no esta encarcelado o bajo libertad condicional por ser condenado por un delito.

Los residentes que califican para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park pero no califican para registrarse para votar en el Estado de Maryland pueden usar la **aplicación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park**. Esto normalmente incluye los residentes de Takoma Park que no son ciudadanos Americanos o residentes que estan bajo libertad condicional por ser condenado de un delito. Residentes que tienen por lo menos 16 años de edad pueden

registrarse para votar para prepararse para votar cuando cumplen los 14 años de edad.

In Takoma Park, there are no excuses for not voting

Takoma Park encourages **all residents 16 years or older** to vote and provides several options: 1) election day voting on Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center; 2) early voting on the Wednesday through Sunday before election day; 3) voting by mail (or absentee voting).

En Takoma Park no ay excusas por no votar

La Ciudad de Takoma Park quiere animar a sus residentes que voten en las elecciones municipales y proporciona varias oportunidades para votar: 1) vote el día de las elecciones el 3 de Noviembre de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park; 2) vote temprano –de Miercoles a Domingo antes de las elecciones ; 3) vote por correo (o vote con una boleta para votantes ausentes).

Early Voting Schedule

Early voting will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, as follows:

- Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2–8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center
- Thursday, Oct. 29, 2–8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center
- Friday, Oct. 30, 2–8 p.m. (**NEW LOCATION**) Takoma Park Recreation Center at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
- Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (**NEW LOCATION**) Ward 5
- Sunday, Nov. 1, 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center

Votación Temprana

Vote temprano en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue:

- Miercoles, 28 de Octubre, 2– 8 p.m., en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park
- Jueves, 29 de Octubre, 2– 8p.m., en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park
- Viernes, 30 de Octubre, 2– 8 p.m., (Nuevo Local) Centro de Recreación de Takoma Park
- Sabado, 31 de Octubre, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., (Nuevo Local) Distrito 5
- Domingo, 1 de Noviembre, 12–6 p.m., en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park

Election Forum - Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Hear from your candidates for Mayor and City Council!

The Takoma Voice and Takoma Park Board of Elections will sponsor a forum on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave. The forum will be cablecast and streamed live, and then saved as an archive on the City's website.

Foro de Candidatos – Miercole, 21 de Octubre, 7 p.m.

Escuche a su candidatos para la Alcaldia y Miembros del Consejo

El foro de candidatos será patrocinado por Takoma Voice y la Junta Electoral de Takoma Park. El Foro se llevará a cabo el Miercoles, 21 de Octubre, 7 pm en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario, 7500 Maple Avenue. El foro sera televisada por cable y transmitido en vivo por internet donde el video será archivado en la página web de Takoma Park.

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Oct. 23 through Nov. 20 Community paint session every Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The owner of the ALDI property, JBGR Retail, is providing a temporary art studio across the street from the mural at 1335 Holton Lane for community meetings, workshops and art making.

The artist team will update the public on the mural project and invite the media to see the progress through on-site interviews, color photos and video for TV. They also plan to invite people to painting sessions and to the unveiling, which will include a party to celebrate completion.



Alicia Cosnahan, painting a recent mural in Falls Church, Va., is one of the leading artists working with the community on a new mural on Holton Lane this fall.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

Yard hoarders

As you go about your day, you might notice clutter in someone's yard. It may be piled up on the porch, next to the shed, or in the driveway. Not only are these piles of rubbish a code violation, but they may also be a sign of hoarding. Hoarding is the acquisition of, and failure to discard, a large number of possessions. If these possessions are outside of a home, they can block exits or entrances and could

possibly lead to a rodent or insect infestation. Untagged or inoperable vehicles in the yard or the driveway could also point to hoarding. If you see a neighbor who might be a hoarder, offer to give them a hand. If they need more serious help, Montgomery County Health and Human Services (240-777-0311) can work with them to address their hoarding.



First Time Home Buyer Class

Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

- Expert speakers from a lending institution, title company, real estate office, insurance and inspection firms
- Learn the entire process for buying a house/condo
- Sponsored by a HUD-approved housing agency
- Certificate of Completion awarded to attendees

Pre-Registration Required

Call 301-891-7222 or contact lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Free for Takoma Park residents/\$25 for non-residents

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served

ADVISORY QUESTION

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observed City Manager Suzanne L. Ludlow. "We have early voting, and you don't have to have a reason to vote absentee."

"We are trying to make it as easy as possible," Carpenter said of the many options local residents have for voting in city elections.

While these measures were designed to increase voter turnout, some in Takoma Park remember a time when voting in the City was very much a community affair. "People liked the positive feeling of a small community coming together in one place on Election Day," Ludlow said.

She acknowledges that this new proposal to combine city elections with federal and state elections moves even further

away from the community feel of the electoral process: "People would be dispersed in multiple places, and candidates would have to cover multiple polling places."

However, changing the timeline for City elections is far from a done deal. If the advisory question does appear on the ballot, it will serve as means for merely gauging how local residents feel about the proposed change. "It's an advisory question only," Carpenter emphasized. "The Council would make the final decision to change the charter."

Consideration of the question should make for healthy debate in the community and will likely be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Election Forum on Oct. 21.

Energy challenge update

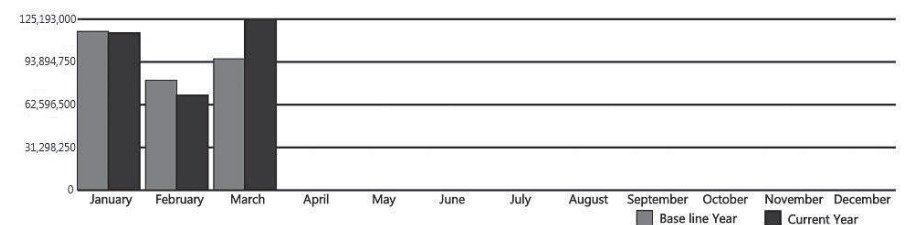
The Neighborhood Energy Challenge (NEC) is in full swing with only slightly more than a year left of the competition. As of September, 634 Takoma Park residents have signed up for the challenge. Of those signed up, 13 participants have completed their Green Home Certification, with 1 person achieving the toughest Dark Green Certification, with two more applicants in the verification stage. The Medium Green Certification is the next most difficult certification, yet 4 residents have still managed to achieve it. The Light Green Certification is the easiest, and 8 residents have met its qualifications.

Although many have signed up, the points in the competition come from achieving the different certifications. Therefore Team Forest Park leads the way in the Neighborhood Energy Challenge even though Team Sligo-Longbranch has the most residents signed up.

There is a \$2,000 grand prize for the neighborhood and a separate \$2,000 prize for the multifamily building (12 units or more) that has the most Green Certified Homes. The City's residential and municipal reductions in energy use contribute to Takoma Park's competition for the \$5 Million Dollar Georgetown University Energy Prize.

Currently, Takoma Park is ranked #43 out of 50 for the \$5 million Georgetown Prize. We have a lot of ground to make up, but we know we can do it! Keep working towards your Green Home Certifications!

Total Energy Consumption (kBtu)



Data on total kBtu (energy use metric) for combined municipal and residential energy use as calculated by Georgetown University Energy Prize committee. Note: the above data has been normalized for weather for the competition.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Gina Mathias at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7623. More information is available at <http://takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability/neighborhood-energy-challenge>.

Small business kilowatt smackdown!

With the support of the City of Takoma Park, the Green Impact Campaign (GIC) and Nextility, two DC-based energy organizations, are coordinating a community initiative to help Takoma Park small businesses save money on energy while reducing their environmental impact.

The effort — Kilowatt Smackdown — will include a community-wide competition between student groups from local universities and colleges to complete free energy assessments for businesses from Oct. 3 to Nov. 18. The outcome will be custom, actionable plans to save money and energy for each business.

During the remainder of the year, Kilowatt Smackdown partners will help small businesses with resources to complete these low- to no-cost recommendations, aid businesses in choosing a lower-cost, green energy supplier, and determine if their buildings are suitable for free solar energy systems. Businesses will also be connected to state and local rebate programs and to the Montgomery County

Green Business Certification program for further assistance and help for deeper energy savings.

Green Impact Campaign and Nextility will train students to conduct energy assessments using their various assessment tools.

Student prizes

The top three students that complete the most energy assessments during the competition period will be awarded the following scholarships from the City of Takoma Park:

- 1st place — \$3,000
- 2nd place — \$1,500
- 3rd place — \$500

Top performing students will be given the opportunity for an informational interview or paid internship at the following organizations:

City of Takoma Park — Sustainability Programs (2-paid winter internship positions)

Nextility (informational interview)



Join Hands: The Life and Art of Matt Sesow Film Screening

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

The Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

7500 Maple Ave

In "Join Hands: the Life and Art of Matt Sesow," a documentary by Leslye Abbey, artist Matt Sesow explains the childhood accident that resulted in the amputation of his left hand and how he became a mainstay in the D.C. local art scene. Abbey's interviews with Sesow's family, collectors and friends help tell the story, and shots of his paintings, which balance beautiful and grotesque representations, create a colorful spectacle. An audience Q&A will follow the screening.

Brewing Up History in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

The Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

7500 Maple Ave.

While breweries, such as DC Brau, Union Craft Brewing, and Lost Rhino, keep beer relevant in D.C. today, beer historians Peter Jones and Michael Stein recapture bygone recipes of pre-prohibition brew.

Jones and Stein, an archivist and beer historian for DC Brau, respectively, will discuss D.C. beer history and more in their lecture "Brewing Up History in Washington D.C."

"Local craft beer and brewing has surged dramatically in the past five years, with more than a dozen breweries and brewpubs opening in the DMV," Jones said, "but Brewing has a long and important history for D.C."

They will examine how industrial developments and the first wave of beer-loving German immigrants impacted D.C.'s history.



#randomactsoftaiko
a Japanese taiko drumming performance

Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.
Presented by We Are Takoma

#randomactsoftaiko

Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

The Takoma Park Community Center auditorium

7500 Maple Ave.

After living in Japan, Mark H. Rooney brought home more than an airport souvenir. He found a new passion in Japanese drumming.

In #randomactsoftaiko, Rooney and his collaborators meld dance, multimedia art, and taiko drumming in a show that explores the harmony and dissonance of rhythm and movement.

For Rooney, taiko has become a life's work, and it influences his professional and artistic pursuits – from helping found Wesleyan University's taiko program to collaborating with artists, such as Tiger Okoshi, Opera unMet, and UpRooted Dance. #randomactsoftaiko will begin with an interactive demonstration and end with a Q&A.

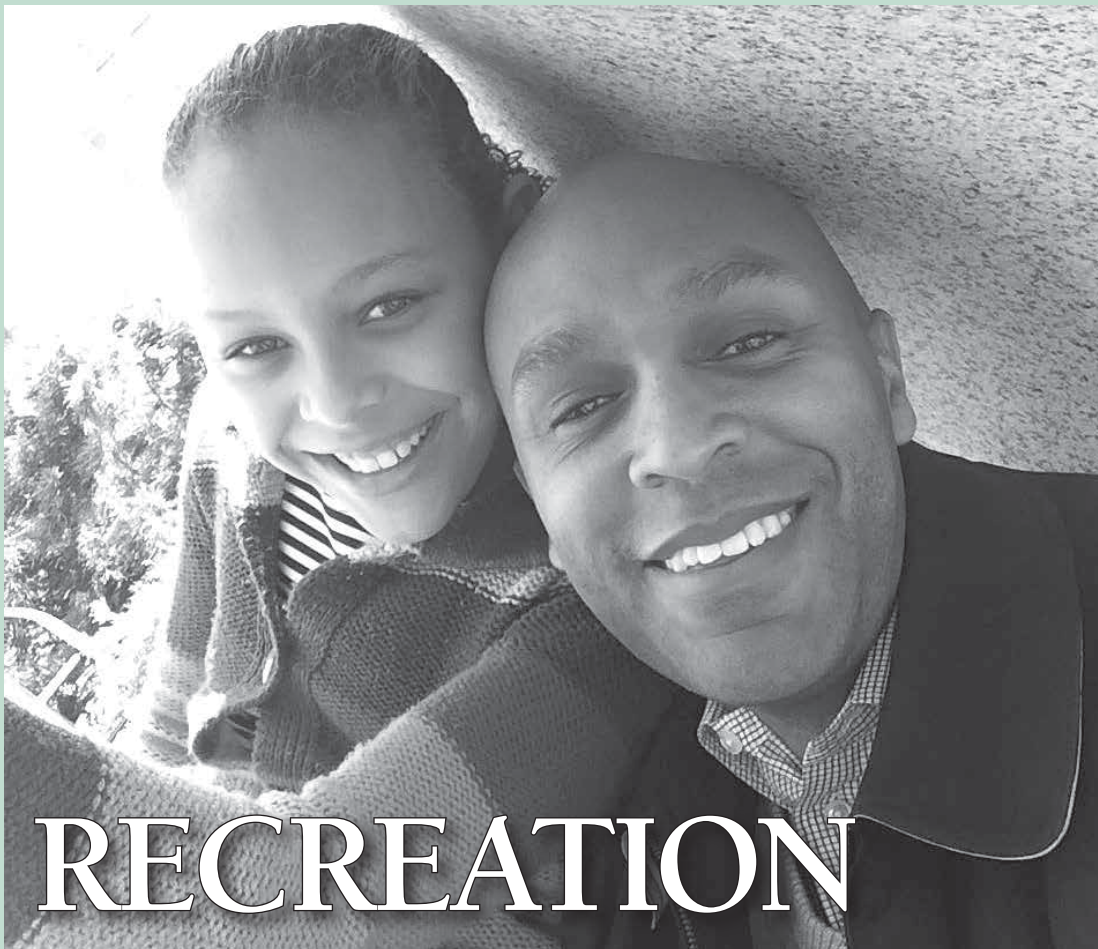
The Takoma Park
Holiday Art Sale

The Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, Md.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Applications Due
Friday, Oct. 9
12 p.m.

Takoma Park

takomaparkmd.gov/arts - arts@takomaparkmd.gov - 301-891-7224



Winter Basketball League: Father Knows Best

For the past seven years, local resident Eric Butler has volunteered his time as a coach in the Recreation Department's Winter Basketball League. Butler admits that early in his career, as a brand new coach, his biggest fear was "failing to teach the kids anything valuable." During his first few years as a coach, he focused his attention on building life lessons that could be used on and off the court, such as teamwork and perseverance.

Coach Butler's job on the court is very unique, as he is a parent-coach since his daughter Jade is also a member of his team. The two of them have built an inseparable bond, and he has passed his passion and love of basketball down to her. Butler says, "The league gives us the opportunity to spend time away from home together."

Every season Coach Butler is amazed to see how fast the kids on his team grow and develop their skills. When asked about any advice he gives to brand new coaches, Butler suggests they "focus more on player development and less on winning," which can be accomplished by "picking 2 – 3 skills to work on in practice" and building on that foundation weekly. For Butler and Jade, the Winter Basketball League gives them something to look forward to each year.

Registration for the 2016 Winter Basketball League has already begun and the Recreation Department encourages anyone interested in participating to visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation to register. For more information or to volunteer as a coach, please contact Lew McAllister at lew@takomaparkmd.gov.

TOTS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Spanish for Tots

Ages 3 - 5

This class is composed of a mix of high-energy games, projects, music and movement, treasure hunts and other fun activities. Children will learn the Spanish vocabulary needed to express themselves and their needs through complete language immersion. There will be a \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of the class.

TP Community Center Lilac Room

Tuesdays, Nov. 3 – Dec. 8, 10 – 11 a.m.

TP residents \$85

Non-residents \$95

YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations

Ages 8 - 11

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

TP Community Center Art Studio

Thursdays, Oct. 29 – Dec. 17, 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

TP residents \$150

Non-residents \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II - Drawing and Watercolor

Ages 11 - 14

Have fun learning to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (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.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Tuesdays, Nov. 10 – Dec. 15, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents \$145

Non-residents \$165

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

2016 Futsal League

Ages 7-10

Futsal, a sport similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. Please note that program registration is first come first serve, and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to participate. If interested in becoming a coach, please contact Lew McAllister at lew@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Recreation Center

Sundays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28 (Times may vary)

\$60

2016 Winter Basketball League

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball. Volunteer coaches are needed; training is provided. Practice and game times will vary. If interested in becoming a coach, please contact Lew McAllister at lew@takomaparkmd.gov.

Local Schools

Saturdays, Jan. 16 - March 12

(Times may vary)

TP residents \$70

Non-residents \$80

TEENS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Math SAT Prep Course

Ages 13-17

This six week course teaches the mathematical concepts and skills tested on the SAT math test. Students will practice proven successful test-taking strategies that will help improve scores. The class gives weekly homework and meets to practice problems, strategies, and time-saving techniques. Students will be using the Official SAT Study Guide (Second Edition, published by the College Board), which will be provided by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Please bring your own writing materials and notebook.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Mondays, Oct. 26 – Nov. 2, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

TP Residents Free

Non-residents \$10

TRIPS

Teen Trip to Nightmare Manor

Ages 13-17

Two hundred years ago, Nightmare Manor earned its name "Seth's Folly" one tragic night. The ghosts of people who lost their lives that night haunt the manor to this day. Join us as we discover why no one has managed to live in Seth's Folly for long. The whisper of voices and the creak of footsteps has left Nightmare Manor condemned to vacancy. Nightmare Manor is located an hour away in Ijamsville, Md. Space is limited.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Friday Oct. 16, Van leaves at 6:00 p.m.

TP Residents \$10

Non-resident \$20

ADULTS

ART

Collage

Ages 16 and older

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 all levels.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Tuesdays, Nov. 10 – Dec. 15,

11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

TP residents \$210

Non-residents \$240

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Boom! Body Boot Camp

Ages 18 and older

Boom! Body Boot Camp is a high energy, fun filled class with great music that targets the whole body with HIIT routines that include weight training. If you're looking to get in the best shape of your life, this class is for you.

TP Community Center, Dance Studio

Wednesdays, Oct. 14 – Nov. 7, 6:00 – 7 p.m.;

Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.

TP residents \$100

Non-residents \$120

Drop in \$15



Ladies' Boot Camp I

Ages 16 and older

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout within a quick hour.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Tuesdays & Thursdays,

Sept. 15 – Nov. 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$85/8 weeks

Pilates

Ages 16 and older

This fun and invigorating workout teaches controlled movements utilizing the body's "core": abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the perfect mind and body exercise for anyone who wants to tone and realign their body.

TP Recreation Center Front Meeting Room

Wednesdays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 21, 6 – 7 p.m.

\$60/6 weeks

Sadcie Fitness

Ages 16 and older

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Soca Motion Fitness program is all about. It's an easy-to-follow, Caribbean-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party that's moving people toward joy and health. This Caribbean style of Zumba fuses hypnotic Caribbean rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Sept. 9 – Oct. 3

Ongoing Wednesdays, 6 - 6:55 p.m.

Ongoing Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:10 a.m.

\$40/4 weeks per session

\$10 drop-in fee

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.

TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Oct. 22, noon - 2 p.m.

Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Ages 55 and older

Adventist Healthcare will do a free monthly blood pressure screening.

TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Getting Started with Social Media

Ages 55 and older

Learn the basics of social media, how to create, use, and maintain a Facebook page and Twitter account. Update your status, post photos and videos, and connect with friends and business accounts on Facebook; tweet, post photos and videos on Twitter. Lifelong Learning Institute, Montgomery College. Course # LL1694.

TP Community Center Multimedia Lab
Thursdays, Oct. 15-29, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

\$88 per person for ages 60 and older

\$170 per person for ages 55-59

Registration and payment to Montgomery College Workforce and Continuing Education, Rockville, Maryland or <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu>. For more information and registration assistance, please call 240-567-5188.

Gold Leaf through the Ages

Ages 55 and older

In this presentation you will learn about the many uses of gold leaf, how it is applied and its many imitators. Allen and Ina Marx, members of the Society of Gilders, will show a sampling of their restorations using gold leaf.

TP Community Center Lilac Room
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Free, but registration is required with TP Recreation Department.

Landscapes and Seascapes

Ages 55 and older

This Montgomery College course will teach students to paint landscapes and seascapes from photos using watercolor, acrylic or oil. Analysis of the work of French Impressionists and Post Impressionists. All skill levels welcome. Lifelong Learning Institute, Montgomery College. Course # LL1705.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Thursdays, Oct. 8 - Nov. 12, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

\$88 per person for ages 60 and older

\$170 per person for ages 55-59

Registration and payment to Montgomery College Workforce and Continuing Education, Rockville, Maryland or <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu>. For more information and registration assistance, please call 240-567-5188.


PETS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Basic Dog Manners

Ages 1 and older

It is never too late to start training with your dog. This class focuses on teaching the polite



The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for a drama and theatre instructor for the Teen Program. Our possible class ideas are *Play Production*; performing short plays for an audience and *Behind the Scenes Theatre Skills*; showing students the basic fundamentals of putting together a theatre production. This includes teaching elements of stagecraft, stage makeup, costume craft, play writing, or play direction. The class will meet once a week for one hour in the late afternoon. Class will start in January.

For any inquiries please contact Chelsea Nunez at chelsea@takomaparkmd.gov.

behaviors we want from our dogs in the real world on leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please.

Heffner Park Community Center
Wednesdays, Oct. 28 - Dec. 9, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

TP residents \$145

Non-residents \$165

Puppy Kindergarten

Ages 8 weeks - 5 months

If you have a puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten! Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised, off leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom.

Heffner Park Community Center
Tuesdays, Oct. 27 - Dec. 8, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

TP residents \$145

Non-residents \$165

Monster Bash

Saturday, Oct. 31

Open to all ages

Rain or Shine

Annual Costume Contest

1 p.m. in the public parking lot beside the TPSS Co-op.

Get all decked out and strut your stuff. Categories include most original, funniest and scariest. Categories: ages 4 and under; 5 - 8; 9 - 12; Teen and Adult; and Overall Group. Limited Parking due to street closures.

Costume Parade

Approximately 2:15 p.m., immediately following the costume contest

All are welcome to participate in this walking parade. Follow the Takoma Park Fire Department Truck as it escorts you down the parade route. This year a new route leaves the parking lot beside the TPSS Co-op and goes down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park

Costume Award Ceremony and Celebration

Approximately at 3 p.m., immediately following the parade Old Town Takoma Park (Carroll and Laurel avenues)

Following the parade join us for refreshments, sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club, and a musical performance sponsored by the Recreation Department suitable for all ages.

Street Closures

To hold the event and ensure patron safety, we will have the following closures:

The public parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op will be closed from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The intersections of Carroll Avenue/Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenue/Philadelphia Avenue will be closed from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Rolling road closures will be at the following intersections: Park Avenue/Carroll Avenue, Pine Avenue/Carroll Avenue & Tulip Avenue/Carroll Avenue from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

There will be continuous road blocks at the following intersections; Westmoreland Avenue/Carroll Avenue, Carroll Avenue/Laurel Avenue, Laurel Avenue/Willow Avenue and Laurel Avenue/Eastern Avenue from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Ride-On and Metro bus service will be interrupted on the aforementioned streets from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We expect to re-open the streets by 6:00 p.m. During the time of the street closures, you will not be able to enter or exit your driveway.

In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School, and there will be no road closures. To receive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605.

Volunteers

The Recreation Department is beginning to plan the annual Monster Bash for Saturday, Oct. 31, and we need your help. Volunteers will help with both set-up and breakdown of the event, costume judging for various age groups, and serve as barricade attendants, parade route coordinators, and game booth attendants. If you would like to volunteer, contact Michael Kurland at michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov or sign up through MontgomeryServes.org.

LIBRARY



LIBRARY BRIEFS

Book sale returns!

The popular Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library book sale will return on Saturday Oct. 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Library Lawn. Used books in good condition of every description will be available at bargain prices.

Book sales are the Library Friends' major fund-raising events, and all proceeds go to the Library in the form of donations for programs and other services and resources.

Volunteers are needed to help at the sale in approximately two-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to find some great books, meet your neighbors, and help the Library. High school students may earn service learning hours toward graduation by volunteering at the sale. To volunteer or for further information, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov.

Summer Quest success

We've tallied the final figures, and we had another successful Summer Quest summer reading program, thanks to readers ranging in age from one to 54. Overall, 115 readers read at least one book, but many readers read more. Summer Quest participants read more than 1,100 books as they made their way through the 10 reading challenges. Our top reader was Esme Chang-Gillespie, a pre-schooler who read 106 books with her parents and baby brother. Ten-year-old Kiera Norris was a very close second, reading 101 books; Kiera also completed all the extra reading Summer Quest challenges.

While Summer Quest 2015 is over, we're gearing up for our third annual Winter Quest reading program. Watch for more details soon about Winter Quest, which is designed to keep kids reading over the December holidays.

Halloween events

Halloween fans are in for a real treat this year, as we have a trio of events designed to celebrate the season. First up is a program featuring award-winning kids' novelist Mary Downing Hahn, who specializes in writing spine-tingling tales for young readers. Hahn, a Maryland resident who has sold more than two million copies of her books, will be here on Monday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. to talk about her newest book, "Took." *School Library Journal* says of "Took" that "horror fans and readers looking for a good scare will enjoy this creepy tale," while *The Horn Book* noted

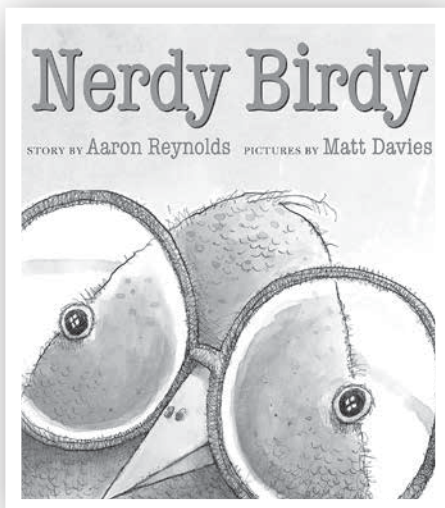
that "this creepy tale skillfully weaves in —and honors — the oral tradition of folklore, legends, and ghost stories." Politics & Prose Bookstore will be selling copies of Hahn's books at the event, but the program is free, and no purchase is required to attend.

Next, on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2-3 p.m., kids are invited to come and make some Halloween crafts. All materials are provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Kids just need to bring their creativity!

Finally, on Monday, Oct. 26, veteran storyteller Candace Wolf returns with her annual "Scary Stories" program. Wolf, a local resident who has done storytelling all over the world, will offer two sets of tales. From 7-7:45 p.m., she'll tell stories that are just a bit scary and perfect for ages 5-7. From 7:50-8:50 p.m., she'll ratchet up the scary quotient with tales for kids ages 8-13. No registration necessary; just come and enjoy some scary fun!

Authors, authors!

We've got something for everyone in our October line-up of author programs



Mary Downing Hahn



co-sponsored by Politics & Prose Bookstore. All events will take place in the Library's Children's Room, unless otherwise noted. Politics & Prose will sell books at each event, but the programs are free and no purchase is required to attend.

Picture book lovers will enjoy two fun events. First on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m., international best-selling author Eoin Colfer (best known for his "Artemis Fowl" novels for kids) will join with illustrator Oliver Jeffers to present their new book, "Imaginary Fred." Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. Matt Davies, a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist turned children's book author/illustrator, will highlight his newest



Matt Davies

book, "Nerdy Birdy."

Young fans of the "Ranger's Apprentice" series will want to mark their calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m., when author John Flanagan reveals his newest adventure series. This event will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

For kids who love non-fiction, check out the



John Flanagan

program on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. featuring science writer Tam O'Shaughnessy. She'll focus on her new book, "Sally Ride: The Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space." Non-fiction lovers also will enjoy an event on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30, when author Gabrielle Balkan discusses her new book, "The 50 States."

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Every Tuesday.
Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
Led by Senora Geiza

Picture Book Creators Eoin Colfer and Oliver Jeffers

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.
Come learn about their new book, "Imaginary Fred."

LEGO Club

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1:30-3 p.m.
Building fun for ages 5-12.

Graphic Novelist Ben Hatke

Monday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Hatke will present his newest book for kids, "Little Robot."

Picture Book Illustrator Matt Davies

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Davis talks about his newest book, "Nerdy Birdy."

Kids Author Tam O'Shaughnessy

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.
O'Shaughnessy talks about her new book, "Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space."

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

"Ranger's Apprentice" Author John Flanagan

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Come learn about Flanagan's new adventure series for kids.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Kids Novelist Mary Downing Hahn

Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Hahn will preview her latest spooky tale, "Took."

Kids Author Gabrielle Balkan

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Balkan will discuss her fun, fact-filled book, "The 50 States."

Friends of the Library Big Book Group

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
All welcome to reception and lecture to kick off discussion of "Daniel Deronda" by George Elliott.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Library Lawn

Crafts for Kids

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2-3 p.m.
Kids are invited to make Halloween crafts; all materials provided.

Scary Stories

Monday, Oct. 26
Veteran storyteller Candace Wolf presents some chilling tales of the season.
For ages 5-7: 7-7:45 p.m.
For ages 8-13: 7:50-8:50 p.m.

Looking ahead.....

- LEGO Club, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1:30-3
- Bedtime Stories and a Craft, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
- Friends Big Book discussion of "Daniel Deronda" continues, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., Takoma Park Community Center Hydrangea Room
- Eaglebear and Friends, Monday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
- Newbery Medalist Phyllis Reynolds Naylor talks about the final "Shiloh" book, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Village Rides can give you a lift

By Trey Johanson

Editor's Note:

For people who need a ride, whether temporarily or on a regular basis, Takoma Park's Village Rides program can be a lifesaver. The program pairs volunteer drivers (who have been trained and screened) with residents who need a lift. Here is one example, compiled by Trey Johanson, who helps administer the program through the Jewish Council for the Aging.

"Let me tell you the background," began Jackie Davison of Victory Towers in Takoma Park. "Now, I am a very good driver, but I totaled my own car in January. I have always been independent, so it was a trauma to have to be dependent on somebody else."

Davison, like so many of our elders, is a confident, capable, active contributor to her community. She is the president of the Victory Tower Tenant Association. She is not a woman used to relying on others. But, when she had a doctor's appointment, she needed a ride to Bethesda. She had recently attended a presentation by the Village of Takoma Park in which she learned about its volunteer driver services. So, she made the call.

At first, she was concerned. "Do they know how to drive? Will they be prompt?" She was concerned about the safety and dependability of the drivers. She was also concerned about the process. "Sometimes you call for volunteer services, and you can tell they're not really together," she said. "I was impressed by the professional approach. The intake was very thorough. And, lo and behold, the driver was prompt and friendly!"

Davison chuckled, "I called again another time, and I slept through my alarm! Sandy [Egan, the driver] called me and said, 'I'm here, where are you?' I had to apologize for that one!"

"I find Sandy just very interesting. We have good conversations and she's just good company. And she's a very, very good driver!"

When asked why more of her neighbors might not ask for help when they need rides, Davison could only guess. "It takes people a while to try something new," she said. "I find in general the people here are just reluctant to take advantage of new opportunities, and I don't understand that, to tell you the truth."

"About a third of our residents are non-English speaking," continued Davison. "Our bulletin board is all in English. We



Photo by Selena Malott

Village of Takoma Park Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Egan gives the "Gift of a Lift" to Jackie Davison.

are only reaching out to two thirds of the people who live here! And, non-English speaking residents are increasing, just like in the overall population."

Davison's message seems clear. If our communities are to serve our elders, we must reach out to them respectfully, steadfastly and responsibly. We must communicate in their language, and from their cultural viewpoint. We must

be a consistent, reliable presence in their neighborhoods. And, we must be worthy of the trust they place in us, when they do ask for our help.

To learn more about Village Rides, see a video about the program, to participate or to volunteer go to www.villageoftakomapark.com/village-rides-program-recruiting-riders-and-drivers or call 301-255-4212.

FESTIVAL

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the touch than most. Perhaps, his shirts, skirts, and dresses were as soft as the array of quilted eyeglass cases, cosmetic bags, and satchels available from I Sew Totes. In the booth across the way was Designs by Salone Starr showcasing African fashions and accessories inspired by the designer's homeland of Sierra Leone.

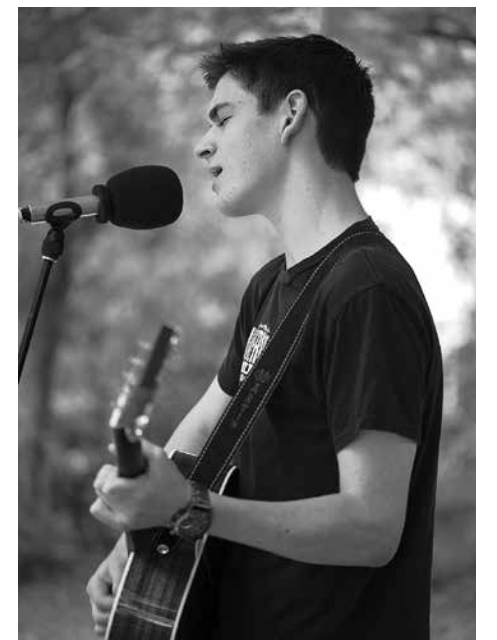
For those a little winded from shopping, there was more food available for snacking. Perhaps, they stopped at Dances with Loaves for a cherry almond scone, or they visited Cheryl's Kitchen where a 30-year Takoma Park Resident featured her maple frosted walnuts, pecans and cashews at the festival for the first time.

After shopping and dining, festival goers could learn more about their community by visiting the tables of the many civic organizations represented at the event. Among them were the Village of Takoma Park, which provides transportation to senior residents through Village Rides (see p. 9), We Are Takoma, EducationFirst, OurSpace Acupuncture and Montgomery Blair High School. And if you hadn't registered to vote, City Clerk Jessie Carpenter and a member of the board of elections were on hand at the Vote Takoma booth to help you complete the necessary forms in time for the upcoming election on Nov. 3 (see p. 3).

There was so much to enjoy, and everywhere you looked families, friends, volunteers, and performers were doing just that. If you attended this year's Takoma Park Folk Festival, you got an eyeful, an earful and a mouthful of the very best that the City has to offer.



Jewelers Nancy Ennis (seated) and Gay Durland.



Chris Monaghan

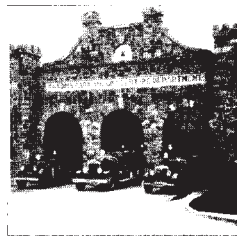


Troop 33 Helpers Noah and Adain (hat).



Leitita Van Sant and the Bonafides.

All folk festival photos taken by Selena Malott



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of August 31, 2015, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 438 fire-related incidents in 2015. The department addressed or assisted with 2,169 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,607.

Totals for 2014 were 458 and 1,890, representing an increase 259 incidents. During the month of August 2015, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total 1,294 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,585 in August 2014. Grand totals as of August 2015 are 10,741 hours compared to 11,091.5 hours in 2014, a decrease of 350.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of September 14, 2015,

42 people have died in fires, compared to 39 in September 2014.

Fire Prevention Week October 4-10

Theme: Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, October 8-9, 1871. This two-day blaze killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

Mark the date!

Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., there will be an "Open House" at the Takoma Park fire station. At the start of Fire Prevention Week, members will be on hand for show and tell regarding many activities on fire safety. Bring the family; it's a time to learn and have fun.

Takoma Park VFD member receives prestigious training award

New EMT Bernice Williams was honored with the Richard B. Thompson Award for the top academic student in the class. It was presented at the EMT Class graduation held at the Public Service Training Academy on August 28. Member EMT Enoch Davis also graduated. Congratulations to both for a job well done.



Parking Survey for Takoma Park Residents

Tell us about your experience and observations:
<http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/parking>

The Montgomery County Planning Department has kicked off its Bicycle Master Plan and want to hear from you. To do that, County planners have developed a Cycling Concerns feedback map, an interactive tool that allows the public to comment on bicycling concerns and route conditions. Check it out at mcatlas.org/fcyclingconcerns and share your input about biking in Takoma Park and the rest of Montgomery County. To keep up to date on the plan, follow @MCBikePlan on Twitter.



Takoma Park is prepared

By Emergency Preparedness Committee

Here in Takoma Park we've had power outages, serious snowstorms, thunderstorms, heat waves and difficult driving situations (such as fog). With fall and winter coming, how will you make sure to stay connected to your family, be safe, have sufficient food/ water in case of evacuation and deal with unexpected, dangerous situations?

Takoma Park is ready to share information and strategies for survival. The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) will be represented at the following events:

- Oct. 4, Street Festival
- Oct. 10, Lifelong Takoma

Ron Hardy, the Emergency Preparedness Manager of Takoma Park, has been visiting high rise apartments/condominium complexes and sharing information about fire safety, crime prevention, dealing with power outages, and more. He has been to about 15 locations so far. If you would like Mr. Hardy to visit your complex, please contact him at: ronh@Takomaparkmd.gov.

How prepared are you?

Here's a short test of your knowledge and skills:

****If you get 1 or more wrong, be sure to join EPC at one of the Takoma Park events above.**

1. What should you do with medication that's old or not used? a) Throw it out; b) give to a friend who needs it; c) bring to Takoma Park Police Dept.

drop box; d) put it away in a box on a shelf

2. The most appropriate treatment for heat exhaustion is: a) cover the person with lots of blankets; b) apply cool wet cloths; c) give water regardless of consciousness; d) carry person to nearest cool area.

3. For emergency situations, what is ICE? : a) in case of emergency info on your cell phone; b) frozen water; c) the cubes you wrap in a cloth to cool your head; d) it's part of a mountain—ice berg—in Antarctica.

4. If you are caught inside during a storm, how long after the storm passes should you wait before going outside? a) 10 minutes; b) 30 minutes; c) 1 hour; d) 5 hours
5. If you are driving into a heavy fog, you should: a) edge closer to the back lights of the car in front of you; b) hit the brakes and put on your high light beams; c) slow down, turn off your radio and open the windows to listen for police or traffic notices; d) turn the radio on very loud to hear news and soothing music.
6. In case of a power outage, eat food from your home in the following order: a) Freezer, refrigerator, non-perishable food; b) non-perishable food, refrigerator, freezer; c) Refrigerator, freezer, non-perishable food; d) none of the above; you should only eat from your emergency kit.

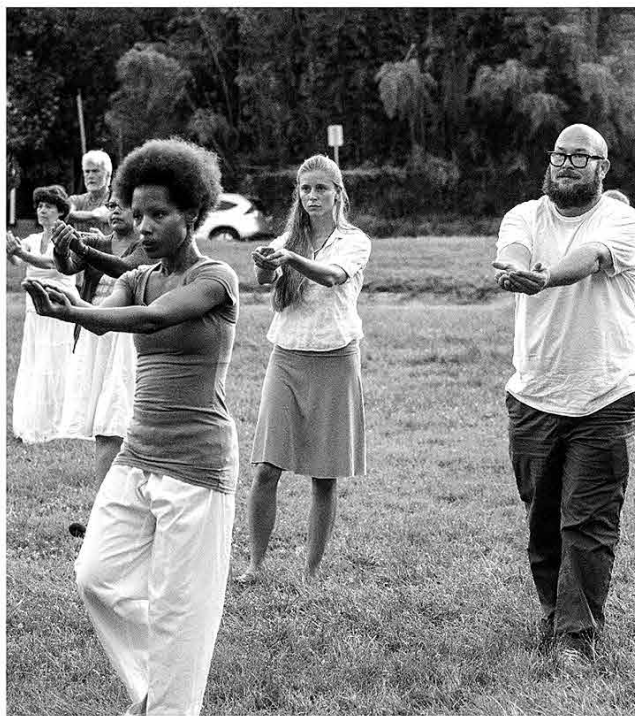
Answers:

- 1) C; 2) B; 3) A; 4) B; 5) C; 6) C



Drink up

Takoma Park has new water bottle filling stations at the Community Center and at Public Works. What a great way to save energy! You don't have to buy bottled water (so you save money and you save energy by avoiding the manufacture of yet more plastic bottles). You get filtered water. And you get it in a convenient spout made just for refilling bottles – or you can slurp right from the old-school water fountain spigot. Plus, the filling stations have a digital display that keeps count of how much waste you've avoided by *not* using plastic bottles.



Dance Exchange artists, musicians, and community members participate in "New Hampshire Ave: This Is a Place To..."

An evening of music, dance, art and storytelling

By Amanda Stevens

You might have noticed a few things out of the ordinary along New Hampshire Avenue on the evening of July 18. You might have heard the melodies and rhythms of violins, trumpets and drums. You may have spotted new artwork. You might have even seen people you know dancing together in celebration of what New Hampshire Ave is, was, and could be.

Created by Dance Exchange and sponsored by the City of Takoma Park, this performance and community celebration was the culmination of a multi-year project known as "New Hampshire Ave: This Is a Place To..." With major support from the National Endowment for the Arts and

ArtPlace America, the project provided an opportunity for people to gather and reflect on the ways they shape what the place is today and what it will be tomorrow.

During July's place-based performance, audience members accompanied performers on a journey of storytelling between Hampshire Tower, Takoma Overlook and the Recreation Center field. As they shared their stories of New Hampshire Ave, Dance Exchange transformed them into movement, weaving them together with Dance Exchange Founder Liz Lerman's landmark work "Still Crossing," to create an intergenerational performance by Dance Exchange artists and New

Hampshire Avenue community members. Local musician David Schulman also joined the performance along with trumpeter Don Tillery and Taiko drummer Mark H. Rooney.

For almost two years, Dance Exchange has collaborated with the City of Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department to use art and dialogue to create meaningful relationships between the people and places that shape New Hampshire Avenue. Led by Artistic Director Cassie Meador, this work "brings a range of people into conversation about their contributions and hopes for the Avenue." The impact of doing so, Meador explains, "is already apparent, and the con-

nections the project created, we hope, will live on after it ends."

One way the project lives on is through the work of several local artists with whom Dance Exchange collaborated. Installation artist Nicole Salimbene, painter Fetunwork Amedie, photographer Ben Carver and multi-disciplinary artist Nguyen K. Nguyen captured the Avenue in a series of photo portraits, paintings and illustrations, which were installed in the Recreation Center field during July's performance. During the next month, this artwork will appear on banners in public spaces throughout Takoma Park.

To learn more, visit danceexchange.org. Amanda Newman is a Dance Exchange artist.

SMACKDOWN

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AtSite (informational interview)

Community Power Network (informational interview)

Throughout the competition, students will be able to win small and large weekly "PowerUp Prizes" provided by sponsoring local businesses, which may include: gift

cards to local restaurants, "green" resume writing workshop presented by 20 minute resume, tickets to sporting and music events and more!

To participate as a student competitor or to sign your small business up for the free energy assessment and help a local student, go to <http://greenimpactcampaign.org/kilowattsmackdown/> or contact City Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias at ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

ADVISORY QUESTION

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Here is the text of the advisory questions Takoma Park residents may be asked to consider when they vote Nov. 3.

Advisory Question – Option 1

Beginning with the election in November 2018, the City of Takoma Park municipal elections for Mayor and Council members should be changed to the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November in each even-numbered year in order to coincide with Maryland statewide elections.

- For
- Against

Advisory Question – Option 2

Beginning with the election in November 2018, and assuming voting rights can be maintained for 16-17 year olds, non-citizens and people with felony convictions who are on parole, the City of Takoma Park municipal elections for Mayor and Council members should be changed to coincide with Maryland statewide elections.

- For
- Against



Sizanani Takoma Teen Leadership Camp

In August the first ever Sizanani Takoma Teen Leadership Camp, a unique collaboration between MAN UP (Making a New United People) and Global Camps Africa, was launched. The Sizanani Takoma Teen Leadership Camp focused on fun, life and leadership skills, self-esteem, team work and cross-cultural community.

Jenn Wofford, a counselor and coach with offices in DC and Takoma Park, spearheaded a crowd funding campaign to the one-week camp culminated with a community potluck celebration, during which the teens presented a theatre piece. Here one counselor teaches a song to some of the teens, who participated in the camp.

OCTOBER '15

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the November issue is Oct. 12, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Oct. 23.

To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov.

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park.

All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Monday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.*
City Council Meeting, Monday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Monday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium

*When public hearings or presentations are scheduled, meetings may begin at 7 p.m. Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educare-supportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids
See page XX for details

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Games and activities just for teens
See page XX for details

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Behind Expo Emart at 1021 University Blvd.
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food

Food Truck Fridays

Fridays, 5 – 8 p.m.

Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Trohv, 232 Carroll St., NW
Various food vendors

Takoma Park Street Festival

More than 200 artisans, community groups, children's activities, food vendors and a variety of green companies and other vendors. Three stages with 18 local bands performing indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae and everything in between.
Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The event takes place on a mile stretch of Carroll Avenue to Carroll Street
Free

Second Annual Lifelong Takoma Day Event See insert, this issue

Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Intergenerational social and wellness annual event. Enjoy music, food and health screenings
TP Community Center
Free

Stroll Through the Trees

A tree tour through the New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood in Ward 6. The walk will include discussion of how to grow the urban tree canopy in the area, and a special guest from Historic Takoma will share local historical lore about the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the circular route.
Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Starting point to be announced.
For questions, email treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov
Free

Snow Angels Snow Removal program

Registration begins Oct. 31 and ends Dec. 1
This program provides snow removal services to City of Takoma Park residents who are physically unable to remove their snow. Additional information will be provided in November's newsletter and the Lifelong Takoma web page: www.takomaparkmd.gov/lifelongtakoma

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.

www.republictakoma.com

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Brewing Up History in Washington, D.C.

Peter Jones and Michael Stein explore the history of brewing in D.C.
Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free
See page 5 for details

Cri-Cri "El Grillito Cantor" (The Singing Cricket)

A bilingual, interactive musical program based on the songs of Mexican composer Francisco Gabilondo Soler. These songs and stories are fit for the whole family.
Saturday, Oct. 3, 4 – 6 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free

Join Hands: The Life and Art of Matt Sesow

Documentarian Leslye Abbey's film featuring Matt Sesow's story and artwork
Thursday, Oct 8, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
See page 5 for details

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free

Community Mural at Holton Lane

Thursday, Oct. 15, 6 – 8 p.m., Mural sketch finalization
Friday, Oct. 16, 4 – 8 p.m., Wall preparation
Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – noon, Community art workshop
Oct. 21 through Nov. 20 every Wednesday 4 – 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community paint sessions
ALDI Foods, 1335 Holton Lane

#randomactsoftaiko

Taiko artist Mark H. Rooney and his collaborators meld dance, multi-media art, and Japanese taiko drumming in a show that explores the harmony and dissonance of rhythm and movement.
Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free

Monster Bash

Monster Bash 2015 will kick off with games and music, followed by the Costume Parade and Contest down Carroll Avenue and ending with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park.
Saturday, Oct. 31, 1 – 6 p.m.
301 Ethan Allen Ave.
Free
See page 7 for details

Upcoming Events

BDSM: Sex, Hobby, Religion or Art?

Thanks to the popular novel and movie "50 Shades of Grey," BDSM (Bondage and Discipline, Dominance and Submission, Sadism and Masochism) has become the topic of increasing public interest. Gallaudet Professor Julie Fennell will provide an in-depth academic perspective describing the BDSM subculture and why it thrives.
Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the city. The city offers added incentive by reducing the cost of the first tree purchased by \$100 (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal Permit). That means residents can add a \$195 tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent



photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year. Established discounts still apply as well, through the city's annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the city is making five species available at wholesale prices. Red oak, sycamore, sweet gum, black gum and American linden—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed. Sale dates run through Oct. 17.

ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 17.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates, which will occur in November.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

___ Red Oak (2") ___ \$195 Sycamore (2") \$195 ___ Sweet Gum (2") \$195 ___ Black Gum (2") \$195

___ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____