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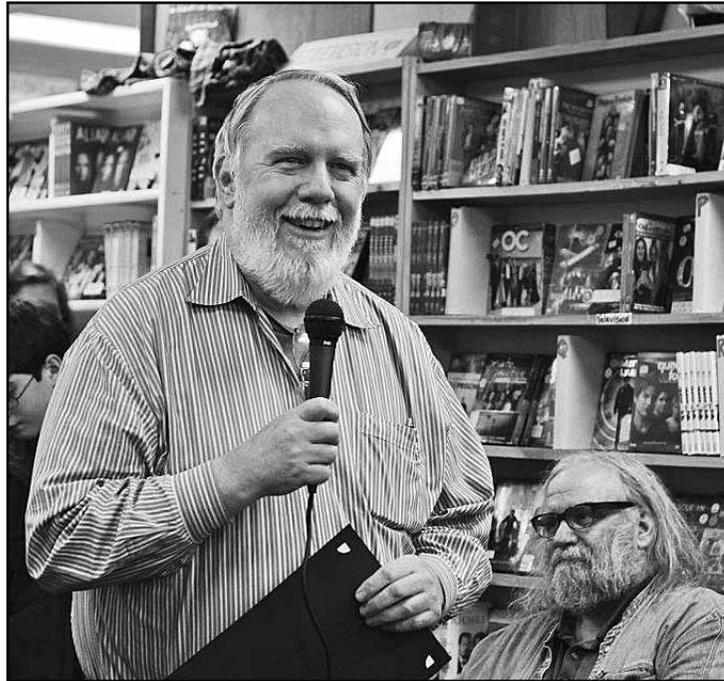
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7

Trash collection

Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 7

No yard waste or compost collection



Mayor Bruce Williams at one of the countless community gatherings he has attended during his 22 years on the City Council and as mayor of Takoma Park. This one is at Video American, when it closed in 2013.

Photo, City of Takoma Park

Mayoral race shaping up for fall Bruce Williams stepping down, two candidates already announced

By Kevin Adler

Bruce Williams will not be running for a fifth term as Takoma Park mayor, he announced in late July.

"I've had 11 terms in office—22 years—including 10 years as mayor pro tem [while he was a councilmember representing Ward 3], and eight years as mayor," Williams wrote in a Facebook posting that generated scores of thank-you messages about his hard work and advocacy for Takoma Park.

At least two current City Council members will be running for the seat in Novem-

ber. A few days after the announcement, Ward 1 Councilmember Seth Grimes and Ward 3 Councilmember Kate Stewart launched their campaigns.

Williams' impact on Takoma Park can be seen in both its physical spaces and its well-known institutions and events. From unification in Montgomery County in 1997 to the renovation of the Community Center, Williams has been front-and-center on the biggest changes in the city for more than two decades.

Known as both a passionate advocate

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Lifelong Takoma Makes Impact in First Year

By Kevin Adler

Since its inception in spring 2014, Lifelong Takoma has made significant strides in helping people 55-plus and those with disabilities maintain their independent lives in the community. But so much more can be done, says Karen Maricheau, manager of the program.

Clearly, the message is resonating with the community. In the first few months, Lifelong Takoma received two or three assistance requests a week. "Now I receive on average of three, sometimes more, resident requests a day," she says.

In just its first year—which included several months of startup effort—Lifelong

Takoma responded to 225 requests for assistance, according to a report provided to the City Council in the spring. Volunteers contributed 532 hours of assistance, estimated to have an economic impact of more than \$16,000.

"There is never a dull moment, and I find myself feeling challenged and rewarded by helping residents," Maricheau says. "I couldn't imagine a better job. It's not always easy, but neither are the circumstances residents struggle with day in and day out. I feel blessed to be where I am and doing what I do."

Lifelong Takoma was designed to coordinate

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Takoma Notes an opportunity to invest locally

By Rick Henry

"Put your money where your mouth is," goes the old saying. But when it comes to investing, the Old Town Business Association (OTBA) wants Takoma Park residents to "put their money where their home is." To that end, the organization has established Takoma Notes, an innovative community investment program that allows citizens to invest in local businesses. The program identifies local businesses that would benefit from additional capital and develops specific loan packages to meet their needs.

According to City Councilmember Seth Grimes, Takoma Park is a perfect community for such an initiative. "Takoma Park has a strong "shop local" preference, for non-chain, locally owned businesses, and those businesses excel at meeting community needs while creating economic opportunity for residents and recycling profits back into the community," he said.

He also pointed out that the timing is right and that programs similar to Takoma Notes are becoming more popular in states and localities. As an example, he cited Maryland state legislation that was enacted in 2014 that allows Maryland businesses to borrow up to \$100,000 from Maryland residents who lend up to \$100 each.

A little history

Indeed, the Takoma Notes program builds off an existing revolving loan program that was established by the OTBA Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee in 2009, according to committee chairman Preston Quesenberry. The program is a yearly fund of \$125,000 that the OTBA uses to issue loans to local businesses. Money from the fund comes from local residents and its success over the years inspired members of the restructuring committee to explore other options, said Laura Barclay, Executive Director of the OTBA.

"There is always a need for money for local businesses and the revolving fund is a fixed pool," she said.

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We now have an awesome (and #sustainability driven!) water bottle filling station right here in the Community Center. Stop on up, say "Hello!" and help us reduce plastic bottle waste.



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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council will be on recess until Sept. 8.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Day and Date TBA, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

COUNCIL COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Rose Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Atrium 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 www.takomaparkmd.gov/calendar. Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (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

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. For additional information, contact the city clerk at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

ORDINANCE 2015-26

Adopted July 6 (first reading June 15)

Infrastructure Bonds, 2015 Series A

Authorizes bonds to be issued under the State of Maryland's Local Government

Infrastructure Financing Program to refinance the Community Center bond that was issued in 2005. The amount to be borrowed will not exceed \$1,585,000.

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VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Interested in serving? A great first step is to attend a meeting to learn more about the work of the group. Meeting dates/times may be found on the City's calendar at www.takomaparkmd.gov/calendar.

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. View information at www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

The following groups have vacancies or expiring terms:

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

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (vacancy – no representative from Ward 6 or 3)

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

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

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

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

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee

(vacancies – no representatives from Wards 2, 4, 5, or 6)

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

Recreation Committee (six vacancies – no representatives from Ward 6)

Safe Roadways Committee (vacancies – no representation from Wards 4 or 6)

Elections / Elecciones

CITY ELECTION

The next City election for Mayor and Councilmembers will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015. The Nominating Caucus will occur on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015. Complete election information may be viewed at www.elections.takomaparkmd.gov.

2015 ELECTION CALENDAR

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

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAKOMA PARK ELECTIONS.

You may register to vote in Takoma Park elections if you:

- Are a resident of the City of Takoma Park;
- Do not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
- Will be at least 16 years old on election day;
- Have not have been convicted of a felony or, if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment (you may register if you are serving a term of parole or probation for the conviction);
- Are not be under guardianship for mental disability or, if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote.
- Have not been convicted of buying or selling votes.

Both United States citizen residents of Takoma Park and non-U.S. citizen residents are eligible to register and vote in Takoma Park elections.

Not everyone who registers to vote in City elections will be eligible to vote in county, state, or national elections. Review the registration form carefully to understand the requirements for voting in the State of Maryland.

For information on how to run for office, see page 11.

ELECCION DE LA CIUDAD

La próxima elección para elegir al Alcalde y a los Miembros del Consejo

se llevará a cabo el 3 de Noviembre de 2015. La reunion electoral de nominaciones se llevará a cabo el 29 de septiembre de 2015. La información completa sobre la elección puede verse yendo a www.elections.takomaparkmd.gov.

CALENDARIO DE ELECCIÓN DEL 2015

- Martes 29 de septiembre a las 7:30 p.m. – Reunion electoral de Nominaciones, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, ubicado en el 7500 de la Avenida Maple.
- Martes 27 de octubre a las 4 p.m. – Ultimo día para obtener un formulario de votación por correo de la Secretaria Municipal.
- Desde el Miércoles 28 de octubre hasta el Domingo 1 de noviembre – Votación temprana.
- Martes 3 de noviembre – Día de la elección. Los sitios de votación estarán abiertos al público desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 8 p.m. en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, ubicado en el 7500 de la Avenida Maple.
- Lunes 16 de noviembre a las 7:30 p.m. — Inauguración — Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo toman el juramento del cargo, en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 de la Avenida Maple

CALIFICACIONES DE LOS VOTANTES EN LAS ELECCIONES DE TAKOMA PARK

Usted puede registrarse para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park si:

- Es residente de la Ciudad de Takoma Park;
- Declara no tener derecho a votar en ninguna otra elección;
- Tendrá al menos 16 años de edad en el día de la elección;
- No ha sido condenado por un delito o, si ha sido condenado, ha completado su sentencia de encarcelamiento ordenada por la Corte (usted puede registrarse si está sirviendo un período de libertad condicional por la condena);
- No se encuentra bajo custodia por discapacidad mental o, si lo estuviere, no ha sido determinado por la Corte que usted no puede comunicar su deseo de votar.
- No ha sido condenado por la venta or compra de votos.

Tanto los ciudadanos estadounidenses como los residentes de Takoma Park tienen derecho a registrarse para votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park.

No todas las personas que se registren para votar en las elecciones de la ciudad tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones del Condado, Estatales o Nacionales. Sírvase leer el formulario de matriculación cuidadosamente para entender los requisitos para votar en el Estado de Maryland.

4th of July in Takoma Park

Despite damp weather, the fourth of July brought the usual festivities to Takoma Park this year: parade and fireworks, though the latter were delayed a day. At the parade, a happy crowd lined up to enjoy the shenanigans. Among the marchers this year were a roller derby crew, an impressively steam-punk-like junkmobile, boy scouts and young bicyclists equipped for whatever came down the road.

Parade winners were as follows: Performing arts, first through third place respectively, Fraternidad Folklorica Cultural Ruphay, The Finest Marching ThunderKatz! and the Mark H. Rooney Taiko School; costumed entries first through third, Zydeco Cowboyz and Cowgirls, Takoma Horticultural Club and Free State Roller Derby; youth groups, first and second places, Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital Service Unit 34-8 and Friends, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 33 and Cub Scouts Pack 33; Roscoe Award, Greenbelt Dog Training Marching Drill Team; Wacky Tacky Takoma Award first through third, Good Dog, Vanadu and the Ritchie Citizens Association; and the TPIDC Memorial Award (in honor of Belle Ziegler, Ernie Weisman, Ed Hutmire, June Aloï, and Kay Daniels-Cohen), Motor Driven Band and Roland's Unisex Barber Shop.

For more great images of the parade, including floats and marchers, go to www.tpssvoice.com/2015/07/07/photos-takoma-park-parade-damp-but-undaunted.

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ELECTION HELPERS WANTED

The 2015 City Election is fast approaching. The Board of Elections needs volunteers to ensure an election that is both fair and efficient. Applicants should be Takoma Park registered voters, detail oriented, and impartial for this election. Those who speak a language in addition to English are encouraged to consider helping, as are 16 or 17 year old voters and non-U.S. citizen voters.

Voter Registrars - to assist with voter registration at various locations and events in Takoma Park.

Election Judges - to work during early voting (Oct. 28 – Nov.1) and/or for the day of the election (Nov. 3). Hours will vary. Payment depends upon hours worked.

Opening Judges and Closing Judges - to assist with setting up for the election and closing out election evening.

Ballot Counters - to assist with the hand count of ballots on election night (Nov. 3). Ballot counters will be paid.

Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov, email jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7267.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Fund for community projects available

Application deadline 12 noon,
Wednesday, Sept. 2

The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the provision of improved community facilities and services.

Approximately \$11,600 is available for programming which primarily benefits individuals or households of low and moderate incomes. An additional \$79,400 is available for capital projects

benefitting low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Proposed programming may be something that an organization does on its own or in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Funds would be available in fall of 2016.

Applications are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/community-grants.

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium. Deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

For more information, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.

Activists rise to support Piney Branch Elementary pool — and win

By Kevin Adler

Once again, the swimming pool at Piney Branch Elementary was slated for closure, and once again local residents rose up to keep it open. On July 28, the county restored funding that had initially been cut, and the pool was saved.

Back in the spring, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett did not include funding for the pool in his proposed FY16 county budget. But after hearing about the popularity of the county's only public pool inside the beltway, the County Council provided the necessary \$160,000 for operations and maintenance for the upcoming fiscal year.

However, when more belt-tightening was needed, Leggett proposed cutting pool funding in early July as part of a package of \$51 million in cuts.

Takoma Park residents and others quickly responded. Takoma Park resident Laura Barclay started an online petition through Change.org that had obtained more than 450 signatures by mid-July. "I tried to register to present the petition at the July 28 County Council meeting," Barclay said, "but they said that they will be talking only about capital expenditures, and the pool is an operating expense. We have been told we can submit the petition by email, but we're working on a way to present in-person, which would be stronger."

For Barclay, as well as many other area residents, the pool is an important part of their lives throughout the year. "My kids have taken lessons and been on the swim team organized by Aquatic Stars, which rents the pool," she said. "I've used the pool for the masters swim program that's organized by Daleview pool."

Located within a short walk or drive from anywhere in Takoma Park, the pool is a boon for people without cars, said

Barclay. "If you look at the other options for swim programs, they're crazy drives at rush hour," she said. "This pool is so convenient."

The presence of the pool within Piney Branch Elementary is yet another benefit, Barclay added. "In my daughter's fourth-grade class, I'd say a majority of the kids don't really know how to swim," she said. "For some, this is their only exposure to a pool."

The Takoma Park City Council is solidly behind the pool. It unanimously voted on July 13 to support a resolution urging the County Council to return the funds to the budget.

Good signs emerged from the County Council, too, as Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee members Nancy Floreen and members George Leventhal and Hans Riemer voted on July 13 in favor of funding the pool.

Meanwhile, some people in Takoma Park have bigger ambitions for the pool. "We are moving into a phase of advocacy for county renovation of the pool," said Takoma Park Ward 1 Councilmember Seth Grimes. "Desirable elements include facility modernization, accessibility improvements to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and physical separation of the pool facilities from the school."

Grimes said he received a commitment from Montgomery County Recreation Director Gabe Albornoz to conduct an interdepartmental meeting in the fall about possible renovation projects.

Barclay said that the off-on-off nature of the financing has showed that Takoma Park needs to present a long-term plan for the pool. "We don't want to go through this every year," she said, noting that it's not the first time the pool has been threatened with closure.



Caleb Yoboah-Afari takes off for the first time on his own bike. Spotter Dan Neher looks on.

iCan Shine rolls out the inspiration

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School hosted the iCan Shine Bike Camp at Takoma Academy July 6-10 with daily sessions using professional staff and specially adapted bikes to teach individuals with disabilities how to ride a conventional bike. Thirty riders and 50 volunteers worked together during five daily sessions. Campers progressed from the very stable roller bikes to their own shiny new bikes, some as early as Wednesday. Parents watched in amazement as their children rode a two wheeled bike for the first time.

Joshua Williams was the first to ride. As he glided around the outdoor track, a huge smile on his face, his mother and brother looked on, mirroring his smile. "Look at your boy, Ma," whispered his brother, James. After the camp, his mother Danna wrote, "iCan Shine is a wonderful program for providing such an experience for children and Takoma Park is a great city for hosting it. Again, thank you so much for making this



Rose Dowling celebrates her accomplishment with all the volunteers.

Photos by Bienvenido Martinez

wonderful milestone of learning to ride a bike, as amazing for Joshua at age 14 as it would have been at age 8."

Joshua and the other riders gained confidence, independence and a chance to be included in a way they never have been before. Safe Routes Coordinator Lucy Neher hopes to see at least two riders on Bike to School Day at Piney Branch Elementary School next spring.

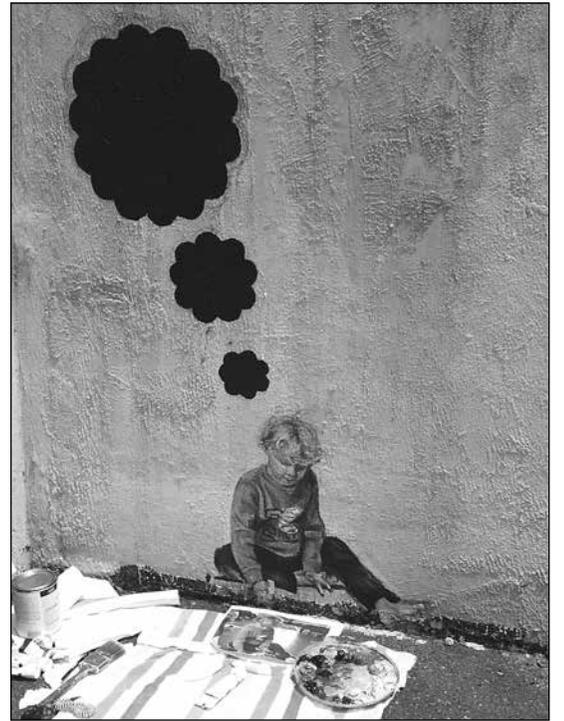
Stay cool, stay safe this summer

Takoma Park gets steamy in the summer months, and that can affect air quality. Here are some ways to stay healthy and avoid contributing to poor air quality in the region:

- Fuel your car only after dark.
- Skip the use of gas powered blowers, weed whackers, or edgers.
- Avoid idling your car excessively.
- Carpool, telecommute, or take mass transit to work.
- Limit driving and combine errands.
- Wait for a cooler day to use oil-based paints or switch to non-solvent or low VOC-based paints.
- Avoid using aerosols and household products that contain solvents.

- Avoid mid-day driving.
- Conserve energy at home and work to reduce power demand.
- Avoid or limit exertion mid-day.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Do not leave pets or children in the car unattended.
- If you become over-heated seek an air-conditioned or shady location for rest.
- Check on elderly neighbors to be sure they are safe.

Remember locations such as libraries, community centers or other places that have air conditioning, and seek these places out if you are overheated or your air conditioning is not functioning.



Public art archive is missing (your) art

We Are Takoma, the city's pro-art initiative that hosts performing arts, visual arts and other creative projects for and by residents, is interested in the incidental art that pops up all around town, and has been archiving it in a catalogue online. Mosaics, murals, sculptures and more dot the Takoma Park landscape, and thus

far the project has documented 80 objects around the city—but city staff is eager to add to the list. To see photos of and hear conversations about the “Art About Takoma Park,” go to Takoma Park’s tumblr page, <http://tkpkartabout.tumblr.com>. To add your own, whether it is a yard ornament or public space display, go to

www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts/public-art. From left, the trompe l’oeil front porch on Carroll Avenue in Old Town; a sculpted rooster perched near backyard friends; and the artistic child in the parking lot of the Community Center.

Join the community at the Takoma Park Folk Festival

The 38th Takoma Park Folk Festival is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Middle School located at 7611 Piney Branch Road.

Community building is at the heart of the festival, a well-established, family-oriented event celebrating the region’s rich musical and artistic talent. In addition to several stages with dozens of musicians, bands, and dancers, plus a lineup of food trucks with everything from grilled meat and vegetarian dishes to softserve ice cream, the event includes community tables for local non-profit or community organizations. In the past, the tables have featured church groups distributing literature; hospitals administering free blood pressure screenings; and dance studios offering mini tap dancing lessons.

Applications for the community tables are open to local organizations through Sept. 11 at www.tpff.org.

If you’re looking for another way to get involved with the Folk Festival, consider volunteering the day of the festival. Shifts are two hours in length, vary in task, and are appropriate for for all age groups. The Takoma Park Folk Festival is a Maryland 501(c)(3) organization. Previous beneficiaries include scout packs, Friends of Sligo Creek, and God Glorified Church.

For more information about this year’s festival, including information about community tables and volunteer opportunities, please visit the newly redesigned festival website at www.tpff.org.

Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler receives regional recognition

Takoma Park’s Poet Laureate, Merrill Leffler, was recently honored by the Association of Jewish Libraries, Capital Area Chapter, with the 2015 Achievement Award. AJL celebrated Leffler for his poetry and for founding in 1967 the literary magazine “Dryad,” which grew into Dryad Press.

“Merrill is the consummate ‘mensch’—wise, understated, modest, generous and yet intensely rigorous and probing,” said AJL’s Ahron Taub, who presented the award to Leffler.

“He is a Jewish humanist in the most profound sense, wrestling with text and language in a realm unfettered by dogma or limitations arbitrarily imposed. His poems are marked, not only by music, of course, but by an unusual combination of sly wit, playfulness, and empathy, in a word—humane.”

Leffler has been Takoma Park’s poet laureate since July 2011 and contributor to many literature-focused events in the city. Leffler and his wife and fellow poet Anne Slayton started the Spring for Poetry posters in 2007. He’s

also been active on the Friends of the Takoma Park Library.

In accepting the award, Leffler



praised the “strong and vital” independent presses and literary publications in the DC area. He spoke about how poetry is made and what makes it distinctive. Leffler quoted William

Butler Yeats: “Out of the arguments with others, we make rhetoric; out of the arguments with ourselves we make poetry.”

“In this context, I take ‘arguments’ to mean venturing out, exploring the known and the unknown, questioning what we think we know, whether in theme, subject matter, style,” Leffler said.

And he quoted from Ecclesiastes: “of making many books there is no end.”

“Books that matter — I’ll call them ‘literary books’ — stimulate the mind, they give us deep pleasures and deep insights. They often disrupt the beliefs we take for granted and don’t question; they inform us more deeply about what we know — or think we know — to teach us about the world and about ourselves,” Leffler said. “Why else are we all gathered here?”

Leffler’s most recent book of poetry, “Mark the Music,” was published in 2012. It has been described as a book in three movements that suggest different stages of life. Its themes include aging, darkness, consolation and joy.

Cycle safe in Takoma Park

More and more people are riding bicycles in Takoma Park and the entire Washington region. Remember, bicyclists are considered vehicle operators; they are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators, obeying traffic signs, signals and lane markings. It is so important to follow safety rules while riding a bicycle, especially when riding near motor vehicles. Please use the fol-

lowing safety tips while riding your bike:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Obey all traffic controls (including stopping at stop signs).
- Ride near the right-hand edge of the road.
- Never carry another person on your bicycle.
- Always use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Watch for cars at cross streets, driveways and parking areas.
- Be careful when checking traffic and don’t swerve when looking over your shoulder.
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way.
- Keep your bicycle in good condition.



RECREATION

Senior Day, Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg, Md.

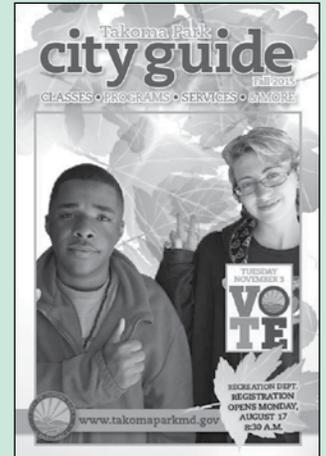
55 and older

Enjoy a good old-fashioned county fair with animal and agricultural exhibits, craft shows, vendor booths and festival foods. Bring lunch, or spending money to purchase lunch. There will be lots of walking. Not fully accessible by wheelchair. Rain or shine. Online or in-person registration is required by Aug. 14. Space Permitting.

TP Community Center Recreation Office
 Tuesday, Aug. 18, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Free. No cost for transportation.

Registration for Fall Classes begins Aug. 17 at 8:30 a.m.

In this issue: The Takoma Park City Guide for Fall 2015 is included in this newsletter. Inside you will find a full listing of Recreation classes, programs and activities.



TOTS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Zumbini
Ages newborn – 3

Zumbini is a music and movement class for children newborn to 3 years old to attend with their music-loving caregiver. We combine original Zumba-style music with dancing, singing, instruments and scarves to create a fun and engaging 45-minute class. Each participant will receive a "Bini Bundle" which includes two copies of our class music and a beautifully illustrated storybook. There will be a \$30 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

TP Community Center Azalea Room
 Saturdays, Sept. 12 – Dec. 5
 Early Session: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
 Later Session: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
 TP residents \$150
 Non-residents \$170

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Tennis Skills for Tots (Parent and Me)
Ages 3 – 6

This half-hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small rackets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and eye-racket ball coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation is required. (No experience needed)

TP Middle School Tennis Courts
 Sundays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 8
 Session 1: Noon – 12:30 p.m.
 Session 2: 12:30 – 1 p.m.
 TP residents \$50
 Non-residents \$60

YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations
Ages 8 – 11

Elementary students create exciting 2-D and 3-D 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 third through sixth graders.
 TP Community Center Art Studio
 Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 15, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.
 TP residents \$150
 Non-residents \$170

DRAMA/THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons
Ages 9 – 18

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."
 TP Community Center Auditorium
 Thursdays, Sept. 3 – Oct. 1, 4 – 6 p.m.
 TP residents \$45
 Non-residents \$55

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu
Ages 4 – 16

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a onetime, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform.
 TP Community Center Dance Studio
 Saturdays, Sept. 12 – Nov. 14
 Beginners 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
 Advanced 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 TP residents \$129
 Non-residents \$139

Taekwondo
Ages 5 and older

Taekwondo is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. "Tae" means "foot," "leg," or "to step on"; "Kwon" means "fist," or "fight"; and "Do" means the "way" or "discipline. There is a onetime, non-refundable, fee of \$40 paid to the instructor on the first class for

uniform.
 TP Community Center Dance Studio
 Mondays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 30, 6 – 7 p.m.
 TP residents \$145
 Non-residents \$165

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Tennis Clinic
Ages 7 – 13

This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racket and a water bottle. If you do not own a racket, the Recreation Department will provide one for the clinic.

Takoma Park Middle School Tennis Courts
 Tuesdays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 13
 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. – Ages 7 – 9
 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. – Ages 10 – 13
 TP residents \$45
 Non-residents \$55

Tennis Skills

This class is for beginners, we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. Then we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys.



Few Spaces Left for Summer Camps

Cheerleading/Step Camp
Ages 6 – 12

Learn cheer and step routines and chants, and develop coordination, confidence, and a positive team attitude. This camp will also help promote technical and artistic growth of the participant.

TP Community Center Lilac Room
 Monday – Friday, Aug. 10 – Aug. 14
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 TP residents \$175
 Non-resident \$195
 Register at www.marylandcheerchargers.org

Dance Camp
Ages 6 – 12

Ballet, Tap and Creative Dance is geared to allow girls and boys the opportunity to enhance talents with skills and techniques taught during the session. Children will learn basic dance skills, rhythm, musicality and improvisation.

Instructors will focus on building self-esteem and personal creativity; which will allow participants to gain confidence in the craft of dance.

TP Community Center auditorium
 Monday – Friday, Aug. 3 – Aug. 7
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 TP residents \$175
 Non-resident \$195
 Register at www.marylandcheerchargers.org
Dribble Pass Shoot Basketball Camp
Ages 5 – 12
 Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp.

Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Before and Aftercare are available for this camp.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
 Monday – Friday, Aug. 10 – Aug. 14
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 \$220

Goal! Futsal Camp
Ages 6 – 12

Futsal is a form of indoor soccer that continues to grow in popularity throughout the country. The game of Futsal, which is fun and fast-paced, is an important component to the development of soccer players. The Goal! Futsal Camp will assist campers in making quick decisions, which will assist with their development, reflexes and pin-pointing passing ability. We welcome all skills sets and will adjust the teaching accordingly.
 TP Recreation Center Gymnasium

Monday – Friday, Aug. 17 – Aug. 21
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 \$200

Rookie Sports Camp
Ages 3 – 5

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand-eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Paperwork will need to be submitted prior to the first day of camp.

TP Community Center Rose Room
 Monday – Friday, Aug. 3 – Aug. 7
 9 a.m. – noon
 TP residents \$80
 Non-resident \$90



TP Middle School Tennis Courts
Sundays, Sept. 13 – Nov. 8
Beginner/Intermediate

Ages 6 – 12

Option 1: 1 – 2 p.m.
Option 2: 4 – 5 p.m.

Ages 13 and older

2 – 3 p.m.
Intermediate/Advanced

Ages 13 and older

3 – 4 p.m.
TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$110

TEENS

DROP IN

Teen Lounge
Ages 13 – 17

This special room is for teens only. Ages 13 – 17 are welcome to become members 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.

TP Community Center
Teen Lounge
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 4 – 7 p.m.
Tuesday: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ongoing
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

ADULTS

MULTI MEDIA

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro
Ages 16 and older

Introduction to video editing using Apple's latest version of Final Cut Pro. Participants will learn the general interface, keyboard shortcuts and all pertinent terminology. Learn how to create and organize projects, log and capture video, add transitions and effects, basic text manipulation and time line based storytelling.

TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Nov. 18
Beginners, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140
Advanced, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

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 includes weight training. If you're looking to get in the best shape of your life, this hour packed class is for you.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Wednesdays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 10, 6 – 7 p.m.;
Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.

TP residents \$100
Non-residents \$120
Drop in \$15

Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength Training
Ages 16 and older

Fly into big, fast, easy moves to a consistent beat. The workout is always intense, with movements that will max you out. Working out has never felt this good. Workout includes strength training with resistance tools and Pilates based core work. Participants should bring own mat.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Fridays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 30, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

TP residents \$64
Non-residents \$74

Everyday Qi Gong
Ages 18 and older

Simple, everyday movements made 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 – invigorating energy systems, opening up joints and relaxing our bodies, minds and spirits.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Wednesdays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 21, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

TP residents \$95
Non-residents \$105
Drop-in \$15

Tai Chi Chuan
Ages 18 and older

Tai Chi Chuan is often referred to as moving meditation and offers many health and relaxation benefits to people of all ages. Regular practice can improve posture, balance, coordination, strength, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and concentration. In this introductory class the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible and more efficient.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10
Tai Chi Basics, 6:15 – 7:10 p.m.
The Tai Chi Form, 7:15 – 8:10 p.m.
Continuing with Tai Chi, 8:15 – 9:10 p.m.

TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85

Yoga Iyengar: Beginners
Ages 18 and older

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR AFTER THE BELL FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

After The Bell starts at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) on Aug. 31. This after school childcare program for the MCPS 2015-2016 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Department, contact MCPS Transportation 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers and we will meet them at the bus stop. The "After the Bell" Program will not operate on days the MCPS is closed. For more information contact Jurrel Cottman at 301-891-7289 or jurrelc@takomaparkmd.gov. Twenty percent of the yearly fee is due at registration.

TP Recreation Center
Kindergarten-5th Grade
Monday – Friday, Aug. 31 – June 17
3:30 – 6 p.m.
\$125/month

LATE NIGHT = SAFE NIGHT

After Hours
Ages 16 – 24

This new program will provide a drop-in service for the teens and young adults. The Recreation Department is partnering with the Takoma Police Department to offer futsal and basketball one night per week over the course of the summer. We are looking to provide safe and fun activities for the young adults in our community as well as build the relationship between the community and the Takoma Park Police department. The program runs until Aug. 20.

TP Recreation Center
Tuesday – Thursday, 9 – 11 p.m.
Free with Registration

attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 8 – Dec. 15, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

Yoga Iyengar: Intermediate
Ages 18 and older

For the Intermediate student, Iyengar Yoga takes one deeper into the poses. As one gains strength and stability one moves towards the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (beginner's class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided.

TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 8 – Dec. 15, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo
Ages 55 and older

Try your luck. Win a prize.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Aug. 27, noon – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening
Ages 55 and older

Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening.

TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Senior Free Fitness Pass
Ages 55 Plus

For seniors 55 and over who would like to use the fitness center. Registration is open. You can register today at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue or the Community Center on Maple Avenue.

TP Recreation Center fitness room

Summer Hours:

Ongoing, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free

PETS

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 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, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14, 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, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

TP residents \$145
Non-residents \$165

Instructors and part-time staff needed (to teach ages 13–17)
Seasonal, year round, flexible, afternoon/evening available

The Teen Program is seeking instructors to facilitate a variety of classes for ages 13 – 17. Current instruction is needed for Drama, SAT Prep – MATH Portion, Job Training, Art, Fitness, Computer Skills, etc. Employment opportunities are available for Teen Lounge staff, programming activities, plan/attend field trips, etc from 2:30 – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Apply online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers. For more information, contact Chelse Nuñez at chealsean@takomaparkmd.gov.



New Koha catalogue makes its debut

If you've looked for a book in the Library catalog or checked the status of your Library account in the past week or so, then you know that we've made some big changes.

All of these changes stem from our switch to new library software: Koha, hosted and supported by ByWater Solutions. Koha is an open source system used extensively in Europe, South America and Africa, as well as the United States. And, of course, in New Zealand, where it originated. Koha is a Maori word for gift.

We hope you like it.

What does this transition mean? Not only is the catalog prettier, you can do a lot you couldn't do with the old one. It includes book cover photos and reviews. It allows users to narrow their searches to available titles, a particular genre (like books, CDs or e-books), and juvenile or adult titles.

Library users can also create reading lists, comment on books they have read, establish privacy settings and more easily access and manage their own Library accounts with the new software. Eventually, you will be able pay your fines remotely, using PayPal. And there are videos that introduce you to each function.

You might want to start by looking at your own account in our new system. Just click on the "My Account" button at the top left of the Library's main website. Or go to the "log in" link at the bottom of the page. Either will get you to the right place.

You'll then be asked for your user ID – that's your library card number – and then your password. Normally, this is the month and day of your birthday, mmdd, and it has to be four numbers, so add a leading zero if you need to (i.e. if your birthday is Jan. 1, you would put in 0101).

Once you're into your account, you can find a list of what you've got checked out – and when they're due back – by clicking "your summary." To see what fines you owe, click on "your fines."

If you want to update your address or phone number or email, click on "your personal details." In addition, you can determine how long the Library keeps your reading history by going to "your privacy."

By clicking on "your messaging," you can decide how often you want to get emails showing when items you've checked out are due back. Be sure to choose "digest only" where it is available to ensure that information about the items you've checked out is pulled together into

one email. Library users can also personalize their reading experience in several new ways in the Koha catalog. For example, you can create lists of books that you've read – or want to read – by clicking on "your lists." To request that the Library purchase a particular item, click on "your purchase suggestions," complete the online form, and then submit it.

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 Señora Geiza

Nighttime Comics Jam

Monday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.
Comics guru Dave Burbank leads a special evening session of our comics book club.

Bedtime Stories and a Craft

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.
Join Ms. Kati for this fun monthly program.

Back-to-School Crafts for Kids

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2-3 p.m.
Materials provided; just bring your creativity!

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
Come read with us as we spotlight some great new picture books.

Lemonade and cookies served. No registration.

Amharic Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Aug. 22, 2-3 p.m.
Best for kids ages 4-8, and their grown-ups
Saturday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.
Registration required.

Looking ahead....

- Award-winning picture book creators Mac Barnett and Christian Robinson present their new book, "Leo, A Ghost Story," Thursday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m.
- Bedtime Stories and a Craft, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
- LEGO Club, Sunday, Sept. 13, 1:30-3 p.m.
- Summer Quest finale party, Monday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
- The Friends Fortnightly Book Club discusses "Our Lady of the Nile" by Scholastique Mukasonga, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., Hydrangea Room (see article)

one email.

In addition, you can comment on a book by following a two-step process. First, find the book in our catalog and then click on it. Under the basic information about the

book, click on the "comments." You'll be prompted to log into your account, then you'll need to find and click on the book in the catalog once more before typing in your comment. Once your comment is approved by library staff, you'll see it in the catalog.

We hope that you will spend some time discovering all the great new features of our Koha catalog. If you have any questions, we're happy to answer them; you also can check out the brief but informative videos about Koha. Let us know what you think!

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Amharic Story Time

We're hosting our first Amharic Story Time on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 2 – 3 p.m. Geared to children ages 4-8 and their grown-ups, the program will be led by Kidist Desta, a Takoma Park resident and native Amharic speaker. Working with children's librarian Karen MacPherson, Desta has created a program that will begin with a storytelling session – in English and Amharic – based on the book, "Silly Mammo." The book, based on an Ethiopian folktale, is

retold by Yohannes Gebregeorgis. Following the storytelling session, participants can do a craft based on the book. Registration is encouraged for this program, so that we can have enough craft materials for all. To register, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Nighttime Comics Jam

Join us for a special nighttime version of our popular Comics Jam program on Monday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. Dave Burbank, the library's comics guru, will read some comics aloud, using our document camera and the big screen so that everyone can see all the action. Burbank



will conclude the program by taking "drawing requests" from the audience, who can watch him do live drawing up on the big screen. No registration required; the program is best for ages 5 up.

Authors! Authors!

Mark your calendars for the beginning of another season of visits from top kids' authors and illustrators, courtesy of our partnership with Politics and Prose bookstore. First up are author Mac Barnett and illustrator Christian Robinson, who will talk about their new picture book, "Leo, A Ghost Story," on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. Great for ages 3-7 and their grown-ups!

Friends Fortnightly Book Club to Discuss Work by Rwandan Author

Join the Friends Reading Group to discuss "Our Lady of the Nile," the 2012 novel by the Rwandan writer Scholastique Mukasonga on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room.

"Our Lady of the Nile" tells the story of a school for the daughters of the Rwandan elite before the genocide of 1994. Although it is set in the 1970s, the novel reveals that what was to come had already been set in motion. The novel uses the story of a group of students and their teachers to create what one reviewer described as a "microcosm" of the resentments that led to the Hutu massacre of more than 100,000 Tutsis in less than four months. More than just a story of a school for girls, "Our Lady of the Nile" explores the colonial history that led to the genocide.

Reviewer Bibi Deitz writes: "... "Our Lady of the Nile," published in English 20 years after the massacre of the Tutsi people, is a political novel, addressing race, culture, gender. The brutality of the Hutu-Tutsi conflict is easily misunderstood. This book makes it human, brings it down to the level of the everyday. When the question of how such a thing could have happened is asked, the treacherous answer is here, in the mundane. By imagining the everyday lives of Rwandans, Mukasonga makes more sense of the climate leading up to the genocide than a stack of news articles does."

All are welcome to attend the Friends of the Library book discussions. Copies of "Our Lady of the Nile" will be available at the Library.



Geiza Keller-Souza at Spanish Circle Time

Photos by Maurice Belanger

MAYORAL RACE

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on social issues but also a pragmatic leader on economic ones, Williams was integral to economic development in Old Town and the new activity today along New Hampshire Avenue and in Takoma Junction.

He also supported the non-economic factors that make Takoma Park special: the creation of the Arts and Humanities Commission and the expansion of public art

programs and youth sports, recruitment of volunteers, voting by 16- and 17-year-olds, and more.

Williams says he understands that improving physical spaces can create an environment for more community activities, such as the upgraded auditorium in the Community Center. "It was not part of the original a, but is something I pushed for," he wrote on Facebook. "The expansion of the vision that all of us bought into has resulted in this space that is so much better than any of us imagined."

Beyond Takoma Park's physical transformation, Williams is recognized for a deeply personal decision he made more than 20 years ago. In 1993, he became the first openly gay elected official in Maryland, D.C. or Virginia. With his encouragement, Takoma Park became in 2004 the first jurisdiction in the state to endorse same-sex marriage.

In speaking openly about his life with husband Geoffrey Burkhart over the years, Williams reflected his lifelong beliefs in tolerance, acceptance and openness. Many

people involved in Takoma Park activism would say these carried over to his dealings with constituents, city staff and the City Council.

"I've always tried to listen to what others say so that I can learn from them. I've tried to recognize that it is always better to surround yourself with people who are smarter than you are, so that you can all shine," he wrote.

Williams hasn't revealed what he will do next, except to say that he will remain involved in Takoma Park.

Running for Office?

Candidates for Mayor or Councilmember who wish to have their names placed on the ballot for the Nov. 3, 2015 City election must receive a nomination and a second at the Nominating Caucus, which will be held on Sept. 29. All information for candidates is available online. Any resident thinking of running for office may contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7267 with questions.

Mayor: Candidates for the office of Mayor must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the city for at least six months immediately preceding his/her election, and must be a qualified voter of the City. The Mayor must maintain principal residence in the city during his/her term of office. If the Mayor changes his/her principal residence from the city, the Mayor's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter. The Mayor is prohibited from holding other publicly elective offices during his/her term of office, and is prohibited from serving on any city board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

City Council: Candidates for the office of Councilmember must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, shall have resided in the city (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six months immediately preceding their election, and shall be qualified voters of the city. The Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the city and in their ward during their term of office. If a Councilmember changes his/her principal residence from the city or from the ward from which the Councilmember was elected, the Councilmember's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter.

The Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during the term of office, and are prohibited from serving on any city board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

Nominating Caucus

The Nominating Caucus will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmember. The Nominating Caucus will be held in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center—Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Only qualified voters of the City may participate in the Nominating Caucus. Residents may register before the meeting is called to order.

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. 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. 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 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.

Reunion Electoral de Nominaciones

La Reunion Electoral de Nominaciones se reunirá el Martes 29 de septiembre a las 7:30 de la tarde con el propósito de aceptar las nominaciones de candidatos para Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo. La Reunion Electoral de Nominaciones se reunirá en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, ubicado en el 7500 de la Avenida Maple. Solo los votantes calificados de la ciudad podrán participar en La Reunion Electoral de Nominaciones. Los residentes pueden registrarse antes de que comience la reunión.

La nominación de los candidatos para Alcalde se hará a través de una moción por parte de cualquier votante calificado de la ciudad, y si tal nominación fuese secundada por un votante calificado de la ciudad, la persona nominada sera considerada como candidato. La nominación de cada candidato a Miembro del Consejo se hará a través de una moción por cualquier votante calificado de su distrito electoral, y si tal nominación fuese secundada por un votante calificado de tal distrito electoral, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Cualquier candidato nominado tendrá derecho a rechazar su nominación durante la reunión. Una persona solo puede aceptar una nominación por un solo puesto de la ciudad. El nombre de cada persona nominada para los puestos de Alcalde y Miembros del Consejo se incluirá en la boleta oficial de votación a menos que la persona haya rechazado la nominación ante la Secretaria Municipal dentro de tres (3) días de su nominación.

Cualquier personal nominada como candidato debe reunir las calificaciones del puesto para el cual ha sido nominada.

TAKOMA NOTES

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"So we started looking at how we could expand the pool."

"The demand [from local businesses] was exceeding the amount we could lend out through the fund," Quesenberry said.

On the supply side, Quesenberry said the committee noticed that the people of Takoma Park seemed willing not just to support, but to invest in, local businesses, citing the highly successful Kickstarter campaign that helped provide funds to La Mano Coffee Shop near the Takoma Metro.

Quesenberry said the committee's initial thought was to simply let more local residents contribute to the revolving loan fund. But increasing the size of the fund had its drawbacks.

"We didn't know if the demand would always be there," he said. "So we decided to explore a project-by-project approach."

The result is Takoma Notes.

The mechanics

Through the program, local businesses apply for funding. Members of the OTBA

vet the businesses, then raise the money to make the loan by issuing Takoma Notes to local investors. When the OTBA raises the necessary amount within the established time period, it then lends the proceeds to the specified Takoma business.

The business then pays interest and principal to OTBA which in turn passes those payments to the Takoma Note investors. The program is offered to all Maryland and Washington, D.C. residents. Representatives from Colombo Bank have worked closely with OTBA organizers and the bank will handle the investments and transactions.

"This is a great opportunity for businesses to get capital," said Barclay. "It is easier to acquire than traditional capital and they can use it for expansion and inventory."

Such is the case with Takoma Notes' first recipient. Last summer MAD Fitness was invited to be the first recipient of Takoma Notes funding. Proprietors Sue Immerman and Eve Kenney sought out Barclay and the OTBA because they were looking for additional funds to further build out and equip their fitness studio at 7302 Carroll Ave.

"We had already taken out a commercial loan and we wish we had known about this program beforehand," the mother-daughter owners told the newsletter.

"We live and work in Takoma Park so we wanted to participate in the Takoma Notes program as soon as Laura told us that there were people in the community who wanted to make an investment that would support the liveliness of Takoma Park (and get a return on it)."

For MAD Fitness OTBA will be offering \$10,000 in Takoma Notes in increments off \$100 and higher. These notes have a stated interest rate of 3 percent. Securing the notes will allow MAD Fitness to expand to offer more classes and options and help kick off an innovative membership plan in the not-too-distant future.

"We had planned to improve the studio gradually over time as our business generated profits that we could reinvest. However, a loan at this time will allow us to up our game now," they said.

MAD Fitness may be the first Takoma Notes recipient, but other businesses are lining up to follow.

"We have put a call out to the community and we have had several businesses

reach out to us," said Barclay. And while she says OTBA wants to make as many loans as it can, it has to keep capacity in mind and make sure each application is carefully considered before it is accepted.

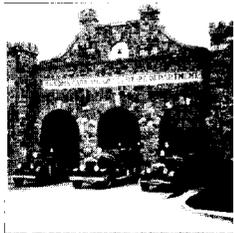
The main criteria involve the following issues, said Barclay:

- Who needs money and when;
- How many applications and loans can OTBA handle and manage well; and
- How best to encourage and maintain community interest.

"While we have been making loans out of the revolving fund for a while, we haven't had to pay back investors," she said.

With the assistance of Colombo officials and the critical eye of Quesenberry and the other members of the committee, she is confident that both the investors and the businesses will reap the rewards of the program. "No investment is 100 percent safe," she said. "But we want to make sure that the investment opportunities are scrutinized and investors feel as comfortable as they can be."

To learn more, or to invest in Takoma Notes go to www.mainstreettakoma.org/investor-form.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As June 30, 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 326 fire-related incidents in 2015. The department addressed or assisted with 1,608 rescue or ambulance related incidents for a total of 1,934.

Totals for 2014 were 306 and 1,381, representing an increase of 247 incidents.

During the month of June 2015, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total 808.5 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,328.5 in June 2014. Grand totals as of June 2015 are 8,073.5 hours, compared to 7,697 hours in 2014, an increase of 378.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported 35 people have died in fires in July, compared to 37 in July 2014.

Safety Message

In the event of a power failure, the use of candles are not recommended. Should you use them, they should never be left unattended.

Award-winning firefighters

Takoma Park VFD members received a number of awards at the 2015 June Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention. Among them were the Hall of Fame Award, to Chief Tom Musgrove; the Family Appreciation Award, to the Willey Family (including father and mother Richard and Tina, son Andrew and daughter Ashlee); and the EMS Top Responder Award to EMT Jorge Alfaro. Alfaro also received a nominee certificate for "EMT of the Year Award."

A special recognition award went to FF/EMT Adam Bearne from the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service, which named him "EMS Provider of the Month" for performing the Heimlich Maneuver, saving the life of a choking victim. Lt. Ervin Wirth, MC-FRS presented the award. Congratulations to all!

Two arrested for shooting at Econo Lodge

Two men were arrested for a shooting that occurred in the wee hours of the morning on July 10 at the Econo Lodge on New Hampshire Avenue.

Samba Sow, 20, and Kevin Fuentes, 22, both of the District of Columbia, were arrested on charges of second degree murder, conspiracy, possession of a handgun in the commission of a felony, first degree assault and other offences.

The arrests were announced six days after the shooting. Takoma Park Police had arrived at the scene to find a large crowd

gathered. The incident corresponded to the gunshot victim who had walked to a local hospital; the victim suffered non-life threatening injuries.

After an exhaustive investigation, the police department reports that detectives were able to identify the suspects and the Special Assignment Team (SAT) located them. The Montgomery County Repeat Offenders Section assisted in the arrest, and the suspects were taken into custody at Sow's residence. The vehicle used during the crime was also recovered.

National Night Out combines safety and celebration

Takoma Park joins communities across the nation for National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Ave. The annual event includes activities and information about safety and crime prevention, but also features food, music, games and give-aways.

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is designed to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; support locally-based businesses, groups and organizations; and strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department. This

year's event will include informational brochures on various safety topics and crime prevention, food, give-aways and live music. There will be various events, including child fingerprinting, a moon bounce, face painting, games and prizes and more. The event is free.

In addition, a resident safety workshop will be held between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the same location. The focus is on "Situational Awareness," with tips and strategies that will help participants protect their bodies and belongings. All ages are welcome. The workshops is coordinated by the Lifelong Takoma Program.

No water, no mosquitos: clearing standing water keeps critters at bay

Summer is officially here, and many Takoma Parkers head outdoors to enjoy the season—unless they are plagued by mosquitoes. Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development staff says in order to keep them away,



Prevención del mosquito

¡El verano está oficialmente aquí, y también son los mosquitos! Para mantenerlos fuera de su propiedad, es esencial que se elimine el agua estancada. ¡Sólo se necesita una

cucharadita de agua estancada por una semana para los huevos a crecer en mosquitos adultos! Quitá cualquier llantas, basura, o incluso juguetes que puedan contener agua. Cambie el agua de los baños de aves o platos de las mascotas al menos una vez a la semana. Asegúrese de que sus canales son claras y que el agua no se acumule en sus bajantes. Si usted tiene un barril de lluvia o un estanque sin peces, puede obtener volcadas mosquitos especiales o pellets que matan a las larvas de mosquitos. Si usted sigue estos consejos, usted puede relajarse sabiendo que no tendrá que hacer frente a ningunos mosquitos más irritantes.

eliminating standing water is essential. It only takes a teaspoon or a bottle cap of water standing for about a week for hundreds of eggs to grow into adult mosquitoes. Here are a few hints:

- Make sure that you remove any tires, rubbish, or even toys that might hold water.
- Change water in any bird baths or pet dishes at least once a week.
- Make sure your gutters are clear and that water is not pooling in your downspouts.
- If you have a rain barrel or a pond without fish, you can get special mosquito dunks or pellets that kill mosquito larvae.

Medication return box open 24-7

Accidental poisoning from medications has been increasing since 2001, especially for children. National Poison Control Centers data reported that approximately 5,000 children ages 6 years and under, and 18,783 adults, succumbed to accidental exposure to medications in 2007. Even child resistant containers cannot completely prevent a child from taking medicines that belong to someone else.

What can you do? Keep medications that you are using in a locked area, and dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications as soon as possible.

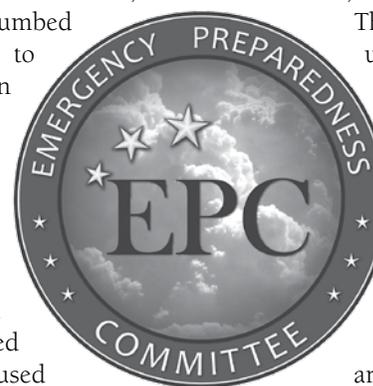
In Takoma Park, the police department has made the task easier. Its Med-

Return mailbox is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Located in the lower level lobby area of the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.), the green box is easy to find, safe and secure.

The Med-Return box accepts unwanted/unused prescription and non-prescription drugs, patches, ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, or pet medication. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

Items that cannot be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers.

—Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee



Safe Routes helps kids transition back to school

By the time Takoma Park students read this, summer will be more than half over. The days will be shorter; the Sunday circular will show kids sporting the newest back to school fashion, including backpacks! So much to think about: school supply lists, new shoes, teachers and classes, and keeping the routes to school clear and safe for student traffic. So here is the Safe Routes to School list of ways to enjoy summer's transition to fall:

1. Decide to walk or bike to school this year. Combat all those hours in the classroom with a few extra minutes

outside each morning and afternoon. Experience the changing season each morning as the temperatures get cooler and the days grow shorter.

2. Add reflective gear to your back-to-school shopping list. Many backpacks, shoes and jackets incorporate retro-reflective fabric into the design. Choose items that are bright, so students can be seen while they travel to and from school on foot or by bike.
3. Plan to walk with neighbors and friends every day and on Walk to School Day, Oct. 7. Seek out families

who live nearby and make a plan to coordinate supervision by organizing a walking school bus or buddy system.

4. Gamify your walking and biking habits. Count your steps and "walk across the state, the country, around the world." Challenge yourself to a walking/biking record number of days without driving. Walk in the rain or snow. Make a walking scavenger hunt. Enjoy your time together.
5. Make time to continue your summer yard work regime. Clear overgrown

vines, shrubbery, hedges and other vegetation to the edge of the sidewalk. Keep the sidewalks clear so students can get by safely without ending up in the street. Ask your neighbors to do the same.

And most importantly, talk about safety. Plan your routes, discuss best practices for crossing the street, obeying laws and being aware of surroundings. For additional information about Takoma Park Safe Routes to School, contact Lucy Neher, lucyn@takomaparkmd.gov.

LIFELONG TAKOMA

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dinate city services and volunteer efforts to enable the 23 percent of Takoma Park residents who are seniors to live "with reduced or no barriers" as they go about their daily lives. Support can come in almost any form, from a ride to a doctor's appointment, to help filling out a complicated form, to house maintenance.

When Maricheau began her part-time position with the city last spring, she embarked on a listening tour to hear from residents about their priorities and to explain the support that Lifelong Takoma could provide. She also reached out through the first annual Lifelong Takoma Day last September, which attracted about 130 people.

What do residents need? Priorities include health management, health and dental care, caregiver support, finances, socialization and inclusion, transportation, advocacy, home and property management, legal assistance and planning, food assistance and nutrition, eviction prevention, and employment.

As the list indicates, the needs vary from single events to longer-term issues. "I have been getting more and more long-term, multi-faceted requests, and in these cases, some residents truly would benefit from case management," Maricheau says. "There are resources for this through the county and some local nonprofits. Some of the help I am able to provide, and for other kinds I refer the resident to other programs, services, and resources that may be more effective for what they need."

Notable Successes

Lifelong Takoma has achieved some notable successes in its short existence.

Numerous residents have been linked to meals programs, and others have been linked to home care and home-based medical services. Others now have access to free transportation that enables them to attend medical appointments, as well as social events and worship services.

One high-profile effort occurred during the winter through a partnership with the Takoma Park Middle School Difference Makers. The teenage "Snow Angels" shoveled walkways and sidewalks at 42 residences without charge.

Lifelong Takoma also participated in the recent Energy Service Day last month. Volunteers received training and supplies from the city's Environmental Sustain-

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— Karen Maricheau

ability Program, and they went in teams to homes to offer ideas about improving home energy efficiency.

Coming on Aug. 4 is another event at which Lifelong Takoma will play a big role: The National Night Out. Piney Branch Elementary is hosting the activities, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Maricheau will be onsite to share information about Lifelong Takoma.

"This event is sponsored by the Takoma Park Police, and they will be explaining how to improve your 'situational awareness,'" she says. "You can get tips, learn strategies and practice personal safety behaviors."

More projects are ahead, especially as Lifelong Takoma builds on already established relationships with local churches, the Village of Takoma Park volunteers, Washington Adventist and local businesses, among others.

"My goal is to propose more support, financial, and staffing down the road," Maricheau says. "The purpose would be so that the Lifelong Takoma program could acquire and use a database that allows for follow-up with residents. It would enable us to see if residents felt their issues were acknowledged and to learn if they received the help that they needed from the places where they were referred."

She also plans to reach groups that haven't yet been served. "Communication barriers prevent real inclusion of non-English-speaking residents," she says. "At the next Lifelong Takoma Day, we plan to offer interpreter services. This may particularly help residents express themselves when we have the Community Conversation during the event."

These are ambitious plans, but Maricheau is confident and optimistic. "I have been fully supported by the City Council and my supervisor, City Manager Suzanne Ludlow," she says. "I feel blessed to be where I am, doing what I'm doing."

COUNCIL ACTION

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ORDINANCE 2015-27

Adopted June 22 (first reading June 15)

City Staff Pay Structure

Adopts a pay structure for city staff through June 30, 2017. The city conducts classification and compensation studies on a periodic basis to ensure that its pay scales are market competitive and that it is able to attract and retain quality staff.

ORDINANCE 2015-28

Adopted July 13 (first reading June 22)

Election Code Amendments

Amends Takoma Park Code, Title 5, Elections: Ch. 5.04 General Provisions, Ch. 5.12 Fair Election Practices, Ch. 5.16 Voting, Ch. 5.20 Absentee Voting, and Ch. 5.22 Provisional Ballots. The amendment includes minor clarifying provisions, details how incomplete and late filing of campaign reports are handled, and clearly states what happens if a candidate is elected but does not file the required financial disclosure statement.

ORDINANCE 2015-29

Adopted June 22

Montgomery College ACES Program Grant

Authorizes payment to Montgomery College for the FY 2015 ACES (Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success) Program. The grant amount is \$19,392.

ORDINANCE 2015-30

Adopted June 22

Legal Counsel for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project

Selects Douglas Bregman, Esq., and team members Francoise M. Carrier, Timothy P. Schwartz, and Grace Burnside, of the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC, to represent the city on development issues. The City Manager is authorized to expend up to \$30,000 for the firm's legal services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project.

ORDINANCE 2015-31

Adopted July 13

Lunch and Learn Summer Camp Grant

Authorizes execution of a grant agreement with Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington for disbursement of up to \$25,000 for the 2015 Lunch and Learn Summer Camp

RESOLUTION 2015-31

Adopted June 8

Sponsored Bulletin Boards in Parks

Accepts donation of sponsored community bulletin boards for placement in city parks at locations specified by the City Manager.

RESOLUTION 2015-32

Adopted June 8

Policy for New Sidewalk Design and Installation

Sets forth a policy for new sidewalk design and installation and supersedes Resolutions 2012-16 and 2010-14.

RESOLUTION 2015-33

Adopted June 8

2015 Council Compensation Committee

Establishes the 2015 Council Compensation Committee and appoints Joe Edgell (Ward 2), Matthew Golden (Ward 6), Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum (Ward 3), and Paul Weeda (Ward 3).

RESOLUTION 2015-34

Adopted June 22

AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ratifies the June 8, 2015 to June 30, 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Takoma Park and AFSCME Council 67 and Local 3399.

RESOLUTION 2015-35

Adopted June 22

Recreation Committee Appointments

Appoints Priscilla Labovitz (Ward 1) to the Recreation Committee.

RESOLUTION 2015-36

Adopted June 22

Arts and Humanities Commission Appointments

Appoints Abraham Joyner-Meyers (Ward 1) and Janet Rumble (Ward 2) and reappoints Iva Saller (non resident) to the Commission.

RESOLUTION 2015-37

Adopted June 22

Board of Elections Appointments

Reappoints Paras Shah (Ward 6) and Beatriz York (Ward 5) to the Board of Elections.

RESOLUTION 2015-38

Adopted June 22

Safe Roadways Committee Appointments

Reappoints Joe Edgell (Ward 2) and Elizabeth Cattaneo (Ward 2) to the Safe Roadways Committee.

RESOLUTION 2015-39

Adopted July 6

UFCW Local 400 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ratifies the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Takoma Park and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 400.

RESOLUTION 2015-40

Adopted July 13

Support for Piney Branch Pool

Supports keeping the Piney Branch Pool open and urges Montgomery County to maintain its FY 16 funding commitment.

RESOLUTION 2015-41

Adopted July 13

COLTA Appointments

Reappoints Dorothy Clennon (Ward 2) and Vineda Myers (Ward 4) to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

RESOLUTION 2015-42

Arts and Humanities Commission Appointments

Appoints Nandi Henderson (Ward 6) to the Arts and Humanities Commission

AUGUST '15

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

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 September issue is Aug. 24, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Sept. 4.

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

There are no City Council meetings planned for the month of August. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 8.

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 6 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 6 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

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6 – 9 p.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School parking lot

Safety information, games, interaction with local police officers

Free

Fall Registration Begins for Recreation Activities

Aug. 17, 8:30 a.m.

Online and in-person registration for fall classes and programs begins at 8:30 a.m. Register

online at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>.

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

U.S.-Japan Friendship Concert for Peace

Friday Aug. 7, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center

Featuring Ms. Yukie Ikebe with the Heartful

Chorus and the DC Labor Chorus

Sponsored by the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park

Committee and the DC Labor Chorus

Free

Furia Flamenco

Friday, Aug. 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

Flamenco dance performance

Free

Takoma Radio Benefit Concert with Untold Secrets Band and Drop Electric

Friday, Aug. 14, 6 – 9 p.m.

The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

This outdoor concert features *Untold Secrets*

Band and *Drop Electric*, D.C.-area go-go and

rock bands that will celebrate Takoma Radio, the

new community radio station for North D.C. and

Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Free, donations welcome

Live Blues with Silver Lining

Sunday, Aug. 16, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

Free CD's, free performances

Music Discovery Lab

Saturday, Aug. 22, noon – 1:30 p.m.

House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland

Ave.

Workshop for students aged 7-12 to create

and explore sound through guided play in a fun

and casual environment. Drum instructor and

veteran musician Jason Mullinax will introduce

and demonstrate a variety of percussion and

electronic instruments, then have participants try

them as soloists and in ensembles.

\$25

www.hmtrad.com

Violins and Guitars Youth Concert

Sunday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

Sixty young violinists and guitarists, lead by their

teacher Ken Giles, will perform fiddle tunes,

classical music and civil rights songs.

Free

Zimfaro Celebration of Zimbabwean Music

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29 – 30, various times

The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.

A celebration featuring marimba and mbira

music from Zimbabwe, as well as workshops

so participants can learn to play. Saturday

evening will feature Moto Moto Marimba

from Winchester, Va., Marenje Marimba from

Fredericksburg, Va., and Sticks + Bars from D.C.,

as well as mbira players from the region. On

Sunday, there will be workshops at the House of

Musical Traditions on playing the Zimbabwean

mbira, marimba, and hosho (gourd shakers).

Free

"Downton Abbey" And History: Using The Costume Drama To Explore The Social

Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

University of Maryland Professor Julie Anne

Taddeo will explore the costume drama and its

role in presenting the social and cultural life of

early 20th century Britain to modern audiences.

TP Community Center Auditorium

\$10 suggested donation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, Sept. 20

10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School

7911 Piney Branch Road

The Takoma Park Folk Festival is a free

daylong festival featuring six stages of music,

a juried artisan craft show, food, dancing and

family fun. The Festival—in its 38th year—

focuses on performers and artisans from D.C. and

the surrounding region.

tpff.org

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 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.



photo by Piper Vernon-Clay

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 (see order form). 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 _____