



WHAT'S NEW?

Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 5
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Music, art, food and fun
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Takoma Junction Proposals

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Monster Bash

Saturday, Oct. 25
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Trash collection

No changes this month

Mayor & Council
7500 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

On Sept. 13 several Takoma Park residents performed as part of the Placeholder project in the Long Branch neighborhood along Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road. The site-specific dance performance/art installation was created by two University of Maryland professors who are also Takoma Park residents—architect and installation artist Ronit Eisenbach and contemporary dance artist Sharon Mansur. “Placeholder” was designed as part of a campaign by faculty and students at U-Md, the Long Branch Business League, Montgomery Housing Partnership, Impact Silver Spring, and others to bring more attention to this

urban niche on the city’s border, in advance of Purple Line transit construction. Other efforts have involved sculpture installations and public murals, Salsa nights and street parties. For more information, go to www.artinplace.wix.com/long-branch and www.discoverlongbranch.com. From left, Jessie Laurita-Spanglet, Sarah Oppenheim, Meredith Bove and Lynne Price.



Photos by Zachary Z. Handler

Developers eye Takoma Junction

By Virginia Myers

The possibility of building a retail/residential complex at Takoma Junction is increasing, and on Sept. 23 residents came out in droves, spilling out of the Community Center auditorium to hear about four different visions for the property. They lined up again to offer mostly critical comments at a City Council meeting Sept. 29.

Four development groups presented four very different possibilities for the site, a city-owned lot situated between the Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Co-op and the fire station at the intersection of Carroll Avenue and East West Highway/Route 410. Each included an expansion of the existing co-op, and three designed space for the Takoma Children’s School as well. Both businesses were described in the request for proposals by the city as potential partners in any new design — though city manager Brian Kenner made it clear that the city did not require their inclusion. Developments were all mixed use and incorporated green building, in different ways.

Potential developers also shared some challenges: traffic, parking, and room for a co-op loading dock. Most of the presenters said they were confident that these issues would be solved as the development process evolved, noting that the presentations were in the very early stages, with many details to come.

Beyond those commonalities, the visions for Takoma Junction differed remarkably.

City administrators admitted that skipping development altogether is another option. However, “A decision was made to move forward to at least see what other kinds of activities would be possible,” said city manager Brian Kenner.

The city will continue to encourage feedback as City Council moves forward.

For descriptions of the proposals see pages 6 and 7. To see the Sept. 23 presentation go to <http://bit.ly/1rqs3HE>.

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Washington Adventist Hospital emergency facility unlikely

By Virginia Myers

With a new president, Erik Wangsness, at the helm since September, Washington Adventist Hospital is continuing its quest to move from its century-old home in Takoma Park to a projected 49-acre campus in White Oak. Robert Jepson, vice president of business development at Washington Adventist, told City Council on Sept.

15 that hospital administrators still plan to leave several facilities in Takoma Park to meet local health care demand, should the Maryland Health Care Commission approve their plan.

Due to a relatively recent state law, however, it seems unlikely that the remaining facilities will include an emergency room.

City prepares ban on polystyrene packaging for eateries

By Nima Upadhyay and Brenda Platt

Since June 2010, Takoma Park has restricted the purchase of polystyrene food service ware (plastic resin code #6, often called “Styrofoam”) by the city government. In June 2013, the City Council expanded the restriction to include food trucks, farmers’ market

stands and festivals.

Now Takoma Park is considering a further expansion of the ban to include all food-service facilities within the city. Councilmember Seth Grimes (Ward 1) has drafted the ordinance and named it “The Young Activist Act of 2014” as a tribute to the efforts of the Young Activist Club from Piney Branch Elementary

School and its campaign to stop polystyrene use in the school and community. A public hearing on the matter is scheduled for Oct. 13 (see page 2 for details). If the measure passes, it would be effective July 1, 2015.

The proposed ordinance is a component of the city’s effort to move toward

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Takoma Park was just recognized as one of the 10 new municipalities that achieved Sustainable Maryland Certified status by meeting the rigorous requirements of the Sustainable Maryland program. Details: www.sustainablemaryland.com.



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City Council & Committee Calendar

OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 3, 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: www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Atrium Room

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council conference room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea 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/bcc. 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 the deputy city manager, Suzanne Ludlow, at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the Takoma Park 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 2014-46

Adopted Sept. 15

Awarding a Contract for Architectural Services for Library Space Planning

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to enter into a contract with The Lukmire Partnership for space planning for the library. The contract amount is \$30,000.

ORDINANCE 2014-47

Adopted Sept. 15

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Takoma Park Folk Festival, Inc.

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to execute a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Folk Festival. The City Council included \$15,000 in the FY 2015 budget for the Folk Festival.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Adoption of an Ordinance Restricting Use of Polystyrene Food-Service Ware in Takoma Park

Monday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

TP Community Center auditorium

7500 Maple Ave.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would amend Takoma Park Code, Title 8, Business, to add restrictions on the commercial use of polystyrene food-service ware. The ordinance would also prohibit use of polystyrene food-service ware within city facilities and parks. Please see the article on page 1 for additional information. The full text of the ordinance is available at takomaparkmd.gov.

All interested persons should attend the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912; or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

Notice of Final Action - Administrative Regulation for Implementation and Enforcement of Takoma Park Code, Chapter 14.28 Restricted Lawn Care Pesticides (Safe Grow Act)

The September 2014 edition of the *Takoma Park Newsletter* included notice of the city manager's intention to adopt an administrative regulation to implement and enforce Chapter 14.28 Restricted Lawn Care Pesticides. The regulation establishes procedures and criteria for notices and waiver applications under the Act.

The notice was published in accordance with the requirements of the "Administrative Regulations Ordinance" (Authority: Chapter 2.12, Administrative Regulations, of the Takoma Park Code) to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation. The notice stated that the proposed regulation was available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk. No public comments were received by the Sept. 30 deadline. This notice is to inform residents that the final regulation will become effective on Oct. 20, 2014.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Summer vacation is over, the kids are back in school, the weather is getting cooler, and it's time to try something new. Consider visiting a meeting of one of the city boards, commissions and committees listed below to see if you are interested in serving. Meeting dates/times may be found on the city's calendar at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/calendar and elsewhere on this page.

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.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

(five vacancies): The Commission serves in an official advisory role to the City Council on all matters related to the arts and humanities, and promotes, coordinates and strengthens public programs to further cultural development of the city. At least two thirds of the members must be Takoma Park residents. The AHC generally meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For information, contact Housing and Community Development director Sara Anne Daines at sarad@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7224.

COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS

(three vacancies): The Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) adjudicates and mediates complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides appeals from the city manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Commercial Occupancy Licenses. Residency required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. COLTA holds one business meeting per year. Commissioners are assigned to three-member panels for hearings, which are held as needed. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/COLTA.

Property managers and landlords are particularly invited to apply at this time. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds, Jr. at

mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7215.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (two vacancies): The Committee advises the City Council on all environmental issues, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, air quality, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation and recycling. Additionally, the committee serves in partnership with the City Council and city staff to work together to achieve sustainability and other environmental certifications that may help the city meet and be recognized for its environmental goals. Residency is required.

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD (one vacancy): The Facade Advisory Board serves as a local advisory body to the City Council and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, helping to "ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park." The seven-member board meets on a bi-monthly basis. Residency is required for at-large members. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby at rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7205.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS (two vacancies, at least one from Ward 4): The Board plans and conducts city elections in coordination with

the city clerk. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/board-of-elections

RECREATION COMMITTEE (up to five vacancies): The Recreation Committee advises the City Council on matters related to recreation programming and facilities. Residency is required.

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE (up to two vacancies): The Safe Roadways Committee advises the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues and transit services, and encourages Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling and transit. Residency is required. www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc/safe-roadways-committee

TREE COMMISSION (vacancy): The Takoma Park Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect and promote the urban forest of Takoma Park. The Commission's activities include proposing city policies and procedures that benefit the urban forest, providing public education and outreach, and adjudicating appeals of the city arborist's decisions on tree permit applications by conducting evidentiary hearings and applying the criteria of the Tree Ordinance. The commission is composed of five city residents appointed to three-year terms. The commission generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Learning English in Takoma Park

Local language school brings international population to town

By Rick Henry

Imagine Takoma Park as an international destination, with young people from around the world dining in the city's restaurants, taking in its street festivals and enjoying all the city has to offer, then going back to their home countries and spreading the word to others.

That scenario could easily become a reality thanks to Education First (EF) International Language Center, an international education and language school which just opened a campus this summer in the old Washington Theological Union facility at 6896 Laurel Ave., just over the D.C. border. The school is part of the Education First network, which features more than 400 schools and offices in more than 50 countries. Students at EF Language Centers come from around the world to learn a language by enrolling in courses and travelling to countries where the language is natively spoken. Students stay anywhere from two weeks to a year. The Takoma campus is the 12th such center in



Education First faces Laurel Avenue, giving students a first-hand experience with the rhythm of local life as well as a convenient location for hopping on Metro and going to the city.

Photos courtesy Education First

the United States.

"Anyone can enroll, regardless of how well they know the language," says Anka Stenten, the school's director. "They may only speak five words of English, but through the language curriculum we offer and immersion in the community, they will learn."

EF designs its own curriculum and develops its own courseware. Students studying at the Takoma campus take a full slate of language classes and make good use of the school's state-of-the-art facilities. There are 32 classrooms, 11 of which are special media classrooms, as well as several computer/multimedia labs.

In addition to the classrooms, the building also features a cafeteria, a gym, an activity room, a lecture hall and a conference room.

There are also 92 dormitory rooms with 210 beds for students.

For EF students, the classes are only a small part of the overall learning experience, however. The more important and impactful component is being immersed

in a community.

EF staff expect and encourage their students to engage with the community. They showcase local resources and plan events for students.

"They develop their language skills in the classroom setting, but we also have activities planned every single day," says Kelsey Sager, the school's administrative and activities coordinator.

Beyond the special trips to famous landmarks and events, students will also spend time and money in Takoma Park. With an eventual expected enrollment of 1,000 students at the D.C. campus, the effect on the Takoma Park business community could be tremendous, both from the immediate influx of students and possible future visitors.

"I give incoming students a tour of Takoma Park every Monday morning and show them the restaurants, the bike share and other things the community has to offer," says Sager. "We have already formed close partnerships with the restaurants in town and our students go there and love them."

However it is the larger community, those who live in Takoma Park, whom EF administrators most want to engage. Having students frequent local businesses is great, but the ultimate goal is to deepen the relationship with the community by placing students with host families.

Students can choose to either stay in school housing or request to live with a host family while they are enrolled in the program. According to Joannah Lim, EF housing director, the majority of EF students are now requesting homestays, a shift that has increased dramatically in recent years.

"Students want the cultural immersion, human contact and connection," she says. "It's so easy to just travel somewhere and get a hotel and do tourist things, but staying with a host family allows you to learn about the country from a native's perspective."

Sager concurs.

"I lived in Spain and I just had to figure out things on my own and it was hard to meet people," she says. "I would have loved to have had a host family to show me around and provide insider knowledge."

Beyond providing cultural knowledge, guidance and support, Stenten says host families also play a critical academic role.

"The language ability of those who spend time with a host family is always better (than those who don't)," she says, noting that the host families and students are expected to only speak English.

While the students gain language skills and cultural understanding from the host families, the host families benefit greatly as well, say Stenten and Lim.

"They learn from each other," says Lim. "As a host family, you get the chance to learn about a different country without having to travel."

Stenten, who has worked at EF locations in Brussels and South Africa and who travelled to Costa Rica with EF says



The interior of Education First is conducive to interaction among students.

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COUNCIL ACTION

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ORDINANCE 2014-48

Adopted Sept. 15

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement

with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, Inc.

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to execute a grant agreement with the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee. The City Council included \$15,000 in the FY 2015 budget

for Independence Day events.

ORDINANCE 2014-49

Adopted Sept. 15

Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Services with the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to enter into a one-year contract with the Takoma/Langley CDA for economic development services in the Crossroads, with the authorization to enter into three additional one-year agreements. The contract award is \$35,000.

ORDINANCE 2014-50

Adopted Sept. 15

Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with Washington Adventist University for the Lunch and Learn Program

The ordinance authorizes the city manager to execute a grant agreement with WAU for disbursement of up to \$6,000 for the 2014 Lunch and Learn Summer Camp.

ORDINANCE 2014-51

Adopted Sept. 15

Awarding a Contract for Legislative Advocate

The ordinance awards a contract to Public Policy Partners, LLC for legislative advocate services in the amount of \$30,000 for FY 2015, with the authorization to renew the contract for up to four additional one-year terms subject to the firm's performance and the amount of funds budgeted.

RESOLUTION 2014-36

Adopted Sept. 15

Authorizing an Amendment to an Agreement with the Old Takoma Business Association

The resolution authorizes an amendment to the city's three-year agreement with the Old Takoma Business Association for the Main Street Takoma initiative. The City Council included \$30,000 for OTBA in the FY 2015 budget, with an additional \$5,000 to be provided upon demonstration of matching funds of a minimum of \$5,000 from the District of Columbia.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

City regulates placement, size of campaign signs

With elections just around the corner, residents should note that City of Takoma Park law regulates political campaign signs.

Political signs are considered “temporary signs” and do not require a permit. (Signs considered temporary are those made of non-permanent materials like cardboard, paper, canvas or wood.) The number of temporary signs displayed in

a residential zone is not limited, but the total sign area must not exceed 10 square feet. In a commercial zone, the total square footage of all signs may not exceed 100 square feet.

Additionally, these signs may only be placed on private property. In no case should signs be on the public right of way, light posts, utility poles, bus shelters, city property, parks or trees. Signs should also

be placed in a way that does not obstruct the view of traffic signals, traffic signs, oncoming traffic or pedestrians. Signs in violation may be removed by the city.

Finally, political signs must include the name of the person responsible for the sign, and also must state that they are paid advertisements and have been printed under the authority of the person, candidate or political committee.

Autumn stroll explores trees, local history

The Tree Commission is sponsoring a free Tree Tour on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in and around Circle Woods and the Sligo Mill area. City arborist Todd Bolton will talk about what’s working and what’s not for sustaining the urban tree canopy, including Circle Woods’ stream restoration and reforestation. A special guest from Historic Takoma will also share local historical lore. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the circular route.

Participants will meet on Poplar Avenue between Spring and Circle avenues by the red Circle Woods sign, at about 6712 Poplar. For questions: treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov.

Committee urges residents: Be prepared

The Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee encourages everyone to have an emergency plan and kit for home and family. To help the community learn more about being prepared, residents can visit the Emergency Preparedness table at local events, where they can also enter a drawing for a chance to win an Emergency Weather Radio or headlamp: A participant who answers a question on emergency preparedness gets a free chance to enter the drawing. Winners at our National Night Out and Folk Festival events were Mariam Wele, Kate Oncho and Tess Caldwell.

For more information on evacuation kits and emergency preparedness for all ages, pets, and persons with disabilities go to Ready.gov, RedCross.org, or contact our Emergency Preparedness Committee through Emergency Preparedness manager Ron Hardy, at ronh@takomaparkmd.gov.



Takoma Park updates emergency alert system

Takoma Park is upgrading to a new alerting system for emergencies. Called *Takoma Park Alert* (instead of the old TP Alert), it offers many of the same services as the earlier version, such as Takoma Park traffic and city government closings, but adds more information and features.

Takoma Park Alert notifies participants of police incidents and sends updates from the city’s Recreation and Public Works departments. A new function, Smart Weather, sends alerts about severe weather to up to five different addresses per user. Alerts can be sent to a participant’s phone (voice and/or text), e-mail and/or TTY. Participants choose the delivery method they want.

All current users in TP Alert will receive an electronic invitation to enroll in the new system. We strongly recom-

mend that all new users enter a home and any other important addresses into their profiles for neighborhood-specific alerts.

Some of the features available on Takoma Park Alert will be:

- Targeted alerts during location-specific emergencies, such as public safety events
- Applications for iPhone and Android platforms that allow alerts to be sent to phones via the app, and illustrate the specific text of the warning as well as any associated geographical information
- Easy management of account information, by the user
- Automated weather alerts

For more information on *Takoma Park Alert* go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/Alert. Information will be available Oct. 6.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Aug. 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 458 fire-related incidents in 2014. The department addressed or assisted with 1,890 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 2,348. Totals for 2013 were 414 and 1,882 representing an increase of 52 incidents.

During the month of August 2014, the Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,585 hours of standby time in the station, compared to 1,340.5 in August 2013. Grand totals as of August 2014 are 11,091.5 hours, compared to 9,550 hours in 2013, an increase of 1,541.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as Sept. 22, 2014, 38 people have died in fires this year, as compared to 47 in 2013. That’s a 19 percent drop from last year.

Safety Message

Working smoke alarms are a MUST on all levels of the home. Check them monthly.

Tenants Rights Seminar

Oct. 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Learn About:

- Protecting your Security Deposit
- Giving a Proper Notice to Vacate
- Your Legal Rent
- Reporting Repair Needs

Light Refreshments

Pre-Registration Required

Call 301-891-7215

First Time Homebuyer Class

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.

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

Pre-Registration Required
301-891-7222

or lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov
Free for Takoma Park residents /
\$25 for non-residents
Continental Breakfast will be served



Takoma Park VFD member Jorge Alfaro received the prestigious 2014 EMT of the Year Award for his dedication and commitment to the department and community, at the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association Annual Banquet Dinner Sept. 18.



U-Liners

**Saturday, Nov. 1
7:30 p.m.**

**TP Community Center auditorium
\$10 suggested donation**

The popular roots-rock band the U-Liners rocks out in Takoma Park for a post Halloween show. These local legends have performed at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the Knitting Factory and the Mercury Ballroom in New York City, Bally's in Las Vegas, for labor unions AFL-CIO and SEIU, and at many area venues, including The Birchmere with Pete Seeger, The Black Cat, the Silver Theater and Jammin' Java (with Tom Morello and Boots Riley). The group specializes in songs of hope, peace, justice, the environment and worker's rights.

Takoma Ensemble presents programs for the young and young at heart

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m., Ages 2-7
Evening concert, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Suggested donation \$10 at each performance.**

The Takoma Ensemble is back for two concerts this fall—and expanding its audience to the 7 and under crowd.

The first performance of the day, dubbed a “Peanut Butter and Jam Session,” will be led by Kindermusik teacher Becky Linafelt and members of the Takoma Ensemble. Aimed at young children (ages 2-7), the event will entertain through music, dance, storytelling and games.

The evening concert will feature local soprano Laura Choi Stuart. Hailed as “a lyric soprano of ravishing quality” by the Boston Globe, Stuart has appeared on the main stage with Boston Lyric Opera, Opera Boston, Annapolis Opera, Lake George

Opera, the In Series and Opera North in roles including Musetta, Adina, Gilda, Pamina and Frasquita.

The program will feature Alex Shapiro’s “Remembrance,” Russell Peck’s “Signs of Life II,” and Osvaldo Golijov’s “Three Songs for Soprano and String Orchestra.”

The Takoma Ensemble, which made its debut at the Community Center last year, is a growing presence in Takoma Park. Led by Victoria Gau, associate conductor of the National Philharmonic, the group features professional string musicians from across the region, including violinist and co-founder Susanna Kemp, cellist Johnathan Velsey, violist Kim Teachout, and Gau, all Takoma Park residents.

The Takoma Ensemble aims to make classical music accessible to all and a core part of its concerts involve explaining the music, helping audiences understand compositions and highlighting musical elements they can listen for.

Leh Wi Tok – Let Us Talk

**Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Free**

Leh Wi Tok is a 40-minute documentary about the pioneers who started the independent radio movement during Sierra Leone’s 1991-2002 civil war. It follows radio pioneer Andrew Kromah and his unrelenting quest to grow an independent network of community-based radio stations in his country so that peace and democracy could flourish. Amidst flagrant and persistent political harassment, financial and technical woes and geographic challenges, Kromah puts his life on the line to bring disparate and often unheard voices to the airwaves.

“No democracy can endure without

considering the views of both the majority and the minority,” he says. “A strong and vigorous media, especially independent radio broadcasting, will help ensure that no one is left without a voice at the decision making table because of lack of resources.”

Woven into Kromah’s narrative are the stories of other radio pioneers and radio’s impact on listeners, as it helps them move beyond the pain and anger of recent memories of violence. For the people of Sierra Leone, a nation struggling to repair itself after more than a decade of war, the simple Krio phrase “Leh Wi Tok” (let us talk) symbolized so much.

A discussion with the filmmaker and local pioneers from Takoma Park’s own independent radio station will follow the screening.

Driving Blind

**Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Free**

Driving Blind, a feature-length documentary film, tells the story of two brothers faced with a rare genetic disease that causes blindness (choroideremia), who take a road trip around the United States to see everything possible before going blind. Following Tod and Justin Purvis as they explore large cities and small towns and camp in national parks, Driving Blind is a story about appreciating what you have, while you have it. The film is a portrait of what makes America beautiful, what really matters in life, and what we as human beings do with our short time on earth.

Driving Blind is the debut of director Brian James Griffo and filmed with the help of two of his best friends on a \$50,000 budget from small donations and personal savings.

The trip was a risk – after all, driving and blindness aren’t exactly compatible. Filming began under the impression that the Purvis brothers had at least half of their eyesight left, but ultimately it turned out that their eyesight was much, much worse. Had they known, the trip and the film would have never happened. Justin was declared legally blind at the conclusion of the trip. Griffo took the wheel for the brothers on a few dark rainy nights, but the great majority of miles were driven by both Tod and Justin.

Following the screening will be a discussion with Justin Purvis, one of the brothers featured in the film.



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she has seen the same scenario play out at each of her stops: “students and hosts at the airport crying and hugging.”

“They become part of the family,” she says of the EF students.

Stenten and Lim hope and expect many families in Takoma Park will decide to become host families. EF’s students vary in age (13-77), originating country and length of stay, and the EF staff works hard to match their students with compatible families. The host family and student applications include profile information

about everything from hobbies and interest to religious affiliations that the EF staff reviews and considers when placing students. Families can also indicate any preferences they might have with regard to gender, age and country/region of origin.

To learn more about becoming a host family and to request a host family application, contact Lim at joannah.lim@ef.com or visit www.ef.edu/ehp. EF staff will also be present at the Farmer’s Market and the Takoma Street Festival on Sunday, Oct. 5. Anyone interested in hosting a student or learning more about the school is also invited to come by the facility.

Four Proposal Descriptions For

The Ability Project

The Ability Project proposal includes the TPSS Coop, Takoma Children's School, The Ability Project, and Residences at Takoma Junction. Our proposal envisions a mixed-use development of the Takoma Junction site, with diverse and complementary uses, whose configuration we plan to finalize in collaboration with the city and surrounding community. It divides the Takoma Junction site into two parcels:

The Carroll Avenue Parcel, approximately 38,000 square feet that is presently the paved parking lot between the TPSS Coop and the Takoma Auto Clinic, includes the TPSS Coop expansion, at 6,000 square feet; and The Lodge at Takoma Junction (Ability Project), at 12,000 square feet.

The residential portion of the project is 9,000 square feet of approximately eight to 12 residential units that would be either rental or condominium.

The Columbia Avenue Parcel, the wooded lot south of the paved parking area and accessed via Columbia Avenue, would be developed as a single family residence to be acquired by the Takoma Children's School.

This proposal provides for an expanded, stable and permanent home for the TPSS Coop, which would retain its exist-



ing space, with expansion – owned by the Coop – on the Takoma Junction property. It would create additional parking for use by the customers of the Coop.

The Lodge at Takoma Junction (The Ability Project) has been organized by local families who hope to create an innovative and inclusive community for their developmentally disabled adult children and siblings. A key element is the creation of a “home base” which we have named The Lodge at Takoma Junction, inspired by the communal centers of our great National Parks. It is modeled on highly

successful communities throughout the United States, including Riverview alumni on Cape Cod and the Chapel Haven community in New Haven, Conn.

The Takoma Children's School is a longstanding member of the Takoma Park community that has been providing high quality preschool education for more than 12 years. TCS has a current enrollment of 53 children from 50 families and has maintained a waiting list of over 40 kids for the last five years.

Critical proposal elements include:

- A comprehensive multi-use project

that benefits the surrounding businesses, enhances the neighborhood's historic character and adds innovative new uses uniquely suited to the Takoma Park community

- Mixed use that integrates retail, housing and community services

- Provision for stable, permanent expansion of the TPSS Coop

- Preservation of street level parking for area businesses

- Innovative proposal for a preschool on the residential lot on Columbia Avenue

- Attractive streetscape frontage that enhances and respects the neighborhood's historic character

- Lodge at Takoma Park offers an innovative new project that will build upon and further enhance Takoma Park's unique community spirit

- Led by personnel with a track record of successful commercial and non-profit development in Maryland and a deep, personal commitment to the success of this project

This proposal includes developer Northern Real Estate Urban Ventures and its managing principal Gina Merit, who has managed the development of more than 1,700 units of housing, and underwritten more than 150 housing, mixed-use, retail and office transactions.

Community Three Development

Community Three's long-term vision for the property not only includes redevelopment of the existing parking lot, but allows for an expansion of the redevelopment to the adjacent properties, creating a holistically more substantial long-term positive impact.

Community Three's proposed buildout fosters a pedestrian-oriented atmosphere complete with sidewalk cafés, commercial storefronts, street trees in tree pits and architecture appropriate to the historic context of Takoma Park. This carefully scaled environment is intended to visually connect across Carroll Avenue, leveraging the existing commercial storefronts as well as the Junction's anchor, the Co-op.

The proposed program consists of approximately 8,400 square feet of ground floor retail use with additional rooftop commercial space located at the eastern end of the site, 12,600 square feet of residential use on the second and third floors of the new building, and 45 parking spaces located behind and under the new building. This mix of uses will bring 24-hour activity to the Junction, helping to add additional “eyes on the street” at all times of the day. The balanced mix of patrons and residents promotes both safety and a



continued sense of ownership of the public realm. Furthermore, the arrangement of uses allows for the seamless future redevelopment of adjacent properties, should such an opportunity exist in the future.

The remainder of the parcel of land fronting Columbia Avenue will remain tree-covered, aligned with the adjacent single family properties and completed with a new, similarly-scaled single family home. As a

result of this strategy, Columbia Avenue will continue to maintain its single family residential character without the burden of potential new loading for the commercial properties fronting Carroll Avenue.

As with all Community Three projects, the proposed development program contains many sustainable elements including a green vegetative roof and numerous sustainable features inside: low-flow toilets,

faucets and showerheads, Energy Star® appliances, high-efficiency lighting, and high R-value wall and ceiling components. In addition, during construction, the team will implement erosion and sedimentation control plans for construction activities, recycle and salvage construction waste and demolition debris, use suppliers that comply with the KCMA Environmental Stewardship Program®, and use local material sourcing and delivery.

Our team members' combined development, design and community-based collaboration efforts span hundreds of projects, including 25 million square feet of commercial space, 385,000 residential units, and more than 1 million square feet of community-based facilities.

While our experience is expansive, related projects have ranged in size and scope from small single-use rehabilitation and historic renovation efforts to complex neighborhood urban infill revitalizations. In every case, these transformative efforts begin with proactive community outreach to clearly understand the goals and concerns of the neighborhood affected by the redevelopment. It is this dialogue that has proven to be essential in successful entitlements that not only respond to the needs of the surrounding environment, but also bring value to the community through a sense of “embedded ownership” by the community.

Each proposal includes many more details. To see the complete proposals and

Takoma Junction Development

Keystar Eco Housing

Our vision for Takoma Junction is to create a small-scale, mixed-use village center to act as a terminus to the historic retail along Carroll Avenue and a transition to the surrounding residential neighborhood. The retail component, approximately 14,000 square feet, is primarily focused on accommodating existing neighborhood businesses, including approximately 4,500 square feet for the Takoma Children's School and approximately 6,000 square feet for the Takoma Co-op. The balance is smaller bays for mixed uses that can include food, mercantile, arts, offices and others. The residential community on the top two floors of the building is being conceived as a 26-unit co-housing community.

The proposed development will include:

- Two community-based, non-profit enterprises in the majority of retail space: the Takoma Park Children's School and an expansion of the Takoma Park Co-op

- A mixed-income cohousing community that will offer 12 percent of its units to residents earning no more than 70 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and approximately 12 percent to residents earning between 80 and 120 percent of median income



- A community park between the new building and Columbia Avenue

- A positive environmental impact with a partial green roof, modern storm-water management facilities, a central solar pre-heated hot water system and a rainwater collection system

- Potential live-work artist units
- Gallery space for community use integrated into the co-housing common house

- A publicly accessible space for a car share service such as Zipcar

- A Capital Bike Share station

- Publicly accessible parking for patrons of business in the Junction

The project offers the following benefits:

- Enliven the streetscape with storefronts, streetscape improvement and a mix of uses: retail, residential, educational and community

- Provide covered public parking

- Expand and modernize a business, the Takoma Park Co-op, that is vital to the Junction and to the Takoma Park community. This expansion will allow for the Co-op to be more competitive and to offer more merchandise and services thus attracting more and varied customers to the Junction

- Retain and expand a community-

based business, the Takoma Children's School, thus allowing it to remain in the community while bringing its patrons and staff to the Junction to support Junction businesses

- Add up to 26 new households that will support Junction businesses and be the "eyes on the street" that are so vital to safety and security in a mixed use district like the Junction

- Add up to 14,000 square feet of commercial space, new businesses and employment for a positive impact on the surrounding Takoma Junction businesses

- Create community-accessible meeting and arts space within the co-housing common house for local events that can draw new patrons to the Junction to support existing and future businesses

The project design would reflect the neighborhood's historic context with materials and fenestration from the commercial buildings and elements of the arts and crafts character of surrounding homes. Design elements include brick and lap siding, extensive use of brick at the Carroll Avenue façade; cast stone detailing; and historically contextual signage and lighting.

Keystone has worked extensively in Takoma Park: it developed Takoma Village cooperative housing, Cedar Crossings, Takoma Central, and the buildings that house Trohv and Ace Hardware.

Neighborhood Development Company

Neighborhood Development Company's vision is a signature mixed-use project that reflects the inspiration of the historical existing architecture and the unique location of the site in the heart of Takoma Park.

Our approach was to:

- Pursue a realistic zoning strategy

- Provide appropriate density

- Maximize neighborhood retail

- Design the most realistic and likely development plan

- Increase neighborhood value with significant amenities; and

- Utilize a proven financing strategy

Based on conversations with the partners for this project — the Ability Project, the Takoma Children's School, the Paint Branch Montessori School, and the Takoma Park Silver Spring (TPSS) Food Co-op (identified as potential partners by the City of Takoma Park) — NDC considered spatial and programmatic needs of each user to develop a plan for shared space, and would continue collaborating on a financing strategy and final development plan.

NDC's vision would build on the legacy of past community-based efforts to realize the established vision for the proper-



ty, and integrate partners and residents of Takoma Park in the development process.

Benefits to Neighborhood Businesses would include

- Adequate short-term shared parking
- Affordable retail and office space that can serve as an incubator for new small businesses

- New activity generation as more visitors come in and boost local business

- New space for the TPSS Co-op so that it can maximize service as a strong, established local grocery anchor

- New live/work residential uses that will be small in scale, unobtrusive, and

can serve as a source for new local customers and as a housing option for staff members and employees of the ground floor commercial uses

- Project partner Freedom Farms, a pioneer in local urban farming, with organic vegetables, fruit, and fish grown on-site for competitively priced, high quality food for local restaurants and retailers

The project will address historic neighborhood context by:

- Limiting the massing so it is consistent with the low-scale character of the immediate commercial district and respectful of the surrounding land-uses

- Locating the main portion of the building along Carroll Avenue to create an almost continuous building edge, and organizing the retail spaces adjacent to the street

- Constructing the retail portion to replicate the pattern of the other area commercial buildings with frontage widths of approximately 20 to 25 feet along the street

NDC has developed more than 585,000 square feet of innovative, mixed-use projects that have helped revitalize urban neighborhoods while respecting their rich

diversity. Partner Sorg Architects is a full-service, international design firm. Partner Freedom Farms is a Washington, D.C.- based, locally owned commercial aquaponic grower dedicated to providing locally-grown, pesticide-free, hormone and GMO-free organic fruit, vegetables and fish to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

This team offers experience in developing distinct, urban infill projects highly regarded by those who live, work, play, shop and learn in the communities we serve.

and the presentation go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/hed/takoma-junction-rfp.

RECREATION



Monster Bash 2014 Saturday, Oct. 25 Open to all ages Rain or Shine

Monster Bash Kickoff

1 p.m.

Parking lot beside TPSS Co-op

Get an early start on all of the ghouly fun for the day. Experiment with the Mad Scientist lab, enjoy the games, have a small pumpkin or skeleton painted on your face, enjoy a visit from Chuck E. (of Chuck E. Cheese).

Annual Costume Contest and Parade

Approximately 2:15 p.m.

Carroll Avenue in front of the TPSS Co-op

Get all decked out and strut your stuff. Categories include most original, funniest, and scariest.

Categories: Ages 2 and under; 3 - 4; 5 - 7; 8 - 10; 11 - 12; teen and adult; and overall group.

The Takoma Park fire truck will escort you down the parade route, where costumes will be judged as participants walk. This year the parade route will leave from Carroll Avenue in front of the TPSS Co-op and go down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park. Join in the fun!

Costume Award Ceremony and Celebration

3 p.m. (Immediately following the parade)

Old Town Takoma Park (Carroll and Laurel avenues)

Join us for refreshments, sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club, and a musical performance sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Limited parking due to street closures.

In case of inclement weather please call 301-891-7101 x 5605 (rain location, Piney Branch Elementary School)

For more information, call 301-891-7290

TOTS

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

Ages 6 months – 6 years

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground and socialize. We provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snack. Community Playtime is not open when Montgomery County Schools are closed. Visit www.TakomaPlaytime.org for more information.

Heffner Park Community Center
Mondays, 10 a.m. – Noon
Free

YOUTH

ART

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 are 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, Oct. 21 – Dec. 16, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$145
Non-residents \$165

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.

TP Community Center art studio
Thursdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 18, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$155

Non-residents \$175

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, Oct. 9 – Nov. 6, 4 – 6 p.m.
TP residents \$55
Non-residents \$65

DROP IN

Kid's Night Out

Ages 6 - 12

This will be a fun filled night for children. It will involve activities such as games, arts and crafts, movies and theme nights.

TP Recreation Center
First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Step Team

Ages 6 - 12

Stepping is a form of dance in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping and words or chanting. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. No experience is necessary and we welcome all who are willing to learn.

TP Recreation Center front room
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Free with membership card

TEENS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Charm School *New Start Date*

Ages 13 - 17

Teens are cordially invited to attend a free, eight-week Charm School course. Classes taught will be: Positive Life Skills, Grooming and Style, Respect and Manners, Appreciation,

Dating with Dignity, Conversation Skills and Public Speaking, Workplace Dynamics and Etiquette for Social Events. The Friday following the course we will use our new skills to dine out at a fancy restaurant in the area.

TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 19, 4 – 5 p.m.
TP residents free • Non-residents \$10

ADULTS

ART

Collage

Ages 16 and older

Work 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 principles of design, and explore creative 2-D and 3-D assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for levels.

TP Community Center art studio
Tuesdays, Oct. 21 – Dec. 16, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$215 • Non-residents \$245

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Adult Story Writing

Ages 16 and older

Sharing our memories of important life events is part of what makes us human. Writing our stories can be a satisfying way to share those memories with family and friends. This class is for men and women who would like to write about their lives, or simply want to try creative writing. Classes will include in-class writing, interview skills, and use of games and activities to jump-start our memories. Students should bring a notebook or laptop.

TP Community Center Lilac Room
Thursdays, Oct. 2 – Nov. 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$145 • Non-residents \$165

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Boom! Body Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

This high intensity boot camp is a workout for

those who are serious about getting in shape. Our boot camp focuses on all areas of the body, improving stamina and overall health through the use of agility drills, plyometrics, Pilates and strength training.

TP Community Center dance studio
Oct. 15 – Nov. 8, Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.;
Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.
TP residents \$100 • Non-residents \$120
Drop in \$12

Moonlight Qi Gong

Ages 16 and older

Moonlight Qi Gong enhances the quiet, gentle, peaceful yin side of our energy in the fall months, balancing the warm, active, bright sunlight yang energy. These six beautiful movements strengthen and align the body, focus the mind, reducing stress and tension while bringing body and mind, together in the breath. No experience necessary.

TP Community Center dance studio
Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 19, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$95 • Non-residents \$105
Drop in \$15

Yoga (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older

TP Community Center dance studio
Tuesdays, through Dec. 23

Beginners: 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Intermediate: 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Iyengar is about strength and flexibility, awareness and alignment. Mats and props provided. Come in comfortable clothing and with an empty stomach. Intermediate level includes inversions and breath work.

TP residents \$150 • Non-residents \$170
Drop in \$15

Yoga Nidra Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older

Feeling stressed, fatigued, or just need to relax? This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable position. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets and a pillow.

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TP Community Center dance studio
Mondays, Oct. 20 – Nov. 10, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
TP residents \$50
Non-residents \$60
Drop in \$15

PETS

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Dog Manners for Life

Ages 6 months – 6 years

Whether you have a “teen” emerging from puppyhood, or an adult dog that needs some training, this class is for you. Using positive reinforcement, we will teach your dog foundation behaviors (sit, down, stay, here, leave it), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), and polite greetings. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people. No pinch, prong, choke or electronic collars in the classroom.

Heffner Park Community Center
Wednesdays, Oct. 22 – Dec. 3, 8 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$119
Non-residents \$139

Puppy Kindergarten

Ages 8 weeks – 5 months

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
Wednesdays, Oct. 22 – Dec. 3, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
TP residents \$119
Non-residents \$139

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP IN

Bingo

TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Oct. 23, noon – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure Screening

Free monthly blood pressure screening with Adventist Healthcare

TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Fitness Training in the Fitness Room

Join Rochelle Coleman, certified fitness instructor, on the first and third Thursday of each month for instruction on using the fitness equipment and to develop a personal

exercise routine. In person pre-registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Recreation Center Fitness Room
Alternate Thursdays, Oct. 9 and 23, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis

Improve eye-hand coordination while keeping the body healthy and the mind sharp. Drop-in.

TP Community Center game room.
Ongoing, Mondays – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.;
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Free.

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class

Learn to use the Internet, a word processing program and email. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers, and take this course. Limit six. In-person pre-registration is required.

TP Community Center Computer Center
Wednesdays, Oct. 22 – Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – noon
Fee: \$10 Payable to the City of Takoma Park.
Library card fees: Free/Takoma Park residents,
\$37/Montgomery County residents and \$60/
Non-Montgomery County residents.

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Cardio Groove Classes

Start with a warm-up that gets you in the groove, followed by fast-paced, low impact aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, then a well-earned cool down and stretch

TP Community Center dance studio
Thursdays through Oct. 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Saturdays through Nov. 8
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis Skills

Led by Donn Olsen, Club Joola's coach and instructor, this class provides enjoyable physical exercise and requires no prior experience. Students will learn game rules and practice skills. In-person pre-registration is required.

TP Recreation Center front room
Thursdays through Oct. 30, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun and Fitness

Ages 55 and older

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for beginners and indoor play. All equipment

provided, but you can bring your own racquet. In-person pre-registration is required.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium
Thursdays through Nov. 6, noon – 1 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Catoctin Colorfest, Thurmont, Md.

Catoctin Colorfest, one of the largest juried arts and crafts shows on the East Coast is celebrating its 51st anniversary. Each year over 100,000 people attend the event. Enjoy the fall season in Thurmont and the beautiful Catoctin Mountains in Frederick County, Md. Bring spending money to purchase lunch at the event's food vendors. Grounds not accessible by wheelchair. Dress appropriately for comfort. If time permits, we will stop by the Catoctin Mountain Orchard to stock up on seasonal fresh farm produce on our way home. Rain or Shine. Lots of walking. In-person registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or email: paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.

TP Community Center Recreation office
Saturday, Oct. 11, 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Free admission. No cost for transportation.
Times may be adjusted, check the trip itinerary supplied to registered participants



The International Spy Museum, Washington, D.C.

The International Spy Museum is the only public museum in the United States solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history and contemporary role of espionage, and features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts currently on public display. Bring spending money for lunch at a local restaurant. Rain or shine. In-person registration is required. Contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager at 301-891-7280 or email: paulal@takomaparkmd.gov.
TP Community Center Recreation office
Thursday, Oct. 16, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.
\$15.95 per person admission, bring on Oct. 16. No cost for transportation. Times may be adjusted. Check the trip itinerary supplied to registered participants for each trip for details.

RECREATION Special programs

New Lifelong Learning Classes For 55+

Montgomery College, in partnership with the Takoma Park Recreation Department, is bringing its popular continuing education program for adults to Takoma Park. Residents now have the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting college level courses, offered throughout Montgomery County, at the Takoma Park Community Center. Registration is now open for the following classes:

Learn to Paint Like an Impressionist: Wednesdays, Oct. 8 – Nov. 12 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$79 adults 60 and older, \$168 for adults ages 55-59. TP Community Center Art Room

Marc Chagall - Dance of Imagination: Wednesdays, Nov. 5 – Nov. 19 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$60 adults 60 and older, \$120 for adults ages 55-59. TP Community Center Auditorium

THERE ARE STILL SPACES LEFT IN AFTER THE BELL FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

After the Bell Grades K-5

This afterschool childcare program 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, enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Center. The “After the Bell” program will not operate on days MCPS is closed.

TP Recreation Center
Through June 12
Monday – Friday, 3:30 – 6 p.m.
\$1,250 per year or \$125 per month

A full listing of our classes and programs can be found in the 2014 Fall City Guide or help us go green and visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

Community Center Teen Lounge renovation underway

New floors, new paint, big-screen TVs and active gaming systems are among the improvements coming to the Takoma Park Community Center teen lounge, which is getting a complete renovation and well on its way to becoming a more age-appropriate “hang-out” for Takoma Park's growing number of adolescents.

Recreation staff met with local teens to find out what they want in the teen lounge, and what they'd like for future programming. They spoke, we listened. The new space will feature modern lounge furniture, wall-mounted televisions and tables teens can use for homework or art projects, plus an accommodating open area designed especially for

those participating in our programs.

It's all about fun – but it's also about creating a space where teens can feel at home even when they are struggling to understand what growing up is, and preparing for what comes next in life. In the Teen Lounge they can enjoy some independence, watch a movie with friends, take a deep breath and/or engage in one of our many teen-focused activities. Programming is designed to meet their changing needs, while educating them to become successful and productive members of the community.

On any given day, 15 to 30 teens stop by the Community Center and interact with staff who often become mentors and guides.

We hope that the improvements of the Teen Lounge will spur more teens to come to the center and participate in the classes and programs we have to offer. We see a lot of the teens sitting and texting—which is fine and there is time for that occasionally—but we want to encourage more activity, socialization, volunteering and education.

Future Teen Lounge hours are after school Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 3:30 – 7 p.m., and Tuesdays from 3:30 – 8 p.m. for the M.A.N.U.P. program.

Visit us online for more updates on the Teen Lounge renovation project, and for more details on our teen programs and activities.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

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

Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday through Oct. 23
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

Modern and Contemporary American Poetry Discussion

Sundays, through Nov. 16, 12:30 p.m.
Computer Room B
Discussion for those taking the free online class

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups

Three Kids' Fantasy Authors

Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30
E.D. Baker, Annie Barrows, Jessica Day George
(See briefs)

College Bound: College Transition

Monday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
Dr. Lorrie Ness on the transition to college life
Registration encouraged

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m.
Comics guru Dave Burbank at our monthly comics book club

Newbery Honor Author Shannon Hale

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
Hale will discuss her newest, *The Princess in Black*
(See briefs)

Doll People Authors

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin
(See briefs)

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club

Monday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Spotlight on newly-published picture books.
Lemonade and cookies, no registration

Friends of the Library "Big Book" Group

Monday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park
Introductory lecture on "Don Quixote" by Miguel De Cervantes
All welcome
(See article)

College Bound: College Choice

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre talks about college selection
Registration encouraged

E-Book Tutorial

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.
Learn how to download e-books, bring your reader.
Registration required

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10-3
Library Lawn
(See article)

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.
Songs and rhymes in French for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Sunday Crafts

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.
Ages 8 up, no registration required.

Scary Stories with Candace Wolf

Monday, Oct. 27
Two Times: 7-7:45 p.m., ages 5-7; 7:50-8:50 p.m., ages 8-13
Registration encouraged.

LEGO Club

Sunday, Nov. 2, 1:30-3 p.m.
Registration required

Friends of the Library "Big Book" Group

"Don Quixote" by Miguel De Cervantes
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave.

Friends Reading Group

"Loitering with Intent," by Muriel Spark
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center

LIBRARY



Help plan the library's re-design on Oct. 8

This fall and winter the library is beginning a space-planning initiative with a noted architectural firm and professional library space designers. As part of the process, architects and designers will meet with members of the Takoma Park community who use the Takoma Park Library and have an interest in its renovation and redesign.

The space planning project is a direct outcome of the needs assessment the library completed in 2013. In surveys and focus groups, people told us they wanted improved and enlarged library space for many purposes: adult programs, materials, reading, collaboration, Wi-Fi, teen activities and kids' programs.

The Library building was constructed in 1955, and the public areas were renovated in 1990. It's time for some re-

posing and a face-lift!

We would like you to tell us what you would like your community library to be, and how it should look and function, in order to become a 21st century library and to best serve its users.

There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, where architects from The Lukmire Partnership will be seeking your input and suggestions. All are invited to attend. Contact Ellen Robbins at the Library ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov, or at 301-891-7258 for more information, or to be put on an e-mail list for further updates.

This is a critical time to be a Library Friend – and to show your interest and support for the Library's future.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

The Bard

Interested in learning more about Shakespeare? Join our weekly MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) discussions, which begin on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. in Computer Room B. The discussions are centered around a MOOC offered by EdX: "Shakespeare: On the Page and In Performance." The course is free; you follow along with the lectures in your own space and at your own pace. Then come gather with others also taking the Shakespeare MOOC on Sundays at 2 p.m. to discuss what you've been learning. For help on registering for the MOOC or other questions, just call us at 301-891-7259.

Bubbles

Kids ages 3-7 are invited to get into "Bubble Trouble" on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1-2 p.m. We'll read some stories with a bubble theme, do some bubbly crafts, and then head outside to do a bubble dance. Registration encouraged for this fun program, led by Kati Nolfi, our assistant children's librarian.

Author, author

Kids and their grown-ups are invited to join us for three wonderful author events in October. On Thursday, Oct. 9, a trio of authors who write fantasy for kids ages 7-11 will present their newest books. The authors and their books are: E.D. Baker, *The Fairy-Tale Matchmaker*; Annie Barrows (known for her *Ivy + Bean* books), *Magic in the Mix*; and Jessica Day George, *Thursday with the Crown*. Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m., Newbery Honor-winning au-

thor Shannon Hale discusses her newest book, *The Princess in Black*, the first in a projected new series for ages 4-8. Finally, on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Newbery Honor-winning author Ann M. Martin and co-author Laura Godwin talk about the newest book in their *Doll People* series, *The Doll People Set Sail*. Note: Politics and Prose will be selling the authors' books at each program, but the events are free and no purchase is required to attend.

Freading

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. for a free tutorial on e-books and how to download them from Freading, our e-book library. Bring your e-book devices and learn how to download the Freading app (it's free) and get started with e-books. Librarian Nic Fontem will be on hand to explain how Freading works and help participants download the Freading app. All welcome, but please register so we know how many to expect. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Scary

Gear up for Halloween with our annual "Scary Stories" program led by master storyteller Candace Wolf on Monday evening, Oct. 27. This year, we're going to offer two story times. First, from 7-7:45 p.m., kids ages 5-7 are invited to hear Wolf tell them somewhat scary stories. Then, from 7:50-8:50 p.m., Wolf will pull out the stops for some really scary stories. Please join us for this wonderful event, a Halloween tradition at our library.



Shoppers peruse popular selections at last year's book sale, where the Friends of the Library raised funds for a variety of library programs.

Friends Book Sale Oct. 25

The Friends of the Library will hold its semi-annual book sale on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 to 3 on the Library lawn. There will be a wide assortment of children's books and books for adults – including many cookbooks and gardening

books. A major source of income for the Friends, the book sales offer fiction and nonfiction for adults and children of all ages at amazing bargain prices. All proceeds go to the Library in the form of gifts

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Friends to tackle “Don Quixote”

Professor Bruno Damiani will introduce Cervantes and “Don Quixote” to kick off the Friends Big Book Club discussion series Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave. Damiani is a prolific and popular scholar and teaches a course on Don Quixote at Catholic University.

According to literary critic Harold Bloom, “Don Quixote” is the first modern novel, and only Shakespeare approaches Cervantes in stature and genius. “Like Shakespeare, Cervantes is inescapable for all writers who have come after him...Cervantes and Shakespeare, who died almost simultaneously, are the central western authors, at least since Dante, and no writer since has matched them,” he writes.

In her translation, Edith Grossman writes that Cervantes’ “writing is a marvel: it gives off sparks and flows like honey. Cervantes’ style is so artful it seems absolutely natural and inevitable; his irony is sweet-natured, his sensibility is sophisticated, compassionate, and humorous.”

And Thomas Mann wrote, “What a unique monument is this book!...How its creative genius, critical, free, and human, soars above its age!”

All are invited to attend this introductory talk and any of the discussions that will follow on Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3. A limited number of copies of Don Quixote in the Edith Grossman translation are available at the library for a three-week loan period. Contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov for further information.

Friends to discuss Muriel Spark novel

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Friends Bi-Monthly Book Club will meet to discuss Muriel Spark’s novel, “Loitering With Intent.”

This is the author’s 16th novel, written in 1981, and short-listed for the Booker Prize. “Miss Spark’s heroine – a young writer who lives on ‘the grubby edge of the literary world’ in postwar London – muses upon her condition, upon ‘how wonderful it feels to be an artist and a woman in the twentieth century,’ and upon the ‘doings of her days...rich with inexplicable life,” according to the New York Times.

“‘Loitering with Intent,’ robust and full-blooded, is a wise and mature work, and a brilliantly mischievous one,” the Times continues. “It is about a writer’s love affair with art – about a writer’s purpose and method, about the sources from which an artist draws inspiration.” Time Magazine praised its “Unflagging wit and inventiveness,” and The New Yorker called Spark the writer of “some of the best sentences in English.”

Our discussion will take place in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join the Friends Reading Group discussions.

A limited number of copies of “Loitering With Intent” will be available at the Library for a three-week borrowing period.

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– and have been used to provide Spanish and French Circle Time, original art and story for Summer Quest, crafts and special performances and workshops, as well as refreshments for special events.

Volunteers are sought to help at the sale in two hour shifts beginning at 8 a.m.

8 – 10 a.m., set-up, mobilize tables, cartons of books – for those who are strong and fit!

10 a.m. – noon, busiest selling period, but lots of fun

Noon – 2 p.m., also a busy selling period, especially from noon to 1 p.m. Volunteers may also replenish books on tables.

2 – 4 p.m., slower from 2 to 3. At three we start packing up and taking books away – also for the strong and fit! You may volunteer to come at 3 p.m., just to help us break down.

High school students may earn service learning hours for working at the sale. To volunteer, contact Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST

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About three years ago Maryland passed a moratorium on free-standing emergency rooms, and since the Adventist plan is to move the bulk of the hospital out, the emergency room could not remain. Two free-standing emergency facilities exist in Maryland as pilot projects, but the moratorium on new ones has not been lifted.

Washington Adventist does plan to leave a 24-hour urgent care clinic in Takoma Park, but the level of care at such a center would differ from an emergency room. Clinics typically accept patients with broken bones, general fever and malaise, cuts that need stitches and other common ailments. Freestanding emergency rooms could take patients who need ambulance transportation to reach them, but generally these facilities do not take patients who are likely to need admittance to a full-care hospital.

Current plans are to maintain in Takoma Park a 40-bed inpatient behavioral health unit; a 32 or 33-bed inpatient rehab unit; a federally-qualified health care center (designed for people who lack insurance) that is currently operated by Community Clinics; and a women’s center clinic for prenatal and gynecological services for uninsured women, also currently operational. There would also be a new, primary care clinic as well. Some space would be shared with Washington Adventist University, and some would accommodate physician offices, and lab, radiology and pharmacy services.

All of this is dependent on the Maryland Health

Care Commission’s approval of the hospital’s Certificate of Need application. The document was filed on Sept. 30. This “certificate” must demonstrate that the hospital will meet community need for health-care, and will be able to maintain and finance such services. It was modified and re-filed to conform to changes that were the result of the Affordable Care Act.

Jepson said he had no way of knowing whether the moratorium on free-standing emergency facilities, which is applicable through 2015, would be lifted. Currently there are three free-standing medical facilities in Maryland in Germantown, and Queen Anne’s County, where the facilities are pilot projects, and in Prince George’s County, where the facility was to be part of a hospital complex that was never built. Guidelines for such facilities have not yet been developed, said Jepson. “We would be remiss to commit to developing a satellite emergency department without knowing what those guidelines are, what the process is for reviewing projects [etc.],” he said.

Instead, the hospital has focused on what it does know. It anticipates the walk-in clinic will be open 24 hours a day, though hours may adjust as needed.

Meanwhile, the hospital in White Oak is planned as an eight-story, 201-bed facility for a property at 12100 Plum Orchard Drive, near the intersection of U.S. 29 and Cherry Hill Road. It is projected to cost \$373 million; \$34 million would be dedicated to renovations in Takoma Park. If approved, the plan could be completed by 2018.

POLYSTYRENE

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a more sustainable future and protect public health, says Public Works director Daryl Braithwaite. Polystyrene, which is not recyclable, is made from styrene – a known neurotoxicant that is classified as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (meaning there now is a huge body of evidence linking styrene to human cancers). The proposed law will also support the city’s anti-litter campaign, as research shows that 15 percent of all litter in urban areas is polystyrene.

If passed, the ordinance would prohibit food-service facilities from using polystyrene-composed packaging or service ware when providing prepared foods for on-site or take-away consumption. Takoma Park would assist food-service facilities in complying with the new regulation by distributing information about its details and providing educational materials describing non-polystyrene alternatives.

Violations of the law would result in a Class C municipal infraction, which carries at \$200 fine for the first offense and a \$400 fine for repeat offenses.

A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Oct. 13. The first reading of the ordinance is scheduled before the City Council on Oct. 20, and a second reading would involve a final vote on the matter. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to participate and provide comments on the proposed ordinance. After having discussed various polystyrene regulations over the last several years, councilmembers have indicated that their constituents are, at this point, supportive of the measure.

Businesses and other venues affected by the proposed law

The proposed law would affect food-service facilities within the City of Takoma Park that prepare or sell food or drink for human consumption on or off premises. These include commercial enterprises such as restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, retail markets, cafeterias, take-out counters, food trucks or stands, sidewalk or festival vendors or temporary

stands, commercial kitchens, grocery stores, convenience stores and catering operations. Institutions, hospitals, clubs, private schools, churches, camps, public buildings and city parks would also be covered. However, public schools are exempt as they are regulated by state law.

What is polystyrene food-service ware or packaging?

Food-service ware is defined as utensils, cutlery, tableware, cups, lids and plates with which food or drink comes in contact during storage, preparation, service or consumption. Food packaging includes bags, boxes, wrappings, trays, “clamshell” containers, bottles and other containers with which food or drink comes in contact during storage, preparation, service or consumption.

Exceptions to the Law:

The proposed ordinance exempts the following:

■ polystyrene-packaged uncooked meat, fish, poultry or seafood for off-premises preparation and consumption

■ factory-sealed, aseptically-packaged shelf-stable foods

■ polystyrene-packaged raw eggs; and

■ polystyrene coolers and ice chests

The proposed ordinance allows for a business to request a waiver for up to two years if owners believe there is a lack of alternatives to polystyrene, or for safety and health reasons. Businesses can also request an extension if they cannot comply with the requirements.

The District of Columbia passed a law this past July that bans expanded polystyrene (commonly known as styrofoam). Its polystyrene ban – Subtitle A of Title IV of a larger Sustainable D.C. Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014 – goes into effect January 2016, with additional requirements for food-service ware to be recyclable or compostable by January 2017. On Sept. 9, Montgomery County Councilmember Hans Reimer introduced legislation similar to the District’s for Montgomery County. His bill goes further by banning the bulk retail sale of styrofoam products.

OCTOBER '14

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 November issue is Oct. 27, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Nov. 7. 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

Monday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.*
Monday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27, 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 8 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 8 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. through Nov. 19
Behind Expo Emart at 1021 University Blvd.
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food

The Essex House Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m. through Nov. 22
7777 Maple Ave.
Locally and sustainably grown fruits and veggies

Food Truck Fridays

Fridays, 5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op,
201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Trohv, 232 Carroll Street, NW
Various food vendors

Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park
Music, artisans, community groups, children's

activities, food vendors
Free

Koch Brothers Exposed

Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park
A film exploring the influence of the 1 percent on elections. Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin will speak. www.marylandemend.org and www.getmoneyoutmd.org

Grant Avenue Market

Sunday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grant Avenue at Carroll Avenue
Antiques, collectibles and other finds

Autumn Tree Walk

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Poplar Avenue between Spring and Circle
The Tree Commission joins city arborist and Historic Takoma to explore Circle Woods and Sligo Mill areas.
treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov
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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

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 - 10 p.m.

Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Gallery Exhibit – Rituals

Through Nov. 2
Works by Lucas Allison, Ibou N'Daiye, Percy Martin and Winston Harris
Through Nov. 2.
TP Community Center
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Coral Cantigas

Sunday, Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Songs and stories from Latin America, with Wit's End Puppets and Coral Cantigas
Free

Driving Blind

Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Documentary film follows two brothers on a road trip to see everything possible before going blind
Details, page 5
Free

Mary Mack and Tim Harmston, comedians

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m.
Takoma Park VFW Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave.
\$15. www.tree-housconcerts.com

Third Thursday Poetry Reading - We are Takoma

Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Hosted by Martin FitzPatrick, the series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.
Free

Kim and Reggie Harris with Ken Whiteley

Friday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Café, Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW
\$16 advanced/ \$20 door
<http://carrollcafe.org/>

Way of the Dragon: A Japanese Drumming Experience

Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
\$20 advance/\$25 door; Students \$15 advance, \$20 door
<http://imtfolk.org/>

Peanut Butter and Jam Session with the Takoma Ensemble

Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. – noon
TP Community Center
Kindermusik teacher Becky Linafelt and members of the Takoma Ensemble will engage young children through music, dance, storytelling and games
Ages 2 – 7
Suggested \$10 donation

Takoma Ensemble

Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
A lively concert to broaden the notion of what classical music can be
Suggested \$10 donation.
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Writing a Village

Mon. Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free monthly poetry workshop led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park and poet in residence at Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center Bring a poem and ten copies to share with the group
annebeck48@gmail.com

Leh Wi Tok – Let Us Talk

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
"Leh Wi Tok" is a 40-minute documentary about the pioneers who started the independent radio movement during Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war. A discussion with the filmmaker – and local pioneers from Takoma Park's own independent radio station – will follow the screening. Free

Music – U-liners

Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
A wide variety of music in the roots-rock and Americana genres
\$10 suggested donation

The Grapevine Storytelling Series

Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Stories by Denise Bennett and Megan Hicks with host Tim Livengood
TP Community Center auditorium
\$10 suggested donation

Flower Avenue House Concert

Saturday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
7502 Flower Ave., Takoma Park
Joseph Scheer, violin, and Carl Banner, piano, perform Beethoven's Sonata #8 in G major, Op. 30#3, and Brahms' Sonata #2 in A, Op. 100
\$15 (advance only, non-refundable) plus contribution of snack food and/or drink.
www.dcmusicaviva.org

Docs In Progress Community Stories Film Festival

Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
The Community Stories Festival celebrates both the local community and the works of the area's growing cadre of emerging documentary filmmakers
Free

Takoma Park Street Festival



Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Three stages with 18 bands

Artisans, community groups, children's activities, food vendors and more

New Beer Crawl: purchase a mug at the Festival Info Booth for discounts at area bars

www.takomafestival.com

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 paying \$100 towards the cost of the first tree purchased (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.

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, willow oak, 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 Willow Oak (2") \$195 Sweet Gum (2") \$195

Black Gum (2") \$195 American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total _____

