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## WHAT'S NEW?

### Pull-Out Election Section This Issue

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### Trash collection

No changes this month



Credit: Jamal Francis

The Bele Bele Drum Collective performs during the 2017 Takoma Park Folk Festival.

## Fun, folk and festivity return

By Helen Lyons

When most people think of folk music, they imagine bluegrass, banjos and straw hats or the twang of an acoustic guitar and the ballads of rural musicians lyricizing fondly about the countryside. Naturally, Takoma Park does it differently.

“Hip hop, soul, gospel, rap, rock bands – we’ve allowed anything,” explained Rob Hinkal, chair of the program committee and one of the performers in the percussive acoustic rock band ilyAIMY. “It represents the inclusiveness Takoma has always stood for. This is the music of the folk who live here.”

After last year’s hiatus, the Takoma Park Folk Festival returned last month to send off summer with six stages of performers, international food booths, a juried craft

show and tons of games and activities for children.

The theme for the festival was “Celebrate 40 years of Community,” and plenty of locals and visitors alike came out to do just that.

“It’s so much fun,” said Lauren Schauf, who was enjoying the festivities with her husband, Zach, and daughter, Ada. “We spent the beautiful day dancing, making crafts and listening to music.”

Ada helped her mother weave at a community loom while a jug band played and African jerk chicken roasted on a grill.

“It’s a chance to show off your music,” said performer Special Ed. “All kinds of people come out to listen.”

The Takoma Park Folk Festival began

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## Instant runoff voting in Takoma Park

By Rob Richie, Executive Director, FairVote

Takoma Park is on the cutting edge of democratic practice, from opening up apartment buildings to enable candidates to engage with more voters to providing full suffrage rights for every city resident who’s at least 16 and not a voter elsewhere. Since a 2006 charter amendment in the wake of an advisory vote that earned 84 percent support in 2005, Takoma Park also



Rob Richie

has provided voters with the power of a ranked choice voting (RCV), “instant runoff” ballot.

RCV is a simple change that gives voters a stronger voice in our elections and upholds majority rule. It takes on significance when there are more than two candidates, like in the Ward Two council race this fall. Rather than be limited to just picking one candidate, voters

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## Design for rehab of Eastern Avenue nearly complete

By Rick Henry

Action happens fast on Eastern Avenue, the thoroughfare at the southern end of Takoma Park that marks the boundary between Maryland and Washington, D.C. Such action involves drivers of swift moving vehicles of all types, focused on the immediate, with the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists not foremost in their minds.

When it comes to addressing these issues, however, action is a more deliberate process, involving public hearings and design revisions. It is a process focused on the long-term and one that takes the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists (along with many other considerations) into account.

It is that process that the Washington, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) began undertaking in 2016 when it proposed improvements to the stretch of Eastern Ave. between New Hampshire Ave. NE and Whittier Ave. NW. The proposed improvements are designed to reduce vehicle speeds, improve movement and safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists and reconstruct non-ADA compliant features and deteriorating roadway infrastructure.

At a public meeting held Sept. 14 at Education First on Carroll Ave., DDOT officials shared details of their progress. The meeting was the second of two meetings that have been conducted to keep the public up-to-date on the latest designs and revisions, said Maura Danehey, public affairs specialist for the DDOT.

“We had the first public meeting in December 2016 after the design was 30 percent complete. We are currently at the 65 percent phase of the design, so it was time for the second meeting,” she said. “We anticipate having the final design near the end of this year.”

The design officials shared at the public meeting is comprehensive and involves not just improvements to the road surface, but an extensive reworking and upgrade of many of the adjacent elements, including installing new sidewalks, curbs, gutters and retaining walls; constructing ADA compliant bus stops, ramps and bus pads; adding improved street lighting; and improving intersections with lane markings, pedestrian crossings and

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## City Council & Committee Calendar

### OFFICIAL CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
 Monday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
 Council Conference Room

### COMMISSION ON LANDLORD TENANT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.  
 TPCC Room TBA

### COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Monday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.  
 Lilac Room

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Oct. 2, 7:15 p.m.  
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.  
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

### NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
 TPCC Lilac Room

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.  
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

### SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
 TPCC Hydrangea Room

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
 TPCC Rose Room

\*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and click on "Events and Meetings." 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 can sign up at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas).

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## 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](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov).

The City Council awarded a contract for lobbying services at the County level to Alexander & Cleaver on **Sept. 6, 2017** by **Ordinance 2017-43**. The amount for the initial year is \$20,000. The contract may be renewed for four additional years depending on performance and the availability of funds.

On **Sept. 13, 2017**, the Council adopted **Ordinance 2017-44**. The ordinance sets forth details about the 2017 City Election, including early voting dates and payment rates for election judges and workers.

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### VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*Interested in Serving?* Review the information on the City website (board, commission, and committee pages) and consider attending a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you. Appointments are made by the City Council. Apply by completing the online application and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications. Contact Jessie Carpenter ([jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7267) or your City Councilmember with questions.

As of TBD, there are vacancies or expiring terms\* on the following:

- Board of Elections
- Commemoration Commission
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs
- Committee on the Environment
- Ethics Commission
- Facade Advisory Board
- Grants Review Committee
- Noise Control Board
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Safe Roadways Committee

Stay informed about City Council meetings and agendas! Subscribe to the weekly email list. You'll find the subscription form on the Council agenda page: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas).

### City Board, Commission and Committee Descriptions

**Board of Elections:** The Board of Elections plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

**Commemoration Commission:** documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City; recommends to the City Council procedures and programs to honor and commemorate individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, historical, political, economic, or civic life of the City or its neighborhoods; recommends programs for individuals to honor others; implements such programs; and decides on recognitions after opportunity for public review and comment.

**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. Residency is required except that up to four members may be nonresidents if they own or manage rental housing in Takoma Park. For information, contact Moses A. Wilds Jr. ([mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7215).

**Committee on the Environment:** advises the City Council on all environmental issues, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, greenhouse gas reduction, tree protection, open space conservation, biodiversity, watershed functioning and restoration, energy use, transportation, energy conservation, and recycling.

**Ethics Commission:** provides written advisory opinions; investigates, hears, and decides

in ethics inquiries and complaints; conducts a public education program; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ethics Ordinance; and promulgates regulations to accompany the Ethics Ordinance.

**Facade Advisory Board:** serves as an advisory panel to help ensure that historic district facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park. For information, contact Rosalind Grigsby, Community and Economic Development Coordinator ([rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:rosalindg@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7205).

**Grants Review Committee:** evaluates applications for certain City grant programs and makes funding recommendations to the City Council. For information, contact Erin Kelly, Grants Coordinator ([erink@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:erink@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7131).

**Noise Control Board:** assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance, and adjudicates two-party noise disturbance complaints.

**Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee:** oversees implementation and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act and provides public information and issues related to the Ordinance.

**Recreation Committee:** advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

**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.

### Important City Phone Numbers

- City Information ..... 301-891-7100
- City Clerk..... 301-891-7267
- City Manager ..... 301-891-7229
- City TV ..... 301-891-7118
- Finance ..... 301-891-7212
- Housing & Community Development..... 301-891-7119
- Library ..... 301-891-7259
- Police ..... 301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
- Public Works..... 301-891-7633
- Recreation/ Facilities Rental..... 301-891-7290



### Are You Using Neonicotinoids?

This class of pesticide has been banned for sale or use *in certain circumstances* by the Maryland Pollinator Protection Act, which was passed by the General Assembly in 2016. The Act becomes effective Jan. 1, 2018. It does not prohibit use by certified pesticide applicators, such as lawn care companies.

In order to protect bees and other pollinators, the City Council will discuss adding neonicotinoids to the list of banned pesticides for use on lawns under the City's Safe Grow Act. The work session is scheduled for Oct. 4. An ordinance amending the Act is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 18 and Oct. 25. The Council welcomes comments on this and other matters. Email comments to [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov).

# Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee as relevant as ever

By Sean Gossard

With North Korea grabbing headlines recently for expanding and testing its weapons program, the threat of nuclear war hasn't weighed so heavily on American minds since the end of the Cold War, and the mission of the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee is as pertinent as ever.

"The consequences of nuclear war, even limited to a regional conflict, will have global consequences including climate change," says committee member Paul Gunter.

Takoma Park is one of several dozen municipalities in the United States that makes a concerted effort to remain nuclear free and to educate the public on the dangers of using nuclear energy.

Started in the early 1980s, the committee enforces the City Ordinance (Chapter 14.04 of the Takoma Park Municipal Code) to remain nuclear free. The ordinance does not allow the producing, storing or transporting of nuclear weapons in the city nor does it allow the city to do business with companies that benefit from the nuclear industry.

While the committee offers recommendations on which companies the City can and can't deal with regarding nuclear weapons, it is possible too for a waiver to be issued under certain circumstances. The city previously granted a waiver to purchase police scanners from Motorola, a company on the no-buy list. A waiver was also approved in 2012 after the library purchased computers from Hewlett-Packard without knowing of its ties to the nuclear industry.

For members of the committee — who are all volunteers — the passion to educate and make the world free from nuclear weapons goes deep. Julie Boddy has been on the committee for well more than 20 years and was motivated to help create a nuclear-free world after childhood bouts with radiation sickness and years of activist work in college. "I came to see the Takoma Park Nuclear Committee as a wonderful gift for addressing world-wide and heartfelt issues posed by nuclear weapons," Boddy said.

Paul Gunter says his memories of nuclear war date back to the early '60s. "I am old enough to recall the 'duck-and-cover' drills under my desk at school and the threat of nuclear war that the entire world faced during the Cuban Missile Crisis," Gunter says.

Despite its Cold War-era roots, the committee has remained up-to-date —



Jay Levy, co-founder of the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, stands with participants in a cross country march to the UN nuclear disarmament conference in 2010.

and even ahead of the curve — on current trends in nuclear advancement. "Our stated mandate is to help the City make socially responsible investments," says Jay Levy, the chair of the committee.

In addition to divesting the City's finances from nuclear weapons manufacturers, the committee hopes to extend that ordinance to include financial institutions that help fund the nuclear industry. That includes Sun Trust Bank, which the committee says currently has upward of \$1.72 billion tied to investments in corporations with links to the nuclear industry.

"We are working with Mayor Kate Stewart and the City Council to accomplish this, which may be ground-breaking in terms of municipal government and socially responsible investing," says Kevin Martin, a member of the committee and president of Peace Action and Peace Action Education Fund.

As for the threat of nuclear war with North Korea, the committee says it acts more locally rather than trying to lobby the federal government. "The Nuclear Free Takoma Park Zoning Act is an excellent example of 'Think Global, Act Local' approach to avoiding nuclear war," Gunter says.

Martin does say it adds urgency to the committee's work. "We are planning at least one educational forum on the United Nations treaty banning nuclear weapons — agreed to by 122 countries in June — and the North Korea situation this fall," he says.

The educational forums are a huge part

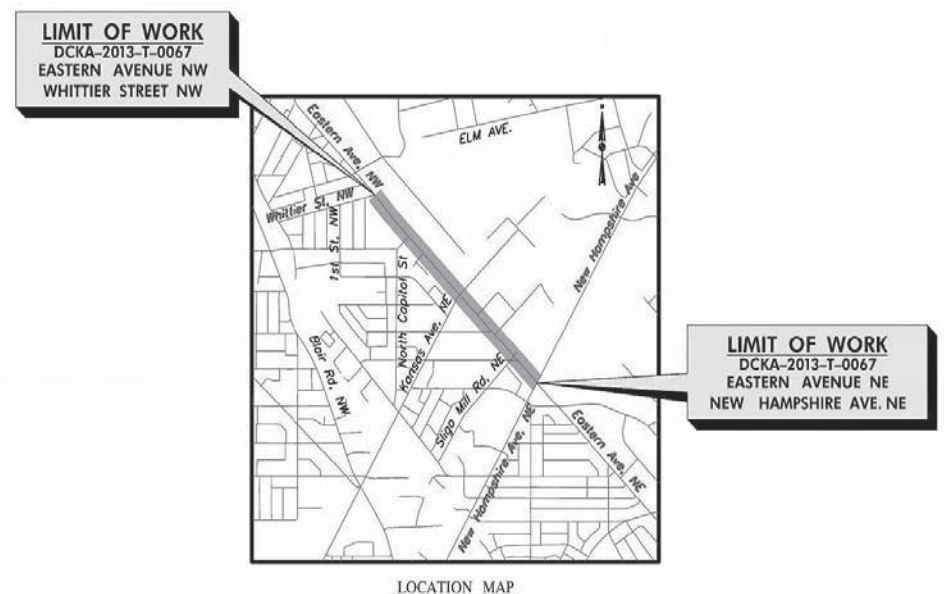
of the committee's goal in increasing public awareness to the nuclear industry. "Our mandate from the City includes educating the public about these problems, what is

being done to resolve them and what we in Takoma Park can do," Boddy says.

And that can be a huge job for the committee of volunteers (as of September there was one seat open on the seven-member committee), who work without a budget. "We've really valued outside support and look forward to more of it, from committee members, as well as interns and volunteers," Boddy says.

For now, the committee is reaching out to the public and always seeks input for educational programs it hosts. Residents interested in learning more about divesting themselves from companies linked to nuclear weapons can visit [www.dontbankonthebomb.com](http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com), a database of companies that invest heavily in the nuclear industry and also those that limit such investments.

For more information about the committee, visit the boards and committees section of the City's website. This committee meets monthly, and its next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the TPCC Lilac Room.



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traffic calming signs.

Danehey said those who attended the public meeting reacted positively to the design, while also offering their own comments and suggestions. "The team is reviewing submitted comments to determine if they can be feasibly incorporated," she said.

According to Danehey, the team has already explored, and rejected, a number of other design elements. Among these was the inclusion of a roundabout at the intersection of Kansas and Eastern Avenues. "That would have involved building projects out of the right of way in another jurisdiction (Maryland, as opposed to D.C.), which would have needed additional documentation and agreement and would have had an impact on private properties," she said.

Because Eastern Avenue serves as the boundary between the District and Maryland, any decisions made by DDOT will impact Takoma Park residents, especially

those on the immediate Maryland side of the road and in the surrounding neighborhoods. However, because the road itself is under the jurisdiction of the District, DDOT does not have the authority to take actions in Maryland. This means that when the rehabilitation begins, the necessary detours and rerouting will all run through the adjacent D.C. neighborhood and not the adjacent Takoma Park areas. Regardless, the project will undoubtedly affect traffic in both jurisdictions.

According to Danehey, the DDOT anticipates starting construction in summer 2018, and the construction will last about one year. It is scheduled to be completed in four phases, with different parts of Eastern Avenue being closed during each phase. Phase 1 incorporates the stretch between New Hampshire Ave., NE and Sligo Mill Road. Phase 2 runs between Sligo Mill Road and Kansas Ave. Phase 3 is between Kansas Ave. and North Capitol St. and the final phase will involve the avenue between N. Capitol and Whittier St., NW.

Information on the project is available and updated on DDOT's website: [ddot.dc.gov/page/rehabilitation-eastern-avenue-ne](http://ddot.dc.gov/page/rehabilitation-eastern-avenue-ne).



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# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Grand Opening of the Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Kitchen

By Helen Lyons

Aspiring entrepreneurs mingled with politicians and community members over tasty food and drink at the Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Kitchen's grand opening celebration last month.

"It's finally open and we're so excited," said Mayor Kate Stewart. "What makes me really happy is that this is the beginning of this launch of all these folks' businesses. These people are so talented. They're so dedicated, they're so skilled, and their food is so delicious. I'm glad that we've created this infrastructure that really helps them get their businesses off the ground."

The project, several years long in the making and the result of immense community collaboration, finally came to fruition, and plenty were on hand to mark the official beginning of the unique partnership on Sept. 16.

"It's absolutely great," said Cheryl Sloan, whose previously home-based business of selling candied nuts was founded in 2004 after family members encouraged her to monetize what she baked for her traditional and delicious Christmas gifts. "This kitchen gives me the capability to make products for commercial shelves, for grocery stores."

The commercial grade kitchen, located in the basement of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, will serve as a resource



Credit: Helen Lyons

The entrance to the Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Kitchen

for graduates of Crossroads Community Food Network's (CCFN) Microenterprise Training program, which provides free and bilingual business training to locals who would like to start a food-related business - whether that means selling freshly prepared mason jar salads with a Caribbean and Southern flair to grocery stores (like Beverly Coleman's Gypsy Diva Fresh) or catering quinceaneras with authentic Guatemalan flavor (like Nancia's Antojitos by Nancia Sical).

"The kitchen makes a big difference," said Mona McKenzie, who began Capital City Sweets and Treats after her son's gluten allergy inspired her to find ways to make eating his favorite treats pos-

sible. With some help from CCFN and Empowered Women International, she turned her tasty home baking into a profitable enterprise.

McKenzie has been waiting for an opportunity like the TPSS Community Kitchen, and even petitioned for it. "I have people who help me grow my business now," she said.

The kitchen is over 1,100 square feet and features state-of-the-art commercial equipment, including a 20-quart industrial mixer, convection ovens that cook 30 percent faster than standard ones, a six-burner range and a three-compartment commercial sink.

The grand opening event featured an appearance by Representative Jamie Raskin (MD-08), who helped debut the first official salsa of Takoma Park, Sical's District 20 Salsa, which is made primarily from fresh ingredients grown on the farm of local Jose Montoya. Montoya grew up in El Salvador and has been selling his produce at the Takoma Park Farmer's Market for years, and the label for the sal-

sa was designed by Takoma Park graphic artist Laura DiCurcio.

"Anything great is worth waiting for and fighting for," said Rep. Raskin, referring to the years it took for the project to become fully realized. "Everything about the project is stronger and better because of community input. People want to reclaim their food sources. People want local food, they want to know what farms it came from, and they want to make sure they're not supporting huge conglomerates a world away."

Rep. Raskin told the crowd of entrepreneurs and neighbors that the TPSS Community Kitchen makes Takoma Park "an even more special place."

"There's amazing support and solidarity," said Rep. Raskin. "It's a triumph."

To learn more about Crossroads Community Food Network and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Kitchen, including how to start a food-based business of your own, visit [crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org](http://crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org).

While the next session of the Microenterprise Training Program training is full, those who are interested in participating in a future session can send an email to [kitchen@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org](mailto:kitchen@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org). Residents with feedback about the operations of the kitchen are invited to submit their comments through the website.

## 3rd Annual Takoma/Langley Diwali Festival

Don't miss Takoma Park's best cultural festival. On Oct. 15, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (business association) presents its annual Hindu "Festival of Lights" at Hampshire Place, 7505 New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park from 12-5:30 p.m.

This free, family-friendly festival will feature live music and dance performances of traditional and Bollywood-style pieces. A wide array of Indian dance forms will be presented by the Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington, which is co-producing the program.

Professional musicians will perform on traditional instruments from 3-5 p.m. Ganesh Band will perform Bollywood melodies, and Raag Rang: Ta Thoi, will present a narrated music/dance story of Diwali.

Storyteller Meena Nayak will perform from 2-5 p.m., telling Indian myths to children. Nayak is professor of mythology



Dancers perform at last year's festival.

at Northern Virginia Community College and author of many children's books.

Enjoy delicious Indian food, entertainment, and shop for jewelry, clothes, gifts, decorations and more at the free Takoma/Langley Diwali Festival co-sponsored by the Takoma/Langley CDA, City of Takoma Park, and Prince George's County.

For more information about the Diwali Festival, contact Melanie Isis at 301-445-7910 or [misis@takomalangley.org](mailto:misis@takomalangley.org).



## First-Time Home Buyers Seminar

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.**

Trying to determine if buying a home is the road you want to travel? Join us for this *free* first-time home buyer seminar led by the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), a HUD certified housing organization. At the seminar you will gain a better understanding of all the steps necessary to successfully close on a new home. Attend the entire session and receive a certificate of completion, allowing you access to low-interest loans.

Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. To register, please contact the Housing & Community Development Department at 301-891-7119 or register online at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/the-home-stretch-down-payment-assistance-program](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/the-home-stretch-down-payment-assistance-program).

*Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided.*

# THE ARTS



## SHAHNAMEH! Adventures from the Persian Book of Kings With The Silk Road Dance Company

Saturday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

Donations are welcome

A magical bird, an evil dragon, a clever princess, and a valiant hero bring to life the *Shahnameh*, an ancient masterpiece written over a thousand years ago. With vivid choreography and ornate costumes, Silk Road Dance Company presents fantastical tales from ancient Persia. Kid-friendly event.

Founded in 1995 by Artistic Director Dr. Laurel Victoria Gray, the award-winning Silk Road Dance Company presents traditional and contemporary women's dances from Central Asia, the Middle East, and the Caucasus, offering a unique glimpse of the life and art of little known cultures, especially the Islamic world. The ensemble has performed internationally in Uzbekistan, Qatar, Singapore, United Kingdom, and Canada and throughout the United States dancing at some of the most prestigious venues in the area, including the White House, Kennedy Center, Library of Congress, and many embassies.



### How Did We Get Here? Marijuana's Past, Present, and Potential Future

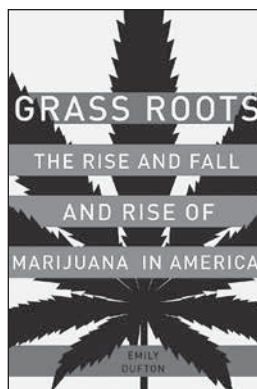
With Dr. Emily Dufton

Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

### All events are free.

Recreational marijuana use is currently legal in eight states and the District of Columbia, and medical marijuana use is legal in 28 states and D.C. However, the country was not always so accepting of marijuana or its users. This talk will outline the history of marijuana activism, from the first pro-legalization protest in 1964, to widespread activist-passed decriminalization laws in the 1970s, to the rise of a national anti-marijuana parents' movement in the late 1970s and '80s, to the slow rise of medical, and now recreational, marijuana laws passed over the past twenty years. Showing how grass-roots activists have consistently been at the forefront of new marijuana laws, Dr. Dufton will discuss how marijuana has long been a symbol of larger debates over



American rights, as well as a vehicle for activists' evolving concerns and passions.

Dr. Dufton, a resident of Takoma Park, received her Ph.D. in American Studies from George Washington University in 2014. She has served as an ACLS Public Fellow at the Center for Public Integrity, and her writing has appeared in the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, and *History News Network*. Her first book,

*Grass Roots: The Rise and Fall and Rise of Marijuana in America*, will be released by Basic Books in December 2017.

### Third Thursday Poetry Reading



With Indran Amirthanayagam, Nancy Naomi Carlson and Joanne Rocky Delaplaine

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

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium



### The World of Tomorrow: Vintage Movie Night with Richard Hall

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

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

We are Takoma is pleased to welcome Takoma Park resident Richard Hall back to our monthly film series offered in partnership with Docs in Progress. Please join us when Hall re-opens the archival vaults of educational and industrial films from the 1920s - 1970s to take us "back to the future." These films offer a sometimes humorous, sometimes eye-opening, sometime cringe-worthy window into society and attitudes of other earlier eras.



Richard Hall is a documentary shooter, editor, producer and history buff. He is an editor for C-Span's American Artifacts program and co-host of Docs in Progress' Documentary Roundtable. His documentary on liberalism and conservatism in the United States, "American Feud," which he co-produced with Simone Fary, was one of the first films screened by We are Takoma.

### Takoma Park Holiday Art Sale

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center



Takoma Park's 12th annual Holiday Arts Sale will be held this year on Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This popular annual event features work from 30 plus painters, potters, jewelers, crafters, photographers, and more. A juried sale, only original, hand-made work by local makers, artists and craftspeople is sold.

# RECREATION

## YOUTH

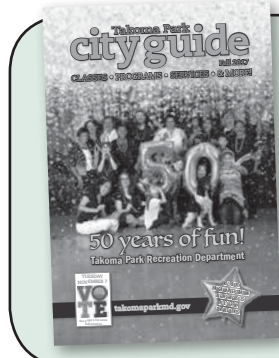
### EXTENDED CARE

#### After The Bell Childcare 2017-2018 School Year

After The Bell childcare program is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.). This program will provide a safe environment for children grades K-5 where they will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Each day kids will receive a snack, have time to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more. Parents can arrange transportation through MCPS by calling 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to (New Hampshire Towers) and we will meet them at the bus stop.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
10 months  
MCPS school year  
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
\$1,250

FEW  
SPACES LEFT!  
REGISTER TODAY



For a full listing of our programs and classes please see our City Guide or visit [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation).

### Winter Basketball League 2018

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to: introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball - emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning by not establishing league standings or having playoffs/championship games but rather encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun - provide comparable playing time for all participants - meet new kids from community and surrounding areas. Practice times (1 hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Game are held on Saturdays, times vary. Volunteer coaches wanted. Specific details regarding each league will be available at [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league).

**Team Assignments:** Co-ed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

**Special Requests:** Requests must be submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration.

Various Local Schools  
Gymnasiums  
Kindergarten-8th Grade  
8 Week Season  
Games starting Saturdays, January 13  
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80



### TRIPS

#### Gaver Farm Trip

It's a half day of school so why not have a little fun? Join us as we head out to Gaver Farm to pick your own Pumpkin. Gaver Farm's Harvest Mania has a corn maze and over 55 farm attractions! We'll take a hayride to pick your own pumpkins and apples! The market is also full of pumpkins, apples, mums, fall decor, cider, straw, corn stalks and squash. Also who doesn't love apple cider donuts? Space is limited, so register today! Bring spending money.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
Friday, October 6  
1 – 5 p.m.  
Free

#### Field of Screams Trip

Love being scared? Well plan to be terrified as you scream your way through the scariest haunted house in Maryland. Trip package includes the terrifying Haunted Trail, Slaughter Factory Haunted House, and the Hades' Hayride. The Haunted Trail is themed as a Camp Fear where a group of 20 year-old campers once laughed, played and brutally died. Good luck surviving it! The hayride will take you through the dark and damp cornfield of this old farm which is haunted by several of the evil spirits that remain after the deaths of those who once lived here. Are you brave enough to make it through? Space is limited, so register today!

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
13-18 years  
Saturday, October 21  
6 – 10 p.m.  
Residents: \$20/ Non-Residents: \$30

## TEENS

### DROP IN

**Teen Lounge**  
at the Community Center  
Open Monday-Friday 3 – 7 p.m.  
Closed on weekends

**Power Hour**  
NEW DAYS  
Monday - Thursday  
4 – 5 p.m. in the Teen Lounge

## EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

### First of Many

There's something special about being the first, especially being the first in your family to attend and graduate from college. First of Many is a series of informative workshops to help you discover and take advantage of the possibilities offered for first-generation students. Find answers to your questions about college and receive guidance on the road to applying and getting the most out of college.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Rose Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
Wednesdays, September 27-November 1  
4 – 5 p.m.  
Free

## SPORTS

### Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. **This is a basketball class, not league play.**

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6-12 years  
7 weeks  
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m.  
October 28-December 16  
\$70

### Futsal League 2018

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
7-10 years  
8 Week Season  
Sundays, January 7-March 11  
1 – 4 p.m.  
\$60

Reminder!

### Futsal and Winter Basketball Registration Opens

Residents - October 7  
Non-residents - October 14

a great class to help you maintain your summer beach body. This class will improve your strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. Great music and a professional instructor will move you through the workout. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 and older  
7 Week Session  
November 2-December 21  
Thursdays, 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
\$75  
Drop in: \$10 each day

### Qi Gong - Five Animal Play

This form of Qi Gong is one of the most ancient continuously practiced healing exercise systems in the world. Enjoy peaceful movements modeled on the crane, bear, monkey, deer and tiger. Participants will develop more strength, grace, flexibility, balance and healing in a relaxed group setting. You will feel the effects in your body, mind and spirit as you find more harmony with nature and yourself. No experience necessary. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 and older  
8 Week Session  
Tuesdays, October 10-December 5  
(No class 11/7)  
7 – 8 p.m.  
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105  
Drop-in: \$15 (Check or credit card only; No cash)

### Qi Gong - Waking Up Together

This class is a mindfulness based approach to relationships that deepens awareness of ourselves and our partners, fosters communication and awakens joyful energy. By utilizing mindfulness meditation practices and simple Qi Gong exercises, couples will learn ways to nourish the positive elements in themselves and one another. We will offer exercises in listening and compassionate speech. The class will meet for four sessions, every other week. No experience necessary, just an open heart. Wear comfortable clothes as there will be simple movements offered. Instructors: Patrick Smith and Joann Malone

Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 and older  
4 Week Session  
Every other Wednesday  
October 18-November 29  
7 – 8:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

## 55+



## FITNESS

### Tennis Fun and Fitness

This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing tennis skills utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment

## ADULTS



Check out our  
Art classes online!

## FITNESS

### Cardio Kickboxing

Don't miss out on the fun! We have a class that is in full swing. Join us at Takoma Park Recreation Center. Cardio Kickboxing is

# City of Takoma Park Election Information

Compiled by Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

## Voter registration up to and including Election Day

If you are already registered at an address in the City, you need not register again.

If you are not registered, you may register to vote in Takoma Park elections if you:

- are a resident of the City of Takoma Park for at least 21 days prior to the election;
- will be at least 16 years old on election day; and
- do not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

U.S. citizenship is not a requirement for voting 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.

An individual is not eligible to be a registered voter of the City if the individual: (1) has been convicted of a felony and is actually serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction; (2) is under guardianship for mental disability and a court of competent jurisdiction has specifically found by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting



process; or (3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

## Registración de votantes hasta el día de las elecciones e incluyendo el día de las elecciones

- Si está registrado para votar con una dirección en la Ciudad de Takoma Park no necesita registrarse de nuevo.
- Si no está registrado para votar, 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;

Tanto los ciudadanos estadounidenses como los residentes de Takoma Park



tienen derecho 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. Lea con cuidado los requisitos para votar en el Estado de Maryland.

No puede votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park si: (1) ha sido condenado por un delito y está actualmente encarcelado por orden de la Corte; (2) este bajo custodia por discapacidad mental o, si lo estuviese, no ha sido determinado por la corte que usted no puede comunicar su deseo de votar; o (3) ha sido condenado por la venta o compra de votos.

CITY ELECTION Voting Hours & Locations		
Date	Time	Location
<b>EARLY VOTING</b>		
Wednesday, November 1	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue
Thursday, November 2	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue
Friday, November 3	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Saturday, November 4	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue
Sunday, November 5	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Washington Adventist Univ. Wilkinson Hall 7715 Flower Avenue
<b>ELECTION DAY VOTING</b>		
Tuesday, November 7	7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Takoma Park Community Center 7500 Maple Avenue

ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL Horario de Votación Temprana		
Fecha	Hora	Local
<b>VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA</b>		
Miercoles 1 de Noviembre	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue
Jueves 2 de Noviembre	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue
Viernes 3 de Noviembre	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Centro de Recreación, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Sabado 4 de Noviembre	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Takoma Park Community Center/ Centro Comunitario de
Domingo 5 de Noviembre	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Washington Adventist Univ. Wilkinson Hall 7715 Flower Avenue
<b>DÍA DE LA ELECCION</b>		
Martes, 7 de Noviembre	7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park 7500 Maple Avenue

# Voting by Mail

Any registered voter may vote by mail – but don't wait to apply if you will be away at college or out of the country!

If residing locally, complete and submit an application to the City Clerk no later than Oct. 31. Emergency requests may be submitted in person after that date.

Takoma Park residents temporarily out of the United States should apply as early as possible. There will be limited time for voters out of the country to receive and return a ballot by mail.

To be counted, vote by mail ballots must be received by the City Clerk before the polls close on Nov. 7. Applications are available online and at the Takoma Park Community Center.

Cualquier votante capacitado puede votar por correo – pero no espere para solicitar si está fuera de la ciudad asistiendo a una universidad o si está fuera del país.

Para residentes de Takoma Park que se encuentren en el área, completa y somete



una aplicación a la Secretaria Municipal para el 31 de Octubre. Se puede someter solicitudes de emergencia después de esa fecha pero puede que no haya tiempo de recibir y someter la boleta electoral para el 7 de Noviembre.

Residentes de Takoma Park que se encuentren fuera del país temporalmente deben solicitar ahora. Habrá tiempo limitado para votantes fuera del país para recibir y retornar una boleta electoral por correo.

Para que cuente un voto por correo, la boleta electoral debe ser recibido por la Secretaria Municipal antes que cierren las urnas electorales el 7 de Noviembre.

# CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

## KATE STEWART

It is an honor to be Mayor of Takoma Park. We have accomplished a great deal and laid the foundation for still more! Now more than ever, we must maintain what is special about our community and remain true to our values. To this end, we have proudly defended our Sanctuary City status and worked to keep ourselves a welcoming City that supports the rights of all people to live with dignity and respect. We have committed to upholding



the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. We added a racial equity framework to the development of policies, practices and investments to address racial disparities and begin to dismantle institutional racism. We created an affordable housing fund and piloted the Home Stretch program, a down payment assistance program for first-time homebuyers. And, we are just getting started! I look forward to continuing the work we have begun together.

[www.KateStewartforTakoma.com](http://www.KateStewartforTakoma.com)  
[KateStewartforTakoma@gmail.com](mailto:KateStewartforTakoma@gmail.com)

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

- ✓ Vote for mayor.
- ✓ Vote for a city councilmember to represent your ward.

## ¿QUÉ HAY EN LA BOLETA?

- ✓ Voto por el alcalde
- ✓ Voto por un miembro del concejo de su distrito electoral

## This Information Will Appear on All Ballots

### Instructions

- Vote for candidates by marking your first choice, your second choice, and so on. You are free to rank only a first choice. Ranking additional candidates will not affect your first-choice candidate.
- Do not mark more than one box in a column.** Do not mark more than one box for any candidate.
- To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, print the name in the space provided and mark the box that shows your ranking of the write-in candidate.

### Instrucciones

- Vote por candidatos en orden de preferencia indicando su primera opción, segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Puede clasificar solamente un candidato como primera opción. Eligiendo otros candidatos no afectará su primera opción de voto.
- No llene más de una casilla por columna.** No llene más de una casilla por candidato.
- Para votar por una persona que no está nombrada en la boleta, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio asignado y llene la casilla en la columna que corresponde con el orden de preferencia.

## Esta Información Se Encontrará En Todas Las Boletas

MAYOR ALCALDE	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción
KATE STEWART	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

## Each Ward Will Have A Different Council Contest

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción
PETER KOVAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Opción	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Opción
CINDY DYBALLA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JOE EDGELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ASHLEIGH NUGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción
KACY KOSTIUK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

## Cada Distrito Tendrá Un Concurso Para Concejo Distinto

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción
TERRY SEAMENS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 5 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Opción
AMEE BEARNE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JARRETT SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 6 MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Opción	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Opción
TALISHA SEARCY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JASON SMALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominado



## WARD 1

### PETER KOVAR – INCUMBENT

As a Councilmember, I've seen first-hand how Takoma Park rejects the cynical idea that government doesn't work. I believe government can have a positive impact, and over the last two years, I've focused on providing proactive communication with Ward 1 neighbors; addressing individual residents' concerns and seeking solutions to local challenges that avoid unnecessary divisiveness.

My priorities include making sure economic growth and development projects are compatible with our neighborhoods; promoting inclusiveness so everyone



can participate fully in City life; keeping Takoma Park affordable for homeowners, renters and businesses; advancing sustainability by continuing our leadership on climate change at the local level; and improving quality of life through community-oriented crime prevention and more responsive local government.

I'd be honored to have the support of Ward 1 voters on Election Day, so I can continue working collaboratively with residents to keep Takoma Park the unique, welcoming, diverse City we all love.

[www.peterkovarforcitycouncil.org](http://www.peterkovarforcitycouncil.org)  
[www.councilmemberkovar.com](http://www.councilmemberkovar.com)

## WARD 3

### KACY KOSTIUK

I have been active in the Takoma Park community since moving here seven years ago. I'm proud of our progressive values, diversity, environmental initiatives, art and music and just plain "funkiness." I want to do my part to maintain and build upon these values.

I am a former member and chair of the Safe Roadways Committee, volunteer for Let's Play Takoma, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, international education professional and parent of two small children.

As a city councilmember, I would increase community engagement; create a



more walkable, safe community; grow the city in a responsible, directed way while promoting affordability; and build a more equitable and inclusive community.

Together, we can build a positive future for our city. Let's collaborate to find innovative ways to maintain our history and unique character, while doing more to ensure we build a community that is truly equitable, thriving, engaged, environmentally responsible and diverse.

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## WARD 2 CANDIDATES

### CINDY DYBALLA

As your councilmember, I will bring values I believe we all share: an inclusive community--all ages, incomes, cultures, races; a sustainable community (environment, energy, local economy); and effective and efficient, participatory government.

I have proven skills developed with city committees, community groups, and my professional work: current Committee on the Environment co-chair, Recreation Committee co-chair, Takoma Foundation board, Dorothy's woods organizer and more.

I will listen carefully, engage all types



of residents, broker consensus, and create practical solutions to our current challenges: affordable housing, policing, development, sustainability. I'll expand outreach, host regular ward chats, share information and be accessible to all parts of our ward.

Whether you've lived here two years or 20 or more, you deserve a councilmember with the skills, relationships and practical experience to represent you and work as a team to keep Takoma Park the special place that brought us all here.

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## WARD 4

### TERRY J. SEAMENS – INCUMBENT

I feel fortunate to have been part of bringing improvements to city services through the years since I joined the City Council in 1999. I look forward to continue serving city residents for another three years. I will work with my colleagues to bring sensible development to our business districts, while maintaining the



small town character of our city. I will seek more ways to strengthen services for our youth so the city continues to have strong leaders into the future. I look forward to the campaign season and the community discussions of how we can continue our history of being a progressive, engaged and caring city. Thank you for your support and involvement.

## WARD 5 CANDIDATES

### AMEE BEARNE

My husband and I moved to Takoma Park six years ago because of its progressive ideals, diversity and social consciousness. We also loved the farmers market.

I have been an active member of the community. I worked as the planning intern for the City, sat on the County's Transit Advisory Board, and was a Takoma Junction advisory committee member.

As a renter I know how it feels to be forgotten. I organized a tenant association and host movie nights for the community so that everyone feels welcome.



As an urban planner and historic preservationist, I know how to build community while respecting the history of a place. Working for CHEER, I continue my commitment to increasing the health and stability of families in Ward 5.

I will work to make Ward 5 a cohesive community, one in which we know our neighbors, we ask for help, and we work together.

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[Facebook: @ameefortakomapark](https://facebook.com/ameefortakomapark)  
[Instagram: @ameebearne](https://instagram.com/ameebearne)

### JOE EDGELL

Experience, accountability, responsiveness and strong commitment to you and Takoma Park; all essential councilmember qualities I bring to the job. I believe in building consensus and getting things done. I support a clean environment, safe routes for our children to school, accountable government, and thoughtful, careful use of your taxes.

As co-chair of the Task Force on Environmental Action, a city committee, our unanimous recommendation ensured long-term environmental protection. As chair of the Safe Roadways Committee,



our unanimous recommendations made Takoma Park safer, ensuring better traffic calming and better access for all people, including the disabled, who walk, bike or drive. And as organizer of the dog-park effort and an advocate for electric charging stations, I've shown my ability to break through the bureaucracy and get things done for our community.

I will continue working hard for you. Let's make a difference, together. Vote for Joe Edgell on Nov. 7!

[electjoeedgell.com](http://electjoeedgell.com)  
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[twitter.com/electjoeedgell](https://twitter.com/electjoeedgell)

### JARRETT SMITH – INCUMBENT

A graduate of Howard University in 1994, Jarrett was raised by parents who served the United States as career military and career government employees. Jarrett is running for his 4th term on the Council. Jarrett was involved with the Takoma Park community before his tenure as a councilmember, from being Chairperson of the Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs until his election to City Council in 2012, to being on the Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee (WAH-LUC).

Accomplishments this Term:  
Secured \$1M municipal bond fund-



ing for the Flower Avenue Green Street;

Passed the first Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance in Maryland banning plastic bags and advocates alternatives;

President, Maryland Municipal League, Montgomery County Chapter;

Passed first legislation on measuring the racial equity impact in Maryland; and Led the creation of a Montgomery College Scholarship Fund for the City of Takoma Park.

Councilmember Smith is married and a devout Roman Catholic.

[Twitter: @JarrettSmith](https://twitter.com/JarrettSmith)  
[Facebook: SmithforTakomaPark](https://facebook.com/SmithforTakomaPark)  
[SmithforTakomaPark.com](http://SmithforTakomaPark.com)

### ASHLEIGH NUGENT

I am running for Ward 2 City Council with a commitment to affordability, responsible development, social justice, environmental sustainability and safety. I will provide a voice for all residents as we work to ensure that community planning and decision-making reflects the values, interests and needs of our diverse neighborhood.

We live in a city at the forefront of progress - where a great idea impacts thousands and inspires other localities, and to continue, it is critical that our Council



looks and feels like the community it represents. Currently, there are no female councilmembers, and for Takoma Park to champion progress, the Council needs strong female leaders that can bring new perspectives and creative ideas to the conversation.

As a public interest attorney and an advocate for underrepresented populations, I will bring a needed proactive, persistent and passionate voice to the Council.

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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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# WARD 6 CANDIDATES

## TALISHA SEARCY



Hello, my name is Talisha Searcy, and I want to be your next Ward 6 Takoma Park City Councilmember. As the former President of the New Hampshire Gardens Community Association, I learned that it takes residents and city staff working together to get things done. I look forward to listening and learning from all Ward 6 residents about what you would like to see in our community. Most importantly, I want to turn your wants into reality by developing strategies to:

Champion the redevelopment of the Ta-

koma Park Recreation Center. Drive smart economic growth in the Takoma/Langley business district.

Prioritize the development of high quality affordable housing in Ward 6.

Fight for lower taxes.

Ensure state, county and city coordination.

Manage the impact of Purple Line construction on Ward 6 residents and businesses

Vote for me. Together, we can create the change needed to move Ward 6 forward.

**TalishaSearcy.com**  
**Talisha@TalishaSearcy.com**

## JASON SMALL



I have lived in Takoma Park for over a decade, the past nine years in Ward 6 with my wife and now our two sons.

I moved here because I appreciate the kindness and civility of the community. There are so many sincere and authentic people, mixing cultures and characters to make this place groovy.

More than any other reason, I am running because I would like it to stay that way. Ward 6 is the economic engine of

the city and the centerpiece of its diversity. I am well equipped to represent both the changes that development will bring and the legacy that makes us special. In these times where our way of life feels under attack, and the world has become an uncertain place for so many, I want Takoma Park

to remain a place that values all of us. Dream big – vote Small.

**smalljb@gmail.com**  
**Facebook @dreambigvotesmall**

## Problems getting to the polls?

The Board of Elections and staff will work to accommodate your special needs. You have options:

Vote by mail. Complete an application for a mail-in ballot and submit it to the City Clerk.

Check voting hours and locations. There are a number of options for early voting. All locations are accessible.

Emergency absentee ballots can be arranged for a homebound voter.

If language assistance is needed, con-

tact Irma Nalvarte at 301-891-7214 or irman@takomaparkmd.gov.

Call Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or email her at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov for further information about emergency absentee ballots.



## ¿Problemas para llegar a las urnas?

La Junta Electoral intentará satisfacer sus necesidades especiales. Usted tiene opciones:

Vote por correo. Completa y envía la aplicación para recibir una boleta electoral por correo.

Compruebe las horas y los lugares de voto. Hay una serie de opciones para votar. Todas las ubicaciones son accesibles. Las boletas de voto ausente de emergen-

cia se pueden organizar para un votante que no puede salir de su casa.

Si necesita asistencia en español por favor póngase en contacto con Irma Nalvarte al 301-891-7214 o irman@takomaparkmd.gov.

Llame a Irma Nalvarte al 301-891-7214 o por correo electrónico a irman@takomaparkmd.gov para obtener más información en español acerca de las boletas de voto por correo y votación en la acera.

## Election Results and Swearing in of the New Council

On the night of the election, ballots will be counted and results will be announced. The results will not be final until reported to the City Council at the certification meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The new City Council will be sworn in on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Las boletas electorales se contarán y se anunciará los resultados la noche de las elecciones. Los resultados de esa noche no serán los resultados finales. Los resultados finales se reportarán al Concejo el Jueves, 9 de Noviembre a las 7:30 p.m. El nuevo Alcalde y Miembros del concejo tomarán juramento el Miércoles, 15 de Noviembre.

## Instant Runoff Voting in City Elections

### Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) is used in Takoma Park municipal elections:

- The City Council amended the City Charter in 2006 after 84% of voters supported changing to IRV when the question was put on the ballot in the 2005 City Election.
- It accommodates voter choice to elect legitimate winners when there are three or more candidates.
- IRV discourages negative campaigning because victories may require candidates to be the second or third choices of the supporters of some of their opponents.

### Segunda Vuelta de Elecciones Inmediata en las Elecciones Municipales de Takoma Park:

- El Concejo de la Ciudad de Takoma Park enmendaron la Carta Constitucional en el 2006 después de que 84% de los votantes apoyaron el uso del sistema de segunda vuelta de elecciones inmediato cuando la pregunta fue incluido en boleta electoral en las elecciones del 2015.
- El sistema les permita a los votantes clasificar a los candidatos según su orden de preferencia cuando hay más de un candidato postulando por un cargo.
- El sistema desanima campaña negativa en la manera que una victoria puede requerir que los candidatos sean la segunda o tercera opción de los partidarios de algunos de sus adversarios.

### Sample Election with Three Candidates

- Mark an X in the 1<sup>st</sup> choice column next to your 1<sup>st</sup> choice, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> box next to your second choice, and so on until you have ranked all your choices.
- Pick a different candidate for each choice.
- You may rank as many or few candidates as you wish.
- Mark only one box per candidate and mark only one box per column.

Rank candidates in order of choice. (1 box per candidate, 1 box per choice)	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice
ALEXANDER HAMILTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABIGAIL ADAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-in Candidate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Muestra de una Boleta Electoral con Tres Candidatos

- Marque la casilla con una X al lado del nombre del candidato de 1ra opción, 2da opción, 3ra opción, y así sucesivamente.
- Elige diferente candidatos por cada opción.
- Puede elegir tantos como usted desea.
- No marque más de un casilla por cada candidato y no marque más de un casillas en cada columna.

Clasifique los candidatos en orden de preferencia. (una casilla por candidato, una casilla por opción)	1 <sup>st</sup> opción	2 <sup>nd</sup> opción	3 <sup>rd</sup> opción	4 <sup>th</sup> opción
ALEXANDER HAMILTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABIGAIL ADAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Candidatos Autonominado)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Advice for Voting

Mark your favorite as your 1st choice, followed by your compromise choices.

Ranking compromises will not hurt your favorite. During the count, your lower rankings count only if your top choice loses

### Consejo para Votar

Elija a su candidato favorito llenando el ovulo en la columna de 1ra opción al lado de l nombre de tal candidato. Luego elije el candidato de 2da opción y 3ra opción y así sucesivamente. Seleccionando más de un candidato en orden de preferencia no ayuda a derrotar su candidato de 1ra opción.

# Meet the new Director of After the Bell: Q&A with Ranisha Harris

The Recreation Department has a great after school program call After the Bell at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). We are pleased to have Ranisha Harris join us as the program director this year. Get to know her a little and stop by and say hello!

## What previous experiences will help you as the new the After Bell Director?

I attended University of Maryland for psychology and was in an advocates for children scholars program. While in school, I worked at Springhill Lake Elementary School as a reading mentor for two years. I was a summer camp leader and counselor in various summer camps over the years. This past year, I was a Project Change AmeriCorps member working with YMCA Youth and Family Services of Silver Spring. During the school year, I was a program leader for the YMCA Commu-

nity Rec Zone Program at Albert Einstein High School, and in the summer, I led a STEM summer camp in Northwest Park YMCA Community Center. I have always enjoyed working with kids in both academic and recreational settings, and I think that you can be very impactful and influential whether it be in a school setting or in a gym.

## What are your long-term goals for the After the Bell Program this year?

Over the course of the school year, I want to create a fun and welcoming culture for the kids and make the After the Bell Program one to which they will always want to return. I would like to introduce new components and activities to the program. I am being brought up to date on how the program was before, and I am making sure I maintain the same level of enthusiasm from the previous years.

## What made you want to become the After the Bell director for Takoma Park Recreation Department?

My first job ever was working as a camp counselor at a recreation center in Baltimore County, which is where I am from. I did that during the summer of my 10th and 11th grade years, and it pretty much solidified my career path in working with children. I was still practically a kid myself, so it felt very natural, and it was highly enjoyable. However, as I gained more experience working with kids of all ages and in different settings, I begin to see the underlying importance of being a leader for children, teaching them, guiding them, and protecting them. I pride myself in being a youth worker, and being the After the Bell Director is another role that gives me the opportunity to do so.



Ranisha Harris



Young residents enjoy last year's Monster Bash.

# Monster Bash is Coming!

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department will host our annual Monster Bash on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017. Our events will commence with a Bash Kick-off at 1 p.m. in the public parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op. The **Bash Kick-off** is a great opportunity to visit with neighbors, family and friends while having fun playing games and experimenting with the Mad Scientist Lab. This will be followed by the **Costume Contest and Parade** down Carroll Avenue, and we will end our program with an **Awards Ceremony and Celebration** in Old Town Takoma Park. The parade will begin at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Carroll Avenue in front of the TPSS Co-op, and judging will occur during the parade itself. We will then walk down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park to the intersection of Carroll & Laurel Avenues for the Awards Ceremony and a fabulous concert.

In order to hold the event and ensure patron safety, we will have the following anticipated road closures:

- The public parking lot next to the TPSS Co-op will be closed from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- The intersections of Carroll Avenue/ Ethan Allen, Philadelphia Avenue/Holt Avenue, Spruce Avenue/Park Avenue and Carroll Avenue/Philadelphia Avenue will be closed from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rolling road closures will be at the following intersections: Park Avenue/ Carroll Avenue, Columbia Avenue/ Carroll Avenue & Tulip Avenue/Carroll Avenue from 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- There will be continuous road blocks at the following intersections; Westmoreland Avenue/Carroll Avenue, Carroll Avenue/Laurel Avenue, Laurel Avenue/Willow Avenue & Laurel Avenue/East-

ern Avenue from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

- Ride-On and Metro bus service will be interrupted on the aforementioned streets from approximately 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Please check with the specific bus service to determine detour routes.
- We are expecting to re-open the streets by 7 p.m. During the time of the street closures, you will not be able to enter or exit your driveway.
- No parking will be permitted on both sides of the street of Lee Avenue from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- No parking will be permitted on both sides of the street for Tulip (400-599) and Willow (7100-7130) Avenues.

Please follow up with a visit to our website [takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/monster-bash) to see the up-to-date information (including street closures) for Monster Bash.

If you live or work along the parade route, we encourage you to participate in the festivities by decorating your front doors and/or windows and dressing up in a costume.

In the event of inclement weather, the Monster Bash will be moved to Piney Branch Elementary School and the road closures will be lifted. To receive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605.

The Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help with both setup and breakdown of the event, costume judging for various age groups, barricade attendants, parade route coordinators and game booth attendants. Adults and teens are welcome to register at [montgomeryserves.org](http://montgomeryserves.org) (SSL hour approved). If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Recreation Department at 301- 891-7290.

## RECREATION

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provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor Coach SJ

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 and older  
Thursdays, until November 16  
12 – 1:00 p.m.  
Free

### Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold was designed for the active senior with less intense dance routines for beginners and older adults using modified movements.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue  
55 and older  
Saturdays, until -December 2  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Free

### TRIPS

#### Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park Tour

Sandy Spring, MD  
Wednesday, October 11  
8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information on trips contact Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280 or [paulal@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:paulal@takomaparkmd.gov). Registration is required. For trip details and procedures please see the Forever Young Fall 2017 newsletter online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/news/forever-young-newsletter).



Credit: Maurice Belanger

2017 Spring Book Sale

## Book Sale Returns!

The Fall Friends of the Library used book sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the library lawn. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center.

These sales continue to draw look lovers throughout the area. So come early for your choice of the best in children's books, adult fiction and nonfiction in great condition – and at bargain prices!

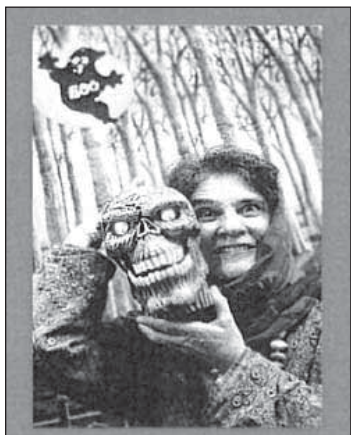
All proceeds from the Friends book sales are used to support Library services and programs, including Spanish Circle time, our Summer Quest summer reading program, books for ESL parents at the Books and Breakfast programs at Takoma Park Elementary School, reading incentives and refreshments for many Library

programs, honorariums for speakers at our adult programs, lanyards for kids' library Cards, and many other initiatives. This is a great time to become a member of the Friends and lend your support to their efforts.

You may also volunteer to help at the sale by contacting Pat Hanrahan at pat@pathanrahan.com. We need helpers in two-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Service learning hours are available for high school students.

The library will accept book donations during open hours until Oct. 16. Donations must be in very good condition, of general interest, and more than three boxes must be brought by prior arrangement.

## Scary Stories with Candace Wolf



Please join us for our annual "Scary Stories" program on Monday, Oct. 23! Led by master storyteller Candace Wolf, there will be two sessions; from 7-7:45 p.m., Wolf will tell stories for kids ages 5-7, then from 7:50-8:50 p.m., she'll turn up the fright factor as she tells stories for kids ages 8-13.

No registration is necessary for this program, which is a Library tradition and generously funded by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. And mark your calendars for another popular, Friends-funded program that we host each year! On Nov. 6 at 7p.m., Tomas Shash, known as Eaglebear, returns with his family and friends for a program showcasing their Apache and Xicano cultures.

## Winter Solstice Celebration

On Thursday Dec. 21, join us to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Drummer Bill Jenkins will kick off our program with a drumming circle at 6:30 p.m. Then the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will swoop in at 7:30 p.m. with their songs, stories and dances.

## CALENDAR

### Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

### LEGO Club

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Building fun for ages 3-10.

### Caldecott Club

Monday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.  
Come read some great possibilities for the 2018 Caldecott Medal.  
Lemonade & cookies served

### Petites Chansons/French Circle Time

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m.  
Madame Marie leads rhymes and songs in French.

### Author Emma Otheguy

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Otheguy talks about her new picture book biography of Cuban Freedom Fighter Jose Marti, *Marti's Song of Freedom*.

### Graphic Novelist Nidhi Chanani

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Chanani presents her new graphic novel, *Pashmina*.

### Picture Book Creators Julie Segal-Walters & Brian Biggs

Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.  
Segal-Walters & Biggs spotlight their new book, *This Is Not a Normal Animal Book*.

### Friends of the Library Big Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Our book is *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens; opening lecture by University

of Maryland Professor William Cohen, followed by a reception  
Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Note: Additional discussions will take place on Nov. 1, 15 & 29 – all at 7:30 p.m. – in the Takoma Park Community Center. All are welcome!

### Author Chris Grabenstein

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Grabenstein presents his newest kids' novel, *Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race*

### Friends of the Library Book Sale (see article)

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Library Lawn (Rain location: Community Center)  
To volunteer to help at the sale, contact Pat Hanrahan at pat@pathanrahan.com

### Kids Art

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2-3 PM

### Scary Stories with Master Storyteller Candace Wolf

Monday, Oct. 23, 7-7:45 p.m. (ages 5-7);  
7:50-8:50 p.m. (ages 8-13)

### Coming up.....

- **Eaglebear & Friends**  
Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.  
Join us for our annual celebration of American Indian Heritage Month.
- **Author Jeanne Walker Harvey**  
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.  
Harvey discusses her new picture book biography, *Maya Lin, Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*.

## Authors Galore

This month, we have five wonderful events featuring a diverse group of top kids' authors, thanks to our partnership with Politics & Prose bookstore. Politics & Prose will be selling copies of the authors' books at each event, but the programs are free, and no purchase or registration is required to attend.

Our first event takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m., when author Emma Otheguy will talk about her picture book biography of Cuban poet and political activist Jose Marti.

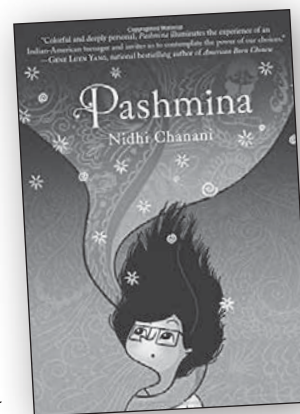
In the book, titled *Marti's Song of Freedom*, Otheguy details – in both Spanish and English – how Marti was inspired by the U.S. Civil War to lead an effort to free Cuba from Spanish rule. Reviewing the book, *Kirkus* noted: "In bringing an important life back into the conversation during divided political times, this book spotlights a steadfast hero and brilliant writer still worth admiring today."

Next up, on Thurs-

day, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m., graphic novelist Nidhi Chanani discusses her critically-acclaimed new book, *Pashmina*. In the book, Chanani tells the story of a girl named Priyanka, known as Pri, who is desperate to learn why her mother left India and moved to California years ago.

But her mother refuses to discuss her flight, stating tersely that it is a "closed subject." In its review of the book, *School Library Journal* stated: "This dazzling blend of realistic fiction and fantasy is perfect for fans of characters who have to overcome obstacles on their way to growing up." *Kirkus*, meanwhile, noted: "An original graphic novel, the first written and illustrated by an Indian-American creator, this is both a needed contribution and a first-rate adventure tale."

On Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., author Julie Segal-Walters and illustrator Brian Biggs will talk about their zany new picture book, *This Is Not a Normal Animal Book*. While the book is supposed to be about different kinds of animals, it ends up being a hilarious battle between the author and the illustrator over





# SafeRoutes



## Safe Routes Walk to School Day Pop Up

A current trend in planning and design is Pop Up Infrastructure events. Much like the exciting Pop Up concept offering at art spaces, restaurants and parks, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is popping up in an unexpected way. Pop Up events test, for a short time, one way in which infrastructure can be improved, while encouraging feedback. Safe Routes to School is planning a Pop Up event that aims to address the unsafe conditions that exist for Takoma Park Elementary School (TPES) students during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times in the Takoma Park Community Center parking lot. The wooden staircase leads directly into the congested parking lot, making it the least safe of the options for students.

Look for a low-cost, temporary, public engagement project for two weeks, in conjunction with Walk to School Day, Oct. 4. The wooden staircase between TPES and the Takoma Park Community Center parking lot will be closed to traffic from Monday, Oct. 2 through Monday, Oct. 16. Students and parents will be asked to use an alternate route and to take extra care while traversing the parking lot.

The objectives of the event are to create an opportunity to educate parents and students about the risk of exiting the wooden staircase into the middle of the Community Center parking lot and to explore safer choices; to discourage the use of the parking lot as a remote pick up and drop off point; and to evaluate new pedestrian traffic patterns.

The Pop Up Infrastructure event is one way in which SRTS engages with the community on the important task of keeping our students safe. Parents are invited to comment on the Pop Up and other SRTS programs by contacting the SRTS Coordinator at 301-891-7119.

For over 10 years, Safe Routes to School has worked with area schools, parents, students and the Takoma Park Police to ensure that Takoma Park youth can travel to school safely on foot or by bike. Takoma Park SRTS has been awarded federal funding consistently to use for infrastructure improvements, programs and events that enhance our walkable, bike-able community. Education and encouragement form the basis for SRTS programming. Students enjoy bike rodeos, crosswalk activities and participation in Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day and more. The Takoma Park 5K Challenge brings it all together in a fun-filled family road race in early May each year.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, school staff, parents and students are invited to participate in Walk to School Day. Please check with the school administration or PTA to find out how your school plans to celebrate this year. Families are encouraged to walk on Oct. 4 and every day! Not only is walking to school fun, it is good exercise. Leaving the car at home produces less stress, less congestion around the schools and reduced emissions.

## INSTANT RUNOFF

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have the freedom to rank the candidates in order of choice. It's used in more than a dozen cities and was adopted last year for Maine's elections for U.S. Senate, U.S. House and state offices.

All first choices are counted. Any candidate with a majority of votes wins, just like in any other election. If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and backers of that candidate have their ballot instantly counted for their next choice. This process continues until a candidate wins with a majority of votes.

In Takoma Park's first use of RCV in 2007, Reuben Snipper won a special election in Ward 5. He later wrote that "because candidates in a crowded field are unlikely to earn a majority of first choices, they need to reach out to opponents' supporters in order to earn second and third choice rankings. Negative campaign tactics make it almost impossible to do this effectively. [RCV] meant that when I knocked on a door, if a person indicated they were going to vote for another candidate, I didn't just leave right

away. I tried to persuade them I would be a good second choice." That's consistent with academic studies of RCV's impact in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Oakland and San Francisco.

This fall Ward 2 has three candidates working hard for votes: Cindy Dyballa, Joe Edgell and Ashleigh Nugent. Keep in mind that your second choice never counts against your first choice, but it may help defeat your last choice. That means you have every incentive as a voter to pick a first and a second choice as a backup. And the candidates have every incentive to look for common ground with backers of other candidates.

Of course someone might win outright in the first round by being ranked first by more than half the vote. But the incentives of RCV will still have encouraged candidates to engage with more voters. As we look head to big field races in Maryland -- like next year's Democratic primaries for governor, county executive and the at-large county council seats and the 2020 election for president -- many voters may wish that RCV was simply how we always voted. The case for change is as easy as 1-2-3.

## New solar streetlights unveiled

Last month the City held an unveiling ceremony for two newly installed solar streetlights outside of the Takoma Park Community Center and eight solar-powered crosswalk lights at Grant and Maple Avenues.

The City is thrilled to participate in a pilot program in partnership with UNO, a South Korean business, and the Korean Institute for Civil Engineering and Building Technology. Takoma Park was selected as a pilot because of its reputation as a sustainability leader throughout the region.

"Being chosen as a testing site for this new solar streetlight driver technology is really exciting," said Gina Mathias, sustainability manager. "Takoma Park will be able to provide feedback which will help the company develop better, more efficient, more sustainable products to cities around the world."



The project not only compliments the City's ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also will illuminate a footbridge, which will increase overall pedestrian safety. Takoma Park is committed to fostering an environmentally sustainable community, and this addition reaffirms that commitment.

The article originally appeared on the City's website: [takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-to-unveil-new-solar-streetlights](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news/takoma-park-to-unveil-new-solar-streetlights).

## AUTHORS GALORE

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who's actually in charge of the story. In its review, *Publishers Weekly* called *This Is Not a Normal Animal Book* "a knowing and very funny behind-the-scenes look at the art—and negotiation—of collaboration." Politics & Prose will be selling copies of the book at our event, but the program is free and no purchase or registration is required.

Finally, on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m., best-selling kids' author Chris Grabenstein will present the third book in his popular *Mr. Lemoncello* series, *Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race*. In this new story,

sixth-grader Kyle Keely and his friends return to play Mr. Lemoncello's newest game, the Fabulous Fact-Finding Frenzy. But things take an ominous twist when some apparent new facts about Mr. Lemoncello come to light, spurring Kyle and friends to embark on a fast-paced truth-finding mission that will hopefully clear the name of their favorite game-maker. In its review, *Kirkus* said: "As before, Grabenstein blends suspenseful adventure, humor, and wishful thinking. He makes some political statements, too. At one point, Lemoncello's lawyer reminds the researchers that 'public opinion can often be swayed by emotion with little regard for facts.'... Good entertainment with some meaningful messages."

## LIBRARY

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## Join the club

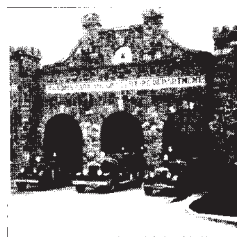
Our monthly Caldecott Club is in full swing at this time of the year. Fall is the season when many publishers choose to publish their "biggest" – i.e. most buzz-worthy – books, and so our club will be reading some especially wonderful books in upcoming meetings, including new books from previous Caldecott Medalists Mordecai Gerstein, Jon Klassen and Dan Santat.

Interestingly, we also have some extra time this year before choosing our club's mock winner for the 2018 Caldecott Medal, which is given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for children ages birth–14. We usually have to choose our Caldecott Club

winner in early January, before the "real" Caldecott Committee announces its official selection. This year, however, the announcement by the real committee won't take place until the second week of February, and that gives us the luxury of reading and discussing even more great books!

Please mark your calendars for our Nov. 20 meeting. At each meeting, we read four or so books, then discuss them according to our "kid-friendly" version of the official Caldecott criteria. At the end of the evening, we choose our favorite, and that book becomes one of the finalists we'll re-read in January to determine our "winner." As always, in addition to great books, we also offer lemonade and cookies (including gluten-, nut- and dairy-free options) at each Caldecott Club. It's a fun literary evening for the whole family, and we hope you will come join the club!

# AT YOUR SERVICE



## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of August 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service personnel assigned to the station responded to 366 fire-related incidents in 2017. The department also addressed or assisted with 2,005 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,371. Totals for 2016 were 396 and 2,090, representing a decrease of 115 incidents.

During August, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,576 hours of standby time at the station compared to 1,271.5 hours in August 2016. Grand totals as of August 2017 were 12,420 hours compared to 10,554.5 in 2016, an increase of 1,865.5 hours.

### Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported that as of Sept. 27, 51 people have died in fires compared to 38 in 2016.

### Hot vehicle deaths

As of Sept. 27, 39 children have died across the country in hot vehicles. It's a must that when you leave your vehicle, everyone leaves with you. Check the back seat, and don't forget to lock your vehicle.

### Fire safety message

When using an "emergency generator", it must never be operated anywhere in your home. This includes in the garage.

### Fire safety presentation "Fire Safety in the Home"

The Takoma Park VFD will again present this very special presentation. We'll discuss very important information that you and your family need to know in the event of an emergency, especially if it is a fire. It will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 7:30-9 p.m. In the meeting room in the rear of the Takoma Park fire station. You must register, call 240-773-8954. It's free!

## Limiting Post-Disaster Emergencies

By Claudine Schweber, Co-chair  
Emergency Preparedness Committee

You've read about the devastation and seen families in rowboats and at shelters in Texas and Florida. Here in Takoma Park we've experienced blizzards, tornadoes, rainstorms and flooding, power outages, hail storms, and the side effects of hurricanes. As you watched the situations in Texas and Florida, were you thinking: "Whew, I'm glad that I'm not there right now!" or "What would I do?" The recent hurricanes remind us to take care now to limit post-disaster emergencies:

### Need to make a quick get away? Separated from others?

- Make a communications plan that includes where to meet again; phone numbers for contact people; who contacts whom; and contact numbers for emergency personnel in your area.
- Designate an out-of-area contact person
- Buy a battery-operated cell phone charger.

### Stuck indoors with no power?

- Keep the following items on hand: battery- or solar-powered radio, extra batteries, and canned food with water inside and pull-up openers
- Do not light candles or turn on gas stoves, which can lead to post-disaster disasters, such as fires or gas inhalation.
- Have an emergency supply kit: food for three days, safe drinking water; first-aid kit, and more. These supplies will also help if you must evacuate. For more information about what to include in your kit, visit [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit) or get flyers from the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee.

### Love your dog/cat and refuse to be separated?

- Now, while it's calm, check which shelters that take pets; not all do; the same with hotels. You and your pet may be inseparable, but do you want to stay together until death?
- Also, you will need an emergency



preparedness kit for your pet. The short video, "Emergency Preparedness for Pet Owners," explains how to create one: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=98dPpNEsl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98dPpNEsl).

### Concerned about your neighbors?

- Check in with them before the disaster and check to see how well prepared they are. Whether the person is elderly, disabled or scared, this is Takoma Park, where we know our neighbors and care about each other.
- Take a look at this Takoma Park video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdbBbfpFjaI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdbBbfpFjaI).

### Worried about having enough medicine?

- Get an extra supply of medication as soon as you hear there may be a natural disaster.
- Make a copy of the prescription and keep it in a safe and easily accessible place and a list of doctors, medications, and health insurance information. Give a copy to your out-of-area contact.

### Feeling overwhelmed?

- Check out Do 1 thing, a website that offers once-a-month suggestions and ideas: [dol1thing.com](http://dol1thing.com)
- Finally, have some fun—really! While it's calm, play the Stop Disasters Game created by the United Nations: [www.stopdisastersgame.org/en/home.html](http://www.stopdisastersgame.org/en/home.html).

Questions, ideas, concerns? Contact us at [tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7126.

Sign up for Takoma Park Alerts: [takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert).

## STAY CONNECTED!



The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways including social media, the City website, and public safety notifications via email and text, to name a few. Here are some tips for staying on top of the goings on around the City.

- Visit [takomaparkmd.gov](http://takomaparkmd.gov), where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings and agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- Like the City of Takoma Park on  or follow us on  at @TakomaParkMD and on 
- Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: [takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert)
- Stay up to date with city news and blogs from City Staff, the Mayor and Council at [takomaparkmd.gov/news](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news)



- Make a service request or report an issue using "My TkPk," an online and application based reporting tool: [takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk)



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

The Takoma Park Committee on the Environment has room for new members. Several positions are open, primarily due to term limits. The COE focuses on environmental, sustainability and energy issues in the City, both policies and practical programs. Since its creation by the City Council six years ago, the COE has contributed in such varied areas as the citywide home energy challenge, polystyrene and plastic bag ordinances, a proposed tree canopy goal, and establishing a sustainability program.

The COE wants to broaden membership by adding members from wards 3, 4 and 5, as well as small business and nonprofit members and residents from underserved groups. To learn more, attend a meeting, or contact one of the co-chairs, Satjiwan ([satjiwan\\_khalsa@hotmail.com](mailto:satjiwan_khalsa@hotmail.com)) or Cindy ([c\\_dyballa@yahoo.com](mailto:c_dyballa@yahoo.com)). The City Council appoints all COE members. The application for committee membership is on the City website: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees).

## Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

For additional information, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports](http://takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports).



## FOLK FESTIVAL

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in 1978 as a fundraiser organized by Sam Abbott (who later became Takoma Park's mayor) to save the Takoma Theater. An exhibit in the hallway at Takoma Park Middle School, where the outdoor festival was hosted, paid homage to the celebrations of years past and displayed memorabilia.

The festival is the sum of countless volunteer hours made by dozens of people, including Festival co-chairs Sarah Lanning and Robin Steam. From constructing and then tearing down the stages to designing and printing brochures, it's a process that takes months of hard work.

"Seeing everybody out here, having a good time, it's all worth it," said Lanning.

George French has been volunteering for the Folk Festival for 15 years. "It's nice to contribute to the folk scene," said the festival veteran. "It's given us so much, it's good to be able to give something back."

Some festival-goers were marking their tenth, twentieth or thirtieth celebration of the local music scene. Children with ice cream cones and bicycles were enjoying their first.

"The idea is that this folk festival allows things that aren't the stereotype of folk," said Hinkal. "We've got storytellers of all sorts, including a 20-person West African djembe band."



Ed Light (left) and Bags Howard

All festival photos by Jamal Francis



Above: Chunky Uncle drummer TBD.

Below: Emma Gorin (left) and Barbara Gorin

Because of the D.C. area and what it is, all these people are a part of our community, which is really stunning. And Takoma Park Folk Festival isn't turning any of that away because it doesn't look like or sound like what people expect folk music to look like or sound like. This is our folk music. These are our folk."



## Takoma Park Youth Council: Applications Open!

In Takoma Park, we believe that everyone should be able to have their voices heard, no matter their age!

Keeping to this idea, the City Council has newly established a Takoma Park Youth Council to provide an opportunity for the youth in our community to actively participate in their government.

The Youth Council, will serve their fellow youth by:

- Informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth
- Planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth;
- Working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City; and,
- Helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride.

### Who are we looking for?

The Youth Council will consist of nine members in grades 7 through 12, with at least one member representing each of Takoma Park's six wards. Additionally, members must meet the following qualifications:

- Remain residents of the City and the ward they may represent;
- Attend at least 75 percent of Youth Council meetings;
- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average for the current school year;
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held; and,
- Set an example for youth in the community.

### How can youth apply?

We're so excited that you're ready to be the voice for your friends and peers! Applications can be completed and submitted to the City Clerk by Friday, Oct. 13, 2017.

We're thrilled to begin this new initiative and can't wait to see the Youth Council in action. For a complete overview of the expectations, duties, and responsibilities, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/takoma-park-youth-council](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/takoma-park-youth-council).



**Takoma Park Recreation Department**  
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. 20912  
• (301) 891-7290 • [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)





## TKPK Teen Talk: Election

**ONE DECISION CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE!**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 2ND**

**6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

**TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, AZALEA ROOM**

Residents, ages 16 and over, can register to vote in Takoma Park municipal elections for Mayor and City Council members. Teen and Young Adults join us to learn more!



**REGISTER TO VOTE**  
in advance or at the event  
\*with proper identification



**REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES**

Engage. Register. Vote.  
#TkPkVotes



**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
Q&A Forum for teens & young adults

For ages



**YOUR VOTE YOUR VOICE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.TAKOMAPARKMD.GOV/RECREATION](http://WWW.TAKOMAPARKMD.GOV/RECREATION)

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## 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 October 13, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning October 27. To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov). "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

#### City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.  
TPCC Auditorium

Detailed agendas are always available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas).

#### Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 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](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)  
[www.educare-supportservices.org](http://www.educare-supportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Circle Time

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

#### The Spirit Club

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older  
This class is designed for adults with developmental/neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at [jciner@spirit-club.com](mailto:jciner@spirit-club.com) or 303-883-4364.  
TPCC Lilac Room  
Free

#### Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.  
Takoma Park Maryland Library

#### Kid's Night Out

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

#### Teen Night

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

#### 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., May 31 through Dec. 27  
On Anne Street between University Boulevard and Hammond Avenue (across from the Rite Aid), Takoma Park  
Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs plus pupusas and other prepared food. Please note, Market customers are not allowed to park in the Megamart parking lot or at the 1021 University Blvd. office building next to the market. If they do, they will likely be towed.

#### Community Self Defense

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
6836 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park  
Certified Gracie Jiu Jitsu Black Belt instruction  
Free and open to all

#### Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA)

This support and advocacy group of parents and other loved ones of adults with special needs including autism, Down's Syndrome, and severe

chronic psychiatric challenges usually meets the fourth Thursdays of every month at the home of a Takoma Park resident. For more information, contact Mary Muchui at [muchui@aol.com](mailto:muchui@aol.com) or 301-646-2109.

#### Flea Market

Through Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
SDA Church Community Center

#### African American Voting Rights Lecture

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Avenue  
Dr. Susan Strasser, award-winning historian, author, and Richards Professor of History Emerita at University of Delaware, will speak on African American voting rights from the promise of Reconstruction through Jim Crow and the Civil Rights movement to the issues in today's news. This talk is the third in Dr. Strasser's series, "A White Historian Reads Black History." Her previous talks addressed slavery and lynching.

#### Lunch with the Mayor

Friday, Oct. 13, noon – 1 p.m.  
Tijuaná's Mexican Café, 949 University Blvd. E.  
You are invited to join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches in the restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads – Takoma Park's neighborhood of international food, shopping and culture.

#### Suburban Deer Management Presentation

Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Auditorium  
Members of the public are invited to a discussion on suburban deer management. George Timko, deer management expert from Maryland DNR, will conduct the presentation. The presentation will last about 30 minutes and will conclude with a Q&A session. For questions please contact Rick Baravechia at [duaneb@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:duaneb@takomaparkmd.gov).

#### Second Annual Discover Long Branch 5K Walk/Run

Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30 a.m.  
To sign up as a participant, go to [my.racewire.com/event/4943](http://my.racewire.com/event/4943). To volunteer, contact John Angel at [johna212000@yahoo.com](mailto:johna212000@yahoo.com). Funds raised will be used to support youth programming in Long Branch.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Takoma Park Library lawn  
Free

#### Monster Bash 2017

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 – 6 p.m.  
Starting in front of the TPSS Co-op and walking down Carroll Avenue to Old Town Takoma Park With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. Enjoy games, activities and music in front of the Co-Op, followed by the costume parade down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the costume award ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. For additional information call 301-891-7290. If you would like to volunteer for this event, register online at [montgomeryserves.org](http://montgomeryserves.org). Due to the nature of this event walking is encouraged.

#### Aging Well Network

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. – noon  
TP Community Center, Azalea Room  
Emily Young, LSW, LGSW, Bereavement Coordinator, Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice will lead a discussion on dealing with grief in the wake of loss of a loved one. Free and open to all; no pre-registration required. Refreshments provided. For more information, please visit [villageoftakomapark.com](http://villageoftakomapark.com).

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

#### People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.  
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.  
[www.republictakoma.com](http://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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Open mic for jazz musicians

### VILLAGE OF TAKOMA PARK EVENTS

#### Friendly Visitors Volunteer Orientation

Monday, Oct. 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Rose Room  
Orientation session for those interested in visiting a TP senior once a week for an hour. Please register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109, or email [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.com).

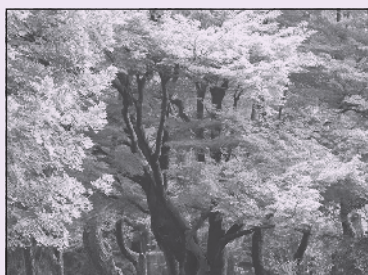
#### Village Rides Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 – 9 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Rose Room  
Orientation session for those interested in driving TP seniors once a month or more. Please register by calling The Village of Takoma Park at 301-646-2109, or email [sandyeganretired@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeganretired@gmail.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 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.



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. Swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, 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 Aug. 1 through Oct. 13. A limited number of grants are available for low- to moderate-income homeowners. To apply for a free tree, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability](http://takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability).

#### ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation. Submit to Arborist, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 13.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak (2") \$195 \_\_\_\_\_ Princeton Elm (2") \$195

\_\_\_\_\_ Bald Cypress (7' - 8') \$195 \_\_\_\_\_ Black Gum (2") \$195

\_\_\_\_\_ American Linden (2") \$195

+ 6% sales tax

Total \_\_\_\_\_

### Halloween Tree Walk Sunday, Oct. 29, 1:30 p.m.

The Takoma Park Tree Commission invites the community to a Halloween Tree Walk with Jan van Zutphen, the City's new urban forest manager. The festive walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the entrance to Takoma Park's Public Works Department at 31 Oswego Avenue, which is off Ritchie Avenue and down the street from Heffner Park. It will continue through the nearby neighborhoods of Ward 4, as Jan and tree commissioners share helpful information about tree planting and care and discuss the grandest trees along the way.

No tricks are planned, but seasonal treats will be served at the walk's end about 3 p.m. at the Heffner Park Community Center. Costumes are by no means required or expected. But for those so inclined, costumes are welcome, especially ones that celebrate the diversity of life in our urban forest. (For inspiration, consider everything leafy and the variety of feathered, furry, buzzing, crawling and otherwise gifted creatures who call our urban forest home.) The event is free and children are welcome. For more information, email [treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:treecommission@takomaparkmd.gov)

#### Wednesday Night Drum Jams

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

#### Carroll Cafe - 2nd Fridays

Folk icons Reggie Harris & Ken Whitely  
Friday, Oct. 13, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.  
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW  
For tickets and info, visit [www.carrollcafe.org](http://www.carrollcafe.org)

#### Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Auditorium  
The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region.

#### Scary Stories with Candace Wolf

Monday, Oct. 24, 7 – 7:45 p.m. and 7:50 – 8:45 p.m.  
Takoma Park Library  
Early program for ages 5-7; later program for ages 8-13

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 25, all day  
Shop small this holiday season. Shoppers are encouraged to shop small this holiday season in Takoma Park. Find unique gifts at locally-owned, independent businesses and celebrate the holidays at local restaurants, cafes and bars. Gift cards make great gifts too. Spending your money locally will help continue to build a strong local economy and a thriving community. On Small Business Saturday, commit to spending at least \$10 in a Takoma business. Shop local.