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WHAT'S NEW?

Pull-Out Election Section This Issue
Candidate profiles, election day details

City offices closed
Nov. 11, 28, 29
Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving

Trash holiday
No yard waste collection Monday, Nov. 11
Thursday, Nov. 28 trash pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 29 trash pickup on Saturday, Nov. 30

LEE JORDAN FIELD REDEDICATION

On Sunday, Sept. 15, the Lee Jordan Field behind Takoma Park Middle School was rededicated, marking the 25th anniversary of the local hero's death, and unveiling new interpretive panels. Lee Jordan founded the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club in 1937, paving an early path to integration and mentoring countless young people for decades. The rededication drew a crowd of local officials, family and residents who remember being coached by Jordan. Gathered for the occasion were a number of government officials, along with Lee Jordan's family, inset. For more photos, see http://flic.kr/s/aHsjJfQXGB.

Photos by Jay Keller

Voters to make history in Nov. 5 elections

Opportunity for teen vote, same-day registration mark city voting day

By Virginia Myers

This year, city elections are a little different in Takoma Park.

For one thing, and perhaps most significantly, residents ages 16 and 17 will be joining their older neighbors at the polls to cast their votes for the first time. Takoma Park is the first U.S. municipality to extend voting rights to people under age 18.

In addition, individuals who have finished serving time for felony offenses but have not yet had their voting rights restored by the State of Maryland can queue up and vote as well.

And, for everyone, there will be same-day voter registration, plus early voting available both through absentee voting and in-person voting, beginning Oct. 30, at the Community Center (see pull-out section for details).

The slate is relatively slim: all but one city council and mayoral contest are uncontested. In Ward 4, incumbent Terry Seamens, a seven-term councilmember, is being challenged by Eric Mendoza, who was nominated to run against Seamens in 2011 but failed to get a second at the nominating caucus. Other incumbents are Mayor Bruce Williams, and Councilmembers Seth Grimes (Ward 1), Tim Male (Ward 2), Kay Daniels-Cohen (Ward 3), Jarrett Smith (Ward 5) and Fred Schultz (Ward 6). All candidates' statements are available in the pull-out insert in this issue of the newsletter.

Despite the lack of competition, Takoma Park City Clerk Jessie Carpenter hopes voter turnout will reflect the dramatic changes in election law. More than 90 voters under age 18 had already registered to vote by Oct. 23, which represents more than 25 percent of the city's 354 residents that age (per the 2010 census). And, there's the possibility that adults will want to be part of the historic moment as they welcome younger people – and, perhaps, national press following what has become a national news story – to the polls.

The effort to include younger people in elections was initiated by Councilmember Tim Male (Ward 2), who hatched the plan in large part to encourage more people to participate in city elections. In the past, turnout has been10 to 25 percent of registered voters, far below the numbers for state and national elections. In Austria and

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City registers low greenhouse gas emissions, sets new goals

Sustainability plan targets residents' homes, vehicles for further improvements

Over the past nine months, Takoma Park has been thinking about how to reduce its environmental impact. It turns out the city already has a low energy profile, but there are several areas where it could improve. A new Sustainable Energy Action Plan is designed to show the way.

The development of the plan involved city staff, city council, the Committee on the Environment and environmental consulting firm, The Brendle Group. The effort included review of existing City programs and policies that effect the city's greenhouse gas emissions, and updating the greenhouse gas inventory – measuring the actual "GHG" within the city. Greenhouse gases were last measured in 2000.

Measure by measure

The City's 2013 emissions register at 94,572 MTCO2e (million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents), or 5.5 MT-

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Council anticipates state legislative session

By Suzanne Ludlow
Deputy City Manager

Each fall, the Takoma Park City Council gears up for another season of state law making. Although the Maryland Legislative Session does not begin until January, stakeholders in Takoma Park and other municipalities are already preparing, councilmembers are identifying legislation they want to pursue, and consulting with city lobbyists regarding what to expect during the three-month-long flurry of activity in Annapolis.

The City Council's top priority for the upcoming session is to work with other municipalities on a new formula for the State Highway User Revenue municipalities receive. Last session's landmark transportation legislation stabilized the Transportation Trust Fund and provided money for such things as building the Purple Line and repairing highways. Takoma Park championed the legislation, but the bill altered many components related to transportation funding. One change reduced the

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TAKOMA TOPICS:

"Ride On is making minor changes to some routes in and near Takoma Park starting Sunday. The routes close by are: 15, 16, 17, 20 and 24. Check out the Ride On website for the new schedules: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/index.html"

— www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD

City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*
TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

VOTING TASK FORCE

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

CITY COUNCIL

TPCC Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Certification of Election Results

Tuesday, Nov. 12
Regular Meeting

Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Swearing in of City Council

Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

TBA, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Council Conference Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.
TPCC Lilac Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
TPCC Azalea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Atrium Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.
TPCC Hydrangea Room

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

Notice on ADA Compliance

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact the deputy city manager at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

CityCouncilAction

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

RESOLUTION 2013-61

Adopted Sept. 23

Voting Task Force Appointment

The resolution appoints Susan Schreiber (Ward 1) and Abigail Kiesa to the Voting Task Force.

RESOLUTION 2013-62

Adopted Sept. 23

Ethics Commission Appointment

The resolution reappoints Ellen Maidman-Tanner (Ward 2) to the Ethics Commission.

RESOLUTION 2013-63

Adopted Sept. 23

Committee on the Environment

The resolution appoints Thomas Simchak (Ward 3) to the Committee on the Environment.

RESOLUTION 2013-64

Adopted Oct. 7

Purple Line Final Environmental Impact Statement

The resolution supports the decision by the Maryland Transit Administration and Maryland State Highway Administration to reduce University Boulevard to two lanes in each direction with the Purple Line construction; urges the use of a "Green Track" in commercial areas such as the Takoma/Langley Crossroads and Long Branch; urges implementation of the Business Impact Minimization Plan in coordination with other agencies and business organizations; urges implementation of housing affordability strategies around the Takoma/Langley Transit Center, Piney Branch Road, and Long Branch Purple Line stations; urges development of transit areas that enhance comfort, beauty, accessibility and safety standards for all transit users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists; and supports a request for federal funding that will result in the construction of the entire Purple Line rather than breaking construction into lengthy phases.

ORDINANCE 2013-43

Adopted Sept. 23 (first reading Sept. 9; second reading Sept. 23)

Energy Audit

The ordinance awards a contract to Elysian Energy for an energy audit of the Community Center and Heffner Park buildings at a cost of $13,750. The project will be paid for by funds from a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration.

ORDINANCE 2013-44

Adopted Sept. 23 (first reading Sept. 9; second reading Sept. 23)

Wage Adjustment for Police Officers

The ordinance implements a FY 2014 wage adjustment for staff covered by the collective bargaining agreement with United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400 (Police Officers). Employees who receive a satisfactory rating will receive an increase of 1.1 percent if the employee's pay is at or above the market midpoint or an increase of 1.6 percent if the employee's pay is below the market midpoint. An employee who receives a distinguished rating will receive an additional 1 percent. An employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating will not receive an increase.

ORDINANCE 2013-45

Adopted Sept. 23 (first reading Sept. 9; second reading Sept. 23)

Wage Adjustment for AFSCME Employees

The ordinance implements an FY 2014 wage adjustment for staff covered by the collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3399. Employees who receive a satisfactory rating will receive an increase of 1.1 percent if the employee's pay is at or above the market midpoint or an increase of 1.6 percent if the employee's pay is below the market midpoint. An employee who receives a distinguished rating will receive an additional 1 percent. An employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating will not receive an increase.

ORDINANCE 2013-46

Adopted Sept. 23 (first reading Sept. 9; second reading Sept. 23)

2013 City Election

The ordinance sets forth the details of the Nominating Caucus and City Election.

ORDINANCE 2013-47

Adopted Sept. 23 (first reading Sept. 16; second reading Sept. 23)

FY 2014 Budget Amendment No. 2

The ordinance authorizes an amendment to the FY 2014 budget to account for receipt of grant funds from the Maryland Transportation Administration for a bikeways program; receipt of funds from the Safe Routes to School program; and receipt of a contribution for the Police Department. Additionally, the amendment moves funds from the FY 2015 Equipment Replacement Reserve for replacement of a fuel tank in FY 2014 and authorizes the reassignment of funds budgeted for an Anti-Littering Program to allow for implementation of the program.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Emergency Preparedness Committee

(three vacancies)

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) provides community input into the city's planning for emergencies and encourages residents and others to be prepared. Committee membership includes seven Takoma Park residents appointed by the Takoma Park City Council, senior city staff selected by the city manager, and several members representing other agencies. Resident members serve three-year terms. Currently, the EPC meets the fourth Thursday of each month, alternating between morning meetings (8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and evening meetings (7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.).

Recognition Task Force – short term commitment

(new - vacancies)

The city council is exploring how best to recognize and/or memorialize Takoma Park volunteers, leaders, advocates, mentors and others who serve the community. To this end, the council is forming a Recognition Task Force to propose ideas and programs. The task force will consist of up to seven members, one appointed by each member of the council and the mayor. The Task Force will be asked to complete its work within three to four months.

Residents who are interested in making a short term commitment to assist with this process should submit an application form or contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

Additional Opportunities

- Arts and Humanities Commission
- Board of Elections
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (landlords or property managers needed)
- Committee on the Environment
- Facade Advisory Board
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Task Force on Voting

**Wards 4, 5, and 6 are especially invited to step up. Appointments are made by the city council. Apply by completing an application form and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications to the city clerk. Go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/boards-commissions-and-committees for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, city clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mayor Williams welcomes comments and suggestions. Community members are invited to meet with him during his office hours on Tuesdays:

2 – 5 p.m. by appointment

5 – 6 p.m. drop-in hours (check in at the information desk and let the receptionist know you are here to see the Mayor)

6 – 7 p.m. by appointment

The office hours may change on weeks when Monday is a holiday. For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at peggyew@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.

Brewers bring it on home

Beer making considered another DIY adventure

By Rick Henry

Gordie Shaw, one of many home brewers in Takoma Park, lifts a sack of hops from the "wort" boiling on his kitchen stove; this is one step on the way to homemade beer. The hops will give the beer its bitter edge.

Photos by Rick Henry

It is the first Thursday of the government shutdown, and though most federal employees are barred from working, Gordie Shaw, a scientist for the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), is hard at work on an experiment.

Tubes and temperature monitors protrude from the boiling vat as Shaw explains the chemical process taking place: "When seeds begin to sprout, they produce enzymes that can turn starch into sugar," he says. "Barley malt is seed that has been dried out early in this process, and when hot water is added, it restarts the enzymes to produce the sugar that acts as food for the yeast to produce alcohol."

Shaw isn't violating any shutdown restrictions by engaging in this chemical exercise. And unlike in his normal job, the results of his experiment won't impact U.S. policy or be shared in scientific journals.

More likely it will be consumed by his Takoma Park neighbors.

Shaw's "experiment" is brewing up a new batch of beer in his kitchen. He is a homebrewer, one of many in Takoma Park, and one of more than a million nationally, according to the American Homebrewers Association. Homebrewers make and bottle their own beer, cider and more. And while Shaw brings a scientific background and mindset to the process, it is by no means a requirement. Home brewing doesn't require any extensive scientific knowledge, nor does it require a lot of money.

"You can probably get started for around $100," says Shaw, noting that a good place to find the essentials to get started is the Homebrew Shop at 3 Stars Brewing Company just off Kansas Avenue in Takoma, D.C.

Mike Aoli, manager of the shop located at Three Stars (named for the stars in the D.C. flag), says that business has been steady since the shop opened in June 2012. "We have been very well-received by a respectably sized and growing community of homebrewers from across D.C., including Takoma Park," he says. "Business grows as more and more people are taking up the hobby of homebrewing and exploring their creative passion for brewing."

Aoli's shop stocks equipment and ingredient kits as well as all the raw materials to brew beer at home: a wide selection of malts in bulk and in bags as well as a good selection of different hops and yeast. It is open late afternoon/evening on Thursday and Friday and all day Saturday, with tastings and growler-filling on Thursday and Saturday (threestarsbrewing.com).

Beyond the equipment and ingredients, what's most needed, say Shaw and other Takoma Park brewers, is a do-it-yourself aesthetic, a willingness to experiment and learn from others and a sense of community, characteristics that they find in abundance in Takoma Park.

"Takoma Park is a very crafty place so it doesn't surprise me that there are a number of homebrewers here," says Shaw. "There is something very satisfying about making something yourself that appeals to people in Takoma Park especially."

But while homebrewers enjoy making and drinking their own beer, they don't just do it for themselves. All of them say that sharing – and comparing – is an essential component of the homebrewing experience.

Shaw's neighbor, Sat Jiwan Ikle-Khalsa, who began brewing about three years ago, says he is part of loose beer appreciation group that meets on semi-regular basis to share beer and recipes and "just have fun together." "We try to do informal to slightly formal tastings," he says. "One meeting was in the middle of Snowmageddon and we trudged a few houses over to a friend's with whatever we had on hand."

It is through sharing and comparing of recipes that homebrewers learn their craft, says Christian Layke, a Sycamore Avenue resident. Layke, who started out homebrewing in the 90s, when he was in college, says other brewers are a great resource and that any new brewer will move along a lot faster if he or she joins a home brew club or group that shares recipes.

Hot water is added to malted barley to create a mash, one of the first steps in beer brewing.

The strategy obviously paid off for Layke because what once was a hobby is now his profession. After many years of homebrewing, Layke is now the head brewer for the Rockville branch of Gordon Biersch.

Takoma Park homebrewers also say the hobby fits into a much broader narrative of sustainability and local food, two other areas that appeal to numerous Takoma Park residents.

"My work friend who got me started home brews and wrote a book called "Fermenting Revolution: How to Drink Beer and Save the World," which looks at the social history of beer, gender issues, religious and health issues, women's empowerment and disempowerment, commercialization and industrialization, as well as micro brew and homebrew counter movements," says Ikle-Khalsa. "It has a very progressive, local, sustainable take on things."

Elm Avenue resident Reid Cramer agrees. Cramer has been brewing beer for 18 years, but also explores other types of brewing and fermentation, going so far as hosting a Fermentation Festival a few years back.

"For some people, it starts with home brewing, but others find great joy in fermenting vegetables, making tea, or even cheese," says Cramer. "My friend Mike Henry and I decided it would be fun to gather a bunch of people together who had been bitten by the fermentation bug. So we held a backyard festival where people displayed their wares. We had a demonstration tent with sessions on making sauerkraut, brewing sake, and concocting homemade condiments like ketchup and kimchee."

In addition to brewing beer, Cramer makes his own fermented tea, called kombucha. Brewing the tea is easier, but less rewarding, he says. "People are definitely more psyched to get a bottle of homebrew than a bottle of kombucha."

Regardless of which he is brewing, Cramer feels connected to a growing community of people who are exploring how to make healthy and wholesome foodstuff in their own kitchens. "There is a great deal of experimentation going on with food," he says. "As people become more aware of where their food and drink comes from, I think there will be a growing interest in preserving stuff that is grown locally. That's another reason to ferment."

And a great reason to raise a toast – with a locally made Takoma Park home brew, of course.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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CO2e per person, well below the low end of the range of GHG emissions for other U.S. cities and competitive with many international cities. Other U.S. cities range from 10 to 20 MTCO2e per capita. (Data from 2000 is difficult to compare, according the Brendle Group, due to significant differences in methodology.)

The consultants speculate that Takoma Park's relatively low emissions may be due to the inclusion of aviation emissions in other cities' inventories, plus low GHG emissions from the nuclear energy component of PEPCO electricity; stringent building energy codes in Maryland; the dominance of residential space, which uses less energy than commercial or industrial space; short vehicle distances within Takoma Park; and significant transit ridership.

The 2013 inventory indicates that Takoma Park's two largest sources of GHG emissions are building energy use (77 percent) followed by vehicle fuel use (18 percent). Within these two uses, residential buildings and personal vehicles account for 59 percent of the inventory compared to 35 percent from the commercial sector.

Emissions are expected to remain fairly constant, in part due to the expectation that the city's population will change little over the next 10 years.

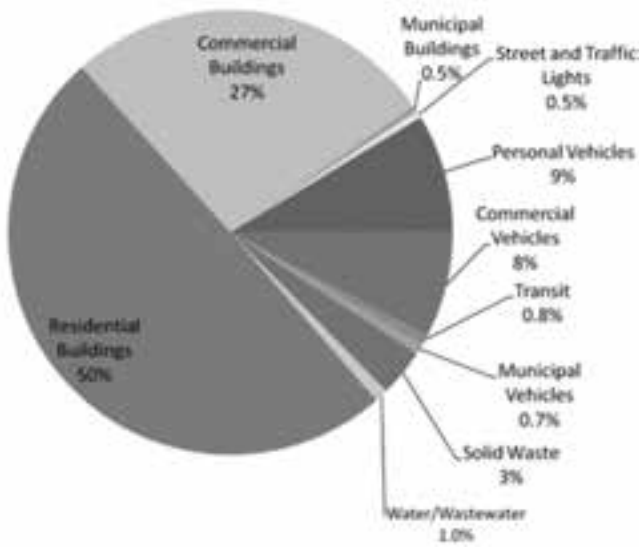
The City has not yet established new goals for energy performance or GHG reductions. Recognizing that many jurisdictions nationwide are failing to attain their GHG reduction goals, the Committee on the Environment has discussed setting a goal that is attainable and applies specifically to what Takoma Park can achieve within its sphere of influence.

Prioritizing for greatest sustainability

To target the areas of greatest impact, the new energy action plan focuses on five major levers to help Takoma Park's residents and businesses save money and become more energy resilient while also helping reduce GHG emissions: single-family residences, multi-family buildings, commercial businesses, energy supply and transportation.

By engaging stakeholders from state agencies, utilities, Montgomery County, business community representatives and other interested parties, the city and its planning team identified gaps in existing programs, targeted needs for new strategies and actions, and developed an evaluation method for tracking progress toward state, county and regional plans and goals. Seventeen strategies emerged, ranging from carpooling and car sharing to encouraging community solar projects and establishing a carbon tax (see sidebar for a complete listing).

During a September council meeting, the Committee on the Environment and the Brendle Group recommended focusing on the residential sector of the new plan (both single family and multi-family homes), combining elements of the multi-family, community solar and direct install strategies to target that sector. Other residentially-focused strategies with high cost effectiveness and relatively low staffing and costs include promoting the purchase of renewable energy and facilitating the use of existing county property tax credits.



Sources for greenhouse gas emissions in Takoma Park

As a sign of its commitment to the strategies laid out in the plan, during the September meeting, council members unanimously agreed on the importance of hiring a full-time sustainability coordinator to lead community outreach, manage the plan and its implementation, build partnerships within and outside the community, and pursue funding. Recognizing the importance of early action, the Brendle Group will help implement the city council's top choices for initial strategies.

Residents encouraged to get involved

A concise version of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan and its priority strategies is available at www.tkpksustainability.com. The website allows for public comment and review, and provides residents and businesses in Takoma Park opportunities to get involved in implementing the plan.

As a roadmap, the plan is designed to guide improvements in policies and programs that will directly influence GHG emissions and bottom line costs for residents and businesses in Takoma Park. The opportunities identified in the plan are expected to begin to unfold over the next six months.

A SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

1. Leverage smart meters, which help residents track their use of heating and cooling energy
2. Expand carpooling and car sharing by promoting them on the city's web site and providing reserved parking spaces for services such as ZipCar, carpooling and other car sharing methods
3. Directly install efficient equipment and offer free products by promoting existing PEPCO programs and coordinating volunteers and outreach, facilitating scheduling and augmenting direct PEPCO offerings involving energy-savers such as CFL/LED lightbulbs, waterpipe insulation, low-flow showerheads, power strips, changing air filters, etc.
4. Facilitate use of property tax credits available through Montgomery County for energy upgrades to commercial and residential buildings
5. Provide an energy efficiency coach to guide residences and businesses through improving energy consumption
6. Continue to lead by example, as the city has done with its green Public Works building and solar panel installations
7. Encourage multi-family building efficiency by knitting together programs that support efficiency, facilitating energy assessments, coordinating tenant participation in home energy checkups, coordinating building manager training, etc.
8. Develop a voluntary commercial/institutional tiered performance program that supports participants as they move through various levels of compliance to reach increasingly effective levels, or tiers, of energy conservation
9. Develop a voluntary residential tiered performance program
10. Encourage the purchase of renewable energy through a bulk-purchase approach to existing opportunities through local electrical utilities
11. Encourage community solar projects by one or several methods, including education, providing land for shared solar energy collection, supporting negotiations at potential private sites such as commercial roof-tops, supporting pro-solar project legislation, etc.
12. Provide sustainability guidelines for redevelopment, especially along The New Ave
13. Develop a transportation-specific community challenge
14. Encourage and support use of Capital Bike Share stations with promotional material and map distribution
15. Establish a circulating shuttle
16. Expand mobilization and outreach for sustainability
17. Establish a carbon tax

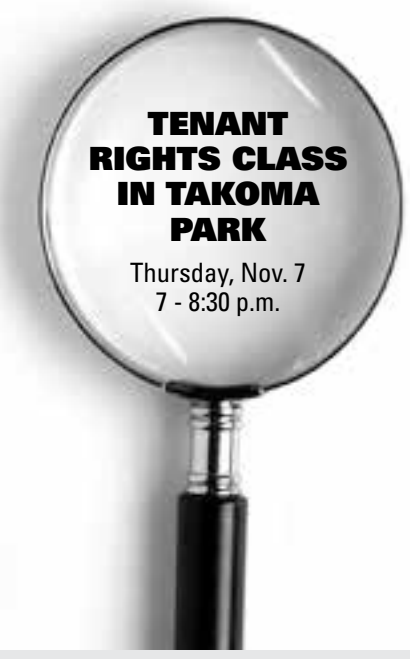
Applications being accepted from homeowners with interior critical repairs

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) is a nonprofit organization that provides free home repairs for low-income homeowners in the county with emphasis on helping the elderly, disabled and families with children. RTMC is part of large national network of close to 200 Rebuilding Together affiliates around the country and has been in operation since 1990. Repair services include smaller handyman repairs and home modifications to improve safety as occupants age in place as well as larger projects undertaken by teams of volunteers.

RTMC recently received a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Takoma Park for $109,502 for a Critical Needs Home Repair Program for low-income Takoma Park residents. This grant will address repairs needed by city residents such as critical safety repairs, plumbing and electrical work. Applications can be obtained from Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 or lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Income requirements for Takoma Park residents are as follows:

Family size	Income limits
1	$ 49,200
2	$ 56,200
3	$ 63,250
4	$ 70,250
5	$ 75,900
6	$ 81,500
7	$ 87,150
8	$ 92,750



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- Is Your Rent Legal Under the Law?
- How to Report Repairs Needed in Your Apt.
- How to Give Proper Notice To Vacate

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Light Refreshments

Helene Baribeau's oversized garden gloves are part of November's autumn exhibit.

Photo by Peter Duval, Anything Photographic

Autumn Colors in November Exhibit

Opening Reception Friday, Nov. 8
7 – 9 p.m.
Galleries at the TP Community Center

The Takoma Watercolor Group is back for its third exhibit at the Takoma Park Community Center this November. This dedicated group of 10 watercolor painters meets every Thursday in the Takoma Park Community Center Art Room. Between them they will show more than 50 pieces of original artwork in the atrium space.

Also exhibiting in the November show are Fran Abrams, Helene Baribeau and Amy Jackson.

Visitors to the Community Center will be instantly struck by the massive garden gloves by Helene Baribeau, hanging from the suspended space in the atrium lobby. The Garden Glove theme fits well into the show's autumn focus even though it was originally inspired by props used in Greek Tragedy. During performances large hands were used to direct the viewer's attention to specific details of a play. Baribeau elaborates on the idea of 'god's presence' to comment on the state of ecology.

Fran Abrams's colorful abstracts will hang in the Corridor Gallery like framed bas reliefs. Her paintings are made with polymer clay, a synthetic clay that begins as blocks of solid-colored clay-like material that can be mixed and blended just like paint. Like many polymer clay artists, Abrams uses a pasta machine to blend colors and achieve new designs. Her use of geometric forms is inspired by her background in architecture and urban planning.

Amy Jackson is a self-taught painter originally from Cartersville, Ga. Jackson is hugely inspired by nature although this collection was inspired by a fashion spread for ladies clothing. Jackson paints the series with acrylic on canvas or soft pastel on paper, and on occasion augments the texture of the rocky mountain base with gold oil pastel crayon.

Exhibit runs through Jan. 5.

Listening to Dance with Dovetail Ensemble

Friday, Nov. 15
7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested donation $15 - $20

Most often dancers listen and respond to music—but what happens when musicians listen to dancers? Find out at Dovetail Ensemble's latest performance, featuring blues harmonica virtuoso Phil Wiggins, Grammy-nominated Swedish fiddler Andrea Hoag, cellist for the Princeton Symphony Jodi Beder and percussive dancer Nick Gareiss.

In a new production, Dovetail Ensemble will perform traditional, original and improvised music inspired by folk traditions the world over. The evening's performance will feature a medieval tune played on cello and blues harmonica, a Swedish halling dance performed with fiddle and percussive dance as well as swing standards, Bach, experimental and Appalachian tunes.

No two Dovetail concerts are alike. The Ensemble has been around since 2010 and has featured as many as 10 musicians and dancers on one stage, from different generations, traditions and parts of the country. The Ensemble is unique among collaborations in its focus on process as well as product. The Ensemble challenges the audience to think about what traditional arts mean in a world of instant information.

The performance is part of the Arts and Humanities Commission's We are Takoma series.

Money raised will support Dovetail's work in schools and underserved communities.

Mr. Gabe on the big stage

Gabe Hutter

Photo by Carol Clayton

Saturday, Nov. 2
4 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested donation $8

Popular children's performer Gabe Hutter is coming to the Community Center for a free performance for kids ages 0-6.

Mr. Gabe is the stage name of Gabe Hutter, a stay-at-home dad based here in the Azalea City. After the younger of his two children started kindergarten, Gabe decided it was time to get out into the world again. Soon thereafter, Mr. Gabe was born. Now four years later and with hundreds of kid fans, he is still going strong.

This is a homecoming show of sorts as Mr. Gabe first got started at the Takoma Park Maryland Library during its Tuesday Morning Circle Time. Hutter's repertoire combines classic children's folk songs and nursery rhymes with child-friendly pop songs and a smattering of originals.

A typical Mr. Gabe performance might start with a medley of "Baa Baa Black Sheep," "The ABC Song," and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," move on to "Do Re Mi" from the "The Sound of Music," culminate in a rousing rendition of "Five Little Monkeys" and end with "Yellow Submarine" by the Beatles. Throughout his performances, Gabe encourages the audience to sing, shout, stomp, dance and make animal and car noises. So is seeing Mr. Gabe an educational experience? "Perhaps, in the larger sense of the word," Hutter mused when asked that question recently. "But my goal is really to allow the children, and me, to have fun. And to set them up for a nice long nap afterwards."

Documentary Film Fest opens in Takoma Park

Thursday, Nov. 14
TP Community Center Auditorium
Reception 7 p.m.; Showtime 7:30 p.m.

Filmmaking workshops, interactive storytelling sessions, and two nights of screenings of films on local people and places are among the events featured at the Community Stories Festival, taking place Thursday, Nov. 14 through Sunday, Nov. 18, at several venues in the region, including at the Takoma Park Community Center. The opening night's festivities are also part of the city's We are Takoma series.

Produced by the Silver Spring-based arts nonprofit Docs In Progress, the Community Stories Festival celebrates both the local community and the works of the area's growing cadre of emerging documentary filmmakers. Formerly known as Silver Spring Stories, prior year's festivals were held on a single night and location, but this year's festival has expanded to five programs at four different locations. In addition to the opening night festivities and screenings at the Takoma Park Community Center, programs will take place at the AFI Silver Theatre, the Silver Spring Civic Building, and the Docs In Progress Documentary House.

The films being screened are produced by adults and youth in Docs In Progress documentary production classes. The opening night will feature films about Takoma Park and the closing night will feature films from Silver Spring. Among the topics of the films: local artists, musicians, nonprofits, cafes, food trucks, and farmers markets. From the Crossroads Market to the National Capital Trolley Museum, the films will take us on a journey through Silver Spring and Takoma Park. Following the screenings, there will be a chance to ask questions of many of the filmmakers and film subjects.

"What Docs In Progress does by connecting filmmakers with our local stories is helping to create a model of what can happen when people from all walks of life are intentional about place-making in the same urban square," says Reemberto Rodriguez, Director of the Silver Spring Regional Center.

All events are free and open to the public, although some suggest or require an RSVP.

For more information visit www.docsinprogress.org .

AT YOUR SERVICE

Street robbery leads to drug arrests on Lockney

POLICE BRIEFS

In an odd twist of events, a call to Takoma Park Police for a street attack turned into the arrest of six individuals on drug manufacturing charges.

On Oct. 11 police responded to the 7900 block of Lockney Avenue for a report of a strong armed robbery: The victim was approached by two males who pushed her down and stole her property. One of the assailants then fled to a nearby residence.

When police arrived, they established a perimeter around the property to investigate. Shortly after, the owner of the property, Gregory Brunson, arrived, and asked that officers check on his elderly mother, who was inside the home.

That's when the call went from assault to drug activity: When officers entered the home, they not only found four men, they also saw evidence of drugs and paraphernalia. Brunson's mother was also inside, and unharmed.

Police secured the home and got a search warrant, eventually discovering evidence of crack cocaine manufacturing. They arrested Brian Blackwell, 43, of Hyattsville, Md.; Juan Miranda, 24, of Owings Mill, Md.; Jose Lovo Guevara, 22, of Owings Mill, Md.; and an unnamed 16-year-old of Owings Mill, Md., for manufacturing a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) crack cocaine and possession with the intent to distribute. They also arrested Brunson, 53, and Janice Terry, 54, of Washington, D.C., for possession. Blackwell, Miranda and Lovo Guevara were arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit without incident and charged accordingly. Brunson and Terry were issued criminal citations and released. The juvenile was issued criminal citations and released to the custody of a parent.

Hang up and drive

Drivers no longer have to violate a traffic law like speeding or running a stop sign to be cited by police for talking on a cell phone. Beginning Oct. 1, police are authorized to pull over drivers for using a handheld cell phone, even if there is no other offense. This reflects a change from cell phone use as a secondary offense, which allowed officers to cite users only if they first pulled them over for other violations.

The law applies not only to holding the phone to your ear: drivers may not use the speaker function while holding the phone, and may not touch the phone in order to read texts or check email. This is true whether the driver is in motion, or sitting at a traffic light or stop sign.

First offense for using a cell phone without a hands-free device results in an $83 fine. The second will result in a $140 fine. Each additional offense will result in a fine of $160. If a violation results in an accident, the driver will also have points assessed to their license.

The Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund notes that buying a cell phone headset or blue tooth device costs less than the $83 fine, and saves drivers the trouble of being pulled over – in addition to making the drive safer for everyone.

At the same time the cell phone law changed, seatbelt law changed to require that every passenger, of every age, in every vehicle, use a seatbelt or, for children, child's car seat -- including those in the back seat.

BIKESHARE LAUNCHES

Two new Capital Bikeshare stations opened in Takoma Park last month: this one, at the corner of Maple and Ritchie avenues, and another at the Takoma Park, Md. Library, on Philadelphia and Maple avenues. Several more are planned, including in Old Town near the gazebo, at Takoma Junction, Washington Adventist University, at Takoma Metro and at the Long Branch Library. For more information on the bike sharing program, go to www.capitalbikeshare.com.

Photo by Virginia Myers

THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of Sep. 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 469 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 2,090 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,559. Totals for 2012 were 477 and 2,280, representing a decrease of 198 incidents.

During the month of September 2013, the Takoma Park Volunteers put in a total of 1,078 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,357.5 in September 2012. Grand totals as of September 2013 are 10,628 hours, compared to 11,136.5 hours in 2012, a decrease of 508.5 hours.

Maryland Fire Deaths Update

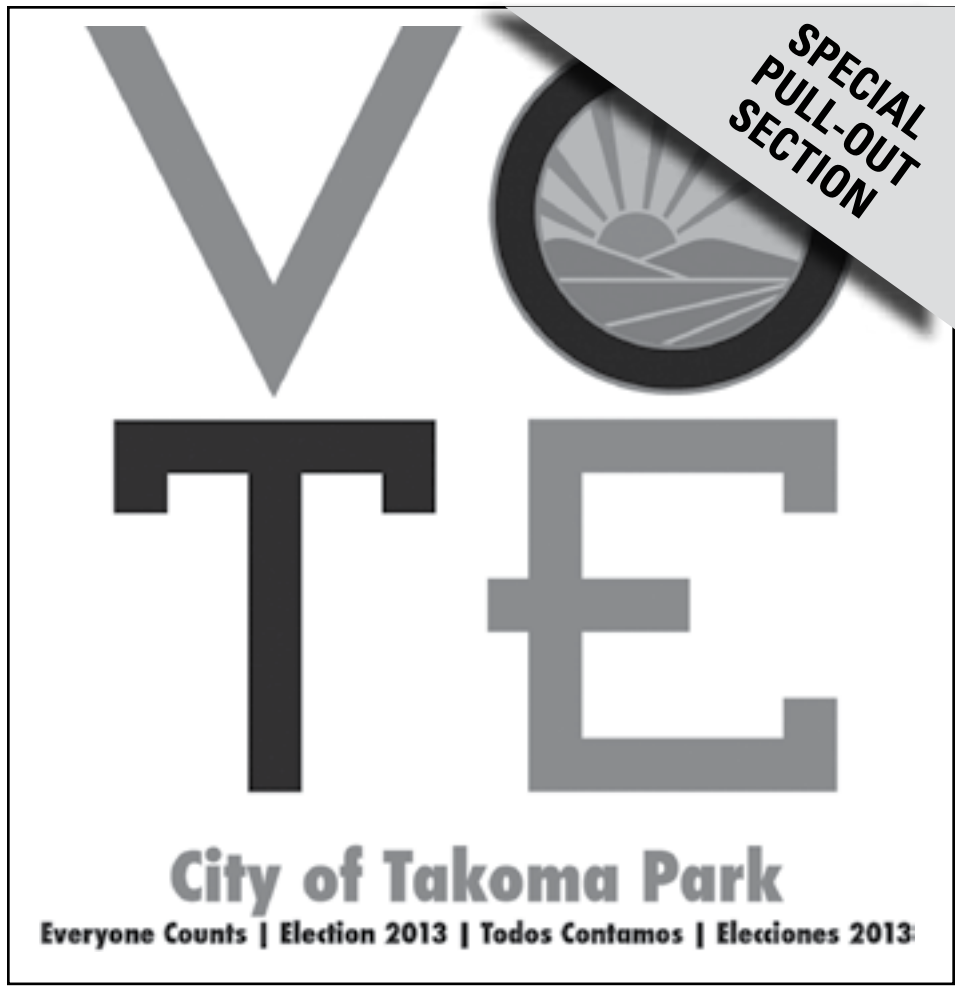
The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as Oct. 14, 2013, 46 people have died in fires, as compared to 38 in 2012.

Change clocks, change batteries

On Nov. 2, when you change your clocks at the end of daylight savings time, change the batteries in your smoke alarms. And don't forget to check on your relatives, especially the seniors, to be sure their smoke alarms are working, with fresh batteries as well.

Halloween is coming... here are a few safety tips:

- Use a flashlight or glow stick to light the way.
- Use a flashlight or glow stick in your pumpkin instead of a lit candle.
- Stay away from any flame such as fireplaces or stoves.
- Wear a costume that is made of flame-retardant material.
- Masks should have BIG eyeholes so you'll see better.
- Walk only on well-lit streets and cross the street at crosswalks.
- Make sure that costumes are short enough, so youngsters do not trip on them.



Why Vote in an Uncontested Election?

by Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

You say a lot with your vote. It means you care about your community. You value the democratic process and your right to vote. Even in an uncontested election, voters get to make a statement in Takoma Park.

If you don't participate in the process at all, your elected officials don't learn anything about what voters are thinking. Are you saying that you're happy with things as they are? Are you unhappy with the incumbent and don't want to show that you support him or her? Or, do you really not care?

You have options if you choose to participate:

- Turn out to vote for your mayor and member of the city council to show your support. When the city council and mayor, whoever they are, represent Takoma Park to argue for fair tax duplication from the county or funding for road repairs from the state, it is important to show that they have the backing of the community.
- If you don't support the incumbent and there is no other candidate on the ballot, write in a vote for someone else.
- If you don't wish to write in a candidate and don't support the incumbent, vote a blank ballot. You still get credit for voting and you will help show that residents of Takoma Park turn out to vote in every election.

Other reasons to take part in the election:

- It's easy. You may vote by absentee ballot, in person during early voting from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, or on election day.
- If you are not registered, that is no longer a reason to stay home. You may register with the city clerk up to and including the day of the election.
- Not a U.S. citizen? In Takoma Park, you have the right to register and vote in city elections. Show that you value this opportunity to take part in Takoma Park's civic life. Register and vote.
- Only 16 or 17 years old? Takoma Park is the first city in the United States to extend the vote to 16/17 year olds. Show your pride by taking advantage of this opportunity.
- Parents of young children? Be a role model. Show that voting every time matters.
- Are you on parole or probation and have not yet had your voting rights restored by the State of Maryland? You may register to vote in Takoma Park elections.

Voter turnout in city elections has ranged from 10 percent to 25 percent in the last few elections. This is far below the turnout for state and national elections. Takoma Park has a reputation as an activist, independent and caring community. Prove it. Vote every time!

ELECTION 2013 - DATES AND DEADLINES

Vote at the Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.

Early Voting

Wednesday, Oct. 30.....2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31 .....2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1 .....2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2.....10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 3..... 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5 .....7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue

Votación Adelantada

Miércoles, 30 de Octubre..... 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jueves, 31 de Octubre.....2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Viernes, 1 de Noviembre.....2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sabado, 2 de Noviembre.....10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Domingo, 3 de Noviembre.....12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Día de las Elecciones

Martes, 5 de Noviembre.....7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates for Office

MAYOR

BRUCE R. WILLIAMS - INCUMBENT

I look forward to continuing to serve as Mayor of Takoma Park. I've worked on hundreds of issues while in elected office, and one issue that never goes away is tax duplication. We continue to pay taxes to Montgomery County for services that are provided by the City of Takoma Park. The county is supposed to rebate those duplicated payments back to the city, which should reduce our need to tax city residents to pay for those services that we provide. The county hasn't abided by current agreements, and now they want to reduce our payments by 60 percent below already reduced levels. I'm in the thick of negotiations at the state and county levels to try to bring these discussions to a fair conclusion. I hope that we are successful in these negotiations, because if we aren't, our budget will take a huge hit. Be ready to weigh in!

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WARD 1

SETH GRIMES - INCUMBENT

It has been an honor representing Ward 1 — Hodges Heights, North Takoma, Old Town-Carroll, the Philadelphia-Eastern Neighborhood, and Victory Tower — on the Takoma Park City Council. Thank you to everyone I've worked with over the past two years!

I have done my best to meet the highest standard of responsiveness, responsibility, and good sense. I have worked to promote strong city management, expand services where needed, boost public safety, strengthen local businesses, build community and extend support to our most needful neighbors. I have aimed to represent my constituents, and to serve the whole of our city, within the progressive tradition and caring ethos for which Takoma Park is well known, with an awareness of financial limits and priorities.

I hope I have earned — and will continue to justify — Ward 1's confidence in me. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you to create a better Takoma Park.

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WARD 2

TIM MALE - INCUMBENT

It's been a privilege to serve Ward 2 for the past two years and get to know hundreds of you. During this time we've worked together to lower taxes, launch an initiative to find Sligo Creek pollution sources, increase community grants, expand assistance to lower income residents, pass first-in-nation protection for children and residents from cosmetic lawn pesticides and expand local democracy to better include apartment-based residents and 16-17-year olds. Just as important are individual problems that affect you or your family and that we've worked to solve together.

In the next two years, I will work to finalize energy conservation initiatives for single and multi-family homes, expand sustainability efforts, continue to improve city services and infrastructure, respond to an increase in home robberies, and start a broader conversation about development pressures on the community and how we grow while maintaining our quality of life.

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WARD 3

KAY DANIELS COHEN - INCUMBENT

My parents moved to Takoma Park in 1946 so I am "home grown," attending Takoma Elementary, Takoma Junior High, Montgomery Blair and the University of Maryland.

I'm running for re-election to the Ward 3 City Council position on a record of community involvement, commitment, experience and leadership. I believe engaging people in thoughtful decisions is a great way to build partnerships and teamwork!!! I want to continue to create positive relationships with Ward 3 and the City. I know what it takes to get the job done as I have spent time on both sides of the dais. I continue to bring years of experience and civic leadership to the council. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Ward 3 for the past two years and I am looking forward to the next two and asking for your vote again... Ward 3 Rocks!!!

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Candidates for Office

WARD 4

TERRY SEAMENS - INCUMBENT

In the past, I have supported building the Community Center, advocated for youth programs, including restarting the very successful basketball league, and helped provide funding for the outdoor basketball court. I have strongly supported community organizations to meet our most vulnerable neighbors' basic needs, and assisted entrepreneurs to develop their business dreams.

During the coming term, I will focus on the following goals for Ward 4:

- Stronger economic development, with emphasis on supporting new businesses
- More opportunities for young people as they strive to enter the workforce
- Better environmental programs
- Reduced traffic in our neighborhoods, and improved traffic calming measures
- Inclusion and empowerment of all community members

My passion and commitment to community service makes me your friend and the best public servant for Ward 4. I ask for your vote for my continued service.

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WARD 4

ERIC MENDOZA - CHALLENGER

Hello, my name Is Eric Mendoza and I'm running for Ward 4 in the City of Takoma Park. I am an active volunteer youth minister in the neighborhood for over 10 years. My campaign and I are here on a mission, and one of our main goals is to teach the youth the process of voting and registering to vote and to get out to voice their opinion. We are also focused on the concerns and well being of the citizens of Ward 4 to get everyone involved in the voting process.As the lowest voting ward it's time we uplift Ward 4. The way we look at it, since we want to build a better community, why not ask the people of the community. So I, Eric Mendoza, is here and been here for the people because it's not about me, it's about us. Ward 4 GET OUT AND VOTE.

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WARD 5

JARRETT K. SMITH - INCUMBENT

Jarrett K. Smith was elected as the City of Takoma Park, Ward 5 Councilmember in a special election in July 2012. Since then, Councilmember Smith has been a whirlwind of activity pursuing life's endeavors and prioritizing important issues not only to Ward 5, but, to the entire city of Takoma Park. His positive spirit is infectious in that anyone spending merely a moment of time with Councilmember Smith is left feeling as though they want to stand up taller, hold their chin higher, are ready to pay attention, and lastly get involved. With participation as his mantra, Councilmember Smith has been very successful in executing programs that directly impact his "care abouts"; from securing funding for the Flower Avenue Green Street Project, instituting a summer literacy program, food pantries, as well as a Health Enterprise Zone, Councilmember Smith is seeking the opportunity to continue participating as a leader for progress.

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WARD 6

FRED SCHULTZ - INCUMBENT

I am running for re-election in Ward 6 because there are serious issues facing the city that need tending to. These include financial issues we have with the county, like tax duplication, that pose significant risks, and Highway User Revenue funding from the state.

Important planning and development issues face our city, especially in Ward 6. These include working to ensure the Purple Line becomes a reality, and encouraging commercial property owners to undertake redevelopment or rehabilitation of their properties according to the Takoma-Langley Sector Plan.

We cannot just sit back and wait for these things to happen. We need to be proactive.

With four years experience on the City Council, one learns how to get things done in the city and with the state and county too.

I enjoy helping people and figuring how to resolve concerns to their satisfaction. Fortunately I have the time to devote to all these challenges.

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VOTE

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ABSENTEE VOTING

Any voter may vote by absentee ballot. After Oct. 29 and continuing until Nov. 4, voters may apply in person and vote by absentee ballot during office hours or early voting hours at the City Clerk's Office, 7500 Maple Ave.

If an applicant cannot apply and vote in person, he or she may designate in the application a registered voter of the city to act as agent in picking up and delivering the ballot (candidates and those representing candidates, either formally or informally, may not act as agents). The application must be completed and filed with the city clerk prior to issuance of a ballot to the agent. As with regular absentee voting, a ballot cannot be issued until the voter's eligibility has been established, and the ballot must be returned to the city clerk prior to the closing of the polls on election day.

BOLETA ELECTORAL PARA EL VOTANTE AUSENTE

Votantes ausentes el día de las elecciones todavía pueden votar en las elecciones con boleta de votante ausente. Despues del 29 de Octubre y continuando hasta el 4 de Noviembre, votantes pueden aplicar en persona por una boleta para votantes ausentes. Aplique en persona durante las horas de oficina regular o durante las horas programadas para votación temprana en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 7500 Maple Avenue.

Si el votante no puede aplicar y votar en persona, el o ella puede designar un agente que está registrado para votar para recojer y entregar la boleta oficial (candidatos y personas que representan a un candidato en estás elecciones no pueden servir como agente). Debe completar la aplicación y entregarla a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal antes de que su agente se presente para recojer la boleta oficial. No se entregará la boleta oficial hasta que se confirme elegibilidad del votante. La boleta oficial tiene que haber sido entregada a la Oficina de Sectretaría Municipal antes del cierre de las urnas electorales el día de las elecciones.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION – YOU MAY STILL REGISTER AND VOTE IN THIS ELECTION!

To vote in the city election, a voter must be a qualified voter of the City of Takoma Park and must have resided within the corporate limits of the city for 21 days immediately preceding the election.

Those not yet registered may register at the City Clerk's Office up to and including the day of the election. Takoma Park residency must have been met by Tuesday, Oct. 15 in order to vote in the city election on Nov. 5, 2013.

Expanded voter eligibility includes residents who are 16/17 years old, on parole or probation after a felony conviction, and residents who are not U.S. citizens.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 301-891-7267 or send an email to jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

INFORMACIÓN DEL REGISTRO DE VOTANTES – TODAVIA PUEDE REGISTRARSE PARA VOTAR EN ESTAS ELECCIONES

Para poder votar en las elecciones municipales, el votante debe calificar como votante el la Ciudad de Takoma Park y debe haber residido en la ciudad por lo menos 21 días inmediatamente antes de la elección municipal.

Personas que no están registrados para votar pueden registrarse en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal hasta y encluyendo el día de las elecciones. Para votar en estas elecciones debe haber residido en Takoma Park desde el 15 de Octubre del 2013.

Se les ha extendido el derecho de votar a residentes de 16/17 años, residentes con libertad condicional después de una condena y residentes que no son ciudadanos Americanos.

Para más información pongase en contacto con la Secretaría Municipal al 301-891-7267 o mande un mensaje al correo electrónico jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

SWEARING IN OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The newly elected Takoma Park City Council will be sworn in on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium. The public is invited to join the council for a dessert reception after the ceremony.

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Vote for candidates by indicating your first choice candidate, your second choice candidate and so on. You are free to rank only a first choice if you wish, but ranking additional candidates will not affect your first-choice candidate.

Do not fill in more than one oval per column. Do not fill in more than one oval per candidate. No not skip numbers in the ranking sequence.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name in the space provided and fill in one oval in the column indicating your ranking of the write-in candidate.

Do not make any identifying marks on your ballot.

INSTRUCCIONES DE BOLETA

Vote por candidatos en orden de su preferencia indicando su primera opción, segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Puede votar por un solo candidato si asi lo desea. Eligiendo otros candidatos no afectará su voto de primera opción.

No llene más de un óvalo por columna. No llene más de un óvalo por candidato. Elija el candidato/los candidatos en orden (primero, segundo, tercero, etc.).

Para votar por una persona que no está nombrado en la boleta, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio dado y llene el óvalo en la columna que corresponde con el orden de su preferencia.

No haga marcas en la boleta que puedan indentificarlo.

TAKOMA PARK CITY TV

City TV covers the polls

Election day, vote certification and inauguration

On cable or at takomaparkmd.gov.

Sample Ballots

MAYOR *ALCADE* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Bruce R. Williams	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 1* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Seth Grimes	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 2* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Tim Male	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 3* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Kay Daniels-Cohen	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 4 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 4* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	3rd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Eric Mendoza	○	○	○
Terry J. Seamens	○	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 5 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 5* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Jarrett K. Smith	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 6 *MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DEL DISTRITO 6* **Rank candidates in order of choice** *Elija candidatos en orden de preferencia*	1st CHOICE *OPCIÓN*	2nd CHOICE *OPCIÓN*
Fred Schultz	○	○
Write-in Candidate / Candidato Autonominando Name / *Nombre*	○	○

CALENDAR

Circle Time
Every Tuesday, except Nov. 5, Election Day
Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time
Every Thursday
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

Proust Discussion
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center

Ideas of the 20th Century
Sundays through Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m.
Discussion for edX online students, as well as those interested in the topic
Registration encouraged

Fantasy and Science Fiction: The Human Mind, Our Modern World
Sundays, Oct. 13 through December, 2 p.m.
Discussion for Coursera online students, as well as those interested in the topic
Registration encouraged

Yoga Storytime
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.
Stories and gentle yoga for kids ages 3-5 and their grown-ups
Spaces limited; registration required

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

Graphic Novelist Gareth Hinds
Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Hinds discusses his new version of "Romeo and Juliet"
Registration encouraged

Comics Jam
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m.
Comics guru Dave Burbank runs our monthly comics book club
No registration required

Proust Discussion
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center

Fashion Design Workshop
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.
Fashion crafts and accessories from paper and duct tape
Ages 8 up

Caldecott Club: A Family Book Club
Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
A look at some great new picture books; lemonade and cookies served
No registration

Friends of the Library
Board Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:45 p.m.

Petites Chansons/French Circle Time
Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m.
Singing and rhyming in French with Madame Marie
Registration highly encouraged so participants can be updated with upcoming program dates.

Eaglebear and Friends
Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.
American Indian Heritage Month celebration with Xicano and Apache tribes
All ages

LIBRARY

Young Caldecott winner charms with dark humor

By Karen MacPherson

We've started up our monthly Caldecott Club for the fall, looking at new picture books that are possibilities for the 2014 Caldecott Medal. Our club, which will next meet on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., is great for all ages – you don't have to be a kid to enjoy looking at some spectacular artwork!

Meanwhile, in my capacity as the children's and teen book reviewer for Scripps Howard News Service, I recently interviewed Jon Klassen, whose book, "This Is Not My Hat," won the 2013 Caldecott Medal. Klassen may be only 31 years old, but he's already accomplished a rare feat: winning both a Caldecott Medal and a Caldecott Honor in the same year.

In the world of children's literature, winning the Caldecott Medal is akin to winning an Oscar. For someone to also win a Caldecott Honor, a kind of runner-up award, in the same year is even more astounding. Until this year, in fact, only one other children's book creator – Leonard Weisgard – had pulled it off, winning both the Caldecott Medal and a Caldecott Honor in 1947.

Klassen published three books last year, and all three won major awards. At the top of the list is "This Is Not My Hat" (ages 4-8), a darkly humorous tale of a thieving fish. Klassen both wrote and illustrated the book, which won the 2013 Caldecott Medal.

Meanwhile, "Extra Yarn" (ages 4-8), which tells how a young girl's magic knitting box literally wraps a town in warmth and color, was one of five 2013 Caldecott Honor books. Klassen did the illustrations for the book, which was written by Mac Barnett. Klassen's third book, "House

Held Up By Trees" (ages 5-8), a poetic look at the way a deteriorating house becomes a part of the natural landscape, was chosen by the New York Times as one of the "10 Best Illustrated Children's Books of 2012." The book was illustrated by Klassen and written by Ted Hooser.

Klassen himself is amazed and a bit terrified by the accolades heaped on his work. "I really try not to think about it too much," he said in the recent interview. "How can I ever live up to it?"

Children's literature expert Anita Silvey, however, believes that Klassen is just getting started. Noting that Klassen worked in animation before turning to picture books, she says in an email that Klassen's animation background helped him develop "his sense of story, pacing, action, and humor before he ever crafted a children's book. With his unique and original perspective, he has already made a great contribution to books for children," she says. "I believe the best is yet to come from him, because he creates for his audience, children, and is on their side."

Since the 2013 Caldecott winner and honor books were announced in January, Klassen has had a frenetically busy year. That's not particularly unusual, given that Caldecott medalists are in demand to speak at numerous conferences of teachers and librarians.

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Plan for the Library's Future

If you are interested in the Takoma Park Library, and would like to help in planning its future, you are invited to participate in one of a series of focused community conversations this coming fall. The time commitment is minimal – but your participation is potentially of great value to the Library. With the guidance of a trained facilitator, we will be seeking answers to these questions:

What role does the Takoma Park Library play in the lives of its residents?

What does the community see as the strengths of the Library today?

What is the Takoma Park community's vision for library service, and what changes are needed to insure that the Library continues to support that vision in the future ?

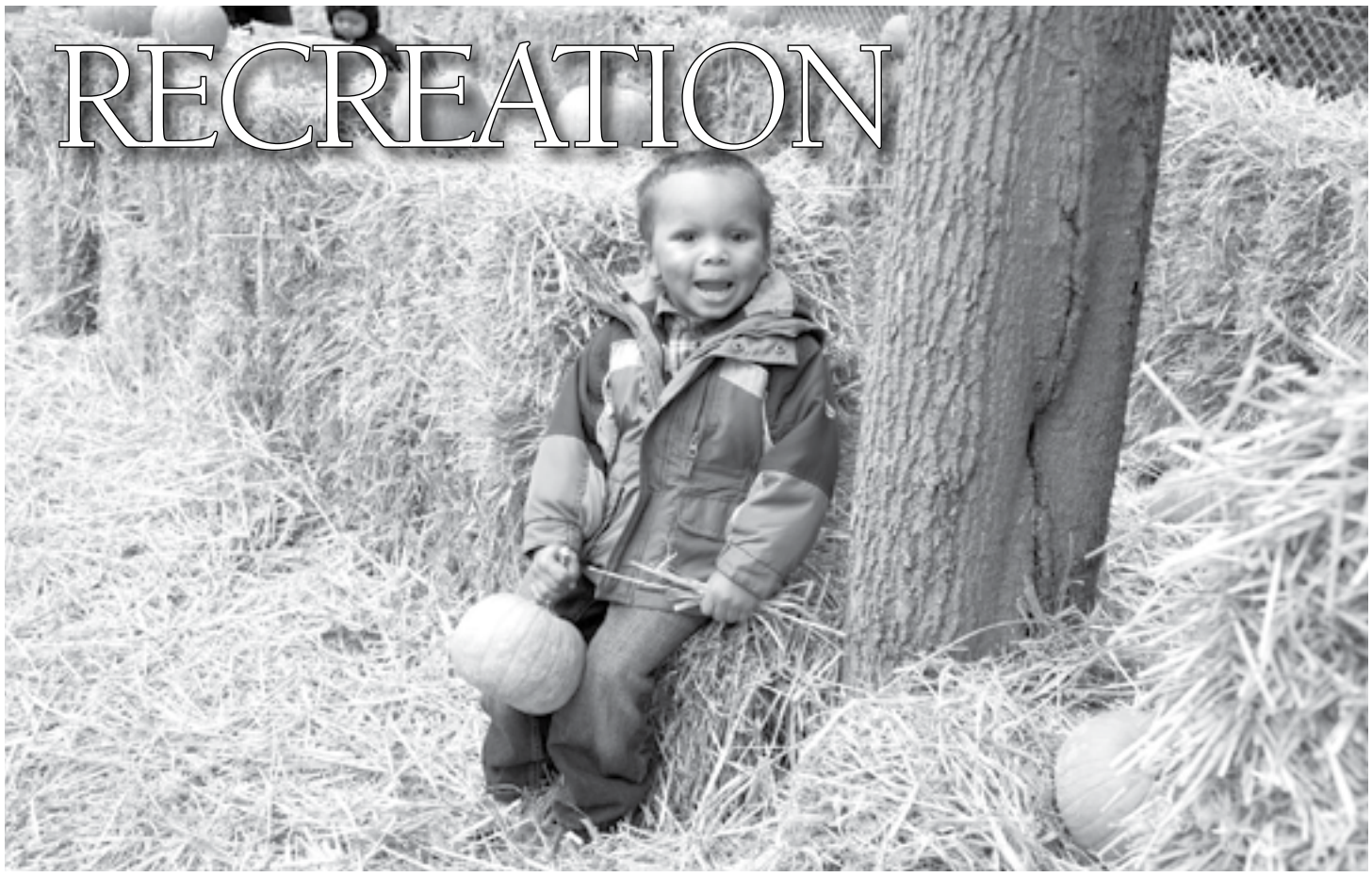
Public meetings will be held on these dates in the Takoma Park Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.—Lilac Room
Friday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m.—Hydrangea Room
Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.—Hydrangea Room
Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.—Hydrangea Room

All are invited to attend a meeting of their choice.
No registration is necessary
(We ask that you attend only one meeting.)

For further information, please contact Library Director Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov

RECREATION



One of the Recreation Department's smallest participants gets into the swing of the season at the local pumpkin patch.

Photo by Recreation staff

YOUTH

ART

Comics 101 (An introduction to comics)

Ages 6 – 12

Learn about your favorite heroes and villains and their origins: how Superman became the "Man of Steel" or how Batman became the world's "Greatest Detective" in a whole new world of fighting crime.

TP Recreation Center front room

Fridays, Oct. 11 – Dec. 27, 6 – 7 p.m.

Free with membership card

Friday Expressions

Ages 6 – 12

This class helps you express yourself through art and bring your imagination to life. You will be able to convey your personality through visual problem solving with many forms of art. Each class will include new art-related themes and activities.

TP Recreation Center front room

Fridays, Oct. 11 – Dec. 27, 6 – 7 p.m.

Free with membership card

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

Ages 5 – 12

Campers can add some excitement to the holiday break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of holiday fun.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Wednesday - Tuesday, Dec. 26 - 31 (4 Days)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TP residents: $100

Non-residents: $120

Before Care

7 – 9 a.m.

TP residents: $25

Non-residents: $35

After Care

4 – 6 p.m.

TP residents: $25

Non-residents: $35

TRIPS

Fun Day Program: Trolley Museum

Ages 5 – 12

All aboard to the Trolley Museum! The guided tour includes exhibits, a ride on the vintage street car, a look at the street car collection and a visit to the model of a Connecticut Avenue street railway in the 1930s, with a silent movie featuring street cars. Spaces are limited so early registration is encouraged. Paperwork must be submitted prior to leaving on the trip.

Meet at the TP Community Center Azalea Room

Friday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

TP residents: $35

Non-residents: $45

Cornucopia Celebration for Teens

Ages 12 - 17

Thanksgiving is a time to say thanks for all that we have, and what better way to add some flair to the occasion than by having a costume party? We will discuss people and things that we are thankful for in our lives. Each teen will have the opportunity to create his or her own costume before the day of the feast. Teens will participate in games, crafts and fun activities surrounding the Thanksgiving theme while feasting on scrumptious, belly-filling food. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov.

Friday, Nov 22, 3 p.m.

TP Community Center Teen Lounge

Free

TEENS

Teen Fall Classes Have Begun – Spaces Still Available

Are you interested in learning a few skills or participating in activities you've never tried before? Stop in at the Recreation Department to ask about our fall classes, including SAT preparation, photography, Mac software, dance, charm school, job training, resume writing, fitness and more. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov.

For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on our Fall Guide. For more information call 301-891-7290

ADULT

ENVIRONMENTAL

How to Make a Natural Tapestry Using Earth's Gifts

Ages 16 and older

Weaving is a meditative way to make use of an abundance of dried treasures in the fall, and to bring a bit of the natural world into your home. Using natural found objects, we'll weave together tapestries to create works of art.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. – noon

TP residents: $45

Non-residents: $55

Printmaking with Recycled Materials

Ages 16 and older

The abundance and variety of wacky materials that can be used for printmaking is unlimited. The main ingredient is creativity and a willingness to try new things. In this class, we will experiment with using all kinds of recycled materials to make abstract masterpieces. No artistic experience necessary. Supplies are included.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. – Noon

TP residents: $45

Non-residents: $55

Wild Woman Nature Spirit Dolls

Ages 16 and older

Using objects found in nature, we will create dolls using branches, roots, pods, feathers, fabric, charms and more. Supplies are included but feel free to bring any charms, beads or fabric you like. No artistic experience needed.

TP Community Center Art Studio

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – Noon

TP residents: $45

Non-residents: $55

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Aerobics: Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength

Ages 16 and older

Heart pumping and easy to follow, Hi-Low Aerobics flows to the beat of a great sound system. Fifty minutes of high-energy moves are interspersed with moments that really make you sweat. Following the beat liberates the body and mind to move in the moment. Revel in a free flow of endorphins; your own "feel-good" chemicals. Muscle-building strength work with resistance tools follows, and then a well-earned stretch.

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Mondays, Oct. 21 – Dec. 2, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

TP residents: $60

Non-residents: $70

Drop-in $15

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

Jazzercise is the art of Jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy-to-follow, fun, aerobic dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises, all to the beat of music from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes.

TP Recreation Center gymnasium

Mondays and Wednesdays (on-going),

7 – 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m. (on-going)

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RECREATION

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$45 per month EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)

$110/8 week pass

$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or 8 week pass

$15 drop-in

Ladies' Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center gymnasium

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 5 – Dec. 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

$85/8 weeks

Pilates I

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Wednesdays, Oct. 30 – Dec. 4, 6 – 7 p.m.

$60/6 weeks

Pilates II

Ages 16 and older

Strengthen your abdominals as well as your glutes, back and shoulders. We build long lean muscles using a variety of tools and approaches. A challenging workout that is surprisingly enjoyable. Gain a stronger more flexible core and better posture that will benefit you 24 hours a day. Participants are required to bring a mat and their own 3-lb. weights.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Tuesdays, Oct. 29 – Dec. 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

$60/6 weeks

Zumba

Ages 16 and older

An exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness program, Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

TP Recreation Center front meeting room

Wednesdays 6 – 6:55 p.m. and Saturdays 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., Oct. 16 – Nov. 13 and/or Nov. 20 – Dec. 18

$40/4 weeks (session)

$10 (Drop-in)

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

TRIPS

Glenstone Art Museum, Potomac, Md. (private tour)

Ages 55 and older

Glenstone seamlessly integrates art, architecture and landscape into a serene and contemplative environment to form a unique connection between art and visitor. Works of art range in time from 1945 through the present. Exhibit only, lunch not included on this trip. Space limited. Rain or shine! Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Mapleview Apartments and Victory Tower only. In-person, advance pre-registration is required. For more information, call Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free admission. No cost for transportation.

Wegmans Market, Germantown, Md.

Ages 55 and older

Back by popular demand. Browse through the more than 70,000 products from fresh produce to imported, international and organic foods at the new Wegmans in Germantown. Stock up for the holidays! Bring spending money for shopping and lunch. Rain or shine. Meet at TP Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Mapleview Apartments and Victory Tower only. In-person, advance pre-registration is required. For more information, call Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free. No cost for transportation.

Free Fried Fish Friday on November 1

Come out on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. for our last Fried Fish Friday gathering. Join us on the Community Center basketball court at 7500 Maple Ave. Bring your friends, bring your family and bring your appetite. For more information, contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomaparkmd.gov.

WORKSHOPS

Takoma Park Founder's Day (B.F. Gilbert) Special Presentation

Ages 55 and older

Nov. 24, 2013 marks the 130th anniversary of the official establishment of Takoma Park. In honor of that eventful date, Diana Kohn, of Historic Takoma, will offer a special presentation of the decades that followed in Takoma Park. A companion display from the Historic Takoma archives will highlight some of the people and stories who shaped our community. For more information, call Paula Lisowski, seniors program manager, at 301-891-7280.

TP Community Center Azalea Room

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Historic Takoma Archival Display:

Takoma Park Community Center Senior Room

Monday – Friday, Noon – 8 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday, Noon – 5 p.m., Nov. 19 – Jan. 5, 2014

Free, drop-in events, no registration required

Forever Young 55 Plus Recreation Advisory Group Meeting

Ages 55 and older

Seniors and Boomers, we want to hear from you. Join other active adults 55 and older from our community at the next recreation advisory group meeting. Bring your suggestions and ideas for this recreation program in Takoma Park. Light refreshments will be served. Come to an open and relaxed meeting and get involved.

TP Community Center Senior Room

Friday, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Free. Drop-in, no registration required.

PETS

Dog Grooming and Calming Techniques

Dogs of any age

Does your dog shy away from being groomed, or even from being handled or touched? Many dogs are anxious about grooming, and for good reason. Going to the groomer can be a stressful, loud and even uncomfortable experience. Learn simple, gentle techniques for grooming your dog at home. Dogs of any age are welcome.

Heffner Park Community Center

Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

TP residents: $20

Non-residents: $30

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2014

Kindergarten - 8th grade

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball. Volunteer coaches are always needed, training is provided. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department if interested at 301-891-7282. Special requests must be submitted once you register.

Takoma Park Recreation Department

Saturdays, Jan. 18 – March 15

Residents: $60

Non-residents: $70

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED – Please contact Bradley Williams at 301-891-7282

Yoga Nidra: Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older

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

TP Community Center Dance Studio

Mondays, Nov. 4 – Dec. 9, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

TP residents: $60

Non-residents: $70

Drop-in: $15

STREET FESTIVAL FUN

Takoma Park had sunny weather to celebrate its 32nd annual street festival Oct. 6, with three stages of live music, rows of takeaway food, booths full of crafts, jewelry and art, and information tables highlighting a spectrum of interests, from alternative energy to pet care.

Photos by Laura Barclay

Disaster Planning for People with Disabilities and Special Needs

Prepared by the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

People with disabilities comprise a heterogeneous group of people, in terms of age, type of disability and the conditions which led to acquiring a disability. Most people with disabilities will have "special needs" in an emergency.

People with physical disabilities may use a wheelchair, cane, or crutches, or have limited mobility in terms of distance. Disability may also include limitations in use of one's extremities, or vision, hearing and speech impairments.

People with mental or cognitive impairments include those with developmental disabilities, autism, with psychiatric disabilities, and/or a processing deficit.

Readiness for a disaster is an important part of maintaining one's independence. Although a disaster may strike any time, a prepared person will be better able to cope with the disaster and recover from it more quickly.

Such needs as replacing medications and/or adaptive equipment, restoring electricity for equipment dependent upon power, and restoring your regular ways of support for daily living activities are not likely to happen right away.

When a disaster occurs, disaster relief organizations and government agencies will in time provide basic needs of food, water and safe shelter to everyone who needs them. Currently the government strongly recommends that people provide for themselves and their dependents (human, service animals, and pets) such basic needs for a minimum of 48 hours.

One should also be ready to meet needs specific to the disability by storing sufficient oxygen, medications, battery power, sanitary supplies, etc., for at least seven days after a disaster.

The best way to cope with a disaster is to learn about the challenges one might face if they could not use their home, office and personal belongings, and then preparing beforehand. Also note that one may have a service animal that is unable to work or is frightened in a disaster, or pets that need care and assistance.

It has been observed time and again that people's survival, not to mention their relative experience, is greatly improved if they have a companion with whom they can share the difficulties encountered in an emergency. It is therefore strongly recommended that people find one or more persons with whom to team up for emergency situations.

What Can You Do to Prepare?

- Assess what needs you would have if you had to evacuate the area.
- Assess what needs you would have if you had to shelter in place.
- Do you have a pet or a service animal? What needs might they have in the above situations?
- Arrange for someone to check on you periodically.
- Teach those who may need to assist you in an emergency how to operate necessary equipment. Be sure they will be available to reach you in an emergency. If this is uncertain, prepare alternative ways to cope.
- Learn about the typical emergencies we're likely to experience and how they might affect you. Power outages, extreme and extended heat or cold, and house fires are some of the most common.

For more information contact the City of Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee as well as: www.ready.gov and www.redcross.org.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Eaglebear visits

November is American Indian Heritage Month, and that means it's time for the annual visit from Eaglebear and his friends. On Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Eaglebear, a.k.a. Tomas Shash, and his friends and family will perform songs and dances from their Apache and Xicano culture. It's always a wonderful evening, and perfect for all ages. Please join us for what has become one of the Library's special annual traditions. Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for funding this great program.

Romeo and Juliet, graphic style

William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is one of the most tragic love stories of all time. But it's also one of the most known, and it's easy to overlook just what makes it such a timeless classic. Now, acclaimed artist Gareth Hinds offers a stunning new look at this traditional tale in his newest graphic novel, "Romeo and Juliet." Hinds, who is a new Takoma Park resident and has published critically-acclaimed graphic novel versions of "The Odyssey" and "Beowulf," will discuss his newest work at the Library on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for what promises to be a special evening for both graphic novel fans and those who love classic literature. Politics and Prose bookstore will be selling copies of Hinds' books, but the program is free and no purchase is required. Registration is encouraged, but not required; to register, please to go www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Mark Your Calendars

In December, our Bedtime Stories will be on the first Tuesday of the month – Dec. 3 – at 7 p.m., instead of the first Monday, due to scheduling issues. Please join us then! Our program, led by Ms. Kati, is perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. No registration required.

Our annual Winter Solstice program will take place on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 19. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. with local musician Bill Jenkins, who will lead us in a drumming circle. At 7:30 p.m, the Foggy Bottom Morris Men will swoop in with their songs, stories, dances and high spirits. Our program is great for all ages, and no registration is required.

KLASSEN

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Klassen's year, however, has been even busier because he also was working on a new kind of app. He had signed on to do the work before winning the Caldecott Medal, and there was a strict deadline to meet.

The app, which Klassen describes as "a bit of mobile animation – not a feature or a short," may be released in the next few weeks. "Because it's a new kind of thing, it was interesting for me to do," he says, adding that he directed the art for the app, which actually was created by someone else. "It's the only thing I would have taken time out to do this year."

Klassen, the oldest of three children, knew early on that he wanted to be an artist. His parents encouraged his interest because he was realistic about it. "I wanted to go into animation, I wanted to get a job," says Klassen. "I didn't want to go to some apartment in Paris and paint."

Klassen studied animation at Sheridan College in Ontario, graduating in 2005. He then headed to Los Angles, working on animation for two films, "Kung Fu Panda" and "Coraline."

It's been a meteoric rise for Klassen, who published his first picture book, "Cat's Night Out," in 2010. Written by Carolyn Stutson, the book won a top Canadian award, the Governor General's Award for English-language children's illustration. In 2011, Klassen's fame widened when he published "I Want My Hat Back" (age 4-8), a quietly raucous tale about a rabbit who takes a bear's hat and ends up eaten – off the page — by the bear.

The book was selected by the New York Times as one of the "10 Best Illustrated Children's Books" of 2011, with Times critic Pamela Paul calling it "a charmingly wicked little book." While some adults worried about the book's ending, Klassen says "there was no other way for it to end."

Meanwhile, Klassen already was wrestling with the text and illustrations of "This Is Not My Hat," which he said in his Caldecott acceptance speech "owes quite a bit to" the unreliable narrator in the classic Edgar Allen Poe story, "The Tell-Tale Heart."

Klassen's book also features an unreliable narrator, a little fish who has stolen the blue derby of a huge, sleeping fish and gleefully tells the reader that he's not giving it back and that the big fish will never find him anyway.

The illustrations, however, tell an entirely different story showing how the big fish hunts down the smaller fish, with the inevitable consequences (although very young children could conceivably believe that the small fish got away after being forced to give up the hat).

After sending the "roughs," or draft, of the book off to the publisher, Klassen then began to worry that the story was too similar to "I Want My Hat Back." "I woke up at 2 a.m. and thought, 'Oh my God, I sent them the same book again!," Klassen laughs. "But then I realized that it really was a different book."

These days, Klassen has begun work on the illustrations for another picture book written by Mac Barnett. "It's about these kids who dig a hole, and I'm trying to find a process that implies a lot of dirt without me showing every speck of dirt," Klassen says, adding that he's trying out a new medium – colored pencils.

"It's a blast! I can't believe there's a job that lets me experiment with colored pencils." Klassen also is beginning work on another book that he will both write and illustrate.

"I'm chipping away at it," he says. "But they [book ideas] take their time showing up."

ELECTIONS

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Denmark, younger voters have responded to voting rights, says Male, who was quoted in a National Public Radio segment about Takoma Park's new voting policy. "What they found is that 16 and 17-year-olds show up to vote," Male said.

The idea of expanding the vote was not universally popular, however. City Council voted 6 to 1 to change the city charter to accommodate the younger voting age, ex-felons and same-day registration, but only after prolonged debate and intense public interest demonstrated at public hearings and in online discussions.

Supporters for the youth vote reasoned that if residents start voting at age 16 or 17, they will develop a lifelong habit of participation in elections. They argued that many already pay taxes through part-time jobs, and many are well-informed and capable of making intelligent, carefully weighed decisions in the voting booth.

Those who opposed the change worried that younger voters would lack the life experience they felt was necessary to choose political leaders, and that their judgment had not yet developed sufficiently to make sound decisions.

Arguments for including former felons in the vote framed the opportunity as an important way to re-involve them in the community, and help them become more active and productive members of society. There was little disagreement regarding same-day voter registration, a measure considered to be a way to increase voter turnout.

The one councilmember voting against the changes was Ward 6 Councilmember Fred Schultz, who suggested a voter referendum on these matters be held. Other council members disagreed and voted the changes into law in May.

City Clerk Jessie Carpenter, who has run the city's election day activities since 2005, says same-day registration and expanded early voting could make a big difference in the convenience of voting – and therefore in the number of people who take the time to come down to the Community Center to cast their votes, or do so through the mail. She points out that a strong show of voters indicates a vibrant and activist population, and helps strengthen the voices of city councilmembers who work closely with county and state officials to win support for city programs and funding. This holds true, she notes, even in a year when all but one of the councilmembers and mayor are running unopposed.

Voters can also cast a write-in ballot or submit a blank ballot to indicate dissatisfaction with incumbent city representation. Either way, participation sends a strong message: that Takoma Park residents embrace their opportunity to participate in city government.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Highway User Revenue formula. The problem was acknowledged right away, there was agreement from the Governor's office that a replacement formula is needed, and a one-time additional allocation of Highway User Funds was made to municipalities for this year. But, a permanent fix is needed. The city is supporting development of a formula that standardizes and appropriately increases the amount of Highway User Revenue received by municipalities.

Other City Council priorities include protecting the revenue municipalities receive from cable television companies for the right to serve their residents and to use public rights of way for their cable and equipment, and establishing a fair price on streetlights when municipalities want to purchase them from electric utility companies. The City will also work to protect legislation that allows municipalities to levy stormwater fees and operate speed cameras; both issues are likely to come under attack in the coming session.

In addition, the city always considers supporting environmental legislation and a variety of other matters that affect residents and that it has endorsed over the years.

The General Assembly is in Legislative Session from Jan. 8 to April 7, 2014. However, state senators and delegates from Montgomery County and Prince George's County have already begun reviewing proposed legislation that would only affect one or both counties. Local legislation, which typically does not affect Takoma Park, tends to focus on alcoholic beverage laws and matters affecting WSSC and the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission.

The first public hearings on anticipated legislation for the 2014 session are scheduled for December. Takoma Park City Council members and staff will testify on bills that affect Takoma Park.

Michele Douglas, of Public Policy Partners, Takoma Park's lobbying group in Annapolis, reports that the 2014 Legislative Session is likely to be lively due to upcoming elections. Primary elections will be held in June 2014 and general elections will be held in November 2014 for the governor's seat and all State Senate and House of Delegate seats. It is not uncommon for candidates to introduce legislation intended to shape their platforms. The City of Takoma Park will need to react quickly to legislation that could have negative consequences for the city or community. Legislation that requires a year or two of legislator education to be adopted will be held until the new legislators meet for the 2015 Legislative Session.

The City Council receives regular updates on proposed state legislation from December through April at its meetings. If proposed legislation may affect the city and no standing position is on record concerning the matter, the council will consider a resolution setting forth the city's position. Residents with questions about the city's legislative agenda may contact suzannel@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7229.

NOVEMBER '13

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 non-profit 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 December issue is Nov.18, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Nov. 29.

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

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

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
Monday, Nov. 4, no meeting election eve
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
For agendas, see takomaparkmd.gov

Takoma Park Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Takoma Park Community Center voting

Veterans Day
Monday, Nov. 11
City offices closed

Plan for the Library's Future
Public meetings to discuss Takoma Park, Md. Library
TP Community Center
Nov, 14, 15 and 16
See page 11 for more information

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29
City offices closed

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Legislative District 20 Walk
Saturday, Oct. 26
State Sen. Jamie Raskin, delegates walk District 20 from White Oak to Silver Spring and Takoma Park
Various locations starting in White Oak and including Silver Spring, MarvaHarvest market, Takoma Park Community Kitchen
Ending celebration 2 – 4 p.m. at the Takoma Park VFW, Orchard and Cockerille avenues
SenatorJamieRaskin@gmail.com

Fried Fish Friday
Friday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m.
TP Community Center basketball court
Free
leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov

Taste of Maple Community Block Party
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 – 4 p.m.
Maple and Lincoln avenues
Potluck, free music, give-aways
Takoma United for an Engaged Community

Group meeting for emotional loss
Thursdays, 7 – 9 p.m. starting Nov. 7
TP Community Center Rose Room
Designed for older men who have experienced significant loss
Led by therapist John Breeskin
Free
johnbreeksin@comcast.net or 301-270-0818

Building Local Economy in Takoma Park: Exploring Ideas and Strategies
Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Community Center Azalea Room
Sponsored by Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER)

Crossroads Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Through Nov. 20
7676 New Hampshire Ave.
New lunchtime hours, new vendors
Produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Every Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

MarVa Harvest produce stand
Every Saturday, noon to 3 p.m.
Through Nov. 23
7777 Maple Ave.
Local, sustainably grown produce

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

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Jazz Jam
Open mic for jazz musicians
Tuesdays, 7 - 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 4th St. NW

Wednesday Night Drum Jams
Hosted by Katy Guaghan and friends
Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll Street, NW

Mr. Gabe Concert
Music for kids ages 0-6 and their adults
Saturday, Nov. 2, 4 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested donation $8
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Autumn Art Gallery Opening
Featuring Takoma Park Water Color Group, Fran Abrams, Helene Baribeau, Amy Jackson
Friday, Nov. 8
7 – 9 p.m.
Galleries at the TP Community Center
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Lou and Peter Berryman
Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Café, 276 Carroll St. NW
Musical humorists blend Midwestern culture with intelligent observation
$16 in advance, $20 at door
www.carrollcafe.org

A Civil War Scrapbook
Hesperus and Maggie's Music
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
$18/ $22 door; students $14/$18 door
Imtfolk.org

Community Stories Film Festival
Screened in partnership with Docs in Progress
Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m. reception
Film screening 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.DocsinProgress.org

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Collecting winter coats in good condition for all ages

Drop-off at Grace United Methodist Church
7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Takoma Park
From Nov. 14 through Nov. 30

FREE COATS FOR ANYONE IN NEED

Will be available for pick up on our First Saturday Food Distribution
Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

EduCare Support Services, Inc
7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Takoma Park

Listening to Dance - Dovetail Ensemble
Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Suggested donation $15-20
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Catholic University of America Symphony Orchestra
Nov. 17, 4 p.m.
Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7700 Carroll Ave.
Free and open to the public
music.cua.edu

3rd Thursday Poetry
Featuring Greg McBride, Bonnie Naradzay, Garrett Phelan, Caroline Wilkins
Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Free
www.TakomaParkMd.gov/arts

Al Petteway and Amy White Homecoming Concert
Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
$20/ $25 door; students $15/$20 door
Imtfolk.org

SENIORS

Glenstone Art Museum, Potomac, Md.
Thursday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ages 55 and older
See page 7 for details

Wegmans Market, Germantown, Md.
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Ages 55 and older
See page 7 for details

UPCOMING

DC Labor Chorus Holiday Concert
Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. AND 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Free, donations accepted
www.LaborHeritage.org

Fall Leaf Collection Program

Loose leaf collection will be provided by the city from Nov. 18 through Dec. 20. Residents can rake leaves to the curb at their convenience during the five-week period. Most streets do not have an assigned collection day. The goal of the program is to collect leaf piles within two weeks of their appearance at the curb. Leaf collection is dependent on the weather and rain or freezing conditions can slow collection.

There are five streets that receive collection on scheduled days. These streets are State Highway routes and have a heavy volume of traffic.

Carroll Avenue, (7000 to 7800 block), Ethan Allen Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue, from the 7900 to 8600 block, will have collection on Saturday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 14.

Piney Branch Road and Flower Avenue (7900 to 8600 block) will have collection on Monday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Dec. 13.

There will be no collection on the Thanksgiving holiday which is observed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29. Also no other streets will receive collection on the dates when the posted streets are collected (Nov. 23 and 25 and Dec. 13 and 14).

During the collection in November, the crews will concentrate on picking up large piles of leaves. In December, when the crews are making the last collection on each street, they will thoroughly collect all remaining loose leaves from the gutter and grassy strip along the curb.

The Public Works Department welcomes your comments and suggestions about the service we are providing. Please contact Public Works by phone: 301-891-7633. You can also call the leaf collection hotline at 301-891-7626 to notify us when your leaves have been raked out. Our goal is to collect leaf piles reported on the hotline within 10 days of the call.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. Rake leaves into a pile at the edge of the curb. Do not rake leaves into the street. Leaf piles can create traffic hazards.
2. Do not park your car in front of a leaf pile and when raking please try to avoid piling leaves where cars are likely to be parked.
3. The vacuum leaf collection is for leaves only. Do not include branches, brush, vines, rocks or debris. These items can seriously damage equipment and delay collection.
4. Do not pile leaves near storm drain inlets. Leaves can block the drains and cause flooding problems.

The city also provides weekly Monday collection for bagged grass, leaves, branches and brush all year long. The Monday collection requires leaves and loose yard materials to be in paper bags, trash cans or stiff-sided containers. Plastic bags cannot be used for yard material because these items are composted and the plastic interferes with the composting process. Branches must be less than 4 feet long and less than 3 inches in diameter and tied into small bundles or stacked in a trash can. The Monday yard waste collection is cancelled when a holiday is observed on Monday.