

# Takoma Park city guide

Fall 2022

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## TAKOMA PARK VOTES CITY ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022



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Sunday, Nov. 27

Christmas  
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Monday, Dec. 26

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the Cover

The cover highlights the up-coming elections in Takoma Park when residents will cast their votes by mail for City and State elections.

All registered voters in Takoma Park will receive a Takoma Park election ballot in the mail. They have the option of placing their completed ballots in a secure Takoma Park ballot drop box or mailing them on or before November 8.



Look for this icon throughout the guide, which identifies the City's green initiatives.



The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. [Learn more at takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)

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# City Leadership

## City Council

All legislative powers of the City are vested in a body designated as the Council of the City of Takoma Park, consisting of seven members. Six of these members are elected by ward and are called Councilmembers, and one is elected at large and is called the Mayor. The regular term of the Councilmembers and the Mayor is two years or until their successors have been elected and duly sworn. Elections will take place in November of every even numbered year.



**Mayor: Kate Stewart**  
kates@takomaparkmd.gov  
Office hours are by appointment.



**Ward 1:  
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240-319-6281  
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## City Manager

301-891-7229  
jamal.fox@takomaparkmd.gov

Day-to-day management of the Takoma Park government is overseen by the City Manager. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, implements the policies they adopt, and proposes an annual budget to the City Council.



**City Manager  
Jamal Fox**

## City Public Meetings, Boards, Commissions, and Committees

### City Council Meetings

Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., unless the City Council is on recess. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in August and December. City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live or as archives. The Wednesday meetings include a public comment period.

The City Council returned to the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center in March. Meetings will be conducted in a hybrid format, with the City Council and most staff typically present in the Auditorium. Participation on Zoom will continue to be an option for members of the community who do not wish to or cannot attend meetings in person.

### Open Meetings

All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions are open to the public unless noted otherwise. All are subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Notice of meetings is provided on the City Calendar.

Many board and committee meetings will continue to be held on Zoom or in a hybrid in-person/virtual format. For the most current information, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and click on “Events and Meetings.” Information on any meetings taking place will be published there along with information on how the public can observe.

### Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, or committee is one way to be involved while providing a service to the community. These groups are advisory to the City Council, and some have specific roles related to conducting hearings or carrying out certain activities: Arts and Humanities Committee, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Grants Review Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, Noise Control Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Recreation Committee, Tree Commission, and Youth Council.

Members are appointed by the City Council. Check the City website to see membership requirements and to find out the specifics of each group’s mandate. Residents are encouraged to sit in on a meeting or two before applying to see if it is a good fit with their interests and skills.



# Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund

## *Get Help Now!*

- To connect to Housing Counseling & Legal Services call **1-877-462-7555**
- View participating Housing Counseling & Legal Services, visit: **<https://bit.ly/33Y6N85>**
- Need help applying or using the portal? Call **1- 833-676-0119**  
**Mon - Fri from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
and **Sat 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



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# City Departments

## Administration

**Takoma Park Community Center**  
**Third Floor**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
The Administration Office includes the City Manager, City Clerk, City TV, Communications, and Information Systems.  
**City Manager:** 301-891-7229  
**City Clerk:** 301-891-7267

## Finance

**301-891-7212**  
**finance@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/finance**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
The Finance Office oversees the City's financial resources, processes payroll, pays bills, collects certain fees, and safeguards and invests City funds.

**Payment of City Fees**  
*Online Payment*  
Payments associated with a City-issued invoices may be made online by American Express, Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A convenience fee of 2.9% or \$1.50, whichever is greater, will be charged. E-check transaction users will have a \$1.00 convenience fee charged.

The following fees can be paid online:

- Rental licensing
- Recreation programs
- Parking fines
- Stormwater

For information on other permitting fees, please contact the appropriate department.

*By Mail*  
Finance Department, City of Takoma  
Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

## Housing & Community Development

**301-891-7119**  
**housing@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development**  
**planning@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, neighborhood revitalization, economic development and cultural programming, including Takoma Park Arts (arts@takomaparkmd.gov; takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/arts-and-humanities).



The City of Takoma Park is committed to sustainability, and its efforts are integrated throughout the city in a variety of programs.



**Borrow a Portable Induction Cooktop**  
Residents of Takoma Park can borrow a portable induction cooktop for up to two weeks. Why Cook with Induction? The City encourages the use of electric cooking to meet our 2035 net-zero emissions goals. A reduction in the level of greenhouse gases is beneficial not just for the City's climate goals, but also for your respiratory health. Prolonged exposure to indoor air pollution, especially emissions related to cooking, can worsen asthma in those who have the disease and increase the risk of childhood asthma.

Other benefits of induction cooktops are that they boil water faster than gas and provide precise temperature control. Induction cooking uses electromagnetic waves, rather than a flame or electric coil to heat a pot or pan. Call 301-891-7633 to check if a cooktop is available or join the waiting list for one. Pickup Location & Time: Public Works Department, 31 Oswego Avenue; Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Energy Efficiency and Electrification Grants for Low to Moderate Income Homeowners**  
Homeowners meeting income eligibility can receive whole-home energy efficiency and electrification grants, covering the cost of new insulation, weatherization, space heating and water heating equipment, and more! To learn more and apply, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/grants](https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/grants).

**Curbside EV Charging**  
If your property does not have any off-street parking, and can meet all installation qualifications, you can apply to place an EV charger in the public right of way (ROW). Permits will be issued for Level 1 and Level 2 EV chargers. For more information, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/services/permits/curbside-electric-vehicle-charging-permits](https://takomaparkmd.gov/services/permits/curbside-electric-vehicle-charging-permits).

# City Department Directory

## Human Resources

**301-891-7203**  
**hr@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources**

For an up to date listing of current vacancies and employment opportunities with the City of Takoma Park, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/careers](http://takomaparkmd.gov/careers).

## Police

**911 (fire and rescue)**  
**301-270-1100 (non-emergency)**  
**police@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/police**  
**Open 24/7**

Whether online, in person or phone, the Police Department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park.

## Recreation Department

**301-891-7290**  
**recreation@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/recreation**  
**Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

The City of Takoma Park's Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages. Our facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate our residents, improve our health and connect us as families and as a community.

## Takoma Park Maryland Library

**301-891-7259**  
**www.takomapark.info/library**  
**facebook.com/takomaparklibrary**

**Library Hours:** Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

**Computer Center Hours:** Monday - Thursday 12 – 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

## Public Works

**31 Oswego Ave**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20910**  
**301-891-7633**  
**publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov**  
**takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of City-owned roads, buildings, stormwater management systems, gardens, parks, vehicles, and equipment. The department also provides solid waste collection and recycling services to single-family residential properties in the City and in the various business districts.



### Food Waste Collection Program

The City's curbside food waste collection program is available to single family and multi-family properties with City collection and recycling pickup. Please register at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection).



### Large Item Pick Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$15 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call 301-891-7633 to schedule a pickup.



### Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment to be recycled to the Public Works facility. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday



### Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale. Purchase a 96-gallon trash carts for \$61.41 and 64-gallon for \$53.31. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works facility for pick up during office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



### Battery Recycling Drop-Off Now Available

The City has partnered with Call2Recycle to provide battery recycling. Residents can now bring many types of used batteries to the Public Works Department, located at 31 Oswego Avenue, during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Acceptable batteries include, AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, lithium ion, small- sealed lead acid, nickel cadmium, button cell, nickel metal hydride, and nickel zinc. See the City website for more information about what battery types can and cannot be accepted.

Takoma Park Community Center/Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7100

Standard Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.;  
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.;  
Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7289

See page 16 for more information.

The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!



301-891-7118  
cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Watch City TV online or in HD on RCN channel 1060, Comcast's Municipal Broadcast Network 997, or in SD, on channels 13 (RCN Comcast) and 28 (Verizon).

Also find us on ...



Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, the "We Are Takoma" series and other community events on City TV.

*¡Tenemos programación en Español!  
¡Visítenos! Somos Takoma y El Barrio También  
Canta ahora en TeleCiudad.*



Important City Department Phone Numbers



City Information .....	301-891-7100
City Clerk .....	301-891-7267
City Manager .....	301-891-7229
Communications.....	301-891-7236
Finance .....	301-891-7212
Housing & Community Development.....	301-891-7119
Library .....	301-891-7259
Neighborhood Services.....	301-891-7113
Police .....	301-270-1100 / Emergency 911
Public Works .....	301-891-7633
Recreation/Facilities Rental.....	301-891-7290

# Takoma Park Votes:

## City Election on November 8, 2022

### *Takoma Park Vote by Mail Ballots Arriving in October*

Election season is upon us once again, with Takoma Park residents poised to go to the polls this November. The next City Election for mayor and city council will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, the same day as the Maryland gubernatorial election. All registered voters in Takoma Park will receive a Takoma Park election ballot in the mail.

**First, make sure you are registered to vote.**

If you have voted in any recent election from your home address in Takoma Park, and if nothing has changed, you can expect to receive a ballot in October. If you have moved to Takoma Park recently, or if you have moved to a different address in Takoma Park, take a moment to confirm or update your registration. Visit [takomaparkmd.gov/elections](http://takomaparkmd.gov/elections), email [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov), or call 301-891-7267.

- Who can vote?** If you are a Takoma Park resident who will be 16 or 17 years old on or before November 8, or if you are not a United States citizen, you are still eligible to vote in the Takoma Park election for mayor and city council. Register now or confirm your registration to be sure you receive your ballot in the mail.
- Out of Town in October/November?** If you will be out of town in October and need your ballot to be sent elsewhere, complete an absentee ballot request form, print it, sign it, and return it by mail or email as soon as possible. Please don't delay making your request.

**Once You Receive Your Ballot:**

- Mark your ballot.** The City of Takoma Park uses ranked choice voting. When there are multiple candidates, voters may rank candidates in order of choice (1, 2, 3). Follow the instructions on your ballot.



- Prepare your ballot for return.** Be sure to sign the oath or affirmation!
- Return your ballot.** Place your ballot in a secure Takoma Park ballot drop box OR put it in the mail on or before November 8. To be counted, ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on election day. If a ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked on or before election day.

**Stay Informed:**

- Ballot drop boxes.** Once ballots are marked, completed, and sealed, bal-

lots may be delivered to a secure ballot drop box at the Takoma Park Community Center, (7500 Maple Avenue) or at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). *Note: There will also be a Montgomery County ballot drop box at 7500 Maple Avenue. Be sure to put your ballot in the correct box!*

- In-Person voting.** There will be in-person voting for the City election only at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, on election day. This option will be available for residents who did not receive a ballot, who are not yet registered to vote, or for voters who need special assistance. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Information about candidates.** Candidates will be nominated at the Nominating Caucus on Tuesday, September 13. The October issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter will include names, photos, and 500-word statements from all candidates. Watch for information about candidate forums and events to educate yourself about your choices.

**For More Information:**

**Visit:** [takomaparkmd.gov/elections](http://takomaparkmd.gov/elections).  
**Email:** [tpelections@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpelections@takomaparkmd.gov)  
**Call:** 301-891-7267

**Prepare for the November City of Takoma Park Election (and for the Maryland Gubernatorial Election in Maryland)**

- For the City of Takoma Park election for mayor and city council,** registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail. There is no need to request one. If you will be staying out of town in October, and not back until after election day, request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you at your out-of-town address.
- For the gubernatorial election,** voters who wish to vote by mail must request a mail-in ballot at the Maryland State Board of Elections website or by returning the application received in the mail.



# Votaciones en Takoma Park: Elecciones Municipales el 8 de noviembre de 2022

*Las papeletas de votación por correo de Takoma Park llegarán en octubre*

La temporada de elecciones ya comenzó una vez más, con los residentes de Takoma Park listos para ir a las urnas este noviembre. Las próximas elecciones municipales a la alcaldía y al consejo municipal se llevarán a cabo el martes 8 de noviembre de 2022, el mismo día que la elección a gobernador de Maryland. Todos los votantes registrados en Takoma Park recibirán una papeleta electoral de Takoma Park por correo.

## Primero, asegúrese de estar registrado para votar.

Si ha votado en alguna elección reciente desde su domicilio en Takoma Park y nada ha cambiado, puede esperar recibir una papeleta en octubre. Si se mudó a Takoma Park recientemente, o si se mudó a una dirección diferente en Takoma Park, tómese un momento para confirmar o actualizar su registro. Visite [takomaparkmd.gov/elections](http://takomaparkmd.gov/elections), envíe un correo electrónico a [clerk@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:clerk@takomaparkmd.gov), o llame al 301-891-7214 (se habla Español).

- **¿Quién puede votar?** Si es residente de Takoma Park y tendrá 16 o 17 años el 8 de noviembre o antes, o si no es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, aún cumple con los requisitos para votar en las elecciones para alcalde y consejo municipal de Takoma Park. Regístrese ahora o confirme su



registro para asegurarse de recibir su papeleta por correo.

- **¿Estará fuera de la ciudad en octubre/noviembre?** Si se encuentra fuera de la ciudad en octubre y necesita que le envíen su papeleta a otro lugar, complete un formulario de solicitud de papeleta de voto en ausencia, imprímalo, fírmelo y devuélvalo por correo o correo electrónico lo antes posible. Por favor, no se demore en hacer esta solicitud.

## Una vez que reciba su papeleta:

- **Marque la papeleta.** La ciudad de Takoma Park organiza la votación por orden de preferencia. Cuando hay varios candidatos, los votantes pueden clasificar a los candidatos en orden de preferencia (1, 2, 3). Siga las instrucciones de la papeleta.
- **Prepare la papeleta para la devolución.** Asegúrese de firmar el juramento o la afirmación.
- **Devuelva la papeleta.** Coloque la

papeleta en una urna electoral segura de Takoma Park o envíela por correo el 8 de noviembre o antes. Se deben recibir las papeletas antes de las 8 p. m. el día de las elecciones para ser contadas. Si una papeleta se devuelve por correo, debe tener matasellos del día de las elecciones o antes.

## Manténganse informado:

- **Buzón para entregar su Papeleta de Votación.** Una vez que las papeletas estén marcadas, completadas y selladas, se puede entregar en un buzón electoral segura en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park (7500 Maple Avenue) o en el Centro de Recreación de Takoma Park (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). *Nota: También habrá un buzón electoral del condado de Montgomery en 7500 Maple Avenue. ¡Asegúrese de poner su papeleta en el buzón correcta!*
- **Votación presencial.** Habrá votación presencial para las elecciones de la ciudad solo en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue, el día de las elecciones. Esta opción estará disponible para los residentes que no recibieron una papeleta, que aún no están registrados para votar o para los votantes que necesitan asistencia especial. El horario será de 7 a. m. a 8 p. m.
- **Información sobre los candidatos.** Los candidatos serán designados en el Réunion de Nominación el martes 13 de septiembre. La edición de octubre del boletín de Takoma Park incluirá nombres, fotos y declaraciones de 500 palabras de todos los candidatos. Quétese atento a la información sobre los foros y los eventos de los candidatos para informarse sobre sus opciones.

## Para obtener más información:

**Visite:** [takomaparkmd.gov/elections](http://takomaparkmd.gov/elections).  
**Envíe un correo electrónico:** [tpelections@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:tpelections@takomaparkmd.gov)  
**Llame al:** 301-891-7267

## Prepárese para las elecciones de la ciudad de Takoma Park en noviembre (y para las elecciones para gobernador de Maryland)

- **Para las elecciones para alcalde y consejo municipal de la ciudad de Takoma Park** los votantes registrados recibirán una papeleta por correo. No hay necesidad de solicitar una. Si estará fuera de la ciudad en octubre y no regresa hasta después del día de las elecciones, solicite que se le envíe por correo una papeleta de voto en ausencia a su dirección fuera de la ciudad.
- **Para las elecciones a gobernador** los quienes deseen votar por correo deben solicitar una papeleta por correo en el sitio web de la Junta Electoral del Estado de Maryland o devolver la solicitud recibida por correo.

## City Services

# Public Works

301-891-7633

[publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov)  
[takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks](http://takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bulk Buy Tree Sale

September 1 to October 29.

Receive a \$100 subsidy towards the cost of the first tree purchased. Contact the City Arborist at 301-891-7612 for program details.

### Fall Leaf Collection

November 14 through December 16

Notices will be mailed out to residents in advance of the collection. Details can be found at [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/yard-waste-and-fall-leaf-collection).

## SERVICES

See page 6 in the City Department Directory for a listing of additional services offered.

### Mulch

Leaf mulch, made by grinding the leaves collected annually, is available for pickup and delivery. The mulch pile is accessible for self-loading every day of the week. Loading of trucks and mulch delivery is done for a fee. Deliveries are available from March through October on Fridays by appointment. To schedule a delivery, call 301-891-7633. Our prices have increased. Charges are \$55 for a 3-yard load and \$75 for a 7- or 10-yard load for City residents.

### Compost Available for Program Participants

Households that are currently participating in the City's Food Waste Collection program can receive up to five buckets of compost from the program. The compost is stored at the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Avenue, Silver Spring, 20910.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

### Labor Day Monday, September 5

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

### Veterans Day

#### Friday, November 11

Friday's trash, recycling, and food waste routes will be collected on Thursday, Nov. 10.

### Thanksgiving

#### Thursday, November 24

Trash, recycling, and food waste collection will take place on Wednesday, November 23.

### Day After Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 25

Trash, recycling, and food waste collection will take place on Saturday, November 26.

### Christmas Day observed

#### Monday, December 26

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

Program registration is available on the City's website: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/curbside-collection-services/food-waste-collection).

# Housing and Community Development

[takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development)

## Planning Division Initiatives

301-891-7119

[planning@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:planning@takomaparkmd.gov)

The Planning Division manages the City's plans and processes related to land use, transportation, and development review. This includes projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, updated bus shelters and street furniture, new bike lane planning, and more!

### Walk to School Day (WTSD) – October 5, 2022

As summer cools into fall, join students from around Takoma Park for Walk to School Day! Walking or riding your bike is a low-stress, healthy, and fun way to get to school. Every year, our five local public schools use this day as a festive way to encourage walking. Whether it's with caretakers, friends, or on your own, we're excited to see you walk and roll! Who knows? It could start the habit of walking to school regularly! Check with your school administration or PTA for Walk to School Day details at your school.



### Get Involved! Community Feedback Opportunities

The City's Planning Division is working on lots of projects, and we will need your input! The following projects will have community meetings, workshops, and/or City Council hearings this fall. They will have impacts on public space, pedestrian and bike safety, economic development, and more! To learn about each project and get details on how to get involved, visit any of the following web pages on the City's website:

- Public Space Management Plan
- Minor Master Plan
- New Ave Bikeway [Section D - District Connector]
- Metropolitan Branch Trail Upgrade

### We Belong Here: The Takoma Park Equity Walk Survey

Hop, skip, and roll with the We Belong Here: The Takoma Park Equity Walk! Scan the QR codes found along the Community Center and Anne Street, use the questions and quotes found in the story map to guide your discussions on equity, and check out the included additional resources to support your learning. Take part in this interactive activity and fill out our short survey (<https://forms.gle/RKZL7cwHRDCts9mm6>) for a chance to receive a free, fun, and fabulous t-shirt!

## Housing Division Programs

301-891-7119

[housing@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:housing@takomaparkmd.gov)

The Housing Division is responsible for monitoring Takoma Park's rent housing stock, ensuring compliance with the City's landlord tenant laws, and administering a variety of grant opportunities designed to further its goals to create and maintain a more fiscally and environmentally sustainable community and improve the quality of life for all residents. To find out more about the services and grant programs listed, visit [takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development).

Police

911 (emergency) • 301-270-1100 (non-emergency)  
police@takomaparkmd.gov • takomaparkmd.gov/police  
Open 24/7

Whether online, in person, or by phone, the Police Department serves the people of Takoma Park. Here is a sample of the programs and services we provide.



Community Police Academy participants visit the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Community Police Academy  
March 2023 – Look for Applications  
in January 2023

The Takoma Park Police Department will be accepting applications for its Community Police Academy in January 2023 for its new session. The Community Police Academy will begin in March 2023.

The Community Police Academy meets once a week for 12 weeks during the weekdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. **The day of week for the next session has not yet been determined.** The classes cover topics such as patrol, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, K9 unit, drug enforcement, etc. The presentations are slide show/lecture style and are given by officers, detectives, and civilians of the Takoma Park Police Department. There will also be multiple opportunities for hands-on learning through equipment demonstrations, practical scenarios, field trips and ride-a-longs with patrol officers.

The Takoma Park Police Department believes that educating the community will result in gaining their understanding and support. Through implementation

of the Community Police Academy, the community will gain new insight into how law enforcement officers perform their duties. The success of any law enforcement agency depends largely upon the amount of cooperation and support it receives from the community it serves.

The Community Police Academy is free to the public. Seats are limited to the first 25 students and are filled based on a first come/first serve basis. The Takoma Park Police Department encourages all applicants to be able to commit to the full length of the program to get the most out of it.

If you are interested in learning about the Takoma Park Police Department and local government, you are 16 years of age or older, and live or work in Takoma Park, you may apply. The applicants may not have any serious misdemeanor or any felony offenses.

Any questions about the Community Police Academy can be directed to the Public Information Officer, Cathy Plevy, at 301-891-7142 or cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.

Stay Informed

To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at takomaparkmd.gov/police. Notifications include, but are not limited to crime alerts, traffic, weather, missing persons, lost pets, etc.

Nationwide Prescription Drug  
Take Back Day  
October 2022

The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice a year (April and October). This campaign gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Prescriptions are brought to the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. Collection boxes are set up in the first-floor police lobby of the City building. Prescription, over the counter and pet medications are accepted.

Although we continue to participate in this nationwide event, as a reminder, residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. **Items that cannot be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers.** The Takoma Park Police Department collects and stores these items and then safely disposes of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov.





# Takoma Park Maryland Library

**takomapark.info/library**

**THE LIBRARY IS MOVING (TEMPORARILY)**

As of press time, final plans had not been made to move the library while it undergoes construction. We are offering a variety of special programs, but the location is uncertain at the moment. You can keep up to date with our progress and temporary location in a variety of ways: subscribe to the *Takoma Insider*, an email with fortnightly news about all the City departments; check the Takoma Park Newsletter, sent monthly to all residents; and/or check our website at [www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library).

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

**COMPUTER CENTER HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.



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**LOOKING FOR SSL HOURS?**

Support your local library while earning SSL hours! Opportunities updated regularly at this link: [tinyurl.com/2p94xbwr](https://tinyurl.com/2p94xbwr), or email Verónica at [veronican@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:veronican@takomaparkmd.gov) for more details.

The book return bin is still open at all times. **We will update the return bin's location via our website and social media.**

**A note about program locations:** Construction is slated to begin in September 2022. All locations are TBD regardless of what the following announcements indicate. If they register, we will let participants know where these programs will take place. We will announce locations on social media and in the bi-weekly *Takoma Park Insider*.

**Weekly Programs**

We're continuing to offer many great library programs – weekly and monthly – in person and via Zoom. To participate on Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us>. Click on "Join a Meeting" and put in the Meeting ID (and Meeting password, if any) listed with each program. Registration isn't required for these programs, but if you are registered, we will send reminders as well as notices of any changes or cancellations. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms). Please make sure you register for the Zoom version of these programs.



**Neighborhood Circle Time is now outdoors!**

Join Ms. Kati and Ms. Verónica on the library lawn every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In case of inclement weather, Circle Time will most likely be held in the Community Center auditorium. Please check our website for cold-weather plans. Masking is strongly encouraged for all indoor activities.



**Canta Juego: Spanish Circle Time is every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom!** Join the fun at our weekly Zoom Spanish Circle Time, led by Señora Geiza. In this 30-minute program, kids and adults can sing songs and do rhymes and movement exercises in Spanish. To participate, go to <https://zoom.us>. Click on "Join a Meeting." Then enter Meeting ID: 959-5178-5847 and Meeting Password: 793725. Sponsored by Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.



**Scribbler's Cabal is on Thursdays!** Your favorite Sketch Club meets weekly on Thursdays from 4–5:30 p.m. Join the program via Zoom or in-person.





Monthly Programs



**Comics Jam** Comics Jam will be held one Wednesday per month, from 4 –5:30pm. Join us to read comics aloud. Then watch staff artist, Dave, drawing your requests live! This fall, dates are September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14. Join the program on Zoom or in-person.



**Kids' Art** features activities for kids and their families. Create a craft at the library or get supplies to-go. September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4 from 1–3 p.m. In-person.

Coming This Fall!  
Gen-Connect

Each one, teach one! Brought to you by a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and Takoma Park Maryland Library, this program will bridge generations through recreation and education. Participants will experience reciprocal mentorship through cooperative fun and learning! Free program. Open to students in grades 6–12 and adults ages 55+. Check our website ([www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library)) or contact the library for more information at [library@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:library@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7250.



Books-to-Go Continues

We are continuing our Books- to-Go service. Here is what you need to know:

1. To place an order, email [library@takomapark@gmail.com](mailto:library@takomapark@gmail.com).
2. In the subject line of your email, include the name on the account you are using and either your birthday (month and day, not year) or the last four digits of your library card.
3. In your message, list the items you want to check out. Include the title, author, and call number for each item requested. Please check our catalog first at <https://takoma.bywatersolutions.com> to be sure that the item is available.
4. Please limit your requests to 10 items per order. If a book is checked out, you may place a hold on it.
5. If you have overdue books, you will not be permitted to check out new ones!
6. We will notify you when your request has been filled. Our reply email will give you information on when you can pick up your request.
7. When picking up a Books-to-Go order, please call the library's main number, 301-891-7259.

**Note:** Requests will be held for one week, and then they will be checked back in.

WinterQuest

Watch for information about our winter break reading program! It's always a great adventure!



Fall Book Sale!

The Fall Book Sale will be held sometime in October. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

Book Groups!

Check our website, and the Friends' website ([www.ftpml.org](http://www.ftpml.org)) for information on book group meetings.

The Big Book Club will be discussing *The Aeneid* by Virgil this fall. The dates for the lecture and discussions are as follows:

- October 19 – Lecture (Azalea Room)  
November 2, 16, 30 – Discussion (Hydrangea Room)





# Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center

**7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7100**

**Standard Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday  
12 - 5 p.m.

**We Are Open  
During Library  
Construction**

**Art Studio**

- The art room, kiln, and easels are available to students enrolled in classes.
- Not available for rentals

**Auditorium**

- 154 fixed chairs
- Room for six wheelchairs
- Row of seven fixed chairs can be removed
- Food and beverage not permitted

**Computer Center**

- Two rooms, 25 workstations equipped with ports for flash drives and headphones, and work space for laptop users
- Internet, word processing, graphics software and more
- Color printer
- Low conversation, working in pairs, cell phone use allowed in Room A
- Absolute quiet in Room B
- Valid Takoma Park Library card or purchased guest pass required for computer use of up to two hours per day
- Four additional stations with 20 minute limits available in library, additional four available in Senior Room for those 55+

**Dance Studio**

- Large studio with mirrors and wood floor
- No street shoes on dance floor

**Game Room**

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games

**Library**

Cards are free for Montgomery County residents and those who work or go to school in Takoma Park.  
Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 - 6 p.m.  
\*Hours subject to change once construction begins

**Multimedia Lab**

Our educational studio features state-of-the-art video and recording equipment and instructional courses designed to accommodate aspiring audio/video engineers and intermediate level students who want to hone their skills.

**Notary Public**

Notary service is available by appointment only. The service is free for City residents. Call 301-891-7100 to set up an appointment.

**Passport Service**

Passport Service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center. Appointments are required. Please email Sofia Visurraga, Customer Service Representative, at [sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov) for information and appointments. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí, solo con cita. Solicite la cita enviando un correo electrónico [sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:sofiav@takomaparkmd.gov)*

**Senior Room (55+ yrs)**

- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
- Four computers and printer available
- Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more

**Teen Lounge (Grades 6-12)**

- Hours vary by time of year
- X-box, large screen TVs
- Area for socializing
- Daily activities



**Library  
construction  
may limit room  
availability**

# Book Your Next Event with Us!

**To reserve an indoor space:** Come in person to our office at 7500 Maple Avenue. We are open on weekdays 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you are not able to come in during that time, give us a call at 301-891-7290. Rentals can be made three months in advance, but no less than 10 days before the event. Full payment is due at the time of reservation.

## Policies

Please visit us online at [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-pavilions-and-athletic-fields](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-pavilions-and-athletic-fields) and click on Administrative Regulation No. 2011-1 (PDF) for regulations governing public use, facilities rentals and general responsibilities of the user. The renter is responsible for set-up and clean-up. This time should be included in the rental. Nothing can be affixed to the walls.

## Standard Rental Hours

### Takoma Park Community Center

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*Hours for auditorium rentals may be until 11:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday and until 12:00 a.m. Friday - Sunday.*

### Heffner Park Community Center

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Takoma Park Recreation Center

- Call for availability: 301-891-7286
- See page 16 for prices

*\* Business rate applies to all organizations, nonprofits, for profit entities or community groups.*

**Library  
Construction  
may limit room  
availability**

**NOTE:  
Fee increases  
effective 9/1/22**

## Small Meeting Rooms

### Rose Room

Capacity 10 with tables  
15 without tables

### Lilac Room

Capacity 20 with tables  
25 without tables

### Hydrangea Room

Capacity 20 with tables

### Fees

T.P. resident	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business*	\$80/hour

\* Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

## Large Meeting Rooms

### Azalea Room

Capacity 55 with tables  
65 without tables

### Heffner Park Community Center 42 Oswego Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912

Capacity 40 with tables  
50 without tables

### Fees

T.P. resident	\$45/hour
Non-resident	\$70/hour
Business*	\$90/hour

\$75 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

**RENTALS  
HAVE RESUMED!**  
**QUALIFYING RENTALS:  
12 & UNDER PARTIES  
BRIDAL SHOWERS  
BABY SHOWERS  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS\***

## Auditorium

capacity: 154

The Auditorium, located in the Takoma Park Community Center, is LEED-CI Silver Certified and has 154 fixed seats with two aisles and room for six wheel chairs. The floating wood stage is approximately 18 inches off the floor, 30 feet wide and 19 feet deep at the center.

This environmentally friendly space has a state of the art lighting system with colored LED washes, sound system with two wireless microphones and connections for up to 10 wired microphones. The presentation system has a 6' x 11' projection screen in the center of the stage and two small screens on either side of stage.

Extra fees apply for staffing outside of normal hours of operation, specialized AV services, extraordinary maintenance demands, or required security. Insurance is required.

Fees: \$150/hour, nonprofit  
\$220/hour, regular

Minimum 4 hour rental

**For more information about  
renting the Auditorium,  
contact John Webster at  
301-891-7225 or email  
[johnw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:johnw@takomaparkmd.gov)**

City Facilities

# Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7289

**Standard Hours**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday.  
Tuesday & Thursday  
Saturday  
Sunday  
\* Tuesday & Thursday 12-2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only

2:30 - 9 p.m.  
12 - 9 p.m.  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed

The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!

## Membership Fees

Recreation Center General  
(1 year; does not include Fitness Room)

	Resident	Non-resident
Youth (5 - 12 years)	\$5	\$15
Teen (13 - 17 years)	\$10	\$20
Adult (18+ years)	\$45	\$55

Fitness Room closed until further notice

## Hourly Rental Information

Gym* (capacity 294)	
TP Resident	\$50/hour
Non-resident	\$75/hour
Business	\$95/hour
After hours	additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)  
Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)  
TP Resident \$35/hour  
Non-resident \$60/hour  
Business \$80/hour  
After hours additional fee(s)\*  
Call 301-891-7289 for availability.

\* \$75 security deposit required.  
Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Library construction may limit room availability.

## Join Us For:

- Before & After school programs
- Classes for all ages
- Summer camps
- Senior programs
- Kids & Teen nights

All programs and classes at the Takoma Park Recreation Center are co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. We thank them for the continued support.



# What’s in our parks?

	Reserve Through Rec. Dept.	On Street Parking Available	Public Transportation Accessible	Bike Station Within Walking Distance	Water Fountain	Picnic Tables	Playground	Pavilion	Grill	Half Basketball Court	Restroom Facility
<b>Belle Ziegler Park</b> 7350 Takoma Ave. Ward 1											
<b>Colby Avenue Park</b> Cherry & Colby Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Forest Park</b> 598 Elm Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Heffner Park</b> 42 Oswego Ave. Ward 4											
<b>Jackson-Boyd Park</b> 7398 Jackson Ave. Ward 2											
<b>Spring Park</b> 6999 Poplar Ave. Ward 3											
<b>Toatley-Fraser Park</b> Eastridge Ave. Ward 5											

Playgrounds, pavilions and porta potties not sanitized; use at your discretion.

In addition to the parks above, the City maintains:

<b>B. Y. Morrison Park</b> Carroll & Ethan Allen Ave. Ward 3	<b>Dorothy’s Woods</b> Woodland & Circe Ave. Ward 2	<b>Ed Wilhelm Field</b> 2 Darwin Ave. Ward 4	<b>Lee Jordan Field</b> 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Ward 4	<b>Takoma Park Dog Park</b> Darwin Ave. Ward 4
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For information about other parks in our city, please visit [montgomeryparks.org](http://montgomeryparks.org) or call 301-495-2525.

## Parks and Permits

It is highly recommended to secure permits for various events and activities held in public parks throughout the City. Permits guarantee location and time of a rental. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 before conducting business on park property.

### Pavilion Rental Fees

\$105 per day	T.P. resident
\$125 per day	Non-resident/Business



## FAQs

- In order to secure a park pavilion, it is highly recommended to have a permit. (See page 15).
- Moon bounces are not permitted on City property.
- Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/ reschedules.
- To reserve a pavilion, see “Book Your Next Event with Us” on page 15.
- Sale of merchandise is prohibited on City property outside of scheduled City events.
- The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/pavilion.
- Buildings and parks are not available on City holidays.
- Reserving a pavilion does not guarantee use of an adjacent field if applicable.



TAKOMA PARK  
ARTS

301-891-7119 • arts@takomaparkmd.gov • takomaparkmd.gov/arts

# Musicians and Artwork Highlighted at Local Bus Shelters

Three new local bus shelters are celebrating the arts through vinyl wraps featuring musicians and artwork from the Takoma Park Arts series..

The Orfeia vocal ensemble and Dong Xi duet are featured on the wraps along with artwork by artists Jacqui Crocetta and Seemeeen Hashem. The public art project



is beautifying bus shelters and promoting the *Takoma Park Arts* series, which includes free City-funded art exhibitions, concerts, poetry readings, film screenings, theater, and other events at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue.

The wraps are located on a new bus shelter outside Piney Branch Elementary School at 7510 Maple Avenue and two shelters at the intersection of Flower Avenue and Houston Avenue.

You can find more info about the *Takoma Park Arts* series and sign up for our e-newsletter at [takomaparkmd.gov/arts](http://takomaparkmd.gov/arts).

A different graphic design featuring a colorful coral reef will be installed on a new bus shelter at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Hilltop Road and another shelter outside the ALDI shopping center at 7609 New Hampshire Avenue.

The project is part of the *Public Art Works* initiative, which installs public art projects in conjunction with public works efforts. Other projects have included the *Art on the Move* bus shelter poster series featuring artwork by artists in upcoming exhibitions at the Takoma Park Community Center.



# Online Map Connects Sidewalk Poetry

You can find poetry on the street under your feet if you look at the map to stay on track.

A new online map connects poems written by residents, which have been imprinted in sidewalks along a looping 4.2-mile route across the city. The map can be found at <https://bit.ly/3wuxH1F> and is part of the sidewalk poetry project organized by the City's Arts and Humanities Division.

The map includes photos and icons marking the locations of seven sidewalk poems along a route that travels past many popular local destinations, including Sligo Creek Trail, Adventist University, the Takoma Park Community Center and library, and downtown.

"We thought this map would be a fun way to highlight our sidewalk poems and encourage people to get outside and walk or bike around town," Arts and Humanities Coordinator Brendan Smith said. "It's exciting to see poetry by local residents in unusual locations."

Takoma Park has the only sidewalk poetry program in the D.C. area. It was inspired by a similar project by artist Marcus Young with Public Art Saint Paul in St. Paul, Minn.

The Arts and Humanities Division received more than 150 entries in a poetry contest, and a committee of local poets picked 10 children and 10 adults as the winners, who ranged in age from six years old to seniors. Winners received a \$100 prize and an opportunity to have their original poems stamped into a local sidewalk.

Using large custom-made metal plates with raised letters, Public Works crews press the poems into wet concrete during new sidewalk construction or sidewalk repairs. More poems will be stamped as sidewalk work continues. You can read all 20 winning poems at [takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/sidewalk-poetry-contest-winners-announced](http://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/sidewalk-poetry-contest-winners-announced).

The project is part of the City's *Public Art Works* initiative which incorporates public art into public works projects.



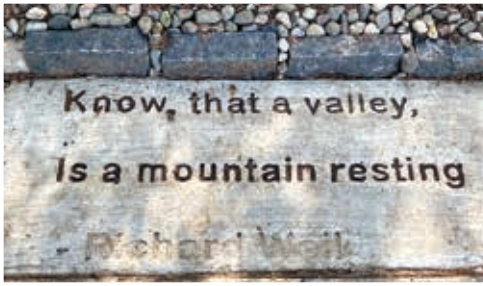
Above, Public Works Crew Stamping a Sidewalk Poem



Above left, Hector Herrera with his sidewalk poem

Above right, Maeve Monahan with her sidewalk poem

At left, Richard Weil's Poem



"It's rare to be able to add an artistic touch to basic concrete, so we are happy to participate," Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite said. "The

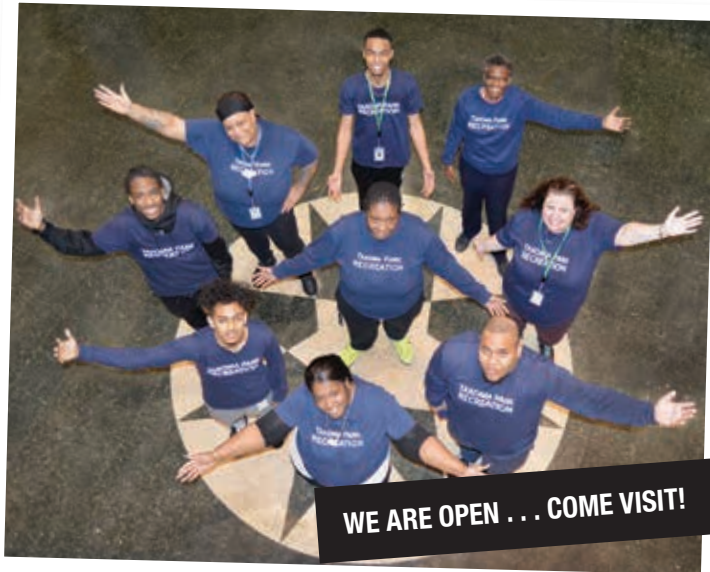
thoughtful and playful sentiments expressed in the poems will have a long life in our sidewalks."

## Recreation

# Recreation Department

**7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
301-891-7290  
recreation@takomaparkmd.gov  
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation**

*Fall  
Registration Opens:  
8/9 for Scholaship Awardees  
8/16 for TP Residents*



The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages! The department's facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate residents, improve health and connect

families and the community. Staff are continually working to improve our offerings while adding new and innovative programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs of our residents and community.

### Rental Requests

**For more information about local parks and room rentals, see pages 15-17.**



### Roscoe the Rooster

Roscoe the Rooster made Takoma Park his home for 10 years, roaming the city and staking his territory on the lawn in front of and behind the apartment houses near Mark's Kitchen on Carroll Avenue. Roscoe died in a hit and run in February 1999.

A life-sized statue of Roscoe the Rooster, crafted by local artist Normon Greene, stands on a pedestal in front of the clock tower in the center of downtown Takoma Park.

Roscoe makes special appearances throughout this section of the City Guide.

### Is my class canceled due to weather?



The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert ([www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (**301-891-7101 x5605**). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information. In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.



Employee Spotlight

Q&A with Brandon Whitby

The Recreation Department would like to highlight one of our amazing instructors, Brandon Whitby! With a passion for gaming and technology, Brandon spends a lot of his time at his information technology internship and building computers at home. The Spring 2022 season was his first time teaching with Takoma Park Recreation, and he is looking forward to continuing to work with us. Please take a few moments to get to know Mr. B!

Q: Where are you from?

A: Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



Q: How long have you been gaming, and what got you started?

A: I've been playing video games since I was seven years old. My mom bought me a GameCube, and I played Spider Man 2 all the time.

Q: What are your favorite games to play and why?

A: Apex Legends is my favorite game at the moment due to its multiple in-game mechanics, fast-paced








action, and its ability to encourage "outside-the-box" thinking. Gaming is what led me to discover my interest in technology and to start a career in information technology.

Q: What are some of your biggest accomplishments as a gamer?

A: As a gamer I'd say my biggest accomplishment would be reaching Diamond Rank in Apex Legends. Only 10 percent of players have reached that status since the release of the game in 2019.

Q: What are some benefits/positive effects of gaming that you have experienced? How have you seen your Esports Club members grow?

A: Gaming has taught me several transferable skills, such as perseverance and maintaining an open mind, that can go a long way no matter how difficult something is at first. These are examples of some of the skills that we discussed during the Esports Club. Each member took the time during class to discuss a particular skill that they gained from participating.










### SO THAT ALL TAKOMA PARK RESIDENTS CAN PLAY... SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Recreation Department scholarships are available for Takoma Park residents in need. Scholarships can be used for activities, camps and childcare through the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department and is valid for the calendar year. Apply now!

For more information visit [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)

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Las becas del Departamento de Recreación están disponibles para los residentes de Takoma Park que las necesiten. Las becas se pueden utilizar para actividades, campamentos y cuidado de niños a través del Departamento de Recreación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park y son válidas para el año calendario. ¡Aplique ya!

Para obtener más información, visite [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)

Des bourses du département des loisirs sont disponibles pour les résidents de Takoma Park dans le besoin. Les bourses peuvent être utilisées pour des activités, des camps et la garde d'enfants par l'intermédiaire du département des loisirs de la ville de Takoma Park et sont valables pour l'année civile. Postulez dès maintenant!

Pour plus d'informations, visitez le site [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation)

# Special Events



## Annual Play Day

Attention! Attention! Everyone, everywhere! It's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy shoes, and get ready to play! Yes, that's right. Let's Play America and the Takoma Park Recreation Department have teamed up to present this wonderful event! Rain or Shine. This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy, including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances, please visit [www.letsplayamerica.org](http://www.letsplayamerica.org). See you there!

Takoma Park Middle School  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
All Ages  
Saturday, September 24  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Free

## Family Outdoor Movie Night

Pack your blanket and some snacks. It's time for another outdoor movie night! It starts at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly "G" or "PG" rated hit. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
2 Darwin Avenue  
All Ages  
Saturday, September 10  
Movie starts approximately at dusk  
Free



## Monster Bash 2022

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 29, Monster Bash will kick off at 1 p.m. with games, fun activities, and a Costume Parade. We will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration. Categories include most original, funniest, and scariest. Categories: Ages 4 and Under; 5–8; 9–12; Teen and Adult; and Overall Group. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer (especially to be a judge) for this event, please contact John

Webster at [johnw@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:johnw@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7290. In the event of inclement weather, Monster Bash will be moved indoors to Takoma Park Middle School, and there will not be any road closures. To receive an update on weather conditions, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101, ext. 5605. Due to the nature of this event, walking is encouraged.

Event starts at TPMS  
Parade down Philadelphia Avenue  
All Ages  
Saturday, October 29  
1–7 p.m.  
Free

Fall  
Registration Opens  
August 9: Scholarship  
Awardees  
August 16: TP Residents

# Tots

## Newborn-5

### EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

#### Breakfast For Dinner

Turn your favorite breakfast dishes into the main event as dinner options (with a few desserts thrown in just for fun). How about a cheddar-chive strata with fresh salsa? Carrot-potato pancakes with applesauce? Maybe you would prefer a more traditional French toast dressed up with bananas and blueberries? Any way you slice it, tiny chefs will love trying these comforting breakfast classics. There is a non-refundable \$4 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Toni Escobedo

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
4–6 years  
6 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 4–5 p.m.  
September 7-October 12  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150



### SPORTS

#### Tot Sports

Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports such as soccer and basketball. The goal of this program is to provide the opportunity for children to develop motor skills and nurture their growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship. Instructor: Department Staff

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
3–5 years  
6 Week Session  
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
September 10-October 15  
Resident: \$60/ Non-resident: \$70

## INSTRUCTORS OF UNIQUE CLASSES WANTED!

Search “suggest a class”  
on our site to share your info.





# Youth

## 5-12

Fall  
Registration Opens  
August 9: Scholarship  
Awardees  
August 16: TP Residents



### ART

#### Ceramics: Clay for Kids

In this class, children will receive instruction on how to utilize a variety of techniques (coil, pinch, slab work) to create one-of-a-kind sculptures and vessels out of clay. There is a non-refundable \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
7-12 years

**Mondays**, 4-5 p.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks):  
September 12-October 31

**Session 2** (\*5 Weeks):  
November 14-December 19  
\*5 Wk: Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

**Wednesdays**, 4-5 p.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks):  
September 14-October 26

**Session 2** (6 Weeks):  
November 2-December 14

**Fridays**, 4-5 p.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks):  
September 16-October 21

**Session 2** (6 Weeks):  
October 28-December 16  
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175  
Materials Fee: \$20

#### Ceramics: Clay in the Studio

Great for homeschoolers, preschoolers (with caregiver present), and people with flexible schedules, this class focuses on homebuilding techniques including pinch, coil, and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Students can create functional items, such as vases, soap dishes, and teacups as well as sculptures, including portrait heads and



whimsical animals. Dream something up and try it out in the studio. Experienced potters may use studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. A \$25 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4 & up  
6 Week Sessions



Wednesdays, 12-2 p.m.

**Session 1:** September 14-October 26

**Session 2:** November 2-December 14  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

### CAMPS

#### Ice Ages: Winter Break Camp

Come explore the Ice Ages with us! Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their break with games, group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of fun! Morning/After care will be available for an additional fee. Must bring a lunch, snacks and labeled water bottle. Registration is required. Space is limited; sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. There will be no camp on Monday, December 26.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue  
6-12 years  
Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
December 27-December 30  
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170  
Before Care, 7-9 a.m.  
After Care, 4-6 p.m.  
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

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DANCE

Ballet

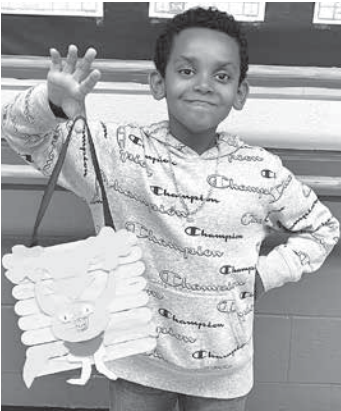
This 45-minute class focuses on the basics of ballet but highlights advanced concepts, including history, stage production, performance etiquette, and choreography. Students will explore the history of ballet and practice combinations from various ballet choreographers. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5–10 years  
8 Week Session  
Saturdays, 12:30–1:15 p.m.  
September 10–November 5  
Resident: \$102 / Non-resident: \$125

Hip Hop Dance

This movement class focuses on the basics and culture of Hip Hop. Students will learn basic b-boy and b-girl dance technique, practice temporal and spatial awareness, and learn choreography. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5–10 years  
8 Week Session  
Saturdays, 12:30–1:15 p.m.  
September 10–November 5  
Resident: \$102 / Non-resident: \$125



DROP-IN

Kid Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides affordable, safe, and fun activities for kids, on the first and third Friday nights of the month. Come out to a night of

games, activities, and more. Bring your friends and meet new ones. Free with a Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
First Fridays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
9/2, 10/7, 11/4 & 12/2  
Free with a Recreation Center membership

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting Class

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include CPR, fire safety, first aid, infant and childcare, and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all five classes and the exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. Instructor: Chief Jarboe

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House  
7201 Carroll Avenue  
11–12 years  
5 Week Session  
Mondays, 7–9 p.m.  
September 12–October 10  
Free

EXTENDED CARE

SCHOOL YEAR  
2022-2023

Before & After Care available  
at both locations,  
7500 Maple Ave. & 7315  
New Hampshire Ave.!

Fun Days

Fun Days are offered on specific days when Montgomery County Public Schools are not in session. The program is designed to provide recreational activities for children enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Through structured activities, crafts, and presenters, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants must bring a non-perishable lunch, snacks, and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change. Registration is required per day; select all four dates or just the one that fits

your schedule. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of the program.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades: K–5  
Monday, September 26: SkyZone  
Wednesday, October 5: Bowlero  
Monday, October 24: Gaver Farm  
Monday, November 7: Air and Space Museum  
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65  
(per date)

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Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility, and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assist with the maintaining of balance. Students will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4–16 years  
9 Week Session  
Saturdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
September 10–November 5  
Resident: \$170 / Non-resident: \$190

SPORTS

Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching, which allows each person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. This is a basketball class, not league play. Instructor: Greg Harris

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6–12 years  
Saturdays, 12–1 p.m.  
7 Week Session  
Session 1:  
September 10–October 22

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**Session 2:**

October 29-December 17  
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

**Futsal League 2023**

Futsal, a sport like soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape, and prepare for the upcoming season. Please note that program registration is first come first serve. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. Practices will begin on Saturday, January 14. Games are on Sundays and begin January 22. Game times are subject to change based on gym availability and number of teams in a division.

**Registration opens:** October 4 for families with approved scholarships, October 11 for Residents, & October 18 for Non-residents.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
8 Week Season  
Games Sundays  
January 22-March 19

**7-8 Division:** 12-2 p.m.

**9-10 Division:** 2-4 p.m.

**10-12 Division:** 4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

**Golf**

This course is designed for the novice golfer. This class will focus on the fundamentals of the sport, including the equipment, some rules, etiquette, and the history of the sport. Supplies and equipment will be provided for participants. Instructor: Fred Harlee

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Outside  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
4 Week Session  
Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m.  
September 10-October 1  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

**Winter Basketball League 2023**

The Winter Basketball League is a developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce children to the fundamentals of basketball and to emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning. The coaches in this league will focus on personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun.

Practice times (one hour a week) vary throughout the week at various local schools. Games are held on Saturdays; times vary. Specific details regarding each league will be available on: [takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league](http://takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/sports/winter-basketball-league)

**Coaching Information:** Volunteer coaches are always needed. Please contact the Takoma Park Recreation



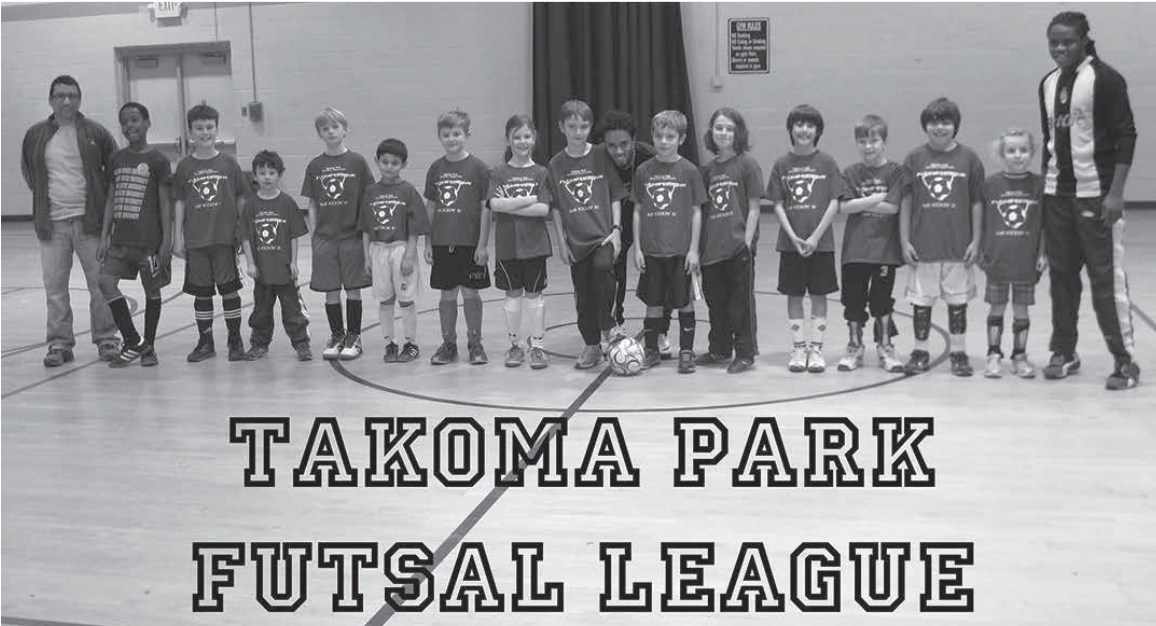
Department if interested (301-891-7282).

**Team Assignments:** K-2nd grade divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

**Special Requests:** Requests must be made in writing and submitted through ActiveNet at time of registration, though requests are not guaranteed.

**Registration opens:** October 4 for families with approved scholarships, October 11 for Residents, & October 18 for Non-residents.

Games played at various local school gyms  
Grades: K-8  
8 Week Season  
Games: Saturdays, January 21-March 11  
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110





# Teens

## 13-17

Fall  
Registration Opens  
August 9: Scholarship  
Awardees  
August 16: TP Residents



### ART

#### Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black and white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink, and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, self-portrait, landscape (weather permitting), and floral studies. Beginner students are welcome. The skills focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$20 paid directly to the instructor must be made on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
11–14 years  
6 Week Session

**Tuesdays**, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Session 1: September 13–October 25

Session 2: November 1–December 20

**Thursdays**, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Session 1: September 15–October 20

Session 2: November 3–December 15

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

Materials Fee: \$20



Registration is required. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. There will be no program on Monday, December 26.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades: 6–12

Tuesday–Friday, December 27–December 30

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

Instructor: Dave Burbank

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

10–17 years

Fridays, 4–6 p.m.

**Session 1** (4 Weeks):

September 9–September 30

**Session 2** (4 Weeks):

October 7–October 28

Resident: \$60 / Non-resident: \$70

**Session 3** (5 Weeks):

November 4–December 16

Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

### CAMP

#### Teens on the Move: Winter Edition

Winter break is here, but that doesn't mean we have to stay inside! Each day, students will go on a trip to enjoy a new and unique experience. Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge at the Takoma Park Community Center. They must bring a bagged lunch and labeled water bottle.

### DRAMA & THEATER

#### Dungeons and Dragons

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.”

### DROP-IN

#### Teen Lounge

Welcome to the Teen Lounge! Teens can do their homework, participate in fun activities, or kick back with friends after school in a safe environment. Open Monday through Friday, 3–6 p.m., youth in grades 6–12 are encouraged to come to

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the lounge after school!  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades: 6–12  
Monday-Friday, 3–6 p.m.  
August 22-December 22  
Free

Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides quality, affordable, safe, and fun activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second Friday of the month? Come on out to a night of games, activities, and more. Bring your friends for a night out of the house. Free with membership.  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Fridays, 6:30–8:45 p.m.  
September 9, October 14, December 9  
Free with a Recreation Center Membership

YOUTH

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Esports Club

Take your gaming to the next level! In joining our Esports Club, students will have the opportunity to enhance gaming skills and learn all about the world of competitive gaming while having fun with their peers. Space is limited, so register today!  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Hydrangea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue

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Grades: 6–12  
8 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 3:30–5 p.m.  
September 21-November 9  
Free

Entrepreneurship for Teens

Ever thought about starting your own business? Even teens can do it! Entrepreneurship for Teens is an interactive virtual class that centers around a growth mindset, entrepreneurial skills, and business startup. The class instructor is Tyronda Boone of Zoey & Zander's Guide to Success.  
Virtual  
Grades: 6–12  
8 Week Session  
Mondays, 6–7 p.m.  
September 19-November 7  
Free



FITNESS

Girls Empowerment Yoga Class: Flow With Me

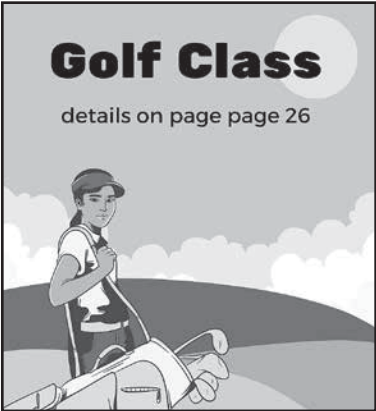
This is an eight-week yoga led mentoring program that aims to increase self-confidence and self-love, reduce stress from youth life, and develop concentration and mindfulness. All sessions will begin with a themed activity followed by a gentle flow to promote flexibility, strength, and balance. Come and join other young ladies and discover the flow within you! Instructor: Alessandra Flores  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
11–13 years

8 Week Session  
Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
September 22-November 10  
Resident: \$15 / Non-resident: \$25

Teen Fitness

No matter your fitness level, this class is designed to work with you. Join us for a high energy workout. Your trainer will assist you in meeting your fitness goals. Bring a water bottle, towel, yoga mat, and a positive attitude. Instructor: Greg Harris  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
11-16 years  
6 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
September 14-October 19  
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

SPORTS



TRIP

Teen Trip: Sky Zone

The Teen program will be going to Sky Zone in Columbia, MD, to have fun while school is out! Sky Zone is an indoor trampoline park. There are a variety of activities that teens can participate in – dodgeball, dunk contest, foam pit, and the free bounce space. Come out and have a good time!  
Meet in Teen Lounge, bus will depart by 12:30 p.m.  
Grades: 6–12  
Monday, November 7  
12–5 p.m.  
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

# Adults

## 16+ years

Fall Registration Opens  
August 9: Scholarship  
Awardees  
August 16: TP Residents



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### ART

#### Ceramics: Hand Building & Sculpture

Open to all levels of experience, this class focuses on hand-building techniques, including pinch, coil, and slab construction as well as surface treatment and glazing. Students can create functional items, such as vases, soap dishes, and teacups as well as sculptures, including portrait heads and whimsical animals. Dream something up and try it out in the studio! Experienced potters may use the studio's electric wheels to pursue independent projects. Non-refundable \$25 materials fee due to instructor first day of class. Registration for Monday's class includes studio time on most Fridays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & up  
Mondays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**Session 1** (6 Weeks):  
September 12–October 31  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150  
**Session 2** (5 Weeks):  
November 14–December 19  
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130  
Materials Fee: \$25

#### Ceramics: Wheel Throwing

In this class we will learn the basic skills involved in creating functional forms on the potter's wheel. Centering, pulling, collaring, trimming, and glazing will all be covered as well as advanced topics in thrown and altered forms on request bottles, jars, coffee, and tea service, etc. While our focus is on the basic forms

(cups, bowls, and plates), an experimental and lively approach to the work is encouraged. No experience is required; students at an intermediate level are also welcome. A materials fee will cover one bag of clay, glazes, and firing. A class fee of \$30 is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Luc Phinney

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio I  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & up  
7 Week Sessions  
Tuesdays, 6:30–9 p.m.

**Session 1:** September 6–October 18  
**Session 2:** November 1–December 13  
Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150  
Materials Fee: \$30

#### Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased, and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art making process, whatever medium you

use. This class explores ways of combining collage materials and art media. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principles of design and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (Some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided.). A non-refundable materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
6 Week Sessions  
**Tuesdays**, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.





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Session 1: September 13-October 25  
Session 2: November 1-December 20  
**Thursdays**, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Session 1: September 15-October 20  
Session 2: November 3-December 15  
Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285  
Materials Fee: \$25

Drawing

The practice of drawing can be both relaxing and enriching. Participants in this class will draw with black and white and color media, such as charcoal, oil and chalk, pastels, pen and ink, and colored pencils. Students will be supported by weekly lessons with demos involving proportion and perspective, ongoing feedback, and critique. Creative cropping, expressive mark making, exploration into limited value or color key and other techniques will be discussed. Personal creativity will be encouraged. Come join the fun and comradery of drawing together and develop a practice that will enhance your life. Beginning to advanced students welcome. Paper and drawing materials will be available for the \$20 materials fee due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
6 Week Session  
18 & up  
**Wednesdays**, 6:30–9 p.m.  
Session 1: September 14-October 19  
Session 2: November 2-December 14  
**Thursdays**, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Session 1: September 15-October 20  
Session 2: November 3-December 15  
Resident: \$255 / Non-resident: \$285  
Materials Fee: \$20

Nature's Beauty

Come celebrate and enjoy fall. This class will meet in Spring Park, and we will paint, draw, and collage from nature or photos about nature. The class can enjoy the outdoors using the covered picnic tables. Some art materials will be supplied. Have fun and create art! Explore different mediums. Instructor: Alice Sims

Heffner Park  
Pavilion  
42 Oswego Avenue  
16 & up  
4 Week Session  
Saturdays, 9–10 a.m.  
September 17-October 8  
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

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Painting Exploration

In this beginner class, participants are encouraged to try different materials and methods as well as explore some of the basic elements of design in their work. Participants will try still life and landscape as well as painting from their imaginations. We will examine paintings by other artists and give helpful feedback to one another in a comfortable setting. Grab a brush and come by the studio to explore painting! A non-refundable \$35 materials fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & up  
6 Week Sessions  
Fridays, 10–11:30 a.m.  
**Session 1:** September 16-October 21  
**Session 2:** October 28-December 16  
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175  
Materials Fee: \$35

DANCE

Ker De Zuri DanXercise

Zuri Sana'a DanXercise's mission is to bring you joy and memories through the art of African dance. Zuri Sana'a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, and contemporary and African dance moves within our choreography to create a memorable workout experience. Our moves are feasible and suitable for all ages. Participants will be able to shed calories and learn fun choreography all in one class. Instructor: Khady N'Diaye  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & up  
Thursdays, 7–8 p.m.  
**Session 1** (8 Weeks): September 8-October 27  
**Session 2** (7 Weeks): November 3-December 22  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65  
Drop-in: \$10

Zumba

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with danced moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness. No equipment needed for this class.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & up  
8 Week Session  
Saturdays, 10:15–11:15 a.m.  
September 24-November 19  
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80  
Drop-In: \$15

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

English as a Second Language (Beginners)

This beginner's course features conversation and vocabulary in English using daily routines and information. This book *English Through Pictures, Book 1* by Richards and Gibson is suggested for this class. It is available on Amazon.com.



Recreation: Adults

Virtual  
16 & up  
6 Week Session  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-6:30 p.m.  
September 20-October 27  
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you. It will help you to jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Prepare to have fun! Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt



Virtual  
16 & up  
12 Week Session  
Wednesday, 7–8:30 p.m.  
September 7-December 21  
Resident: \$105 / Non-Resident: \$125

FITNESS

Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches, and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mats. Masks must be worn while in the facility. Instructor: Jeremy Sherron

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
16 & up  
7 Week Sessions  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
**Session 1:** September 13-October 27  
**Session 2:** November 1-December 22  
Resident: \$105 / Non-resident: \$125  
Drop in: \$10

Foundation Fitness II

Foundation Fitness II (FFTII) is a group exercise program that is appropriate for all age and skill levels, but especially for those who are new to fitness training. FFTII is designed to improve health and skill-related fitness components with focus on muscular strength as well as endurance, flexibility, agility, balance, coordination, speed variance and power. The exercises and movements can be modified to challenge all levels of fitness.



This class utilizes a high back chair, light hand weights (1, 2, or 3 lbs. weights depending on fitness level) and/or a resistance tube. Participant should provide their own equipment, a towel, and water bottle. Additionally, participants should be able to perform floor exercises using a mat and various resistance tools. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual  
18 & up  
14 Week Session  
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
September 10-December 17  
\$6



Iyengar Yoga for Beginners

This class will introduce you to Yoga following the Iyengar Method. This method opens the practice of yoga for everyone. The use of props and a step-by-step approach teaches alignment and brings strength and flexibility. The basic postures are introduced, and awareness is created in the whole body. As awareness of every part of the body is felt, energy is generated, and the breath is engaged. The aim is to bring into alignment the different parts of the body to associate the breath and mind and release tension and stress. This class will be offered on a hybrid basis. You can attend the class in-person or via Zoom on the same day at the same time. Instructor: Tehseen Chettri

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
17 & up  
11 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 6–7:15 p.m.  
September 7-December 21  
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

Meditation Club: Exploring Techniques

Meditation can have many benefits, such as growing a positive and grounded perspective, becoming more in-tune with one's body and purpose, or simply relieving stress. Also, there are numerous ways and techniques to approach meditation. The intent of this club is to provide a small group setting to meditate together, explore different techniques and hopefully both provide the opportunity to those who practice and to introduce it to the curious. Ultimately, the goal of the club is to help community members through meditation. Instructor: Issa Al-Aweel

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
14 Week Session  
Sundays, 3–3:30 p.m.  
September 11-December 18  
Free

MARTIAL ARTS



Karate Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership, and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means one heart way). This class will consist of warm-ups, stretching, and learning and practicing Isshinryu karate upper and lower body basics.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Back Room  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

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16 & up  
15 Week Session  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
September 12–December 21  
Free with Recreation Center Membership

Kung Fu (Adult)

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility, and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination as well as assisting with the maintaining of balance as they get older. Students will gain physical fitness as well as mental and spiritual strength. There is a \$70 non-refundable uniform fee payable to the instructor. Instructor: Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue

16 & up  
10 Week Session  
Mondays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
September 12–November 14  
Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200  
Uniform Fee: \$70

MULTIMEDIA

A Digital Photo Class: Saving Family Photos

Everyone has photo albums. This may be your last chance to save treasured family photos, slides, and documents. You will learn the basics of using a scanner to create digital photo files. You will be introduced to digital photo editing, so you can begin the process of editing, organizing, and sharing photos that may be lost to future generations. Scan and save treasured photographs and color slides. You will have the opportunity to scan at each class meeting. Digitizing will make it possible to restore old photos that have faded, darkened, or lost their original colors and to remove cracks, tears, and dirt. Do you know how many photos you have on your smart phone? Can you locate them? In this class we will also cover how to organize, store, protect, enhance, and use the hundreds, possibly thousands, of photographs on your computer, tablet, and smart phone. Written material will be provided. Instructor: Barry Hinderstein  
Takoma Park Community Center



Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
4 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 7–9 p.m.  
September 6–September 27  
Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

Podcasting

Learn the complete guide to podcasting. From figuring out the best format and content to produce to recording and editing your audio before publishing, students will get a step-by-step guide to brainstorming, producing, editing, and distributing a podcast. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center  
Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
4 Week Session  
Mondays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
October 17–November 7  
Resident: \$240 / Non-resident: \$270

Video Editing Fundamentals

Learn to edit using Adobe Premiere Pro. This course will teach you how to edit a video project and upload it to YouTube. Elements of editing will include adding graphics, adjusting audio, and adding

music and transitions. Students with personal video projects may bring them to class to get practice. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center  
Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
5 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
October 18–November 15  
Resident: \$275 / Non-resident: \$305

Videotaping Fundamentals

Learn the basic videotaping principles and how to apply them to everyday videotaping with any device. This course will teach you how to get the best lighting, framing, sound, and proper camera movements. Students are encouraged to bring a video recording device, but it is not required for class. Instructor: Isaac Asare

Takoma Park Community Center  
Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & up  
2 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
October 4 & October 11  
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160



55+



Fall  
Registration Opens  
August 9: Scholarship  
Awardees  
August 16: TP Residents

ART

Arts and Crafts with Alice

Brighten the fall days and get creative. The class meets once a month to learn a new skill and create a different project. Enjoy the supportive and positive atmosphere. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People. This class will meet once a month on September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 12.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Monthly Classes  
Mondays, 10–11 a.m.  
9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/12  
\$6

Crocheting Group

Join the group to learn new stitches. Share what you're working on and have fun while meeting up with old and new friends. Group led by Sue Bracey.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
6 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
September 6–October 11  
\$6

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!  
Don't forget to check out the Adult class offerings on pages 29-32 for more options.  
\*Ask us about scholarship opportunities.

DANCE

Line Dance

Line dancing is an enjoyable social activity that provides great physical and mental exercise. It helps to strengthen bones and muscles. It also increases stamina and flexibility as well as supports weight loss and stress reduction. No experience necessary. Instructor: Barbara Brown

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Session 1 (7 Weeks): September

6–October 18  
Session 2 (8 Weeks):  
November 1–December 20  
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Session 1 (7 Weeks):  
September 7–October 19  
Session 2 (8 Weeks):  
November 2–December 21  
\$6

Zumba Gold

For active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity, this class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. There are now more options. You can choose to register for in-person class on one of two days (Wednesday or Friday) and add the virtual Friday option if you like. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  
Session 1 (7 Weeks):  
September 7–October 19  
Session 2 (8 Weeks):  
November 2–December 21  
Fridays, 10–11 a.m.  
In person & Virtual options



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**Session 1** (7 Weeks):  
September 9-October 21  
**Session 2** (5 Weeks):  
November 4-December 16  
(No class 11/11 & 11/25)  
\$6

**DROP-IN**

**Bingo**  
Come and try your luck. Win a prize. This activity is drop-in. no registration required.  
Host: Paula Lisowski

Takoma Park Community Center  
Senior Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 12–2 p.m.  
September 27 & October 25  
Free

**Game Room Open Play**  
The Game room is available for adults aged 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation and just “hang out” before, in between and after classes during the day.  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Game Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Free



**EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT**

**Computer Skills for Seniors**  
This class will offer instruction in basic computer skills, including email, safe internet browsing, sending and receiving photos, using word processing applications and more. A current Takoma Park Library card is required to access the computers and participate in this class. This class will take place in Computer Center Room A next to the Senior Room. Instructor: Anne LeVeque  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Computer Center Room A  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
4 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
**Session 1:** September 7-September 28  
**Session 2:** October 19-November 9  
\$6



**FITNESS**

**Enhance Your Fitness**  
A great total body workout using low-impact aerobic movement and gentle resistance training, this class focuses on increasing strength, balance, and flexibility through stretching, breathing, core training and proper posture alignment using standing and seated exercises, including warm up and cool down routines. Instructor: Adriene Buist  
Virtual  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m.  
**Session 1** (7 Weeks):  
September 6-October 18  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks):  
November 1-December 20  
\$6



**Foundational Fitness 55 plus**  
Foundational Fitness for adults ages 55 and older is designed to improve health with focus on muscular strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and coordination utilizing a high back chair, light hand weights and/or resistance tubes. Have a towel and water nearby. Equipment is not provided. Instructor: Michael Williams  
Virtual  
55 & up  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.  
**Session 1** (8 Weeks):  
September 6-October 27  
**Session 2** (9 Weeks):  
November 1-December 29  
\$6





**Tai Chi Strength**

Begin with meditation and stretching followed by Tai Chi forms and balance exercises to build strength and endurance. End with cool down exercises. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 12–1 p.m.

**Session 1** (7 Weeks):  
September 6–October 18

**Session 2** (8 Weeks):  
November 1–December 20  
\$6

**Walking Group**

Don't worry about the cold weather and join your neighbors and friends for

indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. This activity is drop-in. No registration is required; however, a free Recreation Center pass is required.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 1:15–2 p.m.  
September 6–December 20  
Free

**Yoga for 55 plus**

This yoga class is about the gentle flow of yoga poses modified to participants' needs depending on their balance level. Improve balance, flexibility, posture, and stamina and energize mind and spirit for better health and well-being. No experience needed. Students must bring their own

yoga mats. Instructor: Sarita Lama  
Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 & up  
Tuesdays, 12–1 p.m.  
**Session 1** (7 Weeks):  
September 6–October 18  
**Session 2** (8 Weeks):  
November 1–December 20  
\$6

**Yoga for Healthy Aging**

This class helps build strength and endurance, increase flexibility and range of motion, improve posture and balance, and create a general sense of well-being. Special attention is paid to bone health. Work at your own pace in a series of seated, standing and floor poses and incorporate breathing and relaxation techniques. Students need to provide their own yoga sticky mats, a yoga belt (or equivalent, e.g., a necktie), a tennis ball and preferably a yoga block and blanket. Instructor: Carol Mermey

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & up  
12 Week Session  
Fridays, 12–1 p.m.  
September 9–December 9  
(No class 11/11 & 11/25)  
\$6

**SPORTS**



**Keep an eye out  
for info about  
Pickleball**

**Check ActiveNet  
for updates**

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Word Sudoku



Takoma Park Sudoku Words

The rules of the game are the same as numbers sudoku.  
Each of the nine blocks has to contain all the words listed within its squares.  
Each word can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The words or names that are used in the puzzle:

- Love  
Kindness  
Equality
- Respect  
Hope  
Diversity
- Inclusion  
Peace  
TKPK

			Love	Inclusion			Kindness	
	Diversity				Kindness	Peace	Inclusion	
Kindness			Respect	Peace		Love		
	Inclusion	Respect			Equality	Diversity		
Equality	Kindness					Inclusion		Hope
	Hope		Inclusion		Peace		Respect	
		Hope	Equality			TKPK		Inclusion
		Kindness		Love		Hope		Respect
Inclusion		Equality	TKPK			Kindness		

Alphabet Maze



Find the alphabet path in the maze without coming to a dead end.

a	b	c	f	s	r	s	t	u
d	c	d	e	r	q	p	u	p
g	d	e	h	s	p	o	n	o
f	e	f	g	h	i	l	m	n
g	f	o	l	k	j	k	n	o
h	g	n	m	n	k	x	y	p
i	p	s	n	o	p	w	v	w
j	o	r	q	p	q	v	u	v
k	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	w
l	m	n	q	r	s	t	u	x
m	n	o	r	s	t	u	x	y
p	o	p	q	r	s	v	w	z



# Partnerships

The Takoma Park Recreation Department has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and not-for-profit organizations. These partnerships allow our department to leverage resources and generate citywide interest and support for our facilities, programs and events. We appreciate your support!



Credit: Selena Malott

Pat Rumbaugh, *The Play Lady*, is joined by the volunteers who helped with the Seventh Annual Mid-Year Play Day on February 12, 2017.

## Piney Branch Pool (Adventist Community Services)

### Pool closed until further notice.

The pool is located at Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue. Park behind the Community Center, and use side entrance to school on Grant Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, [tjseamens@aol.com](mailto:tjseamens@aol.com), or visit [acsgw.org](http://acsgw.org).

## Let's Play America

Let's Play America is a nonprofit that encourages people of all ages to play. LPA and the Recreation Department co-sponsor four play events a year; a pool party and three play days. The dates are on the LPA website under events. Residents who want to close their street for play, help with the independent play events or would like more information are welcome to contact them at [info@letsplayamerica.org](mailto:info@letsplayamerica.org) or 301-928-9962 or visit [www.letsplayamerica.org](http://www.letsplayamerica.org).



## Takoma Soccer

Takoma Soccer is a volunteer program whose goal is to provide local kids with a fun, recreational soccer program close to home. Takoma Soccer strives to teach children the value and fun of teamwork, cooperation, practice, and sportsmanship. For more information, go to [www.takomasoccer.org](http://www.takomasoccer.org) or contact Howard Kohn at [kohn@erols.com](mailto:kohn@erols.com).



Credit: [www.takomasoccer.org](http://www.takomasoccer.org)

Children as young as three years old can play with Takoma Soccer.

## Takoma Park Community Band

The band is open to any community member who plays an instrument. The band is looking for musicians at all levels of expertise who would enjoy being a part of a musical group. For more information, email [takomaparkcommunityband@gmail.com](mailto:takomaparkcommunityband@gmail.com) or call the band president, Ryle Bell, at 703-620-2327.



Credit: Takoma Park City TV

The Takoma Park Community Band held its 40th Anniversary Concert in April 2014.



## visit us online @

<http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>



### With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Request a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.
- Service fee applies online.

### Instructions for creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

1. Access [apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation).
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.

4. Click **Create Account** or enter other family members into the system at this time.
5. Click **Intro** and search for a course or facility.

### Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in:  
Takoma Park Recreation Department  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning classes, please call **301-891-7290** or e-mail us at [recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).

### Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

### Registration policies

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies.

Fall  
Registration Opens

August 9:  
Scholarship Awardees

August 16:  
TP Residents

- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.4 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit [takomaparkmd.gov/](http://takomaparkmd.gov/) and search "ward map."
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.
- Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

### Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/email ([recreation@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov)) notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exceptions**). No refund after the program has ended.
- Membership passes are not eligible for a refund.
- The online processing fee will not be included in refunds.



### WE DON'T SPAM

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that you have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.



### REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.



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**Careers**

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