

# Takoma Park city guide

Spring/Summer 2022

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## PUTTING TOGETHER THE PIECES:



## CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF IDENTIFY ARPA FUNDING PRIORITIES



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2022 Holiday Closure Calendar

Memorial Day

Sunday, May 29  
Monday, May 30

Independence Day

Sunday, July 3  
Monday, July 4

Labor Day

Sunday, Sept. 4  
Monday, Sept. 5

About the Cover

The City of Takoma Park Council and staff met, virtually and in-person, to determine how best to allocate ARPA federal grant funds with the common of objective of optimizing positive impacts on the residents of Takoma Park and the City as an institution.



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**  
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Office hours are by appointment.



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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.**



**takomaparkmd.gov**



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).

Using the Takoma Park Project Directory

What is going on in Takoma Park? The Project Directory can fill you in! The Project Directory lists all major projects currently being worked on or planned citywide and includes need-to-know information for each one. takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory

GOVERNMENT	SERVICES	INITIATIVES	NEWS
Boards, Commissions & Committees City Clerk City Council City Manager City TV Communications	Bids & Contracts Business & Multifamily Recycling Careers/Jobs Community Partners and Resources Curbside Collection	Project Directory (All City Projects) Arts and Humanities Census 2020 Everyone Counts in Montgomery County Community Conversations	City Election Information City Council & Mayor Blog City Manager & Staff Blog News & News Alerts Forever Young

1. To access the Project Directory from the City of Takoma Park website, on the home page under initiatives, select “Project Directory” as shown above.

Project Directory				Search
Project Title & Link	Project Classification	Target Completion Date	Word	
Library Renovation Project	Public Art Initiative: Murals	2022-2024	Details	
Table of Upcoming and Completed Projects				
Completed Projects	Search			
Project Title & Link	Project Classification	Completion Date	Word	
Residential Kitchen Renovation	Residential Project	2023	Details	
Landscaping Project	Public Infrastructure: Landscaping	2024	Details	
Public Art Project	Public Art Initiative	2024-25	Details	

2. You'll be taken to the “Project Directory” page, which lists all major projects being worked on or planned citywide. Projects are grouped by classification based on their purpose.

STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT	Streetlight Replacement Details
<p>About the Streetlight Replacement Project</p> <p>The goal of the streetlight replacement project is to improve the quality of street lighting in Takoma Park. Benefits of the project include energy savings, cost savings, reduced light pollution, improved roadway, and an improvement in overall quality of street lights. On October 24, 2023, the City Council approved staff recommendation to replace the existing streetlights with LED fixtures through the FPLPC conversion program.</p>	<p><b>Project Info &amp; Timeline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion Date: July 2024</li><li>• Takoma Park's role in project: Lead</li><li>• Sponsoring: City of Takoma Park</li></ul> <p><b>Budget &amp; Funding Source</b></p> <p>The City currently pays approximately \$25,000 annually for street light electricity and fixture maintenance. \$25,000 is paid to FPLPC for maintenance and operation costs, and fees. \$55,000 is paid to WGL for the electricity use (2023 rates).</p> <p>Based on FPLPC's calculations, the reduction in energy use and maintenance costs will result in a savings of approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually. The overall cost of the program is expected to be \$245,000 and the City anticipates a \$240,000 savings from the Energy Efficient Program. Based on the projected annual savings, the program will pay for itself in less than two years and those savings from reduced energy use and maintenance costs will carry through for the life of the fixtures.</p>
<p><b>Current Project Status</b></p> <p>Lighting Maintenance Inc. a subcontractor for PERCO began the street light replacements the second week of December, 2023 and completed the work in July, 2024.</p> <p>Residents who wish to request additional lighting on the new streetlights in the case of light intrusion into bedroom windows can send an email with the request, address, and your contact information to: publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov. Please include the pole number for the fixture and nearest address.</p>	<p><b>Project Background</b></p> <p>The discussion concerning the benefits of replacing the City's streetlights began about ten years ago. The discussion has included staff presentations to City Council in April 2014, March 2016 and October 2018. At the October 2018 meeting, City Council authorized staff to pursue the conversion of existing streetlights to LED technology via Resolution 2018-41. The Council Resolution directed staff and PERCO to ensure that all new streetlights be LED streetlights.</p>
	<p><b>Links &amp; Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 2023 LED Light Replacement Presentation at MMU Conference</li><li>• April 2023, City Council Work Session Clerk sheet</li><li>• September 2023 City Council Work Session Clerk sheet</li><li>• City Council Resolution 2018-41</li><li>• Map of new fixture locations</li></ul>

3. Then click on the name of the project that interests you. In this example, a resident wanted more information about Streetlight Replacement Project.

## 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.

## 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.



### Large Item Pick Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$10 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call 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 \$57.94 and 64-gallon for \$50.29 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.

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!



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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.

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¡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
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



# Putting Together the Pieces

## *City Council and Staff identify ARPA funding priorities*

**W**ork began last summer on development of a spending plan for allocation of \$15.2 million in ARPA federal grants to eligible new projects. This was the amount remaining after the Takoma Park City Council approved \$2.2 million in appropriations from the original grant amount of \$17.4 million. City management worked closely with the senior leadership team from all departments to identify and develop the ARPA Project Inventory. The City also partnered with Resource Exploration LLC, a Colorado-based technology company, to apply a priority-based budgeting framework to ARPA funding decisions. Ultimately, the City Manager's Office drafted a multi-year, comprehensive spending plan that matches the American Rescue Plan Act's focus on assisting residents who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. On March 2, the Takoma Park City Council will vote on the final ordinance establishing the final ARPA Spending Plan.

Prior to the City Council making revisions to the plan and voting on the final version, there were several phases to the development of the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan.



ended Spending Plan.

**Phase One:** Staff conducted analysis to understand the eligibility and reporting requirements provided by Treasury and visualize Census data to assist in eligibility justification. Department heads submitted their first round of project proposals in August. Proposals at this point were high level and did not contain annual costs or implementation details.

**Phase Two:** In September, the City Manager hosted a Senior Leadership Prioritization workshop to identify the most pressing organizational needs for internal operations. The City Communications Division also created the ARPA@takomaparkmd.gov email to collect resident input on potential projects. In mid-October, City senior staff

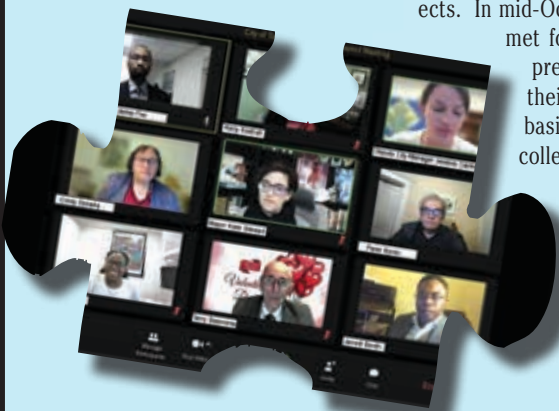
met for a half-day retreat to present draft versions of their proposals and answer basic questions from their colleagues. The City Manager's office worked with Resource X to create an ARPA database customized to Takoma Park, and ARPA Manager recruitment was ongoing.

**Phase Three:** In November, proposals were transferred into the ARPA database, and department heads began to fill in more details on annual costs and project implementation. Staff received more than 80 questions or suggestions via the ARPA@takomaparkmd.gov email.

After all proposals were entered into the ARPA database, the Takoma Park ARPA Scoring Matrix was created with input from the senior staff (particularly the HCD Planning Division based on its recent community engagement experience) and Resource X to assist senior staff in ranking proposals. The purpose of the scoring matrix was to introduce a priority-based budgeting framework into the ARPA project review process. The scoring matrix allowed senior staff to use objective criteria to identify projects that are multi-dimensional, will have a lasting impact on residents, advance equity, and build on prior initiatives and planning efforts.

The criteria included in the Takoma Park ARPA Scoring Matrix challenged the project proposer and project evaluators to take a step back, think outside their own departments, and look at how each project fit in with the big picture. On November 23, during a daylong Scoring Retreat, four committees of five City staff members met in the Takoma Park Community Center to give preliminary scores to 1–2 assigned matrix criteria for 41 proposals. The committees were made up of department directors, deputy directors, and division directors.

**Phase Four:** Following the Scoring Retreat, committee leads sent follow up questions to department heads and met one final time with their committees before entering final scores in the ARPA database. To prioritize projects benefiting vulnerable residents, the Equity Impact final score was double-weighted.

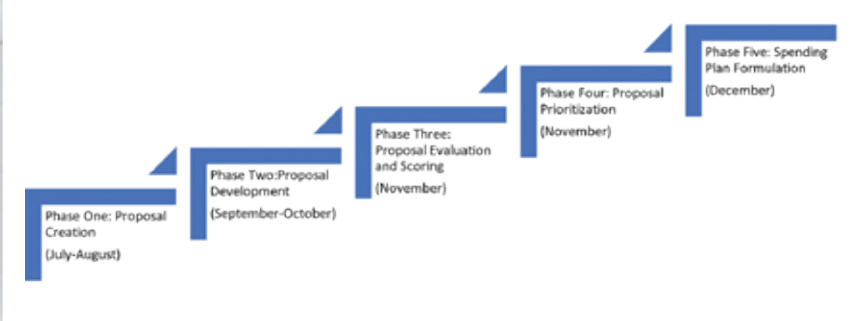




ed for all proposals in the database. The final scores for each criterion for each proposal are tracked in the ARPA proposal database.

**Phase Five:** The senior leadership team then evaluated the project rankings and negotiated final budget amounts with City management. Several project budgets were reduced to be able to fund a greater diversity of projects. Top-ranked projects approved for feasibility and cost by department heads were included in the staff-recommended spending plan. Throughout the development of an ARPA spending plan for public review, City Council and staff emphasized the need to dedicate a significant portion of ARPA funds to helping the City’s most vulnerable residents.

Following the initial presentation of the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan, City staff and Councilmembers hosted a virtual community meeting as well as a public hearing, multiple staff presentations, and Council budget reconciliation sessions during regular Council meetings in January and February to allow for discussion and public input regarding the best uses of the remaining balance.



Phases of Spending Plan Development

The City Council revised the Staff-Recommended Spending Plan into a final ARPA Spending Plan that reflects Council priorities and Council’s desire to address the most urgent needs of Takoma Park residents during the next five years.

Next Steps

Upon Council’s approval the final budget ordinance, the Final ARPA Spending Plan will be implemented with annual reviews. The Finance Department is tracking ARPA expenditures in the City’s Tyler financial system. The first report on ARPA expenditures is due to Treasury by April 30, 2022, and then annually thereafter. All projects will be completed by the end of calendar year 2026 and will not continue past 2026; all ARPA-funded staff are hired on a limited term basis. The continuation of any project beyond 2026 will have to

be evaluated based on the fiscal health of the City and the availability of general funds but cannot be assumed to continue.

This initial spending plan covers the full five-year spending period for the American Rescue Plan Act (January 2022 – December 2026). However, the City Manager recommends that the City’s senior leadership and the City Council review the ARPA Spending Plan on an annual basis as part of the regular budget process. This will allow City staff, Councilmembers, and City residents to closely monitor the progress of individual projects and adjust spending as needed. If circumstances in the City change or challenges arise during implementation, the plan can be revised during the annual review or through quarterly budget amendments if necessary.

Takoma Park ARPA Scoring Matrix

	Alignment with Council Priorities*	Resident Impact	Equity Impact**	Internal Impact	Cost & Complexity	Outcome Measurement	Alternatives
0	Does not align	Impacts less than 25% of our population	No urgency or impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project has negative impacts on the City’s ability to deliver services to residents	\$2M+ May be complex	Project lacks data and evidence to support outcomes	Clear Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships
2	Aligns with 1 or more Council Priority Goal	Impacts between 25% and 75% of our population, and to a high degree	Some urgency and impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project doesn’t impact normal service delivery positively or negatively	\$500,000 to \$2M Some complexity anticipated	Project is evidence-based but lacks data identifying City need	Some Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships
4	Aligns with 1 or more Council Priority Goal, and Prior Strategic Planning Efforts	Impacts more than 75% of our population, and to a high degree	High urgency and impact benefiting vulnerable populations	Project has a transformational impact on City operations, including positive secondary effects	\$0 to \$500,000 Minimal in complexity	Project is evidenced based & data driven	No Evidence of Alternative Funding Sources & Partnerships

\*The City’s Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, Housing & Community Development Strategic Plan, and Reimagining Public Safety Recommendations should be referenced during scoring.  
\*\*Refer to the [Takoma Park Data Explorer](#). Vulnerable groups in the City include renters, women, and people of color. Also keep in mind the City’s [Racial Equity Initiative](#).

## City Services

# Public Works

301-891-7633

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

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

### SERVICES

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

#### Food Waste Collection

Interested in participating in the curbside food waste collection program? The program is accepting new participants. To sign up, please visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection).

Once registered, pick up the curbside food waste container at Public Works, 31 Oswego Avenue, open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

#### Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment and computer components for proper disposal to the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Avenue. Hours are 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday – Friday

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday June 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Public Works Yard, 31 Oswego Avenue

City residents can drop off their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



### Holiday Trash Schedule

#### Memorial Day Monday, May 30

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

#### Independence Day, Monday, July 4

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

for free while non-residents will be charged a \$10 fee. Event will accept computer components as well as CFL and fluorescent tubes.

# Housing and Community Development

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

### Planning and Community Development Division Initiatives

301-891-7119

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

### May is Bike Month!

#### Check the City webpage for bike information:

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

#### Bike to School Day – May 4

Are your bikes ready to roll for Bike to School Day on May 4? Dust off your bikes and be sure to perform an **ABC** spin check! Before heading out, make sure you have enough **A**ir in your tires, check to see if your **B**reaks are working, and be sure that your **C**hain isn't loose or rusted. Ride with friends, family, and your classmates to receive some bike safety swag! For more information on Bike to School Day and for resources on bike education and the "rules of the road," check out the "Bike and Walk to School Day" page on the city website: [takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/safe-routes-to-school/safe-routes-to-school-events](http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/safe-routes-to-school/safe-routes-to-school-events).

#### Bike to Work Day – May 20

Whether you're working from the office or from your living room, celebrate bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, and healthy way to exercise on Friday, May 20. Bike to Work Day will have pit stops with social distancing. Come by Takoma Park's stops to receive a free T-shirt and bike safety swag. For more information and to register, visit [biketoworkmetrodc.com](http://biketoworkmetrodc.com)



### Housing Division Programs

301-891-7119

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

The Housing Division is responsible for monitoring Takoma Park's rental 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 offered, visit [www.takomapark.gov/housingand-communitydevelopment](http://www.takomapark.gov/housingand-communitydevelopment).

### Economic Development Division Programs

301-891-7119

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

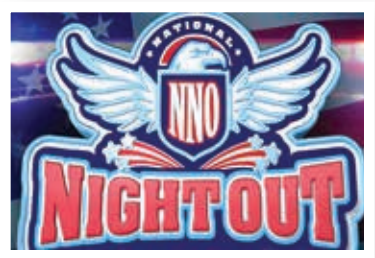
The Economic Development Division supports local businesses, promotes the economic well-being of residents, and aims for a high quality of life for all who live, work, and visit the City. Please contact [econdev@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:econdev@takomaparkmd.gov) or visit the website to learn more about the programs available to local businesses and residents.

# 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.

**\*We will monitor these events due to the pandemic. Please keep up to date by signing up for police information at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/police) or by following the police on Facebook and/or Twitter.**



## National Night Out\*

Tuesday, August 2  
6 – 9 p.m.


National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Takoma Park Police Department hosts its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The department's goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department. The event is free. If you are a locally based organization and would like to be part of the event, please reserve a spot (and there is no cost to participate). For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov). This is a great way to promote your organization and build a relationship with your local police department and community members.



## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 30

The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice a year. 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. Collection boxes are set up in the first-floor police lobby of the Takoma Park Community Center. 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, first floor lobby. The collection site is open 24 hours a



### Stay Informed

To receive notifications directly from the police department, register at [takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://takomaparkmd.gov/police). Notifications include, but are not limited to crime alerts, traffic, weather, missing persons, lost pets, etc. For more information, contact Cathy Plevy at [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov).

day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. 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.

## Ongoing Programs & Services

### Vacant House Check Program

If you are planning on going on a vacation, and no one will be staying at your house, you are eligible to request a vacant house check on your home. In this program, a Takoma Park Police Officer will visit your home once a day during your absence and inspect the premises for any signs of suspicious activity. To take advantage of this program, call the Police Dispatcher at 301-270-1100 or register online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/police) under Services & Programs, and request a vacant house check registration.



## CARE

### Caring About Residents Everyday

A program directed at our residents who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day.

CARE is another way we can give back to the community and take care of those in need.

To learn more about the program, or to register, visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov/police](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/police) under Services & Programs





# Takoma Park Maryland Library

[takomapark.info/library](http://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 beginning soon. Many of our special programs are still to be determined. 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; check our website at [takomapark.info/library](http://takomapark.info/library).

## 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.

## Monthly Programs



**Zoom Comics Jam:**  
One Wednesday afternoon a month at 4 p.m. To keep up with the schedule, please register. Meeting ID is: 734-913-6285 (same as Scribbler's Cabal)

ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

## Library Calendar

Even though our building is open, most of our programs remain online. To participate in our online programs, 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. Please note that the Zoom Meeting ID and Meeting Password may occasionally change, so get the most up-to-date information by going to our program calendar, [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents). Also, registration isn't usually required for these programs, but if you are registered, we will send reminders as well as notices of any changes or cancellations. To register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryprograms). Please refresh your browser first as our line-up changes from time to time, and please remember to register for the Zoom version of the program.

### Weekly Programs



**Zoom Circle Time:** Join Ms. Kati every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for an online Circle Time via Zoom! Meeting ID is 995-4901-8825 and Meeting Password: 178851



**Zoom Spanish Circle Time:** Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID is: 959-5178-5847 and Meeting Password: 793725



**Zoom Sketch Club/Scribbler's Cabal:** Friday afternoons at 4 p.m. Meeting ID is: 734-9136285 (same as for Comics Jam)

### Special Programs

**Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)** with Takoma Park Maryland Library! Join us on Saturday, April 30, for an in-person, outdoor performance by the Latin American theatre group Teatro La Bolsa. More details coming soon!



#### SUMMERQUEST

Watch for information about SummerQuest, our summer reading program. Check our website or come in and ask.





# SERVICES

## Local History Collection at Historic Takoma Inc.

To ensure its availability throughout the construction process, Historic Takoma is hosting the Maryland Reference Collection of the Takoma Park Maryland Library during our renovation.

To find these items in our catalog, try searching “Historic Takoma.” If you find an item that is in the “Historic Takoma, Inc.” collection, it is located at Historic Takoma Inc., and not at the library.

To visit Historic Takoma Inc., you will need to give them a call first, and they will give you more information about their location and set up a time to meet with you and guide you through your research.



The Historic Takoma Reading Room (7328 Carroll Avenue) is currently open on the first and third Sundays of the month. Visitors will have access to reference books on Takoma and Maryland history, the collection

of Takoma Voices and City newsletters, historical journals, and more. Historic Takoma volunteers will be available to answer questions about the collections and Historic Takoma. Reading Room hours will be 1 – 4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month. **Note:** Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required to enter the Reading Room. Visitors are asked to follow county health guidelines, including wearing masks while in the Reading Room. To learn more, visit [historictakoma.org](http://historictakoma.org).



## Books-to-Go Continues

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

1. Email your request to [librarytakomapark@gmail.com](mailto:librarytakomapark@gmail.com) (preferred) or phone us at 301-891-7259.
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 you arrive at the library parking lot, call 301-891-7259, and we will bring it out to you.

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

## Book Discussion Groups 2022 – Dates to Remember

Here are selected dates (all are Thursdays), and in some cases books, for the discussions through the end of the year for the Friends Book Group. The library will have copies of these books. For more information, please email [ftpmbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ftpmbookgroup@gmail.com).

- **March 24**—Book TBD
- **May 19**—Cli-Fi Selection: *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
- **July 7**—*Rhode Island Red* by Charlotte Carter
- **September 8**—Cli-Fi Selection: possibly *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler
- **November 10**—Book TBD



## Spring Book Sale!

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library will hold their Spring Book Sale in the upcoming months. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

# 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.



**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+  
Monday - Thursday 12 - 8 p.m.  
Friday - Sunday 12 - 6 p.m.

**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

**All Ages**

Monday - Friday 7 - 9 p.m.  
Saturday 12 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

**Active Adult (55+)**

Monday - Saturday *See page 33*

**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)**

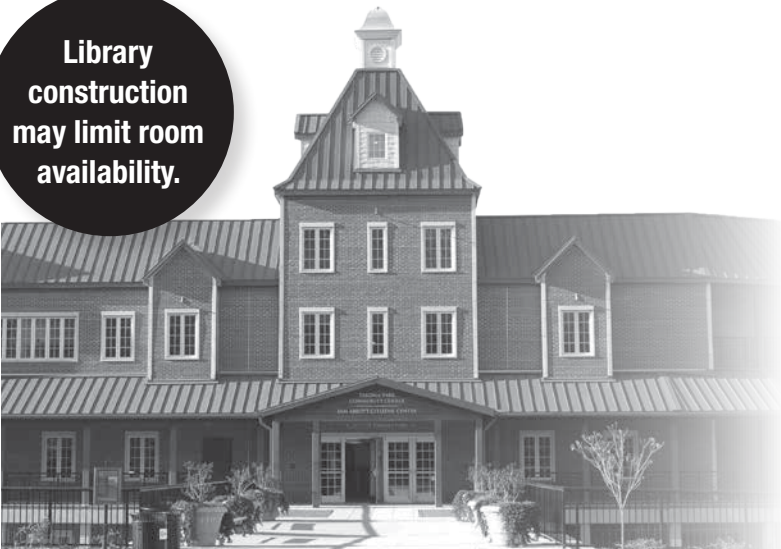
- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
- Four computers and printer available
- Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more

Monday - Friday 12 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

**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.*

## 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	\$25/hour
Non-resident	\$50/hour
Business*	\$70/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	\$35/hour
Non-resident	\$60/hour
Business*	\$80/hour

\$50 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: \$130/hour, nonprofit  
\$200/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)**



# Takoma Park Recreation Center

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

Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:30 - 9 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 12 - 9 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun. Closed  
\* Tues. & Thurs. 12-2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only

**Summer Hours**  
(beginning 6/20)  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Sun. 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)  
Youth (5 - 12 years) \$5  
Teen (13 - 17 years) \$10  
Adult (18+ years) \$45

**Fitness Room closed  
until further notice**

## Hourly Rental Information

**Gym\*** (capacity 294)  
General \$40/hour  
Business \$80/hour  
After hours additional fee(s)\*

**Meeting Room BACK** (capacity 40)  
General \$25 per hour  
Business \$70 per hour  
After hours additional fee(s)\*

**Meeting Room FRONT** (capacity 30)  
General \$25 per hour  
Business \$70 per hour  
After hours additional fee(s)\*

**Call 301-891-7289  
for availability.**  
\* \$50 security deposit required.

Business rate includes commercial and nonprofit organizations.

## 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.**

**Library construction may limit room availability.**





# 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

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

\$95 per day	T.P. resident
\$115 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

## Online Map Connects Sidewalk Poems



Richard Weil

A new online map provides a looping 4.2-mile walking or biking route to see seven poems by local residents, which have been stamped into concrete sidewalks. The map can be found at [bit.ly/sidewalkpoetrymap](http://bit.ly/sidewalkpoetrymap) 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 downtown, Opal Daniels Park, Sligo Creek Trail, Adventist University, and the Takoma Park Community Center and library. “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 started by artist Marcus Young with Public Art Saint Paul in St. Paul, Minn. The City’s Arts and Humanities Division received more than 150 entries from



Public Works crew stamping sidewalk





Nala Miller



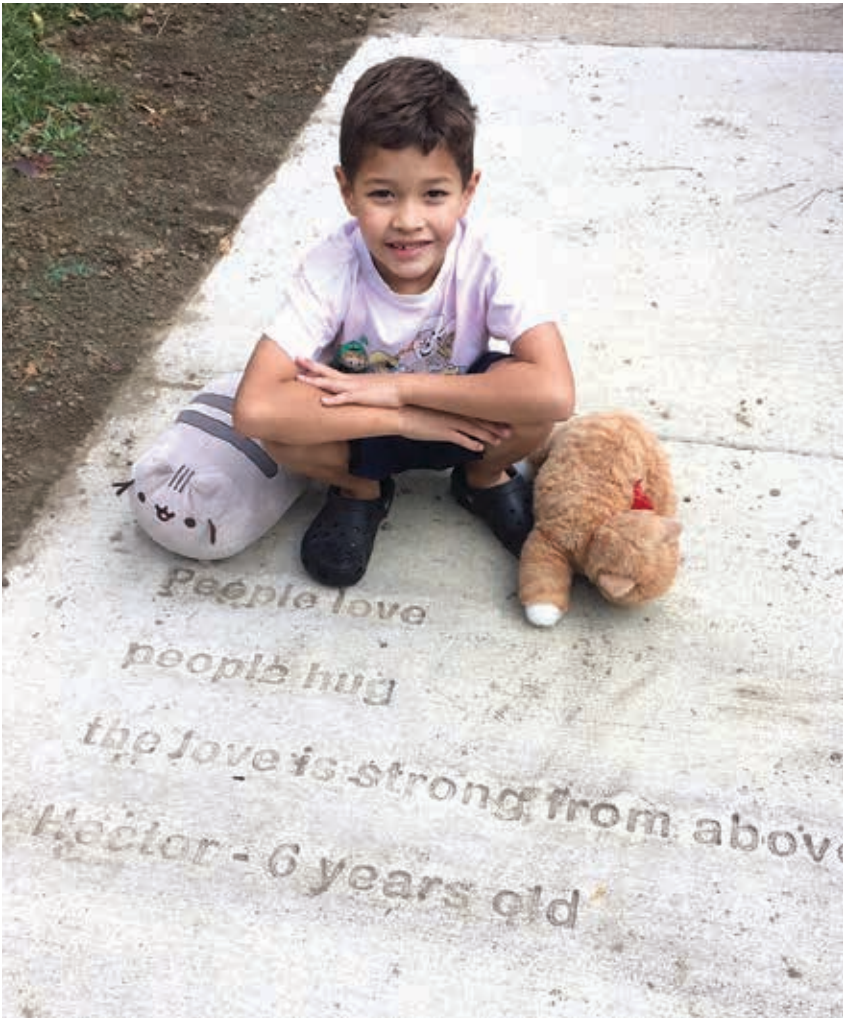
Aissatou Thiam

residents in a poetry contest last year. A committee of local poets led by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Kathleen O'Toole picked 10 child winners and 10 adult winners ranging in age from 6 years old to seniors. Each winner received a \$100 prize and an opportunity to have their original poem 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 when sidewalk work begins again in the spring. You can read all 20 winning poems at [bit.ly/sidewalkpoetrywinners](http://bit.ly/sidewalkpoetrywinners).

The project is part of the City's Public Art Works initiative which incorporates public art into public works projects as a means of installing public art across the city in an equitable manner.

"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."



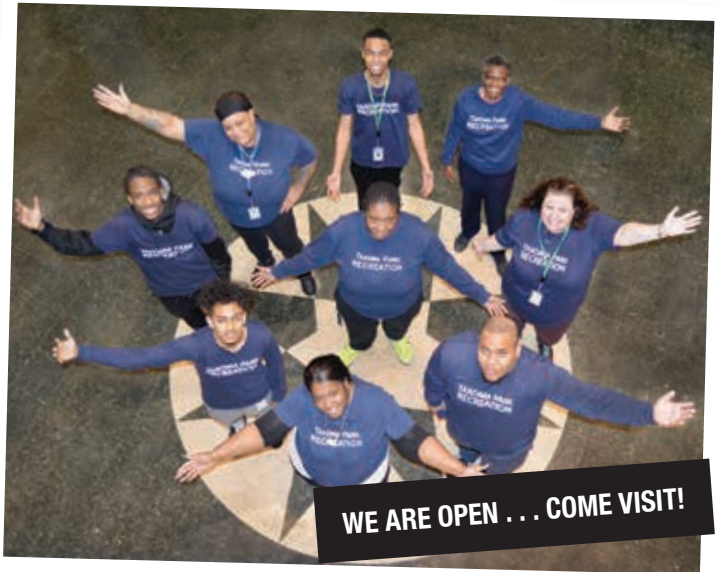
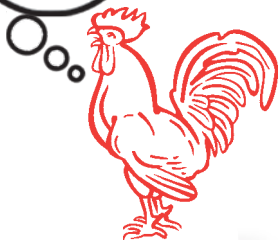
Hector Herrera

## Recreation

# Recreation Department

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

*Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens:  
3/3 for Scholaship Awardees  
3/10 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.



### 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.

### Rental Requests

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

### 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 Buddy Daniels

You have met some of our wonderful instructors; now meet one of our primary front desk staff members! If you have been to the Takoma Park Community Center in the last few years, we are confident you have had a chance to talk to Buddy. Take a moment to learn more about him.

Q: How long have you lived in Takoma Park?

A: I have lived in and around Takoma Park for 70 years. I lived on Sherman Avenue for 64 years, and now I live just a few blocks outside of Takoma Park near WAU University. I attended Takoma Park Elementary School, Takoma Park Junior High School, and Montgomery Blair High School (Class of 1969).

Q: Where does your love for Takoma Park come from?

A: My love for Takoma park comes from my family and the history we have enjoyed in the city. My family moved here in 1946. My mother was Opal Daniels, my father was Henry Daniels, and my sister was Kay Daniels-Cohen. They loved this city, as do I, for its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness for everyone. This was such a fascinating and incredible community to grow up in and still is an amazing place to live.

Q: How did you get the nickname Buddy?

A: My real official name is Henry Coleman Daniels II. The story goes that my sister called me Buddy shortly after I was born, and the name has stuck all these years.

Q: What are your favorite hobbies?

A: I really enjoy all types of automobile racing. For as long as I can remember, I have



closely followed NASCAR, NHRA Drag Racing, and Formula 1. More recently in the summer of 2020, I purchased a mountain bike and enjoy riding around our neighborhoods. I have also become very involved in the sport of mountain biking and closely follow different competitions in the United States and around the world.

Q: What made you decide to work with the Recreation Department, and what do you love most about working there?

A: I have been involved with the Recreation Department since the early 1970s as a volunteer on different events and projects. So, in the summer of 2017 when I found out the Recreation Department needed part-time staff, I was looking for a part-time

job [and thought] why not work for the Recreation Department. I really enjoy the front desk at the Community Center. It is the first contact point for the people entering the building on the second floor. Usually, people need help on where to go and who to see, and I enjoy assisting them anyway I can whatever their needs may be.

Q: What would you tell new residents about the Takoma Park Recreation Department?

A: I always give new residents and current residents the City Guide. The City Guide is a great source of information about City services and facilities. The guide is very helpful in explaining our many recreation programs. I point out the Recreation Department has programs on New Hampshire Avenue and the Community Center. I also point out how diverse the Recreation Department programs have become. There are programs for everyone, whatever your age, interest, or fitness level.

On a personal note, the Recreation Department slogan is “Building a Better Community Through Recreation.” I grew up in the Takoma Park Recreation Department and have participated in the department events and programs one way or another for over 50 years. I believe back then, as well as now, our Recreation Department has built a better community through recreation.

### 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 necesitan. 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)

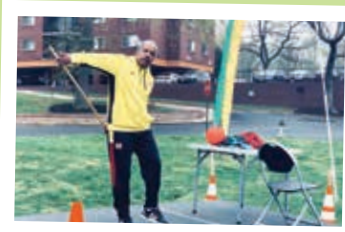
Des bourses du département des loisirs sont disponibles pour les résidents de Takoma Park dans le besoin. Les bourses peuvent être utilisées pour des activités, des camps et la garde d'enfants par l'intermédiaire du département des loisirs de la ville de Takoma Park et sont valables pour l'année civile.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

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

# Special Events

## Fitness Expo

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our annual Fitness Expo. This year's expo will take place on the grounds of the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Join us for an exciting and knowledgeable day that will include fitness demonstrations and presentations from local community health and wellness organizations. For more information, contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or [vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov).



All Ages  
Takoma Park Recreation Center (Outdoors)  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
April 9  
Free

## Independence Day Parade and Evening Program

The Takoma Park Independence Day Committee is busy planning the 2022 celebration, which will take place on Monday, July 4. The committee is hopeful about offering a parade and evening program full of entertainment and patriotism. Final plans will be announced on [www.takomapark4th.org](http://www.takomapark4th.org). Save the date! More information to come from the planning committee.



Check out the fun we have planned!  
Save these dates!



## Eggstravaganza

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department has adapted our typical Annual Egg Hunt again this year. We are confident this event will provide a safe alternative to the standard hunt. Grab your baskets and let's go! Hop around town whichever day fits your schedule best. Youth ages 2–8 can solve various clues on our website that take them to local establishments. With parent participation, kids can enter the business and say the magic words to staff – “Hippity Hop.” Staff will give them an egg or two filled with treats. Some treats will have a ticket in them for an additional prize. Emptied eggs can be returned to the Police Department lobby until May 1 for reuse next year. It is not a race, so please obey all traffic laws and COVID policies. Check our website and social media pages for updates and more fun activities closer to the event!

2–8 Years  
Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16  
12–3 p.m. either day  
Free



## Family Outdoor Movie Night

The Outdoor Family Movie is back! 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. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Saturday, June 4  
Movie starts at approximately dusk.  
Free



Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens  
March 3: Scholarship  
Awardees  
March 10: TP Residents

# Tots

## Newborn-5

### DROP-IN

#### Community Playtime

Enjoy open playtime, read stories, work on craft projects, enjoy the playground, and socialize. Organizers will provide toys, craft supplies, story time and snack. Visit [www.takomaplaytime.org](http://www.takomaplaytime.org) for more information. Program does not meet when the City of Takoma Park is closed.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
Newborn–5 years  
Ongoing  
English: Mondays  
Spanish: Fridays  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Free

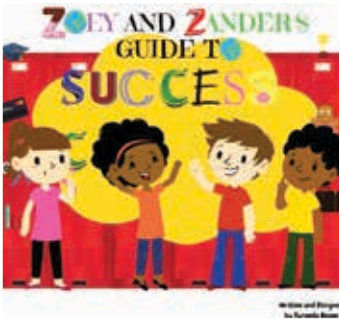
### EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

#### The Great Food Truck Race

If your tiny Chef dreams of someday having their own restaurant or food truck, sign them up for this inventive class. Each class the students will produce a different course (appetizer, soup, main dish, or dessert) or an item from a certain cuisine and build a creative food truck around it. Over the course (pun intended) of the session they will also be working on a final idea for their very own food truck, expanding on the types of foods that their restaurant on wheels would serve based on experiences they have had in class. Students will be introduced to a variety of cuisines, cooking skills and presentations throughout the week. Hazardous Materials: Sharp objects and hot objects



are used in the class. Instructor: Toni Escobedo  
Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
4–5 years  
8 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 6:15–7:15 p.m.  
April 5-May 24



Resident: \$190 / Non-resident: \$210  
**Piggy Bank Pioneers (Virtual)**

This is a series of classes where students learn about money while singing songs, playing games, listening to stories, and watching cartoons. This class is engaging, interactive, informative, and most of all, fun. We learn about money being engaging in scavenger hunts to find different types of coins (penny, nickel, dime, and quarter). When we introduce the concept of saving, we sing songs, classify needs and wants, and play our version of Simon Says. If your child has a piggy bank or a container used to save money, please have that

accessible. The Piggy Bank Pioneers play games to help participants understand the importance of credit. At times, parents will receive board games to print for their young person to play in class. Our game allows children to see how important it is to conserve to get to their goals. Most classes include a simple song for students to sing; thus learning continues all week. The Piggy Bank Pioneers make learning a full-body experience to help children retain more information. Instructor: Tyronda Boone

Virtual  
4–7 years  
Saturdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.  
May 7-June 11  
Resident: \$30 / Non-resident: \$40

### 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
3–5 years  
6 Week Session  
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
April 23-May 28  
\$55

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# Youth

## 5-12

Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens  
March 3: Scholarship Awardees  
March 10: TP Residents



### 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  
5–11 years  
8 Week Session  
Saturdays, 12:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m.  
April 9–June 4  
Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

#### Beginning Jazz

Children are growing up fast, and there is nothing more important than encouraging and pouring into their creativity. Through our performing arts program, your child will benefit through independent growth and positive reinforcement. They will thrive by engaging in enriching activities while enhancing strength and coordination. Beginner jazz skills are age-appropriate material and prepare the dancer in development of more complex steps. The jazz portion of the class will focus on pirouettes, footwork combinations, and an introduction to basic leaps, small jumps, and floor work. Have fun and make new friends; register today. We can't wait to meet you! Instructor: Edurama



Virtual  
7–10 years  
8 Week Session  
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
April 7–May 26  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

#### 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  
5–11 years  
8 Week Session  
Saturdays, 11:30–12:30 p.m.  
April 9–June 4  
Resident: \$65 / Non-resident: \$75

### 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 Recreation Center membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Fridays, 6:45–8:45 p.m.  
April 1, April 15, May 6, May 20  
June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15,  
August 5, August 19  
Free with membership

### EXTENDED CARE

#### Fun Day - May 2

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, socially distanced activities, crafts and presentations, there are opportunities





# Recreation: Youth

for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy. Participants must bring masks, a lunch, snacks and labeled water bottle. Activities and performers are subject to change. Registration is required. 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, May 2  
8:30 a.m.–5:30 a.m.  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

## MARTIAL ARTS

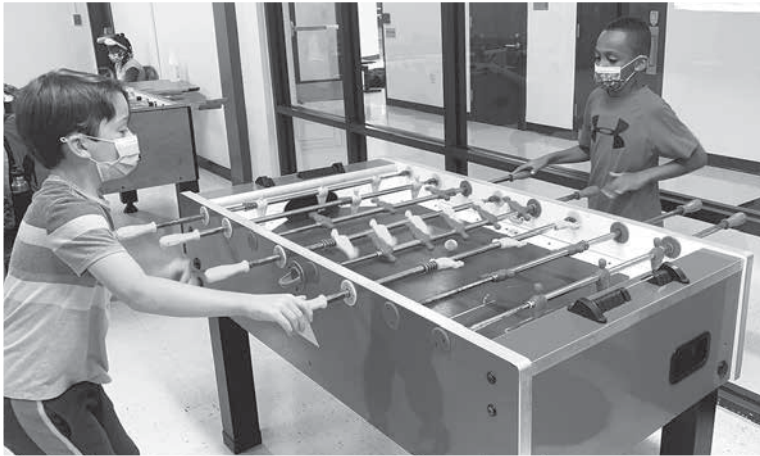
### Kung Fu for Kids

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation and self-defense while improving 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-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  
Saturdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Spring** (11 Weeks): April 2–June 25

**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 9–August 27  
Resident: \$155 / Non-resident: \$175



## 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
6–12 years  
6 Week Session  
Saturdays, 12–1 p.m.  
April 23–May 28  
\$70

### 2022 T-Ball League

This coed league allows girls and boys to have fun while learning the fundamentals of baseball. Emphasis will be on fun, learning to hit, running bases, and catching. No experience is necessary as all skill levels are welcome. Participants must bring their own baseball gloves. All teams will be formed by the Recreation Department. Games will be hosted at Belle Ziegler Park. Games are played on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. No games will be played July 4 weekend.

Belle Ziegler Park  
Sports Field  
7350 Takoma Avenue  
5–7 Years  
8 Week Season  
Saturday, 9–10:30 a.m.  
June 4–July 30  
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

### Y.E.S. League 2022 Grades 5–8

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games, and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Grades 5–8  
5 Week Season  
Mondays, 6–9 p.m.  
June 20–July 25  
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45



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# EXTENDED CARE

## School Year 2022–2023

The Recreation Department is pleased to again offer both before care and after care at both of our facilities. Morning and Afternoon Addition are held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue and Before and After the Bell is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

Our emphasis is on providing fun, leisure, and recreation programs before and after the school day, while providing a safe environment for children grades K–5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday-based events. Children will have time for free play, homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or simply prepare for their upcoming day in before care. Each afternoon kids will receive a snack, have a time to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more!

REGISTRATION OPENS:  
Current Scholarship Awardees: 4/21/22  
TP Residents: 4/28/22  
Non-Residents: 5/5/22

- Before Care hours are 7–9 a.m.
- After Care hours are 3:30–6:30 p.m.
- Programs operate when MCPS schools are in session.
- Participants must attend Piney Branch Elementary School or Takoma Park Elementary School.
- Programs will follow established CDC, State, County and local COVID protocols.

There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct. 1.

### Before The Bell

Transportation will not be provided through TPRD. Please contact MCPS Transportation at 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers, and we will take them to the bus stop in the morning.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
MCPS School Year  
7–9 a.m.  
\$1,500

### After The Bell

Transportation will not be provided through TPRD. Please contact MCPS Transportation (301-840-8130) to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers, and we will meet them at the bus stop.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
MCPS School Year  
3:30–6:30 p.m.  
\$2,300

### Morning Addition

Staff will escort participants to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
MCPS School Year  
7–9 a.m.  
Resident: \$1,500 / Non-resident: \$1,800

### Afternoon Addition

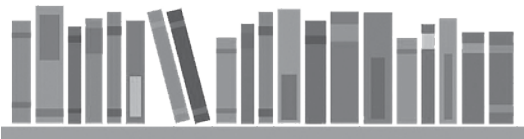
Staff will escort participants from Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Kindergarten-5th Grade  
MCPS School Year  
3:30–6:30 p.m.  
Resident: \$2,300 / Non-resident: \$2,800

### Bundle Discount

Participants who register for both before care and after care at the same facility in one transaction will receive a discount.

Resident: \$3,230 / Non-resident: \$3,910



# Teens

## 13-17

**Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens**  
**March 3: Scholarship Awardees**  
**March 10: 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. Beginning 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 \$20.00 must be paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class. All hazardous materials are handled by the instructor only. These include spray fixative for charcoal and pastels (used outside the classroom only). Paper cutter and exacto knives are also used only by

the instructor. Media is water soluble and non-toxic and does not involve solvents. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
11–14 years  
6 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 3:30–5:30 p.m.  
May 3–June 14  
Resident: \$142 / Non-resident: \$162  
Materials Fee: \$20

### 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.” Instructor: Dave Burbank

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
12–17 Years  
Thursdays, 4–6 p.m.

**Session 1** (5 Weeks): April 14–May 12  
**Session 2** (4 Weeks): May 19–June 9  
Resident: \$55 / Non-resident: \$65

### DROP-IN

#### Teen Night

The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides quality, affordable, safe, and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on the second and fourth Friday of the month? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
12–16 years  
Fridays, 6:30–8:45 p.m.  
April 22, May 13, May 27, June 10,  
June 24, July 22, August 26  
Free with membership



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EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Creative Cooking with Crossroads (Healthy Eating Program)

The Healthy Eating Program is a fun and interactive one-hour learning course about basic cooking and kitchen skills as well as making healthy recipes (easy to replicate at home). Teens will be able to learn some nutritional components and how to create their own recipes. Teens will also take a trip to the Crossroads Farmers Market and learn about growing and purchasing the right foods. Instruction will be provided by Crossroads Farmers Market. Transportation to Community Kitchen will be provided by TPRD.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Meet at Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6–12  
6 Week Session  
Mondays, 3:45–4:45 p.m.  
April 18–May 23  
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

FITNESS

Commit 2 B Fit (Outdoor Class)

Bring your yoga mat and water bottles and join us at Ed Wilhelm Field Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for a fun and energized session to work out and get fit. \*Don't forget to bring a mask. Limited spaces available; registration required. To ensure a safe class, please follow the guidelines listed: Check in and provide your name at the start of the program. There are no restroom facilities or water fountains. Participants must bring their own water.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
2 Darwin Avenue  
11 & Up  
7 Week Session  
Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
April 23–June 4  
Resident: \$10 / Non-resident: \$20

SPECIAL EVENTS

Staff & Teens Kickball Game

Staff & Students kickball game will take place at 1 p.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field. A select team of city staff members will be competing against a volunteer squad of students in a game intended to celebrate



the end of the school year. The squad of staff will feature some popular faces from all of Takoma Park's departments, City Council, and administration. The event will include food, music, and games! Contact Ms. Leicia for more information (leiciam@takomaparkmd.gov).

Ed Wilhelm Field  
2 Darwin Avenue  
11 & Up  
Wednesday, May 18  
2–5 p.m.  
Free

Youth Success Field Day

The Teen Program will host a community field day full of friends, food, and fun at Ed Wilhelm Field. Kick back with some ice cream and listen to beats by a live DJ. Engage in classic field day games like potato-sack races, relays, and tug-of-war. Don't miss out on giant lawn games, water play and prizes!

Ed Wilhelm Field  
2 Darwin Avenue  
Thursday, March 24  
2–5 p.m.  
Free

SPORTS

Y.E.S. League 2022, Grades 9–12

This program provides a positive venue for youth to express themselves through the game of basketball. Teams will be guaranteed six games, and each participant will receive a Y.E.S. League t-shirt.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Grades 9–12  
5 Week Season  
Tuesdays, 6–8 p.m.  
June 21–July 26  
Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45



# Adults

## 16+ years

Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens  
March 3: Scholarship Awardees  
March 10: TP Residents



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### ART

#### 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. Hazardous materials: Glazes

are all food safe but cannot be ingested. Tools such as needle tool or trimming knives are sharp. Clay dust should not be inhaled, but the room is kept clean. Dry clay dust is a respiratory hazard, and we will maintain best practices in clean up and materials handling to mitigate risk. Instructor: Luc Phinney

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & Up  
8 Week Session  
Fridays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
April 1-May 20  
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140  
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 principals 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. Hazardous materials: Class includes optional use of a paper cutter and exacto knives. Scissors are included in the materials baggie. All adhesives are water soluble and non-toxic and do not require solvents. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center  
Art Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & Up  
6 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
April 1-May 20  
Resident: \$205 / Non-resident: \$235  
Materials Fee: \$25



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DANCE

Afrobeat/Afro-Ndombolo Dance Class

We are a contemporary Afro Dance company specializing in African dancing. Zuri Sana'a DanXercise's mission is to bring you joy and memories through the art of dance. Zuri Sana'a DanXercise combines hip hop, salsa, dancehall, 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 shred 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.

**Spring** (10 Weeks): April 14-June 16  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 7-August 25  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60

Yassa (African Dance)

Yassa means joy. Yassa is designed to get your heart rate up and boost your cardio endurance while having tons of fun and enjoying international music. Yassa is fun and energetic, and most of all keeps you in great shape. Let's Yassa!

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
Wednesday, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

**Spring** (6 Weeks): April 6-May 11  
\$60  
**Summer** (4 Weeks): June 1-June 22  
\$40



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. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & Up  
Saturdays, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

**Session 1** (8 Weeks): April 2-May 28  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90  
**Session 2** (4 Weeks): June 4-June 25  
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50  
**Session 3** (8 Weeks): July 9-August 27  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

Virtual  
16 & Up  
8 Week Sessions  
Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Spring:** April 6-May 25  
**Summer:** July 6-August 24  
Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

FITNESS

Body Works Plus Abs

Body Works Plus Abs is a toning exercise where you tone in a high repetition, light dumbbell workout that will take you through a variety of exercises while you move to the beat of the music. This class improves muscle tone, posture, balance, and strength. It is a true total body workout. Participants will need to bring light dumbbells and exercise mats to the class.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
16 & Up  
Fridays, 6–7 p.m.

**Spring** (8 Weeks): April 1-May 20  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90  
**Spring** (5 Weeks): May 27-June 24  
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 8-August 26  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

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. I will help you to jump-start your memories, organize your ideas, and edit your work. We use the book *Writing the Memoir* by Judith Barrington. Bring a notebook to each class and be ready to have fun! Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt





Recreation: Adults

Everyday Qi Gong

In this virtual class, Everyday Qi Gong energizes simple movements designed to improve health, mobility, flexibility, general happiness, and peace of mind. You will develop a daily routine selecting from a variety of exercises that are easy to learn. You will find immediate benefits; invigorating energy systems, opening joints, and relaxing our bodies, minds, and spirits. No experience needed to connect with our vital life energies. Instructor: Patrick Smith

Virtual  
18 & Up  
8 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 7:30–8 p.m.  
April 5-May 24  
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

Iyengar Yoga for Beginners (Hybrid)

This class will introduce you to Yoga as taught by 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  
8 Week Session  
18 & Up  
Wednesdays, 6–7:15 p.m.  
April 6-May 25  
Resident: \$104 / Non-resident: \$124

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Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
15 & Up  
6 Week Session  
Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.  
April 6-May 11  
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105  
Materials Fee: \$21

Meditation Mudras & Herbal Tea

Dive into the world of guided meditation along with hand mudras, gestures that promote healing, psychological balance, and spiritual awakening are paired with teachings on herbs as physical and mental healing aids. Beth is a certified herbalist, yoga teacher, lover of all plants, and what our own bodies have to offer us to live more peaceful, abundant lives. Herbal teas provided at each class! There is a \$21 materials fee that is due to the instructor

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  
16 & Up  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.  
**Spring** (8 Weeks): April 4-May 25  
**Summer** (14 Weeks): June 1, 2022 - Wed, August 31  
Free

MULTIMEDIA

Photography 101

We are constantly taking photos, but they don't come out the way we imagined. In this class, learn the intros to photography as an art form and step up your photography game. The class will cover how to shoot manual on your DSLR, rules of composition, portrait photography, object photography, landscape photography, posing 101, editing your



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photos, using natural light vs. non natural light, composition and turning your phone into a camera. Course Requirements: Participants should have basic knowledge of computers. All participants will need an external memory device (stick or drive) of at least five gigabytes to store and save photographs. Instructor: Vinny Mwano

Takoma Park Community Center  
Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
18 & Up  
8 Week Session  
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
April 7-May 26  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90



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2022 Adult Softball League

The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Games will be played on Sundays. Team registrations must contain 50% TP residents to qualify for Resident Team entry fee. Roster limit: 15. All games are double headers (8 weeks).

Various Local Fields  
16 & Up  
8 Week Season  
**Games:** Sundays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
April 3-June 12  
Resident: \$645 / Non-resident: \$745

2022 TP Adult Summer Basketball League (Team Fee)

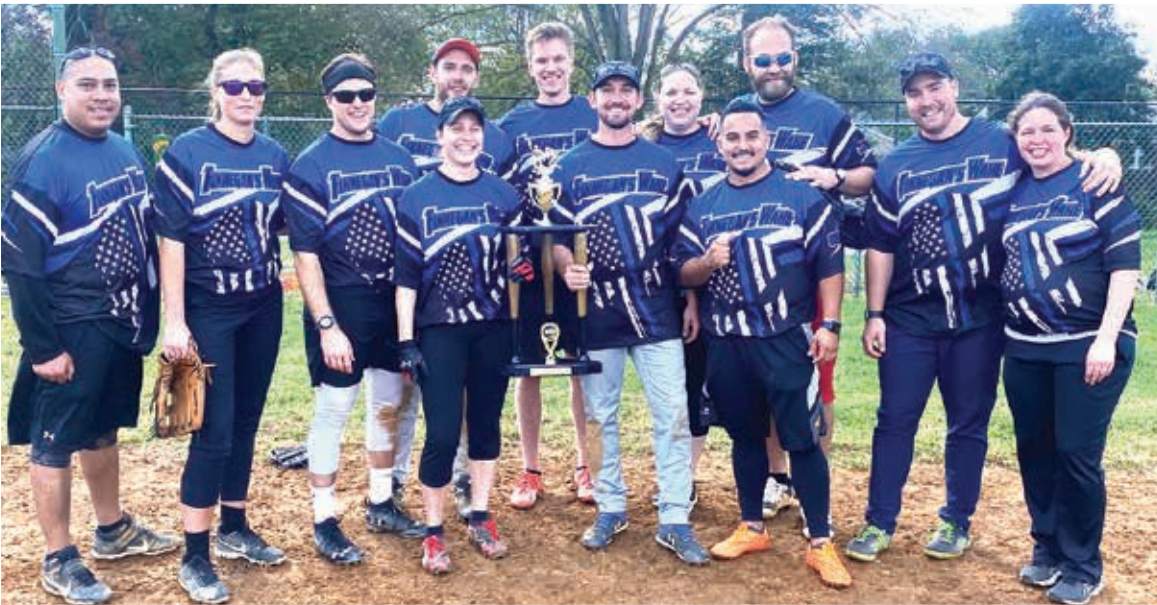
Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Put together your winning team and go against other area teams to win the league championship. Teams will be provided uniforms. Games are played at Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6 or 7 p.m.

Takoma-Piney Branch Neighborhood Park  
Steve Francis Basketball Court  
2 Darwin Ave  
18 & Up  
7 Week Season  
Wednesdays & Thursdays  
June 29-August 11

6–8 p.m.  
Team Fee: \$300

2022 TP Adult Summer Basketball League (Free Agent)

Join our Adult Basketball League this summer. Add yourself to the waiting list if interested in joining. You will be contacted if space becomes available on a team; payment should be made directly to the team. \*Spaces not guaranteed. Free agent registration closes on June 29.





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March 3: Scholarship Awardees  
March 10: TP Residents



## DANCE

### Line Dance

New Tuesday class added. 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. You may register for either Tuesday or Wednesday class but not both; choose the class that fits your schedule. Instructor: Barbara Brown

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & Up

**Tuesdays**, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Spring (12 Week Session): April 5–June 21  
Summer (8 Week Session): July 5–August 23

**Wednesdays**, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Spring (12 Week Session): April 6–June 22  
Summer (8 Week Session): July 6–August 24  
\$5

**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.



### Zumba Gold

Designed 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. Instructor: Yesika Flores

Takoma Park Community Center  
Dance Studio  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & Up  
Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

**Spring** (12 Weeks): April 6–June 22  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 6–August 24  
\$5

### Hybrid Zumba Gold

Choose virtual or in-person  
Dance Studio  
Fridays, 10–11 a.m.

**Spring:** April 8 – June 17  
**Summer:** July 1 – August 19  
\$5

## DROP-IN

### Bingo

Come and try your luck and win a prize! This program 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.  
April 26, May 24, June 28  
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 to “hang out” before, in-between, and after classes during the day. Summer hours reduced due to youth camps, Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Game Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
55 & Up

### Spring Hours:

Mon–Fri: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Summer Hours:

Mon–Sat: 10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Free



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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. Registration is required for this virtual zoom class. Instructor: Adriene Buist

Virtual  
55 & Up  
Tuesdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m.

**Spring** (12 Weeks): April 5-June 21  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 5-August 23  
\$5

Foundational Fitness 55



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 towel and water nearby. Equipment is not provided. Registration is required for this virtual zoom class. Instructor: Michael Williams

Virtual  
55 & Up  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.  
**Spring** (12 Weeks): April 5-June 23  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 5-August 25  
\$5

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.  
**Spring** (12 Weeks): April 5-June 21  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 5-August 23  
\$5



Walking Group

Don't worry about the weather and join your neighbors and friends for indoor lap walking. Go at your own pace. This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required; however, a free fitness pass is required to use the gym. Masks required indoors.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 & Up  
Tuesdays, 1:15–2 p.m.  
April 5-June 7  
Free w/ membership

Yoga for 55 plus

This yoga class is about the gentle flow of yoga poses modified to an individual's needs depending on their balance level. Yoga improves flexibility, posture and stamina while energizing the mind and spirit for better health and well-being. No experience needed. Students must bring their own yoga mats. Instructor: Sarita Lamas

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 & Up  
9 Week Session  
Tuesdays, 12–1 p.m.  
April 5-June 7  
\$5

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 that 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  
Fridays, 12–1 p.m.  
**Spring** (11 Weeks): April 8-June 17  
**Summer** (8 Weeks): July 1-August 19  
\$5

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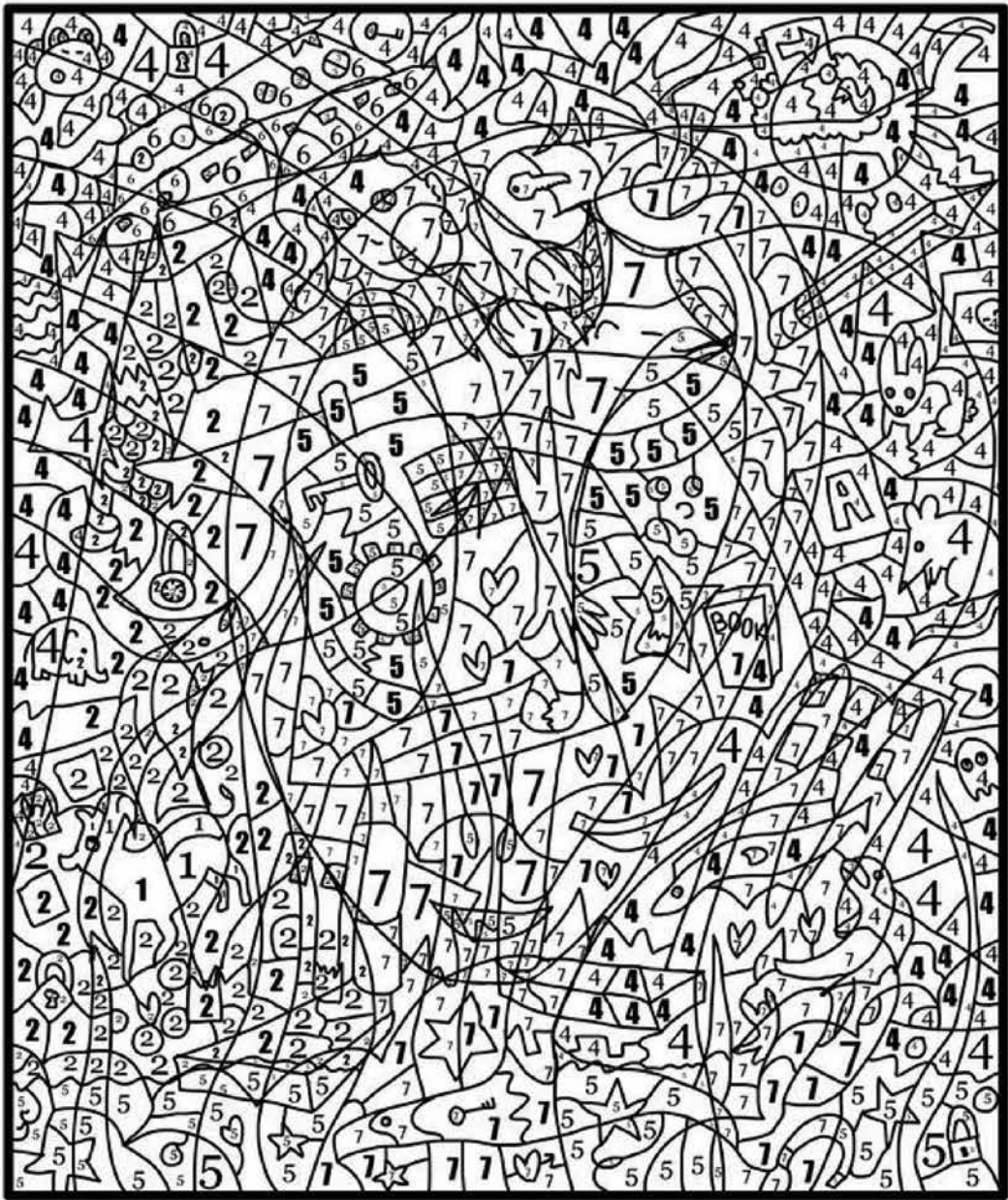
Basketball Open Play

Don't worry about the weather and join your neighbors and friends for basketball practice and free play. This is a drop-in activity; no registration is required. A free fitness pass is required. Maximum 12 participants in the gym. Masks required indoors.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
Gymnasium  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
55 & Up  
Thursdays, 12–2 p.m.  
April 7-June 9  
Free w/ membership

# Paint by Number

Can you find the hidden objects before you color? a monkey, 4 keys, 4 locks, a tree, a delivery truck, a bird, a banana for the monkey, a pencil, a picture frame, a rabbit, a mouse, a block, pacman, a ghost, a surprised face, a book, a sail boat, a magnet, 10 hearts, 10 stars, an elephant, and a gear



1: brown   2: yellow   3: orange   4: black  
5: dark green   6: gray   7: light green

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# SUMMER WRITING

## Prompts



If you could be on any game show, which would it be? Tell what happens when you're on the show.	Write about a time you went on vacation.	What would you do if someone gave you \$1 million?	Name one thing you like about yourself and why you like it.	Imagine you were twenty feet tall. Describe what life would be like.
Which character from a book would you most like to meet and why?	What would you do if you woke up one morning to find yourself invisible?	What would be your ideal job when you grow up? Explain.	Describe someone who is a hero to you and explain why.	How old were you 5 years ago? Describe some things you can do now that you could not do then.
What if you were named principal for the week? What would you do?	Write a short biography of yourself.	Write directions for how to make a banana split.	What would you do if you could travel into the past?	Imagine you woke up and saw a dinosaur in your backyard. Write a story telling what you see and do.
What is your favorite summer activity?	If you could do something that you never have done before, what would it be?	Would you want to visit the moon? Why or why not?	Write out the best or the worst day of your life.	Write about going back to school after summer break.



# Spring Sudoku



DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once.

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# Spring Scavenger Hunt

Take this page with you on a nature walk and see what you can find!

### SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

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flower

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butterfly

☐   
green leaf

☐   
bird

☐   
nest

☐   
bee

☐   
squirrel

☐   
tree

☐   
caterpillar

☐   
mushroom

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### SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

☐   
smell grass

☐   
smell fresh air

☐   
smell flowers

☐   
smell a tree

☐   
feel sunshine

☐   
feel the wind

☐   
hear birds

☐   
hear frogs

☐   
hear children

☐   
hear mower

teachingmama.org

# 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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

Spring & Summer  
Registration Opens

March 3:  
Scholarship Awardees

March 10:  
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/council](http://takomaparkmd.gov/council) and review the street listing.
- 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/electronic 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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