

## Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of August 16 - 20, 2010

### Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 23:

- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. (Hydrangea Room)  
All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org) to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

**Cultural Events Coordinator - Deadline August 30:** The Arts and Humanities Commission is seeking a Cultural Events Coordinator to assist in its efforts to provide a variety of free cultural events to the community (music, dance, film, spoken word, etc.). The selected individual would serve as the key point of contact for programming, solicit and review proposals, and assist in marketing and coordinating selected events. This is not a paid position; an honorarium will be awarded. Deadline for application is 5 p.m. on Monday, August 30. For more information see [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Small Community Grant Program.** The City is accepting applications for funding through the Council's Small Community Grant Program. The program competitively awards grants of up to \$2,500 for community projects. The application deadline is September 20, 2010. For more information, see <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/sc-grants/> or contact Jessie Carpenter at [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org). *(City Clerk)*

**Now on Display in the Atrium Gallery:** "Play of Color" - an exploration of high-impact color by five area artists explores the use of color and gives the public a first in-depth glimpse of the artists, right at the cutting edge of their maturing exploration - is on display in the Atrium Gallery through September 11. Please join us for the closing reception - complete with a live painting demonstration by Jennifer Brewer, Soline Krug, and Charla Wilkerson - on Friday, August 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Accepting Applications for CDBG Grant Funds:** The City of Takoma Park is accepting applications for its PY37 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Approximately \$25,000 in public service funds and \$100,000 in capital project funds are available beginning July 1, 2011. Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on Monday, September 13. Program guidelines and an application form are available online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) or by calling 301-891-7119. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Landlords Needing Assistance with Online Rent Reporting:** Landlords needing assistance with the online rent reporting program that went into effect this month can attend a class on Thursday, August 26 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.); Wednesday, September 1 (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.) or Tuesday, September 14 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.) Preregistration is required by calling Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216 or by e-mail at [jeank@takomagov.org](mailto:jeank@takomagov.org). The classes are held in the computer lab at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Tenant Rights Class to be held on September 22:** Tenants wanting to know more about their rights as tenants in Takoma Park can attend a free class that will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue on Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. To register, call Moses Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7215 or by e-mail at [moseswW@takomagov.org](mailto:moseswW@takomagov.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**SummerQuest:** With another four weeks to go before our 'End of SummerQuest' celebration, the Library has signed up 250 participants in its summer reading program. Collectively, participants have read 1,035 books since the beginning of the summer. *(Library)*

**Library Update:** In FY 2010, circulation of Library materials increased by 28.2% from FY 2009, and program attendance increased by 14%. The volunteer shelving program is well underway, with nine students and one adult contributing between 18 and 27 hours per week. *(Library)*

**Library Summer Programs:** Thanks to the Friends of the Library, Spanish Circle Time is continuing throughout the summer. Other continuing summer programs include Community Circle Time, Bedtime Story Hour, Comics Jam, and some special programs. *(Library)*

**Fall Library Events:** The Library is planning for fall programs and events, including resume building workshops, the College Bound speakers series, a used book sale on October 23, a series of discussions on "The Brothers Karamazov," and innumerable children's programs. Contact the Library for details.  
(Library)

**Assisting with Teacher Professional Development:** On August 19, Dave Burbank spoke to Montgomery County Public School teachers and media specialists at Quince Orchard High School on various aspects of developing and maintaining a graphic novel collection as part of their Professional Development Day.  
(Library)

**Help Your Community by Learning Basic Disaster Response Skills.** The Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee is recruiting volunteers to attend Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training beginning in September. CERT members learn basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during hands-on exercises, CERT members can give critical assistance to others in their neighborhoods or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in safety education and emergency preparedness projects in the community.

The next class will meet on Wednesdays and Saturdays: September 22, 25, 29, October 2, 6, 9, 20 and 23. Participants must attend all sessions to graduate. To sign up for training, or to receive more information, e-mail [tpepc@takomagov.org](mailto:tpepc@takomagov.org) or call 301-270-1084. Space is limited. For more information about CERT activities, see <http://montgomerycert.org/>. (City Clerk)

**Officers in Meetings:**

- On August 16, Chief Ricucci met with the residents of the Maplevue Apartments at 7710 Maple Avenue to discuss crime and safety issues. There was a good turnout from the residents.
- During the week, Chief Ricucci, Captain Coursey, Jack Van Wagenen discussed communications issues with the County Police and Park Police Consolidation Committee and its operations sub-committee.  
(Police)

**Traffic Enforcement:**

*During August 15-20, 2010, the following details were completed:*

August 15, 2010

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three warnings.

August 16, 2010

- Lincoln Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Poplar Avenue & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- 1000 Block of East-West Highway (speed enforcement) - conducted a 4-hour detail and issued 14 State citations for speed and eight other State citations. The average speed was 49 mph; the speed limit is 30 mph.

August 17, 2010

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (red light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

August 18, 2010

- 1000 08/18/10/1000 Block East-West Highway (speed enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued eight State citations and two other citations. The average speed was 50 mph; the speed limit is 30 mph.

- East-West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn enforcement) - conducted a 2-hour detail and issued six State citations and two warnings. (*Police*)