

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
June 8 - June 12, 2009**

1. TONIGHT - Opening Reception for “Paño in American Tradition”

Exhibit: Please join us this evening at the opening of this unique exhibit. The reception will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Gallery 3 on the third floor of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. The opening will feature a live performance by ex-prisoner guitarist Dennis Sobin, who has performed at the Kennedy Center. The exhibit runs through July 25 and can be viewed, Monday Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*Housing and Community Development*)

2. Under the Stars: A “Movie Under the Stars” is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at Ed Wilhelm Field, behind the Piney Branch Elementary School. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and watch the original "Night at the Museum" (rated PG) on an impressive 21-foot screen. The Takoma Park Community Band will start playing at 8:00 p.m. The movie is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. Free popcorn is being served! Parking is available at the Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. (*Recreation*)

3. SummerQuest: The Library’s SummerQuest Kick-off event will be held Monday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Karen MacPherson and Dave Burbank will introduce Dave’s latest creation – in which readers journey around a sunken city as they complete a series of ten reading challenges. The Takoma Park Maryland Library is the only library in Maryland to create its own summer reading program. The SummerQuest adventure is written and illustrated by Dave, and funded by the Friends of the Library. (*Library*)

4. Crossroads Farmers Grand Opening Wednesday, June 17 at 3!

(Ward 6): This season, the Crossroads Farmers Market will grow both in size and scope. As in years past, the Market will feature a variety of locally produced foods, including vegetables and herbs, fruits and baked goods, and ethnic foods. The list of vendors includes Sligo Creek Organic Farm, J&W Valley View Farm, Kohs Bulgogi, LLC, Stone Hearth Bakery, La Miguelena Pupusas and Guatemalan bakery Panaderia Chapina. In addition to these offerings, the Crossroads Farmers Market will begin showcasing work by local artisans. The Crossroads Market will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Opening Day Celebration will include Sol de Los Andes, a group of Bolivian musicians; the Jazzy Juggler; local

politicians; and free face painting for kids. (*Housing and Community Development*)

5. Y.E.S. League - Games to Start Next Week: The Youth Exposed to Success “Y.E.S.” Basketball League will begin games next week. Games are to be played in the Piney Branch Elementary School gymnasium. Middle school age games will take place on Tuesdays; game times 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. High school age games will take place on Wednesdays; game times 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. For more information on the Y.E.S. Basketball League, please contact Eric Rasch at 301-891-7225 or EricR@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

6. Banned Books: The award-winning Banned Books Club for grades 6 and up meets on Monday, June 22, to discuss “Harriet the Spy” by Louise Fitzhugh. All who read the book are welcome, but registration is required. (*Library*)

7. Maple Avenue Planning Workshops (Ward 4): On Tuesday, June 9, the Planning team brought the workshop to the lobby at Essex House and about 80 residents gave input. Responses that were similar to other meetings included a gym facility, youth involvement, street lighting, and farmers market. A festival space was a unique priority to Essex House. Options had been identified at earlier workshops and were broader than the scope of any capital improvements that may be built as part of this project. At the final formal workshop, June 10, design consultant John Moynahan presented design analyses of the area and feasible location options for top priority recommendations, such as the community vegetable garden. Lt. Rick Bowers led a lively discussion regarding safety with residents. Staff will be continuing outreach. For more information or to arrange for a meeting in other languages, contact Carman Lam at 30-891-7219 or carmanl@takomagov.org. (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. Historic District Identity Signage (Wards 1, 2, 3, and 5): Staff obtained a revision to the Historic Area Work Permit for signage in order to install Historic Area signs inside the City of Takoma Park along the district's edges to educate residents and visitors where the Takoma Park Historic District is located. These signs are part of the City's gateway signage program and are expected to be installed this summer along with additional signage. (*Housing and Community Development*)

9. Books Available: Books are now available for the next meetings of the Friends of the Library Reading Group. On Thursday, July 30, there will be a discussion of "The White Hotel" by D.M. Thomas at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The classics contingent, fostered during last winter's reading of "War and Peace," will begin discussing "Middlemarch" by George Eliot in October. Copies of both books are available at the Library, and funded by the Friends of the Library. All are invited to attend. *(Library)*

10. Spanish Time Goes On: Thanks to additional funding by the Friends of the Library, our Thursday morning Spanish Circle Time will continue through the summer months. These programs for preschoolers and their caregivers are held at 11:00 a.m. *(Library)*

11. Seniors Advisory Group: Twenty-five seniors attended the Seniors Advisory Group Meeting held at Victory Tower Senior Residences on Friday, June 5, 2009. After a lovely brunch, seniors discussed activities, programming, special events and trips for the end of this year and 2010. Next month's meeting will be held at Franklin Apartments. *(Recreation)*

12. Takoma Park Recreation is Getting Ready for Summer!: Camps are starting to fill up! Spaces are still available for:

- Tremendous Trips, June 17 - 19
- Camp Takoma, June 22 - August 7
- Extreme Horizons, June 22 - August 7
- Digital Bridge, June 22 - 26 and August 10 - 14
- Visual Arts Camp, June 29 - July 2 and July 6 - 10
- Dribble and Shoot Basketball Camp, August 10 - 14

Register online at activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For more information, please call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233. *(Recreation)*

13. Jason Miskiri's Basketball Camp for Ages 7 - 17: Be a part of something big this summer! Takoma Park native Jason Miskiri attended Blair High School, Montgomery College, George Mason University, and moved on to the Charlotte Hornets. In partnership with the Takoma Park Recreation Department, this co-ed camp focuses on building strong skills for everyone regardless of experience. Registration forms are available in the Recreation office and at www.miskiricamp.com. For more information call 202-369-7116 or email Jason at jmiskiri@hotmail.com. Choose one or two weeks! Cost includes t-shirt, awards and prizes. Bring your lunch. Before

and After Care are not offered for this camp. Session 1 will be from June 22 - 26; Session 2 will be from June 29 - July 3. Camp will run from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be held at Montgomery Blair High, 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, MD. Fees are \$175/week or \$330 for both weeks. (*Recreation*)

14. Ride On Bus News: The Montgomery County Council was able to avoid cuts in Ride On bus service during their recent budget process. However, due to the requests from Takoma Park residents, route changes to Route 18 and 25 will proceed. Changes are scheduled to take effect the first Sunday in September. For more information, go to: www.takomaparkmd.gov/rideon. (*Deputy City Manager*)

15. Training:

- On June 8, Sgt. Frishkorn, Detectives Cannatella and Hoetzel, and Ms. Luy attended training entitled “GangNet Intelligence System Training” in Greenbelt, Maryland.
- On June 10, Capt. Coursey and various officers in the department attended a Counter-Terrorism presentation at the University of Maryland. (*Police*)

16. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 123 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest, two warrant service arrests from traffic and one disorderly arrest.

During June 2-11, 2009, the following details were completed:

June 2, 2009

- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 3½-hour detail and issued seventeen state citations.

June 5, 2009

- 1300 block of University Blvd. (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a one 60-minute detail and issued eight state citations.

June 6, 2009

- Kirlynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 5-hour detail and issued twenty state citations and one warning.

June 7, 2009

- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 3-hour detail and issued seventeen state citations and one warning.

June 9, 2009

- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

June 10, 2009

- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six state citations.

June 11, 2009

- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five state citations. (Police)