

Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Newsletter

January 5, 2008

Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Association Meets Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.,
Promised Land Baptist Church, 4th and Van Buren streets, N.W. Everyone is welcome.

TDCNA Recruiting New Team, New Ideas, For Takoma DC Neighborhood Newsletter

Retiring Newsletter Team Thanks Distributors & Block Captains for Years of Service to Takoma D.C. Community

With thanks to our newsletter distributors — currently Cheryl Smith, Peachy Murray, Ric Doery, Hank Heflin, Abby Frankson and Lou Lieb — and the dozens of block captains who have been delivering the Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Newsletter, and the previous crime information sheet, for at least 12 years, to more than 800 homes and businesses throughout the community, our current newsletter team is retiring. At minimum the newsletter will not be published in February. Community information will continue to be shared online at TDCNA.org and TakomaDC.info, and through the Takoma D.C. email listserv. All volunteers who have been delivering the newsletter will be contacted before a new publication date is set.

The newsletter is sponsored by the Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Association. TDCNA is looking at whether to change the publication schedule and format or to find a new team to keep the newsletter going out every month.

The newsletter has been an important information resource, particularly for neighbors who don't belong to the neighborhood email listserv or don't use the internet. TDCNA is recruiting new newsletter team members who want to continue our tradition of providing clear, factual information to encourage

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JANUARY BRINGS WORKSHOPS TO TAKOMA BRANCH LIBE

There is a lot going on at Takoma D.C.'s Neighborhood Library this month. Friends of Takoma Branch Library meets Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m., Clinical Herbalist Intern and Birth Doula Tokunboh Obasi will discuss and demonstrate uses of winter herbs in four cultures and how to prepare simple cough syrups. On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Branch will host a free, hands-on workshop on repairing leaking faucets, by the Cooperative Extension Service, University of the District of Columbia. Class size is limited, register by calling the branch, 576-7252. On Thursday, Jan. 24, 6 to 8 p.m., the library hosts a free seminar, Business Planning 101, by the DC Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center. Participants will explore issues in developing business plans. Register by calling the library.

FRIENDS OF TAKOMA REC AND TDNCA RECEIVE GRANT FOR TAKOMA RECREATION CENTER RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

Friends of Takoma Recreation Center, partnering with TDCNA, has received a grant from the Watershed Protection Division of the D.C. Department of Environment for a rain garden demonstration project next to the tennis courts of the Takoma Recreation Center.

The rain garden will divert storm water from the tennis courts, and reduce the amount of water entering storm drains during heavy rains. The project can also help homeowners learn how to address storm water issues on their properties, diverting urban pollution from our local streams, rivers and estuaries.

The project is seeking a civil engineer experienced in drainage and bio-retention to design the rain garden and under-drain system. To learn more about the project, contact Ann Beman, abeman@starpower.net. For information about Friends of Takoma Recreation Center, contact Gina Douglas, president, ginadouglas@starpower.net, 726-1259.

TAKOMA DC O'HATS KICK OFF 2008 WITH SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, WALK

Start the new year supporting the Takoma D.C. Orange Hats with an "all hands" walk, O'Hats' first activity of the 2008 season on Sunday, January 13th. The patrol group, including new coordinator David Sturgeon, will "meet and greet" at Savory Metro at 7 p.m., and begin walking at 7:30.

Come out Sunday the 13th to meet more neighbors and work together to improve neighborhood safety in 2008. Wear reflective clothing, and bring cell phones, notepads and cameras, as well as trash bags for cleaning up along the walk route.

This volunteer safety organization, sponsored by the Takoma D. C. Neighborhood Association, is non-confrontational. Criminal or suspicious activity is reported to the police and needs for city services, such as broken street lights, are reported to D.C. Government.

Contact David Sturgeon, d_sturgeon@yahoo.com or 332-4993.

**REMINDER: PEAK HOUR
METRO TRAIN AND BUS FARES,
AND PARKING FEES, INCREASE
ON SUNDAY, JAN. 6.**

ALSO: Expect 20-Minute Train Delays MLK Holiday weekend. (Friday night, Jan. 19, through Monday night, Jan. 21). METRO will be single-tracking trains due to track repairs, Red, Orange and Blue lines.

Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m. PSA 401 meeting (for residents of area north of Aspen St.) Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave., N.W. Contact Lt. Ronald Thomas, 730-0603 or ronald.thomas@dc.gov.

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Neighborhood Watch Report

Report crimes to the police at: 311 for non-emergencies, 911 for emergencies and 730-0611 (focused missions/vice squad) for drug sales and other suspicious activities. Also notify your block captain, if possible. Crime reports below are taken from The Washington Post, Fourth District Police website, TakomaDC Listserv, and block captains.

Butternut Street, 700 block, Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m., a man came to the door of a residence and used a fraudulent story to solicit money.

Carroll Street, 300 block, Dec. 11, 12 p.m., theft from a store.

Eastern Avenue, 7700 block, between Dec. 17 and Dec. 21, property stolen from drop box inside apartment building.

Eastern Avenue, at Walnut Street, Jan. 1, 7 a.m. Young man grabbed purse of woman walking on Eastern and ran up Walnut. Cash taken, purse later found and returned to victim by a neighbor.

Georgia Avenue, 6500 block, Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m., two suspects assaulted and robbed a pedestrian. 6600 block, Dec. 15, 2 a.m., a person was assaulted during an argument inside a residence. 6900 block, Nov. 23, 10 a.m., theft from residence.

Georgia Avenue and Geranium Street, Dec. 30, 9:30 p.m., five suspects robbed three people at gunpoint.

Piney Branch Road, 6500 block, Dec. 8, 1 p.m., theft from Safeway. 6700 block, between Dec. 22 and Dec. 23, rock thrown through front window of house.

Van Buren Street, unit block, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m., a suspect robbed a person sitting inside a car at gunpoint. 300 block, between Nov. 27 and Nov. 29, theft from office.

Willow Street, 6900 block, Nov. 28, 6 a.m., burglary at school.

Third Street, 6500 block, Dec. 24, between 3 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., property stolen from back porch.

Fourth Street, 6600 block, Dec. 10, 7 a.m., theft from a residence.

Fifth Street, 6500 block, Jan. 1, 5:25 p.m., six suspects assaulted and robbed a pedestrian.

Fifth Street and Aspen Street, Dec. 20, 10:30 p.m., a man came to the door of a residence and used a fraudulent story to solicit money.

Fifth Street and Underwood Street, Dec. 20, 10:45 p.m., a man came to the door of a residence and used a fraudulent story to solicit money.

Fifth Street, 6900 block, discovered a.m., Jan. 1, the back window of a resident's vehicle parked in resident's driveway was smashed with a wooden chair taken from the porch next door. Nothing taken from vehicle.

Stolen autos: 900 block of Aspen Street; 7300 block of Blair Road; 400 block of Cedar Street; Georgia Avenue and Piney Branch Road; 300 block of Vine Street; 6500 block of First Street; Fourth Street and Butternut Street; 6600 block of Fifth Street; 6600 block of Seventh Place; 7200 block of Seventh Street; Ninth Street and Butternut Street.

Thefts from auto: 7400 block of Georgia Avenue; 6500 block of Piney Branch Road; 800 block of Whittier Place.

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Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., PSA 402 meeting (residents of area south of Aspen St.). MPD 4th District Police Headquarters, 6001 Georgia Ave., N.W. Meet Captain Anthony Poteat and Lt. Jimmie Riley and officers patrolling PSA 402. Contact Officer Heather Straker, 715-7411 or heather.straker@dc.gov.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. ANC-4B meeting. Email ANCSaraGreen@yahoo.com or call 829-8802 or visit ANCSaraGreen.org for information on meeting location.

Takoma Branch Library, 5th and Cedar streets, N.W. 576-7252. Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. **CLOSED Mon., Jan. 21, for MLK Holiday.** 576-7252. Manager Helen Hiltz, Helen.hiltz@dc.gov. Adult Librarian, Andrea Cheney, andrea.cheney@dc.gov. Children's Librarian, Rachel Meit, rachel.meit@dc.gov, Toroitich Cheronono, youth programs, toroitich.cheronono@dc.gov.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. "Saturday Crafternoon," kids 6 and above make peace crafts in honor of Martin Luther King.

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Takoma D.C. neighbors to engage in social, educational, cultural, safety, economic and community development and government activities and volunteer opportunities in the community. To volunteer, contact TDCNA president Paul Schwartz, 882-4351, or paul1959421@yahoo.com. We also want to hear block captains' and distributors' suggestions for the next incarnation of the Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Newsletter. To learn more about what goes into producing the newsletter, contact Dodie Butler, 291-5338 or dodiebutler@yahoo.com.

Newsletter stalwarts Dawn Nelson (production and distribution network coordinator) and David Nicholson (editor/layout) moved out of the neighborhood during 2007. Dodie Butler gathered and wrote the copy from 2001 through 2005 and returned for 2007. Kathleen Kendrick has been producing the crime report since September '04 and Tammy Belden has coordinated production and distribution since Dawn's move last spring.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m. Movie "Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix," with popcorn and juice.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Pajama Storytime. Babies to 6 year-olds, with caregivers.

Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Association Membership

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Phone No _____
 Email Address(es) _____

This membership is: ? New ? Renewal
 Circle membership category: Individual \$10 Family \$15
 Membership is valid for one year. Dues payable by October 1 each year.
 TDCNA's geographic area of concern is bounded by Georgia and Eastern Avenues and Geranium and Underwood Streets. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Make checks payable to TDCNA. Send to TDCNA, PO Box 60159, Washington D.C. 20039

