

# TAKOMA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICING ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS - 2023

7500 Maple Avenue

Takoma Park, MD 20912

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# FAITH & BLUE



## National Faith & Blue

Movie Matinee  
Showing "Coco"



An event designed to bring together community members and law enforcement members to facilitate safer and stronger communities by engaging each other through the connections of houses of worship.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 8, 2022

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**PLACE:** City Building, Council Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD



Come join us for a cup of coffee and chat. No agenda or speeches...just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your community!

**When:** Thursday, June 2  
**Hours:** 11 AM - 1 PM  
**Where:** Starbucks, Langley Park  
 7690 New Hampshire Ave





COFFEE with a COP

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TAKOMA PARK POLICE  
 301-270-1100  
<http://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police>




# COFFEE WITH A COP





# ETCH & CATCH ANTI-THEFT CATALYTIC CONVERTER PROGRAM



COLLECTION OF EMERGENCY CARE  
PACKAGES FOR VICTIMS/FAMILIES  
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE





Takoma Park Police @TakomaParkPD · Nov 1, 2022

Takoma Park Police collected 349 lbs. of unused & expired medications during the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 29!

@DEAWashingtonDC @DEAHQ

#TPPDPrescriptionDrugTakeBackDay

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired  
medication for safe disposal

Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)  
or call 800-882-9539  
for a collection site near you.

Sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

**SUCCESSFUL**  
dispose



# PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK



SAFE PLACE FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS  
SECURE THE CALL

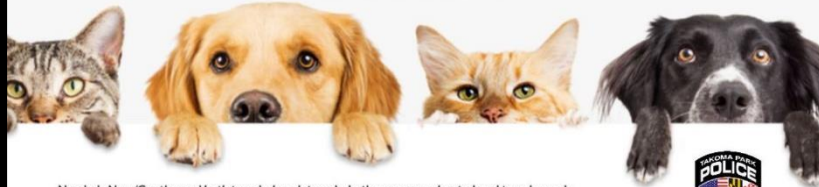


## Essentials Drive for Montgomery County Animal Shelters

Collecting towels, blankets, beds, toys and unopened food

Drop off at the Takoma Park Police Department lobby, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD.  
We will get everything to the shelters!

THANK YOU!!



Needed: New/Gently used bath towels, beach towels, bathroom rugs, sheets, hand towels, wash cloths and blankets (for the safety of the animals, NO fitted sheets, items with zippers or snaps and/or other fabrics with rips or frayed edges). Also accepting beds, toys and unopened food.



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Feb 4, 2022

We made our first drop (of hopefully many to come) yesterday to @mcasac - several blankets, towels & other items needed for our pet essentials drive - all generously donated by the residents of Takoma Park to keep our furry friends warm and happy. Thank you!



# ESSENTIALS DRIVE FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS





# WINTER COAT DRIVE



FIRE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG



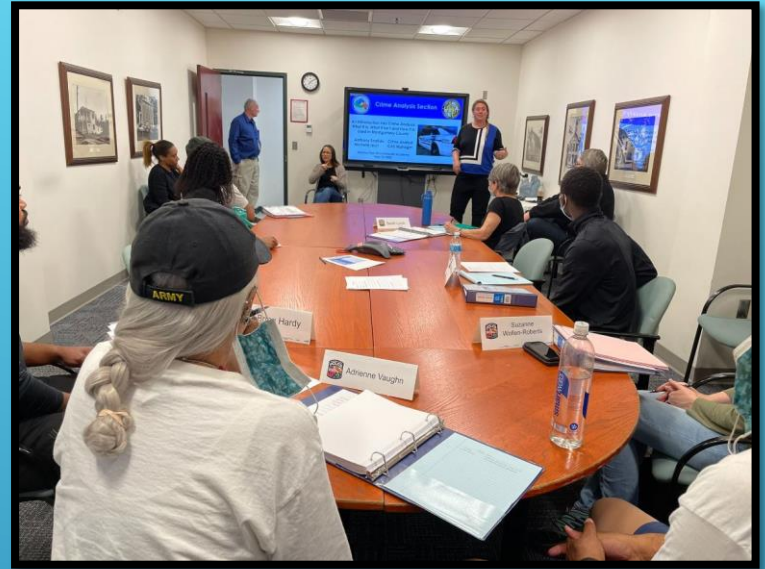
# ANNUAL TOY DRIVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED







# COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY



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GRADUATES FOR 2020, 2021 AND 2022





**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · May 14, 2022

Officer Sanchez making connections at the Takoma Park Children's Business Fair!



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# ELECTRIC BIKE PROGRAM



 **Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · May 27, 2022

Lights On! partners with the Takoma Park Police Dept. "We are committed to helping the residents of Takoma Park in as many ways as we can," said Chief DeVaul. For info about the program that begins on May 31: [bit.ly/3z3WFbA](https://bit.ly/3z3WFbA) @lightson\_us



**LIGHTS ON!**

A PROGRAM OF MICROGRANTS



**IT STARTED  
WITH A  
SIMPLE IDEA**

Police officers hand out vouchers to drivers with burned out headlights, taillights, brake lights, or turn signals. The recipients redeem vouchers for free repairs at any participating auto service provider.



**SAFER**

Fixing car lights that would otherwise remain broken is good for everyone.



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Jun 3, 2022

Once again thank you to Doley/RS Automotive for partnering with us on the Lights On! Campaign. For info on the program, visit [lightsonus.org](https://lightsonus.org) @lightson\_us



# LIGHTS ON! PROGRAM



# LOST PETS

If you are missing your pet, you can contact Cathy Plevy at [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov) and have her put the information out on police social media platforms, as well as in an email, to help locate them. Please provide a photo, when and where the pet was last seen and any descriptions, to include name, temperament, markings, etc. We really want to reunite pets with their families.




## LOST CAT



This male black cat was found by a resident on the footbridge over Long Branch on December 3. He appeared to be in distress and was crying and meowing a lot. He went right to the resident, who took him to a vet for medical attention. If this is your cat, or you know who he belongs to, please contact Takoma Park Police non-emergency 301-270-1100 so we can get him reunited with his family.

# MISSING PETS

Photo with Santa! Spanish Bilingual Santa!



**Chuck E. Cheese partners with Takoma Park Police for Lunch with Santa!**

Come out and visit with Santa at your favorite entertainment spot! Chuck E. Cheese has generously donated pizza, drinks and goodie bags (to the first 150 children). Don't miss this fun holiday event!

**December 16, 2022  
11 am - 1 pm**

Chuck E. Cheese  
1127 University Blvd. E  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Fotos Con Santa! Santa es Bilingüe Habla español!



**Chuck E. Cheese Se une en colaboración con la Policía de Takoma Park Para el almuerzo Santa!**

Venga y visite a santa en su lugar favorito de entretenimiento. Chuck E. Cheese ha donado generosamente pizza, bebida y bolsitas de regalo (a los primeros 150 niños) No te pierdas este evento festivo.

**Diciembre 16, 2022  
11 am - 1 pm**

Chuck E. Cheese  
1127 University Blvd. E  
Takoma Park, MD 20912



# LUNCH WITH SANTA





TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
PINEY BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
7510 MAPLE AVENUE

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

An annual event hosted by the police department to bring the community together as a whole to increase awareness in safety and crime prevention; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among the community members and between the community and local police department.



We'll have:

Police Vehicles on Display  
MD National Park Police Horses  
McGruff the Crime Dog  
Child ID Kits & Fingerprinting  
Music/Dancing



Dunk Tank/Basketball  
Face Painting/Moon Bounce  
Games & Prizes  
Food & Ice Cream  
...AND MUCH MORE!!!

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT







**OPERATION CHILL**

The Takoma Park Police Department is proud to again partner with 7-Eleven in its "Operation Chill" program; a program that aims to reduce crime and build rapport between kids and law enforcement. "Operation Chill" is a great way of teaching the importance of making good decisions, being kind and doing the right thing.

**FREE SMALL SLURPEES!**






# OPERATION CHILL



RADIO







# POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DONATION DRIVE

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Binders	Scissors
Loose-leaf paper (thin & wide rule)	Highlighters
Subject dividers	Pencil Sharpeners
Spiral notebooks	Pens (blue & black)
Pocket folders	Calculator
Pencil pouches	Composition books
No. 2 pencils	Plastic school box
Crayons	Assorted construction paper
Markers (washable & permanent)	Tissues
Colored pencils	Lunch box
Erasers	Index cards
Glue sticks	Book covers
Rulers	Organizer/Calendar
	Post-its

**THANK YOU!!!!**

**Donors are asked to purchase a backpack and fill it with one or some basic supplies (or just drop supplies in the box).**

**DROP DONATIONS:** Takoma Park Police  
Dept. lobby, 7500 Maple Avenue

**DATES:** July 19 - August 19, 2022

**Questions?** Cathy Plevy @ 301-891-7142 or  
cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov



# SCHOOL DRIVE





# STREET FESTIVAL





TRAINING





TRUNK OR TREAT

# UNTIL NEXT YEAR, HERE ARE A FEW MISCELLANEOUS TWEETS...



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · May 13, 2022

Officer Ayala is at [@Reagan\\_Airport](#) to greet survivors, fellow officers and other supporters who are arriving in Washington, DC to honor the heroes of law enforcement who died in the line of duty. [#NationalPoliceWeek](#)



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · May 11, 2022

Officer Hinaris is at [@Reagan\\_Airport](#) to greet survivors, fellow officers and other supporters who are arriving in Washington, DC to honor the heroes of law enforcement who died in the line of duty. [#NationalPoliceWeek](#)







**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Feb 25, 2022



February 24 was [#NationalLawEnforcementAppreciationDay](#) with Governor Hogan. If you squint really hard, you can find our Takoma Park officer, Pfc. Ayala, in the group photo. [@GovLarryHogan](#)





**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Aug 22, 2022

Seat belts dramatically reduce risk of death and serious injury. Unless you've got nine lives (you don't), wear your seat belt EVERY SINGLE TIME. [#WearYourSeatbelt](#) [#Seatbelt](#) [#SeatbeltSafety](#) [#MarylandLaw](#) [#ClickItOrTicket](#) [#buckleup](#)

I'm a careful driver!

Wear your seatbelt



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Sep 1, 2022

**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Sep 26, 2019

The Internet can be wonderful for kids. They can use it to research school reports, talk to teachers/kids & play interactive games. But online access also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators. Internet Safety: [kidshealth.org/en/parents/net...](https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/net...)



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Nov 28, 2022

Poinsettias, lilies, holly berries and mistletoe are all problematic to your furry family members. Of all of these festive plants, lilies are the most toxic and are potentially fatal if ingested. Read about alternatives here: [documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/pol...](https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/pol...)



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Jun 21, 2022

Today is the first day of summer! Be careful with small children at large gatherings and please [#TakeThePicture](#)

#### CHILD SUMMER SAFETY TIP

Sometimes we attend large events during the summer months. Before taking children to these events, take a second, pull out your cell phone and take individual pictures of each child. That way, if the unthinkable happens and a child gets lost, you have a picture of how they are dressed and what they look like that day.



The photo can also be immediately sent to police to aid in locating the child. Seconds can be precious in this scenario. So, take a second, make it a habit and take the picture!

[#TakeThePicture](#)







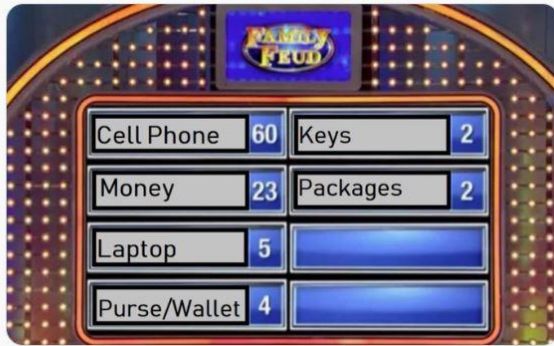
**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Jan 10, 2022

The top six answers are on the board, here is the question:

Name an item that should NOT be left in your vehicle. ? 🤔

If they see it, they can still steal it. Property in plain view is enticing to thieves. Don't make it easy.

#crimeprevention



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Dec 3, 2022

Texting & driving is NEVER okay. Talk to your teen drivers and be sure you're leading by example. #hangupanddrive #arrivealive #itcanwait



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Dec 22, 2022



**Takoma Park Police** @TakomaParkPD · Dec 15, 2022

