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## Sunday, September 12, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Rain or Shine!

**FREE admission and FREE shuttle buses**

7 Stages of **Music** and **Dance**  
Juried **Crafts** Show and Sale  
Musicians' jam area next to Crafts  
Delicious International **Foods**  
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Special performance  
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.  
**Carpe Diem**  
**Community Choir**

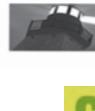
Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road  
Takoma Park, MD (one block north of Route 410)

Festival information: [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org) or 301-589-0202

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# Fall Festivals

Saturday, September 11 • 3:30 pm - 11 pm



**Chopteeth Afro Funk Big Band**

## Silver Spring Jazz Festival to fill Veteran's Plaza

The seventh annual Silver Spring Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, September 11th in Downtown Silver Spring at Fenton Street and Ellsworth Drive.

This year's headliner will be Aaron Neville, continuing the festival's tradition of bringing in big names from Louisiana. But make sure that you don't miss local afro-funksters Chopteeth.

The free, outdoor program that attracted over 20,000 music lovers last year kicks off at 3:30 pm. with a High School Jazz Ensemble. Other acts include vocalist Janine Carter, Latin jazz from the Rumba Club, Chopteeth Afro Funk Big Band, and smooth jazz from Marcus Johnson. The headliner will be Aaron Neville, who is scheduled to perform at 9:15. [silverspringdowntown.com](http://silverspringdowntown.com).

Saturday, September 25 • 1 pm - 6 pm

## Rock the Block at the South Silver Spring Block Party



Each year the South Silver Spring Neighborhood Association throws a street festival celebrating the people, artists, musicians and merchants in and around the South Silver Spring community. The event is free and offers something fun for everyone: over 60 vendors selling everything from paintings, photography, jewelry and flowers to original t-shirt designs, candles and homemade bath products; An international food court ranging from Indian and Cajun to American; DJ's spinning music all day long; a beer garden sponsored by Fire Station 1 restaurant; a bake off full of celebrity judges and prizes; a Kids Creative Corner.... [southsilverspring.org](http://southsilverspring.org)

Sunday, September 12 • 11 am - 6:30 pm

## The Takoma Park Folk Festival turns 33

As summer turns to fall, the Takoma Park Folk Festival returns for its 33rd year—Sunday, September 12th at Takoma Park Middle School (7611 Piney Branch Road) from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

As in festivals past there will be a few dozen performances across seven stages, a juried arts and crafts show, community tables, and good eats. New this year, The Carpe Diem Community Choir will kick off this year's festival in song. From 10:30 to 11 a.m. the choir will be touring the festival grounds and then make their way to the Field Stage for a performance. Be sure to arrive early this year, as this unique experience is one that you surely won't want to miss.

The festival is focused on highlighting the best talent that Takoma Park and the surrounding area has to offer. The Grassy Nook stage features performances by up-and-coming Takoma Park artists. The stage features a number of showcases with a variety of music from rock to blues to West African drumming, and is programmed by Marika Patridge and her daughter..

The Field Stage, which features some of our most rocking-est acts highlights a variety of genres. Of the variety of music that you can expect to hear, Field Stage Coordinator Roger Strouse says, "We select as much diverse type of music as we can and we try to mix it up as much as we can." A few of the highlights of the Field Stage this year include blues rock band Bluestone, folk rock performers Beth Rinaldo and Scott Hound, and reggae band Shango Band. Strouse has been programming the Field Stage for ten years, and has been involved with the festival for close to fifteen. His favorite thing about the festival is, by far, "coordinating the field stage...talking to musicians and getting to know them."

This year's programming will not disappoint lovers of quality live music. "If you like to hear good music...we call it a folk festival, but all the stages are really diverse."

Popular Afro pop group, Elikeh will be bringing traditional music from Togo to this year's festival. The group, which recently performed at Strathmore, performs dance music that is about peace and justice. Band leader Massama Dogo says that attendees can



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expect to dance and participate in call and response.

Speaking of dance, the Lenore Robinson Dance Stage will feature all types of dance, from traditional Irish to Thai. There will also be Family Dance with all ages welcome. So be sure to check out that stage and wear your dancing shoes!

As in years past, the festival is once again "going green" by encouraging festival-goers to leave their cars at home and recycle bottles and cans among other initiatives.

The Festival runs smoothly with the help of some 300 volunteers on Festival day. If you're interested in lending a hand to this year's festival, please send an email to [volunteer@tpff.org](mailto:volunteer@tpff.org) or leave a message at 301-589-0202.

Be sure to keep up with the latest and greatest Takoma Park Folk Festival news via the TPFF website: [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org) or Facebook Fanpage: [facebook.com/takomaparkfolkfestival](http://facebook.com/takomaparkfolkfestival).

— Catherine Hooper

Sunday, October 3 • 10 am - 5 pm

## Dance in the street at the Takoma Park Street Festival

PHOTO BY TOOKY BUNNAG



Enjoy over 150 artisan booths of handmade works; kid-friendly rides; 18 bands on 3 stages performing music from indie folk, jazz, blues, reggae and everything in between; food for all—vegetarians welcome, carnivores too!

[takomafestival.com](http://takomafestival.com)

Sunday, October 9 • 10 am - 5 pm

## Muggles are invited to attend Magical Montgomery

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Downtown Silver Spring will be magically transformed into a lively center for arts, humanities, Montgomery County history, and world cultures. Attendees will enjoy mini-parades, three stages of live entertainment, an artist market with original artworks for sale, and rows of community booths. [www.creativemoco.com](http://www.creativemoco.com)