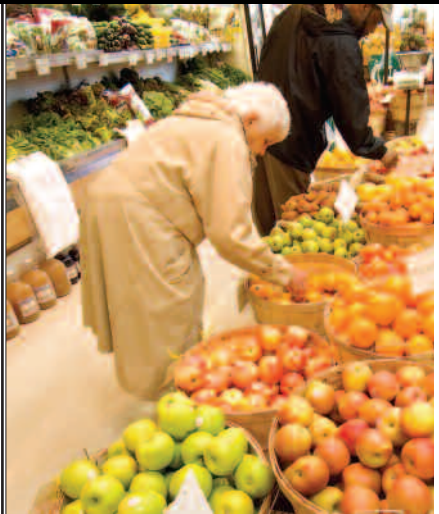


TAKOMA PARK

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Founded in 1883 by Benjamin F. Gilbert as a fresh-air alternative to the city, Takoma Park was the first planned commuter suburb in metropolitan Washington. Visitors to Old Takoma will find an eclectic place, home to ingenious entrepreneurs and artistic souls. There is truly something for everyone. The old brick streets come alive for an open-stall farmers' market every Sunday and for a tradition of parades and festivals during the year. Enjoy the classic sounds of the Takoma Park Folk Festival and the artwork, games, food and bands of the Takoma Park Street Festival. Browse through a store that's a vegetarian's delight and another with a collection of instruments from around the world.

Visitors can listen to live jazz, tour the costume shop of the Washington Opera, participate in the creation of dance, or attend a performance at the elegant Takoma Theatre. Original works of art, unique clothing and gifts, antique jewelry and recycled works of literary celebrities can be found at a variety of shops. Old Takoma's eateries are destinations for the entire family, offering a variety of food, from Korean dumplings to homemade ice cream, and activities, from chess tournaments to poetry readings.

Over the years, crusading Old Takoma citizens have maintained the community's special character and history. Today, 960 buildings on the Maryland side and 440 in Washington, D.C. are protected as part of the Takoma Park Historic District. The City of Takoma Park was designated a Main Street Maryland community in 2004. Volunteers from both sides of the Maryland-Washington, D.C. line have joined the Takoma Park Main Street initiative to preserve and enhance the rich variety of the town.

Through years of change, Old Takoma has stayed true to its reputation as a place where all things original, creative and even quirky are the order of the day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ **MAY** ★

- House and Garden Tour (www.HistoricTakoma.org)
- Mayday Dawn Dance with Foggy Bottom Morris Men (www.FBMM-Morris.org)
- Taste of Takoma Festival (www.CUC.edu)
- Making Dreams Come True Silent Auction and Wine Tasting (www.TakomaFoundation.org)

★ **JUNE** ★

- Takoma Park JazzFest (www.TPjazzFest.org)

★ **JULY** ★

- Takoma Park Independence Day Parade (www.TakomaPark4th.org)

★ **SEPTEMBER** ★

- Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival (www.TPFF.org)

★ **OCTOBER** ★

- Annual Takoma Park Street Festival (www.TakomaFestival.org)
- Halloween Parade and Celebration (www.CityofTakomaPark.org)

★ **NOVEMBER** ★

- Takoma Park Film Festival (www.TakomaParkFilmFestival.org)

★ **DECEMBER** ★

- Old Takoma Businesses' Holiday Open House (www.Takomaonline.com)
- Winter Solstice Celebration (www.TakomaPark.info/library)

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