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FINDING HISTORY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Finding History in Montgomery County is an annotated guide to all the historical resources in our county: historic sites, museums, county organizations, local historical societies and communities. Together they document the county's incredibly rich history of Native Americans, colonial times, rural farming, the C&O Canal, Quakers, enslaved and freed African-Americans, the divided loyalties of the Civil War, the impact of the B&O Railroad, the rise of the suburbs, and the challenges of current-day development.

We invite you to explore this guide online, or better yet, be inspired to visit these places in person and expand your sense of local history.

NOTE: The digital format of Finding History gives us the luxury of correcting and updating this guide on a regular basis. Please report any corrections or omissions to Diana Kohn (email: diana@takoma.com). Thanks to Montgomery County Historical Society for posting this Guide.

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County Wide Resources

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| organizational | Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) Founded in 1944, MCHS highlights the role of history as a vital part of the cultural and social fabric of Montgomery County. |
| desc | Founded in 1944, MCHS highlights the role of history as a vital part of the cultural and social fabric of Montgomery County. |
| website | montgomeryhistory.org |
| email | info@montgomeryhistory.org or librarian@montgomeryhistory.org |
| phone | 301-340-2825 or 301-340-2974 (library) |
| focus | Carved from Frederick County in 1776, Montgomery County's history is filled with stories of generations of farmers, soldiers, African-Americans, Quakers and recent day immigrants. Its rural farmland has been transformed into an urban landscape by the arrival of The arrival of C&O Canal, B&O Railroad, streetcars, the Metro. (see Timeline, under "History") |
| location | Beall-Dawson Historical Park |
| address | 111 West Montgomery Avenue |
| city_zip | Rockville MD 20850 |
| num_buildings | 3 |
| building_1_name | Beall-Dawson Historic House Museum. Brick Federalist-style house, built c. 1815. |
| building_1_hours | Open Wed-Sun (noon-4pm) |
| building_2_name | Stonestreet Museum of 19 th Century Medicine. Built in 1850 and served as doctor's office until 1903, later moved to the site. |
| building_2_hours | Wed-Sun (noon-4pm). |
| building_3_name | Jane Sween Library. Non-circulating library and archives. |
| building_3_hours | Wed-Fri (10 am-4 pm), Sat (noon-4pm) |
| num_programs | 4 |
| program_1 | Guided and self-guided tours of House. |
| program_2 | Dr. Stonestreet office outfitted as for rural doctor in mid-1800s including instruments and pharmaceuticals; also "Meet Dr. Stonestreet" (second Sunday). |
| program_3 | Genealogy Club (meets monthly Sept-June) |
| program_4 | Annual events include Heritage Days (June), Happy Birthday Montgomery (Sept). |
| exhibits | Rotating exhibits in house plus online exhibits including C&O Canal, B&O Railroad, African-American education, gristmills, and Montgomery Connections (multilingual stories of residents). |
| archives | Artifacts collection from pre-contact to the present, including household goods, toys, weapons, tools, and furniture. Library archives include old photos, books, newspapers, cemetery and church records, maps and videos. |
| for_students | School Field Trips, Scout programs, Maryland History Day (part of state and national competition). |

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| publications | <p><u>Montgomery County Story</u> (bi-annual journal, 1957-present; article summaries online).</p> <p><u>A Grateful Remembrance: Story of Montgomery County</u> by McMaster and Herbert.</p> <p><u>Montgomery County</u> by Sween and Offutt</p> <p>DVD: <u>Life in a War Zone</u> (Civil War) and <u>Community Cornerstones</u> (African Americans)</p> <p>Cable TV: <u>Paths to Present</u> (episodes on YouTube)</p> |
| resources | <p>Speakers Bureau. Links to county-wide resources at montgomeryhistory.org/other-historical-info</p> |

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| organization | Heritage Montgomery |
| desc | Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County was created by County and State officials to raise the profile of the area's heritage. |
| website | heritagemontgomery.org |
| email | director@heritagemontgomery.org |
| phone | 391-428-0650 |
| focus | Three heritage areas: Farming cluster (centered on the Agricultural Reserve). Quaker Cluster (centered on Sandy Spring). Innovative Technology Path (centered on the B&O Railroad and C&O canal). |
| location | null |
| address | 12535 Milestone Manor Lane |
| city_zip | Germantown, MD 20876 |
| program_1 | (2) Agricultural Reserve Driving Tour: 61 miles through rustic crossroads communities and along the C&O Canal (available as podcast, video or brochure). |
| program_2 | Civil War: video, app, wayfinding map, brochure |
| program_3 | Community Cornerstones: oral history project and video on African-American churches. |
| program_4 | Heritage Days: Annual two-day countywide festival with events at all Heritage Montgomery sites. (last weekend in June). |
| exhibits | Interactive map with links to member websites (under "sites") |
| archives | null |
| for_students | Links to children's programs at member sites under "Visit" |
| publications | DVDs: <i>Life in a War Zone</i> and <i>Community Cornerstones</i> , |
| Resources | themed tours |

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| organization | Historic Preservation Office (Part of Maryland-National Capital Parks & Planning Commission) |
| desc | Commission created by the county's Historic Preservation Ordinance of 1979 to identify, designate and regulate all historic sites in Montgomery County. |
| website | montgomeryplanning.org/historic/ |
| email | MCP-Historic@mncppc-mc.org |
| phone | 301-563-3400 |
| focus | In 1976 the County created the Locational Atlas & Index of Historic Sites, which identified resources for protection from demolition or "substantial alteration." All designated historic sites and districts were listed in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation (1979) under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, which oversees their management. See Interactive CIS Map of all historic districts |
| location | Park and Planning Headquarters |
| address | 8787 Georgia Avenue, Suite 204 |
| city_zip | Silver Spring MD 20910 |
| num_buildings | null |
| building_1_name | null |
| building_1_hours | Open Mon-Fri (9am-5pm) |
| num_programs | 4 |
| program_1 | Historic Area Work Permits (HAWP), required for alternation to historic buildings. |
| program_2 | Guidance on historic preservation including best-practices and how to apply for state and county tax credits. |
| program_3 | Historic Property Plaques (/historic/resources/plaques.shtml). |
| program_4 | Designation of additional structures. |
| exhibits | <i>Montgomery Modern</i> by Clare Lise Kelly - look at mid-century modern buildings and communities. Download: Video, tour guidebooks for bike and bus. Resources on architects, subdivisions, buildings. |
| archives | Maps (esp. Sanborn Insurance maps), repository of HAWP applications, documentation on county's historic resources. |
| for_students | null |
| publications | (1) <i>Places From the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County, Maryland</i> by Clare Lise Kelly (survey of county's historic built environment, out of print but available for download: montgomeryplanning.org/historic/places_from_the_past/ |
| resources | mht.maryland.gov - Maryland Historical Trust (searchable inventory of historic sites, including Montgomery County). |

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| organization | Lincoln Park Historical Foundation |
| desc | Non-profit organization working to heighten awareness of the historical presence and contributions made by African Americans in Montgomery County |
| webstie | aapc-md.org |
| email | AnitaNeal Powell@Lincolnparkhist.org |
| phone | 301-251-2747 |
| focus | The county's early agricultural economy depended on enslaved African-Americans. On Emancipation Day 1864, Maryland became the first slave state to voluntarily free its enslaved people. In Montgomery County, 40 close-knit communities were established where black families created their own spiritual, social and educational opportunities. |
| location | (future) Research Center in Germantown. |
| address | PO Box 1884 |
| city_zip | Rockville MD 20849 |
| num_buildings | 0 |
| program_1 | |
| program_2 | |
| program_3 | |
| program_4 | |
| Programs & Tours | |
| exhibit | |
| archives | Bibliography of Lincoln Park materials at montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/content.php?pid=2446206 (collection hosted by Rockville Memorial Library and MCHS. |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
| resources | |

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| organization | Mid-Potomac Chapter of Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. |
| desc | Established to promote, support and encourage the study, investigations and preservation of arch4aeology. Closely associated with Montgomery Parks Archaeology Program of M-NCPPC. |
| website | asmmidpotomac.org |
| email | asmmidpotomac@gmail.com |
| phone | 301-424-8526 (Don Housley) |
| focus | Archaeologists have uncovered evidence of Native American settlements in the county dating back to 8000 BC, as well as enriching the historical record related to rural agriculture, colonial, civil war and the African-American experiences. |
| location | Work in conjunction with Montgomery Parks at county park sites. |
| city_zip | |
| program_1 | Volunteers are encouraged to participate in ongoing activities in conjunction with Montgomery Parks (see ParksArchaeology.org). |
| program_2 | Annual Archaeology Day (June) |
| publications | <i>Montgomery County Mills, A Field Guide</i> by Michael Dwyer (order online) |
| resources | marylandarcheology.org - Archeological Society of Maryland which publishes <i>Maryland Archeology</i> , ASM's biannual journal. (index and issues available online) and <i>The Montgomery Focus: A late Woodland Potomac River Culture</i> by Slattery and Woodward (order online) |

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| organization | Montgomery County Archives |
| desc | Reopened in October 2014, and administered by the MCHS, the Archives identifies, acquires, organizes, describes and preserves historical records of Montgomery County Government. |
| website | Temporary: montgomeryhistory.org/Montgomery-county-md-archives |
| email | |
| phone | 301-926-5002 |
| focus | In 1776, Montgomery County was split off from Frederick County. Seat of the new county government was established in what is now Rockville. |
| | Repository and Research Library |
| address | 8540 Anniversary Circle |
| city_zip | Gaithersburg, MD |
| num_buildings | |
| building_1_name | |
| building_1_hours | Tues (10am-4pm) & Thurs (noon-4pm) and by appointment |
| exhibits | Digital aerial images collections for 1951 and 1970 available online, additional sets accessible in person, plus photographs from 1993-2002. |
| archives | Official records of the Montgomery County government (finding aids available, not yet online). |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
| resources | |

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| organization | Montgomery County Civil War Round Table |
| desc | Educating the public for over 30 years about pre-Civil War, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras, especially as they relate to Montgomery County |
| website | mccivilwar.org |
| email | null |
| phone | null |
| focus | During the Civil War, Maryland was not only a border state with split loyalties, but also frequently a battleground. |
| location | null |
| address | Attn. Bob Clark, Treasurer, 10510 Moxley Rd |
| city_zip | Damascus MD 20872 |
| program_1 | Monthly Lecture Series: Second Thurs (Sept-May) at Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg MD 20877 |
| program_2 | Group trips to Civil War sites. |
| archives | |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
| resources | www.visitmaryland.org/Pages/CivilWar.aspx Brochure pdf and app of Civil War Trails for Antietam, Gettysburg, John Wilkes Booth, Baltimore. |

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| organization | Montgomery Parks – Archaeology Division |
| desc | Part of Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) which oversees archaeological research and preservation at sites located within the Montgomery Parks system.. |
| website | www.ParksArchaeology.org |
| email | Heather.Bouslog@montgomeryparks.org or Cassandra.Michaud@montgomeryparks.org |
| phone | 301-563-7530 |
| focus | Programs have an emphasis on interpretation of African-Americans sites, rural agricultural life, and the Civil War. Interactive map and complete list of sites at |
| location | Needwood Mansion. |
| address | 6700 Needwood Rd |
| city_zip | Derwood MD 20855 |
| num_buildings | 2 |
| building_1_name | Josiah Henson Park (11420 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda) Extensive archaeological exploration of the Riley farm, where Rev. Josiah Henson was enslaved from 1795-1825. His 1849 autobiography inspired <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> . josiahhensonsite.org (history, research, resources and PBS documentary). |
| building_1_hours | Open for public events and Underground Railroad Tours. |
| building_2_name | Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood MD. 455-acre park open sunrise-sunset. Turn-of-the-century farm (1895) including Bussard farmstead, bank barn, with farm animals and working sawmill. Public tours only at special events. Rentals available. Map and brochure: www.aghistoryfarm.org |
| building_2_hours | Public tours at special events, but grounds open sunrise-sunset. |
| program_1 | Archaeology Volunteers Workday at Needwood Mansion (Wed 9:30am-2:30pm) in partnership with Mid-Potomac Archaeology Society (asmmidpotomac.org). Other dig projects to be determined.. |
| program_2 | Digging into History Archaeology Day (May) |
| for_students | Archaeology at Spring Break and Summer camps and Archaeology Club. . |
| publications | null |
| resources | (2) passportintime.com . Volunteer program of US Forest Service, including list of current projects |

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| organization | Montgomery Parks – History Division |
| desc | Part of Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) which oversees historical interpretation at sites located within the Montgomery Parks system.. |
| website | www.HistoryintheParks.org . (interactive map and complete list of historic sites). |
| email | Shirl.Spicer@montgomeryparks.org or Lisa.Macleman@montgomeryparks.org |
| phone | 301-650-4373 |
| focus | Programs have an emphasis on interpretation of African-Americans sites, rural agricultural life, and the Civil War. Interactive map and complete list of sites at |
| location | Park Headquarters |
| address | 9500 Brunett Avenue |
| city_zip | Silver Spring MD |
| num_buildings | 4 |
| building_1_name | Agricultural History Farm Park (18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood). 455-acre park with turn-of-the-century farm (1895) including Bussard farmstead, bank barn, farm animals and working sawmill. Map and brochure at www.aghistoryfarm.org |
| building_1_hours | Site open sunrise-sunset; public tours only at special events. |
| building_2_name | Josiah Henson Park (11420 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda). Part of Riley farm where Rev. Josiah Henson was enslaved from 1795-1825 (he inspired <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> . History, research, resources and PBS documentary at josiahhensonsite.org . |
| building_2_hours | Open for periodic public events and as part of the Underground Railroad Trail. |
| building_3_name | Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park (16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring). Federal-era Manor House with barn and outbuildings |
| building_3_hours | Grounds open sunrise-sunset; part of Underground Railroad Trail. Available for rental. |
| building_4_name | Seneca Store (1732) in heart of Agricultural Reserve. |
| building_4_hours | Currently closed for restoration, will reopen with new tenant. |
| program_1 | Underground Railroad Experience (2 mile hike explores role of county residents in Underground Railroad, especially the Quakers). Guided tours, Sat at 10 am, April-November. Self-guided map available at historyinthepark.org , under "sites" |
| program_2 | Guided Tours of Kingsley Schoolhouse – first Sunday, April to Nov only (1-4 pm). One of few unaltered one-room schoolhouses in county (1893), in Little Bennett Regional Park, (24758 Clarksburg Rd, Clarksburg). |
| program_3 | Guided Tours of Oakley Cabin - second & fourth Saturday, April thru October only. One of three cabins at center of an African-American roadside community from emancipation into the 20 th century (3610 Brookeville Road, Olney. Park open sunrise-sunset. |
| program_4 | Civil War Self-Guided Hikes: Battery Point (5315 Elliott Drive, Bethesda) – Man-hill held canons protecting DC's water reservoir. |

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| | MD. Blockhouse Point (14750 River Road, Potomac) Hike along military road to site of 1862 Union outpost camp and blockhouse) see blockhousepoint.org . |
| exhibits | |
| archives | |
| for_students | (2) School and Group Tours (grade 4 and up) offered at three sites: Josiah Henson, Oakley Cabin, Underground Railroad,. RSVP online or email HistoryTours@MontgomeryParks.org |
| resources | www.hyattstownmill.org . Original 1790s mill, reconstructed 1918, now Hyattstown Mill Arts Project (14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Hyattstown). |

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| organization | Montgomery Preservation Inc. (MPI) |
| desc | County-wide non-profit dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting the county's architectural heritage and historic landscapes. Its headquarters is in the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, acquired by MPI for restoration, and reopened in 2002. |
| website | montgomerypreservation.org |
| email | mpi@montgomerypreservation.org rentals@montgomerypreservation.org (birthdays & meetings) |
| phone | 301-495-5915 |
| focus | The 1945 Silver Spring train station in downtown Silver Spring, one of two 20 th century B&O stations extant in Maryland, represents the evolution of Silver Spring from a small country town centered around the railroad depot to a major urban hub. The 1945 Colonial Revival station replaced original one (1873) designed by E. Francis Baldwin, and became the favored departure point for President Truman, among others. The opening of the Metro station has shifted the focus of urban development. |
| location | Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station (see below) |
| address | Mailing address: PO Box 4661 |
| city_zip | Rockville MD 20849 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, 8700 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20910 One of only two |
| building_1_hours | first Saturday of month (10am-3pm) and other public events; available for rentals. |
| program_1 | Monthly open house on first Saturday, 10 am-3 pm, with operating HO Miniature train model. |
| program_2 | Walking tours of Downtown Silver Spring on occasional Saturdays (contact: sshistory@yahoo.com for details). |
| program_3 | Annual Awards for Historic Preservation |
| exhibits | Ticket office and waiting room preserves its 1945 opening-day appearance; a photo exhibit tells the history of the station. |
| archive | Document and photo collection of the last station manager along with small collection of station and train photos and related documents. |
| for_students | Train watching, music and model trains at Saturday open and special events. Available for birthday parties. |
| publications | Two DVDs: <i>Silver Spring: Story of an American Suburb</i> and <i>Next Stop: Silver Spring</i> (PBS documentary) |
| resources | Links to Preservation Resources. |

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| organization | Sugarloaf Regional Trails. |
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| desc | Founded in 1974 to focus on conservation of the County's rural landscape, particularly adjacent to Sugarloaf Mountain. |
| website | Sugarloafregionaltrails.org |
| email | info@sugarloafregionaltrails.org |
| phone | |
| focus | This 100-square mile section of Montgomery and Frederick counties, bounded by the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers, I-270 and Watts Branch includes the rural communities of Boyds, Dickerson, Hyattstown, Poolesville, Potomac Crossroads, as well as Monocacy Battlefield, C&O Canal, B&O Railroad. Guides include detailed histories of the communities and landmarks along the hikes. |
| location | null |
| address | PO Box 412, |
| city_zip | Barnesville MD 20838 |
| program_1 | 15 self-guided tours by foot, bike, car, canoe, provide detailed histories of the communities and landmarks along the way – available as pdf and mobile app. |
| exhibits | Video: <u><i>A Fatal Beauty</i></u> |
| archives | Online version of maps from original trail guide (published 1997) and full scans of books listed below. |
| for_students | null |
| publications | <i>(1) History of Dickerson, Mouth of Monocacy, Oakland Mills, Sugarloaf Mountain</i> by Dona Cuttler. <i>(2) Sugarloaf: the Mountain's History, Geology and Natural Lore</i> by Melanie Choukas-Bradley, ill. by Tina Thieme Brown <i>(3) History of the 19th Century Black Churches in Maryland, Part 3</i> , by Nina Honemond Clarke. |
| resources | <u>null</u> |

SITES AND SPECIALTY MUSEUMS

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| Organization | C&O Canal National Historical Park Operated by the National Parks Service |
| Des | Purchased in 1938 when canal operations ceased, it became a national park in 1971. The Canal stretches 184.5 miles from Georgetown to Cumberland; the elevation falls 708 feet through 75 locks. It is the most intact canal resource of the 36 major canals constructed in the U.S. between 1806-1850. |
| Web & Contact | nps.gov/choh |
| email | |
| phone | 301-767-3714 |
| focus | George Washington first conceived the idea to open the Potomac River as an all-water transportation route to the Ohio River valley. Constructed 1828-1850, the Canal provided a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River. Eclipsed by railroads and victim of extreme weather, the Canal was forced to close in 1938. |
| location | Great Falls Tavern Visitors Center |
| address | 11710 MacArthur Blvd |
| City_zip | Potomac MD 20854 |
| Num_buildings | 1 |
| Bulding_1_name | Great Falls Tavern Visitors Center was built as part of a three-story hotel that opened in 1831. |
| Building_1_hours | Visitor's center open daily, 10 am-4 pm. Park open year round, 7am-dark. Entrance fees collected. |
| Program_1 | Hiking: Towpath hiking trails identify landmarks, their construction and Civil War connections. See "Plan Your Visit" for maps, mobile tours and walking tour brochures on specific landmarks such as Edward's Ferry, Seneca Aqueduct, Monocacy Aqueduct and White's Ferry. |
| Program_2 | Interpretive Ranger programs year round |
| Program_3 | Stay overnight in historically refurbished lockhouses: RSVP at CanalQuarters.org or 301-714-2233). |
| Program_4 | Mule drawn boat rides, first-come, first-served. Spring-early fall: Generally Sat-Sun (11, l:30, 3pm). Rates: \$8 (16-61), \$6 (62+), \$5 (4-15). Groups of 10+ RSVP (301-767-3714). |
| Exhibits | Visitor Center – Building the canal. Historic Markers along the towpath identify landmarks |
| Archives | Online resources esp: "History and Culture" section of stories and photos. |
| For_students | Teacher Curriculum-based programs and download Jr. Ranger activities. |
| Publications | Great Falls Visitor's Center has array of books, maps, gifts. Online: Eparks.com (click "stores") or canaltrust.org/shop/ |

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| Additional Resources | History, photos, maps at CandOCanal.org Reserve overnight plus more tours and maps at canaltrust.org . Also visit http://canal.mcmullans.org/Virtual_Tour.htm and gettysburgdaily.com/Edwards-ferry-part-3-with-historian-craig-swain for tale of 75,000 Union troops on way to Gettysburg. |
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| organization | Clara Barton National Historic Site |
| desc | Home and office of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, for the last 15 years of her life (1897-1912). |
| Website | nps.gov/clba |
| email | |
| phone | Main: 301-320-1410 Group tours (10+): RSVP at 301-340-1417. |
| focus | Following her work in the Civil War, Clara Barton joined the International Committee of the Red Cross, establishing an American branch in 1881. She served as first president, retiring in 1904 to form the National First Aid Society. Much of that work conducted from this house. |
| Location | Adjacent to Glen Echo Park: |
| Address | 5801 Oxford Rd |
| City_zip | Glen Echo MD 20812 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | Clara Barton House. Three-story, 38-room building served as her home, dorm for volunteers, warehouse, and first permanent headquarters of American Red Cross. |
| Bulding_1_hours | Daily (10am-4pm). Wed-Sun only in winter (mid-Dec to mid-Feb) |
| Program_1 | Guided tour required for access (on the hour), |
| Exhibits | Extensive virtual interactive house tour, virtual museum exhibit, photo gallery, transcripts of primary documents, Barton chronology. (Links at "History & Culture") |
| Archives | Check online and also as detailed below. |
| For Kids | Targeted materials (interactive learning.). |
| Publications | Download – Furnishings Report (500 pages). |
| Additional Resources | digital.lib.umd.edu has index to her papers (1887-1918), search "Barton, Clara" and civilwarmed.org oversees her Missing Soldiers Office (in DC), open after renovation. |

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| Museum | Gaithersburg Community Museum |
| desc | A partnership of the city government and the Gaithersburg Historical Association to preserve the history and early buildings of this once small agricultural and railroad town and share its history. |
| Website | gaithersburgmd.gov (under "city facilities" then "museum") |
| email | museum@gaitersburgmd.gov or nwilde@gaitersburgmd.gov (exhibit questions) |
| phone | 301-258-6160 |
| focus | Established in 1765 as Log Town, incorporated 1878 as Gaithersburg. The arrival of the railroad in 1873 spurred the growth of the once small agricultural town into an urban area now home to high-tech companies. |
| Location | B&O Railroad Station complex |
| address | 9 South Summit Ave. |
| City_zip | Gaithersburg MD 20877 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | Freight House, home to the Museum exhibits and Archives, with collection of rolling stock (locomotive, train car and caboose) located outside. |
| Building_1_hours | Thurs-Sat (10 am-2 pm) and by appointment. |
| Building_2_name | History Park (history markers and heirloom peonies). |
| Building_2_hours | |
| Exhibits | Freight House exhibit on Civil War and Lincoln assassination, with rotating community exhibits in train car. |
| Archives | Collection of photos, historical documents, genealogical records. |
| for_students | Interactive Bank & School room displays (Freight House) |
| Publications | <i>Shaun Curtis' Then and Now: Gaithersburg</i> and Susan Soderberg's <i>The Met</i> (B&O Railroad). Also <i>Gaithersburg, The Heart of Montgomery County</i> (commemorating centennial) |
| Other resources | gathersburghistory.org with then-and-now images, interactive map of house images (many demolished), and link to <i>Gaithersburg: The History</i> (streaming video). |

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| Organization | Glen Echo Park |
| desc | Glen Echo opened in 1891 as a Chautauqua retreat, closed during typhoid scare, and reopened as amusement park from early 1900s until 1968. |
| website | GlenEchoPark.org |
| email | |
| phone | 301-634-2222 |
| Historical focus | Glen Echo was the county's premier summer attraction, especially after the opening of the pool (for whites only). Currently serves as arts and performance venue and home to a beautifully restored 1921 Dentzel Carousel with 52 hard-carved animals. |
| Location | |
| Address | 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo MD |
| City_zip | Glen Echo, MD 20812 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | Visitor's Center in Arcade Building |
| Bulding_1_hours | Sat-Sun (10am-3pm) though grounds open daily, 5am- 1am). |
| Program_1 | Historic markers identify landmarks and detail history & changes at site. |
| Program_2 | Visitor Center: NPS: Carousel Documentary (10:30 am) and Glen Echo Documentary (4 pm). |
| Archives | |
| For_students | Tours of carousel. Sat & Sun (10am-3pm) |
| Publications | <i>Glen Echo Park: A Story of Survival</i> by Richard Cook and Deborah Lange. |

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| organization | King Farm Dairy MOOseum |
| desc | Founded to preserve the King Farm Dairy Barn (1930) and tell the story of dairy farming and farm families in the upper county. |
| Website | mooseum.com |
| email | info@mooseum.com |
| phone | 301-528-6530 (at Waters House office) |
| focus | The importance of dairy farming in the county's rural past, present and future, showcasing the farms, the families, the related organizations and businesses and its economic impact on the entire DC region. This site was originally one of 350 farms countywide. |
| Location | South Germantown Recreational Park |
| address | 18028 Central Park Circle |
| City_zip | Boyd's, MD 20841 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | The Dairy Barn was "state of the art" when built in 1930 as part of the James King 350-acre dairy farm. When M-NCPPC acquired the property for parkland in the late 1960s, the community ensured the preservation of the Barn, since restored and opened to the public in 2010. |
| Building_1_hours | Seasonal: Sat (10 am-3 pm) & Fourth Sunday (1-4 pm), May through October only. Free. |
| Num_programs | |
| Program_1 | Explore the barn (seasonal). On 4 th Sunday only, local farm family shares their experiences. |
| Program_2 | Annual events. Heritage Days (June), Farm Tour & Sale (July) |
| Program_3 | Event rentals (including birthday parties). |
| For_students | School visits (Nov-April) for nursery & elementary grades (churn butter, stories, crafts). Enjoy picnics and playground at the park. |
| Exhibits | Dairy related items used on farm and related businesses on display along with dairy map (300+ farms), oral histories and photographs. Slideshow: Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow |
| Archives | Research library coming soon. Call for access to collection of books and other media related to the dairy industry, including textbooks, farm records, business records, and equipment manuals. Also farm-related fiction & non-fiction collection, including children's picture books. |
| Publications | |
| Additional Resources | To visit a working farm or tour the Ag Reserve, check aghistoryfarm.org or heritagemontgomery.com . |

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| organization | Monocacy Confederate Cemetery & Chapel |
| desc | Originally built as a chapel (1747), this cemetery now holds 5,458 burials, including fallen Confederate soldiers (many from local families). |
| Website | monocacycemetery.com |
| email | Email: monocacycemetery@gmail.com |
| phone | 301-349-5176 |
| focus | Tuscarora Indians, named the river "Monnokkesy" for its healing waters. Early settlers built a chapel at the crossroads of route linking Rockville to Monocacy River ferry. Abandoned when congregation relocated to Poolesville in 1849. The split loyalties of the Civil War played out here: Union soldiers destroyed the site in 1862, then Confederate dead were buried here. In 1872 it was annexed to the Monocacy Cemetery Society. |
| Location | |
| address | 19801 West Hunter Road (Route 28 at 109) |
| City_zip | Beallsville MD 20839 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Bulding_1_name | |
| Building_1_hours | |
| Archives | Monocacy Cemetery Project: Glenn Wallace has posted online legacies of all 5,458 burials with available bios and photos. How he did it: https://prezi.com/bhfsuh9mep8s/monocacy-cemetery-project/ |
| Additional resources | findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=81192 (index to graves) |

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| organizational | National Capital Trolley Museum |
| desc | Established in 1959 to preserve and interpret the history of the region's electric street cars, the museum recently moved its collection of operating street cars and artifacts of the railway system into new quarters necessitated by the arrival of the ICC. |
| Website | dctrolley.org |
| email | educator@dctrolley.org |
| phone | 301-384-6352 |
| focus | Electric street cars played a prominent role in the growth of DC suburbs from their introduction in 1862 to the final run in 1962. The extensive collection of actual street cars offers a chance to a trolley ride experience. / , while a trolley ride, as well asThe Museum traces the impact of street cars on development of local communities, as well as ride. The extensive collection of actual street cars, artifacts of the electrical railways system and displays interpreting street car impact on the development of local communities. |
| Location | |
| address | 1313 Bonifant Road (in Northwest Branch Park) |
| City_zip | Colesville MD 20905 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | Visitor Center opened on this site in 1969, survived 2003 fire and moved to new expanded facility in 2010. Admission to museum and for street car rides. |
| Building_1_hours | Sat and Sun (noon-5 pm). Additional times in summer and for special events. |
| Program_1 | Street Car Rides through Northwest Branch Park, and tours of additional cars in the collection. |
| Program_2 | Street Cars Go to the Movies (films from silent days) and more recent times.. |
| Exhibits | Impact on Community Life, model of Rock Creek Electric Railway (Chevy Chase), physical component of railway system. |
| For_students | Rides on real street cars, old movies with trolley theme, School field trips (PreK-Grade 5) plus special activities for birthdays and school holidays.. |
| Archives | 1958 Street Car map with interactive street photos. In-house archives accessible by appointment only. |
| Publications | <i>Capital Transit: Washington's Street Cars: The Final Era</i> (1933-1962), reprinted. Order online. |
| Other resources | Extensive online reading list (many available by mail order), along with links to streetcar museums across the country |

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| Organization | Sandy Spring Museum |
| desc | Incorporated in 1981 to tell the story of the Quaker villages in a six-mile radius of Sandy Spring Friends Meeting house (established 1817) |
| website | SandySpringMuseum.org |
| email | info@sandyspringmuseum.org |
| phone | 301-774-0022 |
| Historical context | Sandy Spring is the center of a network of rural villages settled in the 1720s by members of the Religious Society of Friends, known as Quakers. Their peaceful, industrious presence gave a distinctive character to the region. The villages associated with the 100 square mile neighborhood include: Sandy Spring, Ashton, Brighton, Brookeville, Cloverly, Brinklow/Cincinnati, Ednor/Norwood, Laytonsville/Mt. Zion, Norbeck/Oakdale, Olney/Davis, Triadelphia, Spencerville/Brown's Corner, Unity/Sunshine. |
| Location | , |
| address | 27902 Bentley Rd. |
| City_zip | Silver Spring MD 20860 |
| Num_building | |
| Building_1_name | |
| Building_1_hours | Open: Wed-Sat (10 am-5 pm), Sun (noon-5 pm) |
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| | Open: Wed-Sat (10 am-5 pm), Sun (noon-5 pm) |
| Exhibits | New: Local traditions (the folklife traditions of people who have immigrated here) along with redesigned History Hall. |
| Archive | Searchable collection of primary documents and photographs on rural economics, transportation, life in rural villages, manumission records, and history of Sandy Spring social clubs. --Includes the <i>Annals of Sandy Spring</i> from 1863-present. |
| For_kids | School Field Trips, Homeschool Programs, Workshops, Days Off School Camps |
| Publications | <i>Annals of Sandy Spring</i> (6-volumes – activities from 1863-1962) |

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| Organization | Sandy Spring Slave Museum |
| desc | A collection of historical art and artifacts on African and African American heritage. |
| website | SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org |
| Email | SlaveMuseum@yahoo.com (confirm open house) |
| Historical context | |
| address | |
| Exhibits | Exhibits represents African-American life: cross section of slaving clipper ship, African hut and log cabin. |

HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS

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| organization | Boys Historical Society (BHS) |
| desc | Organized in 1975 to preserve the community's history, BHS offers tours of the Negro schoolhouse, which they purchased in 1980 and restored to its original condition. |
| website | BoysHistory.org |
| email | info@boydshistory.org |
| phone | 301-461-4646 |
| focus | Boys began as a temporary village for construction workers of the B&O Railroad. A mill, stores and businesses grew up around the railroad station (1873). The MARC train still stops, and development was spurred by the creation of Little Seneca Lake in 1980. |
| location | Boys Negro School and Museum |
| address | 19510 White Ground Road or PO Box 151 |
| city_zip | Boys, MD 20841 |
| num_building | 1 |
| building_1_name | The one-room wooden schoolhouse was the only public school for African-Americans in the area from 1896-1936, serving grades 1-8. |
| building_1_hours | Open: April to Nov, Last Sunday of month (2-4 pm) or by appointment. |
| program_1 | Schoolhouse tours: hours as above. |
| program_2 | null |
| exhibits | School furnished as it would have looked in early 1900s. |
| archives | Useful bibliography re history of upper county, and Negro schools, under "Research." |
| for_students | School tours by arrangement. See also, children's book (<i>Paul of Montgomery</i> by Margaret Coleman) is set in and around Boys. |
| publications | <i>Boys: A Character Study</i> by Arthur Virtsas well as <i>Boys Negro School—Historic Lives</i> (video re-enactment of life at the school and interviews with former students). |
| resources | null |

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| organization | C&O Canal Association |
| desc | Principal friends group for the Park, founded in 1954 to campaign for creation of the National Historic Park. Volunteers assist NPS, monitor park conditions, advocate on behalf of the Park and its users. |
| website | Candocanal.org |
| email | inquiries@candocanal.org |
| phone | 301-983-0825 |
| focus | In 1954 Justice William O. Douglas led hike that resulted in creation of this National Historic Park (1971) to preserve the Canal and interpret its history (1828-1938). |
| location | null |
| address | PO Box 366 |
| city_zip | Glen Echo MD 20812 |
| program_1 | Monthly Hike Series (see index of access points along Canal for self-guided hikes). |
| program_2 | Monthly Speaker Series |
| exhibits | null |
| archives | Online collection of historical documents about canal history. |
| publications | Newsletter: <i>Along the Towpath</i> (complete archives online). |
| resources | Extensive list of related resources (NPS, other orgs, canal information, nearby trails). |

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| Organization | Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) |
| desc | Non-profit organization formed to collect, record, interpret and share materials relating to the history of Chevy Chase, one of America's first streetcar suburbs. |
| website | chevychasehistory.org |
| email | chevychasehistory@msn.com |
| phone | 301-656-6141 (archives) |
| focus | Developed as street car suburb beginning in 1890 on former farmland at edge of Washington DC. The Chevy Chase Land Company extended Connecticut Ave from Calvert Street to Chevy Chase Lake, and constructed a streetcar line to make commuting from home in the country to work in the capital fast, easy and convenient. |
| location | Chevy Chase Public Library (lower level) |
| address | 8005 Connecticut Avenue |
| City_zip | Chevy Chase MD |
| Num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Archive and Research Center |
| building_1_hours | Open: Tues (10 am-2 pm) and by appointment |
| exhibits | Online: Images of postcards, schools, amusement park; children's newsletter from 1930s-1970s; three self-guided walking tours (in pdf) |
| archives | Collection is searchable online: Extensive annotated resources, includes book excerpts, transcripts of Oral History Project,) <i>Town of Chevy Chase: Past and Present</i> , and resources for how to do house histories. |
| for_students | null |
| publications | Order online: <i>Place Names of Chevy Chase MD</i> by Marsh & Stickles (book) and <i>Chevy Chase MD: A Streetcar to Home</i> (DVD) |
| resources | See also: townofchevychase.org/1011/History |

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| Organization | Clarksburg Historical Society |
| desc | null |
| Website | Clarksburghistoric.com |
| email | null |
| phone | 301-916-3899 (Joan) or 301-253-3807 (Eloise) |
| focus | Founded in 1752 at the intersection of Georgetown-Frederick road and an old Seneca trail. Town grew up around general store (1770). Clarksburg's status as a major town in the northern county was undermined by B&O railroad, and only recently has been targeted for development. |
| location | null |
| address | PO Box 496 |
| city_zip | Clarksburg, MD 20871 |
| program_1 | Annual Event: County Heritage Days (June) |
| program_2 | |
| exhibits | |
| archives | |
| publications | |
| for_students | |
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| organization | Damascus Heritage Society |
| desc | Established in 2005 to preserve the unique agricultural, educational, economic, social and spiritual history of Damascus community. Opened museum in 2009. |
| website | dhsm.org |
| email | null |
| phone | 301-253-2014 |
| "focus" | In 1816, post office established at intersection of Ridge Rd (Route 27) and Damascus Road (Route 108). The small community was briefly incorporated (1890-1914) but withdrawn to permit paving of Old Quaker Road. Retains rural small-town character in face of urban advance. |
| location | Damascus Heritage Society Museum |
| address | 9701 Main Street (behind library) |
| City_zip | Damascus MD 20872 |
| Num_buildings | 0 |
| Building_1_name | null |
| Building_1_hours | Open Wed & Sat, noon-5 pm. |
| program_1 | Annual Events: Tea (February), Memorial Day (May) Heritage Days (June), Celebrate Damascus (July), Community Fair (September) |
| program_2 | null |
| exhibits | Rotate every four months. Photos of past exhibits. |
| archives | |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
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| organization | Friends of Agricultural History Farm Park |
| desc | Established in 1995 to assist M-NCPPC at Ag History Farm Park and interpret past and present farming techniques at the farm. |
| website | friendsofthefarmpark.org |
| email | null |
| phone | null |
| "focus" | See information on |
| location | Damascus Heritage Society Museum |
| address | 9701 Main Street (behind library) |
| City_zip | Damascus MD 20872 |
| Num_buildings | 0 |
| Building_1_name | null |
| Building_1_hours | Open Wed & Sat, noon-5 pm. |
| program_1 | Annual Events: Gas and Steam Show (April), Bluegrass Festival (Sept), Blacksmith an Arts Show (Nov), Christmas on the Farm, and Montgomery Parks Heritage Days (June) ad Harvest Festival (Oct). |
| program_2 | Restore and repair antique equipment (Wed mornings) |
| exhibits | Rotate every four months. Photos of past exhibits. |
| archives | |
| for_students | |
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| Organization | Germantown Historical Society |
| desc | Founded in 1990 to educate the community about local history, provide an archives and preserve local historic sites. |
| website | germantownmdhistory.org |
| email | info@germantownhistory.org |
| phone | 301-972-2707 |
| focus | Germantown evolved from 1840s crossroads village to an 1890s railroad town to a 21 st century planned "Corridor City," straddling Interstate 270. |
| location | Historic Germantown Bank Building, across from train station (temporarily closed) |
| address | 19320 Mateny Hill Road or Mail to: PO Box 475. |
| city_zip | Germantown MD 20875 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Historic Germantown Bank Building (temporarily closed) |
| building_1_hours | Temporarily closed |
| exhibits | See "history" and "historic sites" tabs online |
| archive | Temporarily in storage |
| for_students | |
| publications | Books (purchase online): Two by Susan Cooke Soderberg (<i><u>A History of Germantown, Maryland</u></i> and <i><u>The Met: A History of the B&O Railroad, its Stations and Towns</u></i>). Also <i><u>Then and Now: Germantown</u></i> by Margaret Coleman. |
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| organization | Goshen Historic Preservation Society |
| desc | Founded in 2002 to preserve historical homes and other buildings in the Goshen area |
| Website | |
| email | |
| phone | 240-276-1763 |
| focus | |
| location | |
| address | 21109 Kaul Lane |
| city_zip | Germantown MD 20876 |
| program_1 | |
| program_2 | |
| exhibits | |
| archive | |
| for_students | |
| publications | <i>Goshen, Maryland: A History and its People</i> by Ardith Gunderman Boggs |
| resources | null |

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| organization | Hyattstown Mill Arts Project |
| desc | Non-profit cultural arts organization dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the region, working with M-NCPPC (Montgomery Parks) |
| Website | hyattstownmill.org |
| email | null |
| phone | 391-830-1142 |
| focus | A number of grist and saw mills operated on this site from the late 1700s to the mid 1930s, despite the unreliable water level of Little Bennett Creek. Technology and marketing changes forced the closing of this mill and others like it. |
| location | Hyattstown Mill |
| address | 14920 Hyattstown Mill Road |
| city_zip | Hyattstown MD 200871 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Hyattstown Mill is located at the edge of Little Bennett Regional Park |
| building_1_hours | Weekends, 10am-4pm |
| Program_1 | Arts programming includes art gallery, sculpture trail, music, and a summer film festival |
| Program_2 | Classes and workshops for artists and writers |
| Exhibits | Art gallery generally open March-October |
| archives | |
| for_students | Tours for school groups or summer camps, by appointment |
| publications | |
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| organization | Kensington Historical Society |
| desc | Founded in 1977 to preserve the cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history of Kensington. |
| website | kensingtonhistory.org |
| email | info@kensingtonhistory.org |
| phone | 301-949-2424 |
| focus | Kensington evolved from a cluster for farm houses into a railroad suburb under the influence of Brainard Warner after 1890. |
| location | Kensington Town Hall |
| address | 3710 Mitchell Street |
| city_zip | Kensington MD 20895 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Brainard Warner House |
| building_1_hours | closed for renovation |
| archives | Ground Floor of Town Hall, Thurs afternoon 1-3pm or by appointment or mail to: PO Box 453, Kensington MD 20895 |
| publications | Book: <i>Kensington: A Picture History</i> by Monica Thrash (download pdf of index at "archives" tab, kensingtonhistory.org .) |
| resources | tok.md.gov |

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| Organization | Laytonsville Historical Society Center |
| desc | A nonprofit established to provide resources, education and advocacy to promote Laytonsville's historic heritage. |
| website | wolffmad.com/laytonsville/ |
| email | historiclaytonsville@gmail.com |
| phone | |
| focus | The earliest settlement in the Laytonsville area is Cracklintown (1789), later named for postmaster John Layton, and incorporated in 1892. Laytonsville was a successful farming region, and sits on the road from Monocacy River to Ellicotts Mills, a major artery for cattle and pigs headed to Baltimore markets. In the early 1800s, Route 108 created an important crossroads. |
| location | Laytonsville Historical Center |
| address | PO Box 5158 |
| city_zip | Laytonsville MD 20882 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Laytonsville Town Hall. Former William Bell House was renovated to become Town Hall. |
| building_1_hours | Open Tues from 11 am-1 pm |
| exhibits | Extensive searchable online exhibit of Library collection, complete with historic photos, maps and images of items in the collection. |
| archives | Archives houses memorabilia from the town, school, fire department and community. |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
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| organization | The Menare Foundation |
| desc | A nonprofit formed in 2000 to preserve the legacy of the Underground Railroad, its historic sites and environments, and offer daily-long simulation for adults to experience slavery to freedom. |
| website | menare.org |
| email | menarefoundation@aol.com |
| phone | 301-916-7090 (at Button Farm) |
| focus | Thousands of fugitive slaves traveled the Underground Railroad, a secret network of people and places to attain their freedom. |
| location | Mail: Menare Foundation. |
| address | Box 1366 |
| city_zip | Olney MD 20803 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Button Farm at Seneca Creek State Park (16820 Black Rock Road Germantown MD 220874--no mail) Maryland's only site depicting life on ante-bellum slave, with a Civil War-era barn, historic outbuildings, livestock pens, heirloom gardens and a slave cemetery. |
| building_1_hours | Open April-November for self-guided tours on Saturdays, noon-4 pm. Weekdays by appointment only. |
| program_1 | Underground Railroad Immersion Experience – Recreating daily life as it was on an 1850s slave plantation, where guests experience slavery to freedom experience... – food, clothing, tools... |
| program_2 | Heritage Breeds and Heirloom Crops – preserve authentic 19 th century local livestock types |
| program_3 | Hands – on Guests invited to cultivate crops, learn a trade or help with plantation-era chores, including log cabin restoration of ante-bellum slave quarters and homestead. |
| program_4 | Volunteer – internships for students, scouts, and adults. volunteer.buttonfarm@gmail.com |
| exhibits | Creating life in ante-bellum slave plantation. |
| archives | R.I.D.E the Underground Railroad project – to restore what is left, interpret its history, document sites with primary source records and oral histories. |
| for_students | |
| publications | |
| resources | More at Button Farm site: buttonfarm.org |

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| organization | Friends of Oakley Cabin and the Underground Railroad |
| desc | This group provides interpretive and education programming and research for the Oakley Cabin and Underground Railroad sites and programs. |
| website | |
| email | |
| phone | 301-258-6160 |
| focus | |
| location | |
| address | PO Box 10162 |
| city_zip | Rockville, MD 20849 |
| program_1 | |
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| program_4 | |
| exhibits | |
| archives | |

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| Organization | Historic Medley District (Poolesville) |
| website | HistoricMedleyDistrict.org |
| email | |
| phone | 301-927-8588 |
| Historical focus | Poolesville is the commercial hub of the 93,000 acre Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve. Settled by brothers Joseph and James Poole in 1760. John Poole Jr. built log cabin that became store and post office in 1810. See also: www.ci.poolesville.md.us/history.html |
| location | Town of Poolesville - Town Hall |
| address | 19721 Beall Street or PO Box 158 |
| city_zip | Poolesville MD 20837 |
| building_1_name | Seneca Schoolhouse Museum - Built in 1865 of Seneca sandstone and operated as a one-room schoolhouse until 1910. A carefully researched 19 th -century school day program is taught by a trained and costumed teacher 16800 River Road, Poolesville MD 301-972-8588. Open year-round for scheduled school field trips, please see their website or call for details. |
| building_2_name | John PooleHouse – Built in 1793 as one-room log trading post, enlarged several times, and in 1810 served as the area's first post office. 18823 Fisher Ave., now Museum Gift Shop |
| building_3_name | town Hall (under renovation as future Museum) |

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| Programs | |
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| Archives | |
| for_students | school tours of Seneca Schoolhouse |
| Publications | |

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| organization | Peerless Rockville |
| desc | Founded in 1974 to preserve the buildings, objects, and information important to Rockville's heritage. |
| website | PeerlessRockville.org |
| email | info@PeerlessRockville.org |
| phone | 301-762-0096 |
| focus | Settled in the 1750s, Rockville was selected as county seat in 1776. The town was incorporate in 1860 and was the scene of events, invasions, and skirmishes throughout the Civil War. Rockville's population exploded in each decade following World War II, to become the small city of 63,000 it is today. Rockville retains landmarks and representative historic sites and architectural gems from the 1790s through the early 21 st century. |
| location | Red Brick Courthouse (address below) |
| address | Mail: PO Box 4262 |
| city_zip | Rockville MD 20849 |
| num_buildings | 2 |
| building_1_name | Red Brick Courthouse – 29 Courthouse Square, Rockville. |
| building_1_hours | Mon-Fri (10 am-3 pm and by appointment) |
| building_2_name | Buildings saved and restored: B&O Railroad Station (moved from path of Metro), Montrose Schoolhouse (1909; returned to community use). Dawson Farmhosue (1874; resold as private residence). Baptist Cemetery (19th century). Wire Hardware Store (reopened with new tenant). Frieda's Cottage (1936; returned to residential use). |
| num_programs | 3 |
| program_1 | Self-guided Walking Tour brochures are available at the Red Brick Courthouse. Tours highlight Rockville neighborhoods and African-American heritage. |
| program_2 | Living Modern program each spring explores several of Rockville's neighborhoods with lectures and walking tours. |
| program_3 | Annual County Heritage Days (June) |
| program_4 | |
| exhibits | Rotating exhibits at the Red Brick Courthouse, permanent exhibits at the Rockville Public Library, County Law Library, and at 12 North Washington Street. Online resources: "Historic Rockville" |
| archives | The Museum Collection contains over 7500 objects dating from pre-Colonial times to the present, including photographs, books, archeological artifacts, and historical memorabilia. The Archives Collection includes unpublished manuscripts, maps, family and business papers, oral histories and graphic arts. Special focus areas black history, cemeteries and the evolution of local government. |
| for_students | |
| publications | Books (purchase online): <i>Rockville, Portrait of a City</i> by Eileen McGuckian |

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| | <p><i>Rockville's Recent Past</i> by Teresa B. Lachin <i>History of Black Public Schools of Montgomery County Maryland, 1872-1961</i> by Nina H. Clarke and Lillian B. Brown</p> |
| resources | <p>Extensive list of links to local resources. See also: rockvillemd.gov/historic City of Rockville Historic District Commission oversees changes to historic districts.</p> |

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| Organization | Save Our Seminary (Forest Glen) |
| desc | A non-profit founded in 1988 to combat the neglect of the unique, beautiful and historic buildings and landscape of the National park Seminary in Silver Spring, communicate its history and guide its future. |
| Website | SaveOurSeminary.org |
| email | info@SaveOurSeminary.org |
| phone | 301-589-1715 |
| "focus" | Traces the history of Forest Glen and National Park Seminary (private girls school, 1894-1936) and Walter Reed Annex (1942-1977). Site converted and reopened as residential living space in 2010. |
| location | Former National Park Seminary |
| address | 9615 Dewitt Drive #68 Ballroom can be reserved for events |
| City_zip | Silver Spring MD 20910 |
| Num_buildings | |
| Building_1_name | National Park Seminary Ballroom |
| Building_1_hours | Accessible only by tour and for special events. |
| Num_programs | |
| Program_1 | Guided Walking Tour: March-Nov (4 th Sat at 1 pm), begin at 2755 Cassedy Street, Silver Spring (near Linden Lane). |
| Program_2 | Facility rentals: ballroom can be reserved for special events |
| Exhibits | Online history: operant.com/seminary – extensive history of the Seminary and Walter Reed years. |
| Archive | Extensive collection of documents and memorabilia pertaining to the school (housed in the ballroom). Access by appointment. |
| For_students | |
| Publications | Book: <i>Forest Glen</i> by Rich Schaffer and Ric Nelson (Arcadia) |
| Other Resources | |

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| organization | Sugarland Ehtno History Project |
| desc | . To preserve the Black, African-American historical resource in Sugarland Forest community, Poolesville. esp. Transtion from freedom to slavery To document the hisotical community started by fre slaves...to document genealogy. outreach. self-sufficent Sugarlandethnohistoryproject.org |
| website | SugarlandEthnoHistoryProject.org |
| email | President: gwenreese21@msn.com |
| phone | |
| Historical context | Freed slaves established the Sugarland Forest Community in the late 1800s on land purchased from Pleasant famly. Operated as autonomous black township with church, school, post office and store. Population drop since 1970s - church received landmark status in 1996 |
| address | 14739 Sugarland Land |
| city_zip | Poolesville |
| Open | No weekly services, but services on special occasions. Available for community activities. |
| Archives | Online: Community history and individual and family histories= |

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| Organization | Silver Spring Historical Society – |
| desc | Founded to preserve and promote the history of downtown Silver Spring, the heart of the much larger unincorporated area. |
| website | SilverSpringHistory.homestead.org PO Box 1160, Silver Spring MD 20910 |
| email | sshistory@yahoo.com |
| phone | 301-537-1253 |
| Historical context | The intersection of Georgia and Colesville was originally Sligo, but eventually assumed the name associated with the spring discovered by Francis Preston Blair, advisor to Presidents Jackson and Lincoln. Confederate soldiers under Gen. Jubal Early occupied the area before and after the battle of Ft. Stevens in 1864. The arrival of the B&O Railroad in 1873 spurred commercial development. The Metro opening in 1978 spurred several decades of revitalization efforts. |
| Sites | (1) B&O Train Station (1945) (see MPI above) (2) Jessup-Blair House – last of the three Blair family houses still standing. (3) Silver Spring Shopping Center and Silver Theatre (1938) – earliest example of mall with street-front parking. (4) Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery & Confederate Monument - graves of 17 Confederate dead. |
| Tours | (1) Self-guided walking tour: Historic Markers identify landmarks along Georgia Avenue (2) Video walking tour – Paths to Present - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t9gj3RDYds |
| Archives | Extensive archives of photos, documents, city directories and memorabilia, esp.related to local businesses. In private hands, contact sshistory@yahoo.com . Online: Jerry A. McCoy's silverspringthenagain.blogspot.com |
| Publications | <i>Historic Silver Spring</i> by Jerry A. McCoy (Arcadia Images of America) <i>Downtown Silver Spring</i> by Jerry A. McCoy (Arcadia Then and Now) <i>Next Stop—Silver Spring</i> – (DVD) PBS documentary by Walter Gottlieb <i>Silver Spring: Story of an American Suburb</i> – (DVD) <i>Silver Spring and the Civil War</i> by Robert Oshel Check website for online ordering |

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| organization | Historic Takoma, Inc. |
| desc | Founded in 1979 to preserve the architectural heritage of Takoma Park MD and Takoma Park DC. It expanded that mission a year later when HTI acquired the archival records of the Takoma Park Historical Society (1912). |
| website | historictakoma.org |
| focus | Founded by Benjamin Franklin Gilbert in 1883 as the first railroad suburb north of DC, Takoma Park straddled the Maryland-DC border. Early settlers were largely federal workers and the Seventh-day Adventists. In the 1960s and 70s a successful fight against freeway expansion and development around the Metro preserved the small town character of the city. |
| email | info@historictakoma.org |
| phone | 301-270-2378 |
| location | |
| address | 7328 Carroll Avenue |
| city_zip | Takoma Park MD 20912 |
| num_buildings | 2 |
| building_1_name | Former Barcelona Nuts building, first built as former Piggy Wiggly grocery store (1932). Acquired by HTI and restored, opened 2010. |
| building_1_hours | For events, occasional Saturdays and by appointment |
| building_2_name | Thomas-Siegler Carriage House - Original carriage house (1884) with 1910 garage attached. |
| building_2_hours | not open to the public |
| building_5_hours | Building: Rotating window exhibits tell stories of Takoma. |
| Program_1 | Annual House and Garden Tour – First Sunday in May, self-guided tour of private homes and gardens. |
| Program_2 | Building events: history lectures, author series, renovation series |
| Program_3 | Explore Takoma: Self-guided walking tours of various neighborhoods with historic markers |
| exhibits | Front window serves as exhibit space. |
| archives | Extensive collection of photographs, newspapers, maps and primary documents that trace the development of both Takoma MD and Takoma DC. Photographs searchable online. |
| for_students | Guided Walking Tours for fourth graders, in conjunction with <i>Kids Guide to Takoma Park</i> (available online). Scouts programs |
| Publications | <i>Portrait of a Victorian Suburb</i> by Ellen Marsh and Mary Ann... <i>Takoma Park</i> by Caroline Alderson, Diana Kohn, Susan Schreiber (Arcadia Images of America) Available for purchase online. |
| resources | |

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| organization | Bethesda |
| desc | No local government, no historical society. |
| website | downtownbethesda.com or bethesda.org |
| focus | Began in 1805 as market crossroads on toll road between Georgetown and Rockville. Expansion spurred by arrival of street cars in 1890 and the relocation of National Institutes of Health in the 1930s. Name comes from Bethesda Meetinghouse (built 1820). Details: bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Magazine/November-December-2009/The-Beginning-of-Bethesda/ |
| Location | Intersection of Wisconsin Ave and Georgetown Rd. |
| address | |
| city_zip | |
| num_buildings | 3 |
| building_1_name | Bethesda-Farm Women's Market, founded 1932. 7155 Wisconsin Ave at Bethesda Ave. (301-652-2291) |
| building_1_hours | |
| building_2_name | National Institutes of Health (nih.gov). 9000 Rockville Pike. Dates to 1887 laboratory within Marine Hospital Service, becoming the National Institute of Health in 1930, moving to Bethesda soon after. More at nih.gov/about/history.htm |
| building_2_hours | null |
| building_3_name | Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Road. Opened in 1943, it joined Johns Hopkins Medical in 2009. More at SuburbanHospital.org ("about" then "history") |
| publications | Bethesdamagazine.org |
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| Place | Town of Brookeville Townofbrookeville.org 301-570-4465 |
| Historical context | Founded by prominent Quakers in 1794. Market town that became a prosperous manufacturing center. In 1814, President Madison sought refuge here in the wake of the British burning of Washington DC, making Brookeville "Capital for a Day." |
| Location | Georgia Avenue at market Street, Brookeville 5 High Street, Brookeville MD |
| Historic Sites | Brookeville Academy – circa 1810 – one of first private academies in the county. Purchased by the city in 1989 for adaptive reuse as a community center. Homes along Brookeville Road. 5 High Street. |
| programs | Self-guided walking tour – Historic markers identify significant houses and tell town history. Download brochure at "About Us." Historic Map See also: Sandy Spring Museum |
| archives | Onsite: Collection of photos, historical documents, genealogical records. |
| resources | (1) Maryland State Archives: msa.maryland.gov/Brookeville/ Includes Story of 1814, People, Community, the War. Interactive Map (house by house details and links to bios of owners (including research docs) and land record documents. (2) Video: <i>Forgotten Brookville</i> (7:45 minutes) at vimeo.com/47836526 |
| Publications | <i>Through the Perilous Fight</i> by Steve Vogel |
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| Organization | Community of Cabin John |
| Website | cabinjohn.org |
| Historical context | Small settlement adjacent to the Potomac River in Bethesda, influenced by C&O Canal in the 1800s and by the American land Company in 1912. See "History" tab. |
| address | PO Box 31 |
| city_zip | Cabin John MD 20818 |
| programs | |
| for_students | |
| publications | <i>Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place</i> by Judith Welles |
| resources | See: Glenecho-cabinjohn.com – for history of both Cabin John and Glen Echo. |

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| organization | Town of Garrett Park |
| website | garrettpark-md.gov |
| focus | This small town of 358 homes between Route 355 and Rock Creek Park was incorporated in 1898, and centered around the B&O Railroad station. It remains a close-knit community, resisting the pressures of urbanization that have altered its neighbors. Through traffic has been restricted since the 1940s, except for Strathmore Avenue, and the entire town was placed on the National Register in 1975. |
| email | |
| phone | 301-933-7388 |
| location | Penn Place (city offices and archives) |
| | 4600 Waverly Avenue |
| location | Town Hall, built as a chapel in 1897 and serves as town offices. |
| address | 10814 Kenilworth Ave |
| city_zip | Garrett Park MD 20896 |
| num_buildings | 1 |
| building_1_name | Town Hall (10814 Kenilworth Avenue), built as a chapel and now a facility for civic functions. |
| building_1_hours | available for rental. |
| num_programs | 0 |
| program_1 | |
| program_2 | |
| exhibits | Online exhibits under "history" and "architecture". |
| Archives | Historical documents, photos, and records of the Town of Garrett Park. Archives Hours: Thurs-Sat (10 am-2 pm) and by appointment (301-933-7488) or mail (PO Box 84, Garrett Park MD 20896) |
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| publications | |
| resources | |

