Montgomery County
Maryland

THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITY
OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Silver Spring

Located northwest of and adjacent to the nation's capital, Silver Spring is home to nearly 130,000 people. Fifty percent of Silver Spring's population is employed by the Federal or District of Columbia government. Excellent highways, wide avenues, rapid transportation facilities, the gradual movement to and from the District of Columbia, nearby Maryland and Virginia areas. Unincorporated, Silver Spring is the second largest city in Maryland—and lies within the transportation (or commercial) zone of Washington, D. C.

CHURCHES
Every American community is bordered by fine churches. Silver Spring is especially furnished with most places of worship of every denomination. Most of the churches are new, but several of the fine old churches date back to the founding of America. A favorite part of the Washington D. C. tour is often a visit to these historical buildings. Churches are convenient close to homes. Active Sunday schools and other church organizations make Silver Spring a fine center for the young workers and traditional architecture are represented in these buildings. Known for their beauty, the churches are well attended and are integral part of the social life of the community.

SHOPPING FACILITIES
Silver Spring is known as the foremost business district along the Eastern seacoast. Considered one of the most progressive and uniform regional shopping districts in the nation, the central Silver Spring business district offers the family more than 200 "big town" stores.

HOMES
Silver Spring has one of the highest per family income in the United States. Homes here—sprawling, well-maintained, beautifully landscaped with lawns, gardens, and flowers—are located in the highest standard of homes in the city. Four-lettered section of television, complete sports recreation, and outdoor family activities are a daily, weekly, and yearly happening.

TRANSPORTATION
There are no streetcar tracks in suburban Silver Spring. All transportation networks—new, modern buses; bus transportation; and trains from the District of Columbia and nearby area offer the most accessible to stores, offices and homes. Commuting is quick, easy and enjoyable.

Silver Spring is the north Washington stop of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. All major airports and railroads are a short trip from Silver Spring. Either downtown Baltimore or Washingon, D. C. is convenient to board a modernized railroad passenger train or bus. Travel is made extremely easy, thanks to efficient parking areas adjacent to the station.

Outstanding specialty shops, nationally famous chain stores, major department stores, authorized oven agencies, mattress shops, and other of every description make shopping convenient and pleasurable. All stores are located near multipurpose buildings and operated parking lots. For both commercial and family banking, Silver Spring banks maintain convenient banking hours.
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TRANSPORTATION

There are no streetcar tracks in suburban Silver Spring. All transportation features new, modern buses. Bus transportation to and from the District of Columbia and nearby areas offers connections to stores, offices and homes. Connecting is quick, easy and inexpensive.

Silver Spring is the north Washington depot for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. All trains...eastbound and westbound...stop in Silver Spring. Rather than drive the central city Union Station traffic, suburban families find it convenient to board a modern RPO passenger train close to home. Train travel is made easier, thanks to adjacent parking areas adjacent to the station.

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FROM LITTLE ACORNS...

A horse takes credit for naming Silver Spring.

It was in 1849 that Francis Preston Blair, editor of the Washington, D.C., "Globe" during the Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren administrations, rode his horse, Selm, through the then-shrubs of the Nation's Capital. As they neared the wooded section of nearby Maryland, Selm was frightened and Editor Blair was thrown from the horse, who ran away, leaving his master stranded.

Giving chase, Mr. Blair followed his mount westward through the thick grove of pines in the valley. After crossing the road now known as Georgia Avenue, he found Selm's reins caught on a board fence post. Peeling the fence post from the horse's tail, he was able to retrieve his trustful companion and was rewarded with a fresh mount on which to make his return to Washington. The beauty of the site turned the white sand and wild blue of the spring into a smalläl  looking lake which takes its name from the scene of the horse browse, so it rose and fell. Charmed by the beauty of the spot, Mr. Blair purchased the property.

Interestingly enough, Sir Christopher Galt of Baltimore, the grandfather of Francis Preston Blair, had marched over the "silver spring" with the Braddock expedition in 1755. Soon after discovering the spring, and glad to leave the city of Philadelphia, Mr. Blair built Blair Mansion. At that time, and back through the fearful years of the French and Indian Wars and the Revolutionary War, what is now the thriving community of Silver Spring lay in peaceful solitude outside of Washington.

After the Van Buren administration, Francis Preston Blair was offered a foreign mission by President Polk. Enchanted with the surroundings of Montgomery County, Mr. Blair declined, saying that nothing could induce him to give up his home at Silver Spring.

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