

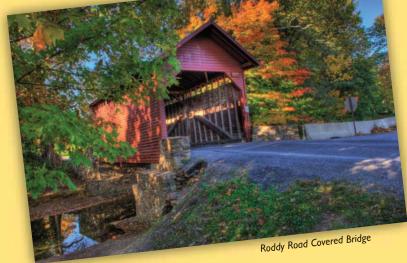
1 COME to THURMONT, MD Gateway to the Mountains



In 2011 the Town of Thurmont celebrated its 260th anniversary. Originally incorporated as the Town of Mechanicstown in the early 1700s, industries were aplenty. Hunting Creek, a creek that runs through town, powered mills and the abundance of timber in the mountains provided wood for building and bark for tanneries. In the early 1800s Jacob Weller, a blacksmith in town, created the first strike match sticks which were originally called lucifers. The building is still standing today and is known as the Old Match House. A failure to believe the product

was worth patenting eventually resulted in his financial demise. History books still credit him for the invention. In the late 1800s the railroad added new industries such as coffin makers, pottery, and cigar-making. The railroad not only provided a means for artisans and craftsmen to ship freight and products to major cities, but also provided a means for city residents to escape the warmer temperatures and





seek refuge in the mountains. Mechanicstown became a destination for sportsmen as well as summer boarders who would return year after year seeking the benefits from the cooler temperatures and fresh mountain air.

By the late 1800s progressive businessmen in town deemed the name Mechanicstown to be antiquated, and sought to change the name to eliminate confusion with Mechanicsburg. A local newspaper editor became involved and solicited suggestions for a new town name. Two suggestions prevailed; Blue Mountain City and Thurmont. When the townsmen convened to vote on a new town name ironically they voted in the majority for Blue Mountain City; however the Railroad stepped in and deemed that name too long, and Thurmont, the second runner up, prevailed. The new name was officially changed on January 18, 1894 by an act of the State legislation. This unique part-German, part-French name appropriately distinguished Thurmont as ... "Gateway to the Mountains".

Today, Thurmont's population has grown to approximately 6,500 and residents continue to be drawn to similar characteristics that attracted its earlier settlers. Located along the Route 15 corridor, which in 2005 was named the Catoctin Mountain National Scenic Byway by the Federal Highway Administration, Thurmont has been able to maintain its small town charm while continuing to grow with the ever changing needs and demands of its population. Some industries within town limits today include; agriculture, manufacturing, education, hospitality, retail, and health care.

Residents enjoy a thriving park system, including Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain National Park, which houses the presidential retreat Camp David. Both of these beautiful natural resources are located in Thurmont's back yard.

Recently a refurbishment spearheaded by the Thurmont Lions Club transformed the original trolley trail into a tranquil and scenic pathway from one side of town to the other. The Thurmont Trolley Trail is anchored on each end by two jewels of the town; Memorial Park on

the north side and the Thurmont Regional Library, on the south side. Adjacent to the Trolley Trail you will find life-sized murals depicting Thurmont' past and present surroundings.

Events and activities are designated to attract visitors yearround. In the fall take a hike and enjoy the hues of the



Blue Blazes Whiskey Still Catoctin Mountain Park

changing leaves, go pumpkin picking, or experience Colorfest. Stop at one of the two wineries for scenic views and a tasting! As the temperatures drop and the snow falls in the winter months join the Mayor and Commissioners as they deck the halls and trim the town tree or make Thurmont a scheduled stop while skiing at nearby Ski Liberty. Welcome the start of a new year with a resolution to frequent a local business you never have or gather with friends at one of our restaurants to reminisce about the year ending and make plans for the year ahead. As green grass grows and flowers begin you can enjoy fishing, bike riding, and exploring the falls. Finally, in those dog days of summer purchase some homegrown produce at the Thurmont Main Street Farmers Market, go swimming in the State Park, pick fresh fruits at our orchards, and enjoy the rides at the Guardian Hose Company Carnival. No matter what your age is and your interests are, Thurmont

has something to offer everyone for every season!

Getaway to the Gateway!

Memorial Park in Thurmont

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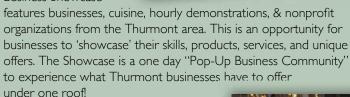
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Family Fun For All Ages

Spring

THURMONT BUSINESS SHOWCASE

The Thurmont
Business Showcase





GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY CARNIVAL

Everyone can enjoy value-priced, family oriented entertainment at our annual fun

filled carnival! Sample a wide variety of delicious foods, a host of entertainment options, and live music each day.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy local and regional performers at these free concerts in Memorial Park!



MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET

Support local farms, bakers, and homemade products by purchasing the freshest foods summer has to offer! This open air market takes place Saturdays, June – September, and is located at the Municipal Parking Lot on South Center Street behind PNC Bank.



The Town of Thurmont partners with the Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Football and Cheer teams for the Thurmont Community Health, Fun and Fitness Day. Local businesses

promoting healthy lifestyles team up with Thurmont public safety departments, youth sports organizations, Thurmont Main Street, Thurmont Green Team, and many others for this wonderful day of healthy activities, music, food and fun. The CYA Football and Cheer teams host punt, pass and kick competitions topped off with visits from NFL cheerleaders! The event is held each year in August.



One of the East Coast's largest outdoor craft shows is held in Thurmont on the second full

weekend in October. This event draws an estimated annual attendance of 100,000 – 200,000 and hosts over 350 juried artisans, as well as many local craftsman and yard sellers!

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

Our haunted hayride has become an autumn tradition for many! Weaving through the woods in Thurmont Community Park something frightful lurks behind every tree and a petrifying scene awaits you at every corner. Our woods are filled with terror and surprise! For the little screamers more g-rated activities are available!



HISTORIC COVERED BRIDGES DRIVING TOUR

Northern Frederick County is blessed to have three of only six known remaining covered bridges in Maryland. At least 34 such structures once graced the landscape of Frederick County, but storms, fires, progress, and neglect have claimed almost all of them.

Roddy Road Covered Bridge is located just north of Thurmont and was built in 1856. The single-span bridge over Owens Creek is found just east of US 15 where Roddy Creek Road intersects with Roddy Road. The smallest of the county's covered bridges, it features a King Post design and measures 40 feet in length.

Loy's Station Covered Bridge, an original truss bridge built around 1880, is located on Old Frederick Road, south of MD77, east of Thurmont. It is a barn-red, one-lane covered bridge that spans Owens Creek. The bridge's design utilizes multiple king post trusses covered with clapboard. It was rebuilt after an arsonist's fire nearly destroyed it in 1991. The bridge is 90 feet in length and 12.2 feet high.

The original **Utica Mills Covered Bridge** was built around 1850 and is located on Utica Road off of Old Frederick Road over Fishing Creek. It originally spanned the nearby Monocacy River but was washed away during a storm in 1889. Local citizens gathered the remains and reconstructed the 101-foot long Burr arch truss bridge at its present location crossing Fishing Creek.

Winter 1

CHRISTMAS IN THURMONT

Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit quicker than Thurmont's old-fashioned Christmas celebration on the first Saturday in December. Participate in a town-wide contest in hopes of winning prizes. The soft glow of holiday lights, the sound of carolers and a picture with Santa make this day magical for all who attend!







Thurmont... Serenity Awaits!

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

Catoctin Mountain Park offers a variety of experiences. Start your visit at the Visitor Center and ask the rangers about the wide array of hiking and camping options. Explore twenty-five miles of hiking trails leading to scenic vistas The park also boosts over six miles of horse trails. Catoctin Mountain Park boosts historical icons to explore including; the

Blue Blazes Whiskey Still, Sawmill, and the Charcoal and Iron industries which are all featured along trails with wayside exhibits. Camping, picnicking, wildlife

viewing, orienteering, rock climbing, fly-fishing, and cross country skiing are all available at Catoctin Mountain Park. The Catoctin Mountain Park and the Town of Thurmont are currently working in collaboration for a continuous looping trail from Thurmont to the National Park.



Cunningham Falls

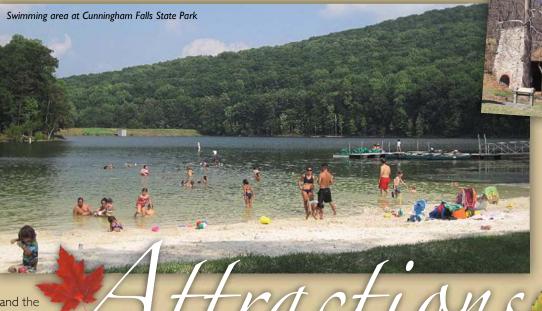
CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK

Cunningham Falls State Park features a 43-acre man-made lake as well as its namesake Cunningham Falls, a 78 foot cascading waterfall. This waterfall is the largest cascading waterfall in the state! Bring the family to enjoy camping, hiking, hunting,

swimming, boating, fishing, and of course enjoy the sounds and sights of Cunningham Falls. Big Hunting Creek also flows through the park and is noted as being one of Maryland's premier trout fishing streams. Also located at the base of the park is the Catoctin Mountain Furnace, an iron furnace dating back from the 1770s that shows evidence of early settlement and industry in the area.

THURMONT TROLLEY TRAIL

For approximately 50 years Thurmont was the "end of the line" for a trolley system that traveled from Frederick to Thurmont. After the final trip in 1954 the tracks were removed and the once bustling trail fell in disrepair. In 2004 the Thurmont Lions Club took on the insurmountable task of refurbishing



the abandoned trolley trail into a useful hiking and biking trail. After a lengthy planning and approval process and extensive fundraising, the actual refurbishing began in June 2006 with the official dedication in 2007. The end result is an approximately 3/4 mile graded hiking/biking trail, between East Main Street and East Moser Road. Further aesthetic improvements were



Trolley Trail

completed in 2007 and 2009 with the addition of picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles and plantings. In addition, the Trolley Trail will be a paved trail in 2017 to create a smoother surface for all to enjoy. The Trolley Trail Is ADA Accessible and is located directly across the street from former Trolley electric building which contains several life sized murals.



THE CROWNED JEWELS

Enjoy the life sized murals which is the work of artist Yemi Fagbohun. The murals are representative of Thurmont's rich history and the unique attractions which are located in Thurmont including Camp David, orchards, wineries, the Catoctin Furnace, and of course the iconic covered bridges. In addition to the murals, you will also find the original Trolley car that once provided transportation from Thurmont

to Fredrick. Picnic tables and bike racks are available alongside the Trolley car. This building was a collaboration of the Thurmont Lions Club, Town of Thurmont, State of Maryland, Acadia Lodge #155, and many private donors.

HISTORIC VILLAGE OF CATOCTIN FURNACE

Explore the iron furnace's ruins and tour the Collier's Log House (ca. 1810). The furnace was

in blast by 1776, and bombshells from Catoctin helped secure victory at Yorktown. Highly skilled workers, both enslaved African Americans and European immigrants, toiled to make all manner of iron products, including stoves, and kettles. The Furnace serves as an example of American culture before, during, and after the Revolutionary War and portrays the importance of industry in America.

DOWN ON MAIN STREET

Isabella Stack and Casting Shed, Catoctin Furnace

Main Street begins at the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains, and is a community that is rich in history, and natural resources to be enjoyed by all! Thurmont is a designated Maryland Main Street sharing this prestigious award with only twenty-seven other communities in the State of Maryland. Businesses, shops and restaurants are unique, one-of-a-kind and locally owned where you will find a familiar face. Special events are an important part of Thurmont's tradition while also having fun! Parking available in the municipal parking lot on South Center street behind PNC Bank.



Thurmont Main Street Center

THURMONT MAIN STREET CENTER

Step into the Thurmont Main Street center to experience the works of local artisans on display, locally made products, displays of the local attractions, and visitor information for

Thurmont and the surrounding area. Thurmont souvenirs are also available to commemorate your visit to Thurmont! The Center is located at 11 Water Street and is open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from Noon-4 PM February through December.

BIKING

Thurmont a biking haven for bike clubs, serious cyclists, and for the cyclists who just wants to getaway and enjoy a bike ride. Thurmont has picturesque rolling hills, orchards, wineries, covered bridges, and of course the peaceful roads which surround both Cunningham Falls State Park, and Catoctin Mountain Park for a soothing ride. Ask about our Hike, Bike, and Tour Thurmont Map Brochure!

EVENTS

THURMONT BUSINESS SHOWCASE - FOURTH SATURDAY IN APRIL

The Thurmont Business Showcase will feature businesses & nonprofit organizations from the Thurmont area. The Thurmont Business Showcase is a one day "Pop-Up Business Community" to experience what Thurmont businesses have to offer You! Located at the Thurmont Ambulance Event Complex, 13716 Strafford Drive.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET - EVERY SATURDAY JUNE -**FOURTH SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

Fresh local produce, dairy, flowers, baked goods, & much, much more at the Main Street Farmers Market located on the Municipal Parking Lot on South Center Street behind PNC Bank, 9 AM-Noon

ART & WINE STROLL - MAY & OCTOBER

Take a stroll down Main Street to meet the many local artists & their creations. Artists are tucked inside businesses along Main Street. Enjoy the flavor of local wines along your stroll & entertainment too! Go to ThurmontMainStreet.com for specific dates. Located on East Main & Water Street.

THURMONT CARNIVAL - SECOND FULL WEEK IN JULY

Looking for value-priced, family oriented entertainment in a local setting? Bring the kids, come out, & have some fun at our annual fun-filled Carnival! A wide variety of delicious food, entertainment, & lots of rides & games. The carnival is held at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds located at 123 East Main Street.

COMMUNITY HEALTH, FUN. & FITNESS DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST

Come out for a fun-filled day with demonstrations, healthy lifestyle vendors, green alternatives, and great food. Located at Eyler Park, 15 Eyler Road.

THURMONT-EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY SHOW - SECOND FULL WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin Area FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, & the Maryland State Grange. The community Show is held at Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road.

CATOCTIN COLORFEST - SECOND FULL WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

A juried arts & craft show that is one of the largest outdoor craft shows on the East Coast. A wide variety of delicious foods along the way. Located in Thurmont Community Park, 21 Frederick Road.

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK - LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

Haunted hayride, Little Shop of Horrors, a non-scary children's area, snacks, refreshments and more. Children's area (12 & under) will feature a variety of games and crafts, magic shows, & face painting. \$2.00 pp plus a conned food donation for the Thurmont Food Bank. Kids 5 & under are free. Located in Thurmont Community Park, 21 Frederick Road.

CHRISTMAS IN THURMONT - FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

Pick a map up on the square of Main Street & visit local businesses to get your map stamped & enter for great prize drawings! Visit with Santa, get your picture taken, & enjoy a carriage ride. At the end of the day, head to Hobbs Hardware on Main Street for prize drawings, the lighting of the Thurmont Lions Club Remembrance Tree, & the lighting of the town Christmas Tree complete with Christmas Carols! An old time Main Street Christmas awaits! Located in the Main Street area.

For event dates & more info go to ThurmontMainStreet.com.

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THURMONT MAIN STREET CENTER



Stop by the Thurmont Main Street Center located at 11 Water Street for a Thurmont souvenir & more information about Thurmont, Thurmont businesses, and attractions. The Main Street Center includes art from local artists on display and for sale, Thurmont history, brochures/information from all Thurmont business, locally made products, souvenirs, books, and much more for retail sale. Stop by every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 2 PM-4 PM for our Main Street Matinee with free popcom! Hours are February through December, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Noon-4 PM.

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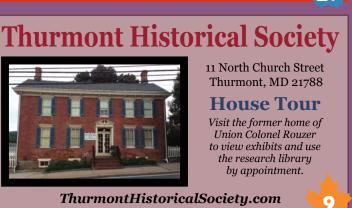
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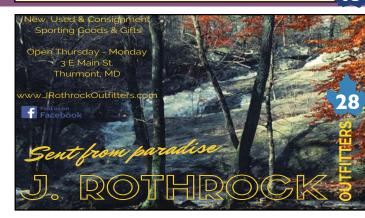
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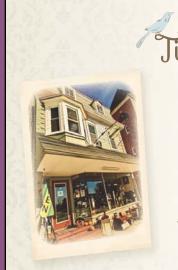
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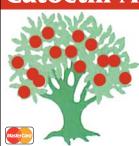
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