

## FALL FESTIVALS

### Saturday, September 12 & October 3 Fenton Street Market

For two Saturdays this area residents will have a new destination for natural baby toys, handmade jewelry, homemade doggie treats, vintage treasures and more: the Fenton Street Market in East Silver Spring.

Vendors so far include artists, crafters, antique dealers, photographers, the Silver Spring Historical Society, and even a bicycle mechanic. "I love the idea of an interactive market—more than just merchandise on tables," says McCann, who plans to bring the market back next spring on a more frequent basis.

**Corner of Fenton Street and Silver Spring Avenue, 9 AM-2 PM. [www.fentonstreetmarket.com](http://www.fentonstreetmarket.com).**



Allen Toussaint

### Saturday, September 12 Silver Spring Jazz Festival

The Silver Spring Jazz Festival is a free annual event in Downtown Silver Spring featuring a variety of jazz performances. The 2009 program features Allen Toussaint (pictured), the United Jazz Ensemble with Karen Gray, Afro Bop Alliance, The Marcus Johnson Project and the Madison Sweet Heaven Kings.

The festival kicks off with a showcase of local talent in the Jazz Ensemble Caravan, a New Orleans-style parade of youth jazz ensembles traveling throughout the community, followed by a band competition. The winning youth ensemble will receive the Silver Spring Jazz Festival Trophy.

The performances are held outdoors so bring a blanket and/or beach chair. A wide variety of food will be available to purchase from local restaurants.

**Downtown Silver Spring at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road, 3:30-10:45 PM. [silverspringdowntown.com/event/silver-spring-jazz-festival-2009](http://silverspringdowntown.com/event/silver-spring-jazz-festival-2009)**



Pete Seeger at the Newport Folk Festival

### Sunday, September 13 Takoma Park Folk Festival

The Takoma Park Folk Festival marks its 32nd anniversary, paying tribute to Pete Seeger this year.

Enjoy music and dance from around the world on seven stages. Some performances are designed for audience participation, particularly the dance workshops, the Seventh Heaven stage, and the many activities at and surrounding the Children's stage. For more information, see a complete schedule on page 29.

The festival also features a juried crafts show, community tables, and food vendor providing a variety of ethnic cuisines.

Don't miss this free, grassroots festival - one of the highlights of the year.

**Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, 11 AM-6:30 PM. [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org).**

### Saturday, September 26 Magical Montgomery

On the last Saturday of September, downtown Silver Spring magically transforms from a busy urban shopping district into a lively center for arts, humanities, Montgomery County history, and world cultures. Enjoy mini-parades, live entertainment, an artist market with original artworks for sale, and rows of community booths representing some 100 Montgomery County cultural and heritage organizations.

**Downtown Silver Spring at the Intersection of Ellsworth and Fenton Streets, Noon-6 PM.**

### Saturday, October 3 South Silver Spring Block Party

Each year, the South Silver Spring Neighborhood Association (SSSNA) throws a community block party celebrating the people, artists, and merchants in and around our neighborhood.

Last year, the festival celebrated over 90 arts and crafts vendors, 15 live entertainment acts ranging from belly dancing to martial arts and Celtic music to alternative rock and Afropop.— and food for everyone's taste ranging from Vietnamese, Ethiopian and Italian to Middle Eastern, European desserts and Southern cooking.

**At Newell and Kennett Streets, from 1-6 PM. [blockparty.southsilverspring.org](http://blockparty.southsilverspring.org).**

### Sunday, October 4 Takoma Park Street Festival

The 28th Annual Takoma Park Street Festival has something for everyone! 18 musical groups playing on 3 stages, activities for children, crafts from around the world, community information booths, and food to please any palate.

**On Carroll Avenue in Old Takoma, 10 AM-5 PM (rain or shine). [www.takomafestival.com](http://www.takomafestival.com).**