



# Historic Takoma, Inc.

"Preserving the Heritage of Takoma Park-MD and Takoma-DC"

## 2004 Summary Annual Report

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### ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

#### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

2004 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Historic Takoma, Inc. in November 1979. The Anniversary was marked in a special edition of our Annual House and Garden Tour; a Takoma Park City Council Resolution recognizing our contributions to the community; and a specially-catered annual meeting and holiday party in December.

#### **House and Garden Tour**

May 2, 2004 was the date for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Takoma Park House and Garden Tour. The tour was designed to highlight the founding of the Takoma community in conjunction with celebrating the founding of Historic Takoma, Inc. We looked for important foundational properties on both sides of the MD/DC line to showcase this heritage. On the DC side was featured the historic Takoma Theater as well as the historic Watkins Apartment Building, among other properties. In MD, 8 Columbia Avenue, and 7119 Carroll Avenue were featured along with other properties on Elders' Row. The tour was a great success, with revenues of over \$7000.

#### **"Takoma Archives" Stories in *The Takoma Voice***

Regular articles highlighting the history of Takoma Park were published in this series featured in the community's monthly newspaper, *The Takoma Voice*. The stories are featured prominently in the center spread of the paper. Topics included B. F. Gilbert, founder of the community; what it means to be a streetcar suburb; the effect of Brown v. Board of Education in Takoma; and other aspects of Takoma History.