**Swarthmore**

Incorporated in 1893, Swarthmore is a walkable community with tree-lined streets, distinctive homes, interesting gardens, and a charming downtown. The downtown shopping district, nicknamed “The Ville”, features unique and independently owned shops, a variety of eateries, and a collection of personalized services. Central Park and the amphitheater, recent additions to the town, provide a delightful place to gather and enjoy a variety of family-friendly events and vibrant street festivals.

**Farmer’s Market**

Awarded “Best in Class” in 2016, the Farmer Market occurs every Saturday, rain or shine, from mid-May through early December, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, in Swarthmore’s new Central Park. In addition to beautifully-raised fresh produce, meats, and dairy from area farms, the market offers an array of locally-made specialty food items including artisan baked goods, soups and sauces, iced treats, honey and maple syrup, wine, coffee, and teas. The market is also your destination for live music, hand-crafted art, children’s activities, and health and wellness activities for the whole family.

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**Public Gardens**

Swarthmore's public gardens are a testament to its community spirit and love of the environment. The Swarthmore Horticultural Society maintains 13 public gardens and volunteers replant them twice a year for seasonal interest and color. Each garden aims to enhance and honor its setting. For example, the garden at the Swarthmore CO-OP uses edible plants as unusual ornamentals. All of the gardens together provide a wonderful uplift to visitors and residents alike.

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**Community Events**

- **Food Truck-a-Thon (April & December)**
  Featuring over 20 food trucks and local culinary vendors.

- **Swarthmore Makers Market (May & Nov)**
  A unique artisan market celebrating craftsmanship and design.

- **Fine Arts & Crafts Festival (September)**
  Live music, fine food, children's activities, and the work of over 50 regional artists.

- **Thursday Night Live (June - September)**
  An outdoor summer concert series showcasing well-loved local musicians.

- **Home for the Holidays (December)**
  Our annual celebration of winter traditions.
Swarthmore College, a highly selective college of liberal arts and engineering, has empowered students to pursue their intellectual interests with purpose since 1864. The College is private, yet open to all regardless of financial need. The diversity of perspectives represented by Swarthmore students, faculty, and staff—including different viewpoints, identities, and histories—contributes to the community’s strong sense of open dialogue and engagement with ideas and issues. A student/faculty ratio of 8:1 ensures that students have close, meaningful engagement with their professors. Swarthmore’s idyllic, 425-acre arboretum campus features rolling lawns, a creek, wooded hills, and hiking trails, and is located just 11 miles from Philadelphia.

Discover Swarthmore

Swarthmore is a vibrant community that boasts tree lined streets, award-winning schools, and architecturally interesting and varied housing options. An active arts and music scene enhances the vibrancy of the town center, and civic groups and small town traditions contribute to the town character. Traditions include the 4th of July Bike Races, Rotary Club Fun Fair, Swarthmore Swim Club Water Show, Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, Swarthmore Santa, and more. SEPTA train service is located in the center of town, making Center City Philadelphia easily accessible to residents and visitors.