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SERVICE PROVIDERS: YOUR NEIGHBORS' RECOMMENDATIONS

This is a listing of the comments sent to COMMUNIT-E by residents of Friendship Heights and Tenleytown/AU Park about service providers with whom they've had personal experience over the last 2 years. The resident's contact information is shown at the end their comments. It's organized alphabetically by category of service. Below is an index of the categories and the pages on which the entries for each category begin. Suggestions of how the list can be made more useful are welcomed.

Please note that inclusion in this list is no guarantee that a vendor will perform well for you, nor that there's anything wrong with a vendor that is not listed.

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ACCOUNTANTS -

I highly recommend Bradley Ralph. He's excellent! You can reach him at 301/980-2852. Bari Biern Sedar biernmail@aol.com September 2007

ACUPUNCTURISTS -

I would recommend Wei Xu (202) 669-8566 She is on 5100 MacArthur Boulevard and has helped two or three people I know. Good luck! Laura Garces Fischer Laura.garces@verizon.net February 2014

I can highly recommend Sung Hong (at Wisconsin Ave), phone 240 478 2624. Heike Lingertat hlingertat@comcast.net February 2014

Kelly Welch and Kate Yonkers - are absolutely terrific! Highly recommend both! <http://acupuncture-dc.net> Ksenia Grishkova grishkova@gmail.com February 2014

APPLIANCE REPAIRS -

Sewing Machines - I've had good luck with Brother Sew and Vac on Connecticut. gtextra@earthlink.net March 2013

Sewing Machines - I have always found Brothers in Cleveland Park very good. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com March 2013

Sewing Machines - I have been going to Brothers Sew & Vac on Conn Ave., NW across from the Uptown Theater for many years. They are close, very reliable & pleasant: 3317 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 686-9500. Kate McLynn kdmclynn@starpower.net March 2013

AUTO BODY REPAIR -

In and Out Auto Body in Rockville has done a lot of work for me - ask for Luis. Prices are reasonable and work is of good quality. 301 340-0393. squasher@starpower.net May 2014

I've used Modern Body Shop in Bethesda twice and their workmanship is superb. I had some 'hidden' damage and they went to the insurance company and got that fixed too. Nothing gets by the lady there! John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com May 2014

Thank you so much for whoever wrote about Bethesda Collision Repair on River Road. I opened the file and found a recommendation for car repairs. I took my truck to them and they are honest and fair and did a great job! This is a great idea to get the recommendations that are posted on this board. Thanks! Marcello mmuzzatti@aol.com December 2014

For bodywork, I'd strongly recommend Modern Body Shop also in Kensington. We've been there three times and no one puts anything over the owners. 3844 Dupont Ave Kensington, MD (301) 946-8026. I know getting to Kensington is a pain but we've found it worthwhile. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com April 2015

Auto Glass - We recently had our cracked car windshield replaced by Professional Auto Glass ([240-696-7951](tel:240-696-7951)). They came to the house, on time, were very polite on the telephone, and did an excellent job. The work is guaranteed for life. They

charged half as much as the quote I got from Safelite (only \$167.50 compared to \$322.00 from Safelite). Because someone recently posted on this listserv ISO an auto glass repair/replacement place, I wanted to pass this recommendation along. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com June 2015

AUTO MECHANICS -

We use Wheaton Service Center for our VW Passat maintenance. They performed extensive work and charged several hundred dollars less than the estimate we received from the local dealer. 301 949-3144. Kathryn Ray and Dennis Beaufort KCRDLB@gmail.com March 2015

I've used Ernie's Automotive Service for my 2000 Passat for the past few years with good results. As best I can tell, they are knowledgeable, the work is well done, they don't push you to agree to non-essential repairs, and the prices are reasonable (they certainly are in comparison with what used to be Martens). It's not fancy (no waiting room, TV, shuttle to Metro), but they get the job done. Ernie's is located off the west side of River Road, just after Little Falls Parkway and Butler Road. Turn left immediately after the pedestrian overpass just before McDonald's, follow the signs for Volvo servicing, and keep going. Address is 5200 River Road, tel. is 301-656-1246. Michael Calingaert mcallingaert@brookings.edu March 2015

I recommend Murray's Auto Clinic. I take my RAV 4 there for routine maintenance and repair work. They do good work and are honest. I go to the Silver Spring location. If you have to leave your car there, they give a ride to the metro and pick you up from the metro. Murray's Auto Clinic, [999 Philadelphia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910](http://999.PhiladelphiaAveSilverSpringMD20910.com), (301) 585-7557, murraysautoclinics.com. I've been using them for about 5 years and have been very satisfied. Debra Graham DCDebra@speakeasy.net April 2015

Yes! The guys on River Road right by the CCT, [Bethesda Collision Repair Center Bethesda md auto repair body shop foreign domestic car Truck SUV Montgomery County Md](http://BethesdaCollisionRepairCenterBethesdaMDAutoRepairBodyShopForeignDomesticCarTruckSUVMontgomeryCountyMD.com) they worked on my truck and did a great job. Got the recommendation from the list serve. Mmuzzatti@aol.com April 2015

Bobby at "Takoma Old Town Auto Service" -- long name for a small place in Silver Spring. This guy does real quality work. I buy parts from a shop on Georgia Ave and the guy there recommended Bobby. I've had about five different jobs done by him, and I can attest to his excellence. His number and address follow. You can say Lori Annaheim recommended you. (I have to see him soon myself.) He's kinda far from a metro, if you have to leave your car, so maybe have someone follow you. If you can wait, there are lots of used record stores and other interesting shops nearby; good Ethiopian restaurants. Bobby is Thai, BTW. Phone Number 301-562-9626 and Address 915 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com April 2015

We've had nothing but good service by Carlos in Kensington. They're always rated in CheckBook. 3960 Howard Ave, Kensington, MD 20895 (301) 897-0880. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com April 2015

I can't say enough about Bethesda Collision for auto repair work. I think that I'm a pretty good mechanic and can work on my own cars but when it comes to the big stuff I have had them do the work and they are good and the price is reasonable. They are located on River Road behind the McDonalds. Marcello Mmuzzatti@aol.com June 2015

BABYSITTERS & NANNIES -

This fall, as our two daughters head to school full time in first and fifth grade, we are hoping to help our full-time nanny of five years find a new position in the upper NW DC area. Our nanny, a U.S. citizen originally from the Philippines, is extremely reliable, warm hearted and easy-going. She speaks English very well. She owns her own mini-van and is a solid driver. In addition to childcare, she has helped with numerous household errands and tasks. There is true, mutual affection between our whole family and our wonderful nanny. We hope to help her find a new, long-term, full-time, live-out position beginning September. If you are interested in speaking with me about her and/or setting up a time to speak with/meet her, please contact me at susanvanmeter@verizon.net or 202/744-2453. August 2013

Hi -- our former au pair Iris has finished her internship year and is available for babysitting-- on a regular schedule or for occasional needs. She is wonderful with kids, an excellent driver, and very responsible. Can't say enough great things about her. She lives in AU Park -- feel free to contact Iris directly, yannette24@yahoo.com or (202) 503-7484; or contact me for a reference. Judy Bake judybaker16@gmail.com November 2013

Our fabulous babysitter, Carol, is now available 5 days a week and is flexible. We would still like to use her 1 or 2 afternoons a week if it works out. Carol has been with us for over 6 years, and she is like a member of our family. Our kids are older now, so we don't need her as often. She is honest, reliable, fun-loving and very hard working. She is very smart too. She often stays over when both my husband and I are out of town, and everything always runs like clockwork. She does not smoke, nor does she drive, so she will need to have access to the metro or bus stop (preferably near Tenley, Cleveland Park, Chevy Chase, but she is flexible). Carol is fabulous with babies and small children, as well as with older kids too. She does light housekeeping and very proactive with things around the house too. Her number is 202-498-1949. SMBennett2@aol.com November 2013

BICYCLE REPAIR -

I've had very good experiences with Hudson Trail Outfitters on Wisconsin Avenue for bike repairs -- several different times. Kathy Smith ksmith1804@starpower.net 2005

It's a little farther afield, but I had a terrific experience at Performance bikes in Rockville's Congressional Plaza. It's large, clean, easy to get to/park near, and handles everything. I recently took my bike in after several years in the outdoor shed, expecting a "tune-up" bill of \$75+. The shop had it for 30 minutes, declared that all it needed was cleaning, oiling and some air, all of which are provided as free services, so they went ahead and did it. Big Wheel Bikes in Bethesda quoted me either \$49, \$69 or more depending on what I needed. So I'd recommend Performance. (I only went there originally because they are Thule dealers and I needed a rack.) Rick Dulaney DULANER1@WESTAT.com 2005

The Pro Shop on M Street, near Key Bridge has an excellent mechanic -- Courtney. One of the best mechanics in the area, he does most of the instructors' repairs that we cannot do in MPD. Another shop - Revolutions, just a few doors down, has excellent service, has always been helpful. There are other shops in DC but these are in 2D. Sgt. Mike Wear

CARPENTERS -

Mike Mackison, 301-204-1056, is a great carpenter. Randy Hill
cicadal7@starpower.net June 2014

Dusan Bucany of Dusan Home Improvements. He does excellent carpentry work but also plumbing, tile and electrical as well. 301 933-0203. squasher@starpower.net
July 2015

Jim Parrish has done work for us. He is honest and very reliable. 301.587.0009
Jo Bradley jo.m.bradley@gmail.com July 2015

CARPET/RUG CLEANERS & INSTALLERS -

I want to recommend a great carpet shampooing service right here in the Palisades neighborhood. Des Pettis has both a house cleaning and carpet shampooing business. She will bring her equipment and supplies to you or use any special supplies that you prefer to provide her with. Her rates are lower than any commercial competition because she doesn't have the overhead. She is very conscientious and detail-oriented, and her work is superior to any service I have used in the past. Des is, as you would expect, a native English speaker and tech savvy so communication is never an issue. Contact her directly at: Des Pettis, 202-486-2307 cell/text, bluedes47@yahoo.com. Charlotte Perry
charmperry@gmail.com June 2013

CATERERS -

Two suggestions: Rockland's and FreshStart Catering, a branch of DC Central Kitchen. Kate McLynn kdmclynn@starpower.net June 2012

Hill Country Barbecue on 7th Street in Penn Quarter has great authentic BBQ and sides based on recipes from the Central Texas Hill Country. Here's a link to the catering website: <http://www.hillcountrywdc.com/catering-and-events.dc> . Debra Lacy dlacy@lacyltd.com June 2012

Excellent barbecue and sides at Urban Bar-B-Que Company , 2007 Chapman Ave. in Rockville. See www.iLoveUBQ.com or call 240-290-4827. Sally Kranz
sallygkranz@aol.com June 2012

CERAMICS REPAIR -

I highly recommend Nonomura Studios on Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park. I have taken two antique pieces there - they are real experts, very expensive, but worth every penny. They also verbally appraised my pieces and were eager to discuss them. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com January 2009

I recommend Prof. Turker Ozdogan. Please call him at 703-289-2469. Pat Talmon
Patrick.talmon@verizon.net January 2009

CHIMNEY CLEANING & REPAIR -

Our chimney was destroyed by the earthquake. Suburban Chimney did a fantastic job rebuilding it. Tony Serrano is the owner and does the work with his crew. Excellent job, very professional and a sweet man. Tony's cell is 301-523-7171. He also cleaned and lined the chimney in preparation for a gas fireplace install.
rikernancy@yahoo.com March 2013

COMPUTER REPAIRS & HELP -

I know that listserv members periodically seek help with their computers, so I want to be sure Ivan Babinoto is on your radar. He kept an old computer in great shape long after its time should have passed, and has been helping me this week as it threatens to die (securing files, cleaning things up, backing up when there's no room, and guiding me in buying a new one). All at a very reasonable rate and with great accessibility. He's at Babinoto@gmail.com and 202-657-5123. Lois Frankel hartfran@yahoo.com February 2014

Try Nathan Acuesta (240) 281-7169; e-mail nacuesta@gmail.com. He has helped me a lot. Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net September 2014

Justin Polin, first recommended to me by the community organization Northwest Neighbors Village whose satisfied members had used his service, has been a most knowledgeable, responsible, clear, and careful computer expert for me during the past year. I have admired his attention to detail, his useful explanations, his professionally setting up my then-new home computer and all its functions, and his continued support. His e-mail address is justin.polin@gmail.com. His telephone number is (240) 383-0239. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com September 2014

Web Design - k@befreetech.com is expert and very reasonable. Entirely capable of divesting his personal politics and designing a terrific website. Comes highly recommended by all to whom I have referred. Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com June 2015

CONCRETE/PAVING -

I highly recommend Edgar Granados for concrete work and flagstone. He just repaired some broken concrete walkways around my house and also replaced my old cracked concrete front walkway with a flagstone walkway. He does beautiful work. He brings an assistant but closely supervises the work himself. He is very prompt and offers reasonable prices. He can be reached at 202-439-3082 (cell phone). Michelle Brotzman Michelle.Brotzman@verizon.net September 2007

CONSTRUCTION -

We just had this done in our crawl space, and we are very pleased with the work. Mauricio Campos and his crew cut a hole in our hall ceiling, installed a pull-down stair case, laid down floorboards in the attic space, and added electric lights and a switch. He also had to move a light in the hall to accommodate the new stairs. The total price was \$2800 including all of the electric work. Mauricio and his team have done a number of jobs around our house, and we've been happy with all of the work they've done. Here is his contact information: Mauricio Campos, G-C Painting, Mobile: 240-351-4715, Home: 240-464-3591. Dana Schaffer dana_schaffer@yahoo.com April 2015

For general remodeling and other construction work, we would like to recommend David Ochoa. We have been very pleased with all of the work he has done for us. He

has a number of specialized assistants on whom he can draw as needed. We have found that he does careful work and, on several occasions, has provided sound advice for improvements to our own ideas. His costs are very reasonable. Cell: (202) 409-6921; email jdochoa59@gmail.com. Lyle Brenneman lb1119@aol.com June 2015

I am happy to introduce Joe Giordano and his company, Building Services Group (BSG). Joe just completed a kitchen renovation for me and his performance exceeded all expectations. He does all jobs, large and small, dependable, and is very pleasant to work with. His workmanship is excellent, with specialty tradesmen as needed, and his pricing very competitive. Besides which, Joe (a Gonzaga College HS graduate), his wife and young daughter recently moved into AU Park; he is looking to increase his business in our neighborhood. Let's welcome Joe! His contact information: joe@buildservegroup.com and 202 739-1169. steveanlian@yahoo.com June 2015

DC CITY GOVERNMENT -

Parking Tickets - You have to write a letter appealing your ticket, see the instructions on the ticket. I have nearly 100% success rate when I appeal the tickets I receive. Make a copy of your pass and the letter you send. Then send it via priority mail with receipt that it was received. Then wait, which can be up to six months. Keep track of your tickets. I know this is a pain to do, but your only other option is to pay the ticket, which, of course, is what they want you to do. Ann Eichenberger aeichenberger@gmail.com February 2012

Parking Tickets - You can now appeal tickets through the web which I have used a few times and works great. Scan the documents, upload them and you get a receipt. If you join the eTIMs system (<http://dmv.dc.gov/serv/ticket/EmailTicketAlertService.shtm>) it will email you once the appeal is decided and also email you when you get tickets in the future. Adam Tope adam@adamtope.com February 2012

Street Lights - Call 311 to report street lights out. You will be given a service request number. The light should be replaced within two days. They come at night to do the repairs. Please report the yellow and black number on the pole and tell if the pole is wooden or metal. Also give the address of the house closest to the light pole. If it is not fixed within two days, call back to speak to a supervisor and give your service request number. That should work. Samantha Nolan nolantutor@yahoo.com February 2012

DENTISTS -

For Dentists, I strongly recommend Dr. Gene Giannini at 4801 Wisconsin Ave. 202-244-4111 Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com March 2015

I highly recommend Dr. Paul LaRose at (202) 347-1220. His office is at 1634 Eye St NW #404, in the building above Farragut West metro stop, and a block from Farragut North metro stop. He keeps my teeth and gums healthy and has a gentle touch and pleasant demeanor. He will also discuss the pros and cons of getting procedures and his professional staff will let me know then and there what the fees are. I'm not keen on dental work, but I always look forward to seeing Dr. LaRose and his staff. Anovak39@yahoo.com March 2015

Dr. Maria Nichols is great. Office in the building next to Rodman's: 5100 Wisconsin Ave., NW, (202) 363-1158. Don Vater dvater4527@aol.com March 2015

I have nothing but praise for Dr. Eric Hosaka in Chevy Chase, MD (5530 Wisconsin). His fees are reasonable and his techniques precise and gentle. I have had him do a ton of exacting work and am very happy with the results. Feel free to mention my name if you do contact him. Andrew Strasfogel squasher@starpower.net March 2015

I and the rest of my family second the recommendation for Dr. Maria Nichols. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com March 2015

I like Dr. John Martin, Nebraska and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, 202-966-1900. Very pleasant and very knowledgeable. The office is very homey. The rates are comparable with other practices. Bruce Klein BruceTV@aol.com March 2015

This family also is pleased with Dr. Nichols' practice. Dennis Shumaker 4dennis_shumaker@gmail.com March 2015

I highly recommend Dr. David Schneider in Friendship Heights. He's in a professional building adjacent to the Starbucks. His number is 301-652-9295. Tell him Andrea Feight sent you. Dreaf8@yahoo.com March 2015

I also have been very happy with Dr. Schneider. Neela Ranade neela_ranade@msn.com March 2015

DOCTORS - (arranged by specialty)

AUDIOLOGIST - I can recommend Gail Linn; she has a PhD in audiology, is a caring person, and has reasonable rates. She's at 11300 Rockville Pike (near White Flint); 240-477-1010, potomacaudiology.com. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com April 2015

AUDIOLOGIST - I highly recommend Dr. Leisa Lyles-DeLeon at Ascent audiology. She is very patient-focused and explains everything in great detail and very well. Her office is near AU at 3301 New Mexico Avenue. Phone is 202 621 6374. The previous audiologist I visited downtown was only focused on selling me hearing aids, she is not. Unfortunately, in most cases, health insurances cover very little. Cigna and BCBS are the most generous. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com April 2015

AUDIOLOGIST - I recommend the Georgetown University Medical Center's Audiology department. They're located in Glover Park near the Holiday Inn on Wisconsin. Or to be less specific, but more precise, I recommend not using a business that both tests hearing and sells hearing aids. John Wheeler johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com April 2015

AUDIOLOGIST - I second the recommendation for Dr. DeLeon. Carolyn Parr carolynparr@hotmail.com April 2015

AUDIOLOGIST - I also second the fine work and excellent communication skills of Dr. Leisa Lyles-DeLeon. She is included in the Washington list of Top Doctors. <http://www.ascentaudiologydc.com/>. Ron Springwater rk.springwater@starpower.net April 2015

DERMATOLOGIST - I have been seeing Dr. Arthur Ugel for many years and been very happy with his care. He's at 5454 Wisconsin Ave., 301-652-5155. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com October 2013

DERMATOLOGIST - I agree. I too have been going to Dr. Ugel and he is top notch. Kenneth Hurley kenwashdc@yahoo.com October 2013

DERMATOLOGIST - TamjidiSkinInstitute.com Pantea Tamjidi, M.D. FAAD, (female), Dir. Emily Porter Gerson, M.D. top ratings by doctors in Washingtonian magazine and checkbook.org (2011), 5454 Wisc Ave., Ste 1045, Ch Ch, MD 20815, 301-652-4828 x2 9-5 M-F, info@TamjidiSkinInstitute.com. Dr. Tamjidi, my doctor (and the other practitioners I met there) is wonderful and are Carelst BCBS in-network providers. Leonard Leonardleonard1@earthlink.net October 2013

DERMATOLOGIST - Dr. Ugel did not diagnose shingles when my husband's symptoms appeared. I do not recommend him. Dr. Tamjidi is outstanding. Jacqueline Epstein triosuite@starpower.net October 2013

HYPNOTIST - Tell your friend to call Irit Horn at the Washington DC Hypnosis Center (301) 717-1207 or log on to www.HypnosisWashingtonDC.com. Irit is excellent! Good luck to your friend. Laura Garces laura.garces@verizon.net August 2013

MAXILOFACIAL SURGERY - Robert W Emery DDS 202-386-7100. Highly recommended after using another surgeon. Martin Rothfield martinrothfield@his.com January 2012

ORTHO - KNEE SPECIALIST - I recommend Dr. Vincent Desiderio. 202-686-1286. Carolyn Parr carolynparr@hotmail.com May 2014

ORTHO - KNEE SPECIALIST - Dr. Vincent Desiderio has been exceedingly rude to a client who has Alzheimer's disease. I understand my experience is not an isolated one. I suggest Phillip Bobrow, Summit Orthopedics, across from Saks in Chevy Chase. 301-657-9876. He is very kind and promptly returns phone calls. He did my total knee replacement and I was walking with only a cane in two weeks and no cane in nine weeks. His staff is very polite and helpful. Ann Eichenberger aeichenberger@gmail.com May 2014

ORTHO - KNEE SPECIALIST - I had an unsatisfactory experience with Dr. Desiderio several years ago. At that time he had two offices. I consulted him about a knee problem, first at one location and then at the other one. Although his office had assured me that my files would be transferred from one location to the other, nothing of the sort happened. When he examined me the second time, he had no idea he had seen me a few weeks previously and no information on my first visit. Thus, we had to start from scratch. Dr. Desiderio showed no concern over the inconvenience to me or the expense to me and my insurance company. Michael Calingaert mcalingaert@brookings.edu May 2014

ORTHO - KNEE SPECIALIST - Lyn Taecker has compiled a list of comments from a number of neighbors on this topic. To obtain the list, email her at lyntaecker@gmail.com. May 2014

PODIATRIST - We recommend highly Dr. Michael L. Gittleson, D.P.M. The Barlow Building, on Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Suite 640, tel. 301-986-4900. Prof. Aurelia Roman romana@georgetown.edu June 2014

PRIMARY CARE - I like Physician Associates in Chevy Chase. My doctor is Dr. Nino and I think she is very good. Extremely thorough. They have a number of different types of doctors in the practice, which is useful if you need a quick consult. Avis Sanders avis.sanders@gmail.com August 2013

PRIMARY CARE - Nicole Singh, 202 296-0670. Don't know about insurance but she does accept Medicare. She is great, thorough, and accessible. Jack Benoit benoit@atlantech.net October 2013

PRIMARY CARE - Dr. Sima Nourani-Zenez at Johns Hopkins group at Sibley.
triosuite@starpower.net October 2013

DONATE ITEMS -

From time to time I see usable clothes and household items placed in alleys for trash pickup. It's a real shame because someone could use these items and charities could benefit from them. Also, they just add to the landfill burden. When placed in the alley, they usually get rained on and ruined for anyone to ever use. The trash collectors are not allowed to take them for personal use. Here are two places that will come and pick up such items. You just need to call them and they'll give you a date when the items can be put out for their pick-up. You can ask for a receipt and deduct the value of these items from your taxes. They are very liberal about what they will take. Vietnam Veterans Association, 1-800-775-8387; and National Children's Center, 1-800-296-1122. Kathy Smith
ksmith1804@starpower.net February 2012

I agree with Kathy's point, and let me add another possibility: The Opportunity Shop of St. Alban's Church is run by volunteers, and all proceeds go to grants to city charities, mostly ones that deal with the hungry, homeless, children and the aged -- more than \$150,000 each year. If it is too much trouble to drop off gently used items, I will gladly pick them up from your home and take them myself. --Jo Turner jombturner@gmail.com February 2012

AMVETS is another charity that will pick up and leave a receipt for tax use. Their number is 1-800-526-8387. Mary Abate mary.m.abate@usdoj.gov February 2012

Computers & Electronics - Central Union Mission or A Wider Circle come to mind. Randy Hill cicadal7@starpower.net November 2014

Computers & Electronics - Try A Wider Circle in Silver Spring.. Lois Schiffer loisschiffer@msn.com November 2014

Assistive Devices - Iona Senior Services at 42nd & Albemarle loans and gives away for free all manner of donated assistive devices, including wheelchairs, rollators, canes, walkers, etc. Just give them a call and tell them what you have, then drop it off. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com December 2014

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS -

Someone requested information on a driving instructor for their teenager. I highly recommend "Officer Wilson", a retired policeman who teaches teens to drive. (His son also teaches this.) He was incredibly good with our son. He even goes with his students when they take their test. Everyone at the test site knows him - and they also know that if he taught this kid, this kid knows how to drive! His # is 202-581-6256. His son's # is 202-438-9038 - Glenn Wilson.
AndrewsSachs@aol.com

DRYCLEANERS -

Polyclean on River Road will do bulk dry cleaning. Tory Ruttenberg
vrutten@aol.com July 2012

Valley Cleaners, on River Road right next to Talberts Ice & Beverage (in the same building, actually) will dry clean in bulk (16 pound increments). You might need

to dry clean two or three to get your money's worth. Fred Vinson
fvinson@flash.net July 2012

ELDER & NURSING SERVICES -

Individual or round the clock team of CNA certified healthcare helpers now available after helping my mother until her recent death and me, following shoulder replacement surgery. Expert in providing home health and basic nursing care and management, the absolute ultimate in kindness, dependability and honesty with decades of individual experience for in home care and/or companionship. Email me for references and/or further details or call Winifred Barriteau, the team leader directly at 202-726-7886. Sarah Horset shorsey@erols.com April 2012

ELECTRICIANS -

I heartily recommend Kevin Rozier. A highly experienced professional, conscientious, and reasonably priced. He can be reached at 202-841-8021. Jenny Bland jcrabland@hotmail.com September 2013

I also highly recommend Kevin Rozier. He has done all my electrical work for almost 15 years. Fernando Manibog fmanibog@gmail.com September 2013

I second the recommendation for Kevin Rozier - he can do anything and is reasonable, thoughtful and can solve your problems. A great guy and ask him about his daughter! Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com September 2013

I second the recommendation for Kevin Rozier, who has done three different jobs for us in recent weeks. In addition to his considerable skill and conscientiousness, he's nice as can be. 202-841-8021. Lorie Leavy ljleavy@gmail.com September 2013

Kevin Rosier's telephone number is 202.841.8021 He hid an electric heavy-up for our home and is inventive at pulling wiring from where it is to where you want it. Dennis Shumaker 4dennis.shumaker@gmail.com September 2013

I strongly suggest Chris Ecker. Tell him Ron Parver recommended him. He is a delight to work with. 202 359 1930. Ron3637@comcast.net January 2014

We have been using Robert Isner who was recommended on this list. He is a one-man operation but provides excellent service and reasonable prices. 301-894-5216, 301-675-5782. We give him five gold stars! Alan Henney alan@henney.com January 2014

We recently used Kevin Rozier, who has been recommended before on this list serv. He is at 202-841-8021. We found him competent, personable, and fairly priced. I would use him again. Susan Beale lilybygate@gmail.com January 2014

We own a home in the AU Park/ Tenley Town area of DC. Our home is over 80 years old and requires a highly skilled electrician to make changes/improvements/fixes. Echo Electric Co. did several projects for us in Winter 2013/2014 as part of home renovation including (1) running new circuits and wiring for the addition, (2) installing 7 recessed lights in the basement, (3) installing 3 sets of 4' fluorescent lights, (4) adding new switches and wiring to allow access to lights from other floors (so we can walk into light when coming down stairs). We recommend this company. Their quality of work was excellent. Echo is located in Kensington, MD and service MD/DC/VA. Their number is (301)949-8050. Sincerely, Scot and Metri Holliday sbholliday4@yahoo.com January 2014

I just wanted to reinforce the already sterling recommendations for Mr. Rozier who is an electrician. He is included in the tradesmen recommendation list. I have had him come twice and each time he was prompt, professional and gave excellent advice. His work is great and his prices seem fair. Sue Bell suecharliebell@gmail.com February 2014

Linda Miyoshi in Bethesda is wonderful. Her mobile number is 240 353 2790. Her office is close to the Bethesda library. Neela Ranade neela_ranade@msn.com February 2014

Yesterday Cesar Polania came to my house and besides doing work that I asked for (changing fixtures, basically) he also gave me advice about the electrical system in my home. He discouraged me from a big re-wiring job that was unnecessary, told me that I didn't need to replace a perfectly good fixture (a bad bulb was at the root of that problem) and generally was informative, on time and courteous. He is licensed and insured. I wholeheartedly recommend him. Cesar Polania 240 603 3243. Vivian Ronay viv@vivianronay.com May 2014

Kevin Rozier, the electrician, also has my hearty recommendation. He rewired our garage, ran a new line from the house, and brought up the level of old electric outlets up to current standards. 202-841-8021. Diana Diamond Diana.diamond@hotmail.com August 2014

ELECTRONICS' RECYCLING -

If you're talking about PC Computers see #1 below otherwise see #2. #1.) Did you get a new PC, Monitor or other PC hardware this Holiday Season and don't know what to do with the old stuff? Why not donate it to Project Reboot? Reboot refurbishes PCs and distributes them to needy families. Reboot is located at 4 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD. You can drop off machines, monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, etc. on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1PM to 4PM, and Wednesday from 10AM to 4 PM. We are in desperate need of working monitors - CRT or LCD it doesn't matter. For more information go to www.cpcug.org/reboot.. #2.) Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste & Shredding at Ft. Totten Trash Transfer Station 4900 John McCormack Drive, NE. Randy Hill cicada17@starpower.net January 2009

The Best Buy store in Tenleytown operates a recycling service for almost every type of electronic equipment, even old landline phones. Just drop off the item at the customer service desk. It's free. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com June 2014

ELECTRONICS' SERVICES -

VHS TAPES TRANSFERRED TO DVD - I recommend David at Transvideo: 919 North Kenmore Street, Arlington 22201. 703-525-0297 david@transvideo.net. Highly recommended. Works out of his house. Bill Harwood wharw32487@aol.com September 2006

I use a company called cdBBQ, www.cdbbq.com, to convert my LPs and audiocassettes to CDs. They do a great job. Bill Adler billonline@adlerbooks.com October 2006

FENCES -

I know a fellow that does great fences and trellises. He does conventional ones and also does near furniture grade work for outdoors. Think "Japanese" quality. His name is Jim Evans and he is at [301-972-8439](tel:301-972-8439) and [301-525-4834](tel:301-525-4834). I think he has some fencing up in AU Park too. Rick Holl rickholl@ymail.com October 2012

I had a very good experience with Accokeek Fence, which I found on this list serve. here's the link: www.accokeekfence.com. Lois Schiffer Loisschiffer@msn.com October 2012

Nino Vidal of All American Fences ((703) 731-7035 / (571) 267-9986) was referred to me by several friends. Earlier this month he replaced the large front section of my fence on 49th at Alton Pl. His crew was wonderful and worked tirelessly. He was the most reasonable of the bids I received. I cannot recommend him highly enough. Julie Mack juliemack1@verizon.net May 2014

FINANCIAL ADVISORS -

My recommendation for financial advisor is Russell Wild. He has handled my portfolio for ten years or so and has done very well. His web page is: www.Globalportfolios.net and email: www.russellwild.com. susanwashdc@comcast.net June 2012

If anyone is in need of a financial advisor, I would like to suggest contacting Will Bruno, a fellow Tenleytown resident who has been helping me and my family get our financial house in order. He is professional, well informed, friendly, and generous with his time. In my particular case, I wasn't looking to hand over my portfolio to someone to invest or manage. I handle our investments myself but was in need of some big picture advice on improving our cash flow, implementing a tax-efficient college saving plan, and putting my family on a budget. Will has provided solid advice, done some financial modeling for us, and recommended concrete actions that are going to immediately save us hundreds of dollars a month while increasing our overall financial security. My family's finances were relatively solid to begin with, and our needs are relatively straightforward. I get the impression Will is capable of dealing with much more complicated and involved situations. He helps people with large asset bases to develop and implement comprehensive financial strategies. He also specializes in retirement planning. Will's email is William.Bruno@axa-advisors.com and his number is 202-669-0280. I believe he will give you an initial consultation for free. Please feel free to contact me for additional reference info. Jason Y. Kim jasonykim@verizon.net February 2013

FIREWOOD -

We are pleased with the wood and service provided two weeks ago by Jerrell Johnson, 202-680-4028, and his son Jerry Johnson, 202-744-3821. Sally Haskell sallyhask@yahoo.com December 2013

We have used Darrell Jasper of D and R Seasoned Firewood Service for several years and have been satisfied. He will even take the trouble to put your old wood on top when he reloads your woodpile! Cell 540-718-8665. Bob Jayes and Ginny Callanen rjayes@mfa.gwu.edu December 2013

For years, we've bought wood from Roy Searle - reasonable prices, and a great job of stacking. Unfortunately, we don't have a card from him, but if he comes by your house, I recommend trying him. In addition, we recently bought a couple of racks from John Backe, who also did a super job of stacking and whose wood is clearly seasoned. Home phone: 540 547-2744, Mobile: 540 760-9675. (He also does yard, tree

and masonry work.) Enjoy your fires! Betty & Fred Bullock fabullock@erols.com
December 2013

Try FiveStar Firewood (www.fivestarfiredwood.com). They supply USDA-certified kiln-dried wood to many restaurants in Fairfax/NOVA. I just took delivery of a half-cord myself a little over a year ago, and it should last another couple of seasons. I recommended them on this listserv last October, and I do again. They offer the best wood I've ever had the pleasure of setting alight. No paper or kindling necessary, a simple paraffin starter and one match is all it takes. Eric Kohis Sapru-kohis@rcn.com December 2013

FLOOR INSTALLERS & REFINISHERS -

Universal Floors did a great job refinishing our floors. They did our main floor. We moved small items to the basement, but they took care of everything else, including the piano. Pat Mullan mullandoty@aol.com March 2013

I would not recommend Universal Floors. We were not pleased with their quality of workmanship. They gouged the floor in several places. When they nailed the toe molding on their nail gun nicked the baseboards in a number of places. They left globs of dust on the floor and covered it with the polyurethane. They did a half-ass job in removing the old finish from the risers on the stairs leaving a mottled finish. They gouged the bathroom thresholds when they scraped them, in the floor sanding process they knocked out the wood filler filling the nail holes and didn't replace it. Several pieces of the toe molding popped off because they didn't nail in on properly - the old molding stayed on for 40 years without popping off! Maybe this is the standard these days. We were disappointed. Your mileage may vary. Randy cicada17@starpower.net March 2013

I highly recommend: Steve Rados, Friends and Family Flooring LLC, 301-758-8675, "Let me help you find a solution", www.friendsandfamilyflooring.com. Steve did wonderful work with our old wood floor. Very professional, reasonably priced, quick and tidy. Zlatana Jovanovic-Dicker zlatanajd@gmail.com March 2013

FURNITURE RPAIR/REFINISHERS -

I recommend Schoenbauer. They did a very nice job restoring two vintage bureaus I inherited from my grandfather. A. David Adesnik adesnik@gmail.com December 2011

Chair Caning - Try American Hardwood at 9160 Brookville Road, 301-588-0363. Samantha Nolan nolantutor@yahoo.com November 2014

Chair Caning - Steve Young (202) 966-8810. He lives nearby and this is his specialty. He's done lots of work for us, redoing rush seats, caning, etc; even rebuilding an antique chest of drawers. He picks up and delivers. Cindy Snyder cindysnyder123@gmail.com November 2014

GARAGE DOOR REPAIR -

I just wanted to say that I had a bad experience with Clozermatic, that did not return my calls and kept me waiting a whole day for nothing. When they finally came in January they did a bad job. However, I wish to recommend BBB garage door repair (301) 309-9100. The receptionist is very pleasant and she sent someone immediately yesterday when the garage door wouldn't close! Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net May 2014

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS -

Someone asked a short time ago about a designer for a business logo. You might try local designers from Design 35 a dynamic duo of two women who have been in business for a while doing that sort of thing - including a fair bit of work for the American Association of Museums. Try Christiane Riederer van Paar at d35@design35.net or 301-320-0882. She's a lovely person and she used to live in the 'hood too! Lotte Lent lottelent@starpower.net March 2007

GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIR -

Winston's is reliable. They show up, do a good job and leave a bill. Adam Tope adam@adamtope.com November 2014

I had Corley Roofing install new 6" seamless gutters last year, as well as repair flashing around my chimney. Wonderful work. Their number is (301) 894-4460. Julie Mack juliemack1@verizon.net November 2014

I highly recommend my roofer Mike Brown for roofing and gutter work. He is a decent guy, has fair pricing, and is very reliable. Never had a roof leak. Excellent with slate. Tell him Lisa sent you. I have sent dozens of people to him. Everyone likes him. No complaints. Mike Brown: meb0506@yahoo.com (240) 372-9574. Lisa Newman lisa4news@aol.com November 2014

HANDYMEN -

I highly recommend Mike Hotka. He lives in our neighborhood and can do darn near anything that needs to be done. He's completely trustworthy and reliable, and his rates are reasonable. His phone number is 202-364-8577, email mikehotka@gmail.com. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com November 2014

I would like to post a recommendation for Mike Hotka. I recently received outstanding service from him! He came to me through a neighbor's recommendation and has lived up to his reputation as trustworthy, capable and reasonably priced. He touched up my cabinets doors, did some painting and general repairs around the house. His communication was clear and he met all of his commitments. And all very reasonably priced. He was wonderful to work with! Contact him at mikehotka@gmail.com. Leslie Deich ldeich224@yahoo.com July 2013

I just used Chris Stancil who advertised in the NW Current. I was very pleased with his work. His email address is stancilva@gmail.com. Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com August 2013

I have used Travis Roach for a few jobs including digging up asphalt and moving a fence. His rates are fair and he works hard. You can reach him on 443-975-4064. Lisa Lindy lisalindy@gmail.com October 2013

I can whole-heartedly recommend Dusan Bucany (301) 675-4324 who is very good and very pleasant and whom I have known for years. Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net May 2014

Dusan is the best. Crew is great and real craftsmen. After many poor jobs it was a pleasure dealing with him and crew. Coletta Kemper coletta.kemper@ciab.com May 2014

Juan Sanchez is Multi-talented and very careful. Super pleasant. 301-455-4718. Carolyn Parr carolynparr@hotmail.com May 2014

A handyman named Larry Paxton, who we found using this list serv, recently rebuilt our fence that was falling down. He did an excellent job under difficult circumstances, and I wanted to recommend him. His business card says "no job is too big or too small," so I think he does all types of contracting and carpentry work that you may need. His phone number is [240-675-1978](tel:240-675-1978). If you call him, please let him know Deborah Raviv referred you. Deborah Raviv
debweiner@starpower.net May 2014

I have used Larry Paxton for years and I wanted to second this recommendation.. He really can do anything !!! Barbara Elsas Barbara.elsas@gmail.com May 2014

We recently undertook renovation of two upstairs bathrooms in our AU home. Through pure good luck, we ended up working with Doug Hagedorn, a handyman and real craftsman who is relatively new to the area We cannot say enough positive things about him. He's responsible, reliable and highly skilled in home improvement. He takes great pride in his work and wants to be sure it's done right--a challenge when laying tile in a house built before the right angle was discovered. His prices are very reasonable. If you can invest some extra time for thoughtful, meticulous work, we recommend you talk to him: Doug Hagedorn, Hagedorn Handyworks 703-915-2451 or doughagedorn@gmail.com. Feel free to contact us as well (202-237-6705). Paul and Rosemary Amidel amidei@verizon.net May 2014

Jaime Noriega has a great, talented crew. They've worked with several of our DC-MD family households for a couple of years now on everything from lawn/leaf cleanup to indoor and outdoor painting, stucco repair, masonry work (just replaced our crumbling front porch and steps, railings, and walkway), kitchen/bath repair and basement renovation. They are smart, honest, reasonably priced and very responsible. My kids asked me if I have them on speed dial--we aren't DIYers and totally rely on them when we need work done. You can reach Jaime at [301-740-5557](tel:301-740-5557)--tell him Patrice Gancie, Porter Street, gave you his number. pgancie@aol.com
November 2014

I recommend Jose Cabiles, who was a foreman in his native Philippines. He's our nanny's father and has performed great work at reasonable prices for us. Since his English is limited, you can call her (Ana) at [\(240\) 500-5657](tel:240-500-5657). Emma Chanlett-Avery chanlettavery@yahoo.com November 2014

Wayne Fisher -[202- 232- 3781](tel:202-232-3781) or homeworks1@verizon.net has helped us through many small and big projects for years . He can tinker and fix anything, even when there isn't a clear solution. He is reliable and strong and nice, too. Dale Kaufman dale4tiger@gmail.com March 2015

I also recommend Joe Giordano. He fixed my front door, which was falling off the hinges. He was responsive, prompt, and tidy, did good work and was pleasant to work with. Jessie Righter Jessie@lavine.com June 2015

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING -

We have a contract with Cropp-Metcalf; no problems yet. Sarah Horsey sarahhorsey@gmail.com July 2013

We have used Climate Heating & Cooling for the past 14 years. Very good company. They recently fixed our old central air unit. lmarinaccio@yahoo.com July 2013

We have a 1921 house with hot water radiators. When we moved in (1987), we were advised that this system is the BEST, and never to replace it. We have it checked annually by Davis & Davis, Kensington, MD, 301/942-7210. Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net October 2014

After my maintenance firm told me I needed a new furnace, I asked for a second opinion from Saini Co., which was highly rated in Washington Checkbook. They told me I didn't need a new furnace. Just some necessary maintenance. Needless to say they have been my go-to furnace maintenance co. for the years since. They have always done a good job, and I know I can trust them. They can be reached at 202-554-5528. Jim Phippard jhippard@msn.com October 2014

Dennis Hammett, whose contact information is: 301.972.7883; Hammett.HVAC@gmail.com. Dennis has been servicing our AC and furnace for almost 20 years, first as an employee of Wm. F. Collins; now as an independent contractor (he struck out on his own after Collins closed shop a few years ago). He is very competent, reliable, honest, and reasonably priced. Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com March 2015

We have a terrific experience with Comfort Solutions out of Springfield. Instead of the usual bid with 1 number at the end we received 5 different bids with pluses and minuses of each. The resulting system works beautifully. Cynthia Grant grantc@gao.gov March 2015

I have used Home Air Services in Maryland (<http://www.homeairservices.com>) for over 15 years. They have added a two new complete A/C-Heating system to additions and have replaced an old inside unit. Service has been prompt and they have excellent phone support 24x7. Dick imaslug.rt@gmail.com March 2015

HOME INSPECTORS -

Alan Beal of Mid-Atlantic Inspections is terrific. His number is 202-607-4153. The website is www.midatlanticinspections.com. kjstanley@aol.com November 2007

I second the recommendation of Alan Beal. We had him do a pre-offer inspection on our house (built in the 1880s) last spring. He is very thorough and knowledgeable. My real estate agent says he has killed a few deals for him because he is so good. He will point things out to you at the time of the inspection and then send you a written report by email. Norma Scogin n_scogin@hotmail.com November 2007

HOUSEKEEPERS/CLEANERS -

Our wonderful cleaning lady of ten years has availability now. Lijia is hard-working, honest, extremely reliable and always goes the extra mile. From changing linens, to organizing closets and drawers, Lijia is beyond industrious and we can't recommend her highly enough. She can be reached at (301) 910-7181. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at this email. shellerman@hellermanbaretz.com February 2015

Two wonderful ladies from Vietnam have started to work for me doing bi-monthly cleaning. They can also do dog walking, housesitting, babysitting, ironing and other odd jobs. They are very trustworthy, have an incredible work ethic and come with wonderful professional references. I will certainly vouch for them. They are Yen: 301-785-3508 and Minh: 301-580-5152. Please call them if you need any of these types of services. Susan Harmeling harmelings@gmail.com April 2015

I wanted to recommend my housekeeper, Dagy Silva. Recently, one of her clients moved and she has an opening in her schedule. She does a wonderful job while being personable and helpful. She uses gentle cleansers that are child and pet friendly, and her rates are reasonable. If you'd like to contact her, her phone number is [\(240\) 330-5720](tel:(240)330-5720). Brooke Brown brookebrown92@gmail.com July 2015

INSULATION CONTRACTORS -

I can heartily recommend Dan Roberson of Quality Insulation, who just did our attic today. We had quite a bit added to a finished attic - which means that parts of it were difficult to access. From the estimate 3 weeks ago to the excellent work today by his crew of 3, Dan provided ready explanations and an excellent price. He even added insulation to an area where he thought we already had some (but didn't) at no additional cost. We are very pleased with his service. Lyn Taecker lyntaecker@starpower.net April 2010

INTERIOR DESIGNERS & DECORATORS -

Shari Daniels in Bethesda at 301-654-1654. Company name is Dzyn Studio, syd4dzyn@aol.com.. Lisa Berger Lberger728@aol.com

I know a fantastic interior designer who owns Yardstick Interiors. His name is Steve Corbeille. He can be reached at 1 (301) 349-3449 or by e-mail:scorbeille@aol.com. He is discreet and open to the views needs and financial capacity of his clients. He was recommended to me by the interior design center in SW Washington. Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net August 2012

IRONWORKING -

I had a metal smith make one for our front stairs and it is pretty wonderful - come by if you want to see it. We are at 3726 Veazey Street, NW. He can do anything. The genius is Robert Lukinic and he lives way out in Bryans Road, MD. Phone is 202-215-6817. He did work for us thru a landscape designer, but I believe he also works independently. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com January 2009

Radiator Covers - Skip Holmes and he can be reached at 202-302-0252. He has just made about 10 for someone from this listserv. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com December 2011

JEWELRY APPRAISERS & DESIGNERS -

I can highly recommend Emma Villedrouin who lives here in DC. Emma was one of the artists we featured at the Trunk Show put on by the Smithsonian Women's Committee at the National Building Museum last fall. Her work is beautiful. You can check out her web site emmale.com. Good luck. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net January 2009

If you like contemporary jewelry, I recommend you talk to Denise Graham. Her designs and use of materials are wonderfully creative and eye-catching. She lives on 44th Street, phone 966-9040. She has Parkinson's, so it can be a little hard sometimes to understand her speech, but it hasn't in anyway affected her talent. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com January 2014

JEWELRY, WATCH & CLOCK REPAIRS -

The best repair shop we know -- and used recently -- is the Kensington Clock Shop at 10426 Armory Ave., Kensington, 301-942-3794 or 301-942-3774. And be sure to take time to see their exhibit -- a museum, really -- of marvelous and diverse clocks for sale. Aaron & Jackie Epstein aajacks@starpower.net December 2009

I used Kensington Clock Shop for repair and servicing for a grandfather's clock for over 20 years and have always had excellent service. Dona Lenkin lenkind@mail.nih.gov December 2009

If you have an old and valuable clock, I would call Doug Whitesell. He lives way out in VA, but does come in to work on clocks at the White House and State Dept from time to time. He is excellent, is from a long line of clock restorers, appears on time and is very pleasant and interesting, etc, and I can't recommend him highly enough. He can be reached at 540-687-5550 and please tell him that I recommended him to you. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com December 2009

JUNK HAULERS -

We have used 1-800-Got-Junk several times. They are not cheap, but they are reliable and careful, and they take small loads. Their prices are based on the volume of the stuff they take. Joanne Levine joannelevine@earthlink.net May 2007

I use Morris Brown who lives in the neighborhood and has made cleaning peoples' messes his vocation. He is reasonable and honest. He has hauled debris and junk for me and my friends, clients and contractors for over three years and we have not had a problem once. You can call him on his cell at 240-938-3485. PS. He is strong, smart and works very hard, we need more young men like him. Rick Holl rickholl@ymail.com February 2013

KITCHEN REMODELING -

I recommend you call Peter Glaser at [202-446-3833](tel:202-446-3833) or email him at peterglaser@msn.com for your kitchen design/build. Peter has been doing kitchen and bathroom remodels in the neighborhood for over 30 years, is himself an old-school trained Master Tile Setter, and he has specially trained crews doing very high quality work. In addition to his workmanship winning the 2009 COTY (Contractor Of The Year) Award, Peter has trained a lot of the independents in the area through the years. He's also done a lot of kitchens for Designers and Custom Builders. All told he's done hundreds of kitchens and bathrooms through the years, from low budget re-do's to expensive custom projects. He is extremely knowledgeable and can design/build. One of the plus points I've found with him is that he does not sell cabinets or tile - therefore he has no bias in these areas. He's worked with everything from prefab Home Depot cabinets to custom built from local craftsmen, and every kind of glass, marble, stone and ceramic tile. He can direct you to the best sources for the materials you want, and he'll work with you to save money on them. I haven't found a better resource for kitchen, bathroom or basement remodels in the Tenleytown area. I've also seen some of the custom work Peter has done, and it's no surprise to me that he won the COTY Award. But his prices are very reasonable, especially when contracting direct with consumers, as he's set up on a wholesale business model due to doing so many projects for custom builders. Steve skoplo@yahoo.com March 2013

Granite Reglazing - What do you mean by reglazing? If you mean polishing, try Marbles, 703.698.5595 - www.marblesinc.com. Randy Hill cicada17@starpower.net December 2014

KNIFE & TOOL SHARPENERS -

Strosnidars in Bethesda sharpens knives and tools, including lawn mower blades. ACE Hardware in Tenleytown sharpens knives only. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com October 2008

LAMP REPAIR -

Gaylord's in Bethesda. Ellen Swann ellen.swann@yahoo.com January 2013

Artisan Lamp on the 3300 block of Connecticut Avenue has been helpful to me too, excellent and prompt with repairs. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com January 2013

Artisans Lamp on Connecticut Avenue, across from the Uptown Theater. lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com January 2013

LAWN & YARD SERVICES -

I recommend Integrated Plant Care in Rockville, 301-881-8130. The owner, Paul Wolfe, is knowledgeable and pleasant to deal with, and his firm does a good job. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com August 2013

The best landscape designer we have had in the 'hood is Barbara Balman: understanding, artistic and very reasonable. Call her at (202) 744-9515. No way you could be disappointed!!! Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net January 2014

We have used J&G Landscape (Jeff Potter 301-343-9798) and found their work exceptional and their prices reasonable. Jeff can listen to ideas and come back with drawings that are exactly what was requested. He also suggests great ideas to augment what's requested. Also J&G has an excellent group of sub contractors to complete their skill set. We are at 4340 Chesapeake St if you'd like to see some of their landscape and masonry work. The back yard is the more impressive but is unavailable for causal observation. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com January 2014

I have been using a very reliable and very reasonably priced gardener for regular lawn and yard maintenance for 3 years now. Julian Santos can be reached at 301-525-2536. He speaks English, is pleasant to work with, and will return your call. He recently left his weekday job to build up his gardening service business. Charlotte Perry charmperry@gmail.com April 2014

I highly recommend Richard Wingfield for yard work, cleanup, tree trimming, garden planting, etc. He's reliable, hard working and honest. Number is 304-433-4065. Coletta Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com March 2015

LAWYERS - (arranged by specialty)

Civil Disputes - We had a similar nightmarish experience with a contractor, Nicholas Carson (dba Carson Assoc.), whom we eventually fired. Although we didn't attempt to recover any money, we were greatly aided in the disentangling process by Jason Pardo, then with the firm of Jackson & Campbell. He was extremely

knowledgeable and pleasant to work with, and I would recommend him unhesitatingly. He has since formed his own firm, Pardo & Drazin, in Friendship Heights. Here's a link to his profile: <http://www.pardodrazin.com/jasonapardo.html>. His direct number is (202) 683-1561. Lorie Leavy [ljleavy@gmail.com](mailto:ljeavy@gmail.com) January 2012

Labor Law - Joel Bennett is a top labor lawyer. I have used him in the past and highly recommend him. <http://employmentlawyer.biz/> Don dvater4527@aol.com August 2013

Wills & Estate Trusts - I can recommend the lawyer I used: Quinn O'Connell. He's right in our neighborhood, in the building above Rodman's, 5100 Wisconsin, suite 514. Phone = 537-1820. He interviewed me thoroughly to find out what I needed and wanted, shared personal experiences, and did a great job. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com June 2015

Wills & Estate Trusts - Rebecca Hall comes highly recommended and we just started working with her. She has an office downtown. Rebecca.b.hall@ampf.com. Tel 703.663.1151. Mohini mohinimalhotral@gmail.com January 2015

Wills & Estate Trusts - had a very good experience with Francis Fenwick of Craighill, Mayfield, Fenwick, Cromelin & Cobb, LLC, when he prepared my will about four years ago. The office is conveniently located at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 215, telephone 202-364-4242. His email is Fenwick@CraighillMayfield.com. I found his assistance/advice extremely helpful, his manner very courteous, and his fee quite reasonable. I recommend him highly. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net January 2015

Wills & Estate Trusts - Yes, Catherine Rafferty. She lives in the neighborhood. 202-244-0608. Coletta Kemper coletta.kemper@ciab.com January 2015

Wills & Estate Trusts - We recently hired Jennifer Concino of Tobin, O'Connor & Ewing, 5335 Wisconsin Ave, #700, in Friendship Heights. 202-362-5900. She's friendly, competent and her work is reasonably priced. Aaron & Jacqueline Epstein aajacks@starpower.net January 2015

LOCKSMITHS -

I highly recommend Tivoli Locksmith Services. The locksmith's name is Joseph Ngana. Joseph repaired two broken locks. He came on time, and was very professional, efficient and friendly. Another locksmith recommended a \$400 job years ago, which I did not accept. I showed the problem to Joseph today. He made the repair and now it works perfectly fine. His number is 202-338-5335. Fernando Manibog FManibog@gmail.com September 2013

I just used Tivoli locksmith based on the recommendations on this list, and I was very pleased. Joe Ngana was so quick and easy to work with and fixed my lock without my having to change my keys. I recommend him highly - 202-338-5335. Mary McComb maryemc@yahoo.com December 2014

I used Tivoli as well and was very pleased with the service, the price and the courtesy. Catherine Vial Catherine.vial@yahoo.com December 2014

I also have had excellent experiences with Tivoli Locksmiths. He came to my house on Alton Place today because the locks on the side entrance to my house seemed loose and stuck. He fixed them easily at low cost but most importantly, he showed me the evidence indicating that someone had tried to force the locks and damaged them in the process. This would have occurred about 2 - 3 weeks ago, when there were reports of men trying to force their way into homes. Fortunately, I had a

strong deadbolt and keep it locked. But there was also an ADT security sticker on that door, so whoever did this must have thought they could foil the alarm system. The lesson is to keep all your doors locked, even when you are home and even when you have a security system. Sondra Mills simills549@yahoo.com December 2014

Wanted to tell everyone of a wonderful experience I had with Ray of 3 Brothers Locksmiths. He had helped me with a lock a couple years ago and this week when I lost a key to my shed, he helped again. He is very good at what he does and his prices are so reasonable, I paid him more than what he was going to charge me. And he is a very nice person. Please tell all your friends that he is the man to call if they need a locksmith. His number is: (202) 255-0167. Susan Harmelings harmelings@gmail.com February 2015

Last week I used Tivoli to change not the actual locks, but just the keys for 2 locks, and he assured me of no service or travel charges, because I told him the service area was going to be in Virginia. When he went to my daughters new house and my son-in-law was there, got the job done, he charged over \$350 for the a job which could be done much less by a local locksmith. But on recommendation of Mary I used him and my son-in-law was just deflated by overcharging of service and other fees. He could have changed a brand new locks for the same price. Francis D'silva clara4444us@yahoo.com March 2015

MASONS - (Stone & Brick)

I echo Michelle Brotzman's strong recommendation of Edgar Granados found in the Tradesmen list. Mr. Granados just completed replacing all of the mortar around the slate on my front porch and sidewalk. He also had to replace some slate that had broken or otherwise deteriorated too much to salvage and rebuild a couple of steps. He and one co-worker did all of the work themselves, which was excellent. They were meticulous, efficient and cleaned up carefully. Mr. Granados told me the slate would look like new when he was finished. I was skeptical but he was correct. The porch and sidewalk do look like new. Once I saw the quality of their work, I added a few other tasks: stepping stones to the alley, stones under the deck, etc. which were completed with attention to detail. Finally, Mr. Granados and his co-worker are both very pleasant and I found their prices to be very reasonable. You can reach him at his cell: 202-439-3082. Ann Phillips phillipsann1@gmail.com August 2013

Following recommendations found in Communit-E, we engaged Edgar Granados, 202-439-3082, to lay out and install a large stone, circular path in our backyard garden. His workmanship was excellent. He understood the technical aspects and made good suggestions about the esthetics and artistic needs. He is pleasant, prompt, courteous, friendly, and easy to work with. His price was quite reasonable. For more info or to come see the stonework itself, call 202-364-3068. Ron and Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net September 2013

I highly recommend Jopal Construction (Jose Palmeiro), 301-330-4797, jopalstone.com. They did a beautiful job installing a new flagstone walkway and replacing crumbling cement walkways and steps. I don't know if they will do smaller jobs like repairs. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com April 2015

MASSAGE THERAPISTS -

I would like to recommend Melissa Martinie Hall at "My Massage Place" (4545 42nd Street, NW, or web site: mymassageplaceDC.com; it is very close to Janney, the Metro, Best Buy, etc.). I am so glad to have found her a few weeks ago, as her massages are great and have really helped a few of my bad joints! If you need

ideas for holiday gifts, especially for people who really don't need any more 'stuff', give the gift of massage! Lyn lyntaecker@gmail.com December 2014

I would like to second the recommendation of Melissa at MyMassagePalace.com. For years I have been frustrated by the high turnover of massage therapists at the spa I go to. I was so thankful to find Melissa. Her massages are consistent and I love the online appointment option. Patt Wells pwellstc@gmail.com December 2014

Another enthusiastic vote for Melissa Hall <http://www.mymassageplacedc.com/>. She is professional, knowledgeable and very talented. I have had many massage therapists over the years, but she is outstanding in her field, best I have had used in this area. Rebecca Drobis Rebecca@rebeccadrobis.com December 2014

Melissa is great. On 42d at near Albemarle. <http://mymassageplacedc.fullslate.com>. Fred Barbash fbarbash@gmail.com January 2015

Try Friendship Chiropractic above Rodman's. I have used Monica and found her superb. sarahrhorsey@gmail.com January 2015

Great massage person! Dody DiSanto at The Center. It's in the beautiful space that was the original home of the Washington Ballet, just above Z Burger. Corner Wisconsin & Windom. Her cell is (301) 537-4567. Please tell her I sent you. Enjoy! Cindy Snyder cindysnyder123@gmail.com January 2015

Total Release Reflexology at 5501 Ct. Ave, Ste. 22 is wonderful. You can get full or partial massages and reflexology in a peaceful and serene environment for a very reasonable price. I like all of the people who work there. Anne Novak anovak39@yahoo.com January 2015

I did have a totally delicious and wonderful deep massage with Alan Stein at 4000 Albemarle this morning and will go back to him soon. I would recommend him in a heartbeat. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com January 2015

MOLD REMOVAL -

We used American Restoration Service (<http://www.americanrestorationservice.com/>) for mold inspection and removal in March 2011 and were very pleased with their work. They were very careful about sealing off the work area, creating negative air pressure, etc., and they did an excellent job of laying new tile and fitting new molding to replace the glued-down vinyl flooring that had to be removed. In fact, we liked the crew so much we inquired whether they were available for general handyman work (unfortunately, no). Lorie Leavy ljeleavy@gmail.com May 2012

MOVERS/HAULERS & DELIVERY SERVICES -

I recommend Town and Country Movers, in Maryland. We and some friends have used them, with very good results. Also, they are affiliated with a company, whose name I don't recall, that advises people on moving and downsizing, and helps with unpacking and rearranging households. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com February 2014

I had a very good experience with My Truck Buddy www.mytruckbuddy.com. I needed 2 large pieces of furniture moved from Fairfax to my home in AU Park. Moving companies were not interested in such a small job. One moving company recommended My Truck Buddy. They were simple to deal with and picked up the furniture with only a day's notice. They don't pack boxes, but they had blankets and wrap for

the furniture. It all went very smoothly and I thought the price was reasonable.
Kathryn Ray KCRDLB@gmail.com February 2014

MUSIC TEACHERS -

My wife Heidi and I highly recommend piano teacher Ruth Rose, who has taught our daughter Catherine (now aged 11) for the past four years. Following a short, unsatisfactory experience with another teacher, Catherine has had a very happy, productive time with Miss Rose, which has included mastering a varied repertoire and performing in quite a few recitals and competitions in the DC area. Ruth Rose, who was trained in Amsterdam, has a degree from John Hopkins' Peabody Institute, and is well known on the Washington-area performing-artist scene, is now accepting enrollments for the fall. She is conveniently located near the Van Ness Metro Station. Her phone: (202) 362-2493. Please e-mail (hdcwinn@verizon.net) or phone (202-364-4350) us for further details. David Winn June 2008

My daughter's guitar instructor-- Brian Gross -- will be offering group lessons beginning 4/12. My daughter has taken private guitar lessons from Brian for almost five years and is very happy with his teaching. Contact Brian at 301-320-6999 or bgmojohands@yahoo.com. jfkhoury@erols.com April 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC -

The UPS Store on Wisconsin (at Veazy) has a notary. Naomi Mezey
naomimezey@gmail.com April 2014

UPS Store on the American University Campus. The UPS Store at 4200 Wisconsin also offers notary services, although I'd call first to make sure the notary is there. Emil Skodon skodon@yahoo.com April 2014

Most banks provide notary public services that are usually free to their customers and a nominal fee to others. Maria Creighton mcreig4508@rcn.com April 2014

PNC Bank on Connecticut Avenue near Chevy Chase Circle - Morrison or McKinley Streets - has several notaries. I used one within the last month. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net April 2014

Wells Fargo in Spring Valley has a notary public. Also, there are mobile notaries who will come to you. You should be able to find one by googling "mobile notary DC". Catherine Mary Rafferty cm.rafferty@verizon.net April 2014

TD Bank has notary services. lmarinaccio@yahoo.com April 2014

Recently I had something notarized at Wells Fargo Bank on Massachusetts Ave. in Spring Valley. They have 2 notaries so one is likely to be there, but call first. Gloria Buckberg albuckberg@aol.com April 2014

TD Banks give complimentary notary service even if you are not a customer! Laurie England leng2007@aol.com April 2014

ORGANIZERS -

I can recommend Tracy with Out of the Closet Organizer. She was efficient, helpful, encouraging, pleasant and it worked so well. Here's her contact info: www.outoftheclosetorganizer.com, 571-331-3350. I happened to get an email from her today, first time in a year, so I thought I'd also pass it on. From Tracy: "I'm offering a great deal on organizing for the month of July only. Schedule 4 hours and receive your 5th hour at no charge. This is a \$75.00 savings who doesn't

love a savings? This must be booked in the month of July but only valid through August." Connie Rhind Robey c_rhind@yahoo.com June 2013

PAINTERS -

I finally found a painter I can wholeheartedly recommend. Mauricio Hernandez is a gem. He and his small crew, some of them family members, helped write finis to a nightmarish remodeling job we underwent a few years back. In addition to painting interior walls and trim, Mauricio performed drywall repairs; sanded, stained, and sealed shoe molding; stripped the old paint from door hardware; repaired damage to woodwork; and re-caulked a leaking shower. He also took several sets of interior shutters offsite to be spray-painted, and they returned looking factory-finished and working smoothly. He similarly spray-painted a 1980's Danish modern china cabinet, giving it new life as an attractive transitional piece. All work was carefully prepped and meticulously done, and the crew stored away their materials and vacuumed floors and surfaces at the end of each day. After completion I was given a day to inspect the work and compile a punch list of items, which Mauricio cheerfully returned to address. He's not inexpensive, but I felt we more than got our money's worth. Mauricio's cell number is (703) 474-4622. Feel free to mention my name. Lorie Leavy ljleavy@gmail.com August 2013

Celso of CCColors is reliable, nice, cooperative, reasonably priced, and does excellent work. (301) 356-0585. Friends who told us about him, and we, have used him repeatedly. Nancy Gordon nancymg@mac.com December 2013

For years (and past two houses) I've had the pleasure of using Marvin Palacios and family: (marvinpalacios@verizon.net). Mobile: 3016749224. His work is excellent - and I'm pretty picky. I've given him my house keys with zero worry and he takes the room apart and puts it back together with no help from me. Very happy to recommend him! Ingodshands59@gmail.com December 2013

Juan Sanchez does careful, beautiful work. Former decorator in Peru. Will leave your place sparkling. Ph 301-455-4718. Carolyn Parr carolynparr@hotmail.com December 2013

We recently had the inside of our house painted, including all the trim, and our painter, Alex, did an excellent job. I wanted to highly recommend him to the neighborhood. Alex's contact information is below, and his email address is: kagopcsa@yahoo.com. Alex was really wonderful to work with, he did an excellent job, his rates were reasonable, he was always on time, and he always cleaned up after himself and made sure you were happy with his work. We learned about Alex through recommendations from this list serv, but I wanted to send out an e-mail after our recent experience. Alex Wallpapering & Painting Solution LLC., 703-444-3263. Deborah Raviv debweiner@starpower.net May 2014

Tenleytown Painters did a stellar job painting our house. The job required much preparation and some difficult ladder work. Power wash on my garage and wooden stairs was a great success. This is the third time Erik Blitte's crew has painted my house over many years, and I was delighted to report the work was exceptional once again. 202-244-2325. Diana Diamond Diana_diamond@hotmail.com August 2014

I highly recommend David Diaz for painting and associated repairs. We had peeling paint/plaster on the walls and ceilings in several rooms and now you would never know. He and his crew work quickly, are meticulous, and do excellent prep work. He also did a wonderful job staining our new deck last year. He is easy to work with and I've found his prices to be reasonable. (301) 252-4773 or Davidiaz24@gmail.com. Jessie@levine.com February 2015

Chris Dietz is a great guy. He is going to redo my kitchen in my condo. He also helped me out with my Warm Sock Drive for Friendship Place last December. And he lives in AU Park--I consider that a huge plus when hiring someone to work in my home. Best, Ann Eichenberger aeichenberger@gmail.com February 2015

PERSONAL TRAINERS -

I strongly recommend Betsy Wittleder at Northwest Sport and Health at 4001 Brandywine St. I used her for several sessions and found that she was very good and very attuned to the issues of aging bodies. She's not a kid. She can be reached at 202-244-6090. Northwest Sport and Health has a number of group classes. There are three "Muscle Up" classes on weekdays at 10 am (Mon., Wed., Fri.). Sounds like these might be what you're looking for. But first you should have a few sessions with a personal trainer to figure out your needs and fitness level. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com October 2012

I heartily second the suggestion for Betsy Wittleder at NW Sport and Health (Brandywine Street). She worked gently with me and gave me a lot of encouragement when she was my personal trainer for 6 sessions. Mary Ann Ryan maryannryan@starpower.net October 2012

If you are interested in a group experience with a superb trainer, not held in a gym with machines, Caroline Gichner may be your answer. At 9 AM to 10 AM on Wednesdays and Fridays, she holds a small class in everything for the body (and the spirits!) at the United Methodist Memorial Church on Nebraska Avenue. She is a responsive, sensitive, cheerful, and attentive teacher, so knowledgeable about the body, so effective in instructing each of us about what is happening as we do aerobic and other exercises. The classes are fun at the same time, encouraging, productive. A leader in the health field, and with her reputation of the highest order, she does lead other classes for various institutions. Her telephone number is 362-4393. You can learn much more by calling her as she warmly welcomes calls, responds to messages left. Her e-mail address is: cgichner@aol.com. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com October 2012

You might try out TNT at Tenley Sport and Health. It is group training, which makes it fun and less expensive. The trainer is named Pat and he teaches in the morning and in the evening. Avis Sanders avis.sanders@gmail.com October 2012

PEST CONTROL SERVICES -

We have been very happy using Capitol Pest for years, for ants, termite prevention and the occasional mice. They are located just past Little Falls off of River Road on Butler Road. 301 657 4481 They know my house well. Their guys are knowledgeable and trustworthy. Bernie McDermott bmcdermottdds@aol.com March 2014

We had a good experience with Innovative Pest Management for rodents. The number I have is 202 232-4948. Gwen Bradley gewndolynbradley@yahoo.com March 2014

I use Richard Langis who owns Colonial Termite and Pest Control. I had carpenter ants 8-10 years ago. He located the nest and was able to completely exterminate them. I have not had a repeat. Reach Richard at 301 670-6916 or 301 258-0669. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com March 2014

We also have a great option right here in the neighborhood: Alan Cohen of Bio-Logical Pest Management (biopestman@gmail.com; [202-237-7509](tel:202-237-7509)). Friendly, responsive, reasonably priced, really knows his stuff -- and he's green. Jeff

Moore jeffclarkmoore@gmail.com May 2015

I have used Ward Pest Control ([703-248-3631](tel:703-248-3631)) with excellent results. They are A rated on Angie's List. R Tatum tatumr@verizon.net May 2015

PET SERVICES - (arranged by type of service)

LOST & FOUND - If you have lost or found a pet, please contact the **DC Humane Society** at [202-234-8626](tel:202-234-8626). They do a fantastic job of record keeping and matching lost and found pets. And don't forget them if you are in the throes of adopting a pet - they also usually have a guinea pig or rabbit or two if that is your thing. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com November 2013

DOG WALKER - Ari Fishman is really experienced and reliable. Her number is 301-538-3522. Hedda Garland heddagarland@mac.com April 2015

DOG WALKER - Chris Aden is excellent if he has room for another client! 402-960-8381 or christopheraden070@gmail.com Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com April 2015

GROOMER - We have good experience with mobile dog groomers. We took our dog to a groomer on St. Elmo Ave in Bethesda for years until they kept her all day and cut her lip. That was it. Since then we have used "Bark In Style". We always get the same groomer, they are prompt, the dog runs out to the truck because she likes it, and she doesn't have to stay caged up all day. The one issue is the price. They are expensive, but they are coming to your house. Bark In Style's number is 202-489-1989. John Natali john.natali@verizon.net June 2015

GROOMER - I have used Smooches Kitties ((202) 723-7387) for years. Our dog is not a specific breed so I don't really care what she looks like, just need her to be shaved down to be cool in the summer and tidy at other times. I have had very good luck with them. The person who answers the phone is a bit hesitant, but bear with her as all ends well. Neighbors use the Dirty Dog Laundry and Bark in Style and I have not heard any complaints from them. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com June 2015

SITTER - Chris Aden, 1-402-960-8381 or christopheraden070@gmail.com. Superb! Daisy adores him. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com August 2013

SITTER - We just had Katherine Goodfellow, owner of PranaPets, stay at our home with our dog while we were on vacation for two weeks. It worked out very well, and she was very nice to work with. You may reach her at info@pranapets.com. Elizabeth Vaden vadenfamily@verizon.net August 2013

VETERINARIAN - We are fortunate to have, right here in T-town, on Brandywine, just off Wisconsin, Friendship Hospital for Animals. I know some in the neighborhood think they're too expensive, but we've always taken our cat there and we find them to be wonderful. They're open 24/7. Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net June 2013

VETERINARIAN - We take our dog to Kenwood Veterinary Hospital off River Road in Bethesda. We've used them for years. Our vet is Sandra Laden -- very caring and knowledgeable. The other vets there are excellent as well. It's a five-minute drive from our house. Although Friendship Hospital is just a few blocks from us and their vets are very good too, we found that the young vets cycle through there so often that we never saw the same vet twice. And since our old dog had chronic medical problems, we needed consistency. We do use Friendship for emergencies. Again, they are very good, but you may not see the same doc twice. Pat Mullan mullandoty@aol.com June 2013

VETERINARIAN - We use Friendship Animal Hospital because it is so close. We have taken our cats there for years now and the service is very good. They also have a relatively new service called "Friendship to Go" wherein the vets will come to your home for routine visits. We are thinking of using it next time for one of our older cats since even going a few blocks completely stresses him out. It is true, though, that you may never see the same doc twice since the docs come and go so often there. Leslie Marinaccio lmarinaccio@yahoo.com June 2013

VETERINARIAN - One of our dogs had many health issues but we still used Friendship where we went to see Dr. Bolch for years. She is very competent and knowledgeable. Also very kind. Friendship is good in its referrals to many specialists in the area. We took another of our dogs to Springfield Hospital where he was operated to remove two successive malignant cancers and also received physiotherapy. We took him to a zoo dental specialist in Virginia and we were also referred to the VCA veterinary associates in Gaithersburg. There is also the veterinary holistic care center in Bethesda. There is no shortage of good vets in this area! Laura Garcés Fischer laura.garces@verizon.net June 2013

VETERINARIAN - Those of the vets at Friendship that come and go so quickly are generally interning for a set period after graduating from vet school. Other vets are regular staff. You can pick and choose your vet. Jean Mammen jemammen@bellatlantic.net June 2013

VETERINARIAN - These vets will do routine exams and vaccinations in your home. They will also come to euthanize a pet:

Dr. JD Warford, DC Metro Vet, dcmetrovet.com 877-669-8706

Dr. Karen Randall, Solace Veterinary Services, solaceveterinaryservices.com, 301-674-4123

Vet Dispatch, vetdispatch.com, 877-400-8387

Dr. Flo Mitchell, (703) 620-3919

Rock Creek Home Veterinary Care, 301) 828-8846

Friendship Hospital also has a list of home care vets on file. I believe that Collins has a vet who also makes house calls. I have used both Rock Creek for care of a neighbor's cats and also Flo Mitchell to euthanize our dog. I highly recommend both. Regarding Friendship - I have had nothing but excellent care there always and did have a 'regular' vet, Dr. Nicola Moore. I saw her regularly for a number of years. Our dog has also been treated by Dr. Logan and Dr. Matthiesen - all of whom are excellent, caring, , thoughtful, understanding, and who don't push further treatment if the pet is too sick or old to go through more procedures. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com June 2015

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS -

Nancy at Sibley hospital out-patient therapy center. Can't remember her last name - Weinstein?? - but she was first rate and head and tails above the others, except perhaps a guy who helped Al through his knee replacement therapy. Nancy helped me with back issues and later with my shoulder replacement therapy. Sarah Horsey sarahrhorsey@gmail.com January 2014

Sibley Hospital does a good job w/ pt and figuring out what you need. Natalie Wasserman nwass609@gmail.com January 2014

I can wholeheartedly recommend Kevin, a physical therapist at Arthritis and Rheumatism Center, 5454 Wisc. Ave. He's been working on my back for the past 4 weeks with wonderful results. He can, of course, provide therapy for other ailments. Here's the website: <http://www.arapc.com/> Ron Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net January 2014

The most highly recommended to me some years ago by the then head of Visiting Nurses -- who called him the very best physiotherapist in the area -- is Dr. Charles Kibbey of Kibbey and Terle. Dr Terle is also most highly recommended. Charlie, as many call him, is exceptional in his thorough and up-to-date professional knowledge, his sensitivity to the patient's needs and condition, his success in rehabilitating patients (including myself on three occasions: the first following an automobile's running me down as the driver sped through a red light and the most recent following an "attack" of spinal stenosis). My doctors told me of their respect and of their referring him to patients. A good number of friends including colleagues and fellow-exercise-class classmates have thanked me in appreciation of my telling them about Kibbey and Terle. My own gratitude to Dr. Kibbey is obvious, so if you call, remind him of it! Because of their earned reputation, initial appointments are at times difficult to get. They are located at 5480 Wisconsin Avenue. Telephone is: (301) 654-7383. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com January 2014

I would highly recommend Tom Welsh. My internist gave me his name last year said he is one of the best in the city. A friend of mine has been going to him off on for years also recommended him. I saw him over a two-month period he is wonderful. He is close by...his office is on the basement level at the Highland House apartment building on Wisconsin Ave. in Chevy Chase. He shares office space with Kibbey Terle physical therapists. The address is: 5480 Wisconsin Ave., Suite B1, Chevy Chase. The phone number is 301-654-7383. I also did a round of therapy at Sibley a couple of years ago. I had Nancy Weinberg...who is terrific as someone already mentioned...as is Chris (cannot remember his last name). Mary mbienvenue@verizon.net January 2014

Chevy Chase Orthopedic Rehab, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, 16th floor. The therapist I had has moved out of the area but I had ample opportunity to observe the other therapists and the PT assistants and thought they did a great job and were great with the patients. Charles Straight comes45@yahoo.com January 2014

One of the very best, most knowledgeable, of highest regard by patients and doctors, in the entire area is located at 5480 Wisconsin Ave immediately north of Friendship Heights! Dr. Charles Kibbey has successfully taken care of me and friends of mine for years now, some of us after serious injuries. Some patients among my friends have had strokes, surgeries, other medical problems. A number of us, including myself, have returned to him in later years with new issues, confident of getting the best care. ehgreenstone@aol.com July 2014

PIANO TUNERS -

I haven't "shopped," so I don't know how his prices compare, but Vincent Ling is excellent, 301-571-4878 or 301-982-0866. We've used him for years and have always been pleased. Kate McLynn kdmclynn@starpower.net April 2010

PICTURE FRAMERS -

The Framers Workroom does excellent work and its staff are pleasant, knowledgeable, and easy to work with. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com September 2014

I've liked the results from the Framers' Wookroom. A few years ago I also used the framer at the little building at the corner of Wisconsin and Ellicott. I did not like the results from them. John Wheeler johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com September 2014

I've been using Framers' Workroom for so many years I can't remember. They are wonderful. A nice group of people, good framing selections, great pricing especially in the DIY (Do It Yourself) category. We're so lucky to have this resource in the neighborhood. Kay Springwater rksspringwater@starpower.net
September 2014

PLASTERERS -

We have used Eight Brothers on Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park. Very knowledgeable, neat and tidy, did a fabulous job. They also do very good drywall work. I would highly recommend them. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com
May 2014

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND Paz Lara, a painter (interior and exterior) and plasterer. Paz is extremely thorough and meticulous. Just last week he repaired a bedroom plaster ceiling for me and he did an excellent job. He has painted my entire house twice and did a far better job than University Painters whom I had hired previously. I use him for all my painting needs and he also has worked for at least two of my neighbors repeatedly over the years. I introduced him to another neighbor last week for a rather difficult job which a previous painter had failed to do properly, and that neighbor was extremely satisfied and will become a repeat customer for Paz also. His home phone is 301-933-1127 and cell phone is 240-372-7260. Elinor Tucker elinor_tucker@yahoo.com May 2014

My housepainter, Roger Jiminez, does meticulous prep work. When he painted the 1st and 2nd floors inside my house (last fall into winter), he restored several ceilings that were in godawful shape; in some cases, he had to go down (or up, as the case may be) to the wood before restoring and replastering, etc. Now, you can't tell at all which ceilings were distressed, as they all look terrific! Roger Jiminez's (HIM-in-ez) telephone number is: (240) 425-2824. Leslie Rod May 2014

Juan Sanchez is careful, courteous, and does beautiful work. 301-455-4718. Carolyn Parr carolynparr@hotmail.com May 2014

I highly recommend Julio Garcia of American Drywall & Paint, Inc. ((571) 436-5128) who was referred to me by a friend who had used him. Last year, Julio and his crew removed unattractive texture from my living and dining room walls and ceilings, repatched and repaired damaged sections caused by a roof leak, replastered and painted. The walls and ceilings are now perfectly smooth. I cannot recommend him highly enough. They were so pleasant to work with, and took great care in prepping the hardwood floors and other surfaces to protect them from the resulting plaster dust. The cost was the most reasonable of the bids I received. Julie Mack juliemack1@verizon.net May 2014

PLUMBERS -

I want to add my kudos to plumber John Taylor, telephone 240.472.2121. He was prompt and his fee was very reasonable. He could have suggested a very expensive or an unnecessary repair but did not do so. I am very pleased with the result. Kenneth kenwashdc@yahoo.com January 2014

We've had several very good experiences with John Taylor. He's very competent and quite reasonable. His phone number is 240-472-2121. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com August 2013

We used John Taylor and were very happy with his work and rates. His phone number is 240-472-2121. Laura St. Martin watsaint@gmail.com October 2013

Anthony. Don't know last name but does a good job with small jobs. (301) 956-3241. Coletta Kemper coletta.kemper@ciab.com June 2014

Mike Rich, 301.509.2776. Excellent service; employed for a number of years by Wm. F. Collins; when Collins closed its business, Mike struck out on his own. He is reliable, reasonable and gets it right the first time. Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com June 2014

I just wanted to put in a strong recommendation for R.L. Voight Plumbers. We've had Robbie come out several times to our house in AU Park and each time we've been very happy. He does a great job and also explains things clearly so you understand what he's doing or recommending and what it's going to cost. RL Voight is at [301-946-6100](tel:301-946-6100). Don't call John C. Flood's. It's the opposite of everything I wrote above. Seth Hanlon seth.hanlon@gmail.com September 2014

I've used rocket router and been pleased with them. One plumber I used didn't use the correct head on the snake and it was caught in the drain. lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com June 2016

Used Roto Rooter last week and their service was good. They are expensive but you can negotiate with them. Adam Tope adam@adamtope.com June 2015

Mike Rich is an excellent plumber. (301) 509-2776. Coletta Kemper coletta.kemper@ciab.com June 2015

PODIATRISTS -

Several weeks ago I needed to see a podiatrist. I chose Dr. Joel Morse whose office is in Foxhall Square. I was pleased with him. (He took my insurance.) John Wheeler johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com November 2014

I had a good experience with Dr. Raymond Merkin at 3301 New Mexico Ave., 202-363-2035. I believe he accepts Medicare. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com November 2014

Alas we had a string of foot and ankle traumas (a running injury, a sledding injury, and a fall), and had excellent care from Steven Kominsky (Mid-Atlantic Podiatry, 4910 Massachusetts Ave. 202-966-1228) including a successful ankle surgery. Lance Potter lancemail@gmail.com November 2014

POWER-WASHING & DECK CLEANING -

I used Lance Robinson of LRL Services. They cleaned our park bench recently of all the green algae and it looks new. He can be reached at 202/710-7713. They do power washing of decks, siding, driveways, windows, park benches and more. He also does hand washing and waxing of cars, though he has not done that for me yet. Samantha Nolan nolantutor@yahoo.com August 2010

ROOFERS -

A few years ago I hired Superior Home Improvement (George Ugaz) to install snow guards on my roof. All seemed well until the big snows we had 2 years ago when virtually all the snow guards came off the roof, along with some shingles. Turned out Superior hadn't nailed the guards in place. I will not use this company again. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com. June 2014

We had a roof repair job done earlier this month by Maggio. The work was excellent, and the recent storms have tested the sidings and shingles, along with the copper....all has worked well. The price was fair, and the workers cooperative and knowledgeable. You might want to check them out:
<http://www.maggioroofing.com/> Ron Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net June 2013

I can highly recommend Mike Brown for taking care of your roofing issues and to clean or install your gutters. He is honest, fair, and provides insurance for his workers, is bonded, etc. I also believe he is highly rated on Angie's List and in the Checkbook List. He has looked after my slate roof and gutters for years, and I've never had any issues, since he started. Back when we had a bad storm when so many gutters were falling down, mine held - he had securely installed them from start. His contact info is: cell: 240-372-9574; office: 301-253-1202; email: meb0506@yahoo.com salem27104@rcn.com October 2013

We like Patch Roofing, nice people (I went to high school with the owner, Robert Patch) and local.

[Patch Roofing Co - Cabin John MD 20818 | 301-229-1595.](http://PatchRoofingCo.com) Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com November 2013

Several months ago we discussed roofers and I wanted to share our good experience. Arthur Rambo from Rambo & Rambo Construction replaced the roof on the house next to our residence and portions of the roof on my mother's home on P.G. Ave. He is an amazing hardworking person. Mr. Rambo does all sorts of remodeling (not just roofs) but he says he enjoys the challenge of roof work the best. He knows his roofs and his prices are competitive. He will also get your gutters working properly with the roof. During the freezing weather last month he was up on the roof working. He replaced the roof all by himself. When it snowed he used a broom to sweep off the roof and kept working. What dedication. Here is his website (click the photo galleries in the top right side for samples of his work): <http://ramboandramboconstruction.com> You can reach him at 301-220-4222. Alan Henney Alan@henney.com March 2014

I don't know which kind of shingles are the best, but we used Certainteed, 50-year shingles and are very happy with the results. We also asked for lead collars, rather than neoprene collars. The neoprene has the reputation of shrinking and eventually leaking. Jack's Roofing did our job and we were very happy with them. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com September 2014

We recently used J. Hahn & Co. of Brookeville, 301-774-0101 and 301-641-3343. and were very pleased with his work. He has a good rating on Consumers Checkbook. Although his web site indicates that he specializes in wood shake roofs, he also does asphalt shingle. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com December 2014

We have used Marc Whitehead for repairs to our original slate roof. He is a one-man-show, sometimes with an assistant. He does excellent slate work, and also installed new snow guards for us. He was recommended by a neighbor who had roof repairs done as well, and new copper gutters and flashing installed. He is pricey, but worth it. He will give you a range of options for any repairs. We have found him to be very honest, punctual, and pleasant to work with. His number is (703) 868-2194. K. Scott kscott1080@gmail.com December 2014

Mike Brown has repaired my slate roof, installed new gutters, and cleaned my gutters for years. The person who recommended him had also used him with complete satisfaction. And I believe he is on Angie's List or Checkbook. He is honest, very competent, has all of his papers in order. Michael Brown Roofing and Gutters, cell: 240-372-9574, office: 301-253-1202, email: meb0506@yahoo.com. Ann Salem salem27104@rcn.com December 2014

After trying a few different roofers during 22 years in this house, I will always use the one I (and my neighbors) find to be the best -- most conscientious, competent, trustworthy, effective, and cost-efficient: **Mike Brown, (240) 372-9574, meb0506@yahoo.com**. At least three or four other folks on our little block-long street have used him and all say the same. He did the tin roof over my front porch 22 years ago, and most recently, he repaired a leak near the chimney on my slate roof (which the first guy bungled); he worked on a neighbor's slate roof to install a skylight. In other words, he has a broad range of roofing skills. He's a small business owner with a lot of integrity. I obtained two bids on the last job, and although his was a bit more, he was FAR more comprehensive in what he covered -- he didn't cut corners and was thorough in his approach and execution. My preference is for individual professionals rather than big companies or franchises; the good ones are always busy! Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com June 2015

Call William Fletcher Roofing [\(301\) 565-0212](tel:(301)565-0212). He came by to give me an estimate after Rizzo roofers had recommended him highly for small roofing jobs. He immediately found the source of the leak that two other roofers had managed to miss and said he'd fix it on the spot for \$75, which he proceeded to do. Roof has been fine since, even in the recent thunderstorms. From now on, I'll always call Fletcher first whenever I have a roofing problem. jkelleyesq@netscape.net June 2015

SECURITY SERVICES -

Highly recommend using a locally-based security service. I have had **Urban Alarm** for 5 years and am very satisfied. The owner, Miles Fawcett lives our area and is actively involved. They are responsive and easy to contact. Alarms are quickly responded to. silverjoan@yahoo.com November 2014

We find Vector Security, a national company, efficient, attentive and helpful. They are at www.vectorsecurity.com. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com November 2014

SHOE REPAIR -

I recently posted a request on a different Listserv and compiled the results, below. I highly recommend Expert Shoe Luggage Repair in Chevy Chase - did great work.

* Ricardo at [202-332-0056](tel:202-332-0056). He's downstairs from Mama Ayieha on Calvert St.;

* Ragoni Shoes next to Capital One Bank at Friendships Heights Metro. (5447 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, [240-497-0240](tel:240-497-0240))

* Not far from CP is Expert Shoe Luggage Repair at 3808 Northhampton St.,NW. They have been able to fix everything I have taken to them in the last 30 years: <http://www.expertshoeandluggagerepair.com> They are right round the corner from the Avalon in Chevy Chase D.C.

* Sterling Cleaners (less than .25 blocks south of Dupont on Connecticut has an EXCELLENT and affordable cobbler/leather worker on premise at amazing rates. I've never been anything but pleased. 1331 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036, [\(202\) 723-9535](tel:(202)723-9535)

SIDING -

Phil Zlotnick at All Four Seasons also handled the contract to replace the siding on our house and garage. They also installed new shutters. Again, as with the replacement windows, the workmanship was excellent and the price was great. Phil's number is 301-580-9399. Bari Sedar sedarmail@aol.com June 2008

SNOW SHOVELING -

Try Sunrise Landscape Corp., 301-877-4001. They did a good job shoveling out several neighbors' cars. Joanne Levine joannelevine@earthlink.net

SOLAR PANELS -

Our information is that you can install solar panels on a slate roof, but it involves replacing some of the slates with more flexible faux slate, which is what our project proposes. A benefit is the shade provided by the solar panels actually protects the roofing material and extends the life of the roof. There is another approach, which is to replace the slate with solar slates, special technology that combines roofing material and collector in one product. There is a house on Fessenden done with solar slate. These are more expensive than the racks, but since you will be buying roofing anyway, it might actually be a superior option - just guessing, not an expert on solar. Before forging ahead on your own, it might be worthwhile to talk to Kirk Renaud of Common Cents Solar. They have a brilliant approach that involves group buying, which saves a great deal of the cost, includes information without the sales pressure/bias, and gives the advantage of bargaining as a group instead of a one-time job. Common Cents Solar, 4330 East West Hwy., Bethesda, MD 20814. (301) 961-5940, (301) 961-5943 fax. Kate McLynn kdmclynn@starpower.net May 2009

Having just gone through this process (well, last November) and gotten estimate from several companies including Common Cents Solar, I have a few hints and recommendations: First - get three or more estimates (most estimates are free, the only company that charged us for an estimate was Common Cents. They called it an evaluation, but it produced the same report as the other three companies did for no charge; however, Common Cents will apply the fee to your system if you buy from them.) Second - Do your homework before the companies come out so you understand what you are getting. Every company sells different size panels and the panels are of different efficiencies. The most efficient system generates the most electricity. This was very important to us as we had limited space on our roof, so we wanted the most efficient system that we could get. If you have unlimited space, that might not be as important, but you should know this before you waste your time looking at lower efficiency panels. There is also a price difference as you move up in efficiency. Third - Ask questions on the phone before the contractor comes out so you know what the company sells and whether it suits your needs. Again - how important is efficiency to you and how much room do you have? Another question is what to do with your RECs (these are renewable energy credits that you can sell). Find out if the company will broker your RECs and what is their fee. Decide if you even want to sell your RECs (we don't at this time.) Fourth - Do your own homework on the incentive programs. Just google "solar incentives Washington DC" (or where ever you are). You will find a wealth of information about incentives. Call the numbers associated with the incentive

programs and find out if they still have money to give away. DC has a great program, but I don't know if it still has money to give away. The money goes pretty fast. The Montgomery County property tax incentive has run out of money and isn't going to be re-funded for solar.

Fifth - go to a site like Solar-estimator.org or pvwatts.org. Solar estimator lists contractors and rates them. Both sites have a wealth of information about all things solar. Some of these things I did and some I wished I had done. I definitely wasted a lot of my time and contractor's time because I didn't understand how the system worked. One contractor told me that he could put panels all over my roof - 18 in all; however the other three I had out told me that "no, it wasn't possible to put so many up because my dormers shaded the roof for significant periods of time." Once I understood how the system worked, it was clear that 18 panels would be a waste of my money. I was also misled by contractors about the incentives. They were not as up-to-date with the funding as they could be. Only one contractor told me that Montgomery County had run out of money (which was true as I verified with the county). The other contractors told me that the county would give me \$5,000 tax credit. That would have made my system almost free! Too good to be true? Yes unfortunately it was! We ended using Capital Sun - they are a local company (Cabin John) and have been in the business for 30 years or so. Early pioneers. We have 2kW and we are very happy with the whole thing (actually, almost giddy!). Unfortunately, we are now weather obsessed and all this rain is so much the worse because we can't make any electricity!

Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com May 2009

TAILORS & SEAMSTRESSES -

We have used Jeung-He at President's Valet on Wisc. Ave just north of Tenley. Not inexpensive but very good. Always satisfied. Robin Glantz robinglantz@me.com November 2014

I have used John at Kenwood Tailors on River Road for years and he is fabulous. Sheila Stinson sdswashdc@gmail.com November 2014

I use the alterations person at Parks Cleaners, 4000 Wisconsin. She is good. No complaints so far and she has done a lot of work for me. You can park in the circle. There is usually a space or two available. Marjorie Dick Stuart Marjorie.dickstuart@longandfoster.com November 2014

There is an Asian man I have used to reconstruct an overcoat, new lining reset shoulders etc. He did a wonderful job at a very reasonable price. He also makes custom suits and shirts. His shop is on the east side of Wisconsin Ave in the 5000 or 5100 block. Karen Fitzgerald karenandrichard@gmail.com January 2015

Do's Tailor in Georgetown is excellent in my opinion but can be quite expensive. Michael Levenberg Michael.levenberg@gmail.com January 2015

have only used them once when they first opened, but I was very pleased with Louie -- next to Pete's Pizza. Catherine Vial Catherine.vial@yahoo.com January 2015

I used Louie's and found them very customer-friendly, and I was pleased with their work - Kris Moore kmoore@childtrends.org January 2015

TAX PREPARERS -

I highly recommend Harvey Reich for tax preparation. He has handled our taxes for several years now, with many complicating factors including rental property income and depreciation, business income and deductions, home office accounting, multiple

sources of income, living in multiple locations, investments, dependents, student loans, trusts, household employees (including all above-board tax, FICA, and unemployment reporting), and many deductions including charitable giving and mortgage interest. He has comprehensive knowledge on all of these issues and is incredibly accurate - I know this because the IRS has independently reviewed our taxes and their expectations of adjusted gross income and tax owed was exactly the same as what Harvey submitted. Finally, he is easy to contact and will readily provide tax advice throughout the year - I talk with him several times per year regarding tax advice and have yet to be charged for this. He can be contacted at Paul-cpa@erols.com or 301-340-3340. Ross rwfilice@gmail.com October 2012

TILE WORK -

Our tile guy, Dean, is a master and very reasonably priced. He did an excellent job for us. Please tell him we sent you. Dean: 240.483.9648 Amanda Bowker amandazbowker@mac.com July 2010

Just to add to the list, our contractor (who did both our kitchen and bathroom at different times), did a phenomenal job for us, and was open to new ideas for creativity by us. More to the point, he has also helped a friend of mine - who had a sub-par contractor that did a miserable job on tiling - redo the tiling in his bathroom to fix it and bring it up to code. He then went on to do lots of other tiling and assorted custom work for my friend as well. The contractor's name is Luis Fuenzalida and he owns Bath & Kitchen, LLC. His email is luis@bathandkitchenllc.com and his phone is (301)674-5680. PresJMS@aol.com July 2010

TREE SERVICES -

Apparently a tree man named Michael Stringfellow is back in the area. I strongly advise having nothing to do with him. You can phone me about it if you wish. Rice Odell 202-363-6052 ohrice77@yahoo.com October 2013

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, HIRE JAMES ROBINSON, JR., WHO BILLS HIMSELF AS ROBINSON DUCKETT INSURED TREE SERVICE OF CULPEPER, VA. A NEIGHBOR FOOLISHLY HIRED HIM TO CHOP DOWN OLD TREES THAT OVERHANG OUR PROPERTY. DESPITE ROBINSON'S PROMISES NOT TO DAMAGE OUR PROPERTY, HE DID EXACTLY THAT. HE CUT HEAVY LIMBS AND DROPPED THEM ON OUR GARAGE AND REAR GARDEN, THEN DRAGGED TO LIMBS ACROSS OUR PROPERTY. A ROOFER ASSESSED THE DAMAGE AT NEARLY \$300. THE NEIGHBOR BELATEDLY DEMANDED THAT ROBINSON LEAVE HIS PROPERTY WITHOUT FINISHING THE JOB. ROBINSON THEN LEFT THE JOB UNDONE AND A MESS ON THE NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY AND OURS. Aaron & Jacqueline Epstein aajacks@starpower.net May 2014

I highly recommend Treeman, Inc. Reasonable and professional. Check their website. lmarinaccio@yahoo.com December 2014

We have used Integrated Plant Care for years. The owner and arborist, Paul Wolfe, is knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with. They are in Rockville, 301-881-8130. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com December 2014

We have used Branches a couple of times with total satisfaction, and recommended them to our neighbors who were quite satisfied as well. Look at http://branchestreeexperts1.reachlocal.net/residential.php?utm_source=ReachLocal&utm_medium=PPC&utm_campaign=ReachLocal. Ron Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net December 2014

We had a HUGE tree removed by Adirondack Tree Experts. They did an incredible job!

John Anna who is the owner is a true professional and honest to the core. They do everything "by the book" to prevent any problem with DC government and in fact is one of the companies used by DC to remove District trees. Their phone number is (301) 595-2827. The website (I think) is www.Adirondacktreeexperts.com. Happy to discuss if you would like to call. Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com
202-997-6007 May 2015

We use Bartlett Trees. They're expensive, though. Carolyn Long
carolynlong@earthlink.net May 2015

We have worked many times with Keith Pitchford and recommend him very highly,
202-333-385 Catherine Fowlkes catherinekuhnle@yahoo.com May 2015

Branch Tree Experts, Kensington, MD is excellent - they saved a large maple tree in our back yard. Phone 301-589-6181. squasher@starpower.net May 2015

I highly recommend Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care, 301-881-8130. He's very knowledgeable, and honest -- he will tell you when you don't need to do something. He has most of the tree work done by a subcontractor, but we've been satisfied with that person's work. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com
May 2015

I highly recommend Chapingo Tree Care Specialists. They received top marks in Washington Consumer Checkbook for quality and price. Jose Alvarez, their estimator, is an ISA Certified Arborist. I have used them several times and found their work and prices excellent, and I have recommended them to several neighbors, who were also pleased with their work and then recommended them to other neighbors. Their phone number for a free estimate is 301-646-2516. You can also Google them at chapingotreecare.com. Elinor Tucker elinor_tucker@yahoo.com May 2015

We have used Bob Blakely or Northern Woods Tree Service a number of times. He has removed trees, pruned and trimmed a huge southern magnolia and also huge holly a number of times. I also have him work on our Chinese elm (street tree) as I refuse to let the Asplundh guys touch/butcher it. He has a number of crews including climbers (one wee man gets into the top of our magnolia!), cherry pickers, grinders, etc. He is an excellent arborist and comes with great references. He and his crew really know trees and will be honest with you about when and how to prune and will not do needless work. He can be reached at [703-528-2056](tel:703-528-2056). And as an aside, his daughters are The Pie Sisters in Georgetown - fabulous sweet and savory pies! Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com June 2015

TUTORS -

I thoroughly recommend this Math Tutor for: Elementary School Arithmetic; H.S. through Freshman College Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, Trigonometry; Test Preparation including SAT's, GRE's, etc. Makes house calls. Reasonable rates. Call Mick 301-946-8469, or e-mail Mickclns@mac.com. Alec McRae admcr@rcn.com
April 2010

UPHOLSTERS -

My white couch looks terrific after being cleaned by "Heavens Best" a carpet and upholstery cleaner located in College Park, 301 470 4433. I had been thinking I would need to reupholster as previously no cleaning service did a good job. In the Washington Checkbook "Heavens Best" was listed as excellent. I had to look under

the carpet cleaning category to find the listing as there is no upholstery cleaning category. Gloria Buckberg gloriabuckberg@yahoo.com August 2010

Re: couch cushions. I recently had Cannon Upholstery, 4901 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, a small place, put new foam in my couch cushion covers. I like very firm foam and they were good on figuring out the hardness I wanted. The number there is 301-654 0090. Gloria Buckberg albuckberg@aol.com July 2012

We have used Corrado's on Elm Street in Bethesda several times and found them to be a good source for upholstery. They also do interior design. Google them for telephone number. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net November 2014

I have always used--and have referred to friends--K & S Interiors in Rockville: 5465 D Randolph Rd. (301) 770-4777 / (cell) (301) 461-1999. Beautiful work. You can select fabrics from them or purchase your own. They pick up and deliver. Ask for Lisa or David Lee. It is a family business. Julie Mack juliemack1@verizon.net November 2014

WATER TREATMENT -

I would strongly recommend John Wolford, who can be reached at jhwolford@betterwatertreatments.com. John is extremely knowledgeable, very pleasant to deal with, and reasonable in his pricing. He very efficiently handles a large array of different water treatment gear in our residence, and I never have had the occasion to complain. You may call me for more information, if you wish. Ed Kane 237-5594. ermk@aol.com April 2010

WET BASEMENTS -

On Saturday, 3/19/11, I had an appointment with Mr. William Patton who owns Turf Center Lawns in Maryland (301 384.9300). I found the company on the "Communit-E List of Service Providers" submitted by Kathy Smith under the category Wet Basements. The owner I was trying to help had exterior water issues; nothing inside. Mr. Patton was prompt even after two earlier appointments and on his way to a birthday party for his mother-in law. He quickly became engrossed in the problem at hand. When I later talked to one of our community landscapers, who had agreed to also take a look at the problem, she told me that he clearly had a passion for his work. He came up with one possible solution after another and in the end, dismissed all but the one which was the least expensive. If you have had water issues around your house or water penetrating your basement and want an honest, efficient, very talented master water-problem-solver, please give Mr. Patton, or his thoroughly trained assistant, Mary Ellen (I believe), a call. As an aside he has been in business for a very long time and he is often asked to provide expert testimony in court. Linda Hughes lindahughes3@verizon.net March 2011

Mr. Patton from Turf Center Lawns came out today. We had already gotten an estimate of \$4000 to do all kinds of work. Mr. Patton told us that we didn't need to do anything. Considering he could have told us anything and we probably would have listened, it's nice to know that there are still some honest people out there. His phone is 301-384-9300. Phyllis Papkin Phyllis@papkin.com November 2011

We recommend Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing. They did a great job for us. Bobby Turnbull bobbyturnbull@comcast.net March 2015

WINDOW REPAIR & REPLACEMENT -

I don't know the extent of the repairs he does, but Fathi Amiri did a wonderful job replacing several sashes--cords--of my windows several years ago. His number is 301-951-6138;cell 240-413-4207. I believe I got his name from the Communit-e listserv. Harriet Dwinell Hdwinell@aol.com October 2014

A few months ago I asked for recommendations for someone who could fix broken cords and other problems with my original sash windows. I had the work done by the highly recommended Fathi Amiri of Chevy Chase Window Repair (240-413-4207). He replaced cords in several windows and broken wood inside the box frame of one of my windows. I am stunned at how smoothly they work now. Very reasonably priced. Happy to add my enthusiastic recommendation. So glad to have my windows working in time for this glorious weather, Gretchen Schieber schieberg1@yahoo.com March 2015

Last year I asked for recommendations for someone who could repair the small leaded glass window in my front door. I had the work done by Daniel Wolkoff of Adams Morgan Stained Glass (www.adamsmorganstainedglass.com). He created a new window for me using handmade glass. It's really lovely, nicer than the original window. I liked it so much I also had him replace the glass in one of my bathroom windows with textured handmade glass. I am very pleased with both jobs. The cost was not inexpensive but I think it was appropriate for the quality of work. He is overscheduled, so finding a time can be a challenge, yet I very much recommend his work. Gretchen Schieber schieberg1@yahoo.com March 2015

WINDOW WASHERS -

I've used Old Dominion for many years. They do an excellent job and they're punctual. 703-569-2000 Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com June 2014

I'd like to recommend Window Washer's, Etc. (202-337-0351) The team consisted of three people who were quick, efficient, did a good job, and were reasonable. They will also clean gutters. This is the second time I've used them. They are also a local company -- on Edmonds Place, NW. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com September 2013