

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

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

APPLIANCE REPAIRS -

Weinstein. He's just the best. (301) 421-1942. Tamara Wittes wittes.tamara@gmail.com January 2020

Second for Weinstein. He is the best. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com January 2020

I agree Mark Weinstein is the person to call for appliance repair. Judith Clear j.clear@rcn.com January 2020

Third for Weinstein. He really knows his stuff and is very honest. Wendy Bader wendybb1@hotmail.com January 2020

For all appliances made on planet earth, these guys are awesome and totally affordable. Call Appliance Geek in Woodbridge, VA. They work anywhere in the area. Really smart, totally honest and get raves on Angie's List. They did a complicated repair of our very large Viking fridge - defrost drain hose and icemaker. Finished in less than an hour and charged under \$150. Call them and you won't be sorry. They don't always answer the phone (because they are working) so you may need to leave a message and they will call you back. 703-763-4400 Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com June 2019

I have called Mark Weinstein, 301-421-1942, in the past and he was very helpful. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com June 2019

I always call Alco Appliance for ALL and any appliance repairs. They were most recently at my home for the dryer but they have also serviced my refrigerator, washer and stove over the past 20 years. They will need from you the brand and model number. I once "described" a sound the refrigerator made and the service manager knew immediately what was wrong. 301 937-6996 and service@alcoappliance.net. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com November 2018

AUTO BODY REPAIR -

I have had great success with Autobody Dimensions on Butler Road-Just over the DC line, off River Road. (301) 657-1622 . In case they remember me, Please let them know I gave them a great recommendation for excellent work and best customer service! Marjorie Dick Stuart Marjorie.DickStuart@longandfoster.com October 2018

Car Wash - I am now a believer! Larry Leigh, owner of 1800carwashdc, came to my home today to detail my 11-year-old Toyota 4-Runner. He did a perfect job and is very pleasant with whom to deal. He is dependable and meticulous, and was willing to work with schedule changes on a number of occasions. If you just can't find the time to take your car in for detailing, I would recommend without reservation Larry to do the job. Larry can best be reached at larry@1800carwash.com. He also can be reached via phone at 202-230-0365, but I found his email the best way to reach him. Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com September 2018

AUTO MECHANICS -

I can recommend BMW Excluservice. They are an independent mechanic in Rockville. They have loaner vehicles, which is great. www.BMWExcluservice.com, 301-231-5400. Fabulous place! Feel free to let them know I mentioned them. Connie Rhind Robey c_rhind@yahoo.com November 2019

River Road Auto Haus just past Little Falls Parkway was super in maintaining our old Mercedes. sarahrhorsey@gmail.com November 2019

I have had very positive experiences with Mike maintaining our Honda civic and Lexus at Spring Valley Exxon. Dennis Shumaker 4dennis.shumaker@gmail.com April 2019

For those who are not bothered with a 25 minute ride to Laurel MD, I have been going to Shamit at Vipre Motors for more than 12 years. They are located on Rt. 1, near Route 32. They are superb mechanics and great people. They specialize in finding cars (resale) for customers but they also have a full service maintenance shop with 5 or 6 mechanics. Very fair and reasonable, totally competent and easy to work with. They provide loaners if repairs are more involved. Engine and body work too. Over 12 years, my family has purchased 4 cars from them. We are currently using three of them. And they have done 100% of the service. They like to have new customers on referral from current customers, so feel free to use my name. <https://vipreauto.com/>. Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com April 2019

We use David at DP Auto Service and we love him. He's honest and well priced.

He's even made small repairs and not charged me since they were a such quick fix.

He always gives me a straight answer when there's a decision to be made about whether or not to make a repair or if there are two fixes to chose from. I highly recommend! He's in the Shell Station on Connecticut at Fessenden. Here is a link

to his yelp page: <https://yelp.to/qTKq/BhGghCyOVV>. Nadia Simon
nadiamsimon@gmail.com April 2019

Regrettably, Jim no longer works at the Shell station at 4900 Wisconsin Ave N.W. He was very good, honest and reasonable. The management of the repair shop has changed. My experience this week with the new auto mechanic, Mike, was not positive. Perhaps others have had a different experience. Ann Phillips
phillipsanni@gmail.com April 2019

I have used Auto Haus for my Mercedes Benz - 25 years old - for years. They are good and far cheaper than the dealer. Al Barr sarahrhorsey@gmail.com January 2019

BABYSITTERS & NANNIES -

Our former nanny of 6 years is looking for a new full-time position - and is available to start January 1, 2020. We worked with Carmen Porter from 2011 to 2017 and she was been a steady presence in our lives (and in AU Park!). She continues to watch our boys on weekends and we have nothing but wonderful things to say about our experience with her. She worked with our boys when they were infants, has taken them to school, driven them to activities, and doctors' appointments. Over the years, she has read them countless books, made sure they eat well, take their naps, play well with other children, and stay active. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Carmen directly at 202.258.0361 or reach out to me with any questions at phrawal@gmail.com . Purva Rawal phrawal@gmail.com
October 2019

Our nanny, Fatima, will be available in the beginning of September. She has been working with us for the past eight months, since our daughter was 14 months old. Our daughter will soon be off to school, and Fatima is looking for a new full time opportunity. She is a great nanny who has worked in both AU Park and Cleveland Park and is very familiar with the children's programs in both neighborhoods. She plays games with our daughter and takes her to the park and to the library, where they have met other children and nannies. She is very loving towards our daughter, trustworthy, and flexible, always willing to stay late if something comes up at the last minute. She can do light housework and is fluent in both French and English. She will be available Monday through Thursday and can be flexible on hours. You can reach her by phone at (202) 360-9672. I would also be happy to answer any questions you have, [bruinbaird @ gmail dot com OR dannibyam @ gmail dot com]. Aaron bruinbaird@gmail.com August 2019

Our nanny of 7 years is looking for a new position starting the last week of August or the first week of September (or shortly thereafter - she is flexible). She has well over 20 years of childcare experience and is one of the most loving, hard-working caregivers we've ever known. She is very responsible, reliable, and nurturing. She helps with tidying and laundry and has a driver's license. She speaks Spanish and English. She is looking for around 30 hours per week, ideally in the Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Friendship Heights, or Tenley area. Our kids will be in school all day starting in the fall, which is the only reason she is looking to work for a new family. Please let me know if you are interested and I will

send you her contact details. Thank you! Meg Hobbins meghobbins@gmail.com
July 2019

I am writing to recommend a lovely 16 year old as a mother's helper or babysitter. Her nickname is Lala and she is a rising junior at Columbia Heights Educational Campus. I have known her for several years. I am a resident of Tenleytown and am happy to verbally give my endorsement if need be. 202-251-3180. Leslie Rose leslirose@aol.com July 2019

Our wonderful nanny, Salvita is available for hire starting in second week of August. Salvita has been with us for two years now since our son was 3 months old. We are sadly having to let her go as our son will be starting day care. She is an amazing person and a loving and thoughtful nanny to my son. She is punctual and reliable. We are a military family so every time my husband has been deployed or away on training, she has been my real support during those tough months.. I wish we did not have to let her go and we will truly miss her and I want to make sure we help her find a loving family to be with. She is Spanish speaking only and she is interested in the Tenleytown area for a family. If you're interested in speaking to her, please contact me at nidhi6484@gmail.com and I will pass along your contact info. Rob Greffenius rgreffenius@gmail.com June 2019

For the last three years, our family has been extremely lucky to have Mercedes working with us full time watching our daughter (3.5) and, when not in school, our son (5.5). Three days a week, for part of the day, Mercedes also watches another little boy. Both of our children will be in school in the fall, as well as our nanny-share partner's child, so Mercedes is looking for a new family and we are hoping to help her find them. (Note that if someone needs only morning and early afternoon help, we may be able to keep Mercedes part time in the afternoon to help after our kid's school. We are somewhat flexible on timing as we need her at least through August, but with various vacations and other commitments we could continue to employ her through October.) Mercedes has really become a part of our family and she's incredibly devoted and flexible. She has been a loving and caring nanny, always looking out for what is best for our kids. Mercedes takes our kids to parks, story times at the library, museums, the zoo, and goes on play dates. She drives, which allows her to take the kids on excursions to different parks that would not otherwise be possible. Even with our son in school already, our daughter has had no shortage of time socializing with other children approximately her own age, as Mercedes has a network of nanny friends that regularly get together for activities. Mercedes is also fluent in Spanish. She speaks to our daughter in Spanish regularly, to the point that our daughter is can now understand Spanish almost fluently. Mercedes considers it part of her job to help with the kids' laundry and help with meals. She also bakes cupcakes with the kids for special occasions, and we sometimes even come home to dinner that she has made for us as a surprise. There is so much more I could say about her: for example, her family has come to know our children and even come to family events and she made potty training breeze for us. I'm happy to talk further about our

experiences by phone at 314-249-8342 or by email at rgreffenius@gmail.com. Mercedes is a U.S. citizen. Rob Greffenius rgreffenius@gmail.com May 2019

BANKS -

I highly recommend National Capital Bank. It's locally owned by a family. It sailed through the financial crisis 10 years ago with no problems. It's never been involved in shady dealings (e.g. Wells Fargo). It doesn't have all the bells and whistles that some of the big banks do, but their folks are real professional bankers. The staff is very friendly. I use the branch on 44th between Harrison and Jenifer. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com September 2017

I highly recommend TD Bank, if you're looking for a large bank. Their service is very personalized - they seem to make it a point to get to know customers if you come in on any regular basis. What I love most, other than their good service, is that they actively decided not to have bulletproof glass between the teller and the customer. It speaks to their view of how important the connection to the customer is. Now if someone could just explain the economics of branch locations to me - they all seem to occupy way more space than is required, especially when considering the cost of expensive DC real estate. Tom Hier hier3908@yahoo.com September 2017

I would echo this recommendation. We have mortgage, home equity and checking with TD Bank. They have been great and they have convenient locations both in upper NW and downtown. Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com September 2017

Another good bank is the local City First. The nice thing about this bank is that it has a very strong community lending program, making loans to people of color who have been historically boxed out of favorable lending. City First is also responsible for a good deal of funding for affordable housing rehab and new projects around the city (the kind of projects that the big national banks frequently won't touch because of the generally small size of the projects). So your money invested there can help support work that is really great for the DC community! Katharine Landfield klandfield@earthlink.net September 2017

I second the recommendation for National Capital Bank. Pat Spellman pspell100@yahoo.com September 2017

We have Capitol One and we love it. I like the personal service at the Friendship Heights location (especially the manager, Agnes). My husband prefers the branch on Massachusetts across the street from Wagshals, because of the parking. I love their app (especially to deposit checks) and the rewards system on their credit card. Good luck on making a choice. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com September 2017

BICYCLE REPAIR -

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 -

I wanted to pass on a great lead for a carpenter/handyman/pretty much all-trades person. Bruce Workeman is a carpenter by trade but will also expand his role as needed. We just finished using Bruce for new built-in shelving, wood desk counter tops, installing new baseboard, repairing worn stair treads, and hanging a few new doors. Then he did a lovely job pointing up everything and painting. Last summer we used Bruce to repair our back kitchen stairs and lattice that had rotted out. He is very hard working, very conscientious and all at a fair price.

Mobile/text: Bruce Workeman (240) 508-2806. Susan Aaron svial111@yahoo.com

April 2019

Joe Spagnolo did this (build bookshelves) for me - Xact Builders, [\(240\) 876-1397](tel:2408761397). He also built a lot of kitchen cabinets for me and a custom office. Nice guy, easy to work with and not that expensive. He's also a small general contractor so can do much more. Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com February 2018

Bruce Workman. He is excellent. Any questions, email me. His phone: [240-508-2806](tel:2405082806). Texting him is best. Ann Jones annjones2008@yahoo.com January 2018

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 -

I would like to recommend Amelia, from Basilico Italian Catering. She catered a buffet/sit down dinner for 30 people at our house in January. We were very pleased with the result, especially my wife, a demanding cook and cookbook author. We have known Amelia for a long time. She is imaginative, elegant in her presentations, efficient, and very honest. Reasonable prices. You can check basilicoitaliancatering.com and contact Amelia at [1-301-401-9937](tel:13014019937). Michael Calingaert mcalingaert@gmail.com March 2018

We had a very good experience with Susan Gage two weeks ago. Feel free to call Ann Ashley there at 301-839-6900 and use my name. Jonathan Davidson davidsonj3@comcast.net May 2016

I used Mindy's Catering on MacArthur Blvd and liked them. Very professional and easy to work with. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com May 2016

Barb Duvall at Bowl of Cherries is lovely, her food delicious and beautifully presented. We used her for a rehearsal dinner. Her prices were less than some of the DC caterers as she is based in Annapolis. She is happy to come to DC. You may mention my name when you contact her. Barb Duvall, Proprietor, bjduvall@verizon.net 443.336.6526. Anne Vinson anne.vinson@flash.net May 2016

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 -

Try MCP Chimney and Repair. They are reliable, reasonably priced, and honest. <https://mcpchimneyservices.com> . Shari Pfleeger January 2020

Walter Kerr with Johnson's Chimney. He's excellent. Emily Gustafsson Emily.gustafsson@usa.net January 2020

Take a look at American Professional Chimney and Masonry in Hyattsville. They did a significant rebuild for us in about 2015 and were great. Happy to talk about details. <https://www.americanprofessionalchimney.com/>. Lance Potter lancemail@gmail.com June 2019

We had a good experience with [Priddy Clean](#). They examined the chimney, told us it was dusty but perfectly safe to use, gave us some tips about using our particular fireplace (we had just moved in and hadn't used it yet), and just charged us for the visit. They were prompt and polite. If you're looking for a second opinion, I would highly recommend them. Liz Scheier liz.scheier@gmail.com November 2018

I like Winston's. I use them personally and so do my in-laws in the neighborhood as well. Pamela Wye pamelawye@gmail.com September 2018

COMPUTER REPAIRS & HELP -

Justin Polin has been very helpful to me. justin.polin@gmail.com. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com November 2019

I have had Lori Annaheim buy, install and transfer all of my info on a new computer that was suggested by her and I like it a lot. She has also 'unglitched'

a bunch of glitches and I can say that she knows what she is doing. And she lives in the neighborhood too. Reach her at 202-363-0810. aijacebl@aol.com May 2019

I highly recommend Cameron Jones for computer support. Over the years he has performed maintenance, troubleshooting, upgrades, and file transfers for me on several different desktops and laptops. He also recommended a specific laptop for me to purchase within my budget and meeting my needs and transferred everything from my old computer to my new one. Cameron also offers tutoring and other tech support (smart phones, smart TV). He does excellent work, is usually available within a day or two, charges reasonable rates and is a really personable guy. He can be reached at 571-217-3596 or cameron@cameronjonesit.com. He was a great find from this source several years ago. lastrayer@aol.com March 2019

I have had excellent service from Abraham and Sarah at Advanced Computer Support at 4709 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, 202-237-8827. They are excellent and honest. I have a PC (not a MAC), but I think they work on both. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com January 2019

I also had a good experience with Advanced Computer Solutions when my MacBookPro crashed and I needed data recovery, which the Apple store was not able to accomplish. The staff at ACS successfully saved my data to my backup drive and I was able to save it to my new MacBook. It wasn't cheap but I was glad to have the backup. Lyn Taecker lyntaecker@gmail.com January 2019

Ari Fisher -He was terrific helping me set-up a new computer. L Myers loucmyers@yahoo.com January 2019

To Communit-e - from the tradesmen's list, I found and just had a terrific tech support experience with Ari Fisher, the tech mensch. He worked through a list of computer and other tech issues, one of which had been unsolved for 2 years. He is prompt, smart and knowledgeable, and patient. I highly recommend him.. He may be reached at ari@thetechmensch.com. 202-262-5378. Lois Schiffer loisschiffer@msn.com December 2018

I second the recommendation of Ari Fisher! Very nice guy, efficient and knowledgeable problem-solver with digital issues and multiple platforms, very fair price. Glad I found him thru the listserv! Martha Matzke matzke4@att.net December 2018

I third the recommendation for Ari Fisher, The Tech Mensch! Efficient, effective, knowledgeable, and nice. Robin Wolfson robin.wolfson@gmail.com December 2018

I have been very pleased with Ivan Babinoto for several years. He seems a natural when working on PCs or Macs and has solved many problems and given good advice. A friend of mine called Ivan last week and she was thrilled that he solved her Mac problems. 2 other computer servicers who worked on the problems had not fixed them. Ivan is also likeable and prices are reasonable. 202 285 0887; babinoto@gmail.com. gbbuckberg@aol.com July 2018

I also highly recommend Ivan Babinoto. He's helped me with any and all computer problems over many years. Even went to Best Buy to help me select a new printer. His fee is very reasonable. Barbara Chowney barbarachowney@gmail.com July 2018

I would like to add my agreement to previous recommendations for Ari Fisher for

computer tech support. He quickly diagnosed the problem I was having, fixed it efficiently, and charged very reasonably. He is a pleasant man to deal with. Contact info: ari@thetechmensch.com, 202 262 5378. Ilsa Bush ilsabush@aol.com May 2018

Had to share that I had an amazingly positive experience with Ari Fisher/The Tech Mensch for a recent computer issue. Ari quickly figured out how to solve my problem, made some suggestions, and explained things simply and thoroughly. He's also efficient, affordable, AND personable. Kudos galore: Ari Fisher -- The Tech Mensch, 202/262.5378, ari@thetechmensch.com. R.Wolfson petirrojo@aol.com March 2018

CONCRETE/PAVING -

We highly recommend Mario Hernandez Landscape Services (301-464-3249). Last summer he replaced a concrete sidewalk and steps, adding a drain to move water from the downspout away from the house. This spring, he did significant water remediation on the other side of the house. His prices are very reasonable and the value he provides is enormous. Mario and his crews are professional, polite and kind. Mario is very knowledgeable about all facets of landscape and water remediation and generously shares. He identified an issue with our new gutters that was contributing to the water problems that we never would have noticed. You will be very pleased if you call him. As long he's working, we won't call anyone else for any landscape. Mariolandscape.com Denise Niedzolkowski dniedzolkowski@yahoo.com May 2016

Edgar Granados ((202) 439-3082) created a beautiful walkway for me last year. He has done stonework for at least four other homes on my block. I cannot recommend him highly enough. He does excellent work, is reasonable, and has a great eye for design. Julie Mack juliemack1@verizon.net May 2016

CONSTRUCTION -

One of the best, if not the best, bathroom and kitchen contractors in the DC Metro area is Peter Glaser of Peter Glaser Construction. I found him to be the best value for bathroom renovations in the area - he does meticulous workmanship for about 2/3 the price of other high-end renovators. Peter was very reliable and extremely knowledgeable. He was originally trained as a Master Tile Setter and then he also got his qualifications for a Class A Contractor's license. He renovates/remodels 2-3 bathrooms or kitchens a month, and has done so for the past 40 years. He's an independent and has his own crew that does the work. They've won awards for their workmanship and all his business is from word of mouth - no high advertising costs or showroom costs padding the price. I've used Peter for both bathroom and kitchen and the work was superb as well as on-schedule and in budget. His phone number is 202-446-3833 and his email is peterglaser@msn.com. Steve Koplo -skconsulting@yahoo.com December 2019

Justin Sullivan of Impact Remodeling and Construction LLC has extensive experience with many beautiful and functional AU Park renovations, and he is currently living in the neighborhood as well. www.Impactbuild.com, 202-290-1335. **Eileen O'Hara** eokansas@gmail.com **October 2019**

Hi, I just had outstanding work on 3 bathrooms by a local contractor. Wonderful tile work, plumbing, glass shower install in one and a tub in the other, took the

walls to the studs and reframed for large medicine cabinets, basic electrical. He and a helper work 10+ hour days and got the bathrooms done in a week each. He also did painting in one room, some creative carpentry (big pullout drawers in unused stair landing) and a variety of home projects. His wife does our house cleaning and I totally trust them. I did all of the purchases of tile and fixtures, and he purchased other things needed and gave me receipts. It was a very inexpensive full-bathroom remodel. I'm fluent in Spanish so not sure how good his English is, but I'm happy to come with him (and give remodeling ideas to neighbors). Also happy to show you what he did in our house if you are serious. He just contacted me because he had a job fall through, and he is currently looking for work. His name: Edwin Palacios 703-944-2874 I'm just really grateful because it was fast, affordable, and great work. We've done a lot of remodeling and he is the first person I'd recommend. Happy to talk more- Katrina Brandon
katrinabrandon@gmail.com September 2019

Haven Construction is an excellent firm. They have just built a new deck for us and it is beautiful, masterfully done. Call Carlos Murillo 240-554-7379. Bruce Klein brucetv@aol.com May 2019

I recommend Kevin Vasco. He's based in the District. Tell him I suggested you call if you wish. Kevin Vasco, K Services Limited Company, Office (202)265-0774, Cell (202)438-1884, Fax. (202)265-3048, kserve@verizon.net. M-weston@northwestern.edu May 2019

I truly believe in paying it forward...I have a recommendation for a glass shower enclosure company, but I guess the referral could be for anything glass related. Years ago I used a different company for a shower because they responded very quickly. After I had signed a different company proposal, ABC glass came back with an even better price. I promised the ABC owner I would call him when I redid another shower in our house. I did, and their work was wonderful and still the best price in the area. (I got 3 different quotes.) They were prompt, attentive, and very detailed. No issue/detail was overlooked so that the install was perfect. So, passing this along. ABC Glass & Mirror Inc. 703-257-7150 Susan Aaron svia1111@yahoo.com April 2019

With no hesitation I recommend Randy smith of TR Smith & Company. He did a fantastic job on our recent renovation of our kitchen that included removing several load bearing walls. He was timely, responsive and his crew is great. Randy has done many renovations in our neighborhood. I know he is still working on someone's house near by. You can reach Randy at 301-674-6348 and trsmithco@aol.com. Donna DeSilva rjodmd@comcast.net April 2019

Chesapeake Kitchen did mine (kitchen) and did a great job. Patricia Lawson Lawson.patricia@gmail.com April 2019

Landis Construction! They are wonderful. Ann Van Dusen avandusen4@gmail.com April 2019

I highly recommend Eric Wasli of SDF Builders. He managed my total home renovation. He is honest, fair, and is a great carpenter. He has good, reasonably

priced electricians, plumbers, and drywall guys. I have also hired Eric for multiple projects for my employer and for my new home. Always very satisfied. FYI, I work in construction management and I know something about good and bad contractors. He's a good one. (301) 538-2779 sdfarm@gmail.com. John Canon jfcanon@yahoo.com March 2019

I recommend Manuel Bartolo of Bartolo Custom Ironworks if you are looking to install new stairway railings. He was recommended in the COMMUNIT-E tradesmen list and I strongly second the endorsement. Pricewise, he and everyone else we interviewed were the same, but he was able to get the job done in less than 2 weeks. It would have been faster had it not been for the snowstorm. Everyone else wanted 4-6 weeks lead time, and one guy said he couldn't work until March due to the cold weather. When I mentioned that to Manuel, he laughed. Also, he installed caps at the base of each railing post, a nice detail that nobody else seemed to offer. He also left me a can of spray paint to cover any scratches he might have missed. Manuel is a friendly Portuguese guy who does quality work.

There are photos of his work on his website, <http://www.bartoloiron.com>, but don't bother using the online contact form, as it doesn't work. Just call him at 301-949-0581. Jason Kim pereirakims@verizon.net January 2019

We have used Andres Becker's company. His small company is reliable, tidy, polite and very talented. They built a small back porch for us and we love it. Great quality job and easy to work with. Andres is a real gentlemen and very smart. **HomeWerks**, *Remodeling and Restoration Services*, Andres Becker, President, (240) 498-0500. Charlotte White whitecharlottemarie@gmail.com January 2019

I can recommend my contractor - Joe Spagnolo, Xact Build. 240-876-1397 They have done everything for me - tiling, new kitchen, new closet, replaced doors. Joe is also a master cabinetmaker, so he's built cabinets and a big office desk/shelving system for me too. He does beautiful work and is always on time and on budget. My kitchen took 9 days - actually one day less than he told me it would. Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com December 2018

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 -

I like Michael Bauer, who is on Wisconsin Avenue in the building right next to the Red Door - same block as what used to be Kinko's and is now FedEx. He is in the same practice as Dr. Donohue, who is also wonderful, I understand. Dr. Bauer does his own dental hygiene work, which I really like. Everyone in the office is warm and friendly. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com December 2018

I second the recommendation of Dr. Bauer. Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com December 2018

I highly recommend our dentist, Dr. Joncas at Joncas Family Dentistry (202) 363-5840. We started seeing his father when Dr. John Joncas was a professor at Georgetown U. Dental School (since closed). The younger Dr. Joncas (Ty) keeps abreast of the latest techniques and updated equipment. Adele Natter anatter@verizon.net December 2018

I like Dr Joncas very much also. Like you, I was a patient of his father and liked him and now like the son also. A very nice small practice. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com December 2018

We like Gene Giannini at 4801 Wisconsin Ave. 202-244-4111. Lynette, the Dental Technician there is also excellent. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com December 2018

I'll second the nomination of Dr Gene Giannini, and I know my husband would pile on as well. His practice is very current, and everyone there is warm and welcoming. Cindy Snyder cindysnyder123@gmail.com December 2018

I highly recommend Maria Nichols, 5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 310, 202-363-1158. We've gone to her office for at least 20 years. She's extraordinarily competent, caring and gentle. Aaron Epstein aajacks@starpower.net September 2018

I also readily recommend Dr. Maria Nichols, located above Rodman's. She is terrific - highly professional, very knowledgeable, always on time, with a marvelous staff, and a great sense of humor as well. Bette Land betteland@hotmail.com September 2018

Have to second that recommendation. Our family has also been served by Dr Nichols for 19 years. Dennis Shumaker 4dennis.shumaker@gmail.com September 2018

My family and I second the strong recommendation for Dr Nichols in the Rodman building. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com September 2018

One of the best anywhere in professional expertise as well as in warmth of personality, humor and caring is Dr Stan Shulman -- and he is in the neighborhood at 5002 Massachusetts Avenue, with parking easy off the alley behind the house with direct access to the offices. Phone number is 202-966-3100. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com September 2018

DOCTORS - (arranged by specialty)

AUDIOLOGIST - Try Kathy Grace at Audiology Associates in Potomac, MD. She's wonderful. Shari Pfleeger shari@pfleeger.com December 2019

AUDIOLOGIST - If you're looking for an Audiologist, I recommend Elise Ney at 49th St. and Mass. Ave. (across from Spring Valley shopping center). Her number is 202-363-4300. She spent a lot of time with me and didn't make me feel rushed. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com September 2017

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 rkspringwater@starpower.net April 2015

ENDOCRINOLOGIST - Dr John Merandino 301-230-0300 10215 Fernwood Rd Suite 405 Bethesda MD. John Derrick jolfonl@verizon.net May 2019

ENT - I recommend The Feldman E.N.T. Group, P.C. which has four office locations, the closest at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue, suite 1535 in Chevy Chase. Telephone # 301-652-8847. All of the doctors are excellent. For further information, check www.e-n-t.com. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net September 2017

GASTROENTEROLOGY - I like Dr. Lester Marion at 5550 Friendship Blvd. - just over the District line, behind Bloomingdales. 301-656-3555. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com October 2017

GERIATRICIAN - Bob Jayes, whom we originally met as a Janney parent years ago, is a fabulous geriatrician with GW. He actually made house calls for both my parents. <http://www.gwdocs.com/physicians/robert-l-jayes>. Judy Bauer jrrmbk@msn.com January 2018

NEUROLOGIST - Carrie Dougherty is a wonderful neurologist at Georgetown who specializes in headaches. Alfred Chahine chahinel@mac.com August 2015

NEUROLOGIST - I have used, and sent others to, Rhanni Herzfeld, in the Neurology Center. All have been extremely pleased with her qualifications, competence, easy manner, and helpfulness. Rhanni Herzfeld, (301) 562-7200, 2141 K St NW, Suite 503, Washington, DC. Their web portal is: kstreet@neurologycenter.com. In general, it is an excellent practice - I have dealt with two other MD's there, though now retired. Hope this helps, Nancy Gordon nancymg@mac.com August 2015

NEUROLOGIST - I had an absolutely horrible experience with Rhanni Herzfeld's office and would be happy to provide details to anyone who would like to contact me. I recently changed neurologists. First time I have switched doctors in all the years I have lived in DC. Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com August 2015

OPHTHALMOLOGIST - My ophthalmologist is Dr. Kenneth Schwartz at Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons, 301-657-5700 and I recommend him highly. The group is located at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda in the Barlow Building. All of the physicians in the group are excellent. Kay Springwater kayspringwater@gmail.com October 2018

OPHTHALMOLOGIST - Some 10 or more years ago, I was referred by top physicians at Mt Sinai Hospital in NY City to Dr Frank Ashburn of Eye Associates of Washington DC at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue (Suite 21). Phone is (202) 686-6700. Through the years, I have benefited from not only his own excellence and his caring help but also that of his colleagues, including younger members of the highly recognized practice. Their highest-rated professional experience and their warm and knowledgeable personal attention have helped through surgeries, regular checkups, and even general recommendations and support concerning many issues such as needs for the eyes when traveling. All staff in the offices are intelligently helpful. As you will find looking into various ratings by fellow physicians, these are among the very finest of ophthalmologists and they have an office in the neighborhood. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com October 2018

ORTHOPEDIST - I have had good care from Dr Anthony Unger who practices at Washington Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. I like that he operates at Sibley (all new orthopedics setup in the new building), but sees patients in Chevy Chase as well as at Sibley. I had knee arthroscopic surgery 3 years ago and a hip replacement last October, and will likely see him again when I need knee replacements. WOSM at Sibley is linked with an excellent physical therapy group called Smart Therapy. I highly recommend them as well. Lyn Taecker lyntaecker@gmail.com June 2017

ORTHOPEDIST - I've had injuries to both shoulders successfully treated by Dr. Robert Nirschl, orthopedist and surgeon at the Virginia Hospital Center. He also runs a clinic (Nirschl Ortho Clinic) in the same building that has rehabbed leading sports figures, e.g. tennis and baseball stars. (703) 525-2200, 525-5542. squasher@starpower.net March 2017

ORTHOPEDIST - I second the recommendation of Rudzki. He successfully treated my damaged rotator cuff, following dealing with a broken leg. Nancy Gordon nancymg@mac.com March 2017

ORTHOPEDIST - Dr. Jonas Rudzki of Washington Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Excellent for shoulders. Operated on me for rotator cuff in 2014 and I have a full recovery. Helen McConnell hmcconnell@gmail.com March 2017

PRIMARY CARE - Dr Michael Grady (Internal Medicine and Geriatrics) at 4910 Mass Ave is superb!
Linda Wiessler-Hughes michaellinda88@hotmail.com October 2018

PRIMARY CARE - My family doctor is Dr. Ali Safayan from Restorative Health. I've been under his care for over 10 years. He focuses on maintaining the health and well-being of his patients and on preventing heart disease and other age-related diseases or health problems caused by an unhealthy lifestyle. I've been very pleased with his care. A few years ago I injured both knees and had pain when

exercising. Dr. Safayan suggested I try prolotherapy before I explored surgery. He administered the prolotherapy treatments on my knees. The treatment was successful and I avoided knee surgery. I would highly recommend Dr. Safayan. Sharon Hurley kenwashdc@yahoo.com December 2015

RHEUMATOLOGIST - Eugene Miknowski is great. He is at (202) 296-4002 and 1145 19th NW, #504, DC 20036. Nancy Gordon nancymg@mac.com January 2017

RHEUMATOLOGIST - I highly recommend Joseph Laukaitis, who is both knowledgeable and caring. His office is at 2141 K St.NW; his phone is 202-293-8855. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com January 2017

RHEUMATOLOGIST - The office of Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase is a good source for outstanding rheumatologists. Telephone: 240-514-5614. They also have a very good Physical Therapy group at the same location. My rheumatologist in the group is Dr. Justin Peng, but he is in their K Street office. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net January 2017

DONATE ITEMS -

Bikes - <https://www.bikesfortheworld.org> Wonderful charity for bikes! Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com September 2019

Books - Carpe Librum, which supports the NGO Turning the Page (<https://turningthepage.org/who-we-are/mission-vision/>), is at [1220 19th Street NW](#). Hours are Monday – Saturday, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Judith Ingram jingram6@gmail.com August 2019

Books - Turning Pages is coming to pick up all our books tomorrow. They were fast to reply and happy to have them textbooks included. So many folks emailed asking me what I found out that I wanted to share this quickly. Seems like a great organization <http://turningthepage.org/>. Lori Rolnick lrol@aol.com October 2018

Books - Friends of the Library will take donated books and provide a receipt for your tax purposes. The Tenley Friendship Library at Albemarle and Wisconsin is a member of the organization as are other neighborhood libraries. You must first join the Friends but the fee is minimal - e.g. \$10.00 or more if you like. The Opportunity Shop at St. Albans Church at Wisconsin and Massachusetts also accepts donated books, clothing, artwork, etc. I've used both of these groups. Second Story Books in Dupont Circle also takes a limited number of used books and will give store credit. Hope this is helpful. Kay Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net August 2017

Books - Depending on the number of books you're looking to donate, try the Little Free Libraries scattered throughout our neighborhood. They are small sidewalk boxes designed to hold maybe 20 or so books. There's one outside Janney Elementary School on Albemarle Street right by Tenleytown public library, and I've also seen one on Yuma Street somewhere between 49th and 42nd Street. You simply place the books in the box by the sidewalk, and can borrow one in return if you want. Amanda Daglish ajdaglish@gmail.com August 2017

Books - My church takes donations to the Montgomery County Jails periodically. You can drop them off at our church, at: 5601 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland. Call Debbie Crown, our church administrator, to figure out a time that works for all,

and to find out the kind of books they are looking for (not very restrictive, but one thing I remember: no martial arts books...) at (301) 986-1137. Johanna Koolemans-Beynen [hjacob@yahoo.com](mailto:hjacoba@yahoo.com) August 2017

Books - There is a book donation bin from discover books (similar to better world books) in the parking lot of palisades Safeway. It's in the corner, near the Lions Club trailer. Stacey Marien samarien@yahoo.com August 2017

Bikes - When you have a bicycle you don't need anymore, consider donating it to Bikes for the World, a wonderful charitable organization created by Keith Oberg, one of my former colleagues. The mission of the organization is (1) to make quality used bikes and bike parts available to lower income people and organizations in developing countries to enhance lives and livelihoods; (2) to generate skilled employment in bicycle repair and maintenance work in these countries. To date, the organization has sent **116,000** bikes to developing countries. The 2015 Catalogue for Philanthropy of Greater Washington lists Bikes for the World as "one of the best small non-profits. Lyle Brennemen lb1119@aol.com Sept 2016

I echo the strong recommendation of A Wider Circle. I have donated items in good condition to them for some time. You can also drop off smaller household items and clothing appropriate for work and/or job interviews. The organization provides a range of services and seems to do a wonderful job helping people get back on their feet. Do call to make sure that they take what you want to donate. Ann Phillips phillipsann1@gmail.com July 2016

A Wider Circle : I've taken items there: clothes, plates and silverware. They are different than other organizations - because they actually give the items to people in need. They told me they really appreciate professional clothes and shoes. So if you do have items, I would recommend you use A Wider Circle as opposed to Martha's Table, Good Will or Salvation Army. Heather Roby hmroby@gmail.com July 2016

Coats - Friendship Place for the Homeless would love to have it. They have an office in the building next to Rodman's, on the 5th floor. I give them all my clothes that I can't wear any more. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com January 2020

Coats - A Wider Circle accepts winter coats throughout the season. It is located in Silver Spring on Brookeville Road. If you like, I can deliver your coats:). Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com January 2020

Clothing - I recently asked about charities that accept clothing for women who are trying to get into the work force and need some acceptable clothing. I ended up taking such clothing to the Friendship Place development office next to Rodman's (202-248-3090) - <https://friendshipplace.org/give/supply-an-essential/>.
About Friendship Place: Friendship Place! Our AimHire office is on the 5th floor of the office building above Rodman's. We help currently and formerly homeless people (all genders) get jobs. We have a closet with donated clothes appropriate for wearing to job interviews. You can bring clothing for donation to us weekdays between 9 and 5. Best to call first. Betsy Paull, AimHire volunteer.
Some other similar charities that were recommended by readers are the following:
-- Suited for Change <https://www.suitedforchange.org>
-- Wider Circle takes professional clothing as well as furniture and household items. I have donated suits, blouses, etc. for women who are trying to get into or back into the workforce.
-- Dress For Success
Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com September 2018

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 2019

Toiletries - Beauty samples: Friendship Place for the Homeless would probably like them. They have offices in the building next to Rodman's on Wisconsin Avenue. Kathy Smith kathysinde@gmail.com September 2019

Various - Friendship Animal Hospital will take sheets, towels, blankets and even pillows! Victoria Marquez victoria.cristina.marquez@gmail.com September 2019

Various - The Lutheran church has a donation program benefiting refugees. I have used a couple of times and they are very organized, efficient, and pleasant. Here is the link. [Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area : Get Involved : Wish List : Schedule a Donation Pick-up](#). Catherine Vial Catherine.vial@yahoo.com October 2018

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 -

The best in every way is woman who took care of my mother for several years. Expert care, kind, patient, good sense of humor, many years of experience. Winifred Barriteau, cell 2027442880 to see if she has an opening. Email me with any questions. Sarah Horsey sarahrhorsey@gmail.com November 2019

BrightStar Care at 301-588-0859 and at aplavnieks@brightstarcare.com. Aija C. B. aijacelbl@aol.com November 2019

A wonderful health care aide is available. She works part-time at an assisted living facility where a family member lives so I've seen her at work. She is

bright, energetic, enthusiastic and can handle a variety of tasks: personal care (bathing, dressing, etc.), companionship, driving to appointments and errands, preparing food and feeding, medication reminders, range of motion assistance, etc. Genevieve Goh can be reached at 240-614-0926. lastrayer@aol.com September 2018

I suggest turning to Iona Senior Services! We are so lucky to have it in our community not only for the services it can provide but their knowledge of others who can help if they cannot. 202-895-9448. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com July 2018

ELECTRICIANS -

Brian Meredith - he put in an electrical sub panel and replaced our AC core. He is responsive, prompt, and finishes tasks on time and on budget. When our AC Core failed, he made us a top priority so that we had air conditioning during this past sweltering September. His cell is 703-898-3560. Heather Hosmer heatherhosmer1@gmail.com January 2020

I'm happy to recommend a not merely good, but a SUPERB electrician. (when I was a lot younger I knew a great deal about electricity, did all my own house wiring, built radios, &c, &c, but as the years have crept up on me, I can do much less, and now generally hire the pros for all the building trades.) The electrician I've used for a number of wiring, telephones, &c, in all cases he's done the work quickly, expertly, and clearly with the fully total knowledge required for the particular job of work. He is TOM HICKS, works for Hopkins & Porter in Bethesda: (301) 840-9121 or www.hopkinsandporter.com. If & when you contact them, be sure to ask for TOM, no one else. Robert Vogel toolduller@rcn.com December 2019

Ken Rozier is a fabulous electrician: 202-841-8021. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com September 2018

I think the last recommendation for an electrician is for Kevin Rozier, whom I can also recommend most warmly. Jenny Bland jcrabland@hotmail.com September 2018

Fully concur with recommendation or Ken Rozier. Ron Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net September 2018

Ken Rosier did the heavy up to our home's electrical system 15 years ago. His work was meticulous and on-schedule. Dennis Shumaker 4dennis.shumaker@gmail.com September 2018

Bentz Electric has done competent work for us at reasonable prices. (301) 357-4434. squasher@starpower.net September 2018

ELECTRONICS' RECYCLING -

Staples will take them (old computers) but also Goodwill and other charities. Be sure to wipe your hard drive. C. Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com April 2018

ELECTRONICS' SERVICES -

Graffiti does the conversion from VHS to DVD. John Wheeler johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com March 2018

You can't go wrong with Dante Delaguila at Graffiti audio, right here in Tenleytown: d_delaguila@yahoo.com. Jeff Stein ledewriter@gmail.com February 2017

FENCES -

For fences, we recommend Phoenix Fence and Deck. Jeff Rogers, the owner, provides the estimates. He is knowledgeable and has a lot of good reviews that is why we ended up choosing him. <http://phoenixfenceanddeck.com/>, (240) 832-2641. Sheila Bruch sheilabruch@yahoo.com April 2019

I completely trust and recommend Micky Cayce Burdette of Potomac Fences potomacfenceinc@gmail.com, (301) 468-1228, (301) 468-1291. Have used for commercial as well as residential situations. As well as my own home. Competent and reliable. Feel free to use my name. William Begal bbegal@begal.net April 2019

FINANCIAL ADVISORS -

Would recommend Constance Miner, she's been very helpful for retirement planning and a great steward of my retirement funds. She is with Steward Partners, [240-800-3440](tel:240-800-3440) and constance.miner@stewardpartners.com. Merrilee Harrigan merrileeharrigan@yahoo.com September 2017

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 -

Last year I tried to help someone who wanted to buy a cord of firewood, but it turned out I had the wrong number for our great supplier. Just saw him, and in case anyone is looking this fall, his name is Roy Seal, and his phone number is

540 209-4804. We've bought wood from Roy for years and been totally satisfied: fireplace lengths, generally seasoned, fairly priced, and he stacks it. In fact, because our woodpile is fairly far away, he stacks a starter pile on our back porch - very helpful when my husband was ill last year. Enjoy your fires this winter, and I hope you get in touch with Roy. Betty Bullock fabullock@erols.com September 2018

For a number of years I have bought good quality firewood from this person: Kenny Corbin 540-522-0381. Jeffrey Drobis jeffdrobis@gmail.com February 2018

FLOOR INSTALLERS & REFINISHERS -

We love Louis Beaulieu of Beaulieu Floors. Louis and his team have repaired and refinished our hard wood floors in our downtown condos and our single family home. Excellent customer service, affordable, reliable, and Louis is a perfectionist.. He will give you suggestions and most cost effective solution to your problem. Check out the company's website at <http://beaulieufloors.com/> for all contact information. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com March 2019

Mastercare Floors refinished ~1500 sqft when we purchased in June 2017 before move-in. They were pretty responsive and the worker pulled pretty long hours to stay on schedule and not delay our move (it was planned for a 2-person job but one man got ill and they didn't have anybody else on short notice). If you want a specific person, our sales rep was Brad Lintz. <http://www.mastercarefloors.com/> (410) 242-6401. tbronder@alum.mit.edu March 2019

I've used this fellow on a number of occasions, including for our family home, and have referred him often. I'm a real estate agent here and have used him for refinishing or repair of hardwood floors (including oak, parquet, and even pine, although pine is technically a "soft" wood). He can also install wood sections if and as might be needed. He is very good, very conscientious and honest, and very reasonably priced. Rafael ("Alberto") Albarado, 301-237-0125, CanalesRafael79@Gmail.com. John Gerrety johngerrety@yahoo.com February 2019

Call Rivas Wood Floors (301) 466-3063. They have refinished bedroom and hall floors for me in 2013 and 2017. They are professional, nice, and do a great job. I will call them again when I have the energy to get my living room done. They will move all of the furniture. Janet ngeej@yahoo.com June 2018

Contact Javier Licona at jlicona2@yahoo.com or cell: 240-604-4366. He is truly the best! He works alone because he doesn't trust others to do a perfect job. He recently refinished our kitchen floor for a very good price within 2 days. Superb work. Vered Drazen vered.drazen@gmail.com June 2018

FURNITURE RPAIR/REFINISHERS -

Steve Young. 3823 Military Rd NW Washington, DC 20015, 202-966-8810. Outstanding. Terry Schubert stschubert@gmail.com October 2018

Several years ago Steve Young did a wonderful job repairing my dining room chairs. His number is 202-966-8810. Harriet Dwinell hdwinell@aol.com December 2018

I suggest Nick's Custom Cabinet's in College Park -301 220 1538 . Nick has done several projects for me over the years. He is does excellent work and stands behind his work. Judy Clear j.clear@starpower.net January 2017

Heritage Restorations: 301. 493.4458. They did a good job for me. Helen McConnell hmcconnell@gmail.com January 2017

Nick Greer in Purcelville, VA is wonderful. He will pick up and deliver. I met him when I was working at Dumbarton oaks where he works on furniture when needed, and have used him a lot since then. He is NOT inexpensive but you get what you pay for. He will even tell you how to do some refinishing yourself. You will not be disappointed. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com January 2017

GARAGE DOOR REPAIR -

I just wanted to say that I had a bad experience with Clozermatic, they 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

GAS FIREPLACES -

James Wheat & Sons installed our gas logs. We've been very happy with them. 301-670-1944. Pat Mullan mullandoty@aol.com December 2015

GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIR -

In June we had very old gutters replaced on our home with new covered gutters. We were very satisfied with Jim Motran, who was recommended by our builder. Motran Home Improvements, <http://www.seamlessgutterbymotranhomeimpovement.com/>, Tel 301-231-3537, [1057 Taft street](mailto:1057Taftstreet), Rockville MD 20850. Danna McCormick dannam@verizon.net July 2018

Miguel Guietterez who is a Tenleytown resident. He does a terrific job and charges me only \$125 for my smaller home -- yours may be larger and be a little more for gutter cleaning. He can be reached at [202-316-4770](tel:202-316-4770). Don't wait too long -- snow and ice can clog your gutters and cause interior water damage. Christine Phen_d@hotmail.com December 2017

I have been using Darryl Hawthorne for roof repairs and gutter cleaning for sometime now. He's reliable, professional and does exquisite work. Darryl often accompanies his men and they spread themselves on all sides of my house the minute they arrive. They come three times annually -- mid-Fall, early Winter (like Mid-January) and again in late spring to remove all of the 'stuff' trees drop then (stamens from flowering fruit trees, whirligigs from maple trees, etc). He sends me an email to say they will be at my home next week, then he sends an invoice when they've finished. I pay him \$200 for each cleaning which includes a front porch and a garage. When he sends the initial email he asks that you let him know if you see or know of any roof issues. I once told him that a seam on a copper gutter was leaking and they repaired that when they did the cleaning. Another time I called to tell him that a tree branch had punctured my garage roof in two places during a bad storm with lots of wind. He happened to be working in the neighborhood so they came to me and gave me a temporary patch returning a week or so later to make the permanent repair. He is not cheap. But I expect his prices

are in line with other very good roofers. Contact info is 301 370-2210 or extremeroof@comcast.net. He's one of my favorite workmen. Tell him you got his name from me. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com December 2017

GYMS -

I'm a longtime member of Northwest Sport & Health on Brandywine Street. It has an impressive array of exercise and fitness classes. I've found it very helpful. Highly recommend. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com June 2017

I have been going to Crunch, north of Rodman's on Wisconsin Ave for 1 1/2 years. I think it is terrific - no frills, people of all ages and all skill levels, less expensive than Sport and Health. Check it out. Sarah Horsey sarahhorsey@gmail.com June 2017

I've also been going to Crunch for several years and find it very suitable. Parking is an added benefit. Felisa Siegel frfmsiegel@msn.com June 2017

I would highly recommend Crunch on Wisconsin Ave near Rodman's. The gym is clean, the staff is courteous and they offer many group classes throughout the day every day of the week. My wife and I have been members since the club opened several years ago and we are very pleased with it. Also, various merchants in the area offer discounts to Crunch members. Kenneth Hurley kenwashdc@yahoo.com June 2017

Try Northwest Sport and Health on Brandywine, just off Wisconsin and around the corner from CVS. I find that just right. There is also Tenley Sport and Health, which has a track and pool, but is more pricey. That is a bit farther south off Wisconsin. Jacqueline Epstein triosuite@starpower.net June 2017

I've been a member if the Brandywine Sports & Health for numerous years. If you're good at working out by yourself, it's adequate but it is convenient. Other than the reception folks, all of the employees do their best to ignore you. When the 'group' exercisers have a class., it is difficult to get to the resistance machine but the free weights are available. Also when joining, getting them to detail the various pricing options, and there are big differences, is difficult. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com June 2017

Crunch! next to Rodman's on Wisconsin is so much better in every way, and they have free parking. Their staff is plentiful and helpful. I have been a member since they opened, and I cannot say enough good things about them. Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com June 2017

I will add my recommendation for Crunch. Check out local discounts as part of membership. Judy Clear j.clear@starpower.net June 2017

HANDYMEN -

Try Silas Lopez . We have several investment properties and we have worked with him for more than 15 years. He is very competent, honest and reasonable. Does everything: painting, sheetrock, spackle, carpentry, minor electric and plumbing. His number is [\(240\) 395-3730](tel:(240)395-3730). Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com December 2019

Try Mike Hotka. He's very good and does small jobs. He also lives in the neighborhood. He can be reached at mikehotka@gmail.com. Kathy Smith November 2019

Javier- He is terrific and reasonable. 240-604-4336. Anne Novak November 2019

Todd Drawbaugh, Spring Valley Craftsmen, 202-270-2077. Todd has redone two and a half baths in my home, among a number of smaller jobs. He does meticulous work. Beth Johnson beth49johnson@gmail.com October 2019

Jaime Noriega (301) 740-5557. Please tell him I recommended him. Marjorie Dick Stuart marjoriedickstuart@kw.com October 2019

Mike Hotka is a gem of a handyman. You can reach Mike at mikehotka@gmail.com. Joan Topalian topajohan62045@gmail.com September 2019

I just had a visit from a great handyman, and I want to recommend him to my neighbors. He is David Ochoa, and I first learned about him from Communit-E 12 years ago when he rescreened and painted my porch and made some repairs to my front door. Today he replaced a section of the screen that had been damaged and repaired a broken antique chair, but the primary task was replacing a front door latch (which was on the verge of ceasing operations entirely), adjusting hinges and replacing decorative hardware on that door, and - most important! - installing modern weather stripping on it so that the cold wind no longer enters. Because of warping, the last task was very difficult, but he persevered and succeeded. Icing on the cake: he's a very pleasant person, and his charge was most reasonable. Besides tackling all sorts of house-type jobs, he tells me he also does yard work, so give him try. Jdochoa59@gmail.com or 202 409-6921. Betty Bullock fabullock@erol.com March 2019

I echo the support for David Ochoa. He created closets and shelves for my basement that were professional and made the room organized and attractive. He also reworked the insulation on my air conditioning ducts to make them better protected from the elements. All of his work made my house more marketable and I had no problem with inspectors. His work is excellent. Mary McManus mcm4508@yahoo.com March 2019

This is an update to a previously posted item about Dean Hauer, a super repair/handyman. I should have also said that he has a very old car, and hence, just works in upper NW D.C., and close by Bethesda. As he is semi-retired and only works in afternoons, he can no longer do large projects such as building decks, re-roofing houses, etc. However, he is an excellent painter, and can do light plumbing & electrical repairs, and repair some furniture. He lives in Glover Park & is a native Washingtonian. I have known him for over 50 yrs & have hired him on numerous occasions. He is extremely honest, organized, and tidy, and charges \$35-40 p/hr. Many local references available. Dean can be reached at 202-297-3723. Richard 'Benny' Bienvenue mbienvenue@verizon.net March 2019

Hang Blinds - I recommend Wayne Fisher, who just did the same thing for me. But he has a minimum of three hours of work, so this would only work if you have other things for him to do. His number is 202-232-3781. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com November 2018

Wallpaper Hanger - Highly recommend Kim Larson at (240) 888-1455
or kllkimmer@comcast.net

Does fine, careful work and is very pleasant to work with. Helen McConnell
hmcconnell@gmail.com October 2018

Javier Licona has done several projects at my house and at other CC neighbors.
He offers the best quality/price ratio I've had so far. His contact: (240) 604-
4366 or jlicona2@yahoo.com. Responsive and responsible on the top of his
professional qualities. Vered Drazen vered.drazen@gmail.com July 2018

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. Email is mikehotka@gmail.com. Janet Bachman
jbachman47@gmail.com November 2019

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING -

Try Rivera & Sons. They expanded my radiator system to my new addition and greatly
improved the AC that had been installed by the company hired by my contractor. I
had initially requested they hire Rivera & Sons for the AC as well but they
refused because they had not had any experience with them. But in the last 5 years
they dumped their previous AC sub and have been working with Rivera & Sons. Rivera
& Sons do very careful work, have reasonable prices, and are very responsive.
Their contacts are: email: riveraandsons@gmail.com, phones: (443) 995-6144
, (301) 968-5899 . srosenhouse@hotmail.com December 2019

Try Steve Powell at Uneeda Heating and Air Conditioning. He is
terrific. uneedaheat@verizon.net and 301-962-3630. Shari Pfleeger
shari@pfleeger.com December 2019

Thrilled also with Comfort Solutions.... except for the wifi thermostat (not clear
whether it is their fault or the manufacturer's or the app!). Catherine Vial
catherine_vial@yahoo.com October 2019

We have used Climate Heating and Cooling for 20 years . Good company. Leslie
Marinaccio lmarinaccio@yahoo.com October 2019

We have been happy with Jiffy Plumbing and Heating that also handles all HVAC
issues. (301) 277-9111. Nadine Horenstein nadineandcliff@verizon.net October
2019

I highly recommend Inside Air Technologies from Westminster, MD. They were
efficient, professional and reasonable. They installed my A/C System 5 years
ago. Please tell Steve that I sent you if you do reach out to them. (301) 200-
1323. Anne Novak novakamj@msn.com October 2019

We are very happy with Comfort Solutions. Cynthia Grant
Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com October 2019

I strongly recommend Dennis Hammett for heating and air conditioning issues. 301-
972-7883 hammett.hvac@gmail.com I do NOT recommend CroppMetcalf.. Kathy
Smith kathysindc@gmail.com October 2019

A number of people including myself have been very satisfied with Serge. He has consistently come up with by far the lowest rates, has licenses and warranties for the new equipment as well as the work that he performs. He is on time and within budget and very pleasant to work with. Serge dr.hvac.mechanic@gmail.com, 3016558420. Anna Belaschenko anna.strekoza@gmail.com May 2019

We had a terrific experience with Broady and Dodge in the last year or so. Sara Koblitz swexler1@gmail.com May 2019

We use Argent Heating Cooling for maintenance and they replaced our A/C system last year. Competitive pricing. Parsa Sanjana parsa.sanjana@gmail.com May 2019

Based on a recommendation by Susanne Koffsky, I used Dennis Hammett, 301-972-7883 to check out my furnace and humidifier. I was really impressed and will use him again. The original recommendation was from the January 2017 Service Providers List in COMMUNIT-E. Here is that original recommendation: Dennis Hammett, whose contact information is: 301.972.7883; Hammett.HVAC@gmail.com <mailto: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. SusanneKoffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com <mailto:susannekoffsky@gmail.com> March 2015.

On another note, I was NOT impressed with a representative from CroppMetcalf who tried to sell me several major repairs to my furnace that were not needed. Beware of CroppMetcalf. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com November 2018

I've been happy with Rod Miller. I have a service contract with them, which has been helpful. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com November 2018

We have had good service for AC/heating systems from Petro (pronounced Pee-Tro). Petro

Service: 410.238.4000, 1.800.645.4328. Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com November 2018

We have been very happy with Comfort Solutions. Cynthia Grant Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com November 2018

I highly recommend Marlon Perez at HD Johnson. I had them take out my previous AC system and install a multi zone and install a multi-zone Carrier system a decade ago. I had gotten a bid from them initially. Did not use them. Learned my lesson after the initial installer and three subsequent ones proved insufficient to the task. I will not let anyone touch HVAC in my house Joe Pinder oohlikewowman@yahoo.com September 2018

I found Comfort Solutions on this listserv as an A/C service company. Honestly I wish I could clone the company for other house-related services. They were truly exceptional. Our AC died the week of July 4. During that holiday week, Comfort was able to provide us with multiple estimates and install the new units. The installers were very professional, efficient, clean, and knowledgeable. The customer service rep could not have been more friendly and patient. Catherine Vial Catherine.vial@yahoo.com July 2018

I've gotten a few requests from the neighbors to compile and share the list of all the A/C companies that neighbors have emailed me directly to recommend so here it is. Pardon the way it's compiled, to make sure I get this list out ASAP to those

in need I was just copying and pasting directly from emails. I hope this is helpful to many. It seems these services are in high demand in our neighborhood this summer. Vakor79@yahoo.com June 2018

- Tucker's <http://www.tuckersac.com/about/contact>

- RAPID HVAC [\(301\) 367-0927](tel:(301)367-0927)

- Ask for Kevin at Congressional Heating & AC. [301-330-0035](tel:301-330-0035).. You can let him know Jeff Gelber recommended him.

- James Wheat & Sons, they have been very good. They are out of MD, but service all over DC

- Tadeh Khodaverdi tadeh.hvac@yahoo.com, or [410-978-2496](tel:410-978-2496)

- JAS Mechanical - Bethesda

- Thomas E. Clark.

- Cool Breeze

- Hecox- It is a family run business and they were able to come and see us very quickly (next day). They are honest and will not tell you that you need a new AC unit if a \$100 fix will do the trick. I highly recommend them! They do a lot of work in this area.

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/hecox-home-services-olney>

- Mr. Mendoza [\(240\) 277-2919](tel:(240)277-2919)

- Ruston Vasconcelos [\(571\) 242 9369](tel:(571)242-9369)

Cannot speak highly enough of Airways. It's a small family business and as such strives to satisfy the customer. Their number is 301-589-6401. Sim Smiley sim.smiley@gmail.com June 2018

We used McCarthy Services: <https://www.mccarthyhomeservices.com>, [703-666-8600](tel:703-666-8600).

Our sales person was Mike [703-924-1650](tel:703-924-1650) cell. It's been a while (about 2-3 yrs.) so we don't know if Mike still works there or not, but we were very happy with the price and the service, and the installation.

John & Jadranka Gerrety j.gerrety@yahoo.com February 2018

If your gas heating system is via a boiler and radiators, call John Taylor who is in the list of recommended service providers. Sorry I'm not in a place where I can give you his cellular number which is the only contact I have for him. He is a plumber who worked as one for the government before retiring. Now works on his own and he's good, fair and reasonable. Many in AU Park consider him a treasure.

Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com February 2018

I've had a good relationship with Rod Miller HVAC. 301-587-1517. My 50-year old gas boiler died this fall and they installed a new one, plus I've had a maintenance contract with them for 3 years. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com February 2018

I would recommend Leahy Plumbing. Ask for Mike.

<https://www.leahyplumbinginc.com/>. Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com

February 2018

We are using Rod Miller HVAC (301-587-1517). They replaced our system a few years ago and continue to provide excellent repair and maintenance. Barbara Taecker lyntaecker@gmail.com February 2018

HOUSEKEEPERS/CLEANERS -

My lovely cleaning woman, Lorena Garay, is seeking additional clients. She brings her sister-in-law Alba, and the two of them work quickly and efficiently. Lorena has worked for me for over a year and proven to be trustworthy and reliable. I wholeheartedly recommend her. She can be reached by phone or text at 301 537-

5600. Feel free to email me at sunderwood4104@gmail.com if you want more information. November 2019

My wonderful cleaning lady, Catalina Ramos, has asked me to post a notice for her saying that she is now free on Mondays. She has worked for me for many years, and I have never ceased to admire her for her honesty, loyalty, and delight in making a house as clean and sparkling as possible.

Her cell phone number is 301-512-6679.. She has her own car. She is a naturalized American citizen. Jenny Bland jcrabland@hotmail.com October 2019

I would like to recommend our wonderful house cleaner Lidia Gramajo. We have used her services for several years, and we are always happy to come home to our clean house after she has been there. She is very reliable and trustworthy, and looking to pick up some more clients. Please contact her directly at 202-271-9544 or giron2055@hotmail.com. Email me directly if you have questions: arbucklekristen@gmail.com Kristen Arbuckle April 2019

INSULATION CONTRACTORS -

We had Harvey Hottel insulate our attic. We interviewed a number of companies and they were the best and best on price. They did a great job and were very good at explaining everything. It is not a messy job for the homeowner and all equipment came in thru the attic window. It has made world of difference in the temp of our house - the attic is no longer stifling in the summer and a lot warmer in the winter. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com February 2016

We recently used Dan Roberson of Quality Insulation 301 257-4116. We were satisfied with the work and price. Kenneth Hurley kenwashdc@yahoo.com February 2016

INTERIOR DESIGNERS & DECORATORS -

Cheryl Bowie is a great design person and works with first-rate contractors. Her phone # 202-714-9080, email address: ckbdesign2@yahoo.com. I can connect you with a neighbor who recently had her kitchen, bathroom and more done. She loves it and would give Cheryl a reference, I am sure. Lydia Penrod lydiapenrod6@gmail.com August 2015

IRONWORKING -

Try Action Fabricators @ info@actionfabricators.com. They did the tree guards at the Tenleytown Library. John Wheeler johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com March 2018

Arc Solutions - nice people. They did my outside stair railings a few years ago. arcsolutionswelding@gmail.com; (866) 607-8097. C. Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com March 2018

I can recommend Manuel Bartolo. He is a pleasant, efficient, native of Portugal, who installed a railing on our front steps within a few weeks of meeting him. He was recommended by a neighbor who had his company do an elaborate project. His number is 301-949-0581. Website is www.bartoloiron.com. Diana Diamond Diana_diamond@hotmail.com April 2017

I've used Acme Fabricators for two projects and thought they did a good job. Their number is 301-322-7600. Kathleen Conley kathleenconley220@yahoo.com April 2017

Highly recommend Arc Solutions Welding & Fabrication, 301-447-2272, Emmitsburg, MD. They were quick to respond, provided a detailed estimate, completed work as promised and at a reasonable cost. I called them based on recommendations from COMMUNIT-E. A smart move on my part. kenwashdc@yahoo.com April 2017

JEWELRY APPRAISERS & DESIGNERS -

Have you tried Chas. Schwartz in Mazza Gallerie or Boone and Sons on Friendship Blvd? I once used Schwartz a few years ago and they did what I thought was a good and fair evaluation of a piece of mine. Kay Springwater
rkspringwater@starpower.net June 2019

For jewelry repair and / or purchase of new and/or antique jewelry: The Mineral Kingdom,

Ms. Jacqueline Hutman, 1221 Potomac St. NW, 202 338 5505. Jackie is an extraordinary gemologist and jewelry maker, and also has access some to fabulous antique jewelry. She is charming, makes appointments, and is terrifically skilled. She follows up on her deadlines, and can replicate items that have been lost. She has been a trusted friend and talented artist for 30 years. Lorna Watson waldodog1@aol.com October 2016

JEWELRY, WATCH & CLOCK REPAIRS -

I can highly recommend The Mineral Kingdom in Georgetown for both repairs, helping to design your own jewelry, or for buying unusual high-quality jewelry. Jacqueline Hutman is the owner, designer, and buyer and is one of the most gracious and giving individuals I have ever met. While Bert's can do a simple fix, if it is a piece you treasure and hope to hand down someday. Or if you are in search of an extraordinary purchase. Please call The Mineral Kingdom and speak with Jackie. I have worked with her for over 30 years. You will not be disappointed. LornaWatson waldodog1@aol.com February 2017

Bert's Jewelers, 5520 Connecticut NW, between Livingston and Morrison. I took in my grandmother's engagement ring (the platinum on the inside was getting too thin). They did a great job of keeping the antique elements while replacing the band. Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com January 2017

I also recommend Bert's Jewelers. They have resized a ring and replaced a missing stone from a ring and repaired broken prongs. Their price was lower than other area jewelers I contacted. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com January 2017

Adam Keshishian, just off Wisconsin Avenue, next to Chico's, opposite of Clyde's. aijacebl1@aol.com January 2017

Jeweler on the lower level of Rodman's at Wisc. & Garrison. He always does a great job and has been there for years. Free parking in back of store. Rose Dean deanrb2@starpower.net January 2017

You might also consider Friendship Jewelers at 3410 Idaho Avenue NW. They are very reliable and experienced. Felisa Siegel frfmsiegel@msn.com January 2017

Adam Keshishian Jewelers on Willard off Wisconsin has done several for me - excellent and reasonable. Jo Turner jombturner@gmail.com January 2017

JUNK HAULERS -

Donation Nation is a green recycling organization. They charge but they recycle everything. You can find them on line. I used them to help me clear out my mom's house 2 years ago when she passed away. I have them coming to my house in two weeks to help me get rid of some clutter and furniture I don't need anymore before the start of a major renovation. Donna DeSilva rjodmd@comcast.net February 2018

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 highly recommend Bill Feeney, who is doing a major renovation for me. He has a great sense of design and functionality. He can be reached at bill@billfeeney.com. sojaehyang@yahoo.com December 2015

Jonathan Kuhn, an architect, is great! His number is (202) 494-5061. I'm a general contractor, live in the neighborhood and have worked with him in the past. Let me know if you'd like pricing as well! Thanks. Joe Giordano giordanofamily@yahoo.com December 2015

unreservedly recommend architect William Feeney, who designed a one-storey addition to my house three years ago. He lives in the neighborhood, and is delightful and conscientious to work with, in addition to being a very skilled and creative professional. You can get his email address and phone # from his website, billfeeney.com. Martha Matzke matzke4@att.net December 2015

We're in the process of a renovation with Chris Snowber, of Hamilton-Snowber architects. I really can't say enough good things about him. He's wonderful. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Paula DiLorenzo pmdilorenz@aol.com December 2015

KNIFE & TOOL SHARPENERS -

I know ACE hardware will sharpen your knives and are much more affordable than say Sur La Table. I think it was like \$3 a knife vs. other places that charge by the length of the blade. And if you're an ACE rewards member, you can also use their coupons (i.e., \$5 off your \$25 purchase) towards this. Vicky Marquez victoria.cristina.marquez@gmail.com October 2018

Strosnidars in Bethesda sharpens knives and tools, including lawn mower blades. ACE Hardware in Tenleytown sharpens knives only. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com October 2010

LAMP REPAIR -

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

LAWN & YARD SERVICES -

Barbara Balman - she revamped our front yard to make our overgrown garden more manageable. She relocated several grasses and shrubs, put in sod, limbed up trees, and put in a small hard-scaped patio on the side of our home. She incorporated our interests in her design and also gave us great suggestions and expert insight on how to care for our existing trees and bushes. I particularly liked how she made sure to re-locate our existing vegetation to get the desired effect instead of having us purchase all new plants. Her prices are very reasonable and she lives in the Tenley neighborhood herself. Her email is barbarambalman@gmail.com and her phone number is 202-744-9515 (website: <http://www.bbalmanlandscapedesign.com/>). Heather Hosmer heatherhosmer1@gmail.com January 2020

I can recommend Lauren Greenberger, lgreenberger@hotmail.com. She's done the Montgomery County RainScapes training and is well versed in using native plants to create a garden that not only looks good, but attracts pollinators. Also, in DC, RiverSmart homes has resources. Changing grass to native plants is called "Bayscaping" or "Bay Friendly Gardening" and both Montgomery county and DC have financial incentives for installing native plants. Information about the DC program is at <https://doee.dc.gov/node/8682> The Montgomery County Program is RainScapes.org. Redoing your landscaping is a great time to make a small investment in the environment and create habitat right in your neighborhood. People always think of the polar areas and the amazon as the catastrophic habitat loss areas, but actually, all the lawns in the area represent habitat loss too. Non-native plants don't support native insects. Insects are at the bottom of the food chain for lots animals - especially songbirds. Without caterpillars, songbirds have nothing to feed their young. We are seeing a huge decline in the bird population because of this. Planting natives is a simple solution to this growing problem! Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com December 2019

We had a fantastic experience with Sierra Stone when redoing our backyard last fall. Ali Whitmer aliwhitmer@yahoo.com June 2019

I would recommend J&G Landscape. They did the work for our front and back yards. You're welcome to check our yards, 4340 Chesapeake St. They can be contacted at jpotter@jglandscape.com or 301-476-7600. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com June 2019

I'd like to recommend Judith Peterson from Fine Earth Landscape, Inc who overhauled our front yard on the 4500 block of Verplanck Place. We could not be more pleased with her masonry, plantings, and pricing. We are even happier with the ongoing customer service she has provided over the past four years. When plants have failed, she has replaced them. She also continues to be a resource for any questions we have about mulching, pruning, and flower plantings. Judith has been an amazing resource. She can be reached at 301-972-8810, or at judith@fineearth.com. jlbgmc@yahoo.com May 2019

I have had a company owned by Miguel Marquez doing my lawn and bushes for many years and like them a lot. Very reliable and they do a good job. 301-277-6527. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com May 2019

For lawn services and snow shoveling, I have been happy with Four Feet to the Yard in Silver Spring. 301-589-0899. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com February 2019

I highly recommend Rock Creek Landscaping for anyone in need of landscaping and lawn maintenance services. Rock Creek Landscaping has provided landscaping and lawn care for me for more than 10 years. Their work is done timely reliably and efficiently. And their rates are reasonable. You can contact Rock Creek by Phone

301-949-5023 or Email rclawns@aol.com Web <http://www.rclandscaping.com/>.
philkdc@me.com April 2018

LAWYERS - (arranged by specialty)

MEDICAL PROXY - I strongly recommend Jeffrey Kolender in Bethesda. 301-951-9340. He's with the firm of Paley Rothman. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com March 2017

Wills & Estate Trusts - Handler and Levine in Bethesda.
Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com August 2018

Wills & Estate Trusts - Frank Baldino of Lerch, Early and Brewer in Bethesda.
mbbowen@yahoo.com August 2018

Wills & Estate Trusts - I had good experience with Jeffrey Kolender at Paley Rothman in Bethesda. His number is 301-951-9340. Kathy Smith
kathysindc@gmail.com April 2018

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 2018

LOCKSMITHS -

We've had two excellent experiences with Joseph of Tivoli-Locksmith, 5 years apart, and both times he responded quickly, came on time, and solved some tricky problems on a range of different kinds of locks. I got him off an old collection of this listservs' tradesman recommendations and happy to say he is *still* terrific. We very highly recommend. They serve DC, MD, and VA and their card says they are licensed, bonded, and insured. Phone number is 202-338-5335. Laren Lash
Karen@lash.us March 2019

I too used Joseph (of Tivoli) yesterday. He called back most quickly of the three locksmiths on the trades(wo)men list, was happy to come that day (I couldn't so we arranged the next day), he repaired my old front door tumblers so that I didn't have to buy a new lock/deadbolt, and knocked \$50 off his fee because I explained he came recommended from the listserve (thanks, Kathy, for the list and the recommendation) Michael J Hodgson michaelhodgson@starpower.net March 2019

Don Schmidt of Wheaton Lock is great. I have relied on him for big and small jobs for years. Cathy Grossman cathyllyngrossman@gmail.com February 2019

DCLocksmiths (Avi) got great reviews on Yelp. We used them and were very satisfied. Judy Brinckerhoff jcbrinck@yahoo.com July 2018

We would like to recommend locksmith Colette Surla, whose business name is Door Detail, for inclusion in your next version of this list. She does NOT do emergency work, lockouts, or things of that sort, but she is an expert on old door locks such as those found on many old houses in our neighborhood. Her basic charge is \$125, which covers things like broken springs, worn-out parts, etc. most of which she has available in her truck. She can be reached at [301-270-](tel:301-270-)

0826. Evelyne and Jim Todd ejtournesol@verizon.net February 2018

I second the inclusion of Colette Surla in the Handyman list. Colette was able to replace the worn inners of my front door lock while keeping its original glory. She really knows her stuff and is quite delightful to boot. hdwinelll@aol.com
February 2018

MASONS - (Stone & Brick)

I just used Nick Marcantonio of District Stone to put stone in for a patio where there had been wood. His number is 301-908-1030. He did a stone repair on a pool deck for me last year and built a very pretty, low stone wall by a backyard walk. He has also done a lot of work for a friend out in Bethesda, including big stone walls and a stone wall with a fence. Helen tuxedopoodle@yahoo.com December 2019

I still use and like Cesar Monroy. His men are terrific at their stone work. His cell- (240) 482-5508. stschubert@gmail.com December 2019

Did you try Peter Glaser and his crew? Peter lives in the neighborhood and does a great job on masonry, including re-pointing mortar. He can be reached at 202-446-3833 or by email at peterglaser@msn.com. Steve skoplo@yahoo.com January 2019

I've used J & G Landscape for several years and have been very satisfied with their design, implementation and standing behind what they do. You can check out their work at my place 4340 Chesapeake St., both the front and back yard, although winter doesn't show off too well. I used blue stone instead of slate but they do slate. Contact at jpotter@jglandscape.com or 301-922-7600. John Kelly lasjkelly@gmail.com November 2018

For stone & concrete work, landscaping, lawn maintenance, spring & fall cleanup, full service design and installation, contact Pedro & Carmen at Jarmalilio Landscaping Services & Maintenance: 703/655-7289. Suzanne Barry sdbarry2016@gmail.com November 2018

We worked a few years ago with Rui at VRN Masonry, 202-345-5431, and were very pleased. He did our sidewalk, steps, and patio. Farleigh Earhart farleighearhart@yahoo.com November 2018

Slate sidewalk: I just had this exact work done by my general contractor Randy Smith at TR Smith his number is 301 674 6348. If you want to see the work, look at my side yard at 4301 Warren Street Nw. Donna DeSilva rjodmd@comcast.net
November 2018

For stonework: Stone work by Santo. These guys are absolute artists. Pointing up, grinding out old mortar, matching existing, and building new columns from old stone to tie in and match original look and design, please reference the 38th street project. 301-590-2870. cseminara@stoneworkbysanto.com. Bill Begal bbegal@begal.net November 2018

I highly recommend Elisio Aguilar for masonry. He did an excellent job for me recently in repairing my brick-covered steps.. (301) 275-6060 . Larry Cohen larry.cohen@icloud.com May 2018

MESSAGE THERAPISTS -

I can recommend Margaret Belland. She is in Silver Spring and is also a massage therapist. She is an amazing energy worker/healing touch practitioner. Her number is 301-526-9106. Connie Kurihara conniekurihara@gmail.com January 2019

I would like to recommend Lisa Schumacher at 4000 Albemarle. She is an amazing massage therapist, and knows many different modalities (cupping, myofascial massage, zero balancing, and much more). I am impressed that she works to enhance her knowledge by attending intensive workshops - the latest was a neck/shoulder workshop that was exactly what I needed! My husband is a big fan of her zero balancing, which is very helpful and you can leave your clothes on! She starts every session with a relaxed discussion of your needs so she can better focus on problem areas. Give her a try, you will be glad you did! balancingcentering.com or 202-244-9588. Lyn Taecker lyntaecker@gmail.com October 2017

Total Release. I've seen Mr. Wei. Good prices. Incredible massage that worked. Andrea Coffin andreacoffin207@yahoo.com October 2017

Lisa Schumacher at Balancingcentering! She's wonderful. Right behind BurgerTap&Shake on Albemarle St. Her email is Lisa@balancingcentering.com. Celine Stocker-Legein celine.legein@gmail.com October 2017

Joseph Reo, office is in professional building at [5225 Wisconsin Ave.](http://5225WisconsinAve.com), Suite 305 near Friendship Heights metro, next to the red door, or FedEx/Kinkos. Very convenient, and parking is pretty easy, too. He does excellent therapeutic massage; has fixed some serious problems I've had, and worked with motorcycle crash victims and severely overweight people, and more. Fixed them all. Since I am a massage therapist myself, and have experienced many peoples' work, when I say he is the best I have ever worked with, it carries some gravitas. His number is [202-321-3790](tel:202-321-3790). E-mail josephreo@verizon.net and of course he works weekends. Do call him. Lori Annaheim lannaheim@mindspring.com October 2017

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 ljlleavy@gmail.com May 2012

MOVERS/HAULERS & DELIVERY SERVICES -

Town and Country Movers are very good. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com December 2017

Our family just completed a big move and were very pleased with services of V Street Movers. Howard and his crew worked with us to sort, pack, and empty out a large apartment and deliver contents to 5 family homes and a Wider Circle over two days--one for packing, one for deliveries. He'd worked with other family members on three previous moves, some involving long-distance deliveries, each time with excellent results. Howard is personable and professional, his crew very

competent, and his fees quite reasonable. He's been working in this area for 17 years. If you contact him for a free estimate, tell him Patrice from the Bregman family recommended him. His phone number is [202-486-4251](tel:202-486-4251). Patrice Gancie pgancie@aol.com Dec 2016

For those who need a mover or hauler I had a good experience recently with Quest Professional Moving Services. Calvin, the owner I believe, was responsive and easy to communicate with on the phone. He and a helper showed up right on time to move a heavy picnic table which had taken three men to install. He was very professional in his use of protective wraps and in his safe movements. They were speedy and flexible. I thought his price was right for me, and he seemed to appreciate my tip. His van advertises "no job to big or to small," and he says he means it. His website indicates he can also help unpack, haul bulk items, etc.

The phone number is [\(240\) 604-5998](tel:240-604-5998). Email: questprofessionalllc@gmail.com. Here's a link of sorts too: <https://www.thumbtack.com/md/fort-washington/movers/pickup-drop-off-storage-other-services>. Alice Thurston alialibus@yahoo.com December 2015

These guys moved us from NYC to DC and did a fantastic job: www.beelinemoving.com. Bess Jankowski bessjankowski@gmail.com March 2016

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 2018

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 2018

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 2018

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 2018

TD Banks give complimentary notary service even if you are not a customer! Laurie England leng2007@aol.com April 2018

Cleveland Park Valet charges a very nominal fee and is very nice! Maria Bobowick

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 -

Tenleytown Painting. Ask for Erik. Leslie Marina lmarinaccio@yahoo.com
November 2019

Mulcahy Brothers. Neighborhood business. They do excellent work. Marion Connell
mfconnell@gmail.com November 2019

I thought Alex Painting and Wallpapering did an excellent job and were much less expensive than the other painters I interviewed. Alex removed wallpaper, sanded, and painted our hallway and three rooms. He was impeccably clean, punctual, and very professional - highly recommend. Heather Hosmer heatherhosmer1@gmail.com
January 2019

The extremely thorough and detailed estimate by Image Painting's estimator, Talgat, convinced me to chose this firm over other similar priced offers with very vague descriptions. The three painters that came to paint the inside of my house were professional, conscientious, punctual, careful, detailed-oriented and pleasant! Talgat was in constant communication with me to make sure I was pleased. I am hiring Image Painting in the coming weeks to paint the exterior of my house and I have already recommended them to two friends. The company is based in Falls Church: 703-814-2155. Catherine Vial Catherine_vial@yahoo.com January 2019

Peter Smith has just completed painting our house exterior and was excellent. He was extremely careful with our extensive plantings, building platforms to avoid damage to them. He is a meticulous and skillful worker who takes great pride in his work, including some extra carpentry needed. AND he was quite reasonable - less than some other quotes we received. I heartily recommend him. His contact information: peterestate@yahoo.com. His phone: 703-237-5622. JRFleming@aol.com
July 2018

John Ramirez is great. We have used him several times and he always does good work. His number is 301-455-0226. Sheila Stinson sheilastinson10@gmail.com
July 2018

Try Eddie Johnson, at (202) 256-7449 . He's currently painting the interior of our house in Friendship Heights and also painted the exterior of our previous house in Petworth. (He was our neighbor there.) Mike Madden
mikemaddendc@gmail.com July 2018

For house painting I recommend Maximo Painting, who painted by home exterior last year to my satisfaction. (240) 417-6648, maximopainting@gmail.com. Larry Cohen
larry.cohen@icloud.com May 2018

PERSONAL TRAINERS -

I can personally recommend Jacquie Drew's. Jhdrews@aol.com.. Cell phone is 202-302-3211. She fits your description well (trainer comes to your home). Connie Rhind Robey c_rhind@yahoo.com July 2019

PEST CONTROL SERVICES -

If the raccoons are not inside the house, I don't think animal control will respond. If they are in the house and Animal Control will not get them, Adcocks's is top shelf. They are not cheap but they are good and have been in business a long time. <https://www.adcockstrapping.com/> Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com December 2019

Call Mike Roark at MR Bugs. 301-229-7200. He may even tell you what to do on the phone. He's the best! Connie Rhind Robey c_rhind@yahoo.com June 2019

Adcock Trappers. They are the best. When I bought my home it came with rodents. Patricia Lawson Lawson.patricia@gmail.com March 2019

I've used PestNow for two decades. Great, responsive service. Contact them at 877..284.2466 and also have a look at their website. Anna Cirino mcrinos@gmail.com March 2019

Connors Pest Control (not to be confused with O'Connors) Not cheap but a job well done and no surprises. J.E. McNeil jmcnrick@yahoo.com March 2019

After squirrels took up residence in my garage, I turned to the listserve, recalling seeing in years past a compilation of services to deal with them. There was one individual in this list, Bernard Carter, who seemed to have a much more creative and practical solution to my problem. The larger companies had a stock approach and price. Bernard, who is a lovely man, first came to look and assess. He not only solved the problem, he went above and beyond the call of duty in tacking back the insulation panels the squirrels had worked loose. I highly recommend talking to him if you have any problems with pests. The Pest Whisperer, 240-418-8199, pestwhisperer@yahoo.com. He deals with Rodents, Inspections, Wildlife, Termites etc. He worked for a national company for over 30 years before becoming a solo operator. You would not regret hiring him. Gita gsvh@me.com February 2019

PET SERVICES - (arranged by type of service)

CAT SITTER - We used to use Tails of the City for cat sitting. Very reliable, bonded, and flexible. 202 261-6615 or www.tailsofthecitydc.com squasher@starpower.net June 2019

DOG WALKER - I'm not sure she has capacity for more doggies but, Juliana Megyer is wonderful . 703-850-7753 Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com June 2019

DOG WALKER - I use Chris at FidoGroup 202-851-2683. Kathleen Conley kathleenconley220@yahoo.com June 2019

DOG WALKER - Call Mike ! He worked with a neighbor's dog on Alton and I saw him daily.. super nice guy -(202) 341-9197. Jocelyn palmjzarr@aol.com June 2019

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

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, and 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 go to go through more procedures. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com June 2015

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS -

The Arthritis and Rehabilitation Therapy Services associated with the medical group Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates (ARA) treated me for shoulder pain this past winter and did an excellent job. Shoulder problem is totally gone. You must be referred to physical therapy services by one of the doctors in the medical group which has offices and therapy programs at several locations in the DC area. I have been a patient of one of the doctors in the group for a number of years and used the physical therapy location at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue in the Barlow Building in Chevy Chase. They have successfully treated other problems for me over the years. The telephone number for medical appointments for all locations is 301-942-7600. Telephone number for physical therapy at the Chevy Chase location is 240-482-3680. Kay Springwater kayspringwater@gmail.com 2015

Inspired by someone who had the good idea of compiling a list of the recommendations he (or she) received, here I am with my list of PT recs, hoping it'll be useful. Am just passing on the info, nothing to add yet. Malika Maclouf malikamac@yahoo.fr September 2015

· **Body works PT**, Laura probert <http://lauraprobort.com>

· I can strongly recommend **Rose Physical Therapy** located downtown near Farragut North metro stop. They take insurance. <http://rosept.com>

· **Chris Cousins at DC Physio.** Did a great job on my broken upper arm.

<http://www.physiodc.com>

· I have had great success with lots of my patients at the **National Rehabilitation Network** across the street from Saks. 5530 Wisconsin ave.

<http://www.medstarnrh.org/our-network/locations/friendship-heights/#q={ }>

· For back pain? **Art Sansone.** Dupont circle. <http://www.artsansonept.com>

· **Summit PT** in Friendship Heights. Great in working with Medicare limitations.

When I had my knee replaced, I thought they were very good and they run a tight ship, meaning they keep to a schedule. The clients are much older, mostly post op, but if you go in the afternoon, then there a mix of ages. One of my clients who had double knee replacement went there pre-op and recovered very quickly. He is not doing his post op PT, There is parking in the building, crazy in the am, but better in the afternoon. [301 654-5600](tel:3016545600) suite 1650, 5530 Wisconsin. You need to book ahead 2-3 weeks in you need PT for several weeks.

· I rehabbed a serious knee surgery with **Haim Hechtman and Louise Kelley at Point Performance Therapy** in Bethesda (Goldsboro Road near River). They're outstanding. <http://www.pointperformance.com/contact/>

· I had a very good experience with **Susan Guardado of VSG Physical Therapy.** At Friendship Heights and in my insurance. www.vsgpt.com.

· I would recommend **Kibbe and Terle** (<http://www.kibbeyandterle.com>) and **Restore Motion** <http://www.restoremotion.com>

· I highly recommend **Terry Sneed and her team at Elite Physical Therapy** in Georgetown

And : **Dr. Karen Bonney of Elite Physical Therapy.** She specializes in a wide range of therapeutic practices including dry needling <http://www.eliteptandwellness.com/>

· **Physiotherapy Associates** on New Mexico in the medical building next to Chef Geoff's. Brilliant and very good at fitting people in quickly.

<http://myphysio.com>

· **Jeff Robinson at Core Physical Therapy** for chronic neck pain. He's excellent! Core's # is [202/659-2673](tel:2026592673).

· **Holly at Smart Therapy in DC** is fabulous!!!!

<http://www.wosm.com/smartherapy/>

· I'd add an enthusiastic recommendation for **Got Your Back Chiropractic** at <http://gotyourbackchiropractic.com> In the neighborhood at 4900 Massachusetts, Dr. Justin Klein has a holistic approach that includes PT, chiropractic, and a range of other wellness methods. My orthopedic surgeon recommended surgery for my neck problems – thanks to Dr. Klein and his team I'm pain free.

FOR KIDS ONLY

· I would highly recommend Terryll Rosenberg at Sensational Kids Therapy – she can be reached at terryll_rosenberg@hotmail.com . We have been with her for 3 years and she has positively changed our lives forever!

And, to conclude, a deterrent :

· Terry Sneed's accounting practices leave much to be desired. For months, they billed me for stuff I did not purchase. Finally they refunded the \$75 they actually owed me, She uses STET and heat and ice that have little therapeutic value. However, her clients are much younger and healthier than those at Sibley or Summit. Although she just moved, the exercise room is a little small.

PICTURE FRAMERS/RESTORERS -

Dodge-Chrome can do digital restoration of an old and damaged photograph, but they don't repair the original photograph. This is what conservators do. I was a conservator of paper artifacts and photographs before retirement from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History—I would never undertake this sort of work at home without the proper tools and facilities, so no, I'm not

fishing for a job. Conservation would involve cleaning the original photograph, removing stains caused by glue or adhesive tape, mending tears and cracks, and putting it into a safe, acid-free enclosure. I've corresponded with the owner of this family treasure, offered to look at the photograph, and to put her in touch with some of my conservation colleagues who would be able to help her. After we've conferred, she might decide that Dodge-Chrome's services are all she needs.

Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net December 2018

I've had great experience with Picasso Gallery on Wisconsin. The owner is a really nice guy and in my opinion has an excellent eye. He is happy to show lower-price options if you ask. Beautiful framing can be really expensive (and is usually worth it!) Ketura Persellin ketura@joyfulcloset.com April 2016

I don't usually rag on small businesses, but I had two pretty bad experiences (one through a Groupon) at the small shop next to Ace Hardware - I also didn't especially care for their inventory. In contrast, I agree the owner of Picasso is excellent. I vaguely recall he did conservation work at the Smithsonian - great eye and meticulous. Framers Workshop can be fun if you want to save a few dollars and do a portion of the framing, yourself. It's all ridiculously expensive unless you go to Michaels or online. Worth it, I guess. Good luck! Pamela Garlick pamelagarlick@gmail.com April 2016

I had a good experience with Plaza Artist Materials & Picture Framing in Bethesda on a huge oil canvas I needed framed. They did an amazing job and were good to deal with. I found them on Groupon (they often have great deals on Groupon, so check that out first). I confirmed they were worth a shot based on the reviews I read about them on Yelp. They also have a location downtown around Dupont Circle I think (I have not been to that one). The Bethesda location has free parking. I will definitely use them again; hopefully with a Groupon. Yes, framing is really expensive. I sympathize. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com April 2016

Another big thumbs up for Picasso Gallery and Abdi Poozesh. lipkirk@hotmail.com April 2016

My own experience with Framer's Workroom over the years has been excellent. Professional, knowledgeable, pleasant people - all. They will do good work and you can save some of the cost by doing a good part of the work yourself as well as having the pleasure of the moment. However, to save money on my large size wood

frames (18 x24 frame for 12x18 photograph, with mat and non-reflecting glass), I've used the online outfit www.arttoframe.com with great success. I'm quite pleased with the workmanship and efficiency. Shipping is from Brooklyn and is reasonable, the package being well packed. They too are quite helpful on the telephone if you have questions or need assurances. Good luck. Ron Springwater rkspringwater@starpower.net April 2016

I went to the Framer's Workshop on Wisconsin Ave. The frame project would have cost me \$425. Then I tried Frame Workshop in Rockville: 1044 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 468-9500. The same job was \$235. I prefer to support my community that much of a difference was unreasonable. The Frame Workshop did a great job. A. Novak anovak39@yahoo.com April 2016

I have been using Framers Workroom for many years. Thomas, the manager, is just the nicest person. They are well aware of conservation practices and don't use cheap acidic materials that will ruin your artwork. I'm a professional artist, former paper conservator at the Museum of American History, so this is really important to me. Whenever I finish a new piece, I have them cut the mat, the ultraviolet-filtering glass (to prevent the art from fading), and the pieces of

frame stock. They call me when my order is ready and I pick it up and assemble the frame on my big worktable at home. Most people do the assembling at the shop with help from the staff. Yes, framing is expensive, even when you do it yourself, but that's the way it is everywhere. Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net April 2016

Picasso is my only choice for framing. The owner has a superb eye for color as well for frame and matt color combinations. He is quiet thoughtful person. The shop has wonderful selection of frames. When I see my finished framing projects, I always marvel at the results. Framing is expensive in this city. Real estate and inventory are a large part of a frame owner's cost. I also perceive that framing quality, in large part, is in the eye of the beholder. Ann Eichenberger aeichenberger@gmail.com April 2016

I also have used the Framers Workroom for many years and have been very happy with their services. The reason professional framing is expensive is because good framing is time-consuming. I have tried doing my own framing, and every step is difficult, from getting a picture centered in the mat, getting the corners of the frame to be at perfect right angles, getting the glass perfectly clean and streak-free, and getting all the dust specks off the glass, mat, and picture before closing up the frame; it can take at least an hour, often more. Conservation-grade materials also are expensive. Plus, you are getting the benefit of professional framers' training and expertise. Jo Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com April 2016

Picasso Gallery is the best and I have used them for many years. Aijacelbl@aol.com April 2016

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 -

Wilber Lopez is great: 240-361-8582. He was just at our house Friday. Please let him know I referred you. Deborah Raviv draviv363@gmail.com September 2019

We have used the services of John Taylor for quite a few years. He is skilled, totally trustworthy and a delight. We highly recommend him. 240 472-2121. Claudia Taubman cltaubman1@gmail.com April 2019

I second John Taylor for plumbing 240-472-2121. He has done several good jobs for us over the years. Highly dependable, saved us some money. Lyn Taecker lyntaecker@gmail.com April 2019

Mike Rich - good & nice guy. (301) 509-2776 . C. Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com June 2019

We have used Nicholson Plumbing for years and for projects big and small. They are great. 301-649-4193. Ali Whitmer aliwhitmer@yahoo.com June 2019

The owner and his employee are both master plumbers -- and masterful at the work of diagnosing and repairing. I have successfully used them (both, at 2 different times each, once together for a larger job) found them in Checkbook's listing, where they seemed to be the highest local group for quality of service, but not checked there for pricing. However, my experience has shown them to be honest and honorable with their charges being more than fair, not that high in cost partly because of their honesty and trustworthiness, and their efficiency -- and also experience which makes them so knowledgeable, therefore able and quick to do the work. They do this with care, great neatness, obvious skill. While I do not have a contract with them -- don't think they offer this -- they do understand priority, have always responded promptly, were here almost immediately at a late hour for a semi-emergency. I recently met a woman who said she knew of the company as I began boasting of my luck at finding them; she had used them twice in the past, and had the same true regard for them, praising their competence and work. The company is **George the Plumber**. Owner is **Mike Xeron**, a very caring person, son of the company's founder, other master plumber is **James**. Phone number is: **301-681-8527**. See the website for more information. Elaine Greenstone ehgreenstone@aol.com July 2018

I've employed a number of plumbers over the years, and BY FAR, the very, very best ever is Ronan Arronovitch, who is employed by COOL-BREEZE in Kensington (and may well be a partner in the firm or a co-owner.) They do a full line of HVAC* work, and Ronan is, I suspect their main guy for plumbing. If you do hire him on, kindly tell him I recommended him. I've used him for semi-major jobs of work and a number of lesser ones, all superbly carried out. For an annual checking of our [gas] furnace] they sent another fellow who, was equally competent. Robert Vogel toolduller@rcn.com June 2018

I strongly recommend John Taylor. 240-472-2121. He's my go-to guy whenever

anything goes wrong. Very reasonable. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com June 2018

I've used Spadaro and recommend them . Their work has held up, and they have been more than fair in their estimates and in sticking to their estimates. Nice guys too! Alice Thurston alialibus@yahoo.com March 2018

Mike Rich (301) 509-2776. Works independently. Nice guy. C. Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com February 2018

Find COOL-BREEZE in the classifieds (in Kensington, MoCo), and ask for Ronan Aronski They also can & do air conditioners, furnaces (but not Ronan)—a SUPERB plumber [tell him I sent you]I Robert Vogel toolduller@rcn.com February 2018

John Taylor just completed some work for us. He removed two old water heaters and replaced them with one. The project also involved extensive pipe work. He has done other work for us in the past. He is skilled, thorough, and extremely reasonable. And on top of that, he's a fine gentleman with whom you can have some interesting conversations. We HIGHLY recommend him. 240 472-2121. Claudia Taubman cltaubman1@gmail.com January 2018

John Taylor is the best plumber we have ever used. He can be pokey in getting back to you, only because so many people call him. He has solved several difficult problems we've encountered in our 1937 house. He is a gem. Cathy Hotka cathyhotka@yahoo.com July 2018

PODIATRISTS -

I just went to dr. Erika Schwartz in friendship heights and thought she was quite good. Took time with me and clearly discussed my options. Victoria Ruttenberg vrutten@aol.com March 2019

Steven Kominsky, Mid-Atlantic Podiatry on Mass Ave in Spring Valley. (202) 362-2883. Has been great for simple things like orthotics as well as complex problems. Is a surgeon as well. Lance Potter lancemail@gmail.com March 2019

POWER-WASHING & DECK CLEANING -

We just got our deck and fence done this week - power-washing, painting deck, staining fence (and minor fence repairs). Good and efficient. Gan Construction - Gilberto - 703-296-5167. Parsa Sanjana parsa.sanjana@gmail.com May 2018

If you need to have your patio, deck, siding, outside lawn furniture, etc. power washed, consider using Tim Demaree, Bethesda Power Washing. Tim and his team power washed our backyard stone patio and furniture and did a terrific job! He was neat, efficient, professional, responsible and reasonably priced. Tim can be reached at: tim@bpwservices.com or (301) 332-1309. Jill Palmer jill.palmer@ngc.com June 2017

Old Dominion Cleaning annually power-washes my brick patio, walkways and steps and does a terrific job. It looks like new when they're done. Their phone number is 703-569-2000. Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com July 2017

ROOFERS -

Jack's Roofing is excellent! Susanne Koffsky susannekoffsky@gmail.com October 2019

We were very pleased with Rimel Roofers, who installed our slate roof. 301-330-6995. Farleigh Earhart farleighearhart@yahoo.com October 2019

For roofing, we have had good luck with Darryl Hawthorne at extremeroof@comcast.net. We have a slate roof and he has maintained it very well. Judith Ingram jingram6@gmail.com April 2019

Jack's Roofing is very good. For years, they repaired our slate roof and eventually replaced it with a shingle roof. They do good work. We were very pleased with the replacement when it was finally necessary. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com April 2019

I will second Jack's....great work and a responsive. Pat Davis pat77davis@verizon.net April 2019

Jack's roofing also made repairs to my slate roof two years ago and I was very happy with their work. Liz Mohre Lmohre.fbg@verizon.net April 2019

We also have used Jack's Roofing and highly recommend them.. Our roof is asphalt though, not slate. Dona Lenkin dona-lenkin@hotmail.com April 2019

For roofing, we have had good luck with Darryl Hawthorne at extremeroof@comcast.net. We have a slate roof and he has maintained it very well. Judith Ingram jingram6@gmail.com April 2019

I must jump in to say that we have also used Daryl Hawthorne to fix our roof and it was without question the poorest and most amateur job we have ever had done on our house in 27 years of living here. I am just warning you. John Josephs john.natali@verizon.net April 2019

We had a great experience with The McGraw Brothers for a roof repair. You can call Lewis McGraw at 301-370-7064. They did a wonderful job earlier than expected and at the price quoted. Liz Scheier liz.scheier@gmail.com October 2018

We had good luck with Jack's Roofing over the years - 301-585-4985. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com August 2018

We like Jack's . Leslie Marinaccio lmarinaccio@yahoo.com August 2018

I'm passing along this message from my Alton Place neighbor, Anne Jarman, who doesn't "do" listserves. A recent storm blew some shingles off of her roof. She used Mike Brown, (meb0506@yahoo.com, 240-372-9574) and reports that "they came quickly, gave me a low price, did a good job and cleaned up the mess from the roof. I am very pleased." Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net April 2018

If you need help with roofing & gutter repair Jorge Yanes is available. He is good and very reliable. [301-628-7444](tel:301-628-7444) Anna Kessler anna.kessler@verizon.net March 2018

SECURITY SERVICES -

Call Urban Alarm. The owner, Miles Fawcett, lives in CP. I much prefer them to the big impersonal companies. I carefully interviewed and got prices from 3 or 4 companies when we put in this system. We had a diff system that came with the house, and it was a bad experience. I've found Urban Alarm to be responsive. The system works well. We have monitoring. Feel free to tell them I sent you. Cindy Snyder cindysnyder123@gmail.com July 2015

I have had Urban Alarm since early 2010 and have been very satisfied. It is a local company and the owner lives in AU Park. Joan Silver silverjoan@yahoo.com July 2015

I've had ADT for years and have been satisfied with them. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com December 2015

We have ADT. A few glitches along the way but the service people come to look after it. Jo Bradley jo.m.bradley@gmail.com December 2015

We use Astech Security. We had a good experience with installation and continue to do so. Steven Gross gross.steven@gmail.com December 2015

We have had ADT for ten years. A couple of years ago, there was a problem - the alarm kept going off in the middle of the night. It took them several visits to diagnose the problem and fix it. Suffice it to say, it is stressful to be woken up by the house alarm several nights in a row. I had considered changing the security system but finally they fixed the problem. Neela Ranade neela_ranade@msn.com December 2015

SHOE & LEATHER REPAIR -

I had a leather jacket repaired at the shoe repair place on Northampton street and they did a nice job. Victoria Ruttenberg vrutten@aol.com March 2019

You might try the shoe repair place on Northampton Street, just south of Chevy Chase Circle. I know he repairs leather bags as well as shoes and does lovely work. He will tell you whether or not he can repair it. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com March 2019

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)

Diana April 2014

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 -

Four Feet to the Yard, in Silver Spring, 301-589-0899. They do good work and are very reliable. Their snow shoveling is rather pricey--about \$70 per treatment. Joanne Levine joannelevine202@gmail.com March 2019

Try Sunrise Landscape Corp., 301-877-4001. They did a good job shoveling out several neighbors' cars. Joanne Levine joannelevine@earthlink.net January 2016

We live at 48th and Ellicott. Our lawn crew does snow shoveling for several homes on our block. They arrive early as soon as snow stops and are very reliable. Field of Dreams is the company. Contact Norbert - norbert@fieldofdreamsl.com . Best, Ingrid Smith sweetpea7711238@yahoo.com January 2016

I love Anthony whose number is 202.531.3658. He always goes the extra mile and is very strong, dedicated and hard working. No matter how bad the conditions, he gets to my house (Tenleytown) as soon as he can. Best, Carol Thompson January 2016

I have a super snow shoveler for \$40 an hour with a minimum of one hour (\$40). His name is Quentin Johnson and his number is 404 326-1240. He lives on 45th at Chesapeake Street. He's available all day Sunday. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com January 2016

Rene Hernandez has done a lot of work for us- both yard work and handyman jobs and is now ready for the snow. He is a very reliable and friendly person. 240 498-2594. Claudia Taubman cltaubman1@gmail.com January 2016

SOLAR PANELS -

If you're interested in solar panels mounted on a slate roof contact Bryan Cochran Inside Sales Representative- NE, Direct: 925-478-8837, Cell: 925-348-0449, Quick Mount PV, www.quickmountpv.com . They know companies that do the installation. I let solar panels install on my slate roof by Green Brilliance but this company is nightmare and I can only suggest to not work with them. Heike Lingertat hlingertat@gmail.com December 2019

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 estimate 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 -

The seamstress at Zips on Connecticut does a good job. Cathy Hotka
cathy@cathyhotka.com December 2019

Have you tried Louice Custom Tailors (202-803-2915) on Fessenden Street? They used to be on Wisconsin, near Matisse but moved around the corner in the same block as Peets A Pizza. Kay Springwater kayspringwater@gmail.com December 2019

The cleaners next to York Florist, at Wisconsin and Fessenden. aijacebl@aol.com
December 2019

The woman who does alterations at President Valet II (Wisconsin between Ellicott and Davenport) is fantastic. Shari Pfleeger shari@pfleeger.com December 2019

Try dry cleaner next to Citibank on Wisconsin. They have done nice such work for us. Sarah Horsey sarahrhorse@gmail.com December 2019

Go see Theresa Campanaro at 4444 Connecticut Ave. The entrance is actually on Albemarle St through the barbershop. (Her husband Tony is the barber and her shop is through his.) She does great work and is much cheaper than any other tailor around. We've brought everything from pants, to coats with broken zippers to prom dresses to her to fix. I've used her for years and never had anything but a wonderful experience. Sherry Cohen sherryacohen@gmail.com December 2019

Teresa Camponero, [\(202\) 244-8669](tel:(202)244-8669), in Tony's Barbershop at the corner of Albemarle and Connecticut (on Albemarle). She's terrific and very reasonable. Lois Schiffer loisschiffer@msn.com November 2017

I also highly recommend Teresa. She does great work at half the rate of most of the tailors in the dry cleaners around here. Sherry Cohen sherryacohen@gmail.com November 2017

There is a tailor next to Pete's pizza. The couple of things I have brought in he has done a nice job with. Heather heathernatyr@gmail.com September 2015

John at Kenwood Tailors on Westbard is the best. Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com September 2015

TAXIS -

Have you thought of Uber? It has worked great for us. Neela Ranade neela_ranade@msn.com October 2015

Uber is the only way I travel when I need a driver! Marcello mmuzzatti@aol.com October 2015

We always call Red Top Cab (<http://redtopcab.com/>) to take us to National Airport. They don't do destinations in DC. I don't know if they'll take you to Alexandria, but you can try them. On the occasions when our car has been non-operational and we've needed a cab to come to our house and take us to an event in DC, we've tried Yellow and Checker and they come very late or not at all. Carolyn Long carolynlong@earthlink.net October 2015

I highly recommend Mr. Ronald Reed who is the owner-operator of his own taxi. The vehicle is spotless and he is engaging and quite the gentleman. We once exchanged life stories in a ride to an airport. While I have never had him wait for several hours for me, I suspect he will be open to the suggestion. I keep his business card on my refrigerator. He aims to please. Give him a call. Mr. Reed. 301 775-7802. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com October 2015

I strongly recommend Allsaints McCauley who owns AllSaints Cab. We have used him for several years now and he is extremely reliable. His cab is clean. He does not drive fast :-). Is always in a contagiously good mood. Allsaints can be reached by phone or text at (240) 381-5024. Catherine_vial@yahoo.com October 2015

I've been using Diamond cabs my whole life, and my parents before me, but I rarely use cabs these days. The wonderful thing about Diamond is that you can reserve a cab in advance IF you are going to a point of departure--airport, railroad

station, and, I imagine, bus station --or a medical facility. The cost to Dulles has decreased since cabs went to meters, and if you will be away more than a few days is very cost effective compared to the long term parking lot. I then take the shuttle home, when time isn't of the essence. Harriet Dwinell hdwinell@aol.com October 2015

I too am a huge Diamond Cab fan. Always very quick on arriving, drivers actually know where they are going and know very quick routes, always courteous and pleasant and I love the dispatch lady. I use cabs frequently and this company is my top choice. Deb debmorris3@aol.com October 2015

I have relied on Red Top over the past 20 years for service to Dulles and National. They have never failed to appear on time or, more often, ahead of schedule. They also offer car/limo service in two or three categories, the lowest of which is only marginally more expensive than a taxi and apparently is not bound by the same restrictions as VA taxis operating in DC (e.g. they can make a second stop in DC on the way to the airport). Michael Calingaert mcalingaert@brookings.edu October 2015

TAX PREPARERS -

Beth Modiano is great! Her office is at the shops at Sumner,, 4701 Sangamore Road, Suite S245. 301-320-2500. Used to be Shields and Modiano, but Jeff Shields is retiring. Ann Ingram anningram@mac.com January 2017

Second the recommendation! We have been going to Shields (retiring) & Modiano for YEARS & they are great. Kate McLynn kd.mclynn@gmail.com January 2017

We use Harvey Reich who is really great - we have very complex taxes and he handles it no problem. He's also great for advice. He can be reached at paul-cpa@erols.com. Ross Filice rwfilice@gmail.com February 2016

TILE WORK -

Ruben Cabrera - [202-868-7668](tel:202-868-7668) - is an excellent all-around person for this type of thing. He has done work for our family for years now. Trustworthy individual. Please tell him I referred you! Peter Gronvall pbgronvall@gmail.com August 2017

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 -

Adirondack did a great job for us. Removed 100 foot+ tree for us. Virginia Howard
November 2019

You might try contacting Nathan Camp at 202 656-4062. His website is
gardenappeal.net. He used to work at the arboretum, and tree trimming is just one
of the things he does. Shari Pfleeger shari@pfleeger.com November 2019

Shifflett Tree Service 301-948-5554 was recommended to me by Barbara Balman
(barbarambalman@gmail.com) who has her own landscaping business. I used them
several years ago and then again just recently. They do a great job and are quite
reasonable. It's a family run operation and the member who gave me an estimate
talked me out of doing something, even though it would have meant greater profit
for them,. Really professional. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com October 2018

I highly recommend Branches Trees. They have done an excellent job for me in the
past and in the wake of the recent storm, which toppled two enormous pine trees in
my yard. Martha Hamilton marthalhamilton@yahoo.com March 2018

If you are looking for a certified arborist and not just a ' tree guy' I highly
recommend Northern Woods in VA. Bob Blakely owns the business (and as an aside his
daughters are the Fabulous Pie Sisters bakery in Georgetown) and has highly
trained staff including climbers, lots of equipment including cherry pickers. We
have used them a number of times and they are highly qualified. None of the
arborists come cheap as their risks are great, training is extensive and insurance
is sky high. Barbara Dinsmore barbaradinsmore@msn.com July 2017

UPHOLSTERERS -

Trust Upholstery in Rockville. 301-231-8770. Courteous, efficient, meticulous
work, excellent pricing. Our dining room chairs look new again - and for
considerably less than other places were charging. Ask for Jake - please tell him
I sent you. Blondie Akgulian May 2019

Spicer's Upholstery - Furniture Upholstery and Wood Repair in Alexandria,
Virginia.-- Recommended to me by an interior designer years ago (after I had a
disaster experience with 4 antique chairs at a place in North Bethesda/Rockville)
and I have been very happy with their work. It is a bit of a drive from AU Park
but I would go to them before any other closer place. Susan svial1111@yahoo.com
May 2019

We were pleased with the work of Yi's in Rockville: <http://www.yisinterior.com/>.
Lois Frankel hartfran@yahoo.com May 2019

Potter Upholstery has done excellent work for me and some friends.
<http://www.potterupholstering.com/about.html>. Sondra Mills slmills523@gmail.com
May 2019

I've used Yi's Upholstery in Rockville for this.. They did a very good job, but
may be more expensive than some other options. Jean Bolan bolanjc@yahoo.com
November 2018

UPHOLSTERY CLEANING -

We have had this person clean upholstery and carpets for us several times and have
been very satisfied with the work: Quality Pro 240-372-7477. Jeffrey Drobis

jeffdrobis@gmail.com December 2015

We recently used Heaven's Best (202-882-1888), which was recommended on the service provider list. We planned to clean and donate a modular sofa that we thought was beyond hope. The sofa was cleaned so well, we decided to keep it. Laura St. Martin watsaint@gmail.com December 2015

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 -

There could be many causes of leaks as has been stated on the list. But for your peace of mind I advise you to call Peter Glaser who lives in the neighborhood. He's a small contractor who has been doing basement waterproofing and renovation for decades here and is an honest tradesman. He knows the ins and outs of water seepage as well as anyone, and if it is a simple matter to handle he'll tell you. You can reach him directly at 202-446-3833 or using email atpeterglaser@msn.com. skoplo@yahoo.com August 2018

We used an outfit called Shorb Landscaping to re-grade our yard - contact there is Todd Kellner, phone 301-897-3503, and it seemed to do the trick. However, in addition to re-grading, I had them dig out the entire foundation and coat it with a tar-like substance and then cover that with parge. With the labor involved, this was VERY expensive. Good luck! Jim Todd ejtournesol@verizon.net July 2018

I can highly recommend John Bryant, at Aquaguard Waterproofing. He is the best at what he does and truly cares about providing his clients with a solution, not just a "fix". 443-244-2795, jbryant@aquaguardwaterproofing.com, <https://aquaguardwaterproofing.com/>. John is also a National Director, with the Basement Health Association. <https://basementhealth.org/about/bha-leadership/>. Chris Dietz chris@dietzdevelopment.com July 2018

I second Aquaguard.. They are great. Anna Kessler anna.kessler@verizon.net July 2018

J&G landscaping. I had to put in French drain outside a few years ago. Not cheap but worked. If you do drain make sure you use an experienced contractor. Re-grading & directing downspouts away from house help. C. Kemper kemperc47@gmail.com July 2018

Please give a shout-out to Turf Center Lawns and especially to Mr. William Patton, Sr. at 301 384-9300. He, especially, is genius at figuring out drainage issues and correcting them. Mention your specific problem to save time but I'm quite sure they can take care of underground downspout extensions for you. He is also very good at determining the least costly solution. Linda Hughes hugs4linda@gmail.com July 2018

A contractor to avoid: J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya. We were looking for a contractor to redo a basement apartment. The project included two distinct

component—the first dealing with the walls and ceiling and the second dealing with the floors. We contacted J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya and received a bid for the first component. When J&K Waterproofing /Oscar Anaya came to visit the basement no measurement were taken and no effort was made to look under the existing ceiling to assess the extent of the work to be done. We received a bid that appeared reasonable but was a lump sum without any detail, particularly a breakdown of the various jobs to be performed or their cost.. Shortly after work began J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya started to ask for cost increases on the grounds that work not included in the bid had to be performed. This occurred several time. By the time work was completed the total cost was 60% over the original bid! We asked J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya to provide us with a bid for the second component. There too we received a bid that was basically a lump sum without a breakdown of the various jobs to be performed and their cost estimate. We requested J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya to provide us with the details of the bid, including a list of jobs to be performed and their respective cost. J&K Waterproofing/Oscar Anaya refused to provide a detailed cost estimate. We then contacted another contractor who did provide us with a detailed cost estimate. That contractor did the work to our full satisfaction without asking for any cost increase. In fact that contractor did some additional work without charging us. Xavier Legrain xlegrain@hotmail.com February 2018

WINDOW REPAIR & REPLACEMENT -

Blaine's Windows will come to your house and do repairs. They aren't cheap but they can do the job. 301-933-1310. You might also contact a handyman like Mike Hotka. This sounds like a job that he could do. You can reach him at: mikehotka@gmail.com. Kathy Smith kathysindc@gmail.com October 2019

I used American Energy Masters in College Park, Maryland to replace windows in my 1930's house. Competitive prices and excellent service. Company did the work in Sept. 2016 and no problems to date. AEM offered various products. I chose Pella. Judy Clear j.clear@starpower.net April 2019

I had my 1926 windows replaced by Anderson Renewal in '04 and have been very pleased with the quality and performance. Dvater4527@aol.com April 2019

We used Thompson and Creek. Good job. Patty Ortega anortega@yahoo.com April 2019

We were very happy with Thompson Creek. Our house had its original 1940s window and they were able to remove and replace 28 windows in one day. Second day devoted to minor touch ups and cleanup. I am happy to talk to anyone contemplating this renovation. 202-997-6007 Virginia Howard Virginia.howard@ymail.com April 2019

For Windows, we recommend Unicorp Home Energy Services. We used them about 8 years ago to replace all our windows. They were professional, prompt and cleaned up after the day of work. They provided free estimates. Unicorp Home Energy Services, 4511 Knox Road, Suite 202, College Park, MD 20740. T: (301) 779 - 0900. Sheila Bruch sheilabruch@yahoo.com April 2019

Ditto on Thompson Creek. Surprisingly good and affordable. Tony Bullock tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com April 2019

Have you considered restoring your current windows? A friend of mine has a business called Mozer Works that does that: <http://windowrestoration.us/>. His

small workshop with their well-organized restoration process is very interesting and preserving old windows can be a good thing. And they get really great reviews—I've talked to a couple people who've done it. The process is a little slower than the standard remove and replace, but the end product looks great. If you do decide to go ahead and replace, and have very old (at least pre-1940), you may want to give them a call to see if they're interested in recycling your old windows. Julie Bloecher jbloecher@verizon.net April 2019

We just replaced a bunch of windows using Unicorp Home Energy Services -- their work was very good, as was the window they sold us. Mike Madden mikemaddendc@gmail.com September 2018

Window Wells - We used this company and love these. <https://redi-exit.com/product-category/custom-wells-and-covers/>. Marie Duellman mcreevers@gmail.com April 2018

My go to person for broken sashes and window repair is Colonel Josh Services, LLC <http://www.cjsllc.org/> 202-631-3376. He comes; he fixes your sashes and window problem and hopefully you'll never need him again. It's been about 10 years now for us and they still work. (I can't say that about the first person we hired to fix the sashes!) Sarah Morse morsekathan@gmail.com April 2018

WINDOW WASHERS -

I use Luis Cardy of Dr. Glass / Tenley ((703) 677-7738). He just came last week with his small crew to clean both old and new windows and did an excellent job. His crew has been with him for a number of years, and they are very professional. I highly recommend him. Julie juliemack1@verizon.net June 2019

Capon Cleaning did a great job for me at a good price - and were lovely to deal with. <https://www.caponcleaning.com/>. Joan Silver silverjoan@yahoo.com June 2019

We were very happy with I & J Services 301 933-2598. We have old-style storm windows with screens. Kathryn Ray KCRDLB@gmail.com March 2019

I've used Old Dominion Cleaning for many years. They do an excellent job and they're punctual. 703-569-2000 Janet Bachman jbachman47@gmail.com February 2019