

## January 2016 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](mailto: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](mailto:Laura.garces@verizon.net) February 2014

I can highly recommend Sung Hong (at Wisconsin Ave), phone 240 478 2624. Heike Lingertat [hlingertat@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:neela_ranade@msn.com) February 2014

## APPLIANCE REPAIRS -

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

In the past we've had our Bosch dishwasher repaired by Bagi of American Appliances - 571-502-8888 or 202-276-5782. Have been quite satisfied with his work. Ron Springwater [rkspringwater@starpower.net](mailto:rkspringwater@starpower.net) July 2015

I've had excellent response from Appliance Builders Wholesale in Silver Spring - (301)589-1445 - they've serviced my Bosch dishwasher more than I care to say. Danielle Cook [dnavidi@mac.com](mailto:dnavidi@mac.com) July 2015

## AUTO BODY REPAIR -

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

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

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

For bodywork, I'd strongly recommend Modern Body Shop also in Kensington. We've been there three times and no one puts anything over the owners. 3844 Dupont Ave

Kensington, MD (301) 946-8026. I know getting to Kensington is a pain but we've found it worthwhile. John Kelly [lasjkelly@gmail.com](mailto:lasjkelly@gmail.com) April 2015

Auto Glass - We recently had our cracked car windshield replaced by Professional Auto Glass ([240-696-7951](tel:240-696-7951)). They came to the house, on time, were very polite on the telephone, and did an excellent job. The work is guaranteed for life. They charged half as much as the quote I got from Safelite (only \$167.50 compared to \$322.00 from Safelite). Because someone recently posted on this listserv ISO an auto glass repair/replacement place, I wanted to pass this recommendation along. Deborah Raviv [draviv363@gmail.com](mailto:draviv363@gmail.com) June 2015

## **AUTO MECHANICS -**

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

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

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

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

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

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

I can't say enough about Bethesda Collision for auto repair work. I think that

I'm a pretty good mechanic and can work on my own cars but when it comes to the big stuff I have had them do the work and they are good and the price is reasonable. They are located on River Road behind the McDonalds. Marcello [Mmuzzatti@aol.com](mailto:Mmuzzatti@aol.com) June 2015

I've had good results with the single tire repair problem at the gas station on Wisconsin and Ellicott. Ron Springwater [rkspringwater@starpower.net](mailto:rkspringwater@starpower.net) July 2015

A few years ago I had a slow tire leak. I took my car to the Exxon station in Spring Valley (Mass Ave.) and they diagnosed it as coming from where the tire touches the rim. They removed the tire from the rim, cleaned things and put them back together. Said probably caused by road salt. Don't remember the cost, but I considered it to be reasonable, unlike the price of gas at that station. John Wheeler [johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) July 2015

### **BABYSITTERS & NANNIES -**

I highly recommend Sonia Alvarez as a nanny and housekeeper. We have known Sonia for some 17 years now, she worked with us for 8 years until we moved overseas, and we have kept in close touch. She has since worked with families we know well, and now their kids are older too. She is wonderful loving caring and a no-screen time type of baby-sitter who gets kids out and into playgrounds, and kept our house in immaculate shape. She really enjoys working in the AU Park neighborhood so am posting this on her behalf. Please contact her directly on 240-432-3238. Mohini Malhotra [mohinimalhotra@gmail.com](mailto:mohinimalhotra@gmail.com) July 2015

Our fabulous babysitter, Carol, is now available 4 or 5 days a week and is flexible. Carol has been with us for over 8 years, and she is like a member of our family. Our kids are older now, so we don't need her as often. She is smart, honest, reliable, fun-loving and very hard-working. She is legal, does not smoke, nor does she drive, so she will need to have access to the metro or bus stop (preferably near Tenley, Cleveland Park, Chevy Chase, or U Street area). Carol is fabulous with babies and small children. She also does light housekeeping and very proactive with things around the house. Her number is 202-498-1949. [SMBennett2@aol.com](mailto:SMBennett2@aol.com) December 2015

### **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](mailto:DULANER1@WESTAT.com) 2005

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

### **CARPENTERS -**

Mike Mackison, 301-204-1056, is a great carpenter. Randy Hill  
[cicada17@starpower.net](mailto:cicada17@starpower.net) June 2014

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

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

I recommend Fill Burriss, and/or his brother Tom Burriss, 301-343-6303. They have done carpentry, painting, and various repairs, large and small, around our house. We turn to them first, before anybody else. Susan Beale [111bygate@gmail.com](mailto:111bygate@gmail.com)  
July 2015

Architectural Woodworking: Mr. Brian Neville is an experienced (43 years) woodworking professional who has done several jobs (small and large) for me in Tenleytown. He works alone and is seeking to develop a "word of mouth" base of projects in DC. He has worked for various large construction companies in DC over the years and even done work for the recently completed German Embassy expansion. He has a portfolio of tasks which include staircases and built-in bookshelves and even custom repairs of time damaged exterior wooden trim pieces. He can be contacted via phone at [\(619\) 665-1317](tel:(619)665-1317) and has references available upon request.  
Rich Huang November 2015

#### **CARPET/RUG CLEANERS & INSTALLERS -**

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

#### **CATERERS -**

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

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

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

#### **CERAMICS REPAIR -**

I highly recommend Nonomura Studios on Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park. I have taken two antique pieces there - they are real experts, very expensive, but

worth every penny. They also verbally appraised my pieces and were eager to discuss them. Barbara Dinsmore [barbaradinsmore@msn.com](mailto:barbaradinsmore@msn.com) January 2009

I recommend Prof. Turker Ozdogan. Please call him at 703-289-2469. Pat Talmon [Patrick.talmon@verizon.net](mailto:Patrick.talmon@verizon.net) January 2009

### **CHIMNEY CLEANING & REPAIR -**

We used My Chimney Sweep Services the last couple years. James is wonderful! <http://www.mychimneysweepservice.com/> Nicole Fisher [nikkirfisher@gmail.com](mailto:nikkirfisher@gmail.com) September 2015

I used Winston's in Bethesda some time ago and they were really good. I was going to use them again this year. [Sebsow@hotmail.com](mailto:Sebsow@hotmail.com) November 2015

My roofer said that chimneysweepers also do chimney repair. If you think about it, that makes sense. He recommended Winston's and I used them and was satisfied with their repair of our chimney. John Wheeler [johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) December 2015

### **COMPUTER REPAIRS & HELP -**

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

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

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

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

I had the good luck to have found Ivan Babinoto through this list serve, and want to let others know that Ivan saved my MacBook Pro twice, and saved me a lot of money each time. He also helped trouble shoot my home network. He is a real find, for both Macs and PCs, lives nearby, charges reasonable rates, gets work done fast. When you find yourself in times of trouble, call/text or email him: [202-285-0887](tel:202-285-0887) or [babinoto@gmail.com](mailto:babinoto@gmail.com). Gita van Heerden [gsvh@me.com](mailto:gsvh@me.com) July 2015

I second the recommendation of Ivan Babinoto. Ivan seems to have a strong innate ability for working with computers. He installed my computer 3 years ago and has helped me ever since. He is experienced, competent, and sometimes even clever, adapting things to my preferences and abilities and besides he is a nice person.

Rates seem reasonable. Here is his info : Ivan Babinoto 202 285 0887, [babinoto@gmail.com](mailto:babinoto@gmail.com). [gbbuckberg@aol.com](mailto:gbbuckberg@aol.com) September 2015

My computer helper has worked with my printer. Ivan Babinoto at 202-657-5123 , [Babinoto@gmail.com](mailto:Babinoto@gmail.com). Pat Spellman [pspell100@yahoo.com](mailto:pspell100@yahoo.com) November 2015

I second the recommendation for Ivan Babinoto ([babinoto@gmail.com](mailto:babinoto@gmail.com)). He will assess what's up and let you know if it's worth fixing - if it is, he'll do it quickly and at a reasonable price. [hartfran@yahoo.com](mailto:hartfran@yahoo.com) November 2015

Ivan Babinoto is great! He's helped me many times over the last six or seven years. Barbara Chowney [barbarachowney@gmail.com](mailto:barbarachowney@gmail.com) November 2015

## **CONCRETE/PAVING -**

We used Luis Reyes of MAF Contractors for several jobs both large and small. 240 286-4377. Feel free to mention my name . Andrew Strasfogel [squasher@starpower.net](mailto:squasher@starpower.net) September 2015

It was me who posted a few weeks ago asking for concrete recommendations! We ended up using Jireh Contractors and were very happy with them. The head of the company is Ramon and he works with his brother Emilio and sometimes his son Marco as well. It's a family business and it shows. They were super reasonable in terms of rates and are incredibly hard workers. They worked long hours to make sure the job was done on time and done right. They showed up on time, texted when they were on their way and stayed late when needed. We used them to pour and finish concrete in our basement and also to haul a large amount of debris for us to the dump, but they also handle other general contracting jobs as well including exterior concrete work. Ramon's cell is 703-898-3936. Nadia Simon [nadiamsimon@gmail.com](mailto:nadiamsimon@gmail.com) September 2015

Long story short, I'm not sure if Mario Hernandez (301-370-6652) was just a name referral or if anyone had used him, but we did and could not be happier with the work. He is personable, professional, reasonable and the work is meticulous. In a nutshell, his crew broke up a piece of sidewalk next to the front porch where the walk had sunk and was funneling water under the house to the foundation, and removed and rebuilt the concrete steps to the walk along side the house to transition from the front to the back. The original steps were unevenly spaced, awkward and dangerous. They added a PVC pipe for the downspout on that corner to route it over to a planting bed. Everything is perfect and clean. I don't know how they did the walk along the porch without getting concrete up on the foundation of the porch. Absolutely cannot recommend him highly enough. He says no job is too small or too big. We had a hard time finding one who would do a job this small reasonably. They do all kinds of work. He'll be coming back in the spring to regrade the other side of the house and install a PVC pipe to carry water away from the foundation. [dniedzolkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:dniedzolkowski@yahoo.com) December 2015

## **CONSTRUCTION -**

We just had this done in our crawl space, and we are very pleased with the work. Mauricio Campos and his crew cut a hole in our hall ceiling, installed a pull-down staircase, laid down floorboards in the attic space, and added electric lights and a switch. He also had to move a light in the hall to accommodate the new stairs. The total price was \$2800 including all of the electric work. Mauricio and his team have done a number of jobs around our house, and we've been happy with all of the work they've done. Here is his contact information: Mauricio

Campos, G-C Painting,  
Mobile: 240-351-4715, Home: 240-464-3591. Dana Schaffer [dana\\_schaffer@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_schaffer@yahoo.com)  
April 2015

For general remodeling and other construction work, we would like to recommend David Ochoa. We have been very pleased with all of the work he has done for us. He has a number of specialized assistants on whom he can draw as needed. We have found that he does careful work and, on several occasions, has provided sound advice for improvements to our own ideas. His costs are very reasonable. Cell: (202) 409-6921; email [jdochoa59@gmail.com](mailto:jdochoa59@gmail.com). Lyle Brenneman [lb1119@aol.com](mailto:lb1119@aol.com) June 2015

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

My contractor has done excellent work -- elegant and practical -- his name is Bill Devenney, and his number is [240-351-9522](tel:240-351-9522); the business is called Creations in Building. In addition to being a fantastic carpenter, he is skilled at renovations of all kinds, large and small. He can either do it himself or put someone on the job who is as good. My house is full of his additions and creations, indoor and out. Lori Annaheim [annaheim@mindspring.com](mailto:annaheim@mindspring.com) November 2015

I had the wall removed between my kitchen and dining room last year and I love my new space! There is so much light and it really opens up the house. I worked with Idea Construction, <http://idealconstructionva.com/>. Zade was professional, knowledgeable about construction and engineering, and had a lot of experience working with permits and inspectors for this type of work. They also had a wonderful kitchen designer and high-quality contacts for the cabinets, flooring, counters, and tiles. I would highly recommend them. Adelle [ajdantz@gmail.com](mailto:ajdantz@gmail.com) November 2015

## **DC CITY GOVERNMENT -**

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

## **DENTISTS -**

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

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

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

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

I and the rest of my family second the recommendation for Dr. Maria Nichols. Catherine Vial [Catherine.vial@yahoo.com](mailto:Catherine.vial@yahoo.com) March 2015

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

This family also is pleased with Dr. Nichols' practice. Dennis Shumaker [4dennis\\_shumaker@gmail.com](mailto:4dennis_shumaker@gmail.com) March 2015

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

I also have been very happy with Dr. Schneider. Neela Ranade [neela\\_ranade@msn.com](mailto:neela_ranade@msn.com) March 2015

I strongly recommend Dr. Giannini at 4801 Wisconsin Ave. [202-244-4111](tel:202-244-4111) Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) September 2015

Another great local dentist is Stan Shulman, DDS, also on Mass Ave. (5002 Massachusetts Ave. NW). Fred Vinson [fvinson@flash.net](mailto:fvinson@flash.net) September 2015

I second Stan Shulman! My family's dentist for years. The best!!! Marjorie Dick Stuart [Marjorie.DickStuart@Longandfoster.com](mailto:Marjorie.DickStuart@Longandfoster.com) September 2015

I second the recommendation for Dr. Giannini. Been going to him for 17 years. A great dentist and a lovely man. Susan Lund [susanklondon@yahoo.com](mailto:susanklondon@yahoo.com) September 2015

We have a great dentist we have used for years and several of our friends are going to her. Dr. Carol Richardson [\(202\) 244 2266](tel:(202)2442266) She is located above Rodman's on Wisconsin Ave., Complimentary parking in Rodman's lots; just get your ticket validated there. Richard Clark [biking2@yahoo.com](mailto:biking2@yahoo.com) September 2015

## **DOCTORS - (arranged by specialty)**

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

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

*AUDIOLOGIST* - I second the recommendation for Dr. DeLeon. Carolyn Parr [carolynparr@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [rksgivingwater@starpower.net](mailto:rksgivingwater@starpower.net) April 2015

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

*DERMATOLOGIST* - I agree. I too have been going to Dr. Ugel and he is top notch. Kenneth Hurley [kenwashdc@yahoo.com](mailto:kenwashdc@yahoo.com) October 2013

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

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

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

*MAXILOFACIAL SURGERY* - Robert W Emery DDS 202-386-7100. Highly recommended after using another surgeon. Martin Rothfield [martinrothfield@his.com](mailto:martinrothfield@his.com) January 2012

*NEUROLOGIST* - Carrie Dougherty is a wonderful neurologist at Georgetown who specializes in headaches. Alfred Chahine [chahinel@mac.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Virginia.howard@ymail.com) August 2015

*ORTHO - KNEE SPECIALIST* - I recommend Dr. Vincent Desiderio. 202-686-1286. Carolyn Parr [carolynparr@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynparr@hotmail.com) May 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

*PRIMARY CARE* - Dr. Sima Nourani-Zenez at Johns Hopkins group at Sibley.  
[triosuite@starpower.net](mailto:triosuite@starpower.net) October 2013

*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](mailto:kenwashdc@yahoo.com) December 2015

### **DONATE ITEMS -**

Computers & Electronics - Central Union Mission or A Wider Circle come to mind.  
Randy Hill [cicadal7@starpower.net](mailto:cicadal7@starpower.net) November 2014

Computers & Electronics - Try A Wider Circle in Silver Spring.. Lois Schiffer  
[loisschiffer@msn.com](mailto:loisschiffer@msn.com) November 2014

Assistive Devices - Iona Senior Services at 42<sup>nd</sup> & 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](mailto:jbachman47@gmail.com) December 2015

### **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](mailto:AndrewsSachs@aol.com)

### **DRYCLEANERS -**

Polyclean on River Road will do bulk dry cleaning. Tory Ruttenberg  
[vrutten@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:fvinson@flash.net) July 2012

### **ELDER & NURSING SERVICES -**

If anyone is looking for a companion/caregiver for an elderly family member, I highly recommend Judith Boivin. She has been working with my mother for the past year, and is now looking for additional clients. Judith is a registered nurse and licensed clinical social worker, and she has made a tremendous difference in my mother's life by providing stimulating companionship 2-3 days of week for my mother, who has early stage dementia. Since working with Judith, we have seen a

noticeable improvement in my mothers' cognitive ability and overall well-being. Weekly activities include outings around town, exercise, and conversation. Judith is interested in adding 2-3 additional clients to her schedule with whom to work. If interested, please contact me for more information or Judith directly at [judith442000@gmail.com](mailto:judith442000@gmail.com) or 404-932-0026. Michele Heller [mheller2000@hotmail.com](mailto:mheller2000@hotmail.com)  
July 2015

Looking for an extremely dedicated, highly trustworthy person to help with elder care? I enthusiastically recommend Andrea Lyew-Sang. Andrea is a certified geriatric nursing assistant with more than 30 years' experience. I got to know her over the decade-plus in which she made it possible for my elderly next-door neighbors to remain happily in their longtime home, to the very end. This feat took myriad skills and strengths, great flexibility, and, as you might imagine, simple kindness and a positive outlook. Andrea can be reached at (202) 882-8760 (landline) or (202) 905-7136 (cell). If you'd like to discuss this recommendation with me, please call (202) 364-6488.  
Martha Matzke [matzke4@att.net](mailto:matzke4@att.net) October 2015

## **ELECTRICIANS -**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kevin Rozier, the electrician, also has my hearty recommendation. He rewired our garage, ran a new line from the house, and brought up the level of old electric

outlets up to current standards. 202-841-8021. Diana Diamond  
[Diana\\_diamond@hotmail.com](mailto:Diana_diamond@hotmail.com) August 2014

An excellent electrician is Kevin Rozier at 202-841-8021. Both he and John Taylor, the plumber, are listed in the community recommendations list. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2015

### **ELECTRONICS' RECYCLING -**

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

### **ELECTRONICS' SERVICES -**

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

I use a company called cdBBQ, [www.cdbbq.com](http://www.cdbbq.com), to convert my LPs and audiocassettes to CDs. They do a great job. Bill Adler [billonline@adlerbooks.com](mailto:billonline@adlerbooks.com) October 2006

### **FENCES -**

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

### **FINANCIAL ADVISORS -**

My recommendation for financial advisor is Russell Wild. He has handled my portfolio for ten years or so and has done very well. His web page is: [www.Globalportfolios.net](http://www.Globalportfolios.net) and email: [www.russellwild.com](http://www.russellwild.com). [susanwashdc@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jasonykim@verizon.net) February 2013

## **FIREWOOD -**

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

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

For years, we've bought wood from Roy Searle - reasonable prices, and a great job of stacking. Unfortunately, we don't have a card from him, but if he comes by your house, I recommend trying him. In addition, we recently bought a couple of racks from John Backe, who also did a super job of stacking and whose wood is clearly seasoned. Home phone: 540 547-2744, Mobile: 540 760-9675. (He also does yard, tree and masonry work.) Enjoy your fires! Betty & Fred Bullock  
[fabullock@erols.com](mailto:fabullock@erols.com) December 2013

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

## **FLOOR INSTALLERS & REFINISHERS -**

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

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

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

## **FURNITURE RPAIR/REFINISHERS -**

Chair Caning - Try American Hardwood at 9160 Brookville Road, 301-588-0363.  
Samantha Nolan [nolantutor@yahoo.com](mailto:nolantutor@yahoo.com) November 2014

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

### **GARAGE DOOR REPAIR -**

I just wanted to say that I had a bad experience with Clozermatic, that did not return my calls and kept me waiting a whole day for nothing. When they finally came in January they did a bad job. However, I wish to recommend BBB garage door repair (301) 309-9100. The receptionist is very pleasant and she sent someone immediately yesterday when the garage door wouldn't close! Laura Garcés Fischer [laura.garces@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:mullandoty@aol.com) December 2015

### **GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIR -**

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

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

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

I love Mike Brown - Custom roof and gutter. Mike's phone number is - [\(240\) 372-9574](tel:2403729574). You can email him too at [meb0506@yahoo.com](mailto:meb0506@yahoo.com). He's just done roof work for me, but he does gutters and I recommended him to friends for gutter work who had gotten some really expensive bids. Mike did the work for a reasonable price. He also took pictures of the problem which they compared with the pictures that another company had given them. It seems that the first company had given them pictures from another house - perhaps to justify the expensive bid? Tell him Sarah Morse recommended him. Sarah Morse [morsekathan@gmail.com](mailto:morsekathan@gmail.com) September 2015

### **HANDYMEN -**

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

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

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

Juan Sanchez is multi-talented and very careful. Super pleasant. 301-455-4718. Carolyn Parr [carolynparr@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynparr@hotmail.com) May 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glad to recommend Joe Giordano of Building Services Group LLC. [202-739-1169](tel:202-739-1169), [joe@buildservgroup.com](mailto:joe@buildservgroup.com). One of his people did some small projects for me recently. They are prompt, competent, and affordable. Marya Pickering [marigold316@aol.com](mailto:marigold316@aol.com)

November 2015

I highly recommend Abel Romero who just fixed our similar problem (drafty door and windows). Abel can be reached on 571-259-8445. Does great quality work for very reasonable rates. He just changed all faucet filters, replaced damaged gutters, fixed and varnished our wooden doors/sealed, painted, and many other house repairs. Mohini Malhotra [mohinimalhotra@gmail.com](mailto:mohinimalhotra@gmail.com) November 2015

I unfortunately have to add a negative review for handyman Mike Hotka, who is mentioned on the Service Providers List (which I had used to find him). Mr. Hotka was hired during the summer of 2014 to recaulk a shower and when I went to inspect his work, he said he was having problems due to humidity (even though our air conditioning was working fine), so the job did not look good (the caulking was quite uneven in appearance)--and worse, over time, parts of the caulking came loose. Mr. Hotka had told me at the time to have him come back during the winter when humidity was lower, and so I did contact him in January 2015, but he refused to come back, claiming he was too busy even though I was willing to wait. Thinking maybe he wanted more money, I offered that, but he continued to refuse to return, as he himself had advised, to repair the job he knew he did not do well. So now we have to hire another handyman to redo the caulking job. We are very disappointed in his workmanship and customer service. Patti Flagg [flagg@rcn.com](mailto:flagg@rcn.com) December 2014

I highly recommend Mike Hotka to anyone in need of paintwork and other home repair. He lives in our neighborhood and has done excellent plaster and paint and plaster work in my home. Mike is timely and efficient and very attentive to details. Plus his rates are reasonable. Mike can be contacted at [mikehotka@gmail.com](mailto:mikehotka@gmail.com). Phillip Kogan [philkdc@me.com](mailto:philkdc@me.com) December 2015

Mike Hotka has done work at our house over a three or four year period and we've always been very happy with his work. He has done interior scraping, plastering and painting, exterior repair of rotting porch parts, rebuilding vertical and horizontal supports. He has always been very friendly, fair and responsible. He would explain what he planned to do, give a price estimate and worked until the job was complete. We have only good things to say and highly recommend him. Jim Menderson [lhertz@msn.com](mailto:lhertz@msn.com) December 2015

I want to second the recommendation of the handyman Wayne Fisher - 202- 232- 3781 or [homeworks1@verizon.net](mailto:homeworks1@verizon.net) - he fixed a couple of problems that had been plaguing us for years, including having an antique part in his truck to fix a door that we had not been able to find anywhere. He was reliable, honest, communicative, and good-natured, even when he encountered an issue that he could not solve. David Hart [hartfran@yahoo.com](mailto:hartfran@yahoo.com). [hartfran@yahoo.com](mailto:hartfran@yahoo.com) December 2015

## **HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING -**

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

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

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. Susanne Koffsky [susannekoffsky@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoffsky@gmail.com) March 2015

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

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

## **HOUSEKEEPERS/CLEANERS -**

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

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

I wanted to recommend my housekeeper, Dagy Silva. Recently, one of her clients moved and she has an opening in her schedule. She does a wonderful job while being personable and helpful. She uses gentle cleansers that are child and pet friendly, and her rates are reasonable. If you'd like to contact her, her phone number is [\(240\) 330-5720](tel:2403305720). Brooke Brown [brookebrown92@gmail.com](mailto:brookebrown92@gmail.com) July 2015

My wonderful cleaning lady, Catalina Ramos, has just informed me that she is looking for work Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. She has worked for me and a neighbor of mine for many years. She does excellent work, is a perfectionist, and scrupulously honest. She is a naturalized US citizen, and has her own car. Her phone number is 301-512-6679. Please contact me for any further information. Jenny Bland [jcrabland@hotmail.com](mailto:jcrabland@hotmail.com) Phone: 202-364-7116 August 2015

I can also endorse Catalina, as she has been cleaning for us almost 1 year! She is great! CG Wheeler [caitabaita@yahoo.com](mailto:caitabaita@yahoo.com) August 2015

My house cleaner (she's been with us 10 + years!) has 1 day a week free and needs another client. She is an excellent cleaner. She is also lovely, very flexible, 100% trustworthy. Through the years she has always been willing to work around children's toys, sleeping teenagers, etc. If you need someone please call me and I'll answer your questions and provide her phone number. Donna Gregory: 202-421-4863. [Donnagregory77@hotmail.com](mailto:Donnagregory77@hotmail.com) November 2015

## **INSULATION CONTRACTORS -**

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:lydiapenrod6@gmail.com) August 2015

## **IRONWORKING -**

I highly recommend Mickey Sites. He installed rod iron handrails in front of my house last year, and did a fantastic job fabricating and installing the handrails from a design that I provided to him. One of my neighbors was impressed and hired him to install her handrails, too. She is also pleased. Here is his contact information: Mickey Sites, Mickey's Iron Works, (301) 440-1735 cell, (301) 277-4141 office, [mickeysiron@aol.com](mailto:mickeysiron@aol.com). Teresa A. Gruber [tgruber@starpower.net](mailto:tgruber@starpower.net) September 2015

I highly recommend ARC Solutions. They did new railings on my front & back steps. Very nice to work with. Jim Ohlwiler , Toll free: 866-607-8097, EM: [arcsolutionswelding@gmail.com](mailto:arcsolutionswelding@gmail.com), [Kemperc47@gmail.com](mailto:Kemperc47@gmail.com) October 2015

Suburban Welding installed two railings for us, most recent was 2006. Work was good, phone 703 765 9344. Jeffrey Drobis [jeffdrobis@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdrobis@gmail.com) October 2015

Nelson's Welding does excellent work. They installed wrought iron railings for me on my porch, front stoop, and around the perimeter of my garden. Mr. Nelson and I even designed a monogram in wrought iron together for my railing, as well as a flagpole. I have worked with him since 2008. He and Cinnbar fabricated the Big Chair in Anacostia when it was replaced in 2005. Mr. Nelson takes pride in his work, is easy to work with, reasonably priced, and a true gentlemen. His workers are also professional, respectful, and neat. You can reach Mr. Nelson at 202-889-3761. I highly recommend Nelson's Welding without any reservations. CM Rafferty [cm.rafferty@verizon.net](mailto:cm.rafferty@verizon.net) October 2015

## **JEWELRY APPRAISERS & DESIGNERS -**

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

If you like contemporary jewelry, I recommend you talk to Denise Graham. Her designs and use of materials are wonderfully creative and eye-catching. She lives on 44<sup>th</sup> Street, phone 966-9040. She has Parkinson's, so it can be a little hard

sometimes to understand her speech, but it hasn't in anyway affected her talent.  
Janet Bachman [jbachman47@gmail.com](mailto:jbachman47@gmail.com) January 2015

## **JEWELRY, WATCH & CLOCK REPAIRS -**

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

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

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

## **JUNK HAULERS -**

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

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

## **KITCHEN REMODELING -**

Granite Reglazing - What do you mean by reglazing? If you mean polishing, try Marbledex, 703.698.5595 - [www.marbledexinc.com](http://www.marbledexinc.com). Randy Hill [cicada17@starpower.net](mailto:cicada17@starpower.net) December 2014

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](mailto:bill@billfeeney.com). [sojaehyang@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pmdilorenz@aol.com) December 2015

### **KNIFE & TOOL SHARPENERS -**

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

### **LAMP REPAIR -**

Gaylord's in Bethesda. Ellen Swann [ellen.swann@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.swann@yahoo.com) January 2013

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

Artisans Lamp on Connecticut Avenue, across from the Uptown Theater. [lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com) January 2013

### **LAWN & YARD SERVICES -**

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

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

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

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

Katrina Weinig, a Certified Horticulturalist with a focus on sustainable landscape design, restoration, and maintenance, and my neighbor, just helped me rescue my overgrown and crowded shrubs. She allowed the bushes to open up and be themselves by carefully hand clipping and selective sawing. I like that she works on time and on your budget, has great communication skills, and a collaborative approach. I

learned a lot from her. Her contact information is: Down To Earth Designs, <http://downtoearth-dc.com>, 540.817.0270, [katrina.weinig@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.weinig@gmail.com). Susan Linsky [slinsky@gmail.com](mailto:slinsky@gmail.com) November 2015

My landscape architect is named Makoto Omori; yes, his sensibilities are Japanese I am sure he is up to the challenge you pose. Omori LLC Landscaping and Stonework, 301-320-4280, (H) 301-943-4376. Licensed, bonded, etc. Lori Annaheim [annaheim@mindspring.com](mailto:annaheim@mindspring.com) December 2015

I have used the services of Barbara Balman for many years and cannot speak highly enough of her: she is trustworthy, hard working, dependable and does not charge excessively. She recently arranged my backyard so that it would not flood again, which was a real challenge -Go to [www.barbarabalmanlandscapedesign.com](http://www.barbarabalmanlandscapedesign.com), or call her at (202) 744-9515. Laura Garcés Fischer [laura.garces@verizon.net](mailto:laura.garces@verizon.net) December 2015

## **LAWYERS - (arranged by specialty)**

*Civil Disputes* - We had a similar nightmarish experience with a contractor, Nicholas Carson (dba Carson Assoc.), whom we eventually fired. Although we didn't attempt to recover any money, we were greatly aided in the disentangling process by Jason Pardo, then with the firm of Jackson & Campbell. He was extremely knowledgeable and pleasant to work with, and I would recommend him unhesitatingly. He has since formed his own firm, Pardo & Drazin, in Friendship Heights. Here's a link to his profile: <http://www.pardodrazin.com/jasonapardo.html>. His direct number is (202) 683-1561. Lorie Leavy [ljeleavy@gmail.com](mailto:ljeleavy@gmail.com) January 2012

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

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

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

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

*Wills & Estate Trusts* - Yes, Catherine Rafferty. She lives in the neighborhood. 202-244-0608. Coletta Kemper [coletta.kemper@ciab.com](mailto:coletta.kemper@ciab.com) January 2015

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

## **LOCKSMITHS -**

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

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

I also have had excellent experiences with Tivoli Locksmiths. He came to my house on Alton Place today because the locks on the side entrance to my house seemed loose and stuck. He fixed them easily at low cost but most importantly, he showed me the evidence indicating that someone had tried to force the locks and damaged them in the process. This would have occurred about 2 - 3 weeks ago, when there were reports of men trying to force their way into homes. Fortunately, I had a strong deadbolt and keep it locked. But there was also an ADT security sticker on that door, so whoever did this must have thought they could foil the alarm system. The lesson is to keep all your doors locked, even when you are home and even when you have a security system. Sondra Mills [simills549@yahoo.com](mailto:simills549@yahoo.com) December 2014

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

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

Just wanted to add a locksmith recommendation to the community list... I highly recommend Upco Lock Service if you ever need re-keying or lock repair or replacement. We've used them a few times recently and they respond quickly, are very professional, and do a great job. You can reach them at 202-232-1500. Michelle Brotzman [Michelle.Brotzman@verizon.net](mailto:Michelle.Brotzman@verizon.net) July 2015

## **MASONS - (Stone & Brick)**

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

East Coast Masons [dclan@eastcoastmasons.com](mailto:dclan@eastcoastmasons.com)., <http://eastcoastmasons.com> We were very pleased with the work done to repair our exterior basement steps and small patio. We also had repairs done to the brick retaining wall. We were very happy with the work and the crew. Kathryn Ray [KCRDLB@gmail.com](mailto:KCRDLB@gmail.com) July 2015

Recently I asked for recommendations for stonemasons to rebuild our walkway. I received quite a few recommendations, and someone else asked me to pass along the

information. I thought I would post the list of recommendations for the benefit of anyone who may have the same need in the future. Here it is. I have not used any of the contractors on the list and thus cannot provide a personal endorsement for any of them. [Anicely1@yahoo.com](mailto:Anicely1@yahoo.com) September 2015

- JC Pride Construction (Juan), [301-674-3343](tel:301-674-3343)  
- F&C Improvement LLC (Francisco), 817 Tewkesbury Place NW, Washington, DC, 20012 [202-492-9513](tel:202-492-9513), [fcimprovement@aol.com](mailto:fcimprovement@aol.com)

- Mario Hernandez, [mariolandscape.com](http://mariolandscape.com), [mario.a.hernandez@verizon.net](mailto:mario.a.hernandez@verizon.net)  
(301) 370-6653

- Serra Stone, David Jacinto, Project manager, 4312 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814 [301-986-1830](tel:301-986-1830)

- Mick "the brick" O'Dwyer, Westminster, [410-857-1284](tel:410-857-1284)

- A&H Masterbusterbuilders, [Cooperhoward88@gmail.com](mailto:Cooperhoward88@gmail.com),  
[410-645-0136](tel:410-645-0136)

- J&G Landscaping, [www.jglandscape.com](http://www.jglandscape.com), [301-476-7600](tel:301-476-7600)

- Pipe and Stone (Steve Cullen), [sm.cullen@verizon.net](mailto:sm.cullen@verizon.net), [301-807-9848](tel:301-807-9848)

I echo Michelle Brotzman's strong recommendation of Edgar Granados found in the Trademen list. Mr. Granados just completed replacing all of the mortar around the slate on my front porch and sidewalk. He also had to replace some slate that had broken or otherwise deteriorated too much to salvage and rebuild a couple of steps. He and one co-worker did all of the work themselves, which was excellent. They were meticulous, efficient and cleaned up carefully. Mr. Granados told me the slate would look like new when he was finished. I was skeptical but he was correct. The porch and sidewalk do look like new. Once I saw the quality of their work, I added a few other tasks: stepping stones to the alley, stones under the deck, etc. which were completed with attention to detail. Finally, Mr. Granados and his co-worker are both very pleasant and I found their prices to be very reasonable. You can reach him at his cell: [202-439-3082](tel:202-439-3082). Ann Phillips [phillipsann1@gmail.com](mailto:phillipsann1@gmail.com) December 2015

## **MASSAGE THERAPISTS -**

I would like to recommend Melissa Martinie Hall at "My Massage Place" (4545 42nd Street, NW, or web site: [mymassageplacedc.com](http://mymassageplacedc.com); it is very close to Janney, the Metro, Best Buy, etc.). I am so glad to have found her a few weeks ago, as her massages are great and have really helped a few of my bad joints! If you need ideas for holiday gifts, especially for people who really don't need any more 'stuff', give the gift of massage! Lyn [lyntaecker@gmail.com](mailto:lyntaecker@gmail.com) December 2014

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

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

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

Try Friendship Chiropractic above Rodman's. I have used Monica and found her superb. [sarahrhorsey@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrhorsey@gmail.com) January 2015

Great massage person! Dody DiSanto at The Center. It's in the beautiful space that was the original home of the Washington Ballet, just above Z Burger. Corner

Wisconsin & Windom. Her cell is (301) 537-4567. Please tell her I sent you. Enjoy! Cindy Snyder [cindysnyder123@gmail.com](mailto:cindysnyder123@gmail.com) January 2015

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

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

## **MOLD REMOVAL -**

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

## **MOVERS/HAULERS & DELIVERY SERVICES -**

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

I had a very good experience with My Truck Buddy [www.mytruckbuddy.com](http://www.mytruckbuddy.com). I needed 2 large pieces of furniture moved from Fairfax to my home in AU Park. Moving companies were not interested in such a small job. One moving company recommended My Truck Buddy. They were simple to deal with and picked up the furniture with only a day's notice. They don't pack boxes, but they had blankets and wrap for the furniture. It all went very smoothly and I thought the price was reasonable. Kathryn Ray [KCRDLB@gmail.com](mailto:KCRDLB@gmail.com) February 2014

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](mailto: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](mailto:alialibus@yahoo.com) December 2015

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:bgmojohands@yahoo.com). [jfkhoury@erols.com](mailto:jfkhoury@erols.com) April 2010

### **NOTARY PUBLIC -**

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

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

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

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

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

TD Bank has notary services. [lmartinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmartinaccio@yahoo.com) April 2014

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

TD Banks give complimentary notary service even if you are not a customer! Laurie England [leng2007@aol.com](mailto:leng2007@aol.com) April 2014

### **ORGANIZERS -**

I can recommend Tracy with Out of the Closet Organizer. She was efficient, helpful, encouraging, pleasant and it worked so well. Here's her contact info: [www.outoftheclosetorganizer.com](http://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](mailto:c_rhind@yahoo.com) June 2013

### **PAINTERS -**

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

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

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

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

## **PERSONAL TRAINERS -**

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

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

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

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

## **PEST CONTROL SERVICES -**

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

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

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

We also have a great option right here in the neighborhood: Alan Cohen of Bio-Logical Pest Management ([biopestman@gmail.com](mailto:biopestman@gmail.com); [202-237-7509](tel:202-237-7509)). Friendly, responsive, reasonably priced, really knows his stuff -- and he's green. Jeff Moore [jeffclarkmoore@gmail.com](mailto:jeffclarkmoore@gmail.com) May 2015

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

## **PET SERVICES - (arranged by type of service)**

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

*DOG WALKER* - Ari Fishman is really experienced and reliable. Her number is 301-538-3522. Hedda Garland [heddagarland@mac.com](mailto:heddagarland@mac.com) April 2015

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

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

*SITTER* - Chris Aden, 1-402-960-8381 or [christopheraden070@gmail.com](mailto:christopheraden070@gmail.com). Superb! Daisy adores him. Ann Ingram [anningram@mac.com](mailto:anningram@mac.com) August 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. JD Warford, DC Metro Vet, [dcmetrovet.com](http://dcmetrovet.com) 877-669-8706

Dr. Karen Randall, Solace Veterinary Services, [solaceveterinaryservices.com](http://solaceveterinaryservices.com), 301-674-4123

Vet Dispatch, [vetdispatch.com](http://vetdispatch.com), 877-400-8387

Dr. Flo Mitchell, (703) 620-3919

Rock Creek Home Veterinary Care, (301) 828-8846

Friendship Hospital also has a list of home care vets on file. I believe that

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

## **PHYSICAL THERAPISTS -**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:malikamac@yahoo.fr) September 2015

- **Body works PT**, Laura probert <http://lauraprobert.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](http://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](mailto: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 -**

The Framers Workroom does excellent work and its staff is pleasant, knowledgeable, and easy to work with. Joanne Levine [joannelevine202@gmail.com](mailto:joannelevine202@gmail.com) September 2014

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

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

## **PLASTERERS -**

We have used Eight Brothers on Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park. Very knowledgeable, neat and tidy, did a fabulous job. They also do very good drywall work. I would highly recommend them. Barbara Dinsmore [barbaradinsmore@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:juliemack1@verizon.net) May 2014

## **PLUMBERS -**

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

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

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

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

I've used rocket router and been pleased with them. One plumber I used didn't use the correct head on the snake and it was caught in the drain. [lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndaCouvillion@yahoo.com) June 2015

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

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

Call Steve Cullen with Pipe and Stone at [\(301\)807-9848](tel:3018079848) or [smcullen@verizon.net](mailto:smcullen@verizon.net). He's a plumber with a specialty in irrigation systems and outdoor/municipal plumbing systems. He's wonderful and also does re-grading of yards, stone work, etc. Amanda DeLorme [carterandmole@aol.com](mailto:carterandmole@aol.com) July 2015

I strongly recommend John Taylor, 240-472-2121. He's very persistent when grappling with a tough project and is extremely reasonable in his fees. He's done several jobs for me over the years and I have always been very happy with the results. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2015

I agree with Kathy Smith's recommendation of John Taylor. It was because of her recommendation that I first called him. I live in the area where DC Water has recently been doing a lot of work, including installing backflow preventers. DC Water sent letters to everyone where the work was being done indicating that there should be a thermal expansion tank installed on the hot water heater's cold water intake pipe. When I called Mr. Taylor about this, he explained exactly why it was necessary and how it worked. He then installed it and explained just what he was doing. He takes great pride in his work and makes it easier for a future plumber to work on the system. John Wheeler [johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) August 2015

Mike Rich is very good and nice guy. (301) 509-2776. [Kemperc47@gmail.com](mailto:Kemperc47@gmail.com) November 2015

## **PODIATRISTS -**

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

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

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

## **POWER-WASHING & DECK CLEANING -**

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

## **ROOFERS -**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call William Fletcher Roofing [\(301\) 565-0212](tel:3015650212). He came by to give me an estimate after Rizzo roofers had recommended him highly for small roofing jobs. He immediately found the source of the leak that two other roofers had managed to miss and said he'd fix it on the spot for \$75, which he proceeded to do. Roof has been fine since, even in the recent thunderstorms. From now on, I'll always call Fletcher first whenever I have a roofing problem. [jkelleyesq@netscape.net](mailto:jkelleyesq@netscape.net) June 2015

Troy at D and M Roofing Enterprises (301-948-0100 or [dmhomeremodel@gmail.com](mailto:dmhomeremodel@gmail.com)) is a standout. While they didn't do the roof, they did identify the issues with the roof and maintenance free gutters that the recent sub-contracted roofers had made or ignored. He also identified some issues with windows and caulking that he noticed while he was inspecting the roof and the gutters. Upshot: we had him come back and fix everything. REALLY nice guy, good work, reasonably priced. Wish he'd done the roof. [dniedzolkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:dniedzolkowski@yahoo.com) December 2015

## **SECURITY SERVICES -**

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

We find Vector Security, a national company, efficient, attentive and helpful. They are at [www.vectorsecurity.com](http://www.vectorsecurity.com). Elaine Greenstone [ehgreenstone@aol.com](mailto:ehgreenstone@aol.com) November 2014

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](mailto: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](mailto:silverjoan@yahoo.com) July 2015

I've had ADT for years and have been satisfied with them. Jean Bolan [bolanjc@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:neela_ranade@msn.com) December 2015

## **SHOE REPAIR -**

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

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

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

\* Not far from CP is Expert Shoe Luggage Repair at 3808 Northhampton St.,NW. They have been able to fix everything I have taken to them in the last 30 years: <http://www.expertshoeluggage.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](mailto:sedarmail@aol.com) June 2008

## **SNOW SHOVELING -**

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

## SOLAR PANELS -

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

Having just gone through this process (well, last November) and gotten estimate from several companies including Common Cents Solar, I have a few hints and recommendations: First - get three or more estimates (most estimates are free, the only company that charged us for an estimate was Common Cents. They called it an evaluation, but it produced the same report as the other three companies did for no charge; however, Common Cents will apply the fee to your system if you buy from them.) Second - Do your homework before the companies come out so you understand what you are getting. Every company sells different size panels and the panels are of different efficiencies. The most efficient system generates the most electricity. This was very important to us as we had limited space on our roof, so we wanted the most efficient system that we could get. If you have unlimited space, that might not be as important, but you should know this before you waste your time looking at lower efficiency panels. There is also a price difference as you move up in efficiency. Third - Ask questions on the phone before the contractor comes out so you know what the company sells and whether it suits your needs. Again - how important is efficiency to you and how much room do you have? Another question is what to do with your RECs (these are renewable energy credits that you can sell). Find out if the company will broker your RECs and what is their fee. Decide if you even want to sell your RECs (we don't at this time.) Fourth - Do your own homework on the incentive programs. Just google "solar incentives Washington DC" (or where ever you are). You will find a wealth of information about incentives. Call the numbers associated with the incentive programs and find out if they still have money to give away. DC has a great program, but I don't know if it still has money to give away. The money goes pretty fast. The Montgomery County property tax incentive has run out of money and isn't going to be re-funded for solar. Fifth - go to a site like Solar-estimator.org or pvwatts.org. Solar estimator lists contractors and rates them. Both sites have a wealth of information about all things solar. Some of these things I did and some I wished I had done. I definitely wasted a lot of my time and contractor's time because I didn't understand how the system worked. One contractor told me that he could put panels all over my roof - 18 in all; however the other three I had out told me that "no, it wasn't possible to put so many up because my dormers shaded the roof for significant periods of time." Once I understood how the system worked, it was clear that 18 panels would be a waste of my money. I was also misled by contractors about the incentives. They were not as up-to-date with the funding as they could be. Only one contractor told me that Montgomery County had run out of money (which was true as I verified with the county). The other contractors told me that the county would give me \$5,000 tax credit. That would have made my system

almost free! Too good to be true? Yes unfortunately it was! We ended using Capital Sun - they are a local company (Cabin John) and have been in the business for 30 years or so. Early pioneers. We have 2kW and we are very happy with the whole thing (actually, almost giddy!). Unfortunately, we are now weather obsessed and all this rain is so much the worse because we can't make any electricity!  
Sarah Morse [morsekathan@gmail.com](mailto:morsekathan@gmail.com) May 2009

## **TAILORS & SEAMSTRESSES -**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:heathernatyr@gmail.com) September 2015

John at Kenwood Tailors on Westbard is the best. Virginia Howard [Virginia.howard@ymail.com](mailto:Virginia.howard@ymail.com) September 2015

## **TAXIS -**

Have you thought of Uber? It has worked great for us. Neela Ranade [neela\\_ranade@msn.com](mailto:neela_ranade@msn.com) October 2015

Uber is the only way I travel when I need a driver! Marcello [mmuzzatti@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hugs4linda@gmail.com) October 2015

I strongly recommend Allsaints McCauley who owns AllSaints Cab. We have used him for several years now and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mcalingaert@brookings.edu) October 2015

## **TAX PREPARERS -**

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

## **TILE WORK -**

Our tile guy, Dean, is a master and very reasonably priced. He did an excellent job for us. Please tell him we sent you. Dean: 240.483.9648 Amanda Bowker [amandazbowker@mac.com](mailto: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](mailto:luis@bathandkitchenllc.com) and his phone is (301)674-5680. [PresJMS@aol.com](mailto:PresJMS@aol.com) July 2010

## **TREE SERVICES -**

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

I highly recommend Treeman, Inc. Reasonable and professional. Check their website. [lmarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmarinaccio@yahoo.com) December 2014

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

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

We had a HUGE tree removed by Adirondack Tree Experts. They did an incredible job! John Anna who is the owner is a true professional and honest to the core. They do everything "by the book" to prevent any problem with DC government and in fact is one of the companies used by DC to remove District trees. Their phone number is (301) 595-2827. The website (I think) is [www.Adirondacktreeexperts.com](http://www.Adirondacktreeexperts.com). Happy to discuss if you would like to call. Virginia Howard [Virginia.howard@ymail.com](mailto:Virginia.howard@ymail.com) 202-997-6007 May 2015

We use Bartlett Trees. They're expensive, though. Carolyn Long [carolynlong@earthlink.net](mailto:carolynlong@earthlink.net) May 2015

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

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

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

I highly recommend Chapingo Tree Care Specialists. They received top marks in Washington Consumer Checkbook for quality and price. Jose Alvarez, their

estimator, is an ISA Certified Arborist. I have used them several times and found their work and prices excellent, and I have recommended them to several neighbors, who were also pleased with their work and then recommended them to other neighbors. Their phone number for a free estimate is 301-646-2516. You can also Google them at [chapingotreecare.com](http://chapingotreecare.com). Elinor Tucker [elinor\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:elinor_tucker@yahoo.com) May 2015

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

I recommend Shifflett Tree Service 301-948-5554. They pruned my tulip magnolia (heavy trimming). They responded quickly to my request for service and they did an excellent job of cleaning up. They charged \$300, which I thought, was very fair. Kenneth Hurley [kenwashdc@yahoo.com](mailto:kenwashdc@yahoo.com) November 2015

Try Tree Man. Great work and very reasonable. Leslie Marina [lmarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmarinaccio@yahoo.com) November 2015

Shifflett's is outstanding. They removed a gigantic dead tree for me, patiently waiting while I got the permit to take it out and the No Parking placards to place on trees, posts and anything vertical to give them lots of street space for their equipment. I didn't know they also prune. Their fees are reasonable too. Linda Hughes [hugs4linda@gmail.com](mailto:hugs4linda@gmail.com) January 2016

## **UPHOLSTERERS -**

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

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:watsaint@gmail.com) December 2015

## **WATER TREATMENT -**

I would strongly recommend John Wolford, who can be reached at [jhwolford@betterwatertreatments.com](mailto: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](mailto:ermk@aol.com) April 2010

## **WET BASEMENTS -**

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

We recommend Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing. They did a great job for us. Bobby Turnbull [bobbyturnbull@comcast.net](mailto:bobbyturnbull@comcast.net) March 2015

## **WINDOW REPAIR & REPLACEMENT -**

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

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

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

## **WINDOW WASHERS -**

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

I'd like to recommend Window Washer's, Etc. (202-337-0351) The team consisted of three people who were quick, efficient, did a good job, and were reasonable. They will also clean gutters. This is the second time I've used them. They are also a

local company -- on Edmonds Place, NW. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com)  
September 2013