

## **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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## APPLIANCE REPAIRS –

Call these people. They are awesome. Appliance Geek. 703-763-4400. <https://appliancegeekinc.com/>. Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) December 2020

Try Alco Appliance 301-937-6996. Aaron Epstein [aajacks@starpower.net](mailto:aajacks@starpower.net) December 2020

I second Alco Appliances. They just fixed my friend's refrigerator. She was very happy with the service--and with the fact that she didn't need a new fridge. Jean Bolan Peaslee [bolanjc@yahoo.com](mailto:bolanjc@yahoo.com) December 2020

<https://www.centricsubzerorepair.com/> I highly recommend Centrix -- outstanding service and responsive. Only does Sub Zero. Dona Lenkin [dona\\_lenkin@hotmail.com](mailto:dona_lenkin@hotmail.com) December 2020

M&M Appliance and Repair on Blair Road sells and services Miele dishwashers. Here is their contact information: <https://www.mandmappliance.com/service.html>. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) October 2020

DC Appliance Repair is very fast and responsive. Lassad,, [\(202\) 480-6270](tel:(202)480-6270). Judiith Ingram April 2020

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

Second for Weinstein. He is the best. Deborah Raviv [draviv363@gmail.com](mailto:draviv363@gmail.com) January 2020

I agree Mark Weinstein is the person to call for appliance repair. Judith Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) January 2020

Third for Weinstein. He really knows his stuff and is very honest. Wendy Bader [wendybb1@hotmail.com](mailto:wendybb1@hotmail.com) January 2020

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

I have called Mark Weinstein, 301-421-1942, in the past and he was very helpful. Catherine Vial [Catherine\\_vial@yahoo.com](mailto:Catherine_vial@yahoo.com) June 2019

## ARCHITECTS –

Douglas Soe Lin at Soe Lin & Associates is a wonderful architect! (301) 986-9300. Mohini Malhotra [mohinimalhotra1@gmail.com](mailto:mohinimalhotra1@gmail.com) July 2020

I would definitely recommend Lorena Checa, lives in Glover Park. Does excellent work. Lorena Checa AIA LEED AP, Principal, 202 299 0186 Direct/Office, 202 390 9662 Mobile, [CHECA Architects PC](http://CHECA Architects PC). Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) December 2020

## AUTO MECHANICS –

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

River Road Auto Haus just past Little Falls Parkway was super in maintaining our old Mercedes. [sarahrhorsey@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrhorsey@gmail.com) November 2019

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

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

We use David at DP Auto Service and we love him. He's honest and well priced. He's even made small repairs and not charged me since they were a such quick fix. He always gives me a straight answer when there's a decision to be made about whether or not to make a repair or if there are two fixes to chose from. I highly recommend! He's in the Shell Station on Connecticut at Fessenden. Here is a link to his yelp page: <https://yelp.to/qTKq/BhGghCyOVV>. Nadia Simon [nadiamsimon@gmail.com](mailto:nadiamsimon@gmail.com) April 2019

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

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

## **BABYSITTERS & NANNIES –**

AU men's basketball senior Jesse Little is a great help around the house with groceries, pets, or taking the kids out to play. He has done a wonderful job with my two tween boys, taking them out to play basketball, football, hike etc. He is also really good with dogs and would be a super dog walker. Reach him at (662)-684-9877 or via email at [jhlittle55@gmail.com](mailto:jhlittle55@gmail.com) Feel free to contact me as well, [sheehanbruno@yahoo.com](mailto:sheehanbruno@yahoo.com). Catherine Bruno December 2020

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

Our nanny, Fatima, will be available in the beginning of September. She has been working with us for the past eight months, since our daughter was 14 months old. Our daughter will soon be off to school, and Fatima is looking for a new full time opportunity. She is a great nanny who has worked in both AU Park and Cleveland

Park and is very familiar with the children's programs in both neighborhoods. She plays games with our daughter and takes her to the park and to the library, where they have met other children and nannies. She is very loving towards our daughter, trustworthy, and flexible, always willing to stay late if something comes up at the last minute. She can do light housework and is fluent in both French and English. She will be available Monday through Thursday and can be flexible on hours. You can reach her by phone at (202) 360-9672. I would also be happy to answer any questions you have, [bruinbaird @ gmail dot com OR dannibyam @ gmail dot com]. Aaron [bruinbaird@gmail.com](mailto:bruinbaird@gmail.com) August 2019

Our nanny of 7 years is looking for a new position starting the last week of August or the first week of September (or shortly thereafter - she is flexible). She has well over 20 years of childcare experience and is one of the most loving, hard-working caregivers we've ever known. She is very responsible, reliable, and nurturing. She helps with tidying and laundry and has a driver's license. She speaks Spanish and English. She is looking for around 30 hours per week, ideally in the Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Friendship Heights, or Tenley area. Our kids will be in school all day starting in the fall, which is the only reason she is looking to work for a new family. Please let me know if you are interested and I will send you her contact details. Thank you! Meg Hobbins [meghobbins@gmail.com](mailto:meghobbins@gmail.com) July 2019

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

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

## **CARPENTERS -**

We recently worked with Bruce Workeman (whose name we found on the list-serve) and just wanted to add another positive review. He did a great job on some lattice work we required under the porch. Highly recommend! His number is #240-508-2806. Erin Kelley [erinmunrokelley@gmail.com](mailto:erinmunrokelley@gmail.com) September 2020

We have a wonderful carpenter who can fix just about anything in and around your house and is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. His email is [Rigobertobotzoc@outlook.com](mailto:Rigobertobotzoc@outlook.com). Let me know if you have any questions. Paul Shaya [shayapr@yahoo.com](mailto:shayapr@yahoo.com) September 2020

Try Ernie Koutras: 301-933-5920. He is a terrific and careful carpenter, for jobs big and small. We have used him for years. And his prices are reasonable. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) August 2020

Ken Abel. 301-379-4435. He has been doing carpentry / building work for us for years. Very reliable and reasonable. Paul Kenefick May 2020

I wanted to pass on a great lead for a carpenter/handyman/pretty much all-trades person. Bruce Workeman is a carpenter by trade but will also expand his role as needed. We just finished using Bruce for new built-in shelving, wood desk counter tops, installing new baseboard, repairing worn stair treads, and hanging a few new

doors. Then he did a lovely job pointing up everything and painting. Last summer we used Bruce to repair our back kitchen stairs and lattice that had rotted out. He is very hard working, very conscientious and all at a fair price. Mobile/text: Bruce Workeman (240) 508-2806. Susan Aaron [svia1111@yahoo.com](mailto:svia1111@yahoo.com) April 2019

## **CAR SHARES –**

We use [getaround.com](http://getaround.com). You need to drop off the car in the same general vicinity as where you picked it up. They have a wide range of different types of cars you can rent (e.g., pickups and convertibles), but you may have to go a ways to get one. Daniel Shub [Daniel\\_shub@yahoo.com](mailto:Daniel_shub@yahoo.com) December 2020

I sold my car at the start of COVID in March and have been using Free2Move for the last 10 months and have really appreciated it. I agree w the prior response- it's well run (French company) and they have a fairly good size fleet in dc so I never have a problem finding a car near my house within a 5 min walk. I tried Zipcar and won't use them again because you can rent a car w your app and get to the zip car station and it often won't be there because the prior person can extend their time w the vehicle and Zipcar doesn't tell you that until you arrive at their station. So you end up with no car. Free2Move is twice the price of Zipcar but you pay for the convenience of having cars available all around you, a reserved car (from your app you can reserve the car closest to you and then walk to it), and not having to get yourself to a station. Angela Petras Johnson [angpjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:angpjohnson@yahoo.com) December 2020

Until the pandemic ended my occasional need, I used Free2Move, <https://www.free2move-carsharing.com>. It offers Chevy sedans and SUVs at a reasonable hourly rate and service is good. An app tells you if there are cars available in your area, and if so you can rent one and leave it in almost any legal parking space in DC or Arlington when you finish except not in a space with rush-hour parking restrictions even if it is not rush hour. Older competitor, Car2Go, with a similar model but little Smart cars, went out of business a few months ago. I haven't used Zipcar for years. Its model requires users to start and end rentals at designated parking places. If you live near such a parking place that company might work for you. Larry Miller [Lawrence.miller@starpower.net](mailto:Lawrence.miller@starpower.net) December 2020

I also second Free2Move as there are always plenty of options in the neighborhood. Even if you do end select Zipcar or another company as your primary car sharing service, Free2Move is free to sign up with and has no monthly payments. Just upload your valid driver's license and you're ready to go! It's a great option to have as a backup. Tina C [i8rosin@yahoo.com](mailto:i8rosin@yahoo.com) December 2020

## **CHIMNEY CLEANING & REPAIR –**

We have used Priddy Clean chimney at 301-530-4262. Good luck Emilie D. [emdeady@gmail.com](mailto:emdeady@gmail.com) October 2020

We used Prissy at 301-530-4262 and found them good. Had to reline and lots of other work. Hope this helps. Emilie April 2020

We have used High's Chimney Service for many years. When we first bought this house years ago, they relined and repaired our chimney and in years since they have installed a woodstove and addressed one or two other problems. They are transparent about pricing and show up on time. I would recommend them. Tamara Wittes [wittes.tamara@gmail.com](mailto:wittes.tamara@gmail.com) April 2020

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

Walter Kerr with Johnson's Chimney. He's excellent. Emily Gustafsson [Emily.gustafsson@usa.net](mailto:Emily.gustafsson@usa.net) January 2020

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

## **CHIROPRACTORS –**

Dr Anthony Noya-4708 Wisconsin Ave (202) 237-1399. He's the best! All my family and friends will tell you the same! Marjorie Dick Stuart 240-731-8079 [Marjorie@MarjorieDickStuart.com](mailto:Marjorie@MarjorieDickStuart.com) July 2020

We have great confidence in Dr. Hancock at Friendship Chiropractic, located above Rodman's. He is friendly and very good and the office has massage therapy available as well which often of course goes hand in hand to resolve chiropractic issues. Sarah Horsey [Sarahhorsey@gmail.com](mailto:Sarahhorsey@gmail.com) July 2020

My husband also highly recommends this Chiropractor, Dr Anthony Noya, 4708 Wisconsin Ave (202) 237-1399. Susan Jaquet [susanjaquet@aol.com](mailto:susanjaquet@aol.com) JULY 2020

## **COMPUTER REPAIRS & HELP –**

Ivan Babinoto cleaned up some problems on my laptop, my cell phone and set up a new printer in recent days. He has helped me for years and continues to be excellent, reasonable and lives nearby. He takes all of the precautions--mask, gloves, and distancing--to ensure your health. I highly recommend him for your computer, printer (and even cell phone) needs. He has been in our trades directory for some time but wanted to let everyone know that he is working in the neighborhood. His phone number: 202-285-0887. Ann Phillips [phillipsann1@gmail.com](mailto:phillipsann1@gmail.com) December 2020

I wholeheartedly agree with Ann Phillips regarding Ivan Babinoto, AU Parks very own computer expert. Over the past years he has helped me with many problems, including going to Best Buy with me when they were still on Wisconsin Avenue to help me select the right computer. Computer, printer, TV, FireStick, Ivan can fix it all. Barbara Chowney [barbarachowney@gmail.com](mailto:barbarachowney@gmail.com) December 2020

Just got my laptop repaired quickly and inexpensively by Advanced Computer Support on Wisconsin between Chesapeake and Davenport. The techs are super-friendly and full of advice for prolonging the life of your computer. 4709 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., 202/237-8827, [support@acswdc.com](mailto:support@acswdc.com), [www.acswdc.com](http://www.acswdc.com). Judith Ingram [jingram6@gmail.com](mailto:jingram6@gmail.com) November 2020

I couldn't agree more with Judith's assessment of Advanced Computer Support. Abraham and Sarah are good people. They are very knowledgeable and are extremely generous with their helpful suggestions. The pricing is reasonable. I believe Advanced Computer Support is one of the hidden gems among Tenleytown/AU Park's retail providers. [Mcarter2@verizon.net](mailto:Mcarter2@verizon.net) November 2020

I also highly recommend Ivan. [Juliemack1@verizon.net](mailto:Juliemack1@verizon.net) October 2020

I additionally highly recommend Ivan. Another plus for us in upper NW DC is that he lives just across Western Ave. in Bethesda, so can reach most of us in minutes. Plus, the fact that he can work remotely on our computers is another added plus. I readily suggest that you give him a try. Bette Land [betteland@hotmail.com](mailto:betteland@hotmail.com) October 2020

I highly recommend Ivan Babinoto (202-285-0887, [geek@pcsave.us](mailto:geek@pcsave.us), <http://www.pcsave.us>). For several years, he's provided me superb, affordable, reliable service. Synchronistically, he's just about to install more RAM to speed up my laptop! Leonard Rosenbaum [leonardleonard1@earthlink.net](mailto:leonardleonard1@earthlink.net) May 2020

I second Leonard Rosenbaum's recommendation of Ivan Babinoto for all your computer problems. Barbara Chowney May 2020

Justin Polin has been very helpful to me. [justin.polin@gmail.com](mailto:justin.polin@gmail.com). Ann Ingram [anningram@mac.com](mailto:anningram@mac.com)  
November 2019

I have had Lori Annaheim buy, install and transfer all of my info on a new computer that was suggested by her and I like it a lot. She has also 'unglitched' a bunch of glitches and I can say that she knows what she is doing. And she lives in the neighborhood too. Reach her at 202-363-0810. [aijacebl@aol.com](mailto:aijacebl@aol.com) May 2019

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

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

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

Ari Fisher -He was terrific helping me set-up a new computer. L Myers [loucmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:loucmyers@yahoo.com) January 2019

## **CONSTRUCTION –**

We've used Something Different Contracting (Dave Robertson) in our over 100-year-old house to completely renovate two bathrooms, paint interior, move laundry, and install HVAC system, and using again now for roofing/gutters and exterior painting. DC based and knows a ton about DC houses. Dave told us he loves kitchen renos and can't wait for us to want to do ours. Feel free to use my name. He isn't always the friendliest but we appreciate he's accurate, work is good, and he doesn't beat around the bush. Gretchen Kershaw [ellis.gretchen@gmail.com](mailto:ellis.gretchen@gmail.com) November 2020

Optima Designs in Rockville. <http://optima-designs.com/>. Gordon is the owner and is a pleasure. Ray Natter [rntr@verizon.net](mailto:rntr@verizon.net) November 2020

Javier is excellent- professional and reasonable -240-6044366. Please tell him that I sent you. Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) November 2020

Victor Mendieta has done several projects of that magnitude for me. They've all been done fabulously, and he and his people made suggestions of stuff that I hadn't thought of that I now take pictures of and show to other people because I think they are so fabulous. Plus he's a nice guy  
Joe Pinder [oohlikewowman@yahoo.com](mailto:oohlikewowman@yahoo.com) November 2020

Nick Alten, A Better Space. Lives in the neighborhood, great crew, easy to have in your family circle for a bit. Kathleen Gallagher [kbgallagher8@gmail.com](mailto:kbgallagher8@gmail.com) November 2020

We worked with Pagenstacher in 2018, and I could not have been happier. Great, smart design work based on listening to who we are and how we live; great scheduling and project management, stellar craftsmanship and in the year-plus since completion, great follow-up. I can't say enough. They are not the cheapest firm, but they are 100% professionals in every aspect, and you won't worry or have to sit on them about anything. Tamara Wittes [wittes.tamara@gmail.com](mailto:wittes.tamara@gmail.com) October 2020

Carlos Murallo at Haven Construction is terrific. Email: [Havenconstructionllc@yahoo.com](mailto:Havenconstructionllc@yahoo.com) and phone 240-554-7379. He repaired our screened-in patio. Bruce Klein June 2020

I've been using Peter Glaser Construction after having some bad experiences with Handymen over the years. Peter and his crew have far better developed skill sets dealing with repairs and renovations. He's a Class A licensed contractor and also trained decades ago as a Master Tile Setter, and he's put together a crew including an old-time Plasterer, Mason, Carpentry guy, etc. Peter helped me immensely when we had a water pipe fitting leak inside a ceiling and couldn't discover where the water was coming from. He found it and his crew repaired it which required breaking through the wall on both sides so his Plumber could get to the pipe, cut out the bad section and replace it. They then put everything back together including plaster and paint and you can't tell that anything was ever done. Since then I've used him and his crew for a myriad of repairs, even a bathroom remodel and new kitchen flooring. He can be reached directly by email at [peterglaser@msn.com](mailto:peterglaser@msn.com) or via his mobile at 202-446-3833. Steve May 2020

We faced a similar situation a few years ago, and we found a good solution. His name is Michael Janowski. He is an independent contractor (firm name is Ergon Construction, based in Virginia). When he worked for us, he had two employees; however, neither is with him now. He uses a cadre of sub-contractors. Michael's email is [michael@ergonconstruction.com](mailto:michael@ergonconstruction.com), but he can be reached most easily on his cell at 703-929-2919. We were very pleased with his work (late summer 2014 to early spring 2015) and with the end-result. Michael is experienced and knowledgeable. His work is of good quality, his sub-contractors were competent, and he concentrated reasonably well on our project despite competing jobs. Michael is dependable, honest, easy to deal with, pleasant, and accommodating. Following completion of the project he has been available for follow-up work. Michael's fees were quite reasonable compared with the high-end competitors recommended by our architect. This was the first time our architect worked with Michael. Although a demanding person, he was pleased with Michael's performance with us, as a result of which he has included Michael among the contractors with whom he works (with satisfactory results). The architect's associate, who has since gone off on his own, has done the same. Michael Calingaert April 2020

We used Randy from TR Smith for our addition. (301) 674-6348. great to work with and we felt his price was reasonable. You can see his work by looking at our back porch. We had the structure setup so that a second floor can be added when we need it. Donna DeSilva April 2020

If your looking for a competent Contractor who isn't priced through the roof I recommend you have Peter Glaser look at your Architect's design and see if he'd be willing to build it for you. Peter's been building and renovating in the area for some 40 years and he has a really topnotch crew who have been with him for a dozen years. He's small and local, doesn't have a big advertising budget or fancy showroom, and pretty much handles things directly. He oversees all projects himself. Peter's built 2 or 3 custom homes, has done numerous additions and hundreds of full renovation projects. He's Class A licensed and insured as well. But what I like about him is his honesty and dependability. You can reach him by email at [peterglaser@msn.com](mailto:peterglaser@msn.com) or via his mobile at 202-446-3833. Steve Koplo [skconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:skconsulting@yahoo.com) April 2020

I like Peter as well. He did our upstairs bathroom. Leslie Marina April 2020

I recommend German Alzate. He did a wonderful addition for us in the past at a reasonable price, and is currently finishing one in our neighborhood : 301 442 4343. Fabienne Spier April 2020

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



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

Hi, I just had outstanding work on 3 bathrooms by a local contractor. Wonderful tile work, plumbing, glass shower install in one and a tub in the other, took the walls to the studs and reframed for large medicine cabinets, basic electrical. He and a helper work 10+ hour days and got the bathrooms done in a week each. He also did painting in one room, some creative carpentry (big pullout drawers in unused stair landing) and a variety of home projects. His wife does our house cleaning and I totally trust them. I did all of the purchases of tile and fixtures, and he purchased other things needed and gave me receipts. It was a very inexpensive full-bathroom remodel. I'm fluent in Spanish so not sure how good his English is, but I'm happy to come with him (and give remodeling ideas to neighbors). Also happy to show you what he did in our house if you are serious. He just contacted me because he had a job fall through, and he is currently looking for work. His name: Edwin Palacios 703-944-2874 I'm just really grateful because it was fast, affordable, and great work. We've done a lot of remodeling and he is the first person I'd recommend. Happy to talk more- Katrina Brandon [katrinabrandon@gmail.com](mailto:katrinabrandon@gmail.com) September 2019

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

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

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

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

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

Landis Construction! They are wonderful. Ann Van Dusen [avandusen4@gmail.com](mailto:avandusen4@gmail.com) April 2019

I highly recommend Eric Wasli of SDF Builders. He managed my total home renovation. He is honest, fair, and is a great carpenter. He has good, reasonably priced electricians, plumbers, and drywall guys. I have also hired Eric for multiple projects for my employer and for my new home. Always very satisfied. FYI, I work in construction management and I know something about good and bad contractors. He's a good one. (301) 538-2779 [sdfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sdfarm@gmail.com). John Canon [jfcanon@yahoo.com](mailto:jfcanon@yahoo.com) March 2019

I recommend Manuel Bartolo of Bartolo Custom Ironworks if you are looking to install new stairway railings. He was recommended in the COMMUNIT-E tradesmen list and I strongly second the endorsement. Pricewise, he and everyone else we interviewed were the same, but he was able to get the job done in less than 2 weeks. It would have been faster had it not been for the snowstorm. Everyone else wanted 4-6 weeks lead time, and one guy said he couldn't work until March due to the cold weather. When I mentioned that to Manuel, he laughed. Also, he installed caps at the base of each railing post, a nice detail that nobody else seemed to offer. He also left me a can of spray paint to cover any scratches he might have missed. Manuel is a friendly Portuguese guy who does quality work. There are photos of his work on his website, <http://www.bartoloiron.com>, but don't bother using the online contact form, as it doesn't work. Just call him at 301-949-0581. Jason Kim [pereirakims@verizon.net](mailto:pereirakims@verizon.net) January 2019

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

## **CREMATION SERVICES –**

When I was planning ahead as my mother declined, I contacted Rapp and several other funeral homes in the NW area, down as far as Georgetown, seeking convenience in picking up the remains (and recognizing that a drive to an unfamiliar place could be more stressful than usual.) We had used Rapp for my father's cremation in 2002, my mother went alone to pick up the box. We had no complaints at that time. In my research five years ago, Rapp was by far the least expensive (we wanted only the cremation and whatever legal services they are obliged to provide.) In the end, I had to move my mother to Easton, MD and so she was cremated there, using the most basic service I could find. It was still over \$1000. The funeral director himself came to pick up her body, he arranged for my mother's cousin to go to the storage place to see my mother one more time, and then he brought the box to me, at least a 30 minute drive from his place. That was about four years ago. The funeral director's services included the preparation of death certificates, a legal matter. Any services for a memorial or something like that would definitely cost more, so this is the basic fee, from my experience. The estate can pay the fee from the decedent's assets. Most wills or trusts are written that way. I don't recall whether we needed to pay immediately but I don't think so, if availability of cash is an issue. The trustee or administrator can be reimbursed for the cost, if she needs to pay with her own money or on her own credit card. Helen on Brandywine. January 2020

The least expensive is also the one I found myself. It is Maryland Cremation Services. They pick up the body (which has to be removed within 4 hours). Cost is \$875. She said they service all of Montgomery county, so not a problem. (I didn't think to ask about DC, but since they are already going to the outer reaches of Montgomery County, DC is most likely included.) According to her, there are no hidden charges. Ms. Marshall was very direct and straightforward with me. She said she MUST discuss everything with the POA (power of attorney); no one else will do, and of course you have to send your POA document with signatures and all either as a jpg or pdf attachment, or fax it. She urged me to get the paperwork done asap, because if they aren't designated before your loved one dies, there's nothing to be done. (She told a sort of joke here...essentially, if you wait until the last minute, they cannot help you.) Call Marshall (Marcia?) at Maryland Crematory, 410-960-7525. We have to pick up the ashes "by appointment only." Lori Annaheim [lannaheim@mindspring.com](mailto:lannaheim@mindspring.com) January 2020

## **DENTISTS –**

Try Dr. Maria Nichols in the Rodman bldg. She's fabulous. Bette Land [betteland@hotmail.com](mailto:betteland@hotmail.com) August 2020

Try Dr George Joncas. He is located on McArthur Blvd near Sibley Hospital. Solo practice and on street besides being an excellent practitioner. Not sure about fees but I have been going to him for years. Good luck. Judy Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) August 2020

I can't address cost, but for high quality of care I strongly recommend Gene Giannini, whom I have gone to for years. His office is at 4801 Wisconsin Ave. Phone: 202-244-4111. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2020

I've been happy with Dr. Nichols, too. She takes insurance (or at least one of the insurances offered to federal employees), as well. Jon Bender [jonbender@gmail.com](mailto:jonbender@gmail.com) August 2020

I second the recommendation for Dr. Nichols. Katie Fioravanti [kleonhardy@gmail.com](mailto:kleonhardy@gmail.com) August 2020

Maria Nichols (Rodman's bldg) is Good and rated Inexpensive by Checkbook. She did a crown for half the cost of another dentist I consulted. Diana Diamond [diana\\_diamond@hotmail.com](mailto:diana_diamond@hotmail.com) August 2020

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

*AUDIOLOGIST* - Try Kathy Grace at Audiology Associates in Potomac, MD. She's wonderful. Shari Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) December 2019

*DERMATOLOGIST* - I strongly recommend Dr. Hyland Cronin at 5530 Wisconsin Ave. 301-986-1880. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2020

*DERMATOLOGIST* - I highly recommend Dr. Hyland Cronin at 5530 Wisconsin Ave. 301-986-1880. Both my husband and I go to her at least once a year and are very happy with her diagnoses and treatments. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) June 2020

*DERMATOLOGIST* - We want to second Kathy Smith's recommendation of Hyland Cronin. She is excellent, and a Mohs surgeon, who has operated on Bob twice with excellent results. Luckily, I am less "interesting" as a patient, but also find her care to be excellent, both for annual visits and for small issues that have arisen in between. Nancy Gordon June 2020

*DERMATOLOGIST* - Dr. Maral Skelsey, 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD, [301\) 652-8081](tel:3016528081). She and her staff are excellent! Mary Siegel June 2020

*ENDOCRINOLOGIST* - Dr John Merandino 301-230-0300 10215 Fernwood Rd Suite 405 Bethesda MD. John Derrick [jolfon1@verizon.net](mailto:jolfon1@verizon.net) May 2019

*ENT* – Dr. Catherine Picken , (202) 785-5000, 2440 M St, NW, Suite 620. Extremely competent. Cindy Snyder June 2020

*ENT* - If you have more than routine sinus issues go to JHU to Andrew Lane -- he is tops. Dona Lenkin June 2020

*ENT* - I've had good experience with Dr. Patrick Mahat at 3301 New Mexico Ave. 202-363-2363. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) June 2020

*OPHTHALMOLOGIST* - My ophthalmologist, Thomas Yau of Silver Spring Eye, has been working on my dry eyes for the past few years and we have it licked now. I confess it would have been a much faster cure if I had followed his directions/advice. There is a large county parking building across the street from his office building. Dr. Thomas Yau, Ophthalmologist & Ophthalmic Surgeon, Silver Spring Eye, 8650 Fenton Street, Suite 514, Silver Spring MD 20910, 301 587-1220, [www.SilverSpringEye.com](http://www.SilverSpringEye.com). If you decide to see him, please let him know I gave you his name. He's absolutely great! Linda Hughes [hugs4linda@gmail.com](mailto:hugs4linda@gmail.com) October 2020

*OPHTHALMOLOGIST* - I strongly recommend Dr. Colleen Joseph, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, (301) 657-4171. She divides her time between Chevy Chase and McLean, Va. so make sure you specify that you want to see her in Chevy Chase. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) October 2020

*OPHTHALMOLOGIST* - We love Dr. Charles Bahn. He takes lots of time to explain options and is conservative: if you don't need a treatment yet, he won't perform it. 4848 Battery Lane, Second Floor, Bethesda 20815, 301-657-3022. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) October 2020

*ORTHOPEDIST* - I just had my second knee replacement with Dr. Siram of Summit Orthopedics, 5530 Wisconsin. I found him and his fabulous physicians' assistant Ashley to be great to work with. [jombturner@gmail.com](mailto:jombturner@gmail.com) November 2020

*ORTHOPEDIST* - I recommend Dr. Gautam Siram at Summit Orthopedics in Chevy Chase. He has successfully operated on my ageing mother's knee and treated mine - without surgery. [caryridder@starpower.net](mailto:caryridder@starpower.net) November 2020

*ORTHOPEDIST* - I also had a good experience with Dr. Siram for a partial knee replacement. Michael Crabtree [mcrabtree53@gmail.com](mailto:mcrabtree53@gmail.com) November 2020

*ORTHOPEDIST* - Dr. Unger at 5530 Wisconsin Avenue. Both knees replaced, and am very happy with the results. Connected to Sibley Hospital, and their physical therapists, after the replacements, are also great. Aija [aijacelb1@aol.com](mailto:aijacelb1@aol.com) November 2020

## **DONATE ITEMS –**

**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 2020

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

**Books** - Cleveland Park library is taking book donations. See message below, posted this afternoon. The Friends of Cleveland Park Library is pleased to offer scheduled pickups and drop-offs of donated books. While we await access to our library space, we are making local pickups and accepting off-site donations of quality used books. Until further notice, donations are not permitted at the library itself. The Friends sells used books to help support library programs. We accept all types of books in good condition. Any books we cannot sell will be donated to local nonprofits. Please respond for more information - pdkeen @ yahoo dot com. [dcspanish@yahoo.com](mailto:dcspanish@yahoo.com) November 2020

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

**Clothing** - When I have rags of all sorts, including unusable clothes, I put them in a bag or box and label it "Rags", then give it to one of the charities that picks up from time to time. I do the same for old shoes - "Old Leather". I figure that if there is a use for these things, these charities will find it. If not, they will dispose of it. With that I've tried my best to keep it out of a landfill. Here is one charity that comes by fairly regularly: Emily @ Veterans of America <[donor@pickupplease.org](mailto:donor@pickupplease.org)>. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) November 2020

**Clothing** - The huge yellow bins market Planet Aid are exactly for the purpose, to recycle textiles, and you can also put old clothing. In our neighborhood alone, there are some at Wilson HSchool, at the Exxon gas station

on Wisconsin and Elicott, the 7/11 on Wisconsin avenue near the Post Office. For more locations and info here is the link. Just make sure you bag your donations. Good luck.

<https://www.planetaid.org/what-we-do/for-the-environment/our-convenient-yellow-bins>.

Catherine Vial [Catherine\\_vial@yahoo.com](mailto:Catherine_vial@yahoo.com) November 2020

**Clothing** - H&M accept used textiles in any condition. Per their [website](#):

1. Take any unwanted clothes or textiles, by any brand and in any condition, to one of our stores.
2. Drop your bag of old clothes in our garment collecting box near the register and receive a 15% off coupon to use toward your next purchase.

Once you've made the drop off, our business partner I:CO takes over. They sort through the contents and divide everything into three categories:

- **Rewear:** Wearable clothes are marketed as second-hand clothing.
- **Re-use:** If the clothes or textiles are not suitable for rewear, they're turned into other products such as remake collections or cleaning cloths.
- **Recycle:** All other clothes and textiles are shredded into textile fibers and used to make insulation materials and more.

Thanks for keeping your used items out of the landfill! Anna Marie [amwrin@gmail.com](mailto:amwrin@gmail.com)  
November 2020

**Clothing** - So Others May Eat is a great place that takes all things, including shoes and clothing. Hannah Romick [romickhannah@yahoo.com](mailto:romickhannah@yahoo.com) April 2020

**Coats** - If it is women's clothing you might try Miriam's Kitchen. Kathleen Gallagher [kb Gallagher8@gmail.com](mailto:kb Gallagher8@gmail.com)  
December 2020

**Coats** - Vietnam Veterans of America's. You can schedule a pick upon its website. Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) December 2020

**Coats** - Vietnam veterans definitely accepts clothing. Molly Mott [mottmolly@gmail.com](mailto:mottmolly@gmail.com) December 2020

**Coats** - Winter coats are needed at SOME and Martha's Table and they will take coats, men's socks etc. you need to take them to the place. Emilie [emdeady@gmail.com](mailto:emdeady@gmail.com) December 2020

**Coats** - Some local charities have stopped accepting donations due to Covid. You'd have to call around. I know Suited for Change is accepting donations for drop off after 1/4 but all items have to be freshly dry cleaned. I recently had a big donation picked up by Vietnam Veterans Association. Check their websites. Leslie Marina [lmartinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmartinaccio@yahoo.com) December 2020

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

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

**Toiletries – Beauty samples:** Friendship Place for the Homeless would probably like them.

They have offices in the building next to Rodman's on Wisconsin Avenue. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com)  
September 2019

**Various** - Friendship Animal Hospital will take sheets, towels, blankets and even pillows! Victoria Marquez [victoria.cristina.marquez@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.cristina.marquez@gmail.com) September 2019

## **DRYCLEANERS –**

American Valet is a neighborhood institution and a true family business. When Joe and Donnie's father was still alive but retired and sick, he used to hang out at the store just to still be a part of it. I always thought that was so endearing. They do excellent work as well. Joe knows everything about dry cleaning and they have removed stains from much loved clothing that I never thought possible. I have patronized them since the 1980s and would never taking my dry cleaning any place else. Going in there is like visiting a friend or family member. It would be a tragedy for the neighborhood to lose such a treasured part of our lives. Wendy Bader June 2020

American Valet does fantastic, careful work at reasonable prices, and are a true neighborhood institution. For decades, they have consistently supported initiatives from the local schools, Scouts and other Tenleytown groups. They deserve our support during these tough times. Dry cleaning, shoe cleaning (they'll look new!) and repair, and tailoring, alterations. Michele Bond June 2020

## **ELDER & NURSING SERVICES –**

If you are looking for a referral for a private duty aide, I would like to recommend the two extraordinary women who cared for my mother at the Five Star assisted living facility in Chevy Chase. She was 94, with all the complications of advanced Parkinson's and dementia, and required total care. Each of these women is highly skilled, experienced, responsible, and capable of handling someone with such challenging needs. But above and beyond those critical attributes, each in her own way was exceptionally kind and loving and attentive to my introverted mom. Each genuinely cared about and got to know her, appreciated and related to her as a person—never as a client or a case. While they have been working with a terrific agency (through which we found them and which I would also recommend), they both would prefer to find private duty work, which provides far better financial advantages. I would be more than happy to talk to you about these two special ladies. Feel free to contact me via phone, text, or email. Ali Kahn 301-802-4653 [ali.kahn@verizon.net](mailto:ali.kahn@verizon.net) July 2020

I suggest turning to Iona Senior Services! We are so lucky to have it in our community not only for the services it can provide but their knowledge of others who can help if they cannot. 202-895-9448. Ann Ingram [anningram@mac.com](mailto:anningram@mac.com) July 2020

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

BrightStar Care at 301-588-0859 and at [aplavnieks@brightstarcare.com](mailto:aplavnieks@brightstarcare.com). Aija C. B. [aijacebl@aol.com](mailto:aijacebl@aol.com) November 2019

## **ELECTRICIANS –**

We like Kevin Rozier: 202-841-8021. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com). November 2020

Another vote for Kevin Rozier. Kathleen Gallagher [kbgallagher8@gmail.com](mailto:kbgallagher8@gmail.com) December 2020

Kevin Rozier is good. We have used him several times. Ray Natter [rntr@verizon.net](mailto:rntr@verizon.net) December 2020

I use personally and recommend to my clients - Holt Electric -- Mike Holt and team are well-priced and always on time! <https://www.holtelectrical.com/>. Stacy Berman [stacy.berman@rlathome.com](mailto:stacy.berman@rlathome.com) December 2020

We have been very pleased with Kevin Rozier, PO Box 1572, Upper Marlboro, MD 20773, 202-841-8021. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) September 2020

Kudos to electrician Kevin Rozier again. He is currently doing a small job for \$150. One for which Bentz wanted \$475! Anne Novak January 2020

Gotta give Kevin Rosier a thumbs up also. He did the heavy-up on our home on Albemarle St years ago.  
Dennis Shumaker January 2020

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

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

## FENCES –

I've used Accokeek Fence twice for fences, although not for several years now. They're very good and very reliable. I would recommend them. Jean Peaslee [bolanjc@yahoo.com](mailto:bolanjc@yahoo.com) December 2020

Ace Fencing is wonderful. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) May 2020

Mill to You is highly recommended by Consumer Checkbook and does great work. Barry gets highest ratings for quality/price. [susannekoffsky@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoffsky@gmail.com) April 2020

Mill to You Fences. Barry does excellent work at a great price. Alissa K Via April 2020

Potomac Fence Company, (301) 468-1228. Great company, fast efficient work. [stschubert@gmail.com](mailto:stschubert@gmail.com) April 2020

I too like Potomac Fence. It is a small local company. Pleasant to deal with. John Wheeler  
[johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) April 2020

For fences, we recommend Phoenix Fence and Deck. Jeff Rogers, the owner, provides the estimates. He is knowledgeable and has a lot of good reviews that is why we ended up choosing him.

<http://phoenixfenceanddeck.com/>, (240) 832-2641. Sheila Bruch [sheilabruch@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilabruch@yahoo.com) April 2019

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

## FIREWOOD -

I've used Roy Seal (540) 209-4804. J Rock [palmjzarr@aol.com](mailto:palmjzarr@aol.com) December 2020

We use William Trees. They are great and always deliver a good mix of hardwoods. The smallest quantity they deliver is 1/2 cord and I think the cost around \$140(ish). They do charge a stacking fee if you want. (540) 675-2530. Nikki Fisher [nikkirfisher@gmail.com](mailto:nikkirfisher@gmail.com) December 2020

## FLOOR INSTALLERS & REFINISHERS –

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

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

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

## **FURNITURE RPAIR/REFINISHERS –**

Steve Young (202-966-8810) did a wonderful job repairing my dining room chairs a few years ago, when several other furniture repairers had failed. I always hesitate recommending someone I used a few years ago, but Steve really impressed me not only by the work he did for me but also by the work he didn't want to take on. Harriet January 2020

I have used Nick's Custom Cabinet located in Hyattsville for years. Small minority owned firm does excellent work. Google for particulars. Judy Clear January 2020

## **GARAGE DOOR REPAIR –**

About ten years ago I replaced my original garage door that sounds much like yours. Doing so is one of the best decisions of my life—the ease with which I can raise and lower the door is a joy. I used Benson Garage Doors in Maryland and could not be happier with the choice. They also do repairs. Harriet Dwinell [hdwinell@gmail.com](mailto:hdwinell@gmail.com) July 2020

We like Gaithersburg Garage Door company: <https://gaithersburggaragedoor.com/>. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) July 2020

## **GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIR –**

Yes Mike Brown is excellent as roofer and/or gutters. [meb0506@yahoo.com](mailto:meb0506@yahoo.com), (240) 372-9574. Lisa Newman [lisanewmandc@gmail.com](mailto:lisanewmandc@gmail.com) June 2020

Tony's Services does gutter cleaning, window cleaning and power washing. I just booked an appointment for two weeks from today. If you can wait that long call Tony's, (301) 384-1822. I got them from the Listserve years ago and have been using them ever since. Please let Tony and Henry know I sent you. Marjorie Dick Stuart [mdickstuart@gmail.com](mailto:mdickstuart@gmail.com) June 2020

We have used Winston's Gutter at 301-986-1804 for many years. They are reasonable and come when they say they are. Emilie Deady June 2020



Try Congressional Windows and Gutters. We've used them for years. They are reliable and do a good job: 10320 Cavanaugh Ct, Rockville, MD 20850, **Phone: +1 301 294 3353**. Shari Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com)  
June 2020

## HAIRDRESSERS –

My cleaning lady, Frines Alcanterra, has cut hair for several neighbors, men and women. All have been pleased with the results. You can text her at 301-814-8950. I should have mentioned that a Frines is licensed...she used to work at Hair Cuttery. Beth Johnson [beth49johnson@gmail.com](mailto:beth49johnson@gmail.com) October 2020

Karla Reyna formerly from Kidville is doing at-home haircuts. She will come to your house and do an outdoor, safe, and socially distant haircut in your yard. I believe she's charging \$25/per child and she is doing adults as well. Her number is (240) 550-5552 and email is [karlareyna\\_09@yahoo.com](mailto:karlareyna_09@yahoo.com). We haven't used her for this service, but we know people who have had her at-home cuts (kid and adult) during the pandemic and were super happy. And we used to go to her at Kidville and she was always lovely, patient, she does a great job! Nadia Simon [nadiamsimon@gmail.com](mailto:nadiamsimon@gmail.com) October 2020

Our teenager and I both got great haircuts at home from a fantastic professional freelance hairstylist: Vanessa Andrade, text or call (703) 989-4815. She used to be with Molecule Salon downtown and kept her prices the same for home visits. Laurie Ann Phillips [laurieann1616@gmail.com](mailto:laurieann1616@gmail.com) October 2020

I've been using Agus at By Subairi on 14th St. I have curly hair and he whips into shape. He takes his time and it always ends up looking great! Well priced as well. Margarita Alonzo July 2020

Love Koji at PR Partners in Friendship Hts. Highly rec, sweet guy and expert at his craft. My hair is challenging and he figured it out right away. Andrea Barrett [carlsonbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:carlsonbarrett@gmail.com) July 2020

## 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. Email is [mikehotka@gmail.com](mailto:mikehotka@gmail.com). Janet Bachman [jbachman47@gmail.com](mailto:jbachman47@gmail.com) November 2020

Jaime Noriega (301) 740-5557. Please let him know I gave you his number. Marjorie Dick Stuart [mdickstuart@gmail.com](mailto:mdickstuart@gmail.com) October 2020

I wanted to share with you the name of a good handyman I'm using for some repair work. Alex Hernandez does framing, drywall installation and repair, wood trim installation and repair, interior and exterior painting, replacing and installing tile, driveway sealing, power washing, deck repair, deck staining, gutter cleaning, and gutter guard installation. His email is [alex.hernandez101@yahoo.com](mailto:alex.hernandez101@yahoo.com). Phone is 571-471-0971. He can provide photos of his work and recommendations. He's a skilled handyman and trustworthy guy. Steve Bosak [sebosak@gmail.com](mailto:sebosak@gmail.com) October 2020

We love John handyman!!! He drove the white van you see on our alley a lot! (202) 744-2918. J Rock [palmjzarr@aol.com](mailto:palmjzarr@aol.com) October 2020

I just used Handyman in DMV based in Arlington, VA to correctly hang an interior door with which I was having trouble. They came out and provided an estimate within a couple of days of my calling. They returned to perform the job a couple of days after that. I found them to be very responsive, knowledgeable, and competitively priced. Please note that they do charge for the estimate, but those funds contribute to the cost of the job if you proceed with them. Mark Carter [mcarter2@verizon.net](mailto:mcarter2@verizon.net) October 2020

Edwin Palacios is great! He just repaired my storm door and tiled my fireplace hearth. 703-944-2874. Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) October 2020

Edwin Palacios, 703-944-2874. Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) August 2020

We had a very good experience with Ariton Ismaili for a very long list of projects at our home - from scraping and painting the metal rails, to replacing the wooden railings on our porch, to repairing the fence gate and lattice on our fence and then re-staining the whole thing, to recaulking and repainting the trim on our old windows, to scraping and repainting our columns and pillars on our 1914 home. His contact info is 202-288-9129 or [aritoni@yahoo.com](mailto:aritoni@yahoo.com). Wendy S [wfs3877@gmail.com](mailto:wfs3877@gmail.com) August 2020

James Maxwell at 301-854-6085, is excellent. Bruce Klein May 2020

For all kinds of jobs around the house, I highly recommend Alfredo: 301 605 3057. He's really great. We started using him because of a neighbor's recommendation, and we haven't been disappointed. Fabienne Spier [fabienne922@gmail.com](mailto:fabienne922@gmail.com) May 2020

Wayne Fisher! - I think he is the absolute best. He can do jobs others cant (I've used him for so many things - replacing a window others said couldn't be done, repairing a light where light bulb exploded (others said same thing – can't be done, but he fixed with a piece of screen ... he is like old fashioned tinkerer, devising solutions not in the book), repairing woodwork and painting, installing glass doors for a closet (he's really strong), years and years of jobs only Wayne can do. And he is a very nice person, too. Wayne Fisher, Homeworks![@verizon.net](mailto:verizon.net), FisherHomeworks.com, 202-232-3781. Dale Kaufman [dale4tiger@gmail.com](mailto:dale4tiger@gmail.com) March 2020

Try Silas Lopez . We have several investment properties and we have worked with him for more than 15 years. He is very competent, honest and reasonable. Does everything: painting, sheetrock, spackle, carpentry, minor electric and plumbing. His number is [\(240\) 395-3730](tel:2403953730). Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) December 2019

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

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

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

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

Mike Hotka is a gem of a handyman. You can reach Mike at [mikehotka@gmail.com](mailto:mikehotka@gmail.com) . Joan Topalian [topaj Joan62045@gmail.com](mailto:topaj Joan62045@gmail.com) September 2019

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

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

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

## HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING –

If you are looking for A/C service or replacement, I highly recommend Mirko of PCK HVAC LLC. He was recommended on this listserv's predecessor. He owns the business, does the work with his brother, is extremely responsive, thorough, and neat. He also made recommendations for the short and long term. He wore a mask and socially distanced. Our system is working quietly and efficiently. We were really happy with his work and wanted to pass on his contacts. You can call or text him on 240-252-8287 or email him at [pckhvac@aol.com](mailto:pckhvac@aol.com). Happy to provide a reference. Deborah June 2020

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

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

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

We have used Climate Heating and Cooling for 20 years . Good company. Leslie Marinaccio [lmarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmarinaccio@yahoo.com) October 2019

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

I highly recommend Inside Air Technologies from Westminster, MD. They were efficient, professional and reasonable. They installed my A/C System 5 years ago. Please tell Steve that I sent you if you do reach out to them. [\(301\) 200-1323](tel:3012001323). Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) October 2019

We are very happy with Comfort Solutions. Cynthia Grant [Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com) October 2019

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

A number of people including myself have been very satisfied with Serge. He has consistently come up with by far the lowest rates, has licenses and warranties for the new equipment as well as the work that he performs.

He is on time and within budget and very pleasant to work with. Serge [dr.hvac.mechanic@gmail.com](mailto:dr.hvac.mechanic@gmail.com), 3016558420. Anna Belaschenko [anna.strekoza@gmail.com](mailto:anna.strekoza@gmail.com) May 2019

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

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

## **HOUSEKEEPERS/CLEANERS –**

My lovely cleaning woman, Lorena Garay, is seeking additional clients on Mondays and Thursdays. She brings her sister-in-law Alba, and the two of them work quickly and efficiently. Lorena has worked for me for a couple years and proven to be trustworthy and reliable. I wholeheartedly recommend her. She can be reached by phone or text at 301 537-5600. Feel free to email me at [sunderwood4104@gmail.com](mailto:sunderwood4104@gmail.com) if you want more information. Sarah Underwood December 2020

We are moving away from the area. I highly recommend a husband-and-wife team plus assistant, who have worked for us for 8 years. They are wonderful people and do a very thorough cleaning of our house. Contact Leticia White at 202-746-5261. Judy Rae [judyrae43@gmail.com](mailto:judyrae43@gmail.com) November 2020

I just had a woman come to my house to clean the carpets in some of my rooms. She was referred to me by a friend. She has her own carpet cleaning machine and she doesn't work for any company. She did an excellent job and her prices were very reasonable. She worked for a major hotel chain in the area until the pandemic hit. Now she is laid off and trying to support herself and her teenage daughter as a single mom. She is looking for work cleaning houses, carpets, windows, anything. I am having her come back next week to clean my windows and I highly recommend her. Her name is Sandra Sanchez. Phone number is 571-340-7725. You can tell her that you Patricia recommended her. Patricia Cummings [pmc19462@gmail.com](mailto:pmc19462@gmail.com) October 2020

We are happy with Cleaning Authority, 301-476-8555. P Kokus [pkokus=aol.com@groups.io](mailto:pkokus=aol.com@groups.io) July 2020

I highly recommend Ana Abrego at 703-946-0850. She and her assistant are thorough and very pleasant. Baribiern [biernmail@gmail.com](mailto:biernmail@gmail.com) July 2020

I strongly recommend Libia Perreira. She is very thorough! I've had her as my housekeeper for years! 202-669-0280. Catherine Bruno [sheehanbruno@yahoo.com](mailto:sheehanbruno@yahoo.com) July 2020

My dear cleaning lady of many years, Catalina Ramos, is still available every other Monday morning. This is the only spot she has currently available. Her phone number is 301 512-6679. Jenny Bland January 2020

My lovely cleaning woman, Lorena Garay, is seeking additional clients. She brings her sister-in-law Alba, and the two of them work quickly and efficiently. Lorena has worked for me for over a year and proven to be trustworthy and reliable. I wholeheartedly recommend her. She can be reached by phone or text at 301 537-5600. Feel free to email me at [sunderwood4104@gmail.com](mailto:sunderwood4104@gmail.com) if you want more information. November 2019

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

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

I would like to recommend our wonderful house cleaner Lidia Gramajo. We have used her services for several years, and we are always happy to come home to our clean house after she has been there. She is very reliable and trustworthy, and looking to pick up some more clients. Please contact her directly at 202-271-9544

or [giron2055@hotmail.com](mailto:giron2055@hotmail.com). Email me directly if you have questions: [arbucklekristen@gmail.com](mailto:arbucklekristen@gmail.com) Kristen Arbuckle April 2019

## **IRONWORKING –**

I had ASCO (American Stripping Company; [www.ascoweb.com](http://www.ascoweb.com)) in Manassas strip and powdercoat my MeadowCraft wrought iron furniture this Spring. They did an outstanding job. You can reach them at (703) 368-9922. It's expensive, but well worth the cost. Catherine Rafferty [cmraffertylaw.com](http://cmraffertylaw.com) November 2020

About 7 years ago, I decided to install iron handrails in front of our home. After extensive research, I hired Mickey Sites. Today, I wonder how we (or anyone else who lived in my home for the 77 years before me) ever lived without these handrails. Best money I've ever spent on my home! Mickey Sites, Mickeys Ironworks, (301) 277-4141 work, (301) 440-1735 Cell [mickeysiron@aol.com](mailto:mickeysiron@aol.com). Teresa A. Gruber [tgruber@starpower.net](mailto:tgruber@starpower.net) October 2020

I highly recommend Delmus Nelson of Nelson's Welding. He fabricated my wrought iron fence and railing, as well as my flag pole. I consider the fence to be a work of art with how it curves along my front walkway. He also installed a railing similar to what you want for a friend in the neighborhood over the summer. She was also extremely pleased with his work and his price. Mr. Nelson was involved in the renovation of The Big Chair in Anacostia. I have worked with him over the last 12 years. He takes great pride in his work and started a welding school to teach the trade to young men. He is a true artisan and a fine gentleman. You may reach him at: Delmus Nelson, Nelson's Welding, (202) 889-3761, 1101 W Street SE, Washington DC 20020, [nelsonwelding@netzero.com](mailto:nelsonwelding@netzero.com). Catherine Rafferty [CMR@CMRaffertyLaw.com](http://CMR@CMRaffertyLaw.com) October 2020

## **JEWELRY APPRAISERS & DESIGNERS –**

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

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

Jerrold Root. He's terrific. 703-821-2922. Bari Sedar [biernmail@gmail.com](mailto:biernmail@gmail.com) December 2020

This may seem a bit unexpected, but Pampillonia Jewelers in Bethesda (used to be at Connecticut and M) are just the best with better prices and sounder work. They have been my go-to forever. [stschubert@gmail.com](mailto:stschubert@gmail.com) December 2020

Adam Keshishian, just across the District/Maryland line and just off Wisconsin Avenue. [Aijacelb1@aol.com](mailto:Aijacelb1@aol.com) December 2020

I agree with Bert's jewelers, who resized some rings for me 2 years ago. I would also be comfortable using Dominion Jewelers in Falls Church. Jean Bolan Peaslee January 2020

Friendship Jewelers in cathedral heights, on Idaho near the police station, resized an engagement ring. They did a great job. I was very comfortable leaving the ring with them. Jill Palmer January 2020

Bert's Jewelers right next to the entrance to the arcade just south of Morrison Street, west side of Connecticut Avenue will size them (rings) for you or suggest something else. Nice folks in there and their prices seem fair. Ann Ingram January 2020

Adam Keshishian, just off Wisconsin Ave. on the same street as Whole Foods (Md.). Aija January 2020

## KNIFE & TOOL SHARPENERS –

Strosnidars has a guy who comes around every week (or they used to). He takes your mower away and brings it back a week later, all sharpened up. Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) August 2020

The guy at Strosnidars is Jeff Lemon. He's there from 4 to 6 every Tuesday evening. He can also be reached at 301-676-8397. His truck is in the upper parking lot next to Strosnidars. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2020

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 2020

## LAWN & YARD SERVICES –

We really like Nathan Camp, owner of Garden Appeal. He used to work at the National Arboretum and really knows his trees and shrubs. You can see examples of his work at his website: <http://gardenappeal.net/> It also has his contact information. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) October 2020

Barbara Balman, who lives in AU Park, just did our yard and did an amazing job. I cannot recommend her enough! <http://www.bbalmanlandscapedesign.com/>. Johanna Howe [jmkbhowe@gmail.com](mailto:jmkbhowe@gmail.com) October 2020

I also recommend Nathan Camp of Garden Appeal. A plus to me is that he lives in DC. John Wheeler [johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) October 2020

I highly recommend Serena Fossi. She has done many dog and kid friendly spaces and is absolutely great to work with. Serena Fossi, [smastersfossi@gmail.com](mailto:smastersfossi@gmail.com), 202-302-7734. Mary McComb [maryemc@yahoo.com](mailto:maryemc@yahoo.com) September 2020

I recommend Landscape Architect Laura Volk of Earth Essence Designs who has great ideas and very patient. She has a lot of experience with incorporating children spaces into gardens as she works on a MCPS school's Outdoor Classroom. We found her contact from another listserv and engaged her services for our garden (vegetable, rain garden and drainage issues). Check her website for portfolio and contact info: <https://earthessencedesigns.com/>. [Chi n nguyen@yahoo.com](mailto:Chi_n_nguyen@yahoo.com) September 2020

I have been fortunate enough to work with two landscape designers who are local, brilliant, practical and a joy to work with. How lucky is that? If one is too booked up, call the other. Can't go wrong. Barbara Balman, lives in DC, lots of experience in both formal and native plant-based design. Among many projects, has designed the green-scape for a DC public school! Can't get more kid-friendly than a 735 student school project! And it still looks great! <http://www.bbalmanlandscapedesign.com>. Thorne Rankin, lives in DC, lots of experience in both formal and native plant-based design. Among many projects, has designed the green-scape for a DC Park & Recs Community Center. Kids, dogs, people wandering off the paths, check, check and double-check. <https://www.thornerankin.com/contact>. Kate McLynn [kd\\_mclynn@me.com](mailto:kd_mclynn@me.com) September 2020

I highly recommend Collin Rubin-Thomas for yard work. He planted and replanted numerous shrubs in my yard to create a new garden. He's young and strong, punctual and polite and a quick study. You can reach him at (202) 271-2139. Anne Novak [novakamj@msn.com](mailto:novakamj@msn.com) September 2020

For aerating: Hernandez, Leo (Leo's Landscape), (240) 286-3323. Bill Begal [bbegal@begal.net](mailto:bbegal@begal.net) April 2020

Barbara Balman - she revamped our front yard to make our overgrown garden more manageable. She relocated several grasses and shrubs, put in sod, limbed up trees, and put in a small hard-scaped patio on the side of our home. She incorporated our interests in her design and also gave us great suggestions and expert

insight on how to care for our existing trees and bushes. I particularly liked how she made sure to re-locate our existing vegetation to get the desired effect instead of having us purchase all new plants. Her prices are very reasonable and she lives in the Tenley neighborhood herself. Her email is [barbarambalman@gmail.com](mailto:barbarambalman@gmail.com) and her phone number is 202-744-9515 (website: <http://www.bbalmanlandscapedesign.com/>). Heather Hosmer [heatherhosmer1@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhosmer1@gmail.com) January 2020

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

We had a fantastic experience with Sierra Stone when redoing our backyard last fall. Ali Whitmer [aliwhitmer@yahoo.com](mailto:aliwhitmer@yahoo.com) June 2019

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

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

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

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

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

*Wills & Estate Trusts* - I had good experience with Jeffrey Kolender at Paley Rothman in Bethesda. His number is 301-951-9340. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) April 2019

*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 2019

## **LOCKSMITHS –**

I recommend Colette. Her company is Door Detail. <http://www.doordetail.net/>. Yael Weinman [yaelweinman@gmail.com](mailto:yaelweinman@gmail.com) November 2020

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

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

Don Schmidt of Wheaton Lock is great. I have relied on him for big and small jobs for years. Cathy Grossman [cathylynngrossman@gmail.com](mailto:cathylynngrossman@gmail.com) February 2019

## **MASONS – (Stone & Brick)**

We have used Arnolando Davila for many home projects and have been very happy with his work. His number is 301-433-1013. Jeremy Hessler [Jeremy.hessler@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.hessler@gmail.com) August 2020

Masonry: We just had Stone Garden masonry replace bricks in a decaying retaining wall, replace another low wall with timber, and build a flagstone platform for trash cans. They did the work quickly and expertly...and at a lower cost than two other bidders (recommended on neighborhood listservs). Two neighbors have lauded the company's work. Contact Stone Garden at [stonegardendmv@gmail.com](mailto:stonegardendmv@gmail.com) or call 240-393-8814 (Silver Spring). Mike Jacobson [mjacobson@cspinet.org](mailto:mjacobson@cspinet.org) July 2020

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

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

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

## **MASSAGE THERAPISTS –**

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

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

Try Great Scott movers. They have moved furniture within my house before, so perhaps can do this. Joanne Kelsey [kelseylistserves@gmail.com](mailto:kelseylistserves@gmail.com) July 2020

## **PAINTERS –**



We have used Tenleytown Painting for many years. Good work and a really nice family and crew. Leslie Marina [Imarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:Imarinaccio@yahoo.com) December 2020

Tenleytown Painters had the best price and provided outstanding service.. Very professional, very detail-oriented, great job. I can't say enough good things about them. David Lytel [david@lytel.com](mailto:david@lytel.com) December 2020

Recommend fabulous house painters. Adjusted to our needs with the Pandemic. We have worked with Jose Ferrufino and his crew since 2002. They have painted the inside and exterior of our house many times as well of the houses of several neighbors and family. We were hesitant to have them paint the exterior this year because of the Pandemic. We rented a portable toilet at a very reasonable price so they did not need to come into the house and they have been very respectful of our concerns and as always did a professional, thorough job. F&J Painting 301-330-5248. Kemper C [ckquimper@gmail.com](mailto:ckquimper@gmail.com) July 2020

Tenleytown Painting. Ask for Erik. Leslie Marina [Imarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:Imarinaccio@yahoo.com) November 2019

Mulcahy Brothers. Neighborhood business. They do excellent work. Marion Connell [mfconnell@gmail.com](mailto:mfconnell@gmail.com) November 2019

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

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

## **PERSONAL TRAINERS –**

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

## **PEST CONTROL SERVICES -**

Mr. Bug has been very helpful in the past. Google for telephone and address. I will give him a call about crickets if they become a real problem for me . I have been spraying peppermint oil diluted with water in my garage and basement. I also have a cat so can't tell what is really working. Judy Clear [j.clear@starpower.net](mailto:j.clear@starpower.net) October 2020

We also had good results with Western Pest but then bad experiences with Orkin. After a thorough search, including the recommendations in Washington Consumer Checkbook, we switched to CW Pest Control (<http://cw-termite-pest.net>) about two years ago. We are very happy with them, and they are much more reasonably priced than Orkin. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) March 2020

I recommend keeping your distance from Orkin (pest control). When we bought our house in 1968 we "inherited" Western Pest Control, and our various tenants and we benefited for a good 50 years from their reliable, professional service (annual inspections and one Carpenter ant extermination). However, 4-5 years ago Orkin purchased Western and took over its residential business in this area. Orkin's performance has been disappointing, if not exasperating. Almost every year there has been a glitch in scheduling their inspection. What should have been seamless – they notify me it is time for the inspection, they suggest a date and time, I confirm or arrange for an alternative, the inspection takes place – has been anything but. Last year was particularly egregious: the inspector came unannounced in June when we were out of town; upon my

return in July, I told Orkin what had happened; they did not follow up; in mid-December Orkin called seeking to re-schedule before year-end, I declined because timing was inconvenient; Dec. 23 I left a message for the branch manager that I wanted to talk to him; mid-Jan. branch manager said he had not received my message, and we agreed on inspection Jan. 22 between 8 and 10; Jan. 22 the inspector was a no-show, when I called office they said my house was not on the inspection schedule; Jan. 23 I called the inspector I had been told would come, he was in a meeting, I asked that he call me, he did not; Jan.28 called the branch manager asking that he call me back; he didn't seem to have received that message either, but finally he arranged for another inspector to come – and so he did on February 3! Michael Calingaert March 2020

I can highly recommend MR Bugs w Mike Roark. His phone is 301-229-7200. He is terrific! Connie Rhind Robey [c\\_rhind@yahoo.com](mailto:c_rhind@yahoo.com). February 2020

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

Call Mike Roark at MR Bugs. 301-229-7200. He may even tell you what to do on the phone. He's the best! Connie Rhind Robey [c\\_rhind@yahoo.com](mailto:c_rhind@yahoo.com) June 2019

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

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

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

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

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

*CAT SITTER* - We used to use Tails of the City for cat sitting. Very reliable, bonded, and flexible. 202 261-6615 or [www.tailsofthecitydc.com](http://www.tailsofthecitydc.com) [squasher@starpower.net](mailto:squasher@starpower.net) June 2019

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

*DOG WALKER* - I use Chris at FidoGroup 202-851-2683. Kathleen Conley [kathleenconley220@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenconley220@yahoo.com) June 2019

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

*VETERINARIAN* - I don't know your circumstances, but Peaceful Passage & Tranquility Vet Services were both compassionately responsive, when it was time to let our dog pass on in April. Dr Tracy Thompson (Peaceful

Passage) came to the house & was very understanding about my concerns regarding drugs used & their various affects. Solaceveterinaryservices.com - Dr Karen Randall is another compassionate option. Ann H [ahc339@gmail.com](mailto:ahc339@gmail.com) December 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - At Home Veterinary Care, Caroline T. Preyer, 240-593-9013.  
Caroline is very competent and compassionate. Bruce Klein [brucetv@aol.com](mailto:brucetv@aol.com) December 2020

*VETERINARIAN* – Dr Caroline Preyer is great: [preyerct@gmail.com](mailto:preyerct@gmail.com). Fabienne Spier [fabienne922@gmail.com](mailto:fabienne922@gmail.com) November 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Dr. Sol Perl is our vet. 240-401-7339. [biernmail@gmail.com](mailto:biernmail@gmail.com) November 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Try Dr. Preyer. She is terrific and has been to my home for urgent cat needs. She's in Chevy Chase: 240-593-9016. Leslie Marina [lmarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmarinaccio@yahoo.com) October 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Dr. Caroline Preyer is wonderful. I highly recommend her. [preyerct@gmail.com](mailto:preyerct@gmail.com), (240) 593-9016. Elaine [eelfat@gmail.com](mailto:eelfat@gmail.com) October 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Below are two. Not sure whether they'd be able to come same day, but no harm in reaching out: <https://www.myvetcalls.com/>, <http://www.dcmetrovet.com/>. Sophie Burns [sophie.m.burns@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.m.burns@gmail.com) October 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Sadly, we had to put down our 14-year old dog this week after she stopped eating, nothing the vets tried improved the situation, and she got progressively weaker. After a very frustrating few days dealing with Friendship Hospital, I reached out to a vet who works exclusively through house calls, and I could not be happier with the responsiveness and care I got from **Dr. JD Wornack at DC Metro Vet**, [hello@dcmetrovet.com](mailto:hello@dcmetrovet.com), (877) 669-8706. Their practice is mainly cats, but they handle in-home euthanasia for all pets. Not only did they check their email over the holiday weekend, they fit me in with a couple of days notice and were unbelievably peaceful, caring and accommodating when they finally came. I certainly hope others don't have to go through this, but it's an amazing resource if needed. Friendship has been great in the past, but it was a total shambles last week. They are not allowing anyone inside due to Covid, and they were reasonably responsive about coming out to get the dog when I called and said I was curbside (10 minute wait), but after that it was a black hole. I called to check on her and was immediately put on hold for 12 minutes, then put on hold again for 35 minutes after posing my question (I gave up after that). She went back the next day for an ultrasound and was there in a cage for 7 hours while they waited to get the results, then they waited for the doctor to evaluate them. Again I tried to call, but was put on hold and never got a status update. It was definitely not the experience I wanted for my old, sick dog. I had better luck emailing, although I waited hours for a response. The next day the doctor suggested some additional meds we could try, but when my husband went up to pick them up he waited for 2 hours outside and never got them (he came home for dinner and Friendship has never called to follow up so I guess they never got around to filling the prescription?). The doctors were great once they had time to call, answering all my questions, but the administrative processes were horrid. I heard later that the hospital has a new owner, which may be the source of the problem. Needless to say, it was an incredibly difficult week for us and I felt totally unsupported and helpless, which made it worse. Nothing the doctors did got her to eat again, and it became obvious that this was the end. We made the decision to keep her at home instead of subjecting her to more time being poked and prodded in a hospital without her loved ones around. I hope Friendship sorts out their issues, but in the meantime I wanted to pass on our experiences so others can make the best decision for their circumstances. Dawn Leijon [dleijon@yahoo.com](mailto:dleijon@yahoo.com) September 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Taking our cats to Friendship was very stressful for them. A friend told us about Dr. Solomon Perl (301-774-5656) who only does house calls. We thought he was fantastic. And his charges are less than taking the pet to a brick and mortar building. If he thinks testing is needed, he will draw blood for that. John Wheeler [johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwheeler.dc@gmail.com) September 2020

*VETERINARIAN* - Dr. Solomon Perl is also our vet. I highly recommend him. Bari Sedar [biernmail@gmail.com](mailto:biernmail@gmail.com)  
September 2020

## **PHOTOGRAPHERS –**

In the spirit of making lemons into lemonade I hired a photographer to take family photos of us since both kids are home temporarily (at least I hope temporarily). I can't say enough about Tina--great photos of all of us (even though some of us are traditionally NOT photogenic). She was just a treat to work with and I was so happy to support her during these strange times. And she's local woman-owned business.

<https://www.tinadelarosa.com/> Tell her Sue Bell sent you.

[SueCharlieBell@gmail.com](mailto:SueCharlieBell@gmail.com) September 2020

## **PHYSICAL THERAPISTS –**

Elite Physical Therapy is great. On Wisconsin Ave at around W St. They take Medicare. Martha Maiden [Marthamaiden@verizon.net](mailto:Marthamaiden@verizon.net) July 2020

NRH has a PT office in the Chevy Chase Building and one up in Bethesda on Fernwood. They take Medicare. Pat Mullan [daisydoodles@aol.com](mailto:daisydoodles@aol.com) July 2020

I went to Mary Hood at Physical & Massage Therapy Associates at their Albemarle St. office last year & my therapy was quite successful. Then went on a trip to wildlife refuges that was tons of walking & was totally up to it. Plus, it's a super convenient location! Kate McLynn [kd\\_mclynn@me.com](mailto:kd_mclynn@me.com) July 2020

I have been treated at Sibley Rehab several times with good results. Parking is easy and the therapists are excellent. Department accepts Medicare. Judy Clear [j.clear@starpower.net](mailto:j.clear@starpower.net) July 2020

You might try the Rehab department at Georgetown or Sibley as they both are good and take Medicare. You will need a written prescription of the request. Emilie Deady [emdeady@gmail.com](mailto:emdeady@gmail.com) July 2020

## **PIANO TUNERS –**

I have an awesome piano tuner that I actually got from this listserv – Alvin Smithson, [smithsonmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:smithsonmusic@hotmail.com). Maddie Grant [maddie@humanworkplaces.net](mailto:maddie@humanworkplaces.net) July 2020

Rick Narmoyle is wonderful. His address is: [rikeyboard@aol.com](mailto:rikeyboard@aol.com). [triosuite@starpower.net](mailto:triosuite@starpower.net) July 2020

We have been using Bernard Tolbert for years. He is wonderful and makes our piano sound fabulous. 301-495-5922. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) July 2020

Yes, Robin Pitts, [pittspiano@gmail.com](mailto:pittspiano@gmail.com). She is excellent. Myrna Sislen Middle C Music [info@middlecmusic.com](mailto:info@middlecmusic.com) July 2020

Excellent piano tuner Vincent Ling (410) 428-8111. Betty Rogers [betty.rogers24@verizon.net](mailto:betty.rogers24@verizon.net) July 2020

## **PICTURE FRAMERS/RESTORERS –**

I can't refrain from highly, highly recommending Frames by Rebecca. Someone important recommended her to me several years ago for a very complex framing job. She did a magnificent job. You will find her in Silver Spring. Hdwinell May 2020

Framer McGee in Bethesda. Ginger, the owner is a delight and can make great recommendations. Claudia Taubman May 2020

Allen framing on Wisconsin near Fessenden is excellent : <https://allenframe.com/>. Lois Schiffer May 2020

I've used Framers' Workroom at 4431 Wisconsin Avenue - just south of Albemarle - for YEARS and find that they are great. They will either do the job for you or you can do some of the framing yourself with their help. This DIY aspect will help reduce the cost to some extent. I do believe, though, that they are closed now due to the DC coronavirus crisis restrictions as are most commercial establishments. Call to be sure: 202-363-1970. Kay Springwater May 2020

Page Conservation may be more than what you want or need, but they do excellent work on painting restorations. They will clean and restore paintings - museums use them, so you know they do excellent work. Deborah Page, Page Conservation, Inc., 1300 7th St, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 202-387-2979, [page3@earthlink.net](mailto:page3@earthlink.net). Peter B July 2020

Ingrid Rose at 3304 Runnymede Place, NW, 202-364-0599, is the person to see. She has had a paper conservation business since 1982 and saved a piece of mine that had been water damaged in a basement flood a couple of years ago. I highly recommend her. Kay Springwater July 2020

I just had to deal with a few paintings from my parents' estate. I had the work done by Page Conservation and was pleased with their work. This is a relatively large operation down near the convention center. You can see a more extensive list of folks in the area by searching here: <https://www.culturalheritage.org/about-conservation/find-a-conservator>. Gretchen July 2020

Though not local, A+A on 19th ST NW is superb, high quality matting and framing. Small independent ownership, much cheaper and better quality than Michaels or Plaza Arts ( which is across the street . <http://www.pictureframingwashingtondc.com>.. Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) January 2020

## **PLASTERERS –**

I used Eight Brothers a number of years ago and they were immaculate, reasonable and fabulous. Barbara Dinsmore January 2020

I had a good experience with David Ochoa, [jdochoa59@gmail.com](mailto:jdochoa59@gmail.com). When the DCPump project shook loose a radiator and part of the basement ceiling, he did a fine plaster and paint repair. I found him from the compendium on this listserve where he has a number of good reviews. Lois Schiffer January 2020

For beautiful plaster work at a reasonable price, hire Javier or Moises, who works with him. Javier's number is (703) 231-5309. Anne Novak January 2020

## **PLUMBERS –**

George the Plumber is very good. Raymond Natter [rntr@verizon.net](mailto:rntr@verizon.net) December 2020

We tried John Taylor, who may be the unavailable regular you refer to, but he has bad asthma and is staying home. Left a message for George the Plumber yesterday afternoon, and a masked James arrived this morning to replace our 80-year old pipe and bathroom sink trap that was pouring water on the floor. He was good, cleaned up beautifully, disinfected the area, replaced the old stuff with PVC and cleared the drain. It cost \$300, which may be good or high, but at this point I just wanted a usable bathroom again. I'd have him back again if needed. See georgetheplumber.com for phone and email. Jo Turner [jombturner@gmail.com](mailto:jombturner@gmail.com) December 2020

I use Mallick Plumbing & Heating, phone (301)799-2484. Tracy Cooper-Tuckman [tracyinohio98@hotmail.com](mailto:tracyinohio98@hotmail.com) December 2020

I agree I use Mallick as back up to my regular plumber. Judy Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) December 2020

We recently had a great experience with Wilbur Lopez, who was recommended on this list. Prompt, professional, did nice work, fair price. 240-361-8582. Lance Potter [lancemail@gmail.com](mailto:lancemail@gmail.com) December 2020

J and F Plumbing. Priscilla Huffman [priscillahuffman1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillahuffman1@gmail.com) December 2020

We just used Wilbur Lopez (240) 361-8582 for some copper repairs and repositioning lines. Prompt, professional, work is neat as a pin. Nice guy, fair price. Lance Potter [lancemail@gmail.com](mailto:lancemail@gmail.com) December 2020

Seconding Wilbur Lopez - for exactly these reasons. Elizabeth Gardiner [elgardiner@yahoo.com](mailto:elgardiner@yahoo.com) December 2020

I recently used Drain Science which was recommended on this listserve - one man operation, came quickly and very reasonably priced. Kathleen Gallagher [kgallagher8@gmail.com](mailto:kgallagher8@gmail.com) December 2020

Lynn Schilling at Uneeda Plumbing is terrific: honest, reasonably-priced, and he and his crew really understand old houses. 301 946 6331. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) October 2020

We recently had a major problem and found Mike Xeron, the owner of George the Plumber, to be extremely helpful. He gave us advice over the phone before we even hired him. He's the kind of plumber who knows his stuff, gives you good advice and isn't afraid to tell you that the faucet you bought is not up to his standards and then goes out and buys one that he knows will last and be easy to fix in the future. I got his name from the COMMUNIT-E Service Providers list and am grateful to the neighbors who recommended him. He can be reached at 301-681-8527 or [mike@georgetheplumber.com](mailto:mike@georgetheplumber.com). If you're wondering, George is his father. It's a family-run business. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) July 2020

I strongly recommend John Taylor. 240-472-2121. He's my go-to guy whenever anything goes wrong. Very reasonable. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) July 2020

John Taylor is the best plumber we have ever used. He can be pokey in getting back to you, only because so many people call him. He has solved several difficult problems we've encountered in our 1937 house. He is a gem. Cathy Hotka [cathyhotka@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyhotka@yahoo.com) July 2020

Lynn Schilling at Uneeda Plumbing. He is honest, reasonably priced, and does excellent work. 1-301-946-6331. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) January 2020

I also had a new boiler installed this week for a reasonable price and great service from Cool Breeze. Anne Novak January 2020

Changing pipes over to Copper from galvanized/lead is not an easy task. I had both the service line from the street into the house done a number of years ago plus changed all the pipes inside the house as well. We did them at different times, but here's what I found. Replacing the service line means digging up from the foundation down to the street and tying into the water meter at the street. We had the city do this when they were replacing these and are still paying \$10/month on our water bill (note; it's been over 10 years now). Not every plumber is willing/has the equipment to do this. I don't know if the city still does it. They were going up our street at the time doing this for anyone interested at the time. Replacing interior pipes means cutting through walls, basically cutting out the old pipes and then re-piping with copper from scratch throughout the entire house. There's a lot more to this than just plumbing work. For this we used Peter Glaser Construction and his crew did a fantastic job. Once done you can't tell anything was disturbed. Our house is the old plaster and lath (not sheetrock) and he has an old-time plasterer on crew. We also had the upstairs bathroom drain pipes all replaced as they didn't drain, cheaper to do while the plumber is already there running copper lines. Peter's crew puled up all the bathroom tile and subfloor to access the pipes and then once his plumber was done the rebuilt the subfloor and re-tiled. It was superb work. To reach Peter Glaser email him at [peterglaser@msn.com](mailto:peterglaser@msn.com) or call his mobile 202-446-3833. He's been working in the area for 40 years and knows these old houses. Steve Koplo - [skconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:skconsulting@yahoo.com) January 2020

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

We have used the services of John Taylor for quite a few years. He is skilled, totally trustworthy and a delight.  
We highly recommend him. 240 472-2121. Claudia Taubman [citaubman1@gmail.com](mailto:citaubman1@gmail.com) April 2019

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

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

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

## **PODIATRISTS –**

I second Judy's recommendation re Dr. Firestone. The best! Sarah Horsey [sarahrhorsey@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrhorsey@gmail.com)  
October 2020

Dr Robels-Sherman in Chevy Chase. She has helped us and is very good. Ray Natter [rntr@verizon.net](mailto:rntr@verizon.net)  
October 2020

I recommend Dr Lee Firestone .He has treated me for a number of foot related issues . He is excellent. I see  
him in Chevy Chase office. You can Google his name for particulars.  
Judy Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) October 2020

I have used Howard Osterman for years. He is the team podiatrist for several of the DC sports teams, so he  
tries to get you back to activity, rather than telling you to stop an activity. 1775 K St NW, Unit 580, Washington,  
DC 20006, Phone: 202 331 9727. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) October 2020

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

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

## **REALTORS –**

We loved our agent Lisa Stransky Brown who was wonderful to work with! She not only found us a house in low  
inventory January but worked hard to make sure we got it. Highly recommend. <http://www.wfp.com/about-wfp/professional-profile.asp?id=3759>. Elizabeth Gardiner [elgardiner@yahoo.com](mailto:elgardiner@yahoo.com) December 2020

Rina Kunk is fabulous. Knows the area inside and out and has lived in Tenleytown for a long time. Sherry  
Ettleson [settleson@gmail.com](mailto:settleson@gmail.com) December 2020

I highly recommend Catherine Buckley who has been a long time resident in this area. She's really lovely to  
deal with. Simone [sim.smiley@gmail.com](mailto:sim.smiley@gmail.com) December 2020

I also recommend Rina Kunk and Katherine Buckley. Both experienced and energetic professionals. Michele  
Bond [michelebond@gmail.com](mailto:michelebond@gmail.com) December 2020

I can highly recommend Steve Pflasterer, a top-notch realtor with Re/Max Allegiance in Georgetown who does  
business in DC, MD and VA. He's wonderful to work with, is very organized, and has a unique personal and

caring touch. With his enthusiasm about his business, he's knowledgeable, patient, and knows how to get the job done. Definitely get in touch with him. He's at 202-669-0714, [DCHome4You2@gmail.com](mailto:DCHome4You2@gmail.com), RE/Max Allegiance at 1720 Wisconsin Ave NW. and feel free to mention my name. Debbie Parker [debbieyparker@gmail.com](mailto:debbieyparker@gmail.com) December 2020

Ditto about Rina Kunk! Mary Joy Belew [maryjoybelew@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoybelew@gmail.com) December 2020

I recommend Carrie Hillegass with Babbington (<https://www.compass.com/agents/carrie-hillegass/>). She helped us find our current home and knows all the tricks of the trade for putting together an offer that gets noticed in a very competitive market. She also has a cadre of vendors and service people she works with so finding a last-minute home inspector or a recommended financier or title company was never a problem. We still text her for recommendations for vendors for home improvements. Tell her I recommended you! Heather Hosmer [heatherhosmer1@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhosmer1@gmail.com) December 2020

## ROOFERS –

John Falvella— +1 (301) 252-0058. Small company, reliable. If it is a metal roof, it matters particularly to have someone familiar with standing seams, better materials and good repair techniques, John is good at that. Terry [stschubert@gmail.com](mailto:stschubert@gmail.com) December 2020

Corley Roofing (301) 894-4460. This family-owned company replaced my garage roof and installed a new skylight in 2018. [Juliemack1@verizon.net](mailto:Juliemack1@verizon.net) December 2020

You might try Thompson Creek @ 866-452-6706. They do windows and doors and gutters. Emilie [emdeady@gmail.com](mailto:emdeady@gmail.com) August 2020

We recently had Darryl Hawthorne and his crew clean our gutters. He did a thorough job and his charge was very reasonable. He's at 301-370-2210 or [extremeroof@comcast.net](mailto:extremeroof@comcast.net). Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) August 2020

Daryl Hawthorne, 301-370-2210. Honest, conscientious, talented and a thoroughly nice guy besides. I have recommended him often and never heard a complaint! Ann Ingram [anningram@mac.com](mailto:anningram@mac.com) August 2020

I have experienced Daryl Hawthorne and the results were a disaster. I won't say more because I don't want to remind myself of the mess. John Natali [john.natalo@verizon.net](mailto:john.natalo@verizon.net) August 2020

We had a good experience with Rimel roofing, They put on a new slate roof with copper nails by hand. They are at 301-330-6995. Jeff Stensland [jeffstensland@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffstensland@yahoo.com) August 2020

Jacks was actually the least expensive of three bids we received. They did a good job but did not do a good job with clean up. We got two flat tires from nails left near our car. They did reimburse us but I still see nails on the roof. Leslie Marina [lmarinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmarinaccio@yahoo.com) August 2020

Jack's Roofing, the best; pricey, but worth it. [susannekoffsky@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoffsky@gmail.com) August 2020

I've been using Jack's Roofing for twenty years. They are excellent. 301-585-4985. Marion Connell [mfconnell@gmail.com](mailto:mfconnell@gmail.com) August 2020

Fredy's Roofing 240-882-3283. Beth Johnson [beth49johnson@gmail.com](mailto:beth49johnson@gmail.com) August 2020

Carlos Murillo, Haven Construction, 240-554-7379. Carlos and his crew are outstanding! Highly qualified with reasonable prices. Bruce Klein [brucetv@aol.com](mailto:brucetv@aol.com) August 2020

Try Troy Bardwell at D&M Roofing: 301-370-6807. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) August 2020



We have used Roofing Solutions at 301-565-2600 and so far they have been good. Emilie [emdeady@gmail.com](mailto:emdeady@gmail.com) August 2020

Call Carlos at (240) 554-7379. [Havenconstruction@yahoo.com](mailto:Havenconstruction@yahoo.com). Carlos replaced our gutters and downspouts. Excellent job and easy to work with. Bruce Klein [brucetv@aol.com](mailto:brucetv@aol.com) August 2020

We just had our roof replaced by Jose at Springfield Roofing. They did a beautiful job at a very competitive price. 703-354-3229. Bari Sedar June 2020

We recently had our slate roof done by Adam's Roofing, a small company (703) 392-9091, and are pleased with the results & their careful cleanup. Please do your own due diligence, of course, since I have no claim to being a roofing expert, but it looks good, doesn't leak & they were great to work with. Kate McLynn June 2020

Call Daryl Hawthorne, 301-370-2210. I have recommended him many times on these list serves and Chevy Chase and have never gotten a negative report! He's just great and a very nice guy besides! Ann Ingram June 2020

On the roofer' question, I called Mr Nelson Martinez who came well recommended on this list-serve. He scheduled appointments and did not show up/cancel. Giving up after 3 tries and sharing, so others don't experience the same. Mohini Malhotra June 2020

I second the recommendation for Michael E. Brown. He does quality work, on time, with excellent customer service at a very reasonable price. Jason Kim June 2020

We had roof damage from the storm and interviewed a few companies. We ended up using Michael E. Brown Custom Roofing and Guttering and had a very positive experience with them. Unlike some of the other companies, they actually got on the roof before telling us whether we needed a new roof (we didn't) versus just shingles replaced. I found them to be honest, competent, and affordable. 240-372-9574. Deborah Raviv [draviv363@gmail.com](mailto:draviv363@gmail.com) June 2020

We just had our roof replaced. We got quite a few quotes and found a lot of variation. One contractor was prepared to charge triple the cost of the lowest bidder. We used Checkbook Magazine to help select companies, but in the end chose Martinez Company, which is not listed in Checkbook. They had worked on two roofs on our street and did excellent work.

Nixon Martinez found some unanticipated insect damage in our garage and fixed it for an extra few bucks. He was also very accommodating when we realized that my son needed quiet for a few days (roofers are very noisy) to finish his finals. Nixon left for a few days and then returned to finish the job. Please do your own due diligence, but do consider Martinez Company. They are competent, honest, accommodating and fairly priced. The work they did is excellent. Martinez Company, 14903 Athey Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866, (240) 793-5421, [nixonmartinez2322@gmail.com](mailto:nixonmartinez2322@gmail.com). Sid Edelmann [sidedelmann@gmail.com](mailto:sidedelmann@gmail.com) June 2020

We used Rimel Roofing to replace our slate roof. They did a very nice job. Jeff Stensland April 2020

We used Jacks to replace our roof as well. They did a good job. The only criticism we had was that there were not very careful about cleaning up nails. They also left a little debris on the roof. We got two flat tires before we realized what was going on. Their truck was parked where our car usually is. The manager came out to discuss it with us and was very nice and had the guys come out to inspect and clean up. We had pictures of the nails and tires. They did take off the costs of tire replacements from the bill. Just be sure to take a good look around for proper cleanup. After the work is done they will come for an inspection. Ours was delayed due to the Thanksgiving holiday and weather issues. Leslie Marinaccio April 2020

I agree that Jack's is excellent. They recently did work for me and did a fine job. Lois Schiffer April 2020

We used Jack's Roofing several years ago and were very pleased. I would recommend, if you need collars for your vent pipes, that you ask for lead collars rather than neoprene. I understand that neoprene degrades and loosens over time. We asked for and got lead collars from Jack's. They told me this was a good idea. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) April 2020

Jack's Roofing is excellent! Susanne Koffsky [susannekoffsky@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoffsky@gmail.com) October 2019

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

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

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

I will second Jack's....great work and a responsive. Pat Davis [pat77davis@verizon.net](mailto:pat77davis@verizon.net) April 2019

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

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

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

## **SHOE & LEATHER REPAIR –**

There has been a recent "shout out" to support American Valet, this local business on Wisconsin Ave. I recently brought a pair of beloved sandals there that needed a replacement of the insole. Michael did a great job of replacing the insole with thin leather. Looks great and feels comfortable. No need to replace my sandals! Anne O'Connor July 2020

I have been taking my beloved boots, shoes, and sandals to American Valet for repairs for years. Their care and attention are well worth the price of repairs, as they have extended the life of many pairs of expensive shoes and saved me a great deal of money. Eve M July 2020

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

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

## **SNOW SHOVELING –**

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

## **SOLAR PANELS –**

If you're interested in solar panels mounted on a slate roof contact Bryan Cochran Inside Sales Representative- NE, Direct: 925-478-8837, Cell: 925-348-0449, Quick Mount PV,

[www.quickmountpv.com](http://www.quickmountpv.com) . They know companies that do the installation. I let solar panels install on my slate roof by Green Brilliance but this company is nightmare and I can only suggest to not work with them. Heike Lingertat [hlingertat@gmail.com](mailto:hlingertat@gmail.com) December 2019

## **TAILORS & SEAMSTRESSES –**

Clara D'Silva is super! Very competent, friendly and reasonably priced. 202-244-7532. Sim Smiley [sim.smiley@gmail.com](mailto:sim.smiley@gmail.com) August 2020

The tailor at President Valet (Wisconsin between Davenport and Ellicott) is terrific at weaving. She fixed a moth hole in a wool jacket, and we can't even find where it was. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) August 2020

The seamstress at Zips on Connecticut does a good job. Cathy Hotka [cathy@cathyhotka.com](mailto:cathy@cathyhotka.com) December 2019

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

The cleaners next to York Florist, at Wisconsin and Fessenden. [ajjacebl@aol.com](mailto:ajjacebl@aol.com) December 2019

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

Try dry cleaner next to Citibank on Wisconsin. They have done nice such work for us. Sarah Horsey [sarahhorsey@gmail.com](mailto:sarahhorsey@gmail.com) December 2019

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

## **TAX PREPARERS –**

A couple of years ago, on a recommendation from the listserv, I contacted Scott Wichansky, and he's done my taxes for three years. Nice person, efficient, knowledgeable – and conveniently located! He's at 4545 42<sup>nd</sup> St., NW #208 (Gruen and Wichansky), phone number is 202 244-6202, and email is [s.wichansky@verizon.net](mailto:s.wichansky@verizon.net). Hope you like him. Betty Bullock March 2020

## **TREE SERVICES –**

I highly recommend Pat Patterson, owner of Nova Arborist. He has done excellent work for me, for colleagues, and I know him personally. He takes great pride in his work and has an outstanding customer service ethic. Please mention my name Debbie Parker. He is at [www.novaarborist.com](http://www.novaarborist.com), 202-549-5519, [PatPatterson@NovaArborist.com](mailto:PatPatterson@NovaArborist.com). Debbie Parker [debbieyparker@gmail.com](mailto:debbieyparker@gmail.com) October 2020

Bill Eck, Bartlett Trees. [Beck@bartlett.com](mailto:Beck@bartlett.com). Cynthia Grant [Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.l.grant@gmail.com) October 2020

Suggest Jon at Pogo Trees. Judith Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) October 2020

For many years I used Bonifant Tree Service and was very satisfied with them: good advice, not expensive. They were unable to deal with the huge tree that uprooted in the 2018 storm and fell against my house because

they lacked a crane. Takoma Tree Experts handled that, and my insurance company said their charge (though not cheap) was reasonable. Bonifant's number: (301) 942-7890. Takoma's number: (301) 681-5800. People at both companies were pleasant to deal with.

Elinor Stillman [ElinorHS@aol.com](mailto:ElinorHS@aol.com) October 2020

We just had multiple trees (hollies, hemlock, maple, magnolia) on our property trimmed and evaluated by POGO Tree Experts. We were so pleased with the crew and wanted to recommend them highly to others. Please contact Jon Cholwek, [jonpogotree@gmail.com](mailto:jonpogotree@gmail.com), 301-774-2968, cell 301-593-7028. Katie Scott [kscott1080@gmail.com](mailto:kscott1080@gmail.com) September 2020

I can also vouch for POGO. Good service. Greta Kreuz [gretakreuz@gmail.com](mailto:gretakreuz@gmail.com) September 2020

I agree Pogo does great job. Judy Clear [j.clear@rcn.com](mailto:j.clear@rcn.com) September 2020

Ed's Trees, which I have used for years, did a good job of clearing the stump of an elm that had been downed by a storm a few months ago. Jenny Bland [jcrabland@hotmail.com](mailto:jcrabland@hotmail.com) July 2020

Treeman has removed trees and stumps for us. Manny is the owner. His number is 240-353-0444. Lots of people on my block use them. Very efficient and reasonably priced. He will come out and give you an estimate. Leslie Marina [lmartinaccio@yahoo.com](mailto:lmartinaccio@yahoo.com) July 2020

Stump removal: Jose Alvarez 301-646-2516, [jose@chapingotreecare.com](mailto:jose@chapingotreecare.com), [www.chapingotreecare.com](http://www.chapingotreecare.com). Bill Begal [bbegal@begal.net](mailto:bbegal@begal.net) April 2020

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

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

Shifflett Tree Service 301-948-5554 was recommended to me by Barbara Balman ([barbarambalman@gmail.com](mailto:barbarambalman@gmail.com)) who has her own landscaping business. I used them several years ago and then again just recently. They do a great job and are quite reasonable. It's a family run operation and the member who gave me an estimate talked me out of doing something, even though it would have meant greater profit for them,. Really professional. Kathy Smith [kathysindc@gmail.com](mailto:kathysindc@gmail.com) October 2019

## **UPHOLSTERERS –**

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

Spicer's Upholstery - Furniture Upholstery and Wood Repair in Alexandria, Virginia.-- Recommended to me by an interior designer years ago (after I had a disaster experience with 4 antique chairs at a place in North Bethesda/Rockville) and I have been very happy with their work. It is a bit of a drive from AU Park but I would go to them before any other closer place. Susan [svia1111@yahoo.com](mailto:svia1111@yahoo.com) May 2019

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

Potter Upholstery has done excellent work for me and some friends. <http://www.potterupholstering.com/about.html>. Sondra Mills [smills523@gmail.com](mailto:smills523@gmail.com) May 2019

## **WINDOW REPAIR & REPLACEMENT -**

Try Ernie Koutras of Koutras Construction. He's a wonderful carpenter and has done several window replacements for us. He'll work with you to look at the most appropriate window for the price point you choose. He won't try to upsell you. His email address is [eiljap@aol.com](mailto:eiljap@aol.com) and phone (301) 933-5920. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger [shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) November 2020

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

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

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

We used Thompson and Creek. Good job. Patty Ortega [anportega@yahoo.com](mailto:anportega@yahoo.com) April 2019

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

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

Ditto on Thompson Creek. Surprisingly good and affordable. Tony Bullock [tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com](mailto:tony.bullock@ogilvygr.com) April 2019

Have you considered restoring your current windows? A friend of mine has a business called Mozer Works that does that: <http://windowrestoration.us/>. His small workshop with their well-organized restoration process is very interesting and preserving old windows can be a good thing. And they get really great reviews—I've talked to a couple people who've done it. The process is a little slower than the standard remove and replace, but the end product looks great. If you do decide to go ahead and replace, and have very old (at least pre-1940), you may want to give them a call to see if they're interested in recycling your old windows. Julie Bloecher [jbloecher@verizon.net](mailto:jbloecher@verizon.net) April 2019

## **WINDOW SHADES –**

I posted a request a few weeks ago for a recommendation for someone to fix a broken fancy roller shade. We bought the shade from Next Day Blinds, which is out of business. 3 Day Blinds advertised that it had hired some Next Day Blinds personnel and would act as a successor, but they didn't seem interested in providing service. On a Listserv recommendation from Lorie Leavy, we called: Jerry K. Pickrel, Office: (301) 260-0969, Cell: (301) 908-7309. Jerry was responsive and our shade is fixed. We had to think twice about someone coming into the house, but he was masked and careful and also is a really nice guy. He handles all kinds of window coverings. Larry Miller [Lawrence.miller@starpower.net](mailto:Lawrence.miller@starpower.net) July 2020

## **WINDOW WASHERS –**

Window washer: Marco Quispe, 301-613-8710; does a great job, reasonable prices. Kathy Gallagher  
[kbgallagher8@gmail.com](mailto:kbgallagher8@gmail.com) September 2020

Congressional Windows and Gutters: Phone: +1 301 294 3353. Shari Lawrence Pfleeger  
[shari@pfleeger.com](mailto:shari@pfleeger.com) August 2020

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

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

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

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