

# ISCA RECOMMENDS

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Besides the below recommendations/warnings, there are other resources for finding reputable businesses and services. Consumer Checkbook, Angieslist, HomeAdvisor, Better Business Bureau, and even Yelp and Google have customer reviews. To keep this list up to date, please send your recommendations (or warnings!) to [bonniewithxoxo@gmail.com](mailto:bonniewithxoxo@gmail.com)

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## Attorneys

**Altman, Gary** (Altman & Assocs.), 11300 Rockville Pike, 301-468-3220 [Estate Planning]

2/17: A good overall estate planning attorney that we use.

11/16: [No comment added]

2/16: He is very good. [Recommended to settle an estate]

**Andalman & Flynn**, Silver Spring, 301-563-6685

10/19: Excellent for divorce and custody cases and basic legal issues

1/19: [Recommended for updating wills]

2/17: Would be good for updating wills.

11/16: Mary Ellen Flynn [recommended for estate planning].

**Case, Dave**, Indian Spring, davidwcase@gmail.com, 301-565-4903

10/19: David was amazing, came to our house three times at no charge, met with us answered our questions, addressed our concerns and was extremely reasonable in price also. If you need wills done or updated I highly recommend him.

8/19: [Rec for power-of-attorney documents]

7/19: [Rec for updating wills & health proxy] Dave's a good guy and does a good job.

**Chipoco, Jessica** (Blue Note Title), 6930 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 240-670-8993

8/16: [Real estate attorney] She is wonderful and lives in the neighborhood!

**Kodish, Lance**, 7600 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 301-657-0152

8/19: [Rec for power-of-attorney documents]

**Pskowski, Harold**, 50 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, 301-251-2760

10/19: Highly recommend, especially for estate planning. Reasonably priced and wrote the book on it.

**Stamoulas, Maria**, 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW, DC, 202-464-0400

2/16: She is fabulous and works very well with elder care issues.

**VerStandig Law Firm** (Maurice "Mac" VerStandig), Potomac, 301-444-4600

11/16: Brilliant. Gaming, biz trans, litigation, criminal defense, and domestic relations law.

## AUTO

### Body Repair

**Burnt Mills Auto** (Eric Byrd), Silver Spring, 301-593-1100

10/16: My husband & I used them recently for body work & mechanical and were content.

10/16: My dad used to get his car's body work (Corolla) done here.

**Hanagan's Auto Body**, Silver Spring, 301-589-2260

6/18: [2 recs] The best. My parents went there, me and my kids. Never regretted it.

1/18: A great job. Very professional & charged a fair price. [I was sent by my insurer]

**King Street Collision**, 809 King St., SS, 301-589-5300

6/18: I have had good experience here.

**LG Auto Body**, 936 Philadelphia Ave., SS, 240-839-6200

6/18: Excellent experience. Have GEICO. On Philadelphia across from Murrays.

1/18: I've also used LG and been very happy with their work and prices.

1/18: We've used LG twice - both times excellent work at good prices.

10/16: I used them several times and have been quite happy.

**Wheaton Body Shop**, 11308 Fern St., Wheaton, 301-933-4343

12/18: Prompt good service and reasonable price.

1/18: Professional, prices are good, and they work well with insurance companies.

### Detailing

**Alex** (Mobile Car Wash & Auto Detailing), 240-705-0478

9/19: He would come to your home or work place. Reasonable price and great service

**Cliff Dewey's Auto Detailing**, 2141 Industrial Pkwy, Silver Spring

10/16: Customer service and outstanding results. More than \$100 but absolutely worth it!

**Kensington auto clean & prep**, 4222A Howard Ave., Kensington

10/16: Around \$100.

**Washington Car Salon** (Byron Bailey), 202-309-4050

7/18: Used by Murray's Auto! Did the job in our driveway. Pleased with job and price.

### Mechanics

**Beahm's Auto Service**, 944 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, 301-587-0727

3/19: Honest and reliable.

4/16: [2 recs] Gets Wash. Checkbook's OK deservedly. Very honest and reasonable!

1/15: Checkbook rates them well and their prices are within reason.

1/15: Extremely honest. They will never do anything that isn't necessary.

**BP - Your Best Deal Auto Service**, 112 University Blvd. W., SS, 301-593-5133

11/18: They are open Saturdays but often have a heavy workload, so best to call.

**Burnt Mills Mobil/Sunoco**, 10810 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, 301-593-1200

3/19: You may find a discount coupon in the MoneyMailer or on the MoneyMailer website.

4/16: They get the job done quickly and are reasonably priced.

11/15: See C.J. Kendall. Experienced and honest. Look for coupons in monthly mailer.

1/15: C.J. has worked on my car for 20 years and I've never been dissatisfied.

1/15: Very reasonable. They let you know what needs to be done & done immediately

**Carlos Auto Service**, 3960 Howard Ave., Kensington, 301-897-0880

3/19: Very good. Whenever we had to take the car back, they did not charge us.

11/18: We really like Carlos Auto Service.

11/18: We love Carlos garage. Ask for Bill. I don't think they are open on Saturday.

6/18: We like Carlos family garage very much.

**Central Car Repair**, 811 Burlington Ave., Silver Spring, 301-495-0889

1/15: The guy who runs it, Man, is knowledgeable, capable, and honest.

**Fenton Citgo** (Nani Shrestha), 8333 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-588-7600

4/16: He prices fairly and does good work.

**Murray's Auto Clinics**, 999 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-585-7557 (also in White Oak)

3/19: [2 more recs] Highly recommend. Murray's is great!

3/19: Honest. They give the honest answer not the one that makes them the most money.

11/18: [3 recs] We've gone there for 30 years. Great, trustworthy service.

4/16: Fixes what's broken - no additional sales.

4/16: [Mult. recs] Price + service + quality = great value.

4/16: I've used them for years. Recommended by Washington Consumer Checkbook.

1/16: Saved me several thousand \$ on an electronic/computer issue in my Toyota Prius.

11/15: (Mult. recs) Honest, fair prices, & convenient. Marty & Milo are great to work with.

1/15: I use Murray's in White Oak. They're great.

1/15: They have been fair in their judgment. We also appreciate the pick-up/drop-off.

1/15: After dealer told us our car wasn't worth fixing, Murray's cared for it for 15 years.

**RS Automotive**, 7224 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-4418

11/15: Love RS Automotive!

1/15: They have been reliable, very friendly, and have done a great job on my car.

**Rayco Auto Service**, 7998 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-588-8262

3/19: Honest, reliable, good price. If you don't need something, Chan will tell you.

11/18: Chan has always been honest and reasonable. He's great for brakes.

## Tires

**Radial Tire Company**, 9101 Brookville Rd., SS, 301-585-2740

12/16: For \$30, fixed a truck tire that had a nail in it.

11/16: The best!

1/16: The best service. We wouldn't go anywhere else.

1/16: (Multiple recs) Awesome. Excellent. Took my Jeep there this week.

1/15: They're knowledgeable, polite, competent, and their prices seem reasonable.

**Tire Town**, 7553 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, 301-431-4444

12/16: Wonderful. They fixed a "run flat" tire that BMW said couldn't be fixed. \$25

**Tires of Silver Spring**, 8000 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-565-3670

12/16: [No comment given]

## CARE FOR HUMANS

### Childcare

**Clark, Chris**, corner of Franklin and Wire Aves., [chrisamyclark@gmail.com](mailto:chrisamyclark@gmail.com)

5/14: She treats every child like her own. My son had SUCH a positive experience.

**Mimi Day Care** (Shehla Baig), [mimidaycare04@yahoo.com](mailto:mimidaycare04@yahoo.com)

7/15: Our daughters were with her thru age 2. Convenient, affordable & loving child care.

7/15: A loving & nurturing home daycare experience at a very reasonable cost.

**Silver Spring Childcare Center**, 9525 Colesville Rd. (Christ Congregational), 301-589-1593

**Silver Spring Presbyterian Church Children's Center**, 580 University

10/19: Two kids there since 3 months. Super organized, very trustworthy

### Elder Care

**Debra Levy Eldercare Associates**, 301-593-5285

7/18: I've been using their services in relation to my mother's care & been impressed.

**Potomac Home Support**, (301) 896-6990

10/19: We first utilized their "companions" and moved to aides. Companions were wonderful. Aides were good. Would use again.



## DENTAL

### Dentists

**Bernstein, Michael**, 8904 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-7115

9/19: Bernstein can do the job.

12/18: He's been practicing for decades. His fixes work and his manners are fine.

5/16: [No comment given]

3/15: He's fine.

**Bolus-Alignay, Agnes**, 804 Pershing Dr., SS, 301-608-9363

5/16: Love her. Plenty of street parking. She's only in that office on Fridays though.

**Bunnag, Usa**, 344 University Blvd. West (new location), 301-681-2969

12/18: We've used her for years. She even pulled a tooth on a Sunday morning.

12/18: Superb clinical skills, extraordinarily gentle & and is sensitive to an anxious mind.

2/16: We have been going to her for years in Bethesda and glad she is now closer to us.

12/15: Highly recommend her. She even pulled a tooth at 8 a.m. on a Sunday.

**Camps, Robert** (pediatric dentistry), 12520 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-989-8994

6/17: A great job catering to kids. They are careful to keep appointments running on time.

6/17: [mult. recs] A huge practice, but very nice. I think they take most insurance.

5/16: My daughter has gone to his office since she was 3 and they're wonderful.

5/16: [2 recs] It's a machine, but pretty darn effective. They really cleaned the kids teeth.

**Conerly, Claudia** ([Age One](#)) (pediatric dentistry), 8611 Second Ave., SS, 301-565-3536

6/17: We really like Claudia Conerly. She was highly recommended on the SS Moms list.

**DerMintassian, Ella**, (rec for pediatric dentist) 6257 Executive Blvd, N. Bethesda, 301-881-6696

6/17: She was so gentle, kind, patient, & funny with one of my kids. I use her too.

**Ensor, Shailja** ([EJL](#), Drs. Ensor, Johnson & Lewis), 11810 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, 301-881-6170

6/17: [rec for pediatric dentistry] We love this practice. They even have Saturday hours.

**Foster, Christine**, 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-593-7500

12/18: Highly recommend Handelman and Foster's practice, although I prefer Foster.

**Frew, Joseph**, 9604 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-585-3800

9/19: Love him! No insurance but does the paperwork so we get mostly reimbursed.

7/16: He's our family dentist. Highly recommend!

7/16: My son and I have been going to Dr. Frew for a couple of years and really like him.

**Gakavian, Hank**, 2415 Musgrove Road, SS, 301-236-0660

9/19: For regular dentistry and crowns, he's great; the hygienists & staff are also terrific.

5/16: Great guy, great staff. Does the basics plus caps, crowns etc. No hard sell.

**Galkin, Todd**, 9225 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-588-8828

9/19: [3 more "No" votes] Ditto on the unnecessary procedures.... Horrific experiences.

9/19: Ten years later, I still have no issue with that "cracked" tooth he said needed fixed.

9/19: Went there for consult. Went elsewhere, but not before he put on a full-court press.

9/19: Bad experience w/ several root canals; also felt some procedures unnecessary.

9/19: Terrible experience with him re a root canal & his treatment before, during and

after.

**Gallant, Thomas**, 8906 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, 301-589-2294

3/16: [Recommended for elderly patients; no additional comment given]

**Gunraj, Maurice** (Dashing Smiles), 512 E. Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, 301-384-9800

9/19: I had a good experience with Dr. Gunraj for a root canal.

**Handelman, Brian**, 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-593-7500

9/19: We have used Dr. Handelman's office for many years and have been very pleased

12/18: [No additional comment given]

5/16: [No additional comment given]

7/15: We have used Handelman for many years and been very pleased.

3/15: He's excellent.

**Hill Pediatric Dentistry**, 10230 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, 301-408-3131

6/17: Has a kid-friendly vibe. We only stopped going because they changed insurance.

**Kan, Glen**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, 301-585-7766

1/18: We've used him for several years. Professional & straightforward, does good work.

**Kim, Shin (N. Bethesda Dental Design)**, 11759 Rockville Pike, 301-881-8866 (also White Oak)

12/18: Prior to Dr. Kim I HATED dental visits, but I leave there a happy camper.

**King, Henry** (including pediatric), 303 Granville Dr., Silver Spring, 301-589-5877

9/19: [Rec for crowns]

12/18: [2 recs] Good dentist, nice guy, great staff.

7/15: He is a gentleman with great skill and a caring manner. His staff is outstanding.

7/15: We love Dr. King and his team. Great for children and adults.

7/15: I've been a satisfied patient of Dr. King & colleagues since they started in the 'hood.

5/15: A neighborhood practice with top-notch skill and patient care!

5/15: We highly recommend Dr. King!

6/14: We love him, and his staff is lovely.

**Landis, Harold**, 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7061 (takes MetLife and Delta)

10/19: great practice, wonderful staff

3/15: A terrific dentist and a great "chair-side" manner. His office staff is very helpful.

**Levin Harvey**, 1712 I St. NW, Washington DC, 202-466-4466

9/19: The best. Does great work, office is extraordinarily well-run, never a minute late.

**Lucombe, Gary**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-587-8081, 301-587-8082

2/16: He is highly skilled, gentle, and explains things well.

**Mantoni, Robert**, 8757 Georgia Ave. SS, 301-587-6696

5/16: We really like him, too.

5/16: Our whole family likes his practice.

**Mazza, David**, 4300 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-905-9717

9/19: The dental implant for my husband failed so we had to go thru it all over again.

9/19: [Rec for crowns]

**Orlando, Carol**, (pediatric dentistry) 10401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda

6/17: Visits are quick. Including wait time, I've never spent more than 15-20 mins there.

6/17: Both kids love her. I find her very easy to talk to about any questions I've had.

1/15: Loved her, but she didn't accept our insurance.

1/15: Been going there for 16 years. Daughter now 20, son 16....

1/15: Worth the extra miles. Very caring and fun office.

**Pearson, Susan**, 1131 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, 301-649-2203

9/19: We've seen her for several yrs, incl some extensive dental work. Quite pleased.

**Penski, Irvin & Assocs.**, 4545 42nd St., N.W., 202-244-6650

[General, cosmetic & restorative dentistry, emphasis on periodontal care.]

3/15: I love my dentists. In DC and always on Washingtonian Mag's Best Dentist list.

## Oral Surgeons & Periodontists

**Dyzak, William**, 10605 Concord Street, Suite 200, Kensington, 301-916-8680; 301-942-4900

7/15: My daughter and I both had wisdom tooth extractions that went off without a hitch.

7/15: He did an implant for me. He extracted the bad root painlessly. No complications.

7/15: Did wisdom teeth extraction for us.

3/15: Very good implant work, and the whole process was painless, but very expensive.

**Greater MD Ctr for Oral & Maxillofacial Surg.** (GMCFOAMS), 10313 Georgia Ave., 301-681-7500

7/15: I highly recommend Drs. Sweeney, Romanow, and Wise.

**Sweeney, Terry** (GMCFOAMS), 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7500

7/15: My daughters had wisdom teeth removed, and he called during their recovery.

**Zupnik, Ed**, 8218 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda

3/15: [Recommended for implants] I had a good experience.

## Orthodontists

**DeMarco & Tilkin**, 11120 New Hampshire Ave., White Oak, 301-593-6363

10/19: [no comment given]

7/16: We go here. Came highly recommended by neighborhood families.

**Scott, Stuart**, 804 Pershing Dr., SS, 301-589-8191

7/16: He has done orthodontics for both my wife & daughter; we've been pleased.

7/16: I went to him for my own braces. I highly recommend him.

## **Dry Cleaners**

**Debonair Cleaners**, 3707 University Blvd., Kensington

1/15: Not so close, but wonderful family owned business. Great people, very good prices.

**Dry Clean Direct**, 9315 Georgia Ave, SS

10/19: Affordable and quick. Using them for years with no complaints

**Forest Glen Cleaning & Laundry**, 534 Forest Glen Rd.

2/18: They are good and the folks are very pleasant.

2/18: [no comment given]

**Ku's Reliable Cleaner**, 8736 Flower Ave., SS

2/18: [2 recommendations - No comments given]

7/16: The prices are not cheap, but the work is excellent.

1/15: Good people, excellent work. Prices on the high side, but never poor work.

**Prestige Exceptional Fabricare**, 9420 Georgia Ave., SS

2/18: If it is an item you really care about, use Prestige.

**Seminary Cleaners**, 9468 Georgia Ave., SS

1/15: Another good dry cleaner. Easy parking.

## EARS/EYES/NOSE

### Audiologists

**Demirel, Catherine** at Georgetown, 202-944-5300

10/19: [no comment given]

**Hearing Healthcare**, 3913 Ferrara Dr., Silver Spring (Wheaton), 301-637-8032

6/15: I had a positive experience with Hearing Healthcare.

6/15: I use them and have been pleased.

6/15: My father used them for a number of years and was pleased with their service.

**Israel, Richard**, 8830 Cameron St., Silver Spring, 301-589-3277

6/15: I've used him once for a baseline hearing test and twice for musician ear plugs.

**Kendrick, Teresa**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., 301-593-5200

10/19: Excellent

6/15: I've seen her 3 times and I like her. Seems like she'd be gentle with a young kid.

### Eye Doctors

**Agritellis, George** (Ophth.) (Rockville Eye Assocs.), 3204 Tower Oaks Blvd., 301-231-5088

10/18: [Rec for eye doctor that can do general eye surgery]

**Allen, Shannen** (Ophth) (The Eye Center), 2 Rockville locations

2/16: Very good.

**Baum, Michael** (Ophth) (MD Eye), 2101 Medical Park Dr., SS, 301-681-6600

2/16: [Recommended for eye exams]

**Glenn, Donna** (Optom) (Lenscrafters), 11160 Veirs Mill Rd., SS, 301-949-3960

2/16: She is very good. If you have AAA, she will give you a AAA discount.

**Glick Opticians**, 1300 Spring St., Silver Spring, 301-585-6446

7/19: They aren't the cheapest, but their selection and service are awesome.

1/18: SM but nice frame selection, well-made lenses, stellar svc. Not cheap but worth it.

**Goel, Sonny** (Ophth.), 8115 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton, (in Frederick for LASIK), 410-888-2020

5/19: My LASIK (4 yrs ago) was fantastic. One of the best decisions I've ever made.

**Hendrix, Mark** (Ophth.) (Rockville Eye Assocs.), 3204 Tower Oaks Blvd., 301-231-5088

1/19: I also love Dr. Hendrix and the staff.

1/19: I love Dr. Hendrix. His partner, Dr. Agritellis, is equally great, as is their staff.

10/18: He is wonderful. I just had cataract surgery plus a procedure to treat glaucoma.

**iglasses @ Four Corners**, (Opt.), 10101 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-754-0101

2/17: [The owner] David is miserable. I was appalled.

2/17: When I had a frame problem, the owner, David, was rude, insulting, unprofessional.

7/16: We've used them several times. Great glasses & customer svc. Not inexpensive.

7/16: Got my glasses there. Very happy with them. The people are very nice, and helpful!

7/16: We bought a couple pairs here and were happy with the service (and the glasses).

**Kepner, David** (Optom) (Pearl Vision), 11193 Viers Mill Rd., Wheaton, 301-946-4700

3/19: He is only the second optometrist to prescribe glasses I am really pleased with.

**Klasman, Scott** (Optom) (For Eyes), 13830 Outlet Dr. (Briggs Chaney Plaza), SS, 301-890-9779

2/16: Best eye care I've had in my life.

**Ladas, Kathleen** (Ophth.) (MD Eye Consultants), 2101 Medical Park Dr., 301-681-6600

10/18: Part of a big practice. They seem to use very current technology.

**Lewis, Nancy** (Optom), 9215 Colesville Rd., SS. 301-589-7472

3/16: I use her, but she does not take insurance or make glasses.

**Nicholson, Philip** (Optom), 10925 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville (@ Costco), 301-595-9041

2/16: We've been going to him for years and have been very happy.

**The Optical Shop**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-589-7732

8/17: Owned by two docs but they fill all scrips. Not cheap, but excellent quality & service.

**Sikder, Shameema**, 7315 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, 240-482-1100

6/18: [Rec for cataract eye surgery]

**Target Optical** (Opt.), 11160 Viers Mill Rd., Silver Spring, 301-946-8006

7/19: Was happy w/ several pairs of frames. BTW, it's a private company renting space.

7/19: We've been very pleased. They have a good selection & the service is superb.

**Visionworks**, 8551 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-585-1080

7/19: [Rec for eyeglasses] I have used them and been pleased.

**Wanicur, David** (Ophth.) 2101 Medical Park Dr., SS, 301-681-6600

6/16: A very good experience.

**Warby Parker**

7/19: [Rec for eyeglasses. No comment given]

**Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons**, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-657-5700

10/18: [Rec for eye check-ups, glass scrips & general eye surgery] They do it all!

6/16: At least 10 Ophthalmologists on staff. Buy something Giant food & get free parking.

**Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins** (several locations)

1/19: We like Dr. [Anisa] Gire at 7315 Wisconsin in Bethesda, 240-482-1100.

**Wilson, Debra** (Ophth.), 3800 Reservoir Rd NW, Washington, DC 202-339-0001 (also Riverdale)

10/18: Glaucoma specialist, but treats everything. Did a nice job on cataracts for me.

## ENTs

**Asher, Valerie** (Maryland ENT Associates) 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-2300

3/19: I have seen Dr. Asher there on a couple of occasions with very good results.

**Bosworth, John**, (Ctrs for Advanced ENT Care) 15235 Shady Grove Rd., R'ville, 301-361-9000

3/19: [No comment given]

6/15: I have seen him on a number of occasions.

**Dettlebach, Mark** (The Feldman ENT Group), Bethesda, Chevy Chase, DC, Germantown

3/19: He did my son's tube surgery & I am happy with his work. Great bedside manner.

**Golden, Lindsay** (Montgomery Otolaryngology Consultants), 10801 Lockwood, 301-593-5200

10/19: Excellent care

6/15: [No specific comment]

**Oringher, Seth** (Feldman E.N.T. Group), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

6/15: My whole family has also gone to see Dr. Oringher (and others in that practice).

6/15: We've gone to this practice for our daughter and ourselves. I've seen Dr. Oringher.

**Pham, Annette** (Metro ENT), Rockville

10/19: Used for baby's tongue tie. Highly recommend. Often booked off so call often.

**Schwartz, Jerome**, (Feldman E.N.T. Group), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

3/19: Explained everything without being pedantic, had a friendly, professional demeanor.

**Siegel, Michael**, (Ctrs for Advanced ENT Care) 15235 Shady Grove Rd., R'ville, 301-361-9000

6/15: He has treated me and our daughter & we've been very happy with our experience.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### Horse Riding Camps

**Meadowbrook Stables**, 8200 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase

2/15: A great place to learn.

**Trinity Horse Farm**, 15620 Riding Stable Rd., Laurel

2/15: Summer camp weeks are available. Look for emphasis on safety wherever you go.

**Woodland Horse Center**, 16301 New Hampshire Ave., SS

2/15: A great place to learn.

### Musical

**Abdoulaev, Alex**

12/16: [For a pianist gig] We heartily recommend him.

### Party Service In-Home

**Kapstein, Rebecca**, 240-338-9565 [RKapstein@outlook.com](mailto:RKapstein@outlook.com)

4/16: She is professional, reliable and great at what she does.

### Pumpkin Patch

**O'Keefe's Orchard**

10/19: Wonderful authentic pumpkin patch. The teens give you a ride on the tractor and then clip off your choice pumpkins from the stems

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES/ADVISERS**

### **Accountants / Tax Return Preparers**

**County Library** (by AARP members, and free)

Definitely at Fairland Library; likely at SS and White Oak

**Davis, Sory**, 12116A Heritage Park Cir., Silver Spring, 301-760-9522

10/14: We used him last year and were very pleased. We'll be using him again.

**Fischel, Larry**, 6 Hickory Ave, Takoma Park, 301-270-3145

1/18: We used him a few years ago. He was very helpful, responsive & conscientious.

**Forte, Frank**

1/18: He didn't do anything major wrong but I would not recommend.

**Meltzer, Gordon**, Olney, 301-460-1776

1/18: I've been using him for 10 years. He's been great. I think he charges about \$400.

10/14: My accountant for about 10 years. Great advice, efficient and inexpensive.

**Philipson, Richard**, 8601 Georgia Ave., Suite 1001, SS, 301-608-3900

1/18: A great accountant for me for 20+ years, I trust him completely.

1/15: Great guy, very knowledgeable.

**Pitluk, Roanne**, 2445 Lyttonsville Rd., SS, 301-587-2482, [rp@rpitlukcpa.com](mailto:rp@rpitlukcpa.com)

1/15: She is smart, diligent, conscientious, and a great person.

**Pskowski, Harold**, [pskowski@verizon.net](mailto:pskowski@verizon.net); 301-251-2760

1/18: He's done our personal returns for 5 years & provided long-term planning advice.

**Reich, Harvey**, 932 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, 301-340-3340

4/19: Harvey Reich does a ton of people in the neighborhood. He is great

**Rhetts, Leslie** (enrolled agent, not CPA), 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-907-8154

1/19: I've been working with her for many years and trust her implicitly.

**Roberts, Mark**, 1776 K St. NW, Washington DC, [strebormar@aol.com](mailto:strebormar@aol.com), 202-293-1088

3/18: Not the cheapest but does a great job.

3/18: We have used him for the past two years and have been pleased with him.

**Tempchin, Lawrence**, 966 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, 301-762-1241

1/19: [No additional comment]

1/18: I highly recommend. Mention the listserv recommendation - he prioritizes referrals.

2/17: He was very fast and saved us a ton of money.

**ZP Tax**, 8736 Flower Ave., SS, 301-587-4TAX

1/18: Easy to get an appointment, courteous, very good and very professional.

2/17: I'm a fan. (Owner Carlos Perozo is awesome.) Good at what they do, responsive.

### **Insurance Agents / Companies**

**Aguirre, Mindy** (State Farm), 10020 Colesville Rd., SS, 240-704-8400

10/15: Replaced our old agent. She's OK; very upbeat, and anxious to please.

**Henderson, Bruce** (Allstate), 301-599-2000

6/17: Was helpful throughout the claim process & can advise what coverages you need.

**Associated Insurance Mgt.**, 1300 Spring St., 240-638-4020

6/17: Always great service. They are independent. Ask for Claudine or Danielle.

**Barkdoll, Jerry** (State Farm), [jerry.barkdoll.b9ql@statefarm.com](mailto:jerry.barkdoll.b9ql@statefarm.com)

10/15: have been happy with his office.



**Barnaba, Tim**, 410-817-4840

6/18: [Rec for help with medical insurance.]

**Carver, Bill or Rachel** (State Farm), 301-270-2800

10/15: I have known them both over 20 years as friends and professionally.

**Palmiotto, Michael** (State Farm), 1734 Elton Rd., SS, 301-431-2020

10/15: [No comment given]

**Snider, Mary (State Farm)**, 301-622-9440

10/15: I rescind my post. Our claims weren't large/complex. Hearing this disappoints me.

10/15: When we needed her, she never phoned, didn't ensure we received payment.

10/15: I've been with Mary Snyder for longer than I've lived in Indian Spring (27 years).

**Weaver Bros.**, 4550 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda (poss. new address)

6/17: They handle most of my commercial accounts.

## Planners

**Cardinal Financial**

10/17: I used them to refinance. The rate & costs were competitive, paperwork online

**Ferguson Johnson Wealth Management**, 51 Monroe St., Rockville, 301-670-0994

11/18: Like their access to Dimensional Mutual Funds and all their services.

12/16: I have used them for many years and been pleased.

9/15: We have used them for many years and been very pleased.

**Finnegan, Joseph**, 6901 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, [jfinnegan@ft.newyorklife.com](mailto:jfinnegan@ft.newyorklife.com)

11/18: I have had a great relationship and honest advice from him.

**Galster, George (Geoff)**, former ISCA resident, 1730 Rhode Island Ave, DC, 202-223-3450

9/15: We have worked with Geoff Galster for ages. We love him and his team.

**Musgrave, Jim**, 2273 Research Blvd., Rockville, 301-588-0514

11/18: An independent financial advisor & wealth manager. Lives in our neighborhood.

**Wike, Todd**, 4061 Powder Mill Road, Calverton, 301-595-8600, [todd.wike@raymondjames.com](mailto:todd.wike@raymondjames.com)

11/18: He has helped us plan our retirement and financial portfolio. Honest & humble.

## FOOD

### Bakers

#### **Cakes by Chris Furin**

\*\*8/19: We've used Cakes by Chris Furin a few times and been VERY impressed. He delivers too. He's not cheap, but the work is flawless.

**Clements Pastry Shop**, 3355 52nd Ave., Hyattsville, 301-277-6300

11/15: Made cakes for my family's weddings & anniversaries since 1955

#### **Jenny Cakes**

10/19: I got their cupcakes for daycare for my kids birthday. They make them without soy which is an allergy requirement. The staff raved about them and commented that it was hard to find cupcakes without soy

\*\*1/18: Makes vegan cakes and cupcakes.

#### **Kupcakes & Co**

10/19: They made custom little cakes for my kids party. They were simple, delicious, and beautiful. Pricy but that's what you get for a custom smash cake.

#### **Sunflower**

\*\*1/18: (dairy-free, Kosher), also a non-profit helping adults with disabilities

**Woodmoor Pastry Shop**, 4Corners

10/19: Love this place. Staff can be crusty but can't beat the boston cream donuts

### Caterers

**Gold Fin Kitchen**, 240-277-4476, ChefEmilyWorth@gmail.com

\*\*10/17: I recommend Emily Worth. She recently catered a graduation party for me and she did an excellent job. The food was delicious and my guests complimented the food. She's very personable, very flexible, has great ideas and is a delight. I can't say enough good things about her

#### **La Prima Catering**

\*\*10/17: They are local, have seasonal, sustainable, vegetarian options and are delicious

**Mairesse, Eliaveta**, klanders@sequenceservices.com

3/19: She caters large groups.

### Meal Delivery

#### **Healthy Fresh Meals**

8/17: Low-carb & "clean" meals or custom orders. Perfectly seasoned, generous portions.

### Restaurants (local only)

**Abyssinia Ethiopian**, 8221 Georgia Ave., SS

6/15: We like Abyssinia. (Tom Sietsema at the Washington Post likes Bete.)

6/15: I like their quiet upscale vibe.

**Addis Ababa** (Ethiopian), 8233 Fenton St., SS

10/19: Good foods, ~20 minute wait, average service.

6/17: It's superb.

6/15: Excellent.

**All Set Restaurant & Bar** (Coastal New England), 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-495-8800

7/15: We enjoyed all the food and drinks and service was great. We'll definitely go back.

7/15: Nice decor & outdoor seating. Good service. Good food. Some prices a bit high.

**Bete** (Ethiopian), 811 Roeder Rd., SS, 301-588-2225

10/19: Excellent food, good prices and service, simple atmosphere

9/19: It is in a house and the family cooks like they are cooking for their family.

9/19: On a nice night, it's great to sit on the back patio under the trees.

9/19: Ask for 100% Teff injera. Delicious! Most injera stateside is a blend of flours.

9/19: [Multiple recs] The best Ethiopian.... Our favorite.

6/17: For vegetarian, friends and I have found Bete to be the best.

6/17: [multiple recs] My favorite... Our favorite as well...We return time after time.

8/15: Loved the food and very very very reasonably priced.

8/15: Bete is great. If the weather is good, try for a table in the courtyard.

8/15: Very good.

6/15: I love Bete!

6/15: I like this place for their beautiful tree-shaded back patio.

**Buena Vida**, 8407 Ramsey Ave., SS

6/18: The food was amazing. The Buena Vida Experience lets you explore the menu.

**Charm Thai**, 301-495-6308

9/19: Charm Thai delivers and their food is excellent.

9/19: [Rec for restaurants that deliver. Can order online.] Good.

**Christina Ristorante Italiano**, 2666 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-942-4137

12/15: Great Italian Food! Locally owned. Delicious!

**Copper Canyon**, 928 Ellsworth Dr., SS

10/17: Nice brunch. Good food, mimosas, etc.

**The Daily Dish**, 8301 Grubb Rd., Silver Spring

10/17: I like them for brunch.

**The Dish & Dram**, 10301 Kensington Parkway, Kensington

2/18: Lovely brunch. Farm-to-table, ambiance is lovely trending to slightly loud. Great bar.

**El Golfo** (Salvadoran), 8739 Flower Ave, SS, 301-608-2122

8/19: The menu is large, food is good, prices aren't exorbitant & the staff is SO nice!

**Fenton Café** (brunch), 8311 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-244-5587

2/18: If you're in the mood for crepes & delicious coffee. We love it! Great food, not fancy.

**Fire Station 1**, 8131 Georgia Ave., SS

10/17: [Re brunch] Agree that Firehouse [sic] is a fright. Beer is cold however.

10/17: Horrible for brunch.

**Frankly ... Pizza**, 10417 Armory Ave., Kensington, 301-832-1065

10/18: I like Frankly... Pizza!

**Full Key** (Cantonese), 2227 University Blvd., Wheaton, 301-933-8388

10/19: The most authentic Hong Kong style in the area. Shrimp dumpling soup

**Ghar-E-Kabab** (Indian, Nepali), 944 Wayne Ave, SS, 301-587-4427

9/19: [Rec for restaurants that deliver] Fabulous Indian!

1/19: We hosted a big party there. The food, service, decor, coordination - all fantastic.

**Hunan Manor**, 11237 New Hampshire Ave., SS, 301-681-5360

9/19: They are quick, will wait for you to check the entire order is included. Food is good.

**Langano Ethiopian Restaurant**, 8305 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-563-6700

6/15: It's my favorite.

**Lesaac Ethiopian Cafe**, 8200 Fenton St.

6/15: I like their all-teff injera.

**Lucy Ethiopian Restaurant**, 8301 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-589-6700

10/19: Delicious foods, very long wait and slow service. Go with people with whom you have much to talk about, I mean hours

6/17: We like the food here.

6/15: I recently tried Lucy and liked it a lot.

**Mama Lucia's**, 1302 East-West Hwy, SS, 301-562-0693

1/18: I second the vote for Mama Lucia's. Great pizza and food!

1/18: They do a pizza night [on Tuesday], 2 for 1. They also have great salads & deliver.

**Mandalay** (Burmese), 930 Bonifant St., SS, 301-585-0500

9/19: I don't think Mandalay delivers any longer, but the food is excellent.

9/19: We love Mandalay. They used to offer delivery, but I'm not certain if they still do.

**Mansa Kunda** (West African), 8000 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, 301-589-8222

2/19: Delicious (jollof rice & yassa). They'll be adding happy hour with small plates soon.

2/19: Absolutely delicious (jollof rice, okra stew & hibiscus cake). Full bar. Great service.

**McGinty's Public House**, 911 Ellsworth, Silver Spring

10/17: [2 recs] Delicious brunch including cocktails.... Very decent food, good price.

**Meleket** (Ethiopian), 1907 Seminary Rd., Silver Spring, 301 755 5768

9/19: Delicious. Lovely atmosphere. There may be a wait, but the flavors are worth it.

9/19: Can be a bit spicy, but they've accommodated our requests (re gluten-free & spice).

**Mi Rancho**, 8701 Ramsay Ave, SS

10/19: Food good, outdoor seating. Sombrero celebration on birthdays

**Mrs. K's Toll House**, Colesville & Dale Ave., SS

8/19: Bar manager & some employees left. The creative juices seem to be at a low level.

8/19: Happy hour is best deal. Patio was nice ambiance, but service was mediocre.

8/19: Great ambiance, but last time (early spring) the svc was terrible and I saw a mouse.

8/19: My experience was mediocre, but I'm also a foodie so my bar is quite high.

2/15: We've been several times for Sunday Bruch & weekday dinners, always pleased.

2/15: I'd avoid prix fixe menus & Sunday Brunch but recommend for special occasion

2/15: Food was pretty bad 3 yrs ago. With a group recently we found the food quite good.

2/15: I remember liking the crab cakes and the burger about a year ago.

2/15: Charming atmosphere but bland and overcooked food.

2/15: We had a lovely dinner and have attended several events with great food & service.

2/15: I've been there twice. The food was awful both times, but it was a long time ago.

2/15: I had a similarly disappointing experience there.

2/15: Charming restaurant & great service, but the food is very mediocre. Disappointing.

**Nova Europa**, 1311 Lambertson Dr, SS

10/19: [no comment given]

**Pacci's Trattoria**, 6 Post Office Rd., SS, 301-588-0867

10/19: favorite place for Sunday brunch buffet. unlimited crab legs!

4/17: Lovely for brunch.

**Pizza Boli's**, 7831 Eastern Ave., SS, 301-585-9500

1/18: I recommend for pizza delivery

**Red Maple** (Asian/sushi), 10110 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-593-5088

12/17: Really good.

12/17: Chinese food is great. Sushi also pretty good. Only thing lacking is a good egg roll.

**Republic** (part of the Black Group), 6939 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park

10/19: Beautiful eclectic interior, AMAZING food

8/19: [3 recs] My old standby... We really like Republic.

2/18: We have enjoyed brunch here.

10/17: [3 recs] We like Republic for brunch.... Delicious. Just can't make a reservation.

6/15: They have lots of local produce right now on their menu.

6/15: They are fans of sourcing local food, with good vegetable-centric menu options.

12/15: (Mult. recs) Fabulous. Read the reviews on [TripAdvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com).

**The Room at McGinty's**, 911 Ellsworth Ave

10/15: The food was outrageously good. The service was also quite commendable.

7/15: The veal tonnato, seafood pasta & salmon were all great. Go for a special meal.

6/15: Delicious dinner. The service was wonderful.

5/15: Appetizers delicious, rack of lamb perfect, & sticky toffee pudding outstanding.

5/15: Delicious food and great service.

**Roscoe's Pizzeria**, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park

12/15: Another "+" vote. Meets all criteria (Italian, kid-friendly & at least 1 veggie option).

12/15: Great brick oven pizza. I LOVE the roasted beet salad & the white bean soup.

**Ruff n Ready Crab House**, 903 Chillum Rd., Hyattsville, 301-559-2800

8/17: The crabs were amazing! Not the nicest looking place but not far from here

6/15: [Recommended for take-out crabs]

**Scion**, 1200 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, 301-585-8878

10/17: Great for brunch (little ones welcomed too).

**Sergio's** (Italian), 8727 Colesville Rd, SS (in the Hilton), 301-585-1040

10/19: homemade ravioli, seafood pasta, and tiramisu

12/15: Family run Italian restaurant. Worked from kids to 90-year-old birthday parties

**Takoma Bev Company**, 6917 Laurel Ave, Takoma Park

10/19: great cappuccinos, good food as well, outdoor seating

**Tastee Diner**, Cameron St., SS

10/17: Did not like Tastee Diner at all for brunch.

**Trattoria da Lina**, 7000 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-920-2600

10/19: very good

8/19: [3 recs] We love Trattoria da Lina.... Fantastic Italian and not too expensive.

**Walia Ethiopian Restaurant**, 6846 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-4545

6/17: Don't be put off by the strip mall vibe - the food is authentic and excellent.

6/15: The Walia tibs and zememojat are excellent. They have wonderful roasted beets.

**Woodlands**, 8046 New Hampshire (Langley Park)

10/19: This vegetarian restaurant is fantastic. Sunday brunch buffet. Authentic

## HOME

### Energy Auditors

**Energy Efficiency Experts**, 202-557-9200

1/19: Pascale discussed options. Their fixes made the house much more comfortable.

### Housekeepers

**Amaya, Marleny**, 240-437-8065

3/19: Incredibly thorough and trustworthy. She cleans in areas most housekeepers won't.

7/18: Honest & meticulous. English not great but good enough. Responds best to texts.

**Amaya, Sarah** (Sara's Cleaning Services), 301-980-4119

2/15: Hardworking and honest. Cleans your house with attention to the smallest details.

**Cervantes, Maria**, 703-765-3605

1/15: She not only cleans but organizes. She also does a few loads of laundry.

**Chamberg, Mirtha**, 301-758-3619

2/15: The most thorough house cleaner I have ever had. Also reliable & cheerful.

**Charme's Cleaning** (Ximena Charme), 240-274-0257

9/16: Love them! Affordable. Trustworthy. 3 ladies every Monday, 90 minutes - 2 hours.

**Clean Your Castle** (Mark Cohen, owner), 301-466-2065

10/19: Been using them for years. Not detailed but take care of the areas I don't like to do

12/17: They have been very thorough and reasonably priced.

**Cleaning Corp** (owned by Craftmaster), Bruce Jornlin, 301-588-2504 (h), 443-487-1908 (c)

2/15: I had them clean area rugs last year, and it was inexpensive and nicely done.

**Crystal Cleaning Services** (Luz Elena, owner), 240-671-6759

12/16: Family owned. I pay \$140 per cleaning, they come every other week.

**Funes, Zulma**, 703-314-2612

9/16: Reliable. We have been very happy with her services over the past few years.

**Garcia, Ana**, 301-802-8134

1/15: An amazing cleaner. She works alone and spends ALL day at the house.

**Haskell, Anthony**, 443-677-3368

3/16: He and his team do great work at a reasonable rate. Excellent in communication.

**Harness, Holly**, haharness@gmail.com, 301-785-8818

10/19: She's a hard worker, efficient and thorough.

**Perez, Consuelo**, 301-852-1339

3/16: [No specific comment]

**Poz, Maria**, 571-589-9524 [Note new phone number. Number is daughter's.]

3/19: They bring their own supplies, good with dogs, reasonably priced and reliable.

1/15: Very reliable, does a great job, and her fees are very reasonable.

**Reliable Cleaning**, 301-805-1111

2/15: Used them for years. {Recommended for deep cleanings or periodic cleanings}

**Two Maids & a Mop**, (Mari Millard, Rockville), 240-660-2118

12/17: Reasonable price. Professional. They do pro-bono work for people with illnesses.

**Vallejo, Nadia**, 240-462-7651 (Vallejo or Vilijo)

8/19: We also love Nadia!

8/19: She is fantastic! Very friendly & accommodating. She is great with our dog.

3/19: We also love Nadia!

3/19: We really love Nadia. She does a great job - very thorough and conscientious.

**Wizard Cleaning** (owner is Tahyana), wcleanliness@gmail.com, 240-671-8941

8/19: I've worked w/ them for yrs. Are they flawless? No, but I trust them & like their work.

12/17: They are very trustworthy, efficient and do a great job even with kids/dogs.

3/16: She & her ladies are a dream team. Thorough w/ basics; reasonable for extras.

3/16: Great Yelp reviews and is also on Angie's List.

## Inspectors

**JD Grewell & Associates**, 301-588-1318

11/15: I recommended him to hard-to-please relatives and they were pleased.

**Richardson, Kevin (Capital Infrared)**,

11/15: Incredibly detail-oriented.

## Pest Control and Wildlife Removal

**APCCO Termite**, 301-949-1023 or 443-656-3327(Stacy), [beth@apccoinc.com](mailto:beth@apccoinc.com) (for office mgr.)

7/18: For the 25 years I've lived here, I've used and been happy with them.

**Adcock's Trapping Service**, (for wildlife removal and pest control), 301-345-0105

9/16: They closed up holes & set up mouse traps. They can also return for filled traps.

2/16: Adcock's found where the mice had been hiding, put out traps, and closed a hole.

**American Pest**, 877-282-1886

4/11: They're great. \$40/month for routine service; everything else is free.

**Benware Termite Control**, Rockville, 301-260-1840

5/09: Top-rated for quality and price by Consumer Checkbook.

**Brussell Exterminating Service**, 301-434-5610

5/18: Missed evidence of current & old termite activity. Disorganized and unprofessional.

2/17: We've used them for years and been pleased.

11/16: We've been pleased with them over the years.

**Home Paramount Pest Control**, 1-888-888-4663

4/19: We pay \$300/year for termite control & \$440 for other 'pests.' They come out 4x/yr.

**Kolley's Exterminating**, Silver Spring, 301-603-8300

7/18: I've used this family owned firm for nearly 50 yrs. Effective, efficient, economical.

6/18: You might want to try them for termite control.

5/18: Missed evidence of current & old termite activity. Also, terrible customer service.

11/16: They're a non-nonsense bunch, doing the deed necessary, and so economical.

6/16: They do the job [getting rid of rats] well, at prices below what the chains charge.

2/16: A family firm, served this area, and me, faithfully and economically for decades.

**Montgomery Pest Control**, 301-453-2076

5/19: Good customer service. Used them Fall 2017 when we had mice in the kitchen.

**Pest Now** (was Superior Pest Management), 301-231-8300

6/17: We have been very pleased.

**Ward Pest Control**, 703-248-3631

2/17: I have received great service from them.

9/15: We have been happy for years with them.

12/15: They have always been great.

## Real Estate - Appraisers

**Area Appraisal Services**, 301-215-7567

1/19: The owner is Mr. [Stephen] Rochkind.

8/16: [No comment given]

## Real Estate - Agents

**2 Sisters**, Cathy 301-512-4899, MaryBeth 301-219-4939, Katie 301-318-6607

3/18: Responsive, kind, & really bent over backwards to help us through the process.

5/17: Went above & beyond (walked our dogs during showings while we were at work).

5/17: From our first meeting to closing, MaryBeth & Cathy were there for us.

7/16: MaryBeth Densford listed our home. Professional, focused, & communicative.

**Batty, Betty**, battyrealestate@gmail.com, 301-832-7609

3/18: We've used her to buy & sell. Super knowledgeable about the area & comps.

**Fitzgerald, Maura**, maura@donnakerrgroup.com, 240-277-3165

3/18: We loved Maura Fitzgerald who found us our house on Normandy Drive.

**Jordan, Cari**, cari@gobrentteam.com

3/18: [No comment given]

**McClure, Ann**, 301-367-5098

3/18: Gives excellent advice, isn't pushy, advocates for her clients, and is trustworthy.

**Powstenko, Tami**, 301-236-4300

3/18: I used her & Marcia Harrad (retired?) when I bought. Very patient, good advice.

**Ratnavale, Marcel**, 4825 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 301-529-3820

4/16: He helped us by our first & current homes. We still think he is one of the greatest!

**Reese, Jeff** (Real Living at Home), 202-491-9706

5/19: Brilliant marketing skills, tremendous compassion, amazing professional service.

1/15: He is knowledgeable about what renovations sell a house and helped me negotiate.

1/15: Knowledgeable, professional, and thorough. He strives to make everyone happy.

12/14: Energetic marketing & positive outlook. He far exceeded our expectations.

## Security

**Ackerman Security**, 888-999-1070

5/18: Used them on our previous house in the 'hood. We liked their wireless option.

5/15: Their service doesn't require a landline and is less expensive than ADT.

**Frontpoint**, 833-764-3409

5/18: DIY for installation but fairly simple. Service has been fine.

**InterAmerican Security**, 301-770-7117

10/17: We use them. Higher installation cost but much lower monthly.

5/15: Their installation is higher but total costs quite reasonable and service is terrific.

## Solar Installation

**Solar Energy World**

10/19: fine job



## HOME OUTDOORS

### Fences

**A1 Fencing** (Cesar Ojeda), cesaroj75@gmail.com

9/19: They did my fence.

**Calco Fence and Deck**, 301-349-5540

4/19: We had a great experience. Beautiful fence and easy company to work with.

**Long Fence**, 844-334-3419

6/16: We've been happy with them. They installed fences for us at two different homes.

**Master Fences**, 301-947-0014

4/19: Good experience. We got a few estimates, they were reasonable w/ best reviews.

**McGee Fence**, 888-537-3751

6/16: Good work, and the price was lowest of three bids from other companies.

**Phoenix Fence and Deck**, Gaithersburg, 240-832-2641

9/19: Did our fence and several neighbors. Jeff is friendly, affordable & easy to work with.

12/14: The best contractor experience. On time, impeccable work, fair price.

### Lawn/Land - Surveyors

**W.L. Meekins Inc.**, 301-736-7115

5/15: He came highly recommended. We were pleased with the family-owned business.

### Lawn/Land - Landscaping

**Alarcon, David**, 301-272-0975

1/19: Did our front & backyard design, hardscape & fencing. Does all our maintenance.

**Binghamton Land Design**, Jim/Susy Finelli (Ind. Spring), 301-587-4643; 240-876-3537

10/19: We removed our recommendation on Angie's List for his company after Jim's recent racist comment and will not be using his services again.

5/17: Jim fixed a window well, also corrected a problem with an underground pipe.

5/17: Jim did an amazing and greatly extensive job on our yard. Keeps me informed.

5/17: We have used Jim's services for several years with very good results. Be patient.

5/17: He was very unresponsive to our repeated request for an estimate.

5/17: VERY positive experiences. Jim is incredibly knowledgeable & dependable.

5/17: Solved a basement water problem & did so much hardscaping/landscaping for us.

5/15: We had a problem with a window well and they did a marvelous job.

**Costanza, Ramon**, (RC Masonry), 240-281-5313

9/18: Resolved water leak by raising the window well doing grading improvements.

**David's Landscaping**, 301-272-0975

5/17: He did such a beautiful job that we used him for bigger projects. Reasonable prices.

**DelBuono, Yoli**, silverfishmotel@gmail.com

7/16: She designed & executed a rock garden (over a tree stump). We enjoy it every day.

7/16: Sustainable design & focus on native species. Beautiful garden with relative ease.

**Duran, Cesar**, 301-873-5497

7/16: I recently used him for a massive cleanup. Marvelous job for a fair price (\$20/hour.)

**Gage, Kit**, kgage@verizon.net

7/19: Friend of ours was very happy w. Kit. (I forget whether rain or conservation garden.)

**J&G Landscape Design**, 301-476-7600

6/19: Regraded my lawn, re-parged my foundation, fixed the downspouts. Also do design.

12/17: We hired them [for water flow mgt] and couldn't be happier. Prompt, professional.

8/17: [Recommended for water flow management]

7/15: They have been great to work with; more professional than any other group.

**Jack Spenser Landscaping**, 301-384-3285

4/16: [Recommended for light yard work assistance, gutter cleaning, weeding]

**Jorge's Landscaping Service (Jorge Vargas)**, 301-674-3087

4/17: He just mulched my many large beds. A beautiful job well done!

4/17: Not always responsive, & his guy pulled out our Primrose contrary to my direction.

4/17: Fantastic, personable, and very reasonably priced! He weeded, edged & mulched.

**KART Landscape & Lawns**, 301-424-0238

9/18: Regraded soil & raised our window wells. Not cheap but solved our water problem.

**Kuipers Landscaping & Waterproofing**, 301-924-4040

9/18: Greg is awesome! He comes up with what seems like more elegant solutions.

9/18: Greg regraded the side. It looks good & we are hopeful. Cost wasn't a "deep dig."

**Matt's Habitats**, matt@MattsHabitats.com

7/19: Our conservation garden helped with drainage. It's gorgeous & teeming with birds.

2/19: We worked w/ Matt to design a rain garden. He helped with MoCo's requirements.

**Meadows Farms**, Burtonsville & other locations

8/19: The years keep showing poor results from their work - both design and installation.

7/16: I was very disappointed.

7/16: We realized much later that some small trees shouldn't be where they put them.

7/16: [Rec for landscape architects.] We used them & we're very satisfied.

**Penalanzo, Maynor**, 240-533-1360

7/16: Did a major cleanup job. Thorough, attention to detail, cleaned up beautifully.

**Silver Spring Landscaping** (Don Thurber, owner), 301-717-6194

2/19: Don solved our drainage issue.

3/17: Did our landscaping, walkway, patio & fire pit. I highly recommend them.

9/16: He and his crew did a phenomenal job rebuilding our patio.

## Lawn/Land - Lawnmower, Lawn Appliance Repair & Small Engine Repair

**Deepal's Lawnmower Repair**, 4067 Adams Dr., SS, 301-933-2790

5/15: Operates out of his garage. He did a good repair and re-sharpening.

**John's Lawnmower & Small Engine Repair**, 6609 Poplar Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-6938

5/15: It cost me \$68, the job was completed that day, and I'm sure they'll sharpen blades.

**THE MOWERMAN**, 301-384-6290

3/19: I have an annual maintenance contract that costs \$72 a year for an annual tune-up.

**MP Lawn Equipment Services & Repairs**, 240-350-1807

4/19: [Recommended for weed-whacker repair and push mower blade sharpening]

**Strosnidors**

3/17: We always use Strosnidors [for sharpening mower blades].

5/15: The Silver Spring store says they sharpen lawnmower blades for \$12.

**Zimmerman's Hardware**, 3801 Sandy Spring Rd., Burnsville, 301-421-1900

5/15: We've been happy with their sharpening service.

## Lawn/Land - Yard Work

**Abrahams Lawn Service**, 301-565-4069

4/15: Used Abrahams to install sod last year. Much cheaper than other quotes. Great job.

**Alarcon, David**, 301-272-0975

4/19: He & his crew do our lawn & others in the 'hood. Hard working & extremely reliable.

4/16: Does maintenance for several lawns in the 'hood. Beautiful landscape design, too.

**Andy's Landscaping** (Fredy Monroy), [fredymonroy5678@icloud.com](mailto:fredymonroy5678@icloud.com)

12/18: We pay \$35 dollars for biweekly svc. The company was owned by Lukas Lawns.

**Chavez, Jose**, 301-681-3338, 301-580-6260

10/18: [2 recs for yard maintenance] His staff does a great job.

4/18: Very conscientious, does great work, reasonable prices.

4/18: He's done my lawn for years. Also yard clean up, mulching, hedge/tree trimming.

4/18: Our neighbor used him for lawn service. He's reliable and does a good job.

6/15: We've used him for years and found his work outstanding and very reasonable.

**Demetrio**, 301-370-1427 (cell)

8/19: We use his services weekly.

8/19: I strongly recommend. He's helped us with yard cleanup (incl weeding & mulching).

**DM Grounds Maintenance** (Douglas), 301-537-8301

4/15: Used them happily for mowing, trimming, mulching, and clean-up.

**Duran, Cesar**, 301-873-5497 or maybe 301-873-5407

8/19: A good trimmer and yard person.

3/19: Does yard work splendidly.

**Grass Action** (Herb Becke), 301-585-1044

7/15: We've been very pleased. His company is insured and he's reasonably priced.

**Jack Spenser Landscaping**, 301-384-3285

4/16: [Recommended for light yard work assistance, gutter cleaning, weeding]

**Kokkinakis, Austin**, [alkspartan@gmail.com](mailto:alkspartan@gmail.com)

6/15: This ISCA teen is reliable and does a great, meticulous job mowing & edging.

**Lukas Lawn Care**, 301-455-2475, [lukaslawns@gmail.com](mailto:lukaslawns@gmail.com)

4/18: They have been taking care of our family's lawn for about 3 years.

7/17: They've done a great job for us on wkly mowing & occasional weeding & trimming.

3/17: I use them for wkly mowing and spring & fall cleanup (includes edging & mulching).

3/16: Prompt & reliable w/ weekly mowing, provides cleanups. Accepts online payments!

**Penalanzo, Maynor**, 240-533-1360

7/16: Cleared out a year's worth of overgrowth & took out a holly tree, roots and all.

**Shelly, Patrick**, 301-659-6397

5/15: He dug out 2 old yew bushes and planted replacements. Prices very reasonable.

**Vasquez, Ronaldo**, 240-388-0743, [rvasquez9@gmail.com](mailto:rvasquez9@gmail.com)

8/19: I'm very happy with him for lawn care and trimming. He's also great for fall clean-up.

9/16: Our yard was overrun. He & his crew did great job weeding, edging, mulching.

**Victor**, 301-404-2373

9/17: Victor & his lawn service dug out bamboo & put in a barrier for a reasonable price.

**Williamson, James**, 301-593-0973, [james\\_williamson@verizon.net](mailto:james_williamson@verizon.net)

5/19: I've been using him for a spring & fall clean up. Reasonable and does a good job.

3/19: Jim did an excellent yard cleanup for us last spring. And reasonable.

8/18: [Recommended for lawn mowing]

4/18: We have used Jim for a yard clean up. He was very reasonable and did a good job.

3/18: I recently used Jim to do a yard clean up. Excellent job and so reasonable.

4/16: [Recommended for yard work & gutter cleaning]

**YA Landscaping**, lilrolawnservice@yahoo.com, 301-979-1090

3/19: I was happy with the work this company did for us last year.

## Tree Care

**Adirondack Tree Experts**, 301-595-2827

10/19: removed two dead Japanese maple trees from our front yard in summer 2019 and we will be having them come back to remove a dying magnolia tree. They were very responsive to my email, and they sent out a certified Arborist who evaluated our trees and explained how old they were and why they had died. The work was performed by a team that was professional and efficient, who were very careful not to damage any of the bushes or other trees in our yard. They ground up the stumps, filled in the holes with dirt, and chopped up the larger pieces of wood into firewood for us.

8/19: Their arborist & owner are certified tree assessors & their guys do a great job.

6/18: Also good.

8/16: [No comment added]

11/15: Honest, straightforward and knowledgeable. Family run.

4/15: Our neighbors gave them high marks, and we were pleased with their work for us.

**Artistic Tree Experts** (Jeff Favali), 301-384-4862

7/17: He might be able to assist [for an urgent call].

4/15: They are currently removing a large Ash tree - extremely neat and efficient work.

**Bartlett Tree Experts** (Kevin Carr, Mgr), 301-881-8550

10/19: Bartlett is terrific. We have a White Oak and called them to make sure we weren't affected by the recent spate of ambrosia beetle infestations. Thankfully we weren't affected but the tree was stressed and they offered some preventive care. I found the cost inexpensive for the hopeful boost it will provide the tree.

9/19: Saved our oak from chestnut borer, have Ph.D entomologists & excellent arborists.

6/18: They were very professional.

8/16: [No comment added]

10/15: My folks used them yrs ago to remove a big tree. Expensive, but a good, safe job.

**Bonifant Tree Service**, 301-476-9345

4/18: They answered the phone at 6:30 and have already been a pleasure to work with!

4/18: Jamie, their arborist, will tell you what does & doesn't need to be done.

4/18: Excellent work and very nice to work with, and they are a family owned business.

8/16: Several neighbors have used them for yrs. Neighbors can split the set-up fee, too.

**Branches Tree Experts**, 301-589-6181

10/19: Branches has certified arborists, and have done an excellent, thoughtful job pruning back our trees. (Interestingly, they often rope up into the trees rather than using lifts.) We can vouch for both recent work by them -- and the long term health (and beauty) of trees they trimmed for us several years ago. They aren't the cheapest tree service, but I trust their work and recommend them.

8/16: [No comment added]

**The Care of Trees**, 866-417-5974, 301-444-9041

8/16: Andrew Walker, arborist. Good work and price.

**Davey Tree**

5/18: [Recommended for arborist, with no additional comment.]

7/17: They took down a big tree several years ago, didn't try to sell unneeded services.

8/16: [2 recs] Minimalist approach when appropriate. Work was done well.

**Ed's Tree Service**, 301-937-6269; 301-681-4186

9/19: They're pretty decent & they offer discounts during Fall & Winter.

7/17: They are a bit expensive but did a great job.

4/15: I've been using them for years, and I've been happy with them.

**Maryland Tree Service**, 301-440-1559

7/17: Debra Winegar on their staff, licensed with DNR. Prices are reasonable.

**Pullen, Larry**, 540-937-5140

11/14: Reasonable but not the least expensive. Larry did the work himself.

**Rock Creek Tree, Turf & Landscape**, danny.rockcreek@gmail.com, 301-580-6023

9/19: Took out 4 trees (including a monster), did yard cleaning & upkeep. Danny is great.

**S & P Home and Tree** (Shawn & Pamela), 540-522-0996)

11/13: They are unreliable at best and operate like scam artists.

**SavATree**, 301-545-1712

11/19: They scheduled the job quickly and arrived bright and early on the day. They were friendly and efficient. Sara arrived with the crew to review the work. They cleaned up and were good about keeping the gates closed for the dogs.

6/18: We work with SavATree. They offer many well-qualified specialists.

8/16: They removed 5 trees. Good price & work, including grinding stumps & clean-up.

8/16: The arborist was a delight. Work was great! They stacked the saved wood.

11/15: We've used them for significant trim and again to take down a large evergreen.

**Takoma Tree Experts**, 301-681-5800

9/19: Took a large tree out of my backyard. They were less expensive and did a nice job.

8/16: We have used them multiple times & been very happy with their work and price.

4/15: Reliable, honest, and always significantly cheaper than others.

**Walt's Tree Service**, 301-933-0752, 240-533-1044 (cell)

9/19: Took out a large, dead tree, did a great job and cost 30% less than other quotes.

**YA's Landscaping** (Yovanni Argueta) 301 674-8928

10/19: They showed up promptly at 7:30 with an expert crew and just finished at 3pm and did a splendid job, including moving a couple of plants out of the way of their work and grinding the stump. Yovanni Argueta is a pleasure to deal with and a couple of his brothers are part of the crew. The company also does landscaping and general yard maintenance.

9/19: Took down large maple. Great job, reasonably priced. Protected nearby perennials.

## HOME REPAIR/SERVICING/RENO

### Appliance Repair

**Alco Appliance**, Beltsville, 301-937-6996

10/19: [no comment given]

3/18: We have used Alco many times and been very pleased.

11/15: [Recommended to repair GE washer & gas dryer]

7/15: We like them a great deal.

**Apache Appliance**, 13866 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-587-5557

6/17: Francis walked me thru a few steps [on the phone and] saved me a service call!

**Appliance Land** (sales & service), Beltsville & Rockville

5/16: After the dryer acted it up and wouldn't start, they fixed it, didn't charge us!

**Bettar Inc.** (Sales & Service), 10503 Wheatley St., Kensington, 301-949-2500

5/16: I've had good experiences with them.

7/15: I've used them a few times and like them. They are good communicators.

**Burkett, James**, in Indian Spring, 301-587-1144; 301-237-7510 (cell)

9/16: Fixed a leak in our dishwasher. Came on time, cleaned up. Very reasonable price.

11/14: [Recommended to install a dishwasher]

**Durance Plumbing** (Kirk Durance), 301-270-6663

10/15: [Rec to fix gas stove] Terrific guy. Very smart and experienced. We used him twice.

**Jeff's Appliance Service**, 301-937-6003 (doesn't do microwaves)

4/19: Honest to the core and very reasonable prices.

4/19: Reasonable prices & honest service. Fixed my 35-year old dryer with a \$6 part!

4/19: His prices are reasonable and service is great. But he doesn't work on Bosch.

8/18: [Recommended for oven repair]

6/18: He has twice repaired my 25-year-old washing machine. Never more than \$40/visit.

6/18: He fixed our refrigerator at a very reasonable cost. On-time & professional as well.

5/16: I second Jeff's.

5/16: Highly recommend Jeff's. They're busy in the mornings, but leave a message.

**Landers Appliance**, 410-682-3232; 877-633-5154

4/19: Did a great job on my refrigerator repair in February. Honest and reasonable.

**M&M Appliance**, 6201 Blair Rd. NW, DC, 202-882-7100

8/18: Recommended for oven repair

**Metropolitan Services**, 443-295-7309

4/19: Recommend for Bosch appliances.

**Mike's Appliance Service**, 301-251-0040 (only works on microwaves in their shop, regardless of whether the micro is over the range)

2/19: They came out and worked on our dishwasher. Recommended via our plumber.

1/19: Very reasonable \$79 service fee to diagnose.

4/17: Paul is very knowledgeable. He keeps our elderly appliances humming along.

### Architects & Design/Build Services

**Abrams Design Build**, 202-437-8583

1/15: For our addition, they delivered sustainability and accessibility very well.

**Bonneau, Patricia** (PAB Design), [patricia@pabdesign.com](mailto:patricia@pabdesign.com), 703-405-3698

10/17: She does architectural drawings and is very creative and patient.

**Clauser, Perry** (Innovative Homes), 301-802-8730

1/15: Excellent home contractor.

**J Allen Smith Design/Build** (Jesse Smith), Ijamsville, 301-810-5247

2/15: They converted our garage. Jesse is reliable and a creative problem solver.

**Katinas Bruckwick Architecture** (Michael Bruckwick), 4520 E-W Hwy, Bethesda, 301-652-8300

1/15: Saved us considerable money and aggravation, plus did a great design job.

**Mastercraft Design & Build** (Chip Russell), 301-622-7736; 202-538-7708

1/18: A design flaw emerged later. He was very responsive, but it created repercussions.

1/18: Chip and his workers did lots of work on our former home and did a great job.

1/18: They've worked on the exterior & interior of our house. Always happy with results.

12/16: They did a great job on our sunroom.

12/16: They redid all the drainage for our house. We no longer have any water problems.

12/16: They built a year-round sunroom, flagstone walkway, and new patio. Terrific job.

**Smith, Jesse** (J Allen Smith Design/Build), 301-810-5247

10/17: His firm is very good. You can see some of his work on [www.houzz.com](http://www.houzz.com).

**Tabor Design Build** (John Tabor), Rockville, 301-417-6570

12/16: The previous owners of our house used Tabor to enclose the side porch.

**Wilder, Anthony** (Anthony Wilder Design/Build)

1/15: He is extremely knowledgeable, thorough, talented and an all-around nice guy.

## Bathtub Refinishing

### Miracle Method

8/18: Made our cast iron tub look like new. It requires some care not to mar the finish.

## Carpentry/Millwork

**Alvarez, Gabriel**, 240-281-8154

11/15: Excellent. A handyman who does everything, including plumbing and electrical.

**Arevalo, David (Smart General Contractors)**, 301-379-2430

9/19: Can do just about anything.

**Canizalez, Abel** (Llaveros Services), 301-672-1799

3/15: We received several recommendations, went with him & were quite happy.

**Cortez, Jorge**, [usaires@icloud.com](mailto:usaires@icloud.com) or 240-464-0142 (cell)

9/19: Did complicated carpentry this year and we were very pleased. Reasonable price.

**Patterson, Martin**, 814-842-9671 (cell) or 814-842-6659

3/15: His work is beautiful and competitively priced. He has done two projects for us.

## Carpet/Rug Cleaning

**Ayoub N&H Carpet & Rug**, 10516 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 240-430-0994

7/19: Love Ayoub, using them for 25+ If you have more than 1 rug, use GROUPON.

**Chem-Dry Montgomery County**, 301-869-0869

1/18: They were good.

**Cunningham's Rug Cleaning**, 855-784-3672

7/15: We're happy with them. They'll pick up. Ask for Jason Smith.

## Carpet Installation

**Carpet Bazaar**, 1919 Seminary Rd., Silver Spring

6/15: [No specific comment]

**Mike's Carpet**, Beltsville, 301-937-2221 (By appointment)

6/15: We've always used Mike's Carpet. Nice choices and reasonable pricing.

## Chimney

**301 Chimney**, 240-623-0733

5/17: They relined our chimney, replaced the cap & did some repointing. I was pleased.

5/17: Installed a chimney liner & did a cleaning. Now they'll repoint our chimney.

**Bryant Chimney** (Vincent Bryant), 301-680-0488

7/15: Definitely a nice guy, and honest.

7/15: Just used him for a new mortar crown and liner. Nice guy with reasonable prices.

12/14: He is just simply the best. No hassle, no hype.

12/14: Prompt, thorough, honest. Didn't clean my chimney; he said it didn't need it.

10/14: He is extremely nice and honest and will explain everything.

**Chelsea's Chimney**, 301-476-3445

4/19: Highly recommend for liner work. Great job, fair price to meet county requirements.

**Chimney.com**

5/17: Good work, reasonable price for a new liner & cap, but we waited all day for them.

11/14: Their special deal via Angie's List included inspection and cleaning. Good work.

**Columbia Chimney Services**, 410-997-3181

9/16: They installed chimney liner to meet code after installation of new hot water heater.

**Community Chimney**, 571-277-5694

12/18: Highly recommended by our roofing repair company and did a very good job.

**Day or Night Plumbing, Home & Hearth Services**, Hanover

11/17: Gas conversion, on time, minimal fuss. Got a discount for mentioning Angie's List.

**Gas Galore**, 722 Erie Ave., Takoma Park, 301-608-3111

11/17: Very easy to work with. They were only local vendor for the gas log set we wanted.

11/17: Installers were very nice, did a great job. They took care of permits & inspections.

**High's Chimney Service**, 301-519-3500

11/17: We used them to convert our fireplace to gas.

**Priddy Clean**, 301-530-4262

11/14: They lined the flue and redid some brick work at the top. We feel safer now.

**Winston's Chimney Service**, 301-571-8546

5/17: We did not like the repointing job they did for us.

7/15: They talked us into some expensive work, then High's said it was something else.

7/15: We weren't happy with their repointing. Uneven mortar edges & mortar on bricks.

10/14: They did some repointing for us, and we were not satisfied with the quality of work.

## Contractors / Remodelers

**Burkett, James**, Indian Spring, 301-587-1144; 301-237-7510 (cell)



1/16: He redid our laundry room and turned it into a lovely bathroom-laundry room.

12/14: Though a master plumber, he's a superb renovator and has done basements.

### **Click Construction**

10/19: handled repairing the floor in one of our ground floor bedrooms in 2018 that had sagged and pulled away from the wall, leaving a 1-2 inch gap between the floor and wall that stretched 3-4 feet. We had discovered that the room was not on the foundation, it was over floor boards that had rotted because water was pooling under the room. So it was clear that the project would involve pulling up the floor around the gap, probably replacing the joists under the floor, and then putting down new flooring. To help stop this problem from happening again, we needed some gutter work done on the outside of the house, and waterproofing done in the basement including getting new basement windows. We contacted them and the owner, Alan, came out to view our issue. He told us what his team would do, making it clear that the project may change depending on what was found when they pulled up the floor, but he made it clear that his team could handle whatever we needed to have done. In the end the project expanded because we decided to have his team stain and refinish all of the flooring in the room, and paint the entire room (including the ceiling and closet). We also had them install insulation under the room after they put in new joists. They also re-did the gutter on the outside of the house to move water to our front yard and away from the room, they put in new windows in the basement and painted dry lock along the basement wall that was affected by the dampness. Alan and his team were very professional and easy to work with. Alan was easy to reach, he responded to texts very quickly and made sure we knew what work was going to be done and what it would cost. His team did not do anything until he talked with us and confirmed what we wanted done. His teams are made up of master carpenters, excellent painters, and general contractors so they can handle any kind of home repair. The work was very high quality. The team cleaned up all of their work at the end of each day and they even moved the furniture back into the room when they were done. The repaired room is now the nicest room in our house. We'll definitely be going back to them for future home repair and home remodeling projects and we've already recommended them to several of our neighbors.

**JBL Construction** (Matt Shanley), 443-786-1583, [matt@jblconstructionsllc.com](mailto:matt@jblconstructionsllc.com).

5/18: They did our addition & we were very happy. Do bath & basement remodels too.

1/18: We bumped out back and put in new kitchen. We were very happy with their work.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, 240-461-5388, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net)

7/19: Always highly recommended [for design/build] but he is expensive.

5/18: We just used Tom for a garage conversion. We are thrilled with the results.

1/18: He did a huge kitchen renovation for us and other work which he stands behind.

1/18: Magnificent work on a 1st floor bathroom addition and doubling our screened porch.

5/17: Helped us update our kitchen & basement bathroom. Professional & courteous.

6/15: He installed a closet in our master bedroom. I love it.

12/14: [Recommended for basement remodeling]

**Pitts Elite Contracting** (Scottie Pitts), [scottiepitts1@gmail.com](mailto:scottiepitts1@gmail.com), 240-285-1233

12/18: [Recommended for hanging drywall]

**Serrano, Jose**, [Jose@JGSerranoConstruction.com](mailto:Jose@JGSerranoConstruction.com), 301-221-8575

5/16: He transformed our walk-up attic into a master closet! Fantastic job. Reasonable.

**Twin Advantage Home Improvement** (Joe Cherry), 240-793-4685 (cell), [twincherrys@aol.com](mailto:twincherrys@aol.com)

1/18: He did a major two-story addition for us and we were very happy with his work.

## Doors

**American Windows & Siding of VA**, 10516 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, 301 962-4150

4/17: Replaced our front door. Good work & customer svc. Lower price than Wheaton.

**General Home Improvement**, Annapolis, 443-333-1139 or Direct: 301-437-2667

8/17: Highly recommend if u need a door that's an unusual size or has a unique feature.

**Mid-Atlantic Gutters & Exteriors**

1/18: Done my roof, all exterior doors, skylight, gutters. Great family owned business.

**Wheaton Door & Window**, 11258 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-949-8951

5/19: [Rec for new storm door] We had good results with Wheaton Door.

1/18: They can handle unusual sizes.

1/18: [Recommended for storm door]

6/15: We purchased three storm doors here. Great doors and quality installation.

## Drywall

**Pro Drywall DC**, 240-821-0015

2/18: He just did an excellent job for my mother. I have known his family for years.

**Roy The Handyman Guy**, 240-401-0479

2/18: I recently used them for a small project. Very responsive and reviews are great.

## Duct & Vent Cleaners

**Quality Air Solutions**, 301-388-3919

7/16: [Rec for routine dryer duct cleaning.] They also replace & relocate dryer vents.

## Electricians

**Gray, Cory**, (Cory Electric LLC) Cory@coryelectricllc.com, 240-876-4651 (cell)

11/19: I was very pleased with Cory Electric

11/19: We used Cory recently and were very pleased. Reasonable too

11/19: Cory of Cory Electric has been working on ISCA homes for many years, and is very familiar with the wiring in these houses.

10/19: We use Cory Gray exclusively. FYI - a MOCO electrical inspector asked for Cory's number after reviewing his work at a new panel box. Said he had never seen such organized work with the wiring "which was a delight to see such pride in ownership."

10/19: I second Cory—he's done a lot of work for us and I think he's talented, trustworthy, and reasonably priced

10/19: Just last week we had some work done by Cory Gray of Cory Electric (Cory worked for Kirby Electric until Mr. Kirby passed away). Kirby was one of the neighborhood go-to electricians for many years. Anyway, Cory did a very good job and has reasonable prices. I will use Cory again for future needs.

1/19: Completely honest. He provided solutions that would save us money.

1/19: Great work, great guy, never have to worry about what he's charging you.

1/19: A MoCo inspector asked for Cory's info to use Cory for some work at his own home!

1/19: He's done great work in our neighborhood for years!

5/18: [2 recs] Wholeheartedly recommend Cory Gray.

3/18: [2 recs] I strongly recommend.

8/17: Worked for Mr. Kirby, is developing his own biz. Charges very reasonable prices.

**Harding, Tom**, 443-277-9737

1/19: Did the recessed lighting for our bathroom reno. He was excellent & professional.

**Hinkle, Gordon (Contract Electric)**, 301-253-0338

2/16: They installed several ceiling fans and outdoor motion sensor lights.

**Hyman Electric**

3/15: We had a lot of work done by them. Great work, and the electricians are courteous.

**Jaffe Electric**, 301-253-3778, 301-685-1441, [steve@jaffeelectric.com](mailto:steve@jaffeelectric.com)

11/19: I have worked with Jaffe Electric many times for me and for my clients. Personally, I have used them multiple times in my home, including rewiring my kitchen and putting in a new panel when I renovated my kitchen.

1/19: Steve Jaffe, owner.

**Strunk, Mike**, 240-876-6933

12/16: (2 recs) I haven't needed him in a while, but when I last did, he was excellent.

**Tomato Electric**

10/19: Tomato Electric is great. I have been working with them for years.

**YC Electric (Yi Chang)**, 240-645-6760 (c), [yielectric929@gmail.com](mailto:yielectric929@gmail.com) (he prefers text msgs)

11/19: Agree Yi has done two major projects for us and we offer our highest recommendation - he is our go to for anything electrical!

11/19: Yi is the best!

11/19: Very knowledgeable and professional. We've used him a few times.

10/19: handled our electric repairs in 2018. We have an older home and after noticing that several of the outlets in our house were loose and having one spark, we decided to have a variety of electrical work done in our home. The work included having a loose wire capped off in the basement, the electrical box replaced and relocated for our new washer and dryer, and all of our existing 2 prong outlets throughout our home updated to 3 prong outlets. It was easy to contact them thru email and text. The owner was very responsive. He came out and viewed our issues, told us exactly what needed to be done, and let us know that updating our outlets would not require any rewiring so we actually needed to have less work done than we had expected. His team came out and within 3-4 hours they had completed all the work. They even came back the next day to fix one of the outlets that wasn't working - which was no fault of theirs. We had accidentally turned off the power to the outlet after they had left and they showed us how to turn it back on. They even provided us advice on types of ceiling lighting we could have installed in our living room.

1/19: He's done several jobs for us, including installing recessed lighting. Exceptional job.

12/17: Yi installed an attic fan replacement in our attic and did an outstanding job.

8/17: He does quality work & is open to discussing time/money saving alternatives.

8/17: He did a heavy-up for us. MoCo inspector said it was the nicest wiring he'd seen.

4/17: He's done great work for us. Text is usually the best way to reach him.

12/16: Yi Chang installed an attic fan for us and did a splendid job.

12/16: He did work for me and for a neighbor and we were both very pleased.

6/16: A gem who put in 8 canister lights on dimmers. No mess, great price.

2/16: He is in demand but made time to squeeze us in. Efficient and delivers good quality.

2/16: I tried to get on his calendar but he didn't seem interested in my business.

2/16: I used him to install an attic fan and he was fabulous and reasonable.

12/15: Prices were fair, quality of work excellent, and personal customer service great.

5/15: They did a heavy-up and wired some additional outlets. Great technical skills.

12/14: Highly talented, smart, efficient, reliable, very very nice and patient.

## Floors, including Refinishing

**AG Floors**, Rockville, 301-984-7469

10/18: Sanded & refinished a small room; it looks great. Note they have a min. charge

10/18: Very pleased. They refinished both levels of HWD and laid new oak in my kitchen.

**Atlas Floors**, Gaithersburg, 301-948-9144

3/16: Great job. Sub-contractors worked long hours, into weekend, to get the job done.

2/16: We loved Atlas Floors and got a great deal via Angie's List.

**Gross, Ricardo**, 240-876-8777

3/16: Really good and honest.

**Infinite Floors** (Santos Gaitan), 4111 Elby St., SS, 301-792-1455

9/16: Replaced kitchen underfloor with hardwood, great job. Also refinished our floors.

3/16: Did my daughter's floors and installed hardwood in the kitchen. Outstanding job.

**Premier Floors**, 1680 E Gude Dr., 301-340-1801, 301-340-1802, 301-977-0031

3/16: Not the least expensive, but reasonable. A really great job.

**Rivas, Nelson**, 301-466-3063

3/16: His costs are reasonable, and he will work around your schedule.

**Sams, Marvin**, 240-460-0262; 301-588-1955

4/16: He does, or did, great work.

1/15: Consider him for flooring work. He lives in the neighborhood on Wire Ave.

## Garage Doors

**495 Garage Door**,

5/17: Fixed my old door so the runners don't go off track. Promptly and professional.

## Gas Fireplace - Conversion & Servicing

**Burkett, James**, in Indian Spring, 301-587-1144; 301-237-7510 (cell)

2/19: James Burkett does gas fireplace inserts.

**Gas Galore**, Takoma Park, 301-608-3111

2/19: We had gas logs installed. A great job. We LOVE the logs - they throw a lot of heat.

**Steve the Fireplace Guy**, 301-370-4273

10/18: He cleaned our gas fireplace last fall and did a great job.

10/18: Steve is thorough, honest and a really nice person.

**Tim Whistler Plumbing & Gas Fitting**, 301-648-9676

2/19: We were very happy with their work. Tim and his crew are very professional.

10/18: Installed our gas FP. It's not cheap but we're happy with their workmanship.

## Gutter Cleaning

**Mr. Castro**, 240-882-2306 and 301-434-0471

4/17: We've used him for yrs, gutter cleaning & similar tasks. Reasonable & dependable.

**Cordonas, Carlos**, 240-423-9800

11/15: He does our gutters.

12/14: He does a good job.

**Lewis, Gordon**, 301-853-2446, 301-894-1015

11/15: Washes windows and cleans gutters. Very responsive and does a good job.

**Miller, Thomas**, millermaintenance301@gmail.com, 301-512-1944

11/18: Trained as a fireman. Really knows his way around roofs. Great work ethic.

**Williamson, Jim**, 301-593-0973

5/19: [4 recs] I used Jim a few months ago and he was terrific. A great guy.

9/18: He came the same day, and the following day cleaned my gutters.

9/18: Jim did very good work, was reliable, honest, and friendly.

12/14: We have used him for many many years.

**Winston's Gutter Service**, 301-986-1804

7/15: They've done a good job [cleaning gutters].

## Gutter Replacement

**Aerotech**

2/15: Our 6-inch gutters easily handle hard rains without guards/screens/covers.

**Gutter Helmet**, 888-543-5638

8/17: Best investment. No issues w/ blockage or spillover. Lifetime transferable warranty.

**Marshall's Roofing & Guttering**, 301-946-4545

1/15: They installed extra-wide continuous gutters 5 yrs ago. Very reasonable and neat.

**Mid-Atlantic Gutters and Exteriors**, 410-374-3331

1/15: We used them for new gutters and fascia. We liked the K-Guard system they sell.

1/15: Great gutters with gutter guards and lifetime guarantee. Fair, honest, reliable.

**Thompson Creek Window Co.**

2/15: We love their Gutter Shutter system, but say "no" to their initial hard sell.

2/15: We had our system installed in 2004. Yet to have any problems with them.

**Winston Gutter Service**

1/15: Always reliable. May not be the cheapest but they've always done good work for us.

## Handyman

**Accessible Improvements**, 301-655-9331

6/16: Responsive & cost-effective. Storm door replaced, gutter work & cabinet repair.

**Alvarez, Gabriel**, 240-281-8154

2/16: I had him redo our powder room and he did an excellent job. He does everything.

**Amaya, Henry**, 301-532-2814

5/19: [2 recs] I've used him for various jobs. We've had good experiences with his work.

7/18: A good job for me doing drywall, electrical work and painting.

**Arevalo, David** (multiple recommendations), 301-379-2430

9/18: Did wonderful work on my porch. He is delightful, & his price was very reasonable.

9/18: Painted our interior & replaced broken tiles. Thorough, conscientious & very helpful.

9/18: Painting, light carpentry, drywall & residential handiwork. I've used him three times.

11/16: Bad experience. Incomplete work, rudeness, charging for correcting his work.

10/16: He's done lots for us - painting, yard work, carpeting. Everything is perfect.

10/16: Hung an interior door (in one afternoon) so it opens all the way to the wall.

10/14: He did a super fast & super great [drywall] job on our basement after it flooded.

**Camaran, Oscar**, 954-394-9630

5/19: He is a very experienced and reliable man.

**Elf & Sons**, davidelf12@gmail.com (David Elf)

10/19: He's just awesome and lives in the neighborhood. He is responsive, detail-oriented, prompt, and thorough. He fixed my front portico and leveled and replaced flooring among other things. Can't recommend him enough.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net), 240-461-5388

1/18: He installed a storm door for us a few years ago.

5/17: On time & on budget. Excellent work. Painting, replacing screens, stone work.

5/17: Helped us update our kitchen & basement bathroom. Professional & courteous.

6/15: He installed a closet in our master bedroom. I love it.

6/15: After a Home Depot storm door installation failed, Tom did it right.

12/14: [Recommended for basement remodeling]

**Miller, Thomas**, [millermaintenance301@gmail.com](mailto:millermaintenance301@gmail.com), 301-512-1944

11/18: Competent & honest. An all-around handyman for home and yard work.

**Miller, Simeon**, [simeonsayshandyman@gmail.com](mailto:simeonsayshandyman@gmail.com)

9/18: Charges hourly (sometimes per project). He painted, hung a ceiling fan, other misc.

**Orrigo, Jonathan** (Elegant Environments), 301-938-6862

9/17: We've used him for various small jobs and been pleased with the quality of work.

**Otto, Gus**, 540-671-1805 (cell)

7/19: Very satisfied with his work. Friendly & competent. Extremely reasonable charges.

**Roy the Handyman Guy**, 240-401-0479

9/18: Charges per project. Painted my BR, created a closet system, tiled my basement.

**Thompson, Eric**, 301-440-0149

7/15: He is unbelievable!

5/15: He is terrific.

5/15: We used him several months ago and he did a great job for us too.

5/15: Just did some odds & ends for us; all turned out well. Prices are very reasonable.

12/14: Did some caulking, grout repair, & repaired a damaged wall. All was perfect.

## Heating/AC/Furnace/Water Heaters

**Atlantic Coastal Cooling & Heating** (bought Hubrig), 301-216-1945, 301-233-0307 (Brian's cell)

8/19: They come after hours, just took a bit for them to get back to me.

7/19: Charged what they quoted, didn't try to sell a svc contract & the work was good.

7/19: Brian Quillin said he kept his number so his customers could reach him at any time.

**Brown's Refrigeration Air Conditioning & Heating**, College Park, 301-474-4949

9/18: They just installed our new AC & gas furnace. Helped with our hot water heater too.

**Buric Heating and AC** (Nick Buric), 301-654-0394

10/16: He knows these old houses. We've been very satisfied with his work & prices.

**Burkett, James**, in Indian Spring, 301-587-1144; 301-237-7510 (cell)

8/19: We liked him. Maybe not the cheapest. Definitely higher priced in off-hours.

8/19: Spent 10-15 mins, said he couldn't help w/ our AC & charged us hundreds of \$.

8/19: [2 recs for after-hours service]

7/19: He is responsive and responsible, and prices fairly.

11/18: [2 Recs for boiler repair] This master plumber does it all, responsibly and fairly.

11/17: He maintains & replaces furnaces & ACs. Prices are fair. Makes emergency calls.

6/17: I doubt one could do better. He's a master plumber & maintains furnace & AC units.

10/16: Knows what he's doing. Prompt, thorough, stands behind his work, prices fairly.

6/16: He came late Fri. to assess AC problem, returned Sat. and resolved the problem.

**Clem Air Heating & Cooling** (Jason Clem), 240-575-5822 or 240-357-3275

6/17: Very nice & reasonably priced. He responded quickly & will be out today.

**Cropp-Metcalf**, 301-762-0100

8/19: [Rec for after-hours service]

7/19: We are on their preferred list for an annual fee. In an emergency they come quickly.

11/17: Repair [on Sat. a.m.] was inexpensive. Only \$135 of which 105 was the initial call.

**D&A Service Co.** (Chris Tippett), 443-864-3383 (Chris' cell), 240-294-4470 (office)

3/19: [No comment given]

**Davis & Davis**, 301-942-7210

7/19: We have used them for many years.

6/18: Has always resolved our HVAC problems. Great prompt service & prices.

6/18: Ask for Craig. They are also rated highly by Washington Consumer Checkbook.

11/17: We've used them a few times in the past year & they've been great. Reasonable.

11/17: Excellent.

6/17: [2 recs - no specific comment given]

10/16: Excellent.

8/16: I've used them for many years both at work & at home and have been very pleased.

8/16: We've used them for many years and been very pleased.

6/16: Fast, one-day install, great clean up. Trouble-free equipment. Get written proposals

6/15: We have used for years and highly recommend.

**DWD Heating & Air Conditioning**, 301-681-3655

6/16: [for new furnace/AC]

**Howard Heating & Cooling**, Beltsville, 301-277-3818

6/17: Regular maint. cuts down on surprises & puts you on top of their list during outages.

10/16: We have used them for years.

6/15: Reasonable and all around nice to work with.

**Hubrig Heating & Cooling** (2019: [joined Atlantic Coastal](#)), 301-216-1945, 301-233-0307 (Brian)

11/18: [Rec for boiler repair] Brian Quillin is honest and does beautiful work.

6/18: They never try to upsell us on anything.

6/18: Hubrig knows this neighborhood. Brian (owner) is very helpful, honest. 5 Stars.

1/18: Installed our new hot water heater (and flue liner). The price was VERY reasonable.

11/17: [2 recs] Brian, the owner, treats his customers like family....Honest to a fault.

11/17: Highly recommend. Owner and workers are outstanding.

6/17: [Mult. recs] Honest to a fault. He tried everything to get/keep my old unit running.

6/17: Prompt, courteous, and high integrity. They won't try to sell you.

5/17: Got our old system thru the summer, then helped us select & finance a new one.

5/17: They salvaged our old system & didn't try to sell us a new one.

12/16: [2 recs] Honest, does not try to up sell, and reasonably priced.

9/16: He recommended & installed a Mitsubishi for our 2d floor. It helps the entire level.

9/16: He installed a Mitsubishi wall unit in our addition.

8/16: [5 recs] Great work, great service and fair prices. Can't speak highly enough.

7/16: Our A/C went out on Sat morn. Hubrig was here by 2:00. Fixed in about half hour.

6/15: Can't say enough great things about Hubrig!

6/15: We were impressed by their honesty with respect to the condition of our system.

6/15: I highly recommend. This is a very small firm with great personal attention.

**Michael & Son**, 202-367-9671

7/19: We have been very happy with their professionalism & skills & knowledge.

**Rod Miller Heating & AC**, 301-587-1517

10/16: Long-time local. I deal w/ Abraham Ajenifuji - [abraham@rodmillerhvac.com](mailto:abraham@rodmillerhvac.com)

**Sickler Service** (Kevin Reich), 301-776-7077

6/16: They replaced our central air and we are very happy. I did lots of research on mfrs.

## Insulators

### MAX Insulation

2/17: Detail-oriented, clean & honest. I used John Pendelton.

## Interior Decorators

### Carley, Iantha (Iantha Carley Interiors), 202-285-2374

8/17: We had her help us with colors, and we are very happy with the result

### Donna Kerr Group, 301-288-3354

3/19: Highly recommend Michelle, she's fun & knowledgeable & can help on any budget.

### Prugar, Emily, sparrowec@hotmail.com

3/19: She's given us great insight & ideas. Down-to-earth, affordable, flexible & creative.

### Thornton, Karla (@ Strosniders in Bethesda), 301-956-3305, thorntonkarla@gmail.com

4/17: She is amazing. Worth it given the time and money I've spent on paint samples

## Kitchen and Bath Remodeling

### AC Remodeling (Alex), 240-632-1660

2/18: Price was reasonable, and the bathroom remodel was complete in under 3 weeks.

### Arteyle (for granite & marble counters), 10116 Bacon Dr., Beltsville, 301-931-6616

3/19: Highly recommend! Slabs are on site so you can actually see & handpick your slab.

### Aurora, Rajiv, rajivarora007@hotmail.com, 240-463-1482

5/19: Great experience. We did partial IKEA; he had great ideas and the crew was fast.

### Burkett, James, Indian Spring, 301-237-7510, 301-587-1144

2/18: [3 recs] He has done a lot of great work for us. An excellent plumber & craftsman.

5/16: He remodeled 2 of our bathrooms & brought them up to date. His work is excellent.

1/16: He redid our laundry room and turned it into a lovely bathroom-laundry room.

1/16: I am extremely pleased with the high quality of work (especially attention to detail).

9/15: Remodels kitchens beautifully.

1/15: Everything done as promised, totally professional.

1/15: Remodeled our original bath. Did a beautiful job and cleaned up every day.

1/15: He gutted and rebuilt my bathroom fall of 2013 and did a beautiful job.

1/15: He took care of a problem we had with a leak into our kitchen from the second floor.

1/15: Expertly removed tile, replaced the shower fixture, and replaced the tile seamlessly.

12/14: A complete remodeling of my original bathroom. Beautiful job, quickly and neatly.

### Cliq Studios

4/17: They will send free cabinet samples. Very satisfied with the design & craftsmanship.

### Counter Culture, 11339 Georgia Ave., SS, 240-821-5257

10/19: We ended up going with Counter Culture on Georgia Avenue and we had an excellent experience. Our kitchen turned out beautifully, on budget, and they really were a pleasure to deal with from start to finish. I would highly recommend them.

5/19: We used Counter Culture for our bathroom counter tops and installation

5/19: More reasonable than IKEA and other estimates and the job was great.

3/19: We got a quartz countertop from them.



3/19: We used them for our bathroom Reno they did a great job.

3/19: Did a beautiful job renovating our daughter's kitchen. Counters are their specialty.

**Kitchen & Bath Depot**, 11637 Boiling Brook Pkwy., Rockville, 301-942-8092

2/18: Good ideas, and once they started there was no moving between multiple jobs.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net), 240-461-5388

5/19: His work is great but he was very expensive. I wish we had been able to afford him.

5/19: We had great luck with Tom, an Indian Spring resident. He knows our funky homes.

2/18: He did a kitchen & bath remodel for us. Both went smoothly with excellent results.

2/18: We had a very good experience with Tom.

12/16: He did a total bath remodeling for us. Good to work with. Delivers as promised.

9/15: He removed a wall in our reno and dealt with all attendant issues.

**Porcelite**, 301-595-9131

3/19: [Recommended by interior designer for refinishing porcelain kitchen sink.]

**U.S. Marble and Granite**, (for replacing counters, tile) 10501 Tucker St., Beltsville, 301-595-7400

3/19: I am an interior designer & have referred dozens of clients to them over the years.

3/19: Has done work for the White House. I know Danny (owner) to be honest and fair.

## Masonry & Paving

**Binghamton Land Design**, Jim/Susy Finelli (Ind. Spring), 301-587-4643; 240-876-3537

2/18: They did an amazing job with the design and creation of our new front stoop.

**Charles Cooley Stonework**, 301-428-9252

2/18: W had a stone pad done in back, a walkway, and our porch topped with stone.

6/17: Did our front walk, porch, & a stone pad by our basement stair. We were happy.

**Costanza, Ramon** (RC Masonry), 240-281-5313

9/18: Resolved water leak by raising the window well doing grading improvements.

**Creative Concrete** (Walker Simpson, owner), 2323 Stewart Ave., Silver Spring, 301-565-0246

6/19: We opted for concrete that looks like stone for our front steps & walk. Great job.

2/18: Did our walkway, front steps, driveway & patio. We're very happy with the results.

2/18: [For a patio] We used Creative Concrete and I am happy with the results.

6/17: Far more reasonable [than stone]. Walker closely supervises & will do follow-up.

6/17: Their work is really remarkable. Artistic and meticulous. More than we asked for.

6/17: We were very pleased with their work. The owner is great and we loved his crew.

3/17: Ask for Walker, or email him at [walkersimpson@creativeconcrete.com](mailto:walkersimpson@creativeconcrete.com).

3/17: Did our walkway, front steps, steps to the street, driveway & patio. Loved their work.

4/16: They repaired a crumbling walkway for us. They are so meticulous.

**Gibbs, Ben**, 301-270-4062

9/15: If you can get him... awesome work, price.

**Luster, Tommy** (E and Sons Paving), [tom.luster@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.luster@yahoo.com) or 410-259-1789

10/17: He's been in the paving biz almost 15 years. Driveways are E & Sons' specialty.

**M. Taylor Enterprise**, 301-649-3406

7/15: Repaved & expanded our driveway and patio. Good estimate. Great job. On time.

**M.T. Laney Asphalt Contractors**, 410-795-1761

8/16: They do great work (from driveways to I-95) and they're good people.

**Premier Masonry** (James Leasher), 443-621-8554

6/17: I had this gentleman do some work for me and was not satisfied with his work.

6/17: Replaced our steps & front walk. Best estimate. Great work for our neighbor too.

7/15: He did additional work and called to make sure everything was done correctly.

7/15: I paid him before work was completed. He did not do all the work and left.

7/15: Did our steps & walk. Does all kinds of brick & stone work, and no job is too small.

**Rocha Construction**, 301-717-8310, 240-535-8888 (Roberto Moreton's cell)

6/19: Small family business. Beautiful job has held up well. Roberto is easy to work with.

6/17: We love Roberto. Half the price of others & great work restoring our broken stoop.  
9/16: For any stonework. Price was half of other estimates. Polite, neat, a beautiful job.  
1/15: The price was half of other estimates. They were polite, neat & did a beautiful job.

## Mold Remediation

### **MoldGone**, (Jon, jon@moldgone.net)

6/18: Jon advised us the area was small enough for us to DIY. Didn't charge for the visit.  
6/18: Communication, professionalism, and quality of work were all excellent.  
2/17: I second the vote. Great guy, great staff.  
2/17: He was responsive. Advised us how to treat it ourselves and didn't charge us.

## Organizers

### **Hausner Stromberg, Ariele** (Control the Clutter), arielehb@gmail.com 301-785-8113

10/19: I used Ariele for organizing closets, my office, storing holiday decorations, etc. She's great!  
12/16: Does excellent work, flexible schedule, reasonable rates.

## Painters

### **Angel, Orlando** (O.E. Angel Painting), 301-933-1247

1/19: Prices very reasonable. Team did an outstanding job painting, also put in new door handles for us.

### **Orrigo, Jonathan** (Elegant Environments), 301-938-6862

2/18: He's done interior & exterior painting for us. Excellent work and reasonable prices.

### **Rent Painters**

3/17: Did a really good job on our interior. Website tool calculates the cost.  
5/15: A locally owned company, they do a great job and at a really good price.

### **Thomasson, Sage**, 301-785-0296, sagepaints@hotmail.com

10/19: [no comment given]  
8/19: He is trained in the latest EPA standards, detail-oriented, and worth the wait.  
2/19: [Rec for outdoor painting] Sage has a perfectionist streak & great professionalism.  
3/18: He has a certain eye, a perfectionist streak, & a great professionalism.  
3/17: [Multiple recs] Detail-oriented. The best there is. Masterful!  
12/16: Our plaster was a challenge. He was thorough in prep, fastidious about the result.  
5/16: [2 recs] Sage is pretty amazing. A perfectionist and a professional. Worth the wait!  
3/16: Great about informing us of the process & coming back to touch up. A perfectionist.  
10/15: His estimate was the best. Outstanding attention to detail and expertise.  
10/15: Painted our exterior; getting ready to do interior work. Professional and skilled.  
10/15: Excellent work painting and repairing our home's exterior trim work and dormers.  
4/15: We were blown away by the quality of work, attention to detail & personal service.

### **Zamora's Painting** (Sergio Zamora), 202 569 0072

2/19: [Rec for outdoor painting] Used him several times. Honest, reliable, great job.

## Plumbers

### **All Clear Plumbing & Drain**, 301-317-4111

11/16: They got my bathroom in working order. Reasonably priced, clean & courteous.

**Aspen Hill Plumbing**, 301-933-0801

12/16: Did very good work, quick and punctual. Subcontractor to Tom Linstrom.

**Benjamin Franklin Plumbing**

1/18: I think I recall that they do emergency plumbing, but it's quite expensive.

**Burkett, James**, in Indian Spring, 301-587-1144; 301-237-7510 (cell)

10/18: He is repiping my house and remodeling a bathroom. Couldn't be more pleased!

2/18: Beautiful job on an emergency bath remodel. He has repiped most of our house.

2/18: He will respond to a weekend crisis.

7/17: [3 recs] He does excellent work.... Quick to respond to an emergency.

4/17: [Recommended for snaking an outdoor drain.] We have had good results.

2/16: He's experienced, meticulous, agreeable, and prices fairly.

2/16: He fixed a 40-year leak in our chimney & a leak in one second floor toilet.

11/15: [Recommended to flush home radiators] He's excellent & knows these systems.

6/15: He's dependable, knowledgeable, prompt, and prices fairly.

3/15: Arrived in 30 mins. on a Sat. after giving damage-limiting instructions by phone.

**Durance Plumbing** (Kirk), 301-270-6663, [kirk@duranceplumbing.com](mailto:kirk@duranceplumbing.com)

[Sometimes Kirk sends out another plumber, but he stands behind all the work.]

2/16: The plumber was knowledgeable & took time to explain things. Reasonably priced.

**Flow Rite**, 301-829-4500

7/15: Snaked a tub drain. \$85, done in less than an hour, minimal mess.

**Gaithersburg Plumbing**, 301-948-8856

9/16: Experienced in replacing water lines. 1/3 the cost of my plumber & 1/4 the time.

**Len the Plumber**, 800-645-9356

1/18: [For emergencies] Open 24/7. I use them whenever I can't reach James Burkett.

**Lyons Plumbing**, 301-253-4090

7/17: Reasonably priced. Not sure about emergencies...

7/17: We returned to an old favorite. Good family biz, great customer response & service.

**Magnolia Plumbing**, 888-829-8510 [Web site says "24 Hr Service"]

2/18: Recommend for weekend plumbing needs. Might want to get a price first.

7/17: Will come out on weekends. You might want to call for a price before scheduling.

**Master Plumbing** (Joe Maier and Billy Silk), 301-650-9100

1/18: [Recommended for water heater installation.] They've done good work for us.

**Oldham Plumbing** (Terry Oldham), [oldhamplumbing@verizon.net](mailto:oldhamplumbing@verizon.net), 240-793-7599

7/17: We've been very happy with Terry Oldham.

4/15: Prompt, courteous, and reported to WSSC when he thought it was their problem.

**Tim Whistler Plumbing & Gas Fitting**, 301-648-9676

10/19: [no comment given]

10/19: replaced our old water heater with a new one in January 2019. Our 22 year old hot water heater was slowly dying, our showers were getting colder, and we could no longer take baths because we didn't have enough hot water to fill the tub. Three days before Christmas I submitted a message on the Tim Whistler website asking for an estimate. I didn't think I'd hear anything back until after the holiday, but to my surprise Tim responded to my message that day, and on Christmas Eve he came out to our house to look at our water heater and provide us details on his services. We had contacted other companies but Tim was the most responsive and helpful. So on January 21, 2019 Tim's team came out to install a new 50 gallon water, with a 5 gallon expansion tank. They arrived early and were very professional and efficient. By noon we had lots of hot water flowing through our pipes. Tim's company applied for the permit and coordinated the WSSC inspection. Not only does his company provide great service, they are the most responsive company I have ever worked with. They send emails and text messages to

confirm appointments, they send estimates and invoices on the same day that they provide service, and they follow up. A great company all around!

10/18: A great plumber. He has done a lot for me, including heating our pool.

1/18: Thorough, reasonably priced, & communicates well about what he's doing why.

4/15: Very informative, discussed options, and was upfront about where to save money.

## Property Management

### Chatel Real Estate

4/19: They do property management as well [as real estate].

## Radon Mitigation

**Swett, John** (Radon Abatement Services), 202-213-6200, [info@radonrepair.com](mailto:info@radonrepair.com)

1/19: John was somewhat of a pioneer in the field and he is incredibly honest.

1/19: [Recommendation for the company. John Swett not specifically mentioned.]

7/18: [2 recs] The best in the business.

## Roofers

**David Arevalo**, 301-379-2430

5/18: We used him for a roof patch and other small jobs. Reasonable, prompt & efficient.

**Brax Roofing**, 301-469-4880

7/19: Roof replaced this year. Professional, responsive, prompt. 1 day + few hrs wrap-up.

5/18: Did an amazing job, showed up as promised, & were very reasonable price-wise.

**Central Roofing, Siding & Windows**, 301-881-2424

10/19: I recommend them entirely, for a lower cost, timely work, no pressure, communication about the products and prices and full clean up.

10/19: I highly recommend central roofing! They were great and by the lowest quote we received

2/19: I concur with "excellent, professional, and great price."

2/19: Excellent and incredibly professional and beat the price of all estimates (by a lot).

2/19: They had a great price and were easy to work with. Very responsive.

5/18: They did a small job for us & later replaced the roof. Repair package is under \$400.

**Corley Roofing**, 301-894-4460

7/19: [3 recs] Great service & fair price!

7/19: Quote was comparable to Brax [but we went with Brax].

10/18: They told me they're not accepting new customers.

9/18: Corley did good work for me.

9/18: [Rec for repairing flat roof] Great job on both pitched & flat roof. Excellent reviews.

3/18: No charge for an estimate and tacking down a few shingles. Said "call in a few yrs."

3/18: Roof replacement on two houses, skylights on one. Family run; stand by their work.

2/16: They've done small repairs to our old roof with honest assessment to its condition.

10/15: Josh Ralls at Corley Roofing has been great for us.

**Durable Slate**, 240-650-9780

11/14: They made some slate roof repairs. Prompt, responsive, and knowledgeable.

**Exterior Concepts**

7/19: Great experience.

**Jack's Roofing** (Justin Decker), SS, 301-585-4985, x 12

9/19: Roof they installed in 2011 has nail pops, cracks, needs to be replaced.

2/19: [2 recs] Excellent work and price. Highly recommend.

3/16: We've been happy with Jack's.

3/16: I use Jack's for all my clients, never been unhappy with work, price, or honesty.

**James R. Walls Contracting**, 301-856-3780

3/16: They specialize in roofing. Did a fabulous job on both our house and our garage.

**Kirk**, Woodmoor, 240-755-4339 (c)

5/18: He's done a number of small repairs for us. Very good and very reasonable.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, tom.linstrom@starpower.net, 240-461-5388

12/16: Did a roof replacement for us. Very good to work with. Delivers as promised.

**Marshall's Roofing & Guttering**, Brookeville, 301-841-1575

7/19: Mr. Marshall sounded professional on the phone but never followed up - twice.

3/18: A terrific experience. Mr. Marshall was most reasonable; the job was neat & precise.

8/15: A terrific job replacing our roof, and they had the most reasonable of 3 estimates.

**McTavish Roofing**, 301-476-8551

7/19: Pat McTavish quoted me a price that was twice what Corley and Brax quoted

3/18: He's honest, personable and his crew was a pleasure to work with.

1/15: He did good work. His estimate was reasonable and he came in under the estimate.

**Mid-Atlantic Gutters**, 855-554-8883

3/18: We've used them for gutters and a new roof. Very pleased with their work & prices.

**Oberg, Mike**, 301-277-6900

5/18: He did a small roof job for us & might do a small repair.

**Roof Masters**, 301-365-5781

9/18: [Rec for repairing flat roof]

## Tiling

**Holland Bath & Spa** (formerly Holland Tile?), 301-926-6788

3/19: They are fabulous. The owner, Davis Holland Leichsenring, is a perfectionist

**The Tile Co.**, Ron Walters, (301) 854-9157 thetileco@yahoo.com

10/19: Reasonably priced, a great communicator, on time, and thorough

## Waterproofing

**All Aspects Waterproofing**, 866-999-3110

6/18: Our basement is dry and it's the best investment we have ever made.

6/18: Lifetime warranty. When our sump pump wore out, they came within 24 hours.

6/18: My daughter was also very happy with All Aspects.

6/18: Kept our basement dry since 2010. Did work inside and outside too.

9/16: Installed a sump pump & did mold remediation. No water since. They guarantee.

**B-Dry**, 888-400-2379

9/18: They installed a French drain & sump pump 20 years ago. Best decision ever.

**J&G Landscape Design**, 301-476-7600

6/18: They did foundation parging w/ more general work. Our basement has been dry.

**Kuipers Landscaping & Waterproofing**, 301-924-4040

8/17: They dug French drains, reworked downspouts & regraded parts of the back yard.

**Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing**

6/18: They don't use the French drain. Their guarantee extends to the next owner.

## Windows - Repair

### **Blaine Window Repair**, 301-565-4949

6/18: Don't think they charged us;, but they did a great job of replacing a cracked window.

9/15: They do window screen replacement.

4/15: They repair screens, but I don't know their prices.

### **Ed's Window Screen Repair**, 156 Wicomico Court, New Market, MD, 888-645-8057

9/15: It's a bit of a hike, but he is honest, does good work, and his prices are excellent.

## Windows - Treatments, Shades, Blinds

### **Budget Blinds**, 301-926-2334

1/18: Nice job. We used [the Tak Park ofc] for plantation shutters throughout our house.

### **Home Depot**

6/17: Home Depot has an option that will fit shallow windows.

### **Kugler's Home Fashions**, 240-247-0271

2/18: [2 more recommendations, no substantive comments]

1/18: They come by and are easy to work with. Very happy with the blinds recommended.

### **Next Day Blinds** in downtown Silver Spring.

10/19: Great service and warranty. We have blinds that are more than 15 years old and they restrung them when they begin to fray. Just had shutters installed. Very pleased.

## Windows - Washers (exterior)

### **Dr. Glass Window Washing**, 301-588-0029

10/16: I just called to schedule. They do inside & out, screens & sills. Quote seems fair.

10/16: Very reasonable, careful and professional. We used them once last fall.

### **Marco Window Washer**, 301- 613-8710

4/15: [No specific comment]

### **Total Clean**, 240 770-8396 (o), 301 556-8317 (c)

12/15: Several clients used them and were pleased. See coupons on their website.

4/15: [No specific comment]

### **Wizard Window** (Mark), 202-744-7477

4/15: [No specific comment]

## Windows - Products and Installers

### **American Windows & Siding**, Kensington, 301-962-4150

6/18: Ask for Bob Mascola. They replaced our 17 windows in one day. [Great price.]

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**All-Star Services** (Conor Barry & friend), 301-633-9274, [handyserviceteam@gmail.com](mailto:handyserviceteam@gmail.com)

6/18: Very reasonable, did a really good job for me.

6/18: Weeded & spread mulch, very reasonable price. Went to HD to get the mulch.

6/18: Conor is a great worker, courteous, reliable, follows instructions & works very hard.

6/18: Window, lawn & gutter clean-up, dog walking, more. Professional, fast, affordable.

## **Composting**

**Veteran Compost**

8/19: They take all food (including meat), paper towels & napkins, tea bags, coffee filters.

## **Framing**

**Chesapeake Framing**, 10507 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 301-942-0485

12/16: We liked the matting and framing work.

[framebridge.com](http://framebridge.com),

5/19: We used them for recent framing and were pleased with the price and quality.

9/17: Amazing job. Much lower price than Michael's. They even send the packaging.

**Imperial Fine Framing**, 943 Bonifant St., Silver Spring, 301-588-9817

9/17: They placed a mirror in a frame for us. We're happy with the results.

9/17: The funky shop keeps odd hours. But the work is well done and reasonably priced.

**Kepler, Ritch (Kepler Framing)**, 7900 MacArthur Blvd., Bethesda (Cabin John), 301-320-0248

9/17: He has a shop in his home. Worth the 20 min drive... He does meticulous work.

**Plaza Art**, 8209 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5581, also Rockville

12/16: The Silver Spring store is terrific.

12/16: The Rockville store has artists working there, so I get more than one opinion.

## **Glass & Mirrors**

**Action Glass Repair**, 11607 Edmonston Road, Beltsville, 301-622-9699

3/16: I took a broken mirror & waited 20min for the new mirror to be cut. Price was great.

**A.R. Glass Repair**, 202-7354104

7/19: Use them last year to replace windows. Went seamlessly from quote to installation.

**Blaine Window & Door**, 301-565-4949

7/19: [Rec for glass repair. No comment given]

**Dulles Glass & Mirror**, Manassas, VA, 703-361-9994

8/17: I have used them on three projects. I think they are in the mid /mid high price range.

4/16: I've used them more than once & been satisfied. Not sure if they're "pricey" or not.

## **Hauling Services**

**Eco City Junk**, 301-963-4326

1/18: Affordable, and they promise to dispose of everything properly (recycling, etc.).

7/17: They dispose of everything properly & donate a portion of each job to a charity.

**Mike's Hauling Service**, 240-876-8763 (c), 301-588-9171 (o)

5/18: [No comment given]

1/18: I used Mike's several yrs ago to get rid of a mattress & box spring. Did a good job.

3/15: They were punctual and reasonably priced.

### **Suburban Solutions**

10/19: moved me out of my apartment back in 2016 and they were great, so when my husband and I needed to have a bunch of material hauled out of our basement in 2018 they were the first company I called. It was easy to contact them thru their email address on their website. One of the owners of the company responded to me within 24 hours and scheduled the date and time when their team would arrive. We had 6 large trash bags and 3 boxes full of material to be donated. We also had several old mattresses, broken furniture, old pieces of wood, metal, and floor tiles that we had inherited from the previous owners, and a solid concrete utility sink that needed to be hauled away. We were nervous about the utility sink because it was incredibly heavy, but the team from Solutions were amazing! The 3 person team arrived on time and within half an hour they had removed all of our items. They handled the concrete sink by strapping it to their moving cart and then they slowly and carefully pulled and pushed it up our basement steps and out our front door. Their prices are reasonable, their team is always on time, and all of their staff are efficient, professional and very easy to work with. This is a company that we will be using whenever we have moving needs or need items removed for donation or for trash, and we'll continue to recommend them to friends and family.

**Tim's Hauling Service**, 240-994-9824

6/18: I've used him two or three times. Good guy.

1/18: [2 recommendations] I've used him several times.

3/15: We like him.

## Movers

### **Bookstore Movers**

12/15: I highly recommend them. Their 5-star reviews on Yelp say it all.

11/15: Simply the best (in my experience) and very professional.

**Charming Movers**, 301-738-2202

5/16: So professional, helpful, reasonably priced, hard-working (I have a grand piano).

**Kensington Moving Company**

11/15: Stole a Dyson fan and broke a \$125 plate with no remuneration. Untrustworthy.

**U-Haul**

11/15: I've done this two times, hiring a pair of men who partner with U-Haul.

## Notary

**Lewis, Faith**, faithmlewis@gmail.com

10/19: Available to help with neighborhood needs

**Wayal, Mahadeo**, 240-706-1488

11/18: Helpful if you can't leave home. He usually tells me to pay what I wish.

1/18: Not in the neighborhood [but he can] come to your home.

## Office Services - Copying, Shipping, Shredding

**FedEx Office Print & Ship**, 8501 Georgia Ave., 301-587-6565

5/18: The new FedEx on Wayne and Georgia is full service, efficient and courteous.

**FedEx Onsite**, 116 University Blvd., SS (inside Four Corners Safeway)

5/18: There is now a FedEx desk in the Four Corners Safeway. Great service.

**UPS**, 10125 Colesville Rd. (Four Corners)

5/18: Rude, price gouging and inconsiderate.

5/18: Similar experience [with rude, unhelpful employees].

5/18: Wouldn't give me one piece of tape to stick on a corner of a package being mailed.

5/18: I had to pay for 2 copies of a financial doc or they were going to keep the bad copy.



5/18: I took papers for shredding, & the employee just threw them into an unsecured bin.

## Passports - Photos & Expedited Processing

**AAA**, Wheaton, 2730 University Blvd.

2/18: Price seemed reasonable. Certainly was good teamwork there.

**Costco**, Wheaton, Beltsville

2/18: [Beltsville] They did a good job and we got extras.

5/16: They had no problem taking pics of a 2- and 4-year-old). Very inexpensive & quick.

**CVS**

2/18: Terrible. A small digital camera, no flash, and they struggled to frame the photo.

2/18: [2 recs; no additional comment]

5/16: Anywhere is better. The lighting must have been borrowed from a zombie movie.

5/16: We had good luck at the Woodmoor CVS after a bad experience at the Post Office.

5/16: Last time I renewed I got photos at CVS Four Corners. No problem

**Fast Passport Center**

10/18: [Recommendation for getting a replacement passport in a few days]

**Kinko's (FedEx Office)**

2/18: Very fast and a nice photo. They knew what they were doing.

**US Post Service**, Four Corners

2/18: We were able to do everything to obtain our son's 1st passport, including the photo.

**UPS Store**, Woodmoor

2/18: [no additional comment]

**Washington Passport Agency**, 600 19th Street NW, DC, 877-487-2778

5/16: I prefer this [over CVS]. Make an online appointment and it is faster.

## Taxi / Limo Services / Alternative Transportation

**Barwood**, 301-984-1900

1/16: I have had issues with Barwood and typically try to avoid them.

**Ernie's Sedan Service**, 310-346-6339 (c); 301-422-4549 (h)

6/16: Reliable, on time. When he has a conflict, he finds a fill-in. About \$60-70 to airports.

7/15: Timely, reliable, courteous. We usually use him to get to Dulles. Call for price.

**MetroBus to BWI - B30 bus**

1/16: Very reliable and very fast. Leaves from Greenbelt Metro Station. Now \$7.

**Sun Cab**, 301-637-0345

1/16: I have used them a few times to BWI and DCA. Worked fine for me.

**Trees, Jeff**, jefftrees@gmail.com

7/15: We've used them over the past three years and they are superb. \$70 to BWI.

**Uber**, can register online for mobile app

10/16: I scheduled in advance. Picked up at 5:45AM, at DCA by 6:15 AM = \$32.

7/15: I have had many great experiences. Reliable and the cheapest ride to BWI.

7/15: [multiple recs] I have used Uber [to BWI] with good results.

**Wimbush, Kathy**, 301-332-0918

7/15: We have used her for many years - always on time & totally reliable. Book her early.

## Title Companies

**RGS Title**, 12520 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-680-0200

11/09: I highly recommend them.

**Vintage Settlement Services**, 301-907-9255

11/09: I highly recommend them.

## VHS Tape Conversion

### **Costco**

- 10/17: Great job! Slides to digital & prints. Super 8 or VHS to digital. Great tracking.
- 10/17: We used [Beltsville] Costco many times. They provide 2 copies. Prompt delivery.
- 2/15: The video was available to view even before going to Costco to pay for the DVD.
- 2/15: The Wheaton store did not offer the preview online.
- 2/15: Did a great job on some family movies. They'll add background music for free!
- 2/15: Costco does straight conversion. No editing. Beltsville has the better lab.
- 2/15: Costco is by far the cheapest, but they also do a great job.
- 2/15: Costco can do it. They can also convert 35mm slides to DVD.

### **YesVideo**

- 2/15: The YesVideo website lets you share clips of the videos.
- 2/15: You can watch the tapes on their website and decide if you want to order a DVD.

## **PET CARE**

### **Boarding / Sitting / Walking / Day Care / Misc. Care**

**Adam**, adam24@umbc.edu, 301-254-1343

4/15: He is known as the “cat whisperer.” He’s a great technician.

4/15: Dog walks, overnights, bath & nail trimming, meds. Has worked with Dr. Tanouye.

**Blue Dog Boarding**, 4101 Howard Ave., Kensington, 301-217-0010

8/18: A variety of spaces blending play & rest. Reasonably priced. Great job with baths.

**Care.com**

6/16: For in-home boarding, Care.com worked well for is in the past.

**CleverDog**, 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820

3/15: The dogs got to stay together and were comfortable with the people & procedures.

**Comfy Pet Sitters** (David and Valerie, boarding & pet sitting), Kensington, 301-946-4508

8/18: I can leave town with peace of mind. David is also my week-day dog walker.

10/17: I have used them in multiple occasions and they are wonderful.

6/17: I can't say enough good things. David is my dog walker. They board at their house.

1/15: Has several clients in our neighborhood.

**The Dog Stay** 8122 Georgia Ave., SS, 240-491-5858

10/19: The place is no frills but they take great care of our dog when we travel! Fees are reasonable too. The place is always busy too, which we take as a good sign!

3/15: Terri & her staff are great with my dog. I can't say enough good things about them.

**Dogtopia**, 4920 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, 240-389-5124

3/15: We like Dogtopia. It's a great value as it includes open play daycare with boarding.

3/15: My daughter started working there and I'm very impressed with the high standards.

**Dogwood Acres**, Davidsonville, 410-798-4776

6/17: About a 35-min drive, but we love it. Great facility, caring staff. Even a doggie pool!

**FeeLola Dog Walking**, 301-462-9554

1/19: She's amazing, a real dog whisperer. Our dog doesn't like anyone and loves her.

10/18: My dog sitter, Felicia, is amazing! Our dog Chloe adores her.

**Fetch! Pet Care**, 866-338-2463

9/17: My son's friend works for Fetch! in Silver Spring and does puppy sitting.

**Happy Hounds Lodge**, Round Hill, VA, 703-297-4737, 703-395-3912

8/18: A trek, but they pick up. They don't crate the dogs at night, and my dog loves it.

**Hughes, Deborah**, womanofthecelts@gmail.com

6/19: [Rec for pet sitting] She is terrific.

**Hunter, Liz**, 301-562-9582

10/17: Our Indian Spring neighbor. Very responsive and reasonably priced.

**One Leg Up** (Krissy Leone), 202-351-7814

1/15: She is just great.

**Paradise for Pets**, Beltsville, 301-776-6353

6/06: Dog did fine there.

**Pets n Poets** (Susan Faucon), 301-793-6550

1/15: The experience was great.

**Pork Chop's Way**, 11512 Mapleview Dr., SS, 301- 996-4761

3/15: Our dog has thrived there. They get great socialization and some free training.

**Rivermist Kennels**, NH Ave, Brinklow

8/18: I highly recommend Rivermist. They are a bit of a hike, but worth the trip.

6/17: We like Rivermist too!

6/17: Our dogs have always been happy. We've used it for years & it is even better now.

6/17: We have always used Rivermist for our pets. Can't say enough good things.

**Roar, Mimi** (dog walking), 301-920-0223

3/19: Mimi is great.

**rover.com**

6/16: Rover.com would allow for in-home boarding.

1/15: A great way to find neighbors who dog-walk and dog-sit.

**Stickle, Melanie**, (find her on rover.com)

10/17: We cannot say enough good things. Very attentive and very accommodating.

10/17: We took our dogs to her. She's a neighbor & was wonderful with our dogs.

**Wilbert, Cecilia**, 301-587-0029; 301-335-7317

4/17: I have found her to be very reliable, competent and dependable.

5/15: Very responsible and dependable. I'm sure she could help watering the garden.

## Grooming

**Clever Dog**, 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820

3/15: We've been very pleased with their grooming for our Labradoodle.

**Dee, Patricia**, 330 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, 301-236-0036

9/17: She remove a matted coat from a very high strung cat. No stress and no trauma.

**Four Corners Animal Hospital**, 105 University Blvd. West, 301-593-6330,

4/15: We used the groomer here and were very pleased.

**Kindness Animal Hospital**, 2130 University Blvd., Wheaton, 301-949-2511

4/16: Very good. You don't need to be a KAH client – just have vaccination record.

**Paws of Enchantment** (Cassandra Kraham), 3415 Perry St., Mt. Rainier, 301-209-0411

11/15: Her clients [at this holistic pet spa] seem super happy. Takes cats, too.

**Sean Patrick's Pet Spa**, 512 Main St., Laurel, 301-498-7326

9/19: [No comment given]

4/16: We found him after a horrible experience at a chain pet store.

3/15: We are on our 4th Cocker Spaniel with him. **Cocker Spaniel Rescue** uses him too.

11/15: We have been going here for years.

**The Studio**, 10124 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-0212

9/19: [2 recs] The Studio is the absolute best. Good customer service too!

**Treat, Renee**, (works from her home in SS), 240-593-4143

2/19: **I contacted Renee but unfortunately she isn't taking on any new clients at this time.**

2/19: [2 recs]

2/18: I'm always hesitant to recommend as she's a best kept secret of the area.

2/18: I've been very pleased with Renee, too.

2/18: The best ever. From her house, appt. only, just 3 minutes drive from our 'hood.

4/15: She works from her house. She is excellent and very reasonable priced.

11/15: Can't say enough good things about her. Really reasonable rate, very thorough.

## Health Insurance

**Nationwide/VPI**, 888-899-4874

6/16: We spent lots to diagnose & treat our dog, but it was a parasite - not covered.

6/16: Expensive, but we used the heck out of that policy. Reimbursement time was great.

## Veterinarians

**Arthur, Elizabeth "Betsy"** (Mobile Veterinary Surgery), 301-424-1734

12/16: She traveled to my regular clinic for ortho surgery on my dog.

**Banfield Pet Hospital @ Petsmart**, 6800 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 240-497-1350

2/16: We've had teeth cleaning and extractions done here. Right price & competent care.

**Blue Pearl Specialty & Emergency Pet Hospital**, 1 Taft Ct., Rockville, 301-637 3228

8/19: Vet didn't know [the seriousness of a cat scratch/bite]. VRA cleaned up the mess.

8/19: Vet didn't listen, misdiagnosed the cat, prescribed treatment that made him worse.

**Caring Hands Animal Hospital**, 825 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 240-205-8300

8/19: Open all days, online scheduling, thorough w/o needless tests, reasonably priced.

**Fairland Animal Hospital**, 12711 Old Columbia Pike, 301-622-2115

1/17: Both docs are very thorough. Location keeps their prices lower - worth the drive.

1/17: We love them. Inexpensive considering the level of service. All docs equally great.

8/15: Our favorite is Dr. Whall. Dr. Spencer is also good. The techs & staff are fabulous.

5/15: Great care. Compassionate and professional. Great support staff too.

5/15: The service, professionalism & earnest care has always made us fans.

5/15: I feel guilty about how great the care and staff are and how little they charge.

5/15: Dr. Whall is an excellent vet; the entire staff is caring, efficient, and knowledgeable.

5/15: We've been going there for 20 years and have always been very happy with them.

5/15: We like all 3 vets. We favor Dr. Whall - he seems to especially love cats. Great

staff.

**Family Pet Veterinary Practice**, 8313 Grubb Rd., 301-448-1382

1/17: It's been great! The care has been good and there is even a play area for the kids.

**Four Corners Animal Hospital**, 105 University Blvd. West, 301-593-6330

8/19: He [Dr. Bowersett] misdiagnosed an operable cancer tumor as arthritis.

**Friendship Hospital for Animals**, 4105 Brandywine St. NW, DC, 202-363-7300

8/19: Friendship is so test-happy and absurdly expensive.

12/16: Good ortho there. My dog had two TPLO surgeries. They have 24-hour care.

2/16: Love it for emergencies or specialized vet needs. Fantastic but **very expensive!**

**Hope Advanced Veterinary Center (now Blue Pearl)**, 1 Taft Ct., Rockville, 301-637-3228

12/16: Recommended by my vet for veterinary orthopedics.

**Kindness Animal Hospital**, 2130 University Blvd., Wheaton, 301-949-2511

1/17: We loved them for our old dog. Not the cheapest, but we always liked their service.

2/16: Teeth cleaning was less than the very expensive estimate. Feb is discount month.

8/15: We liked Dr. Nuenzig. Priced pretty high, if that's a concern. No problems though.

5/15: Not the cheapest, but we've always been satisfied with the care they deliver.

**Marohn, Rhya (At Home Animal Care)** in-home vet care, drmarohn@gmail.com, 301-332-8563

1/17: For a nervous dog it might be helpful to have your vet come to your house.

**Metropolitan Animal Emergency & Specialty Center**, 11503 Rockville Pike, R'ville 301-770-5225

8/19: Instead of expensive imaging, she started with bloodwork that revealed an infection.

8/19: This emergency vet saved our dog. Highly recommend.

8/19: [2 recs] For an emergency, they were really terrific and it was relatively quick.

**Perl, Solomon (MyVetCalls)**, house call veterinarian, 301-774-5656

1/16: We used him to euthanize our kitty. Very compassionate to both pet & pet parents.

**Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital**, 7515 Brooklyn Bridge Rd, Laurel, 301-776-7744

8/15: We have been happy with Rocky Gorge.

**Silver Spring Animal Hospital**, 1915 Seminary Rd., 301-587-6099

9/19: The perfect vet, especially for timid cats! One vet tech specializes in "angry" cats.

7/16: [4 recs] We love Dr. Krishna.

**Skylos Sports Medicine**, Ellicott City

12/16: Recommended by my vet for veterinary orthopedics.

**Takoma Park Animal Clinic**, 7330 Carroll Ave., 301-270-4700

1/16: "Dr. K" [Kriemelmeyer] has come to our home.

12/14: They have good vets and are very professional and friendly. And convenient.

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

1/16: I was a previous client, but when I tried to make an appt recently, I was wait-listed.

1/16: She and her group will provide [in-home euthanasia,] make it as kind as possible.

8/15: Rock Creek Home Vets is incredible!

3/15: We love Rock Creek Home Vets.

**Veterinary Orthopedic Sports Medicine**, 10975 Guilford Rd., Annapolis Junction, 240-295-4400

12/16: Recommended by my vet for veterinary orthopedics.

12/16: We also used VOSM and they are state of the art, but agree — very pricey

12/16: I've used VOSM for my dog's ACL surgeries. Very good, very expensive (\$4500).

**VCA Veterinary Referral Associates**, 500 Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, 301-926-3300

8/19: Our two experiences here were exemplary.

**Washington Humane Society Spay and Neuter Center**, 1001 L St. SE, Wash. DC

12/14: It was \$150. They were very accommodating and nice. Great experience.

## **PHOTOS**

### **Photographers**

**Elinoff, Laura, elinoff2004@gmail.com**

4/19: She is excellent! Has done our family several times.

12/14: She captured beautiful photos of my children and new dog!

**Hamid, Zaid**

2/15: [Recommended for professional headshots]

**Lee, Donny**

11/14: He is great and gets the kids smiling. A great time and great pictures.

**Lissa Ryan Photography**

10/19: I will always be so thankful for her kindness and her amazing photography skills. I have so many of her pictures framed in our house. I highly recommend her.

**Maldonado, Alejandro**

11/14: He has done a few photo shoots for us and does an outstanding job.

### **Photo Preservation & Restoration**

**ScanCafe**

1/19: The cheaper option still allowed me to enlarge several photos to hang on the wall.

## PHYSICIANS

### After-Hours, Walk-in Clinics & Urgent Care

**Fast Track Urgent Care**, 10540 Connecticut Ave., Kensington

11/18: Like this a lot.

**Head First Sports Injury & Concussion Care**, 20 University Blvd. E., SS, 855-748-4868

11/18: If a concussion is involved, the head clinic that is part of Right Time is incredible.

**MedStar Prompt Care**, 11915 Georgia Ave., SS

1/15: We've never had a wait here. Been there twice and could not have been happier.

**Patient First**, 8601 16th St., Silver Spring, 301-960-4682

9/15: Seen in 15 mins & out with my script in under 30 on a weekend. Easy w/ insurance.

1/15: My daughter has had good experiences here.

**Patient First**, 726 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 240-238-0411

11/18: Like a lot - very clean - like an emergency room!

**Righttime Medical Care**, 20 University Blvd. E., Silver Spring

11/18: Not bad.

11/18: It has been pretty good for my family.

11/18: We've been there a few times — they are terrific and accept insurance.

9/15: OK if you can make an appt. online. Last time it wasn't working & the wait was 3 hrs

1/15: We were seen close to our appointment times. Ask for a paper mask if you want.

1/15: We had an appointment and are still waiting an hour later.

12/14: I waited about 30 min. Dr Ta was thorough, compassionate & funny.

### Allergy

**Goldberg, Paul**, 1201 Seven Locks Rd, Rockville, 301-770-1733

4/18: Fabulous!

4/16: Very helpful in terms of allergies, asthma and connected reflux with asthma.

**Scarupa, Mark**, Institute for Allergy & Asthma, Wheaton & Chevy Chase, 301-962-5800

4/18: Excellent!

### Alternative Medicine

**Grissmer, Jane**, 8720 Ga Ave., SS, 301-565-4924 x 314, [jgrissmer@crossingshealing.com](mailto:jgrissmer@crossingshealing.com)

4/18: Leading acupuncturist in the healing community.

**Hebron, Yvette (The Doctor's Point)**, 12510 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-622-7170

3/18: She is a physiatrist and acupuncturist. Takes insurance and she's great.

**Lipin, Heather (Acupuncture)**, 10410 Kensington Pkwy, 301-587-5153, [h\\_lipin@hotmail.com](mailto:h_lipin@hotmail.com)

4/18: [No comment given]

**Pulse Community Acupuncture**, 912 Thayer Ave., (Plus Chinese Herbal Medicine), 240-641-4116

3/18: Cured my sciatica. I see Jackie or Janaye. Group or private appointments.

**Third Space Wellness**, 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring, 301-328-5326

1/19: Rachel B is an incredible acupuncturist!

**Windsor, Eric (MD Holistics)**, 1111 Spring St., SS, 301-588-5858

3/18: I had a chronic cough for over 40 years. After about 4 visits my cough was gone.

### Cardiology



- Barold, Helen** (Comprehensive Cardiac Care), 4910 Mass. Ave., DC, 202-237-0808  
9/15: My primary physician referred me, and Dr. Barold nailed down what was going on.
- Baron, Kaitlin**, (Associates in Cardiology), 2900 Linden Lane, 301-681-5700
- Goldbaum, Thomas** (Johns Hopkins), 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-656-4064  
10/19: Very good.  
9/15: Awesome.
- Healy, Edward** (Johns Hopkins), 6410 Rockledge Dr, Bethesda, 301-897-5301  
10/19: Very good.
- Kenigsburg, Aaron** (Johns Hopkins), 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-681-9095  
10/19: I've used him for 20+ years. He and his practice have provided outstanding care.  
9/15: Would recommend him and all his partners. Have had great treatment for 17 years.
- Lee, Sung** (MedStar), 7501 Surratts Road, Silver Spring, 301-877-5677  
10/19: Electrophysiology specialist. Knowledgeable & thorough, though not the warmest.
- Lincoln, Michael** (Associates in Cardiology), 2900 Linden Lane, 301-681-5700  
9/15: I love him. Very personable and understanding.
- O'Donoghue, Susan** (Wash. Hospital Center)  
7/18: Great cardiologist.

## Chiropractic and similar

- Amon, Sheila**, 3706 Perry Ave., Kensington, 301-949-0440  
9/19: Went back to her after 10 yrs for a new problem and she's still great. Such relief.
- Fullmer, William** (Life Chiropractic), 13321 New Hampshire Ave., SS, 301-847-9849  
3/18: No-pressure guy and very knowledgeable.  
8/17: Very knowledgeable. Doesn't pressure you into multiple wklly visits. Accepts BCBS.
- Levi, Marcia** (Optimal Care Chiropractic), 14207 Park Center Dr., Laurel, 301-362-5868  
8/17: I love her. She uses the Gonstead method - very gentle - plus Reiki. Easy to get to.
- Perez, Ali** (Blue Heron), 10723 Columbia Pike, 301-754-3730  
8/17: Dr. Ali Perez is fabulous.
- SMART Medical & Rehab Therapy**, 2730 University Blvd., SS, 301-585-2225  
8/17: Dr. Lee fixed my neck without manipulating it!

## Dermatology

- Abrams, Melissa** (DermAssociates), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000  
7/18: Only place that doesn't feel like I'm in a weird Botox spa for my annual skin check.  
7/18: We go to Dr. Abrams. She is a pediatric specialist.  
5/16: My son and I both see Dr. Melissa Abrams and both really like her.  
10/15: She's listed as pediatric, but she's good with grown-ups too. Caring and thorough.
- Brooks, Howard** (SKIN Cosmetic Derm of G'town), 2233 Wisconsin Ave., DC, 202-298-7546  
7/18: Not too close, but well respected. On national and local news too as a specialist.
- Cole, Amy** (DermAssociates), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000  
7/18: Cole is excellent.  
3/18: Dr. Cole and I both prefer her Gaithersburg office. It's not as far as it sounds.  
3/18: [3 recs] Thorough, kind, and close by!  
3/17: [multiple recs] Dr. Cole is excellent.  
5/16: I saw Amy Cole in Rockville to get a quick appointment and was pleased with her.  
10/15: [multiple recs] Fabulous!
- Kauffman, Lisa** (Georgetown Dermatology), 3301 New Mexico Ave. NW, DC, 202-363-9600  
1/19: She's a dermatopathologist, very careful, thoughtful, and a lovely person.

**Lockshin, Ben** (DermAssociates), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

1/19: I have been very pleased with Dr. Ben Lockshin.

**Lockshin, Norman** (DermAssociates), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

7/18: We highly recommend him and his staff.

3/17: We use Dr. Lockshin and his practice is excellent.

**Sau, Purnima** (Silver Spring Dermatology), 8630 Fenton Street, SS, 301-245-6716

1/19: Experienced dermapathologist. I see her for "skin-checks." She doesn't rush you.

7/18: I wouldn't describe Dr. Sau as "very reserved." I found it very easy to talk to her.

7/18: A very reserved personality, but her treatment program was very successful.

7/18: She does a very thorough skin check. She is also board certified.

7/18: Was Chief of Derm at Walter Reed. She knows her stuff. I've seen her for years.

**Singh, Saurabh**, (DermAssociates), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

5/17: The last couple of years, I have seen Dr. Singh, who I like a great deal.

## Electrophysiology

**Dr. Sung W. Lee**

10/19: knowledgeable and thorough, though his manner is not the warmest

## Endocrinology

**Ahmed, Shabina** (Johns Hopkins), 7315 Wisconsin Ave., 240-235-9120

10/19: I go to her and I like her a lot.

3/19: I have been seeing her for three years and really like her.

10/18: I love my endocrinologist.

**Menucci, Maria**, 2101 Medical Park Dr., Silver Spring, 301-899-7713

10/19: I have been seeing her for about a year now and LOVE her. She listens very carefully and is very thorough. She also takes the time to answer any questions that I might have.

10/19: Very good, really listens.

3/19: I've been going to her for about a year and a half.

**Rodbard, Helena**, 3200 Tower Oaks Blvd., Rockville

10/19: [no comment given]

4/17: [no comment given]

10/16: I'd recommend her.

10/15: Helena is very good and respected among her peers.

10/15: She's excellent (I recommended her to my mother, who agrees). Insurance is ltd.

12/15: (No comment given)

**Stein, Stephanie**, 2141 K St. NW, Washington DC, 202-466-7266

10/18: I like Dr. Stein but she's in DC.

## Gastroenterology

**Capital Digestive Care**; 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002, or various locations

6/19: I love Kreisberg, but they are all great. Probably the premier GI practice in the area.

6/19: I've had colonoscopies 2x [here]. They are good, state of the art. Docs are all fine.

7/18: My husband has seen Dr. Bashir there. Very good.

7/18: [2 recs for Kreisberg] I've been going to Dr. Kreisberg here. They take BCBS.

7/18: I second the recommendation. I went to Dr. Finkel.

7/18: I really like them, & their NPs are fantastic in case a GI can't see you right away.  
12/16: They take Medicare.

**Diamond, Alan (Capital Digestive Care)**, 10801 Lockwood Dr, SS, 301-593-2002

6/19: I highly recommend. He is board certified, serving patients in multiple locations.

7/18: [2 recs] I highly recommend Alan Diamond.

**Finkel, Robert (Capital Digestive Care)**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

7/18: After 20 years of issues, he was able to diagnose me and confirm it through tests.

**Gupta, Naveen (Johns Hopkins)**, 9406 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-5142

6/19: He is good and also very personable/great bedside manner.

**Musselman, Robert, (Capital Digestive Care)**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

7/18: I highly recommend him and the entire practice.

12/16: Very good to work with.

12/16: We are pleased with him. They take Medicare.

## GP / Internal Med / Family Medicine / Primary Care

**Aleskow, Elliot**, 2141 K St NW #701, Washington, DC, 202-466-7266

10/15: If you're willing to go to K St. downtown, I've been happy with him for many years.

**Angra, Satish**, 344 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-593-3400

1/19: I've only met him once, but he hires really good nurse practitioners, which I prefer.

**Ellis, Mona (Physician Associates)**, 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase

10/15: I never feel rushed - she really listens. The practice is largish - a lot of specialties.

**Ginsberg, Robert**, 3905 National Dr., Burtonsville, 240-389-1192

1/16: Very thorough. Switching to concierge practice. He can be called day or night.

**Healthy Steps (Dr. Husna Baksh & 2 PAs)**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-6072

10/15: I definitely watched the PAs. Contacting her nurse is easy tho, & she is excellent.

10/15: New PA, Annie, was just ok. I found Dr. Baksh a little rushed recently.

10/15: I'm impressed by all 3 of the primary staff, in-house lab, & their responsiveness.

**Kelly, Kathryn**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 240-545-5721

4/18: I never felt like I was being rushed out of the door, which I really appreciate.

4/18: I adore her. Easy online portal. She is very personable & the staff is wonderful.

**Kinney, Stephen (Metro Direct Care Medical)**, 202-368-6820

9/19: Only house calls. Works with providers who can do lab, x-ray, etc. in the home.

**Marshall, Angela Comprehensive Women's Health**, SS, 301-754-2222

10/15: You can always get an appointment if you need one.

10/15: No concierge fee, early hours, in-house lab work, and knowledgeable PAs.

**Montgomery Family Medicine**, 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-0193

4/18: [No additional comment given]

**Nawaz, Ahmed**, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-444-4402

12/16: Recommended by cardiologist I know well. Been very pleased with him.

**Plotkin, David**, 18111 Prince Philip Dr # 304, Olney, (301) 570-7633

3/15: [Recommended for treating Lyme Disease]. He has treated many Lyme patients

**Singh, Anjali**, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 240-235-9100

4/18: We like Dr. Singh of Johns Hopkins group.

**Wong, Wendy**, 2101 Medical Park Dr., SS, 301-681-8000

4/18: [2 recs] I love her!

## Hospitals

**Holy Cross Hospital**, 1500 Forest Glen Rd.

6/15: My 2 kids were born at Holy Cross. No problems. No C-sections. Long time ago.

6/15: The NICU has a great reputation. Great cardiac diagnostics & care, but no surgery.

## Ob/Gyn, Women's Health

**Behram, Nancy**, 15005 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville, 301-294-8525

4/18: She is AMAZING.

**Kaler, Lori**, 10401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, 301-897-0945

8/19: Love her. Small, intimate practice. But I'm guessing she's in her early 60s.

**Klein, Michele** (Holy Cross Hosp.), 1400 Forest Glen Rd., 301-593-8101

5/19: I'm very happy with Michele Klein.

**Munson, Melinda**, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-593-8101

4/18: I like her.

## Orthopedics / Surgery

**Alam, Zohair**, (Orthopedic Surgeons of Metropolitan Washington), 8830 Cameron St., SS

2/15: [no comment given]

**Bieber, Edward**, OrthoBethesda, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010

2/15: [no comment given]

1/15: Very good for sports/exercise-related injuries. Rx for PT, and no surgery, twice.

**Connell, Marc** (Wash. Sports & Orthopedic), Chevy Chase & other locations, 301-657-1996

3/18: I've had a couple surgeries with him. Highly trained, professional, & personable.

**Durbhakula, Mahidhar** (Ortho Bethesda), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010.

8/17: [Recommended for hand specialist.] The physical therapists are excellent.

**Gazdag, Andre**, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010

3/17: He is a foot specialist. Has treated me (broken ankle) and my husband.

**Haque, Mustafa**, (Summit Orthopedics), Chevy Chase, (301) 657-9876.

10/19: Saw him for osteoarthritis in my thumb. Worked with me with a brace, shots and eventually surgery. He is the dr the drs go to.

**Kessous, Eran** (Montgomery Sports Medicine Center), 11120 New Hampshire Ave., SS

6/16: We had a toddler w/ ortho issues, & Dr. K was generous with his time.

**Montgomery Orthopaedics**, 10400 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, 301-949-8100

4/16: Dr. Goral there replaced my knee – incredibly great recovery, so I'm a fan!

**Ortho Bethesda**, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010

4/16: I liked that the knee/leg guy's first response wasn't "stop running."

**Orthopaedic Specialists of Metropolitan Washington**, 2101 Medical Park Dr., SS, 301-681-5400

4/17: Both my kids used them for foot injuries. We were very happy with them.

## Pediatrics

**Clark, Maiya** (Sunshine Pediatrics), 344 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-593-5440

12/16: My granddaughter loves her. You can get same-day appts, & her NP is very good.

8/15: We like Dr. Maiya Clark.

**Kadow, Kathleen** (Children's Pediatricians and Associates), 10801 Lockwood Dr., 301-593-5566

8/15: We like Kathleen Kadow. We also like Susan Shults Scalett at the same practice.

**Pediatric Associates**, Silver Spring, 301-622-5666 (other locations available)

12/16: I love them! My daughter is 10 & has always gone there. I have United Healthcare.

**Pediatric and Adolescent Care of Silver Spring**, 12501 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-681-6730

10/19: Very happy with the majority of the docs here

## Podiatry

**Farnworth, Christopher** (Family Foot & Ankle Assocs), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-439-0300

5/16: We've had a great experience with Dr Farnworth.

**Gievers-Zuniga, Donna**, 18111 Prince Philip Dr., Olney, 301-570-FOOT (3668)

5/16: We have received great treatment from Dr. Givers-Zuniga.

**Jacobs, Richard**, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville, 301-816-5004

1/18: [no comment given]

6/17: [no comment given]

**Mirkin, Gene** (FASMA), 2415 Musgrove Rd. SS (and Kensington), 301-384-6500

2/19: I have found Dr. Mirkin to be excellent and have used him for many years.

2/19: I have been pleased with Gene Mirkin and his staff.

1/18: [no comment given]

5/16: He and his staff are excellent.

**Morse, M. Joel**, 3301 New Mexico Ave. NW, DC, 202-966-4811

1/18: My daughter really likes Dr. Morse.

**Parthasarathy, Priya** (FASMA), 2415 Musgrove Rd. Silver Spring, 301-384-6500

8/17: I had a great experience with Dr. P.

5/16: I was impressed. Easy to get an appointment and excellent care:

**Tritto, Michael** (FASMA), 11801 Rockville Pike, 301-881-6222

1/18: I've been going to him for about 20 years & wouldn't think of going to anyone else.

1/18: I recommend him. A plus is that parking is easy and close to the office entrance.

5/16: I had foot surgery with Dr. Tritto (recommended by my podiatrist cousin).

**Tulpule, Saylee** (FASMA), 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-587-5666

5/16: [No specific comment given]

## Rheumatology

**Worthing, Angus** (Arthritis and Rheumatism Assocs) Chevy Chase and DC, 301-942-7600

12/15: He treated me for several years. He's great.

## Sleep Disorders

**Jain, Vivek**, 22nd & I St. NW, Washington DC, 202-741-3333

6/19: [No comment given]

## REPAIR STUFF

### Bicycle

**Silver Cycles**, 9330 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-585-1889

9/16: Beautiful shop, great work, and nice folks!

9/16: They're friendly & helpful, but I had to go back for a readjustment after a tune-up.

**Takoma Bicycle**, 7030 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-0202

9/16: They can do small things while I wait. Tuneups can take 1-2 wks when they're busy.

### Cell Phones

#### Apple

7/16: Various places quoted \$140 for my iPhone 6 screen fix. Apple charged \$109.

#### i fix your i

7/16: Not local, but they don't charge if they can't fix it. Plus free shipping to and back.

#### icracked

12/16: They will come to your home. Price [\$109] is a little less than in a retail store.

**ifix ibuy phones**, 111 W. University Blvd., SS, 301-820-8680

5/17: Owner had a screen overnighted so they could fix my phone before my trip.

5/17: They replaced my phone battery without having to fix the cracked screen.

7/16: [Recommended for iPhone screen replacement]

**Staples**, 6800 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-652-3174

7/16: Apple said my iPhone was bent & refused to fix it. Staples fixed it without fussing.

### Computers

**BoonPC**, 4641 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-654-2116

3/15: They did a wonderful job installing new memory and a hard drive in my Mac.

1/15: ANY computer repair, anytime.

**Computech Services & Systems**, 10768 Rhode Island Ave, Beltsville, 301-595-5015

9/19: We've had good luck with Computech. We've used them a few times.

6/18: They fixed a hardware problem at a good price and by the end of the day.

2/17: They do a good job but you take your computer to them.

12/16: Very reasonable prices, good service, does not do home visits.

**Goldberg, Ari**, 1134 Kersey Rd., SS, a2ztech@gmail.com, 301-754-1920

2/17: Several people in my family use and recommend him.

**MacLab**, 6930 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-8445

8/18: [Recommended for clean-up of Mac laptop]

**MacMedics**, 888-4DC-MACS

12/18: I use them for all of my [Mac & Apple] issues: connectivity, networking, etc.

10/16: I have been using them for 9 years [for Mac computer repairs].

**UrGeeks**, 240-247-7923; 800-944-5413

6/17: John is back. He has helped us order [devices], set up printers, done maintenance.

2/17: Have been pleased with them.

2/17: We haven't had good luck with UrGeeks, trying to get rid of a pop-up virus.

3/16: Can help select & set up computers & back-up systems, install software, and more.

10/15: We've used UrGeeks a number of times. John is awesome!

10/15: Fixed our problem and really nice guy

**Weintraub, Aaron**, aaronw@pobox.com, 707-722-7669

1/17: Solved some tricky problems for us. Repairs PCs & Macs, sets up new devices.

## Furniture

**Ballens Furniture Service**, Beltsville, 301-931-0004

5/16: Family owned and operated, they do fantastic work.

1/16: Reasonable & passionate about furniture. They will pick up & insist on delivering.

## Jewelry & Watch

**Kensington Clock**, 10426 Armory Ave, Kensington, 301-942-3794

6/18: Ever since a bad watch repair elsewhere, I have gone to this place on Antique Row.

**Kripps Jewelers**, 10109 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-681-4980

7/19: Quoted me an outrageous amount for appraisals. Greenan (DTSS) was much less.

**Moren Jewelers**, 8241 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-5548

6/18: Very expensive.

6/18: [Rec for watch repair] Family owned and operated. Great team. Rob Moren & Louis.

**Watch Pocket**, 10113 Colesville Rd. (Woodmoor), SS, 301-593-8014

9/19: [Rec for jewelry cleaning, stone checking] Always super nice and helpful.

6/18: They didn't notice the watch still wasn't working after they replaced stem & battery.

6/18: The best! Reasonable rates. Most knowledgeable.

6/18: I had an unpleasant experience some years ago with a watch repair here.

6/18: [Rec for watch repair] Multi-generation ownership, simply the best!

6/18: [Multiple recs for watch repair] Excellent work. The Best!

6/18: Matt has [repaired] a variety of watches for us and is very skillful. Prices fair.

## Lamps

**Gaylords Lamps and Shades**, 5272 River Rd., Bethesda, 301-986-9680

9/17: [Recommended for lamp repair]

## Locksmith

**King Locksmith & Doors**, 240-345-1455

7/19: We used them recently. They came out quickly but were not cheap.

9/18: [No comment given]

**Mr. Locksmith**, 240-621-1601

9/18: [No comment given]

**Sure-Fit Security**, 8213 Fenton St., SS, 301-654-5597 or 301-585-4595

12/14: Used them recently. Prices reasonable and they're fantastic. Come within minutes.

12/14: Excellent, but I don't know what their prices are like now.

**Wheaton Lock Service**, 301-949-7277

12/14: They've done good work for us for 10 years. Consistently the lowest priced.

## Piano

**Colwell, James**, 301-996-2588

6/17: [no additional comment]

**Naecker's Piano Service** (Chamberlain Naecker), 301-589-6535

1/15: He tuned my 1929 Stieff and got a spinet heirloom to sound as good as one can

## Shoes

**Arina's Shoe and Leather Repair**, 8207 Fenton St, SS, 301-587-4477

8/18: [No comment given]

8/17: Excellent and inexpensive.

3/17: Arina is great for shoes. Don't know if they do luggage, but they might.

**Bethesda Shoe & Luggage Repair** (John), 7900 Old Georgetown Rd., 301-654-1860

3/17: We have been using John for 30 years. Exceptional quality & fair prices every time!

## Tailors and Seamstresses

**Custom Design and Alterations** (Jean Marseille), 9419 Georgia Ave., 301-588-3772

11/15: Easy to work with, quick, and fairly priced. Altered my wedding dress for \$100.

**Forest Glen Cleaners**, 534 Forest Glen Rd., 301-593-4611

7/17: Always gone here for alterations. They've been great, even w/ change in ownership.

**Green, Holly**, 109 University Blvd. W. (2nd floor), 301-681-3561

5/19: Close by, inexpensive & masterful.

5/19: I use her for complicated pieces. Often busy & can be slow but does fine work.

9/18: [Rec for alterations]

6/17: She is a wonderful seamstress.

6/17: [2 recs for hemming curtains] She hemmed a cotton shower curtain inexpensively.

4/17: She altered a dress for me, not well done so I never went back.

4/17: I had to have some of her work redone.

4/17: [Multiple recs] She is excellent.

12/16: Does good work quickly.

7/16: [Recommended for sofa cushion reupholstering] She can do anything.

4/16: She did a great job on [my wedding gown], and she's reasonably priced too.

**Ku's Reliable Cleaner**, 8736 Flower Ave.

5/19: I use them for normal hemming and tailoring. Fine work, fast & reasonably priced.

9/18: The guy there does good work.

7/17: The guy does good work and I have always felt the price is reasonable.

7/17: Used a few times and they are fine. Wouldn't say cheap, but cost wasn't excessive.

4/17: Does hemming and alterations. Not sure if I would go there for complex tailoring.

4/17: I have never been disappointed in his work.

10/15: I have clothes altered there. He is very good

10/15: I had a suit tailored, and he did a good job.

**Prestige Exceptional Fabricare**, 9420 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-0333

5/19: A relative of Voula let out a prom dress w/in 24 hours for \$25, did a great job.

4/17: Voula is 80+ so you should call before going. She starts and ends her day early.

12/15: It may not be the cheapest option, but it is always done right.

**Seminary Cleaners**, 9468 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-608-0033



9/18: [Rec for alterations] They have done jean hemming for me.

**Truc Dress Maker**, 8020 New Hampshire Ave., Hyattsville, 301-439-8222

5/19: Tricky to find in the shopping plaza. Not sure how quick but best price I've found.

9/18: She is the best price-wise and work-wise I've experienced so far.

6/17: She divided large curtains (including liner) & a few other things. She's my go-to.

4/17: She is my go-to.

## Upholstery / Slipcovers

**Atelier Draperies**, 713 Sligo Ave., SS, 301-589-0362

2/18: Owner (Guzman) retired, workers took over. I've been very pleased with the work.

1/15: They did a marvelous job recovering 2 chairs and making 2 pillows for a couch.

**Comfy Upholstery**, 229 University Blvd. East, 301-587-2222

9/18: Likely less expensive. Will come to your house. Did some repair and re-stuffing.

2/18: Very pleased with their work!

2/18: We've used them to repair & re-stuff, but not reupholster. They come to your home.

6/15: They reupholstered 6 dining room chairs and I was also very pleased!

6/15: They just re-upholstered a small chair and did a beautiful job. The price was fair.

**D'Carlo Home Interiors**, 202-722-0749

9/18: They did an amazing job on my chair for a really reasonable price.

**M.C. Interiors**, 412 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, 301-963-3850

12/11: Did really nice work on a chair slipcover, but too expensive to have 8 done.

**Rockville Interiors**, 301-424-1900

9/18: We used them for curtains a while back, but they do recover furniture.

2/18: Good design advice, lots of fabrics, high quality.

**Termini Furniture Services** (Phil), Gaithersburg, 301-468-0660

4/17: I've used them to upholster chairs, re-stuff sofa pillows, and replace carpet.

1/16: Very reliable. Reasonable prices. They restuffed pillows and replaced carpet for us.

1/16: Honest in saying it would be cheaper & easier to do it myself, with instructions.

**Yi's Upholstery Interiors**, 12200 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, 301-770-3687

9/18: [2 recs] We've used them several times.

2/18: Well worth the price!

2/18: Agree about Yi's [excellent] quality and [expensive] price.

2/18: Excellent, but expensive. They've done several pcs of furniture, incl a leather chair.

2/18: [2 recs] Top-notch work. Great!

1/15: Yes, Yi's is great. [for couch cushion re-stuffing]

1/15: They're wonderful.

1/15: Yi's re-stuffs cushions and also does great upholstery

## **TEACHERS/TUTORS**

### Driving

#### **I Drive Smart**

11/19: Highly recommend I Drive Smart run by off duty MC police. Thorough, careful and doesn't just sign off a piece of paper. Totally excellent. They taught the kids how to go under the hood and what to look for, how to take care of the car, how to change a tire.

#### **Gregs**

11/19: We used Greg's as well. We plan to use them again for the next student driver in our household

### Language

**Italian Cultural Society of Washington DC**, 4827 Rugby Ave., Bethesda

3/15: I agree.

3/15: They offer full language/culture courses and short courses for people planning trips.

### Music

**Baras, Marion** (piano), 1121 University Blvd., Silver Spring, 301-681-3299

9/19: Very good.

**Donnelly, Marc** (piano)

\*\*10/19: My son loves his piano teacher Marc Donnelly. My son does voice with him also.

One thing that we love is that he has, in addition to the classes (no extra charge) what he calls studio classes every two months on a Saturday where he puts together 2-3 groups of his students to play for each other and learn to give constructive feedback. And he organizes a recital at the end of the school year. Highly recommend him.

**Haas, Ingrid Cowan**, [ingridcowanhass@larkov.de](mailto:ingridcowanhass@larkov.de), 301-982-9265

9/19: My kids enjoyed her, and she does make things fun!

9/19: She is an exceptional teacher, gifted in communicating and encouragement.

9/19: She's great with young students as well as adults- all levels.

#### **Levine Music**

3/15: [Recommended for voice lessons] My daughter studied many years ago.

**Matthews, Ramona** (piano), Woodside Park just off Dale Drive, 301 589-7612

5/19: Teaching children & adults for decades. Holds degrees in music ed. & musicology.

**Pearson, Nae**, (Music Director at Christ Congregational Church), corner of Indian Spring Drive

3/15: She teaches voice.

**Slenkovich, Carrie** (Drums)

2/18: Excellent drummer, lots of fun and a good teacher! She lives/works in the 'hood.

## THERAPY

### Massage

- Blue Heron Wellness**, 10723B Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, 301-754-3730  
12/18: Good for a relaxing massage, but I wouldn't recommend for pain.  
12/18: My favorites are Robin S, John C and Angela F -- though everyone there is great.
- Breggin, Aly** (Ohana Wellness), 4813 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda, 301-215-6388  
12/18: I'd recommend Aly. She used to be at Blue Heron.
- Greene, Sandy** (Table to Table), 301-257-8004, 1greenes@msn.com  
12/10: CMT & chef. Will come to your house, cook a gourmet meal, give you a massage.
- ReNew Massage Center**, 6263 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda, 301-230-6555  
12/18: If you want a therapeutic massage (i.e., for pain), I'd suggest Nohemi at ReNew.
- Roselle Center for Healing**, 8500 Executive Park Ave., Fairfax, VA, 703-698-7117  
12/18: My second rec for therapeutic massage (if you are in pain) is Ivone Osborne.
- Simon, Sally**, 301-588-2352  
12/10: She is a wonderful massage therapist and is close by on Hamilton.
- Third Space Wellness**, 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring, 301-328-5326  
12/18: Emily at Third Space is great!

### Occupational Therapists

- Adventist Health Care**  
5/15: Just received great treatment at Adventist Rehab Center in Shady Grove.

### Physical

- Adventist HealthCare**, 9909 Medical Center Dr., Rockville, 240-864-6000  
12/16: Inpatient & out; excellent care; most comprehensive; outstanding therapists.
- Esposito, Trish** (MedStar National Rehab), 2730 University Blvd. West, SS, 855-546-1140  
3/19: Trish did an exceptional job after my hip replacement!  
3/19: Trish Esposito is exceptional. Others on staff there are great as well.
- Grossman, Robert** (S.P.OR.T.S.), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-9040  
4/15: [No specific comment]  
3/15: I have used him several times. He also treated my daughter & she responded well.
- Kreitlow, Bryan** (Rehab. Svcs of Greater Wash.), 9801 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-592-0026  
3/17: He's great and give you lots of direct attention. My wife and I have both used him.
- MZ Physical Therapy**, 1445 Research Blvd., Rockville, 301-251-4424  
3/15: I'm a big fan. Been there several times
- ProAction PT**, 3 locations in Rockville, 301-881-CARE  
3/17: They work one on one with you - one client at a time - and are very thorough.
- Quach, Linda** (@ Forever Fit), 10301 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7880  
3/19: Very professional & high energy practice. You feel better just being there.  
3/19: She is incredibly knowledgeable. The entire office is well run & very professional.
- Sports and Orthopaedic Therapy Services, LLC**, 10605 Concord St. #105, Kensington, MD  
10/19: I have been seeing Geoff there and he is just magic
- Whittles, John**, 9801 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-754-0154  
8/17: My son & I have gone to John for years. Can't say enough great to say about him.  
8/17: He's a good PT, & he sent me to my doctor when he suspected a serious condition.  
8/17: Very informative with personal attention. In the Cigna network. Check for other ins.  
11/15: (Mult. recs) Without a doubt one of the best.

## Psychiatrists, Psychologists

**Saiger, George**, 6280 Montrose Rd., Rockville, 301-770-5016

3/15: Excellent geriatric psychiatrist.

## Rehabilitation

### **Adventist Rehab Hospital**

12/15: Your best option for inpatient acute rehab.

**Shady Grove Nursing & Rehab Ctr.**, 9701 Medical Center Dr., Rockville

12/15: I had a very good experience here.

**White Oak Physical Therapy and Hand Rehabilitation**, 11120 New Hampshire Ave Suite 200

(301) 592-8200,

10/19: Specifically Jorge Gomez for hands. Great practice, will use again if needed

## TRAVEL

### Agents / Planners

**AAA**, 2730 University Blvd., Wheaton

1/15: They're thorough.

**Amphitruon Holidays** (Konstantinos Georgiades), 1010 Rockville Pike, 301-545-0999

1/15: He is highly experienced in connecting people with cultural destinations and events.

**Connoisseur Travel** (Richard Caldwell)

1/15: [no comment given]

**Stubbs, Jack** (Gulliver's Travels), [tjacksonstubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:tjacksonstubbs@yahoo.com)

1/15: He is amazing. We used his services last year when we went to Italy and Turkey.

**Subjally, Dinaz (Unitravco)**, (based in NJ) 973-822-9222, [dinaz@unitravco.com](mailto:dinaz@unitravco.com)

2/18: I highly recommend her. She just booked my Viking River Cruise for me.

### Tour Companies

**Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT)**

1/15: The guides are knowledgeable, accommodations comfortable, and the prices good.

**Smart Tours**

10/19: Very reasonable prices, great packages, excellent guides.

## WELLNESS/SELF CARE

### Dieticians

**Rebecca Bitzer & Assocs.**, Greenbelt, Columbia, Annapolis

11/19: I've been working with one of the dieticians at Rebecca Bitzer and Associates.

8/19: I recommend Shelley Lewis.

8/19: They'll match you to a dietician based on preferred location & your specific needs.

**Marie Lovenheim**

11/19: She's a fantastic nutritionist/dietician working with adults, children, and families. I might be biased since she is my mom, but she has a ton of experience

<https://www.healthprofs.com/us/nutritionists-dietitians/marie-lovenheim-washington-dc/554567>

### Fitness Training

**FitnessWise**, 4801 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, 301-986-9473

6/17: They really focus on helping those with injuries or chronic illness get back in shape.

**Murphy, Doug**, 202-297-3092, [dsmfitness@hotmail.com](mailto:dsmfitness@hotmail.com)

11/18: Incredible with older people & will spend a lot of time developing tailored plans.

**Ogden, Pierce**, [pie.ogden@gmail.com](mailto:pie.ogden@gmail.com)

3/19: Strength conditioning & fitness nutrition. Works at the Y but will take private clients.

**Rock Creek Sports**, 8325 Grubb Rd., 301-587-4447

6/17: I know a lot of people work with trainers there to recover from injuries or surgeries.

### Hair Stylists / Hair Cuts / Barbers

**Arcade Barber Shop**, Woodmoor Shopping Center, 301-593-1425

7/15: My understanding is the former owners. I've gotten one cut there since. It was okay.

**Bang Salon**, 1519 15th St., NW, 202-588-5555

5/14: (2 recs) I've been using Jaime Lee. She's great with curly hair.

**Discover Hair Salon**, 8810 Flower Ave. (near Arliss Giant), 301-768-8181

4/19: We have always had a great experience with our cuts. It is cash only.

**Family Hairstyling Barber with Rose & Tony**, 215 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-593-8059

2/19: Been getting my and my boys' haircuts there for at least 10 yrs. Great price & cuts.

2/19: I just got one of my best [woman's] haircuts in many years, and quite affordably too.

7/15: Great people and great haircut.

4/15: I've received two very good cuts from Rose, who spends time making sure it's right.

**Flower Barber Shop**, 8721 Flower Ave. (Near El Golfo), 301-587-1108

4/19: A good job for \$13 + tip, especially Lee, who runs the place. I call to make an appt.

12/16: Ask for Lee. Takes appointments, cuts well, inexpensive.

**Genie @ Genie Hair Salon**, 804 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring, 301-495-9474

10/19: Great for young kids. They all get the same haircut.

**George's Barber Shop**, 532 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-681-1576

6/16: See Donna. Don't think they take appts, but you can call & ask how busy she is.

6/16: After a couple cuts, I like the results. But they can get very busy, I hear.

6/16: Many men in the 'hood (including me) use George's and have been very pleased.

7/15: My husband has been going there for years even after change of ownership.

4/15: [No specific comment other than saying "It's been years since George owned it.]

**Greene, Didi (Lux Studios)**, 4711 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, 301-907-6810

5/14: She was cited in Washingtonian. Specializes in wavy/curly hair.

**Jade @ Hair Cuttery** (Kensington), 3731 University Blvd. W., Kensington, 301-942-9748

5/18: She is very good and the price is great. I get compliments about my hair style a lot.

**Raphael's Barbering**, 8722 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-589-8383

6/15: Jalal is a barber there and gives excellent shaves with a disposable straight razor.

6/15: Quality cuts at great prices. Go on the weekend - less crowded and free parking.

**Sarina (Sakhol Cut)**, 301-873-4623, [sakholcut@gmail.com](mailto:sakholcut@gmail.com)

10/19: Been going to her for years, the only hair stylist I have gone to consistently my life.

10/15: Just got a haircut & style from Sarina. Great job! Great personality! Easy parking.

6/15: She will discuss what you want, style it, help you pick a style. She can do coloring.

5/15: I highly recommend Sarina!

5/15: Used to be at Salon EFX, now working out of her home, near the Giant on Arliss.

**The Suite Barber Shop**, 629 Sligo Ave., SS, 301-325-3575

6/16: [Rec for men. No specific comment given - just an exclamation point]

## Nail Salons

**Fantasy Nails**, Woodmoor Shopping Center (next to Starbucks), 301-681-2845

6/15: The application lasted & the price was great. They don't sell polish for chip repairs.

6/15: I like Fantasy Nails.

**Kibana Salon & Spa**, 921-A Ellsworth Dr, SS, 301-588-8858

12/16: Ask for Kim

**Trinh, Anh** (Hair Care Unisex), 903 Silver Spring, Ave., Silver Spring, 301-589-0159

6/16: She's reasonably priced, and did my nails very nicely for two weddings.

## Spas

**Little Oasis Day Spa**, 2101 Dayton St., SS, 301-651-2443, [nhan@littleoasisspa.com](mailto:nhan@littleoasisspa.com)

8/17: I just went for a new client brow shaping (web site promo). Lovely and relaxing.

8/17: Nahn is wonderful, very knowledgeable, and reasonable. Your face will thank you!