

# 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 [victoria.bitzer@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.bitzer@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

- \*\*3/20: Paid \$300 for an initial consult for estate planning, most of which consisted of us providing our information. A cookie cutter set of documents would be provided, with only 30 minutes of \*paralegal\* time for revision. We have unanswered questions which we thought of later.
- 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

- 2/20: Dave Case, no specific comment
- 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]

**Pratibha Agarwal at Agarwal Law Group**

- 1/21: She's a long time friend and great lawyer. Her email is: pratibha@agarwalimmigration.com

**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

**4Corners BP**

- 1/20: For the last 7 years at least, I've been using the shop at the 4 Corners BP. Miguel is the patriarch of the family that runs the shop side, 'Your Best Deal'; the fuel side is separately owned and operated. I can't say enough good things about the level of service, quality of work and the fair prices.

**Beahm's Auto Service**, 944 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, 301-587-07273/19: Honest and reliable.

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

**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 BP**

- 1/20: The staff is awesome, prices great and any major repairs they go over with you beforehand. I theys a lot of repairs, they will
- tell you in which order they should be done.
- 1/20: I have always trusted both Mike and Connor. It is the only place I would ever bring my car. They serviced my old, 20-year-old, Saturn for years and yeas, and then my 20-year-old Honda. I really cannot imagine them ripping me, or anyone else, off.

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

- 1/20: We've always been very satisfied with CJ at Burnt Mills Sunoco
- 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.

**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.

**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)

- 1/20: I highly recommend Murrays Automotive for your car needs
- 1/20: I also highly recommend Murrays which I've used for 27 years minus a couple years at dealership after a new car purchase until a mechanic left an evaluation sheet in my car that indicated the office guys were clearly cheating me and I went back to Murrays where they don't cheat and have always done very good work for industry standard prices.
- 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.

**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.

**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

**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]

**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.

**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]

**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.

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

- 10/19: great practice, wonderful staff

**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.

**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.]

## Oral Surgeons & Periodontists

**Alman**, 11300 Rockville Pike Ste 1011, Rockville (301) 881-8803

- 11/19: My daughter went to Dr. Alman. Did an outstanding job!
- 11/19: We can also recommend both Dr. Alman and Dr. Dyzak.

**Chen, I-Ying**, Olney

- 11/19: Dr I-Ying Chen in Olney is great. I had a wisdom tooth extracted a few years ago. Numbing took longer than extracting.

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

- 11/19: Great skills
- 11/19: We can also recommend both Dr. Alman and Dr. Dyzak.

**Maryland Oral Surgery Associates**, Spring Street

- 11/19: Both of our kids went to Lisa Cohen with Maryland oral surgery associates on spring street. She was excellent.

## 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**

**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.

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

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

**The Zips Dry Cleaners** 12144 Tech Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904 - 301-622-9477

- 12/20: The Zips Dry Cleaners on Tech Road does wash and fold laundry service in addition to dry cleaning. I have taken several loads there and been happy with the results. They charge \$1.49 per pound with a ten pound minimum, and the turnaround time is longer than the one day service offered for dry cleaning.

## **EARS/EYES/NOSE**

### **Audiologists**

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

- 10/19: [no comment given]

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

- 10/19: Excellent

### **Eye Doctors**

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

- 8/20: We've had exceptional care from Dr George Agritellis with Rockville Eye Associates. His office is in Rockville but all surgeries are done at the Eye Surgery Center in DTSS on Fenton St. Close by and extremely professional. My husband and I have both had cataract surgery there in the last 8 months. I'm about to have a second appt with Dr A in the Rockville Ofc since covid... their safe practices are top notch. I've been seeing him over 10 years and wouldn't let anyone else perform surgery on my eyes
- 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)

- 3/20: We like it
- 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)

- 8/20: I had my cataracts done by Dr. Wilson at Georgetown. She was great and other eye doctors have complimented her work after looking in my eyes.
- 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

- 3/20: Had a great experience with Dr. David Bianchi.
- 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

- 3/20: [No comment given]
- 3/19: [No comment given]

**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

- 3/20: [No comment given]
- 10/19: Excellent care

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

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

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

- 3/20: My son had his tube surgery with Dr Dettlebach at Feldman ENT in Bethesda. I was very happy with the practice
- 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

## MRI/Radiologists

**Fernwood Community Radiology**

- 4/21: I found scheduling multiple types of scans at the same appointment easy to do at the Fernwood Community Radiology branch- it's near enough to NIH to make it easy to go to in non-Covid times....

**Medical Park Drive**

- I go to the one on Medical Park Drive (off Georgia) and it has been fine. Not great, but not bad enough to leave. I have found the technicians to be good, although the communication is not great. I guess that is not much of an endorsement.

**The Society for Breast Imaging**

- The Society of Breast Imaging recommends that you schedule your screening mammograms (regular yearly mammograms for patients without symptoms) before your first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or four to six weeks after the second dose. Wait at least 14 days after your COVID-19 vaccine before getting any other vaccine, including a

flu or shingles vaccine. Or if you have recently received any other vaccine first, wait at least 14 days before getting your COVID-19 vaccine

**Washington Radiology** (301) 564-1053

- 4/21: I too switched to Washington Radiology and am very happy with them.
- 4/21: I had a great experience at Washington radiology both in friendship heights and in fairfax.
- 4/21: I also switched back to Washington Radiology after having billing and other errors at Community Radiology (e.g., arriving to be told that the mammography machine was broken, returning and it was still broken – and no one ever called me). Usually go to Fernwood Road in Bethesda. It is a pain that parking is not free. My friend has had good experiences also at the Potomac location of Washington Radiology – it is just off of 270, you can park right in front of the building, and parking is free. At both locations, there is a grocery store nearby so you can combine trips.
- 4/21: I second Washington Radiology. I go to the office near Walter Johnson High School. Very efficient and professional.
- 4/21: I stopped using them too [Community Radiology Associates] and now go to Washington radiology in Bethesda.
- 4/21: Always had great results with Washington Radiology in Bethesda.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **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

- 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.

**Johnson, Beth** beth.johnson.ea@bajtaxprep.com

- 1/21 I strongly recommend Beth A. Johnson, who is an EA and does income tax prep and IRS representation. Enrolled Agents (EAs) are federally-licensed tax practitioners who may represent taxpayers before IRS re collections, audits & appeals. I have used her for years now + she's smoothly handled everything I've thrown at her (which is a lot :)

**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.

**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.

**Pitluk, Roanne**, 2445 Lyttonsville Rd., SS, 301-587-2482, rp@rpitlukcpa.com

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

**Pskowski, Harold**, pskowski@verizon.net; 301-251-2760

- 2/21: On the recommendation of someone on this list several years ago, we used Harold Pskowski in Rockville and were very happy with him. He is very honest and reasonably
- 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, 202-293-1088

- 1/21: We have used Roberts and Assoc in Dc since we moved here 6 years ago and have been pleased with their services. They are not cheap but came well recommended from a good friend
- 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.

**Tash, Howard** Email: howard@tashcpa.com Tel: (301) 770-1525

- 1/21: I recommend Howard Tash. He did at least one multistate filing for me. Not sure if he has experience with law firms, but suspect that he has. He has been in practice for many years.

**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

**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.

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

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

**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.

**Finnegan, Joseph**, 6901 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, jfinnegan@ft.newyorklife.com

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

**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

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

## FOOD

### Bakers

**Oh La La Bakery**

12/20:

- A new bakery opened on Univ Blvd, same side and very close to IHOP. Oh la la. Bakery....2600 Univ Blvd.
- Heard about them from a friend who said they were struggling to stay open. This morning I bought delicious croissants (plain, but they have filled ones), and chicken pot pies that can be frozen. Wonderful looking desserts in the showcase! I asked how business was doing and he was hoping it was going to get better. Said after Thanksgiving they had to discard many of the pastries. I used meter parking right in front of the shop. Once restrictions are over, they have space for a dine in cafe. Also serve lots of coffees, sandwiches etc. Wonderful selection of holiday desserts!
- I just tried this bakery yesterday. Everything I bought (croissants and pastries) was delicious. They also offer sandwiches. I will be back very soon.
- I agree. It's great. I bought the chicken pot pies and desserts and they were delicious!
- Can confirm. Ordered lunch from there this afternoon and it was terrific. Amazing bread. Highly recommended.



### **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.

### **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. Pricey 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)

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

- 10/19: Good foods, ~20 minute wait, average service.
- 6/17: It's superb.

### **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.

**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.

**Cristina Ristorante Italiano**

- 2/21: We go to Cristina Ristorante Italiano typically 2-4 times per month. It's a small personal operation with 2-3 waitresses depending on the day of the week and 3 folks in the kitchen. That's pretty much it. The owner recently died but his wife is keeping the restaurant going. The head waitress has a son at St. Mary's College of Maryland in the same dorm as our son. They are all sweet and have taken quite a hit. More than most, they practice CDC guidelines. I second Peggy's recommendation. And the food is very good. We love Cristina's!

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

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

**Curry Place**, 11229 New Hampshire Ave, SS

- 2/20: Great

**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!

**El Sapo** (Cuban), Fenton Street Entrance on 8455, Wayne Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
-301- 326-1063

- 11/20: A little pricey but pretty good food and great drinks

**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.

**Jewel of India**, White Oak

- 2/20: Jewel of India in White Oak is always great! Excellent service and hospitality and some of the best Indian in the area

**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.

**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

- 12/20: Is looking for new lease managers, unclear if shutting down
- 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.

**Nova Europa**, 1311 Lambert 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 Chili's**, 1341 University E. in Langley Park

- 2/20: My go-to dish there is chicken vindaloo, which is fiery and awesome. A tablecloth restaurant but not stuffy

**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.

### **Regina's**

- 8/21: Just got carryout today from a new Mediterranean restaurant in Wheaton. Right near the intersection of Georgia and University Avenues. We had gyro platter and fries, avgolemono soup, sweet Regina's salad with grilled chicken. They threw in a serving of galaktoubourico. We definitely would try it again. Hard opening a restaurant during a pandemic without outside seating. Just opened a week ago.

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**David Goldberg** [Dave@rhsinspections.com](mailto:Dave@rhsinspections.com)

- 6/20: The best out there is David Goldberg. Look no further.

## Pest Control and Wildlife Removal

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

- 11/19: I've been using APPCO for 26 years and have been quite happy with them.
- 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.

**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: have received great service from them.

## 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.

**Bonilla, Marysol** (Bilingual: English/Spanish) (301) 335-1267. marysol.bonilla@compass.com

- 3/21: not only helped us find our house, she lives across the street so clearly local to the neighborhood. An excellent neighbor and excellent realtor.

**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.

**Miller, Jackie** jmprefprop@gmail.com (703) 405-5068

- 3/21: As someone brand new to the neighborhood, we absolutely love our realtor, jackie miller! a superb guide for the first-time buyer!The most recent review is ours:  
<https://www.zillow.com/profile/user6911983>

**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

- 3/21: Many endorsements. He knows everything about
- real estate and is tireless in serving his clients and also the community.
- 5/19: Brilliant marketing skills, tremendous compassion, amazing professional service.

**Sand, Heather**

- I know that our neighbor Heather Sand has been a realtor for many years here in MD, DC, and VA. Another local option!

**Temple, Lewis**

- 3/21: Was fantastic to work with.

## Security

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

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

**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.

## Solar Installation

**Solar Energy World**

- 10/19: fine job

**Solar City**

- 5/21: MoCo's Consumer Protection Office has numerous complaints against this company. Avoid.

**Vivint**

- 5/21: Still fighting them on getting out of my 20 year contract given multiple infractions. Do not walk, RUN from this company. They are predators. Just research online and on Facebook the many complaints they have.
- 12/20: Recently bought out by Sun Run, customer experience changed dramatically. Do not recommend them.

## 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.

**Crown Fence**, 301-262-7960

- 5/20: We just had a great experience with Crown Fence. My wife is an architect and Crown Fence was recommended by a general contractor that she's worked with for more than 15 years.

**Frederick Fence Co.**

- 5/20: Did an excellent job on our fence. I would highly recommend them!

**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: Dd 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

**Need new recs here**

## Lawn/Land - Landscaping

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

- 1/20: David Alarcon has been observed employing workers with no ear safety equipment to use backpack style gas leaf blowers.
- 1/20: I also recommend David Alarcon. I'm a landscape designer and I use him to install my designs for clients. He always does a great job, is reasonably priced, and very honest. He can think and adjust on his feet if unexpected things come up. He takes great pride in his work and treats his employees very well.
- 1/20: I also just started using David Alarcon for yard upkeep and he installed a new fence. He's wonderful- does a great job and honest.
- 1/20: He has been our landscaper for several years and he also works for many other families in the neighborhood. He does great work - everything from mowing lawns to building decks/patios. His prices are very reasonable.
- 1/20: He's been doing our yard for years. He's done everything for weekly maintenance to hardscape, fences and tree removal. Very reasonable. Love him!!
- 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.

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



- 11/20: We hired Ramon Constanza in November 2020 to repoint our brick walls leading into our basement entryway, since they were beginning to crack along the mortar. We were very pleased with the quality of his work, his professionalism, and found his pricing to be reasonable. In addition to brick work, he also repairs chimneys/caps.
- 10/20: Based on isca recommendations we had come out for a smallish project. Dug up an area between our porch and garage. Re-graded and put down gravel and stones. Very responsive from the get go. Came out and went through what he thought should be done. Very reasonable quote for the job. Cranked it out in half a day and did a beautiful job. Highly recommend if you need heavy landscaping or masonry type work done. He's already going to look at job at a friends house.
- 10/20: I also want to enthusiastically endorse Ramon Constanza.
- He fixed the crown of our red brick chimney, and repointed several layers of mortar joints. He was fast and did extra along the way.
- 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.

**Demetrio** (301) 370-1427

- 1/20: Used for multiple jobs including routine yard work, larger plantings, and a fence installation. He is very hard working, friendly, charges reasonable prices and does a great job.

**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.)

**JCK Landscaping**, 301-548-7725 and 240-271-2950 [jcklandscapingllc@gmail.com](mailto:jcklandscapingllc@gmail.com)

- 3/21: I just had JCK Landscaping do a yard cleanup, mulch, tree trimming, and stone paths laying and am exceptionally pleased with the work of this group. They are very hardworking and pleasant. The cost of the job was very reasonable. They do lawn mowing, mulching, planting, gutter cleaning etc. One of my friends had them build a stone patio and she was delighted with the result. Estimates are free.

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

- 5/20: In March and April we used J&G Landscaping owned and operated by Jeff and Greg Potter to re-do our front yard. We choose them because we wanted to improve the soil in our yard while having the landscaping completely redone in our front yard and on the sides of our house. They dug up our entire front yard, put down new higher quality drainage pipes, made new beds, installed irrigation, planted new plants, put down hard wood mulch, used preen weed preventer on all of the beds, and put down sod. They also do hardscaping so we had them tear down and rebuild our front steps and porch. I can't recommend them enough. They have been very easy to work with, their team has done great work, and they continue to answer all of our questions for how to take care of our new plants and lawn. They just came out this week to check on the new plants and will be replacing some that haven't made it through all of the late frosts. They will be coming back later this year to build a portico over our front door.

- 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]

**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.

**Melonie Garden Care, www.meloniegardencare.com**

- 7/20: Weeding, Pruning, Planting & Transplanting, Design & Consulting. She has done some weeding and pruning in our garden.

**Omar Reyes, 609-571-2071**

- 3/21: We absolutely love our gardener! He's built and dug out beds for us, laid mulch, taken down trees, cleaned gutters, repaired our fencing, and does our regular lawn maintenance. He also does our snow removal on the rare occasion we get it. I cannot recommend Omar and his team highly enough and we'd love to see others in the neighborhood use him. Tell him that Patricia (my partner) on Garwood Street sent you.

**Penalzo, 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

**Blunard's, <https://www.blunardsrepair.com/>**

- 11/20: We used Blunard's earlier this fall and were happy with their service.

**Johnson's Lawnmower Service, 12035 Nebel St, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-881-8370**

- 11/20: He has been fixing mowers for me since the early 80's when I cut yards in my college days and ever since. Reasonable price always fair. And quick turnaround.
- 11/20: I have used Johnson's for maintenance/repair the last several years. Mr. Johnson is extremely knowledgeable and fees are very reasonable. You can bring the mower to him or, for a small fee, he will pick it up from your home. He has always picked up our mower and brought it back within a short period of time.

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

- 11/20: He comes to the house and is excellent
- 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].

## 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**

- 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.

**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).

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

- 8/19: A good trimmer and yard person.
- 3/19: Does yard work splendidly
- 4/16: [Recommended for light yard work assistance, gutter cleaning, weeding]

**Lukas Lawn Care, 301-455-2475, 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!

**Penalozzo, Maynor, 240-533-1360**

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

**Vasquez, Ronaldo**, 240-388-0743, 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

- 5/19: I've been using him for a spring & fall clean up. Reasonable and does a good job.
- 3/19: im 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.

## Power Washer

**William Palmer**, 301-915-5200

- 4/20: He did a phenomenal job for us on a large patio that never sees a ray of sun and was nearly black after all those years of shade. It's barely recognizable now! He also did two porches and the siding on our sunroom. All look look great and not a speck of damage to any of the many plants that are in range. He's a young man easy to work with and very conscientious about his work. Highly recommend him.

## Tree Care

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

- 9/20: I could not be happier. The price was one of the best quoted, out of eight estimates that I got. And the work was absolutely exceptional. All my neighbors sat and watched the Artistry of them removing this tree seemingly effortlessly, and all of them agreed with me that it was just about the best they had ever seen.
- 5/20: Adirondack we've used on several occasions, and our next door neighbor loves them as well. The owner himself even swung by when we were worried about the health of our tree and his foreman was called away to a more pressing appointment.
- 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]

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

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

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

- 5/20: We had great experiences with Bartlett Tree Experts & Alfaros Tree Experts. I recall that Alfaros gave us a 10% discount due to our being first-time customers.
- 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]

**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.

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

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

**Potomac River Arborists** 240-429-9413 prarbortists@gmail.com

- 5/20: Just had them complete work on a "difficult to remove tree" sitting in a corner whose limbs could have affected all three of our neighbors' fences. They also ground out the stump and cleaned up beautifully. They also offer yard work services. Tommy Fitzgerald and Greg Parsley are the owners. One worked for Bartlett Tree and completed his arborist training and certification in record time. They live in Woodmoor.

**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.

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

- 5/20: Takoma TE did a phenomenal job on moving the third trunk of our tri-trunk giant sycamore (one of oldest in counties)—and on a short emergency bc the trunk was cracked.
- 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.

**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

- 6/20: I just had a great experience with YA Landscaping! They did tree work, shrub pruning, weeding, and moving plants around, just as I asked, with some good suggestions as well. The price was so reasonable, and they were incredibly pleasant to work with. I will definitely call on them again!
- 6/20: We also had a great experience with YA Landscaping. We had flower beds created, pruning, weeding, tree trimming etc...
- 6/20: We had them come out last week dig up the two front beds removed the vinca and grasses and planted roses and put down sod. Great job all done in a day
- 6/20: We also had YA Landscaping do work for us. Very reasonable prices and very friendly owner and staff.
- 5/20: I also highly recommend YA's Landscaping (see below). Yovanni is a pleasure to work with and they did a great job removing a large tree and many very large branches from a few more trees. Good cleanup. Good prices too.
- 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.

**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.

**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.

**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

- 7/19: Called and they said they don't come out to Silver Spring
- 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)

- 1/21: These guys are the best. Fixed our dishwasher and washer.
- 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

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

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

**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.

## Asbestos Testing/Removal

**Keith Oltman**, KOltman@MDBioDetection.com, 410-558-0085

- 11/20: He was prompt, professional and very knowledgeable. We'd highly recommend him to anyone who needs testing

## 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

**Christian Angel Woodwork**, 301-793-2325/240-418-5248

- 2/21: He does custom woodwork including built-ins, lofts beds, cabinetry, and decks.. They built a custom loft bed for us in February 2021 for our 7 year old. They were able to design it to our specifications around a permanent fixture for the stair clearance and it is beautiful and solid.

## 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.

## Carpet Installation

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## 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.

**Chelsea's Chimney, 301-476-3445**

- 12/20: They did a fantastic job installing liners and making repairs to my chimney. They discovered incorrect work that had been done previously and were able to correct the problem. Extremely responsive, professional and offered reasonable pricing.
- 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.

**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.

## 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.

**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.

#### **Friends and Family Flooring**

- 1/21: We used Friends and Family Flooring for carpeting in our previous house and for new basement flooring in our current house.

#### **JBL Construction** (Matt Shanley), 443-786-1583, 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

- 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.

#### **Pitts Elite Contracting** (Scottie Pitts), scottiepitts1@gmail.com, 240-285-1233

- 12/18: [Recommended for hanging drywall]

#### **Serrano, Jose**, Jose@JGSerranoConstruction.com, 301-221-8575

- 5/16: He transformed our walk-up attic into a master closet! Fantastic job. Reasonable.

#### **Skye Builders**, <http://www.sb2corporation.com>

- 7/20: We hired SkyeBuilders to build a screened-in deck a few years ago and were very pleased with their work. They offer a lot of different design options and price-points. The person we hired subsequently to stain the deck has mentioned that it's very well-built with great attention to detail/craftsmanship.

#### **Timeless Renovations**, 240-286-6868

- 7/20: We would highly recommend Giovanni Noel, from Timeless Renovations. He and his crew are very responsive, listen to all your ideas and concerns, and keep the jobsite neat and clean.

#### **Twin Advantage Home Improvement** (Joe Cherry), 240-793-4685 (cell), 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]

## 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

#### **Atlantic Duct Cleaning**, 703-435-4485

- 12/20: We had our annual dryer vent cleaning last Friday. We've used Atlantic Duct Cleaning for probably 6-8 years for this purpose.
- 12/20: Very good service, although they could not resolve a problem we are having.

#### **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)

- 9/20: Fast, courteous, explains things and reasonably priced.
- 9/20: He's the best. And very familiar with the homes in our neighborhood because he's done a lot of work here for many years.
- 8/20: I had my new microwave installed today by Cory Gray electric. He was prompt and efficient and I think reasonable. He also changed out a wall switch for me including providing the switch at no charge. He is quite busy but was able to fit me in today.
- 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.

**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.

## Floors, including Refinishing

### **AG Floors**, Rockville, 301-984-7469

- 3/30: They refinished all of my hardwood floors, and did a great job at a reasonable price. You can request water-based sealant instead of oil-based, and it's the same cost.
- 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.

## Garage Doors

### **495 Garage Door**,

- 12:20: Replaced my old old garage door, did a great job.
- 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

- 7/20: We used <https://gasgalore.com/>. They did a great job and have been very happy with the gas fireplace.
- 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

- 7/20: We loved Steve the Fireplace Guy! <https://www.stevethefireplaceguy.com/>
- 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.

**Suburban Chimney**, (301) 523 – 7171, [suburbanchimney@verizon.net](mailto:suburbanchimney@verizon.net)

- 7/20: I was very pleased with Tony Serrano, a real craftsman. He has been in business for many years, doing all aspects of fireplace and chimney work.

**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

- 11/20: They worked very hard, were open to tweaking, and did a great job. I was very pleased.
- 4/17: We've used him for yrs, gutter cleaning & similar tasks. Reasonable & dependable.

**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

- 9/20: Very responsive and reasonably priced!
- 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.

## Gutter Replacement

**Gutter Helmet**, 888-543-5638

- 8/17: Best investment. No issues w/ blockage or spillover. Lifetime transferable warranty.

## 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

- 10/20: We had some storm damage after a hard rain this summer. David Arevalo returned our call within a day and came out to give us an estimate. Repairs were done the next day. Several rains since then have tested the work, and the problem seems completely solved.
- 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.

**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, 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.

**Miller, Thomas**, millermaintenance301@gmail.com, 301-512-1944

- 11/18: Competent & honest. An all-around handyman for home and yard work.

**Miller, Simeon**, 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.

## 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.

**Borcher's Mechanical** (301) 879-3040

- 6/20: We have been happy with their work and service.

**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

**DWD Heating & Air Conditioning**, 301-681-3655

- 6/16: [for new furnace/AC]

**G&B Heating and Cooling** 301-774-3917

- 9/20: Did a great job providing maintenance to my heating and cooling system and adding a humidifier unit. Very prompt, professional and offered reasonable pricing.

**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.

**Hubrig Heating & Cooling** (2019: joined Atlantic Coastal), 301-216-1945, 301-233-0307 (Brian)

- 12/19: Brian Hubrig did sell his company not too long ago, but wants people to know that he still is taking care of his old customers and others. He was just here to evaluate the condition of our water heaters in our two houses. He is a great guy, extraordinarily kind and smart.

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.

**Mccrea**, 717-597-7044

- 7/20: Both our furnace and ac were done by mccrea. They were wonderful. Our contact was Daniel Woodby.

**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

**Supreme Air and Heating**

- 7/20: I used Supreme Air and Heating for my mini split ACs. I really liked them.

## Insulators

**MAX Insulation**

- 2/17: Detail-oriented, clean & honest. I used John Pendelton.

## Interior Decorators/Design

**Carley, lantha** (lantha 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

- 8/20: Emily Prugar lives in the neighborhood. M House Design.
- 8/20: I second Emily Prugar!
- 3/19: She's given us great insight & ideas. Down-to-earth, affordable, flexible & creative.

**RedBird Redesign**, [www.redbirdredesign.com](http://www.redbirdredesign.com)

- 8/20: Colleen Quinn @ RedBird ReDesign is excellent. We have used her on multiple rooms in our house.

**Thornton, Karla** (@ Strosnidars 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).

**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.

**Ferguson | DC Metro** P: (301) 424-1393 – Direct to Client Services Team Members E:

[DC1300.showroom@ferguson.com](mailto:DC1300.showroom@ferguson.com)

- 4/19: Part of Watkins experience from Olivia, see below. Visited Rockville showroom.

**Highpoint Contracting** Mount Airy, MD 21771 301-748-4498 301-829-6847 phone

301-829-6897 fax [highpointcont@aol.com](mailto:highpointcont@aol.com)

- 4/19: Recommended by Watkins (see below), great experience.

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- 4/19: part of Watkins experience, see Olivia's experience below.

**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, 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.

**Porcelite**, 301-595-9131

- 3/19: [Recommended by interior designer for refinishing porcelain kitchen sink.]

**Tile Center**

- 6/21: We used Tile Center to do our kitchen facelift. We got the backsplash, countertop, and floor all done at a reasonable price and really enjoyed working with them. We worked with Tushar Irani, who was incredibly nice and patient, and we would work with him again in a second. 240-506-9607 CELL 301-258-7878 SHOWROOM

**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.

**Virginia Mossburg Best Tile** 11601 Boiling Brook Pkwy - Rockville, MD 20852 Phone: 301-984-3399 Fax: 301-984-3377

- 4/19: Design Consultant, part of Watkins experience, see below.

**Washington Marble** Teri Yanoski | Sales Associate Washington Marble & Granite Co. 10088 Tyler Ct, Ijamsville MD 21754 O: (301) 831-1323 x302

- 4/19: Granite countertops. Part of Watkins experience described below.

**Watkins** 18001 Sellman Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842, USA (301) 972-8119 (301) 428-8510

- 4/19: We started our [kitchen remodeling] journey by finding a cabinet company—Watkins--through their very positive ratings on Checkbook. They are a third generation company in Montgomery company. This was a very helpful and great experience, they connected this family with services that fit other needs. Please contact Olivia Caterpokras for full experience.

## 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

- 11/20: We were very pleased with the quality of his work, his professionalism, and found his pricing to be reasonable. In addition to brick work, he also repairs chimneys/caps.
- 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

- 2/20: I second Creative Concrete. They do beautiful concrete work, and
- Walker Simpson, the main guy, was very communicative and
- was great with supervising our massive project.
- 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.

**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

**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.

**Rocha Construction**, 301-717-8310, 240-535-8888 (Roberto Moreton's cell)

- 1/20: They did a beautiful job on our front stoop and charged us literally half of what the other estimates were. Roberto is a lovely human being.
- 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.

## Mold Remediation

**MoldGone**, (Jon, [jon@moldgone.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Thomasson, Sage**, 301-785-0296, sagepaints@hotmail.com

- 9/20: Sage Thomasson is a local painter in the ISCA neighborhood. He is excellent to work with, has incredible experience and expertise, and his prices are very reasonable. He basically did our entire interior. Highly recommended.
- 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.

**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.

**Bill Breem** (240) 382-4255

- 5/20: Great plumber! Several of our neighbors use him on Granville Dr.

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

- 1/20: James Burkett, master plumber and veteran Indian Spring resident, is thorough
- 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.

**Durance Plumbing** (Kirk), 301-270-6663, kirk@duranceplumbing.com

- 5/20: Been doing work for several members of my family
- 1/20: I have had good experience with Durance Plumbing. They are knowledgeable, skillful, and have responded quickly when needed. Others in my family recommend them, too.
- [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.

**Gaithersburg Plumbing**, 301-948-8856

- 9/16: Experienced in replacing water lines. 1/3 the cost of my plumber & 1/4 the time.

**Guerrero Plumbing**

- 12/20: Would recommend Guerrero plumbing!
- 11/20: I recommended Milton at Guerrero plumbing they are excellent and prompt. My daughter has used them for a lot of jobs at her house and we have used them too several times
- They are prompt efficient and maybe not the cheapest but their work is excellent and I have no reservations in recommending them!
- 11/20: Guerrero Plumbing showed up within the hour. Since it was after hours (after 5 pm) it was a little more expensive. But it was worth it, they were terrific.
- 11/20: I took a recommendation sent to me privately and called Guerrero Plumbing for help with my whole house filter installation. I had a great experience with Milton, the plumber they sent. They did a great job and I would call them again for my future plumbing issues.

**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

- 5/20: We've been using Lyons Plumbing. I think it's a two-man operation at this point - Dan Lyons is the owner and a man named Mark usually makes the house calls. Unfortunately, they were here a few times within the past year, and they were very good about not charging unnecessarily, and about walking us through testing for leaks ourselves.
- 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, 240-793-7599

- 7/17: We've been very happy with Terry Oldham.

**Robertson Plumbing**, 301-602-4007

- 9/20 Very responsive and capable. Did a service call quickly when everyone else had a week-long wait. Fixed problem immediately - and it wasn't an easy fix. Highly recommended!
- 3/20: fast to schedule, reliable, and extremely reasonable.

**Tim Whistler Plumbing & Gas Fitting**, 301-648-9676

- 7/20: We used Tim Whistler to convert our fireplace to gas. We had a complicated install (and a very particular husband). Tim was great. Very knowledgeable and professional. Likely not the cheapest but I think I'll economize elsewhere than that! We wish we'd done it years ago!!!!
- 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.

## 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

- 9/20: John Swett is considered to be the best and most ethical around.
- 9/20: We also used John Swett just recently - recommended by our realtor. He was great. Reasonable price, came when he said he would, pointed out other useful information about our house.
- 9/20: We used his services when we moved in to our house a few months ago. His guys were fast and professional and our system looks very unobtrusive.
- 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.

### **Demetrio Hernández** HERNANDEZG10@LIVE.COM 301 370-1427

- Roof fascia repair. Has done wonderful work for us. Very meticulous and not expensive.

### **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

- 1/20: Very reputable and honest
- 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.

**Hometech Exterior**

- 12/20: Very professional, reasonable, helped with getting solar panels removed.

**Kirk, Woodmoor, 240-755-4339 (cell)**

- 5/18: He's done a number of small repairs for us. Very good and very reasonable.

**LA3 Improvements 240-793-8499**

- 2/21: On the recommendation of our awesome realtor, Cari Jordan, we used following person/company, & were very pleased with him/it. Especially impressive was fact that he/they did our small repair on a Sat & had all proceeds go to workers:
- Date N/A: Roof fascia repair. Lou Altobelli. Referred by my stellar realtor, Cari Jordan. He did some leak repairs for us on a weekend, when all \$ goes to his workers. Very skilled + principled.

**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, 301-946-4545**

- 1/21: I have recommended them many times whenever I see someone on the listserv ask about roofers because they are not only reasonable in their prices, but they won't recommend replacing your roof unless it needs it. Several of our near neighbors have used them and were extremely satisfied. I always recommend that people get an estimate from them, and would appreciate it if the next time you're in the Services List, you change their phone number. It needs to be fixed under Gutters as well.
- 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.

**McTavish Roofing, 301-476-8551**

- 1/20: We've had good luck with PJ
- 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.

**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]

**Roof Solutions, 301-565-2600**

- 1/20: Artem repaired a leak for us that another roofer didn't want to touch. He took photos to show us what the problem was and did a great job. He is easy to work with and communicates by email. Good luck.

## 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.

### **PHI Group/Paramount**

- The PHI Group in Capitol Heights, MD (they also go by Paramount LLC) is the group who repaired the broken water line btwn the meter and our house. They were HORRIBLE -- so bad that the insurance company that referred them to us even issued us a "relationship repair" check! They simply forgot about our first appointment, when they did come, they pulled the WSSC meter completely off when they dug up our front yard causing water to gush down the street for several hours. Their work didn't pass WSSC inspection because they didn't place dirt or filling under the replaced portion of the pipe to support it, and when they filled the hole they didn't properly support our sump pump line so the weight of the dirt broke it and water was being basically routed back to our house/basement for 5 days until they fixed that. And then when they filled everything up, they didn't correctly level our yard or replace the flower bed (which was part of the deal), or straighten the fence btwn our yard and neighbor's so now it is leaning at an absurd angle and has to be dug up to be fixed. And when I needed paperwork from them to get WSSC to write off our \$17,000+ water bill, they didn't send complete documentation after several requests. It took our insurance company to get involved before they would send the correct documentation. There's more, that's just the stuff that comes to mind first :)

## 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.

## 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.

**Montgomery Blinds, Inc** with Andy Warmack

- 7/20: Came to the house, measured and delivered and installed our blinds. The company was highly recommended on the list serve by neighborhood customers. Excellent variety of choices and great customer service.
- 7/20: We second Montgomery Blinds. After we shopped and priced Next Day Blinds and others, Montgomery Blinds came to our house, showed us samples to help us make our selection, measured, and quoted better prices than we got elsewhere. I don't recall how long it took, but they returned and installed shades not too much later and the shades have been good for 14-15 years now.

**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 restring them when they begin to fray. Just had shutters installed. Very pleased.

## Windows - Washers (exterior)

**José Flores, (240) 476-9504**

- 4/21: Just backing up a previous post, pasted below! Jose is METICULOUS! Best window cleaning I have ever had.
- 4/21: I just had Jose Flores clean my windows. He came at 8 am promptly and charged \$5 per window, inside and out and did the sills also. I did not have him clean my screens as they were pretty clean. He finished at 2 pm and I must say he did an excellent job! I highly recommend him.

**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.

## 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

- 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**

- 11/20: Ditto on Veterans. Punctual, efficient. And composting has reduced the trash we put out by a third to a half.
- 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,

- 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)

- 9/20: We have used Mike's Hauling Service for a number of hauling jobs, including a huge jungle gym that they took down and hauled away. They are local and do a lot of work in our neighborhood.

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.

#### **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

#### **Charming Movers, 301-738-2202**

- 5/16: So professional, helpful, reasonably priced, hard-working (I have a grand piano).

#### **Kensington Moving Company**

#### **Lewis** (piano movers), (844) 750-8627

- 3/20: Small family business.

## Notary

#### **Holliday, Amanda**, musicalmandy431@aol.com

- 8/20: Notary in the area

#### **Kay, Fred**, 240-462-4983

- 8/20: No comment

#### **Lewis, Faith**, faithmlewis@gmail.com

- 12/20: No comment
- 10/19: Available to help with neighborhood needs

#### **Ronda Nunnally**, 102 Indian Spring Drive, [rlnunnally@aol.com](mailto:rlnunnally@aol.com)

- 12/20: No comment

#### **Swati**, After Hours Notary Service

- 8/20: Terrific. Reasonable and flexible hours. I have used her and can recommend.

#### **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)

- 12/20: Polite, efficient, the line went quickly and the prices were fair
- 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.

### **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.

**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.

## Title Companies

**Jessica Chipoco, Esq and Blue Note Title**

- 12/19: For title and escrow services. We used Jessica as our title attorney when we bought our house on Flower Ave several years ago. Jessica lives in the neighborhood and Blue Note Title is very conveniently located in Takoma Park.

## 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.

## PET CARE

### Boarding / Sitting / Walking / Day Care / Misc. Care

**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.

**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.

**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!

**Dogtopia**, 4920 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, 240-389-5124

**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

- 1/21: Liz is awesome! I also very much recommend Andrea Giadrone - andreagiadrone@gmail.com
- 1/21: Liz Hunter is the best!!! In the 'hood and easy to work with.
- 10/17: Our Indian Spring neighbor. Very responsive and reasonably priced.

**Pup Strut**, 240-305-7192

- 1/21: Pup Strut: <https://www.pupstrutwalks.com/> The owner lives in our neighborhood.
- 10/20: We have used Pup Strut on and off for the last 4 years. Sarah and her team are great with my rambunctious 4 year old lab who could go for walks all day. They immediately get in touch if anything is amiss with your pet. We have also used them for several overnight stays and come home to happy pets! I highly recommend Pup Strut for your dog walking and sitting needs.
- 10/20: Sarah and her walkers are super reliable and responsive to pet-sitting requests. Our dog can be super anxious around new people, and Sarah was so patient and kind with him about his anxiety. She has even accommodated his "idiosyncrasies" by bringing his dog friend over so they could take a walk together. We love that her walkers always leave notes with an update on how our dog was during their visit. We wholeheartedly recommend Sarah and PupStrut!
- 10/20: Sarah Nash asked me to contact you about recommending her dog walking service for our Listserve recommendation list. We have used her company for years and highly recommend! Sarah is very reliable and highly organized and we've had great experiences with all of her dogwalkers who helped us with our Lab.

**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.

**Roa, Mimi** (dog walking), 301-920-0223

- 3/19: Mimi is great.

**rover.com**

- 6/16: over.com would allow for in-home boarding.

**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.

## Grooming

**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.

**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.



**K9 Grooming**, 202-321-2833

- 1/21: We use K9 Grooming - Tomas

**Sean Patrick's Pet Spa**, 512 Main St., Laurel, 301-498-7326

- 9/19: [No comment given]

**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.

## 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

- 2/20: We second Dr. Anthony at Banfield. She is wonderful. She helped us through the very long illness and eventual death of our 15 yr old cat. She now has all of our animals in her care.
- 2/20: I highly recommend Dr Anthony at Banfield in Cherry Hill
- 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.

**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!**

**Germantown Veterinary Clinic**

- 1/21: I recommend Germantown Veterinary Clinic. I'm sure they do cat teeth cleaning, they did it for one of my dogs and it was around \$250, very affordable and I was happy with the results. They did have a special, it's worth calling to ask:

<https://www.germantownvet.com/>

- 8/20: I love love this clinic, they are very organized, friendly, and affordable. Though it's a drive from ISCA it's worth it. They also had a special for dental cleaning that was very affordable too. I will go back!

**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

- 9/20: Love them!
- 2/20: We just changed from Fairland to Kindness in Wheaton and they have been incredible. Our cat had to have surgery and he had such amazing care there. I'm so glad we made the change.
- 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.

**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

- 1/21: Dr Solomon Perl <https://www.myvetcalls.com/>. He is the best, kindest most considerate vet we've had reviews <https://www.myvetcalls.com/>. More reviews: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/perl-solomon-m-dvm-beltville>
- 1/21: I agree. Dr Perl is a compassionate skilled vet.
- 1/16: We used him to euthanize our kitty. Very compassionate to both pet & pet parents.

**Rock Creek Home Vet**

- 1/21: We highly recommend Rock Creek Home Vet. Although I am not sure if they are taking new patients on or not at this time, it is absolutely worth the attempt. We have used their services for years and cannot speak more highly of Dr. Tanouye and skilled and caring staff.

**Silver Spring Animal Hospital**, 1915 Seminary Rd., 301-587-6099

- 2/20: Cannot sing Dr. Krishna's (Silver Spring Animal Hospital) loud enough— She cared for our sweet Deacon for years. We love her and everyone there!
- 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.

**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.

## PHOTOS

### Photographers

**Elinoff, Laura**, [elinoff2004@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**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.

**Turner, Eli**, [www.eliturner.com](http://www.eliturner.com)

- 7/20: My hubby is awesome and in the neighborhood!
- 7/20: Eli is great!
- 7/20: Chiming in that Eli is fantastic!

## 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

### COVID-19 Testing

- Access Now Urgent Care offers Saturday appointments for asymptomatic COVID testing:  
<https://accessnowurgentcare.com/covid-19-testing-on-saturday-by-appointment/> They offer both PCR tests (2-4 days turnaround) and antigen tests (minutes)
- District Urgent Care offers rapid testing as well <https://www.districturgentcare.com/>
- Eberechekwu Nwaogu 301-300-8624 - [icarehealthservicesonthego@gmail.com](mailto:icarehealthservicesonthego@gmail.com); comes to home. Yes, this lady comes to your home. She can do both nasal swab and blood tests. She did tests for our son so he could attend St. Mary's College. She comes over with all of her equipment, takes vitals, does the tests, and emails the results. The blood test results are ready in minutes and she will email the results. She did the testing on our front porch and she was wearing protective gear. Took our BC/BS insurance and I paid \$100 cash for co-pay and maybe travel. You can make an appointment using her website and she will ask for your address to come over. See her business card.
- icarehealth - Laurel; rapid testing. You can get a rapid (same day test) and a pcr at the same time. Pcr results were called and posted on patient portal within 48 hours. You can walk in or make an appointment online in advance.
- List of other facilities offering testing here:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/Resources/Files/testing/COVID-19%20Testing%20Facilities.pdf> At least 3 offer rapid tests
- Walgreen's does not offer the IDNOW test locally, only PCR tests
- The FDA recently issued an emergency use authorization for the first non-prescription at-home COVID-19 test, which allows users to swab a sample at home and then send it to a lab for processing  
<https://www.webmd.com/lung/news/20201211/fda-authorizes-nonprescription-at-home-covid-test>
- You can order the Labcorp Pixel kit here:  
<https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test-home-collection-kit>  
Results take 1-2 days from when your sample is received at the lab
- Here is a discussion of other test at home kits:  
<https://www.cnet.com/health/how-to-get-tested-for-coronavirus-at-home/> (Vault is one that is accepted by Hawaii)
- Less expensive and faster home tests will be coming out soon. For instance, the Elume rapid test home kit will be available in January and expected to cost about \$30:  
<https://www.ellumehealth.com/products/consumer-products/covid-home-test> .

#### **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.

#### **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

## 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!

**Ward, Carla**, Institute for Allergy & Asthma

- 8/20: I recommend Dr Carla Ward at the Institute for Asthma and Allergy. There are two office locations - Wheaton and Chevy Chase. I've been going to this practice for about 10 years now, and I have lots of allergy issues. I've had great experiences with this practice.

## Alternative Medicine

**Grissmer, Jane**, 8720 Ga Ave., SS, 301-565-4924 x 314, 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

- 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

**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.

**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.

**Lee, Sung** (MedStar), 7501 Surratts Road, Silver Spring, 301-877-5677

- 10/19: Electrophysiology specialist. Knowledgeable & thorough, though not the warmest.

**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 wkly 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.

**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.

**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

1. 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

- 7/20: Really pleased. Just had a video tele conference today with Dr Ahmed
- 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.

### Stein, Stephanie, 2141 K St. NW, Washington DC, 202-466-7266

- 0/18: 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.

### Khumbari, Vivek (John Hopkins) 202 660 5555

- 7/20: I love Dr Vivek Khumbari

**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

**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.

**Comprehensive Women's Health**, <https://mdforwomen.com/>

- 8/20: No comment

**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.

**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.

**Montgomery Family Medicine**, 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-0193

- 8/20: I love Montgomery Family Medicine on Musgrove Rd. Female doctors and Physician Assistants. Dr. Rosie Singh heads the practice. I see Melissa Rudawski, PA. Very responsive, friendly staff.
- 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.

**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

### Need Updated Recs

## Neurosurgeons

- 6/21: Dr. Ali Bydon at Johns Hopkins is outstanding. He performed back surgery on me in September (my 3rd although he didn't do the others) and results were great. He's very experienced with routine and complex spine surgery, and a very nice guy. If you google "Ali Byron Johns Hopkins " you'll get his webpage. Good luck.



## 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

**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.

**Douoguih, Wiemi**

- 12/19: Did my husband's shoulder surgery several years. He was recommended by a friend of our who is a doctor.

**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.

**Montgomery Orthopedics with Dr. Keeling who specializes in foot/ankles**

- 12/20: No specific comments

**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.

**Putrelli, Gabe** at Holy Cross

- 12/19: Treated my broken left shoulder. He is a shoulder-specialist and surgeon, but no surgery needed in my case. But his assessments of the pros and cons impressed me. Clearly skilled and thoughtful.

**Scheer, Mark** of the Center for Advanced Orthopedics near Dupont Circle

- 12/19: Did a great job on his rotator cuff which had multiple tears.

## 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.

**Kadow, Kathleen** (Children's Pediatricians and Associates), 10801 Lockwood Dr., 301-593-5566

**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

- 7/20: We have had very positive experiences over two generations (children and now grandchildren) with Pediatric & Adolescent Care of Silver Spring. Dr. Jeff Bernstein is the lead pediatrician (our daughter, now 32, was his first hospital baby after starting the practice in 1988). We've had excellent experiences with three of the other pediatricians on the staff as well. It's a well-managed practice that makes itself available to new parents whenever the inevitable questions arise. Consider this a rave endorsement.
- 10/19: Very happy with the majority of the docs here

**Pediatric Care Center**, Bethesda

- 7/20: Pediatric Care Center in Bethesda did us well by our boys.

**Pediatric Care of Silver Spring**, (301) 681-6730

- 7/20: We've been with Pediatric Care of Silver Spring for almost 16 years - All of their Doctors and PAs are great as well.

**Silver Spring Pediatrics**, <http://www.silverspringpeds.com>

- 7/20: I also recommend silver spring pediatrics. Have been taking our girls there since they were born (both premies) and now healthy 15 and 17 year olds! We've had wonderful experiences with each of the doctors in the practice through all phases of their lives.
- 7/20: I would highly recommend Silver Spring Pediatrics! Everyone who works there is phenomenal!

## 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

**Ahn, Grace** at Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates in Wheaton

- 12/19: No comment

**Steen, Virginia** at Medstar at Georgetown, 6th Floor Bldg1, 3800 Reservoir Rd NW  
Washington DC 20007, (202) 444-6200

- 11/20: I'm pleased with her. Sometimes she will see you at the clinic also at hospital

**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.

**Takoa 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

### **Apple - Montgomery Mall**

- 6/21: My personal opinion is you can't beat the Apple Store, and the one in Montgomery Mall is very convenient (15 minutes or less drive, plenty free parking), they take reservations, they're very honest, and everyone there is very smart. As to cost comparison, my sense is you get a better deal at the store, but I can't say for sure. They will take your current computer as trade-in, as long as it's working, so it's worth considering trading for a new one before it dies completely, and we were advised that at about six years, that's the time to do it. We bought a Mac in 2015, it started acting real flaky (slow); as it was six years old, we bought a new one and traded in the old one for \$275. The new machine comes with an app that lets you copy the complete contents of the old, virtually at the push of a button, and the process then completes on its own in about an hour. Or you can have them do it for you (free) at the store. You could make a reservation for an on-site consultation (free), and get their advice on what to do.

### **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

- 6/21: MacLab in TP. They did our Mac - upgrade and update of an old MacBook. They're great.
- 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.

**Weintraub, Aaron**, aaronw@pobox.com, 707-722-7669

- 1/17: Solved some tricky problems for us. Repairs PCs & Macs, sets up new devices.

## Furniture

### **All American Mattress 2165 Defense Highway Crofton, MD 410-451-9006**

- 10:17: Just a note to thank Marian on Normandy for letting ISCA know about her brother-in-law, Kevin Lally, who sells mattresses in Crofton (message from October below). It so happened that we had ordered a new bed and needed a mattress, and were extremely confused and unhappy with the sales people we had encountered. It was well worth the trip to Crofton, which took about 25 minutes. Kevin has such a thorough knowledge of all the brands he is an authorized seller for, and he let us decide on which mattress best suited our needs --- with no pressure, or undue sales pitch. He was very professional. The entire experience was pleasant, AND he gave us a terrific price on a new king size mattress. Of course, delivery to our neighborhood was free as well. I can't say enough about how worthwhile it was, going to Kevin's store and buying our mattress from him. Thank you again, Marian! Be sure and check All American Mattress out if you are looking to buy a mattress.

### **Ballens Furniture Service, Beltsville, 301-931-0004**

- 12/19: We used Ballen's. Great work.
- 12/19: I used Ballens Furniture in Beltsville and they're very impressive.
- 5/16: Family owned and operated, they do fantastic work.
- 1/16: Reasonable & passionate about furniture. They will pick up & insist on delivering.

### **Dries Borghans, (443) 904-4826**

- 12/19: I used Dries Borghans - he was wonderful and very reasonably priced

## 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]

## 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

## TEACHERS/TUTORS

### Driving Lessons

**I Drive Smart**

- 1/21: We thought "I Drive Smart" was good.
- 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**

- 1/21: We used Greg's Driving School downtown Silver Spring based on multiple recommendations.
- 11/19: We used Greg's as well. We plan to use them again for the next student driver in our household

### Language Lessons

**Need Updated Recs**

### Music Lessons

**Baras, Marion** (piano), 1121 University Blvd., Silver Spring, 301-681-3299

- 9/19: Very good.

**Cua, Geoffrey** (violin) - remote only; based in Boston [gthemusicua@gmail.com](mailto:gthemusicua@gmail.com)

- My highly talented and patient teacher, whom I met via this Listserv about 5 years ago has availability for remote violin lessons. He's now based in Boston and just absolutely amazing and does lessons through Zoom. I can vouch that I have progressed incredibly because of him and particularly because it's easy to jump online to meet. . He teaches kids and adults.

**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.

**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.

**Radushkovsky, Semyon** (Piano) (301) 681-3863 or (240) 801-1755 or email at [samzalrad@gmail.com](mailto:samzalrad@gmail.com)

- 2/20: Our piano teacher, Semyon Radushkovsky, is looking for new students. Several people in our neighborhood go to him and we find him to be patient and understanding with our girls while still moving them through their paces

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Psychiatrists, Psychologists

**Need Updated Recs**

## Rehabilitation

**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

**Subjally, Dinaz (Unitravco)**, (based in NJ) 973-822-9222, dinaz@unitravco.com

- 2/18: I highly recommend her. She just booked my Viking River Cruise for me.

### Tour Companies

**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

## 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.

### **Jeanette Chandler**

- I also highly recommend Jeanette Chandler: <jnttchandler136@gmail.com>. She used to teach kickboxing at the Y.

### **Maria Lally**, 240-893-8415

- 1/21: Marian Lally is excellent!!

### **Murphy, Doug**, 202-297-3092, dsmfitness@hotmail.com

- 11/18: Incredible with older people & will spend a lot of time developing tailored plans.

### **Ogden, Pierce**, pie.ogden@gmail.com

- 8/21: Wanted to update you all that Pierce Ogden's workouts are now at the Indian Spring Terrace Park tennis courts! Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7:15 am and 8:15 am, drop-in anytime. The workouts are intense interval strength training and so much fun. \$10, he takes cash, Venmo, check, and I think also Paypal. Hope to see you there!
- 1/21: Hi, Pierce Ogden does fitness work outs for all ages and abilities. He's great. 301 906-6919. He still works at our S.S. YMCA, does in your home fitness, and has work outs in the park every Sunday early AM.
- 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

### **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.

### **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.

**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.

**Sarina (Sakhol Cut)**, 301-873-4623, sakholcut@gmail.com

- 10/19: Been going to her for years, the only hair stylist I have gone to consistently my life.

**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

**Kibana Salon & Spa**, 921-A Ellsworth Dr, SS, 301-588-8858

- 12/20: Ask for Christine, she is the best!
- 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

- 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!