

## Recommended Services -- ISCA Listserv

*Compiled by Elizabeth Magin, Tony Hausner, and Carol Valoris; last updated, 1/7/18*

The list includes the dates (month/year) when each service provider was recommended and any helpful comments, when available. In cases where no comments are provided, it is most likely because the person who asked for recommendations compiled the responses without the comments and forwarded the names to the various people who have maintained this resource over the years. In such cases, there is no record of the recommendations on the listserv; we can't go back and search for the comments. Service provider names in [blue](#) (and underlined) are hyperlinks to web sites. If you have updated info on any of the service providers listed here, please contact Elizabeth Magin at [elizabeth.magin@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth.magin@yahoo.com).

**NEW:** A change has been made to keep the length of this list more manageable. Since most neighbors are interested in current recommendations, those recommendations older than 5 years have been dropped for any service provider with more recent recommendations. Older recommendations remain if there are none within the past 5 years or where older comments conflict with more recent recommendations. Where older recommendations have been dropped, a notation (\*\*\*\*\*) has been made. Service providers have been dropped completely if they have no recent recommendations and the old recommendations include no commentary.

Note: Washington Consumer Checkbook is an excellent source for information and covers some of these services. Yahoo groups is improved and one can do a search on many of these services and others in the message area of the group.

### 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.

#### **Etienne, Jina**, Silver Spring, 301-588-6500 (No longer does the returns herself)

3/06: (Merged with a larger group.)

#### **Haley, Matthew** ([Haley & Associates](#)), 500 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville

1/12: We've been using him for years and recommended him to family and friends.

#### [Heiserman Young PC](#), 4733 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 301-656-8299

5/12: Joel Heiserman and his team are extremely thorough.

9/11: We were very pleased.

#### [Klausner Bendler & Assocs.](#), 4550 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-657-4111

2/14: (no specific comment)

#### **Lowenthal, Myra** (Flax, Book & Co. CPAs), Highland, MD, [myralowe@aol.com](mailto:myralowe@aol.com), 301-854-1701

11/11: I'm pleased to unequivocally recommend her (for personal and small biz returns)

#### [Meltzer, Gordon](#), Olney, 301-460-1776

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

#### **O'Hara, Ed**, 12510 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-680-0840

1/12: We've been happy with him.

#### **Perozo, Carlos** ([ZP Tax](#)), 8736 Flower Avenue, SS

12/12: I've been impressed.

[Philipson, Richard](#), 8601 Georgia Ave., Suite 1001, SS, 301-608-3900

1/15: Great guy, very knowledgeable.

1/13: Super professional and very pleasant

1/13: He is great and right in downtown Silver Spring.

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

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

2/14: I second the recommendation, and her fee is very reasonable.

2/14: Not someone where your return will fall to the bottom of an enormous pile.

1/13: She is diligent, conscientious, and a great person

[Raigrodski, Larry](#), 301-230-2385

3/06: Excellent

3/05: Excellent. Extremely good service for almost 10 years

[Smith, Patrick](#), 3304 King William Dr., Olney, 301-363-7306

11/12: He will come to your home and is always reachable and does a great job.

[Stemmy, Tidler, & Morris](#), 7525 Greenway Center Dr., Greenbelt, 301-441-3655

1/12: We have been using them for 20+ years. They are not aggressive.

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

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

[Verarose Muir & Company](#), 301-445-1018 (relocated to Fla., but still listing MD #)

10/11: Professional yet personal and her prices are reasonable.

[Wall, John](#), 4601 North Fairfax Dr., Arlington, 703-260-1328

1/13: Based in VA but can meet in DC. He's been really helpful with my small business.

[ZP Tax](#), 8736 Flower Ave., SS, 301-587-4TAX

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

## Acupuncturists (see Physicians – Alternative Medicine)

## After-School Care (includes Before-School Care)

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

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

## Airport Limos (see also Taxi / Limo Services)

[Airport Connection](#)

3/08: For all 3 airports. Reliable and professional. Comfortable cars. Good price

[Airport Shuttle](#), 800-776-0323

10/10:

12/06: Affordable and on time

[Maryland Shuttle](#), 301-222-2222, 800-230-0000

3/08: We have had good experience, even having to be picked up very early.

12/06: good service, prompt and polite

[SuperShuttle](#) (Several negative comments), 800-blue-van

12/06: We've had good luck with them. Driver calls when he's on his way.

12/06: Driver went to the right address, wrong town.

12/06: Driver passed our house. SuperShuttle ended up ordering a taxi for us  
12/06: Took forever - driver almost got lost. Almost missed my flight

## Alterations (see Tailors and Seamstresses)

## Alternative Medicine (see Physicians – Alternative Medicine)

## Antique Sellers

**Lancette, Chris** ([Orion's Attic](#)), Indian Spring resident

2/13: He and his partner Wonok do a wonderful job selling our treasures.

## Appliance Repair (see also Vacuum Cleaners – Repair)

**A-1 Repairs**, 11006 Viers Mill, Wheaton, 301-565-5010

8/05: very responsive, makes house calls; (one negative comment also)

[A&E Factory Service](#),

8/12: (Recommended for dishwasher repair.)

[Alco Appliance](#), Beltsville, 301-937-6996

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

7/15: We like them a great deal.

8/12: My choice for dishwasher repair. Was much more reasonable than the plumber.

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**All-State Appliance**, 8111 Piney Branch Rd., SS, 301-589-0555

11/10: Applied the service call fee to the price of a new machine, delivered the same day.

[Apache Appliance](#), 13866 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-587-5557

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

[Appliance Land](#) (sales & service), Beltsville & Rockville

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

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

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

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

[BGE Home](#),

2/11: They service most major appliances. We've been impressed with the quality.

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

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

11/14: [Recommended to install a dishwasher]

8/12: He fixed our old dishwasher, which had stopped emptying water at the cycle's end.

[Durance Plumbing](#) (Kirk Durance), 301-270-6663

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

**Jeff's Appliance Service**, 301-937-6003

5/16: I second Jeff's.

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

3/14: I highly recommend this one-man operation. Competent, friendly, reasonable price.  
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**Mike's Appliance Service**, 301-251-0040

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

[RepairClinic](#)

8/12: I have made repairs to a refrigerator and clothes drier, for the cost of the parts.  
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## Arborists (see Tree Care)

## Architects & Design/Build Services (See also Contractors)

[Abrams Design Build](#), 202-437-8583

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

**ACT-Architectural Construction**, 301-320-4100

4/04: Has a division devoted to smaller jobs

[Artisan Residential Design](#) (Alan Denniston), Indian Spring resident, 301-801-8311

9/14: I knew their home must belong to an architect. It is absolutely beautiful.

9/14: Maintaining integrity of older homes is a specialty of his, and working with a budget.

**Artistic Design Build**, 301-438-3289

4/04: Highly recommended.

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

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

[CASE Design/Remodeling](#), 800-513-2250

6/08: We had a very good experience.

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

1/15: Excellent home contractor.

**Daitch, Julia** ([Caswell Daitch Architects](#)), 9604 Bruce Dr., SS 301-585-8360

5/08: An amazing design eye, committed to reusing space, bringing light in.

**Davies, Jay** ([Architects at Work](#)), 5522 Lincoln St., Bethesda 301-530-9435

5/08: Great. He designed our 2nd floor addition, reconfiguring existing space

**DiNicola, Megan**, [mdinicola@designcollective.com](mailto:mdinicola@designcollective.com)

5/08: Does great work and has experience with remodels in the area.

[J Allen Smith Design/Build](#) (Jesse Smith), Ijamsville, 301-810-5247

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

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

1/15: Saved us considerable money and aggravation, plus did a great design job.  
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**Mastercraft Design & Build** (Chip Russell), 301-622-7736; 202-538-7708

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.

1/09: He did our remodel and the design for it. A local guy you can trust.

**Plotnick, Fred** (Plotnick Design & Construction), 202-253-0187

5/13: (Recommended for building a deck.) A big cut above your average contractor.

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).

[Solomon, James](#), Takoma Park, 301-585-3776

5/08: He is excellent.

5/08: He did our addition and I can't speak highly enough about him.

3/04: Worked very well with the contractor

[Tabor Design Build](#) (John Tabor), Rockville, 301-417-6570

12/16: The previous owners of our house used Tabor to enclose the side porch.

5/07: Completed an extensive remodeling job

**Wilder, Anthony** ([Anthony Wilder Design/Build](#))

1/15: He is extremely knowledgeable, thorough, talented and an all-around nice guy.

## 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]

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[Andalman & Flynn](#), Silver Spring, 301-563-6685

2/17: Would be good for updating wills.

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

4/11: I highly recommend them for drafting **wills**.

2/11: Mary Ellen Flynn is a good **divorce** attorney.

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[Baum, Robert](#), 301-610-0610

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

[Breads, Michael](#), 8737 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-585-9800

6/10: I can recommend him for **wills and trusts**.

**Case, Dave**, Indian Spring, [davidwcase@gmail.com](mailto:davidwcase@gmail.com), 301-565-4903

4/11: I'd recommend him. He has a background in **wills and estates**.

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**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!

**Collins, Richard**, Suitland, 301-423-8100

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

**DeNovo, Ann**, 301-654-1200

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

**Dunn, John**, 7030 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-1002

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

**Fink, Stephanie**; Fierst, Barry, [Fierst & Fink](#), Rockville, 301-762-8872

10/08: (2 recs) Barry Fierst recommended for **elder care** law and all **family law**.

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

**Karpel, Curtis**, 8601 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-495-0070

8/04: Very to the point, accessible. [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

[Levine, Mark](#), 4520 East-West Hwy., Bethesda, 301-961-6464

6/13: He is awesome. He handled my mom's **trust** and all our legal stuff.

[Perlman, Linda](#), Takoma Park, 301-891-2200

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

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

6/13: Did my **estate** docs and does my **tax returns**. Fees are fair, honesty impeccable.

**Rafferty, Catherine**, 202-244-0608

7/05: [Recommended for **drafting wills**]

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

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

[Stasio, Renee](#), 5425 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-718-4410

5/11: Smart, compassionate **family lawyer**.

[Tobin, O'Connor & Ewing](#) (Stephen O'Connor or Jennifer Concino)

12/08: The firm I work at part-time does **elder care** law.

[VerStandig Law Firm](#) (Maurice "Mac" VerStandig), Potomac, 301-444-4600

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

[Zipin, Phil](#), 836 Bonifant St., Silver Spring, 301-587-9373 (**Web site emphasizes employment law**)

1/13: [Rec for "small business attorney familiar with medical/mental health practice"]

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## Audiologists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

12/08: We've used them twice (once for insurance claim). Good folks there.

3/08: Used them for years. Good quality service.

**Eddie's Auto Body**, 936 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-589-5000

12/08: Quit nice and very reasonable.

9/06: Very friendly and very inexpensive

[Hanagan's Auto Body](#), Silver Spring, 301-589-2260 (**1 negative comment**)

9/12: (Multiple recs)

10/11: (3 recs) They did a nice job on my Passat wagon this summer.

2/11: Hanagan's is overpriced by 20-30 percent.

2/11: Great work.

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

9/12: GEICO inspection, paperwork, rental, and body work all handled at 1 location.

9/12: They were up-front about what work they could and could not do.

9/12: Friendly, good work, very convenient. Office was quiet for first appt. in the morning.

[LG Auto Body](#), 936 Philadelphia Ave., SS, 240-839-6200

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

**Prestige Auto Body**, 928 Philadelphia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-578-4170; 866-382-2197

12/08: Our last body work (thru insurance claim) was here. Appears perfect.

[Quattro Auto Body](#), Silver Spring, 301-589-5401

3/08: I was very happy and would go back to them.

[Sterling Auto Service and Body Shop](#), 2729 Garfield Ave., SS, 301-608-1433

9/12: The owner is personally involved; his people are well trained. Honest, reasonable.

[Zamora's Auto Body](#), 773 East Gude Dr., Rockville

9/12: We have used Zamora's multiple times over the years and been very happy.

## Auto Dealers – Service Department

[Darcars Toyota](#), **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

1/15: I've been happy with the service side tho we haven't used them for major repair yet.

1/15: Truly poor customer service and management. [several other reviews like this.

1/15: We had unpleasant experiences both with the dealership and the service dept.

1/15: They quoted me a price for a tire, and at my appointment told me it was \$100 more.

[Herb Gordon Subaru](#), 3121 Automobile Blvd., Silver Spring, 877-612-7928

4/11: We've been going there since 2003. Excellent communication. Highly recommend.

4/11: We have nothing but excellent service from them.

4/11: Switched to Herb Gordon after bad service from Fitzgerald on Rockville Pike.

## Auto Detailing

[Cliff Dewey's Auto Detailing](#), 2141 Industrial Pkwy, Silver Spring

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

[Discount Mobile Detailing](#), 703-393-1363

5/11: I've used this company once and would use them again. They come to your house.

[Kensington auto clean & prep](#), 4222A Howard Ave., Kensington

10/16: Around \$100.

[Triple D's Mobile Detailing](#), 240-644-5932

8/12: He did an amazing job on the dog car with mounds of fur and dirt.

7/12: I called this morning and he came right away. I'm impressed with his work.

## Auto Glass

[Banner Glass](#), 7900 Fenton, 301-589-1577

3/8: Prompt and efficient.

[Miles Glass](#), 8714 Piney Branch Rd., **[NO LONGER IN BUSINESS]**

## Auto Mechanics (see also Auto Dealers – Service Dep't)

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



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

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

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

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**Burnt Mills Citgo/BP**, 10711 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-1036

3/12: They're just so darn pleasant and will explain everything.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3/12: Competent, honest, and low-cost, but you might sometimes have to wait for parts.

**D&R ServiCenter**, 3921 Plyers Mill Rd., Kensington

10/05: Very capable and honest

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

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

12/11: He knows his stuff, does a good job, and prices fairly.

[Herb Gordon](#) Service Dept. (Joe Devlin, mgr.)3121 Automobile Blvd., SS

12/13: I can't speak highly enough about Joe for taking care of my 2004 **Volvo**.

[Jiffy Lube](#), 6510 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-4900

4/11: Good for oil change, routine maintenance. Just north of DC line.

**Kevin @ Amfor Automotive**, 2632 Pittman Dr., Silver Spring, 301-588-5555

10/05: Honest and reasonable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1/13: I LOVE Murrays, but I go to the one by the MVA off Tech Road.

3/12: Very good, very fair. But one time they just couldn't get the 4-wheel alignment right.

3/12: We've taken our **Toyotas** there for 20 years.

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[RS Automotive](#), 7224 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-4418

11/15: Love RS Automotive!

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

[Satellite Motors](#), 8109 Mayor Lane, Silver Spring, 301-585-7876

3:12: Good work and customer service.

3:12: Another vote for Satellite Motors.

3:12: I've been taking my **Toyota** there for over 20 years. Great service, very reliable.



[Takoma Auto Clinic](#), 7221 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-1772

12/11: Johnny is a nice guy, does a great job, works quickly, and charges fairly.

**Takoma Old Town Auto**, 7060 Carroll (Tak. Pk), 915 Thayer (SS), 301-891-3725

12/11: Been using them for 20+ years. They're excellent, especially for **foreign cars**.

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## Auto Restoration

[White Post Restorations](#), near Winchester VA

1/13: If you have deep pockets and want the best, you can't go wrong with these guys.

## Auto Tire Specialists (See also Tire Repair)

[NTB](#), 1110 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring

3/13: (Recommended for tire repair)

[Radial Tire Company](#), 9101 Brookville Rd., SS, 301-585-2740

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

11/16: The best!

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

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

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

3/13: This is where the auto repair shops refer their customers. Good service/selection.

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[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]

## Bakers

[BCakes by BKeith](#), Falls Church, 703-538-6222

6/08: Delicious and beautiful. Web site has a gallery of novelty cakes.

[Cakelove](#), 8512 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-565-2253 (**NEW ADDRESS**)

4/06: Yummy. Maybe more expensive. More adult flavors

[Cakes Plus](#), Laurel, 301-490-3600

4/06: Incredible work, good prices, delicious, moist cakes. Worth the drive.

[Clements Pastry Shop](#), 3355 52nd Ave., Hyattsville, 301-277-6300

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

[Creative Cakes](#), 8814 Brookeville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-587-1599

6/08: They do everything, and we've had theme cakes made.

4/06: They need a week's notice

**Woodmoor Pastry Shop**, 10127 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-7667

4/06: Decadent chocolate cake, terrific job of decorating

## Banking, Refinancing

[Cardinal Financial](#),

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

## Barber

**Flower Barber Shop**, 8721 Flower Ave., SS, 301-587-1108

12/16: Ask for Lee. Takes appointments, cuts well, inexpensive.

**Old Georgetown Barber Shop**, 7813 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, 301-656-6387

3/08: Excellent work, reasonable price

## Bathtub Refinishing

[Bath Fitter](#), 2728 Pittman Rd., Silver Spring, 301-495-4146

2/11: Instead of an estimate, I got the hard sell. He left when I wouldn't buy on the spot.

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**Betz**, 301-854-0990

12/05: Reglazing only

**Porcelain Classics**, Laurel, 301-317-5009

3/14: We had two bathtubs refinished years ago. They still look fabulous.

4/11: We've used them more than once, with fabulous results. The tubs look like new.

[Porcelite](#), 301-595-9131

8/12: I'm a property manager and have been using Porcelite for year. Prices are great.

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[Waugh Refinishing](#). (Gary Waugh), 301-318-5386

1/14: We were very pleased with the quality of the work and Gary's professionalism.

8/12: Gary Waugh is a true artist and does a meticulous job (tub and tile reglazing).

## Beauty Salons (See Hair Stylists)

## Bicycle Repair

[The Bicycle Place](#), 9168 Brookville Rd. (**NEW ADDRESS**), Silver Spring

5/09: I take my bike there for yearly tune-ups and various accessories.

[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.

5/09: The owner is great and her technicians do a great job.

5/09: They are very skilled and understand the importance of customer service.

[Takoma Bicycle](#), 7030 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-270-0202

9/16: They can do small things while I wait. Tuneups can take 1-2 wks when they're busy.

## Bookbinder

[Apex Book Manufacturing](#), Alpharetta, GA

1/11: I found them through printindustry.com. They are great. Ask for Rick.

[Print Industry Exchange](#),

1/11: You can put any printing job up for bid by printers all over the United States

## Camera/Video Repair (see also Electronics Repair)

**Danco Electronic Service**, 929 Gist Ave., SS, 301-585-8844

7/10: Dan may be able to fix your video camera. Strauss is far more expensive.

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[Strauss Photo](#), 1240 Mt. Olivet Rd. NE, Washington DC, 202-529-3200

7/10: Dumpy on the outside, but they are one of the best. Authorized factory repair.

## Carpentry/Millwork

**Alvarez, Gabriel**, 240-281-8154

11/15: Excellent. A handyman who does everything, including plumbing and electrical.

**Canizalez, Abel** ([Llaveroes Services](#)), 301-672-1799

3/15: We received several recommendations, went with him & were quite happy.

**Caricofe, Carl**, 301-642-5398

12/10: We highly recommend this master carpenter. He has done several projects for us.

**Carino, Jose**, 301-793-1566

6/17: He is outstanding at carpentry.

11/12: He's perfect for living room built-ins. He is masterful and meticulous.

**Custom Carpentry and Remodeling**, 301-776-0014; 301-346-2203

5/06: Prices were the best & quality is terrific.

[Dragonfly Carpentry](#), 301-395-2564

7/14: Dragonfly is good, and based in our neighborhood.

**Haugh, Mike**, 240-372-6535

11/10: I'd like to recommend him for woodwork. Very conscientious about quality of work.

**Jaeger, Walter** ([Jaeger & Ernst](#)), 434-973-7018

11/12: He did a beautiful job of all the cherry woodwork, doors, windows, and lamps.

[Lamar & Wallace](#), Landover, 301-772-2400

11/12: They made our front door.

**Pascal, Mark**, 240-604-9648

12/11: He does good work and prices fairly.

12/11: I agree, Mark is awesome!

[Patterson, Martin](#), 814-842-9671 (cell) or 814-842-6659

3/15: His work is beautiful and competitively priced. He has done two projects for us.

11/12: He lives in PA but has works in this area. Definitely worth a call.

11/12: He made built-in cabinets/shelves/drawers. Work is beautiful; prices reasonable.

**Quinn, Joe** (Quinn's Painting), 301-431-4282

7/11: My folks used him to install crown molding, put up shelves, and build steps.

[Sullivan's Woodworking](#) (Curtis Sullivan), 304-263-5778

7/11: Located in WV, but he's in this area 1-2 times a week. Pricing is reasonable.

## Carpet/Rug Cleaning

[A Cleaner Carpet Cleaner](#), 301-774-4455

8/08: I've used them several times and had them pick up  
[Ayoub N&H Carpet & Rug](#), 10516 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 240-430-0994  
11/12: Fantastic restoration of oriental rugs.

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[Bergmann's Cleaning](#), 10450 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 301-942-6966

8/08: They pick up and deliver, but you can drop it off and pick up yourself.

8/08: I have had rugs cleaned there and they did a great job.

**Carpets Cleaned by Rob**, 410-661-5685

11/13: Excellent service. He cleaned out stains on our carpet 2 weeks ago.

[Christopher's Inc.](#), Fairfax

1/07: In-plant cleaning for delicate rugs

[Cleaning Corps](#) (Jim Tracy), [info@cleaningcorps.com](mailto:info@cleaningcorps.com), 301-588-2504 (a certified [B Corporation](#))

11/13: For an emergency when our carpet got wet, we were pleased.

11/13: They discount for ISCA residents.

2/13: Super nice family-run business. Great service, good prices.

2/13: They will come to you, plus they only use "green" products.

11/12: They are located in our neighborhood and provide stellar service.

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[Cunningham's Rug Cleaning](#), 855-784-3672

7/15: We're happy with them. They'll pick up. Ask for Jason Smith.

[Hadeed](#), 703-836-1111

11/13: We have been happy with them for regular cleaning.

**Harvey, Jim**, 301-570-4942

11/12: The best I have seen.

[Normandy Carpet Care](#), Gaithersburg, 301-740-2005

5/11: They also do a great job on upholstery.

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## Carpet Installation

[Carpet Bazaar](#), 1919 Seminary Rd., Silver Spring

6/15: [No specific comment]

1/14: We were completely satisfied with the whole process.

1/14: They helped us choose the right thing and did a great installation job.

[Mike's Carpet](#), Beltsville, 301-937-2221 (By appointment)

6/15: We've always used Mike's Carpet. Nice choices and reasonable pricing.

## Caterers

[Alchemy Caterers](#), 11307 Elkin Street, SS, 240-242-9040

3/10: I love Silver Spring-based Alchemy Caterers.

[Corcoran Caterers](#), 301-588-9200

5/09: I think you will be pleased with their service

[Fresh Start Catering](#), 425 2nd St. NW., Washington DC, 202-234-0707 x125

3/10: The food was excellent and the presentation was beautiful too.

**La Prima**, 240-687-5943

- 5/09: Call Tony Pizzola, an ISCA neighbor  
[My Thyme](#), 4862 Lee Hollow Place, Ellicott City, 240-388-0468  
3/10: Three brothers passionately running a great local catering company.  
[Occasions Caterers](#), 202-546-7400  
5/09: (no specific comment)  
[Planet Bollywood](#), 8622 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-562-8622  
12/09: The food was delicious and the service and price couldn't be beat.  
[Renaissance Chef](#), Frederick, 301-228-2433  
4/11: The food is local, and they are small and fantastic.  
[Ridgewells](#), 301 652 1515  
5/09: Small & large events. The food is delicious & creative (can also be organic)  
**Tibebu, Mimi**, [meskimimi@yahoo.com](mailto:meskimimi@yahoo.com), 240-423-6758  
7/11: Tasty food with an artistic flair, from appetizers to desserts. It was spectacular.  
[Windows Catering](#), **DO NOT USE**  
3/10: The food was great but there were unacceptable planning/communication issues.

## Cell Phone Repair

**Note: Several people said that had phones/screens repaired at a store “at Four Corners” but did not know the name of the store. Since there is more than one such store at Four Corners, those recommendations are not reflected here.**

- 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.

## Ceramic / Pottery Repair

- New Asia Art Shop, 8905 Fairview Rd., SS, 301-585-8810  
2/13: She has done museum work and is quite expert.

## Chair Caning

- Robert Johnson Cabinet Makers**, 301-625-5744  
1/07: All types of furniture repairs and restoration; excellent work

## Childcare

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

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

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

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

## Children's Exercise Programs

[The Little Gym](#), 1366 Lamberton Dr., Silver Spring, 301-681-7005

5/13: I don't know anyone who has gone there that hasn't been happy.

[Silver Stars Gymnastics](#), 2701 Pittman Dr., Silver Spring, 301-589-0938

5/13: Silver Stars is great and starts at 18 months. Located off Brookeville Rd.

## 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.

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

7/12: He fixed our chimney from leaking after heavy rains.

**Bryant Chimney** (Vincent Bryant), 301-680-0488

7/15: Definitely a nice guy, and honest.

7/15: Just used him for a new mortar crown and liner. Nice guy with reasonable prices.

12/14: He is just simply the best. No hassle, no hype.

12/14: Prompt, thorough, honest. Didn't clean my chimney; he said it didn't need it.

10/14: He is extremely nice and honest and will explain everything.

7/12: Winston's quoted me \$150-175, but Bryant reinstalled the cap (and more) for \$50.

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[Chimney.com](#),

5/17: Good work, reasonable price for a new liner & cap, but we waited all day for them.

11/14: Their special deal via Angie's List included inspection and cleaning. Good work.

**Chimney Cricket Sweeps**, 301-774-6060

12/05: I have a very good opinion of the guy.

[Columbia Chimney Services](#), 410-997-3181

9/16: They installed chimney liner to meet code after installation of new hot water heater.

11/12: We used Robert Waid, who will inspect and clean. He also installed an insert.

[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](#) (Several negative comments), 301-519-3500

11/17: We used them to convert our fireplace to gas.

11/12: They used a camera to show me the deterioration of the tiles. No guesswork.

12/05: Did a great job

6/02: Dropped chimney raincover in shrubs, wouldn't come back to replace it

6/02: Wanted to do a lot of work that the Winston's guy said was unnecessary

**MCP Chimney Sweeps**, 301-774-4500

6/02: Reliable, knowledgeable, courteous, and clean

[Priddy Clean](#), 301-530-4262

11/14: They lined the flue and redid some brick work at the top. We feel safer now.

9/12: They were the most responsive and least expensive. They weren't pushy.

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[Victorian Chimney Services](#), 301-593-8393

12/03: Honestly told me the chimney didn't need a cleaning

**Winston's Chimney Service**, (MIXED REVIEWS) 301-571-8546

5/17: We did not like the repointing job they did for us.

7/15: [They talked us into some expensive work, then High's said it was something else.]

7/15: We weren't happy with their repointing. Uneven mortar edges & mortar on bricks.

10/14: They did some repointing for us, and we were not satisfied with the quality of work.

11/08: Winston's does a good job.

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## Chiropractors (See Physicians, Chiropractors)

## College Counseling

Nikkee Porcaro, [nikkee120@gmail.com](mailto:nikkee120@gmail.com), 908-303-3206

3/12: An articulate young woman and family friendly to anyone seeking these services.

## Computers, Repair & Data Recovery, Tech Support

[absolute\\_mac](#), 301-417-0600, [absmac@absmac.com](mailto:absmac@absmac.com)

[Relocating, but still available by phone/email for repairs - as of July 2016]

1/15: [Recommended for mac book repair]

[BoonPC](#), 4641 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-654-2116

3/15: They did a wonderful job installing new memory and a hard drive in my Mac.

1/15: ANY computer repair, anytime.

1/12: THE best, bar none...and very reasonably priced. We've been using him for years.

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[Caitlin Enterprises](#), 4116 Peppertree Lane, Silver Spring

2/06: More for small business. Very professional, knowledgeable and pleasant.

**Computech**, 10768 Rhode Island Ave, Beltsville, 301-595-5015

2/17: They do a good job but your take your computer to them.

12/16: Very reasonable prices, good service, does not do home visits.

[Geek Squad](#), 800-GEEKSQUAD

2/06: Trained and certified, use professional-grade software tools

**Goldberg, Ari**, 1134 Kersey Rd., SS, [a2ztech@gmail.com](mailto:a2ztech@gmail.com), 301-754-1920

2/17: Several people in my family use and recommend him.

**Hunt, Chris**, 240-271-1451

2/06: Used for Mac laptop and Dell PC. Tons cheaper than the Geek Squad

12/04: Very reasonable and a great guy to work with.



[Interdata Recovery Services](#), Irvine, Calif.

2/08: Expensive (as others), but they recovered about 80% of what we lost.

**Laser Printers Plus**, 11226 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-933-9011

12/13: I have used them for years, and they have been reliable.

12/13: They charged \$30 (I think) to evaluate, which would be subtracted from any repair.

[MacMedics](#), 888-4DC-MACS

10/16: I have been using them for 9 years [for Mac computer repairs].

[MacUpgrades](#), 6931 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, 301-907-0300

8/09: Recommended for Mac screen repair

[Nathan, Mark](#) (Simply Computers Plus), Germantown, 301-840-1438

2/08: Honest, quick. I saved money by bringing my drive to him.

**Rossouw, Etienne** (also builds computers), 301-412-0026

6/07: House calls, service, and computer build services

8/07: fast response and performed the job efficiently and professionally

**Schaaf, John**, 301-576-2651 (**number disconnected**)

**Terabyte** (Don Coyne), 110 Whitmoor Terrace, SS, 301-593-7179 (**Number disconnected**)

[UrGeeks](#), 240-247-7923; 800-944-5413 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

6/17: John is back. He has helped us order [devices], set up printers, done maintenance.

2/17: Have been pleased with them.

2/17: We haven't had good luck with UrGeeks, trying to get rid of a pop-up virus.

3/16: Can help select & set up computers & back-up systems, install software, and more.

10/15: We've used UrGeeks a number of times. John is awesome!

10/15: Fixed our problem and really nice guy.

10/14: We've used them for tune-ups, purchase, and set-up. Courteous, not pushy.

7/14: (2 recs) They do excellent work.

10/13: Been pleased with their service.

5/13: John is a marvel and will come to your house if you have the need.

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[VitalTech](#), 9414 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 240-813-0692

7/14: I was pleased with the work and prices. (It is a hole-in-the-wall kind of place.)

**Weintraub, Aaron**, [aaronw@pobox.com](mailto:aaronw@pobox.com), 707-722-7669

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

## Concrete

[Creative Concrete](#), 2323 Stewart Ave., SS, 301-565-0246

6/12: They did our long driveway. It is beautiful and we could not be more pleased.

6/12: Walker Simpson and his crew recently put in a beautiful patio in our backyard.

[Deco Systems](#), 14803 Southlawn Ln., Rockville, 301-217-0959

6/12: They did our stamped concrete front walk in 2000.

## Consignment Sales

[iSold It on eBay](#), 12101 Darnestown Rd., Gaithersburg, 301-990-2040

4/09: I have used them many times and been happy with them.

## Contractors / Remodelers (See also Kitchen/Bath Remodeling) (See also Architects, Design/Build Services)

### [Beautiful Baths and Kitchens](#) **DO NOT USE**

4/11: We used them several years ago and are still fixing their mistakes.

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

1/16: He redid our laundry room and turned it into a lovely bathroom-laundry room.

12/14: Though a master plumber, he's a superb renovator and has done basements.

**Cherry, Joe** (see Twin Home Advantage)

### **Complete Home Repair** **DO NOT USE**

**Connelly, Chris**, [connellycm@verizon.net](mailto:connellycm@verizon.net), 301-529-8767

5/12: A major project. He was flexible, worked within our budget, and has a great crew.

### **Dominion Builders** **DO NOT USE**

[Elite Kitchens](#) (Butch Smith), 301-881-2776

9/02: Easy to work with, reliable, considerate, flexible, and ahead of schedule

[Exis General Contracting](#), 301-655-5610

6/12: (Recommended for a small fence installation and electric work)

**Galdamez, Mauricio**; JMG Remodeling, 301-996-3231; 301-929-8096

2/08: Did a beautiful job on part of our kitchen and our new kitchen floor

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

**Kay, Fred** (ISCA neighbor to help with recommendations), 240-462-4983

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring ([See Handyman](#))

[McConkey & Keane](#), 301-595-1751

4/04: Great basement plan, paid attention to detail, a bit high, but worth it

**Olshin, Herb**; Custom Carpentry and Remodeling, 301-776-0014; 301-346-2203

3/06: Bath, bedroom, office remodel w/ built-ins; on-time, best price & quality

**Oros, Dave**, 216-314-4400

6/08: I would strongly recommend him for general contracting.

[Phil Johnson Construction](#), 301-495-9767

5/07: Excellent experience on addition; another neighbor said high quote.

**Posse, Miguel**, 240-252-7185

12/13: He renovated my kitchen. He is reasonable & leaves the place clean each day.

**Ramirez, Richard**, RAMCO, 301-946-4603

4/04: (2 recs) Superb job on basement, on time, on budget, no problems

**Russell, Chip**, 202-538-7708

1/09: He also did the design, without charging extra. A local guy you can trust

**Russo, Charles**, 240-832-1340

9/11: Great work and prices. They "get" how to work on an older house.

**Serrano, Jose**, [Jose@JGSerranoConstruction.com](mailto:Jose@JGSerranoConstruction.com), 301-221-8575

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

[ServiceMagic](#) (contractor screening service)

**Sheridan, Scott** (1 negative comment), 301-593-2340; 202-438-2278

3/08: Worker used frayed wires, broken paneling. Scott seldom there or reachable

2/07: Good to work with. Reasonable. Does much work himself. Small or big jobs

**Solomon, Jesse**, [jessesolomon@comcast.net](mailto:jessesolomon@comcast.net), 301-748-6863

2/08: He is good. Currently helping with my kitchen remodeling

[Toepfer Construction](#) (Disaster Restoration Specialists), Capitol Heights

11/12: SLOW, but good, responsive, professional

**Twin Advantage Home Improvement** (Joe Cherry), 240-793-4685 (cell), [twincherrys@aol.com](mailto:twincherrys@aol.com)

5/12: He is friendly, communicative and reasonably priced. He did an outstanding job!

3/12: He is very trustworthy, he has a great crew and does great work!

3/12: He put a large addition on our house and we were very pleased with the work.

9/11: A wonderful experience. He fixed a lot of things done wrong by the first contractor.

**Welsh, Chris**, [chris.welch@comcast.net](mailto:chris.welch@comcast.net), 301-879-3358

4/10: Fabulous kitchen/bath remodel, cutting small mosaic stones. Reasonable prices.

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**Wolff, David** ([Inner Ideas](#)), 240-398-3528; 240-398-6940 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

7/11: Has not completed a project, and the work already performed was slipshod.

8/10: His work failed inspection, and he refused to accept responsibility.

1/09: He is a craftsman and his subs were great! Also, he cleaned up every day.

6/08: A builder AND a craftsman. First class. Competitive prices

6/08: Did a wonderful built-in unit. Pricing is on-line with craftsmen, not cheap

2/08: All types remodeling (baths, kitchens, additions, custom cabinetry, etc.

**Young, Pepper**, (listed as a "carpenter" in online business listings), 301-503-1414

5/12: He renovated our 1st-floor bathroom and we love it. Other small jobs for us, too.

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## Copy Centers

**Copy Connection**, 962 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-7468 (**NOT IN BUSINESS?**)

11/10: We use them for the ISCA newsletter. Price is good. You can email them the file.

## Custom Apparel (Graphics)

[DC Shirt and Print](#), 6925 Willow St. NW, Washington DC (Takoma), 202-558-7266

10/13: They have produced fantastic t-shirts and hoodies for us. (Near Takoma Metro)

[Dynamite Graphics](#), 9152 Brookville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-585-7525

10/13: My office uses them for company t-shirts. Very reliable and reputable.

[Velocity Marketing](#), 240-230-3065

10/13: Great company. They have been in business for almost 20 years.

## Dentists (see also Oral Surgeons, Orthodontists)

[Bernstein, Michael](#), 8904 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-7115

5/16: [No additional comment given]

3/15: He's fine.

5/07: Not specifically a pediatric dentist but great with kids.

11/05: World's best dentist (for both adults and kids).

[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

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

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

3/15: [no comment given]

[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.

[Cobb, Andrew](#) (Cosmetic, Implant, & Restorative Dentistry), 4400 Jennifer St. NW, DC

8/12: Fantastic dentist – state-of-the-art technology.

3/12: I strongly recommend him (for TMJ). Fantastic dentist.

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.

[FunSmiles](#), Robert Camps & Jena Fields, 2415 Musgrove Rd., Silver Spring, 301-989-8994

5/07: multiple recommendations for this pediatric practice.

**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.

[DuBose, Tomell](#), 5437 Connecticut Ave. NW, DC, 202-364-6550

3/12: Helped identify my case (of TMJ) and realign my bite.

**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.

1/15: We love her. She is patient and great with kids.

7/12: She is great with the little ones; the office is geared towards kids with lots of toys.

[Frew, Joseph](#), 9604 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-585-3800

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

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 (4 NEGATIVE)

4/11: I had a crown replaced by Dr. Galkin and had no problem with it.

4/11: Our kids love going there for regular check-ups.

4/11: Good routine care and cleanings. Our 3-yr-old loved her first cleaning.

3/11: I lost a tooth due to his poor work on a root canal. (My endodontist told me that.)

3/11: I felt pressured to have x-rays that I didn't want.

3/11: He's fine for routine care, but I've had to have his crowns and bridgework redone.

3/11: I had poor to terrible experiences with him with crowns.

3/11: We LOVE him.

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

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

5/09: Very good.

[Greenwald, Dana](#), 5225 Wisconsin Ave., DC, 202-966-0045

5/07: several recommendations for **pediatric dentistry**.

[Handelman, Brian](#), 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-593-7500

5/16: [No additional comment given]

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

3/15: He's excellent.

12/13: [2 recommendations, both believe Handelman accepts CareFirst insurance]

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[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.

7/09: I took my daughter there and had a good experience.

**Ho, Henry**, 8935 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-587-7181

3/11: Good, honest, and reasonable. He's done several crowns and posts for me.

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[Kan, Glen](#), 10801 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, 301-585-7766

3/11: My friends who go to Dr. Kan think he's the best.

3/11: I've used Dr. Kan for a few years. I really like him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8/12: (Multiple recs) Highly skilled, up to date, great staff, good "chairside" manner.

3/11: To keep costs down, he suggested a large filling instead of a crown. It's holding up.

3/11: He did a great job on my crown last year.

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

5/15: We highly recommend Dr. King!

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

8/12: Extremely competent. He's great at talking about what he's doing.

4/11: They're also great with kids.

4/11: We're very happy with his work, his staff, and his referrals. And he does crowns.

\*\*\*\*\* (Many recommendations back to 2004)

[Latta, Joseph](#), 1107 Sligo Creek Pkwy., Takoma Park, 301-891-7760

3/11: I would recommend him for crowns.

[Loza, Juan](#), 4330 East-West Hwy., Bethesda, 301-654-7808

3/11: Very nice and gentle. Each of the crowns he did has been a success.

[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.

**Michael, Marcus**, 344 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, 301-681-2969

11/05: Really good and rated highly

[Morgenstein, Robert](#), (pediatric dentistry) 11301 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 301-881-6170

7/12: Love the entire practice.

[Orlando, Carol](#), (pediatric dentistry) 10401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda

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

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

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

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

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

7/12: We were very happy with her when our kids were small.

[Park, Stephen](#), 8630 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-587-2800

2/04: Kind, gentle, and extremely competent

[Perez, Ricardo](#) (pediatric dentistry), Chevy Chase, 301-718-1012

7/12: Recommended, but pricy.

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[Penski, Irvin & Assocs.](#), 4545 42nd St., N.W., 202-244-6650

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

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

**Recka, Randall**, 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7061

5/09: He's great, and his hygienist Terry is wonderful.

10/08: (2 recs) Very professional. Great, especially with kids.

2/04: Great technical ability, personality. Great for youngsters

[Shulman, Stan](#), 5002 Massachusetts Ave., DC, 202-966-3100

3/11: He's done 4 (or 5) crowns for me – all fine. It's worth the extra travel time.

[Washington Center for Image Dentistry](#), Drs. Ingber and Prestipino, 7830 Old Georgetown Rd.

4/11: These are the guys other dentists go to when they need crowns.

## Dermatologists (See Physicians -- Dermatology)

## Design/Build Services (See Architects)

## Disc Jockeys

[Unique Dreams Entertainment](#),

6/14: I can't say enough good things. They were fun, high energy, and calm in a crisis.

## Doctors (See Physicians)

## Dog Day Care (see Pet Sitters / Dog Walkers / Dog Day Care)

## Dog Grooming (See Pet Grooming)

## Dog Trainers

[Avant Canine Training](#) (JanNean Williams), 855-364-7297

4/11: She came to our house, but also has group classes. She's great with follow-up.

[Capital Dog Training](#), 202-587-K9K9(5959)

5/12:

**Cockrell, George** ([Companions Dog Training](#)), 240-793-5787; 202-409-3727 (c)

7/14: Our rescue group (Lizzie's Lodge) highly recommends him.

**Fowler, Jane** ([Good Dog, Good Manners](#)), Indian Spring resident

5/12: Always professional, but collegial and friendly, and a fount of pet knowledge.

5/12: We had wonderful help taming our furry ball of energy from Jane, a local dog trainer

[Pawfect Pups](#) (Shera Beck)

2/13: Shera is amazing. They make house calls and will work around your schedule.

## Doors (front/storm doors)

[American Home Center](#), 10778 Tucker St., Beltsville, 301-220-1144

10/10: We've used them three times and been more than pleased with work and prices.

[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.

[Daniels Aluminum](#) (Loy Kline), 301-370-1945 (cell); 301-353-1465

9/14: We've used them for replacement parts for our storm doors.

[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.

[Lamar & Wallace](#), Landover

11/12: Made our front door and are making doors for our client controlled storage.

[Wheaton Door & Window](#), 11258 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-949-8951

6/15: We purchased three storm doors here. Great doors and quality installation.

3/08: Storm door installation. Informative, professional, friendly, beautiful work.

3/07: multiple recommendations

## Drainage & Grading

**Archer Contractors**, Potomac, 301-983-1111

8/09: For our water problems, including drainage, they have been very successful.

## Drivers Education

### AAA

4/08: They were OK, but "I Drive Smart" was better.

### AB Discount **DO NOT USE**

4/08: Not very effective at teaching children to be good drivers

[Greg's Driving School](#), 301-990-0229

5/14: Same program as I Drive Smart but a lot cheaper. We were happy with them.

3/14: Instructors are also active police officers, but price is cheaper than I Drive Smart

3/13: Not much difference in instruction, just in price.

3/13: Much cheaper than I Drive Smart, and both are run by police.

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[I Drive Smart](#), 240-464-4046

3/14: If you get a group of students together, they will hold class at a location near you.

3/14: Not inexpensive, but well done and well worth it. On-road teachers are all police.

3/13: If you band together with other parents, they will at a convenient location.

3:13: Very professional outfit.

3/13: My daughter did it through Blair. Not inexpensive, but very well done and worth it.

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[Montgomery College](#), 240-683-2589

4/08: (no specific comment)

[Potomac Driving School](#), 301-984-6062



4/08: Similar to I Drive Smart but less expensive

## Dry Cleaners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Drywall

**Arevalo, David**, 301-379-2430

6/14: FANTASTIC and extremely well priced (and timely in replying).

**Cipriano, Alex**, [acipriano7717@yahoo.com](mailto:acipriano7717@yahoo.com), 240-855-9255

1/14: We're really pleased with his professionalism, punctuality, and the work.

**Usury, Larry**, 240-416-7815

3/08: The best at drywall.

## Duct & Vent Cleaners

**Note: many listserv messages questioned the "dubious value" of duct cleaning**

**A&M Select Services**, 301-262-7773

3/10: So thorough that I now realize I was ripped off 5 yrs ago with another company.

3/10: Did a great job. \$350.

**AmeriClean Services**, Berwyn, MD, 301-953-2420

9/03: They also clean upholstery and carpets

**B&B AC & Heating**, 301-881-2700

(unknown date): Expensive

**Kensington Cooling & Heating**, 301-564-6565

9/03: recommended by real estate broker and others

**Normandy Duct Cleaning**, Rockville, 301-294-1700

9/03: recommended by home inspector

**Proclean Environmental** **DO NOT USE**

9/03: While cleaning 1 duct, they didn't cover the others. Dust blew all over.

**Quality Air Solutions**, 301-388-3919

7/16: [Rec for routine dryer duct cleaning.] They also replace & relocate dryer vents.

**Sensa Air, HVAC**, 9505 Worth Ave., Silver Spring, 202-437-4323

3/04: Really good.

## Electricians

**Adams, John**, 301-439-2459

6/06: Did an awesome job rewiring our bathroom

8/05: Consumers Checkbook top-rated for both quality and price

[Arnold Electric](#), 301-871-8787

10/09: I found him expensive.

2/08: Arnie Hoffman is in great demand, ... the wait can be long

**A.S. Keach Electrical**, (Allen Keach) Silver Spring, 301-681-6509 (h); 301-518-8738 (c)

7/10: He has installed fans, upgraded wiring, etc., for us.

7/10: He did a heavy-up and other work for us. He is very sharp-eyed and helpful.

9/09: He installed ceiling fans without attic rewiring, and lines to my video room.

**Crowder, Colin**, 301-252-2988

2/10: He's busy, but he does quality work and his rates are very reasonable.

[Dalton Electric](#), Burtonsville, 301-236-0429

1/08: Knowledgeable, reasonable. Did only what was necessary.

9/08: Warning - Be sure to get an up-front estimate, or cost might be excessive.

**Dave, Fred**, 240-381-8496

6/05: Knowledgeable, does great work, has affordable rates. Licensed.

**Dilly, Dave**, 301-681-3655

7/14: He is reliable, experienced, and reasonably priced.

12/13: Dave has done a lot of work at our house. He's very good and reliable.

**Discount Electric** (Tony or Paul Navalaney, 301-464-1776; 240-876-4323

11/03: We were pleased with their work. Both are great guys

**Electracon (DO NOT USE)**

11/12: VERY expensive, slow, shoddy work. The cut brass switch plates to make them fit.

**Gotlinger, Grant**; [Got Electric](#), 301-515-8676 [You won't necessarily get Grant]

7/14: We really liked Got Electric.

11/12: Fast, responsive, professional, reasonable.

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**Gray, Cory**, 240-876-4651 (cell)

8/17: Worked for Mr. Kirby, is developing his own biz. Charges very reasonable prices.

**Hinkle, Gordon** ([Contract Electric](#)), 301-253-0338

2/16: They installed several ceiling fans and outdoor motion sensor lights.

**Hughes, Rob**, 301-585-0540

11/03: Excellent work, ultra reliable

[Hyman Electric](#)

3/15: We had a lot of work done by them. Great work, and the electricians are courteous.

[JKJ Electric](#), Rockville, 301-315-0426

10/09: We love JKJ Electric, though they are not cheap.

**Johnson, Doug**, 240-315-5282

12/13: He is very busy. His work is excellent, his attitude great, and his prices are low.

**Kennedy, Marcus**, [mkpreferredservices@yahoo.com](mailto:mkpreferredservices@yahoo.com), 301-728-8910

2/12: He did extensive wiring for renovations. Good work, on time, reasonable rates.

[Kirby Electric](#), 301-315-2195 [**CLOSED - Mr. Kirby died**]

[**Echo Electric takes calls from this phone # & gives referral fees to Mrs. Kirby.**]

**Lucchesi, Frank**, 301-384-3517

11/03: Reasonable and does a nice job

**McClurkin, Ken**, 301-593-1014

11/03: He's installed recessed lights.

**Mollenauer, Jim**, [homewoodelectric@verizon.net](mailto:homewoodelectric@verizon.net)

11/12: I highly recommend his services.

**Palmer, Stephen**, 301-493-9700

6/12: (Recommended for a small outdoor electric job.)

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**Ridgeway and Ernst**, 301-585-2000

11/03: Work was good. Took a few weeks for non-emergency items

**Schafer, Norm**, 301-439-6041

11/03: Used on several occasions. Always been pleased.

[Silco Electric](#), 301-466-1128

8/13: Adam Silverman is fantastic, reasonable, neat, and on time.

**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.

7/14: (2 recs) Great to work with, fair pricing, and very thorough and tidy with his work.

11/12: He is delightful, meticulous in his work, knowledgeable, and not expensive.

3/11: He's been our electrician for years. He identified a few safety issues for us.

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**Truby, Josh**, 301-728-9588 (HE GETS BOOKED UP)

5/11: A great job on a bunch of projects. Reasonable pricing. Patient explaining.

[Trunnell Electric](#), Rockville, 301-258-8300

2/08: Mid-priced. If you don't need something done, they tell you

**Williams, David** ([David Williams Electric Co.](#)), 410-781-4357

7/10: He recently replaced our attic fan. Excellent rating from Washington Checkbook.

**YC Electric (Yi Chang)**, 240-645-6760 (c), [yielectrical929@gmail.com](mailto:yielectrical929@gmail.com)

12/17: Yi installed an attic fan replacement in our attic and did an outstanding job.

8/17: He does quality work & is open to discussing time/money saving alternatives.

8/17: He did a heavy-up for us. MoCo inspector said it was the nicest wiring he'd seen.

4/17: He's done great work for us. Text is usually the best way to reach him.

12/16: Yi Chang installed an attic fan for us and did a splendid job.

12/16: He did work for me and for a neighbor and we were both very pleased.

6/16: A gem who put in 8 canister lights on dimmers. No mess, great price.

2/16: He is in demand but made time to squeeze us in. Efficient and delivers good quality.

2/16: I tried to get on his calendar but he didn't seem interested in my business.

2/16: I used him to install an attic fan and he was fabulous and reasonable.

12/15: Prices were fair, quality of work excellent, and personal customer service great.

5/15: They did a heavy-up and wired some additional outlets. Great technical skills.

12/14: Highly talented, smart, efficient, reliable, very very nice and patient.

## Electronics Repair (see also Camera/Video Repair)

**Danco Electronic Service**, 929 Gist Ave., SS, 301-585-8844, [dmeijer@hotmail.com](mailto:dmeijer@hotmail.com)

2/12: Try him for headphone repair. (Shop is only open to public on Saturdays, 10-2:00)

7/11: Dan may be able to fix your video camera. Strauss is far more expensive.

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**Wired for Music** (Morris, Willard), [wiredformusic@gmail.com](mailto:wiredformusic@gmail.com), 301-538-6284

2/13: Repaired high-end Beats headphones, for two problems. Quick, reasonably priced.

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**Restronic, DO NOT USE**

11/12: Cashed the insurance check then lost, destroyed, or sold our electronics.

## Energy Auditors

[Ecobeco](#), 240-396-2141

1/13: Thorough and professional. They didn't push any services.

12/12: We were very pleased. We probably received \$200 in light bulbs.

12/12: They replaced light bulbs and faucet aerators, gave advice on insulation.

[Energy Efficiency Experts](#), 202-557-9200

1/13: Many helpful recommendations (large and small) to reduce our energy bill.

## Exterminators (see Pest Control)

## Eye Doctors – Opth(almology), Optom(etry), Opt(ics)

**Allen, Shannen** (Opth) ([The Eye Center](#)), 2 Rockville locations

2/16: Very good.

**Baum, Michael** (Opth) ([MD Eye](#)), 2101 Medical Park Dr., SS, 301-681-6600

2/16: [Recommended for eye exams]

**Duplessie, Michael** (Opth), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-493-6404

**Recommendation retracted**

**Friedman, Henry** (Opth, Optom), 6509 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, 301-897-5210

8/13:

[Glaser, Stephen](#) (pediatric opth), 15235 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville, 301-330-1366

2/09: I highly recommend Dr. Glaser

[Glasser, Stephen](#) (Optom), 1050 17th St. NW, Washington DC, 202-223-3530

8/13: I've been seeing him for over 20 years, and I have eyes with issues.

**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

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

2/16: [No specific comment]

8/13: [No specific comment]

[Hillandale Opticians](#) (Opt), 1730 Elton Rd., Silver Spring (**CLOSED**)

**Huang, Harry** (Opth), 5630 Shields Dr., Bethesda, 301-897-3322

8/10: He is excellent.

[iglasses @ Four Corners](#), (Opt.), 10101 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-754-0101 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

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).

[Jaafar, Mohamad](#) @ Children's Hospital (pediatric opth.)

2/09: My daughter had eye surgery with Dr. Jaafar. I highly recommend him.

[Keys, Marshall](#) (pediatric ophth.), 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, 301-231-7070

2/09: I can't say enough about him. I'm convinced he saved my daughter's sight.

2/09: I highly recommend him. He's low-key and gentle.

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.

[Lewis, Nancy](#) (Optom), 9215 Colesville Rd., SS. 301-589-7472

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

8/13: [Several recs.] We've gone to her for years.

[Miller, Marijean](#) (Ophth) @ Children's Hospital

2/09: I highly recommend her.

[My Eye Doctor](#) (Optic), 8525 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-3232

9/09: I now have the best glasses I have had in years.

8/11: Getting prescription sunglasses there a couple of years ago was a nightmare.

8/11: We've used them a couple times. Friendly and helpful, but expensive.

[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.

8/13: We've been happy with Dr. Nicholson.

[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.

[Plotsky, David](#) (pediatric ophth.), 6410 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, 301-530-6699

2/09: He was recommended by an expert at NIH. He's great.

[Rodman-Englestein](#) (Ophth), 8630 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-588-1177

11/11: Excellent. Be prepared for a long wait, but the doctors and staff are all top-notch.

11/11: I second this recommendation. Their optical shop is a little pricey, though.

**Rogell, Gerald** (Ophth. – retina specialist), 1119 Rockville Pike, Rockville, 301-468-1381

10/11: I developed two huge floaters and he was very thorough – saw him about 5 times

**Schneid, Steve** (Optom.), 6919 Laurel Ave, Takoma Park, 301-270-2020

8/13: Very good.

[Vicente, Vike](#) (pediatric Ophth.), Chevy Chase

2/09: He operated on our daughter's eyes. Great with kids and knows his stuff.

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

6/16: A very good experience.

[Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons](#), 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-657-5700

[Note: Silver Spring location, too.]

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

2/16: [No specific comment]

8/13: [No specific comment]

**Weitz, Michael** (My Eye Dr.) (Optom), 7254 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-718-2424

5/11: He is good. Although I can't remember the last time I saw a bad optometrist.

[Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins](#)

2/09: (for pediatric ophth.) They are the best in the world. A positive experience.

**Vu, Cuong** (Ophth. – retina specialist), 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-565-1651

10/11: A terrific retina specialist. (He speaks perfect English.)

**Vu, Quocanh** (My Eye Dr.), 8525 Georgia Ave., SS., 301-588-3232

8/13: Young, smart, thorough.

8/11: Dr. Vu was nice and competent, but store staff was not pleasant to work with.

5/11: He was nice, and I'm happy with my glasses, but my eyes aren't complicated.

## Fences

[Accokeek Fence](#) (Mike Tippet), Alexandria, 703-971-0660

5/05: They are very busy, but I found their price the most reasonable

[Calco Fence and Deck](#), 301-349-5540

12/12: We used them with success, as did two of our neighbors.

10/12: We were very pleased with the wood fence. Bid was lower than Capital Fence.

[Clinton Fence](#), Waldorf, MD

5/05: Cheaper than Long Fence, and ask about winter rates

[Hercules Fence](#), College Park. 301-441-1600

5/08: Great job removing old fence, clearing fence line, installing new fence.

[Long Fence](#), 844-334-3419

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

[McGee Fence](#), 888-537-3751

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

[Mid Atlantic Deck and Fence](#) (Frank Gibson), 800-833-9310

5/05: Less expensive than Long Fence and Potomac.

[Phoenix Fence and Deck](#), Gaithersburg, 240-832-2641

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

12/12: I like them because they get in and out quickly.

## Financial Advisers / Planners

[Farina, John](#) (Merrill Lynch), 1152 15th St., NW, Washington DC, 202-659-7222

10/10: I've been happy with him for several years.

[Ferguson Johnson Wealth Management](#), 51 Monroe St., Rockville, 301-670-0994

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

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

[Galster, George \(Geoff\)](#), former ISCA resident, 1730 Rhode Island Ave, DC, 202-223-3450

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

10/10: We've been very happy with him. He listens to the client and is very responsive.

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## 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.

[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.

## Floors, including Refinishing (Hard wood, unless noted)

[AG Floors](#), Rockville, 301-984-7469

10/03: They did a great job

**A&L Floors**, 301-948-5918

9/05: Did a good job on our floors. We didn't compare prices  
10/03: They did a very nice job. Price was high side of reasonable

**Angel Floors**, 301-942-6435

2/14: They installed new floors for us, were very prompt and clear with pricing.  
12/13: They installed a new floor in our living room. They were super fast.

[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.  
11/12: Wonderful.

**Brioso, Efrain**, 301-587-6721; 301-941-9628

10/03: Highly recommend him for refinishing, installation, stair repairs

**Caldwell, Theo**, 301-335-7730

3/13: We were happy with his work and price. Used water-based finisher.

[Conspicuous Cleaning](#) (Joe Fugere), 240-472-9719

7/14: I'll second the recommendation for Joe. He is a very nice guy, to boot.  
7/14: Joe did a fantastic job with a floor that had been covered in carpet for years.

[DC Floors](#)

9/05: We have been very pleased with the results

**Escobar, Alberto**, 240-375-7931

9/05: We had a great experience  
10/03: The work was fabulous

**Fugere, Joe (Conspicuous Cleaning)**, [123joeclean@comcast.net](mailto:123joeclean@comcast.net), 240-472-9714

3/13: He refinished an upstairs bedroom, was prompt & professional. Gave a good price.  
1/13: He refinished one room and applied new polyurethane to the rest of the floors.

**Global Hardwood Floors** (Castor Estrada); 301-455-7290

2/14: He has refinished floors twice for us. He also installs hardwoods. An excellent job.

**Gross, Ricardo**, 240-876-8777

3/16: Really good and honest.

[Hawkins Floor Co.](#), Gaithersburg, 301-948-5520

12/13: We used them in 2012 and were happy with their work.

**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.

[Jerry Stull's Floors](#), Frederick, 301-662-7745

9/05: Does beautiful work

[Nash Floors](#), Rockville, 301-881-0004 or 301-637-8672

10/03: They were very good.

[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.

[Randolph Floors](#), Rockville, 301-881-4945

10/03: Great job at a reasonable price. Even reduced the stair squeakiness

**Rivas, Nelson**, 301-466-3063

3/16: His costs are reasonable, and he will work around your schedule.  
2/14: He refinished and installed beautiful wood floors for us at a reasonable price.

**RV Hardwood Floors**, 13023 Mill House Ct., Germantown, 240-848-2869 (cell)

12/13: I have seen these guys do some first class work for little money.



**Sams, Marvin**, 240-460-0262; 301-588-1955

4/16: He does, or did, great work.

1/15: Consider him for flooring work. He lives in the neighborhood on Wire Ave.

7/14: He [refinished my wood floors] 5 years ago and they still look fine.

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[Select Floors](#), Rockville, 301-762-5100

4/11: The wood floors look beautiful and you can't tell where the old and new wood meet.

**Stand by Flooring**, 301-570-4443

7/14: They did a great job [refinishing floors].

**Theo, Caldwell**, 301-335-7730

12/11: Our floors look great. Our realtor recommended him.

[Vanover's Hardwood Floor Works](#),

8/10: We were very pleased with the finished product.

## Framing

[Art Galaxy](#) (ask for Sung Han), 19725-C Germantown Rd., Germantown

8/09: Nicely priced and high-quality work. Very much worth the drive.

[Chesapeake Framing](#), 10507 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 301-942-0485

12/16: We liked the matting and framing work.

[Frame Avenue](#), 4919 Cordell Ave., Bethesda

6/06: Excellent. It can be a little expensive, but it is worth it.

[framebridge.com](#),

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.

1/11: Small business. Great work!

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.

**Mehran, Ute** ([utemehran@verizon.net](mailto:utemehran@verizon.net)), Woodmoor, 301-593-1577

9/12: She has a home-based framing studio. Her work is impeccable.

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[Miller's Framing](#), 2417 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, 301-593-4930 **NEW ADDRESS**

5/09: They do excellent work, and offer a discount if you pay by cash/check.

6/06: I've always been pleased

[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.

6/06: Expensive

## Furniture Maker

**Josh English Furniture**, Silver Spring, 301-332-9201

5/10: Carpenter and cabinet maker. He has pictures of some of his work.

## Furniture Repairs/Refinishing (See also Upholstery)

[Ballens Furniture Service](#), Beltsville, 301-931-0004

5/16: Family owned and operated, they do fantastic work.

1/16: Reasonable & passionate about furniture. They will pick up & insist on delivering.

7/12: What they do with damaged furniture is amazing! Done work for the Smithsonian.

**Fort, Arthur**, 240-305-0948

4/08: Very Good. Teaches woodworking, has done hand-made furniture.

**Laigle, Pascal**, 301-593-7654, 301-509-5103

3/14: Good work at a fair price. He was a pleasure to deal with.

**Plotnick Design & Construction**, 301-593-6633

3/14: Fred Plotnick is a gifted carpenter and artist. Very fair on price.

**Robert Johnson Cabinet Makers**, 301-625-5744

7/11: Created a new wooden supporting crossbar to match the table's remaining original

7/11: His work was okay on repairing a dining room table and chairs.

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## Garage Doors

[495 Garage Door](#),

5/17: Fixed my old door so the runners don't go off track. Promptly and professional.

[Clozermatic Door](#), Rockville, 301-942-0096

5/08: A good experience. Repaired a damaged cable for a very reasonable price.

[Home Depot](#)

4/10: I used Hope Depot Home Services and was pleased with the whole process.

**The Garage Guys DO NOT USE**

3/08: Missed appointments, refused to honor coupon. 1 guy smelled of alcohol

## Genealogical Research

**Library of Congress**, history and genealogy reading room

[Montgomery County Public Libraries: Genealogy](#)

**Mormon Temple**

[National Archives](#)

## Generator Installers

[JBI Services](#), 301-399-0022

1/13: They installed a natural gas unit; most reasonable quote, excellent work.

1/13: A great experience. Ian was fantastic; good recommendations, excellent work.

## 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.

**Banner Glass [OUT OF BUSINESS]**

[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.

[Miles Glass](#), 8714 Piney Branch Rd., SS, (OUT OF BUSINESS)

## Gutter Cleaning (see also Gutter Replacement, next)

**Arevalo, David**, 301-379-2430

6/14: He came with his son and did a really great job, at a fair price.

**Mr. Castro**, 240-882-2306 and 301-434-0471

4/17: We've used him for yrs, gutter cleaning & similar tasks. Reasonable & dependable.

**Cordonas, Carlos**, 240-423-9800

11/15: He does our gutters.

12/14: He does a good job.

4/14: He is good, reliable, and reasonable.

**Hanson, Paul**, 301-552-4438 240-423-9612 (c)

4/14: (3 recs) He's cleaned our gutters for years. A nice guy and always does a great job.

8/10: Reliable, thorough, and reasonably priced. He made a minor repair at no charge.

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**Lewis, Gordon**, 301-853-2446, 301-894-1015

11/15: Washes windows and cleans gutters. Very responsive and does a good job.

**Miller, Thomas**, [jeaddym@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaddym@yahoo.com), 301-512-1944 or 301-233-9494

10/12: I used him for a pre-storm put-away and he was wonderful.

10/12: Certified fire fighter who is particularly good at cleaning gutters and related work.

**Quinn, Joe (Quinn's Painting)**, 301-431-4282

1/10: Licensed; has done lots of work for my folks. Gutter cleaning, power washing, more

**Williamson, Jim**, 301-593-0973

12/14: We have used him for many many years.

4/14: We've been using him for over 15 years. Very responsive. Lives nearby.

3/12: Reliable, conscientious, reasonable charges. He will alert you to roof problems.

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[Winston's Gutter Service](#), 301-986-1804

7/15: They've done a good job [cleaning gutters].

## Gutter Replacement (including Gutter Covers)

**Note: One neighbor wrote, "We don't have gutter guards and get our gutters cleaned periodically by Armstrong Tree and Gutter. More than once the cleaning guy has found issues like soft spots in the roof or flashing that needed attention - most recently he pointed out that our fascia needed fixing. If we had a gutter guard such problems may have gone unnoticed until they caused a real issue."**

[Aerotech](#),

2/15: Our 6-inch gutters easily handle hard rains without guards/screens/covers.

[Armstrong Tree & Gutter](#), Rockville (for replacing gutters), 301-251-3767

8/10: They replaced all our gutters 7 years ago. Good job at a competitive price.

7/04: Made recommendations to improve flow of water away from house

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[egutter.com](#)

11/06: I ordered gutter guards and then installed them. They have worked well.

**Frank's Gutter & Roofing**, 301-261-4674

2/14: Reliable, affordable, quick, and conscientious. New installation & repairs for us.

[Gutter Helmet](#), 888-543-5638

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

12/09: We had Gutter Helmet installed 6 years ago and have had excellent results.

6/05: The covers have worked beautifully

[Marshall's Roofing & Guttering](#), 301-946-4545

1/15: They installed extra-wide continuous gutters 5 yrs ago. Very reasonable and neat.

8/10: Excellent experience. They replaced our entire roof, plus extra-wide gutters.

8/10: They installed the wider gutters. Did a wonderful job, very honest.

[Mid-Atlantic Gutters and Exteriors](#), 410-374-3331

1/15: We used them for new gutters and fascia. We liked the K-Guard system they sell.

1/15: Great gutters with gutter guards and lifetime guarantee. Fair, honest, reliable.

2/14: K Guard Gutters, roofing, waterproofing, exterior doors. Great job, fairly priced.

[NGC Exterior Design](#) **DO NOT USE**

4/10: Hired to install Guttergloves. Product is fine. Everything else (billing) was horrible.

[Thompson Creek Window Co.](#),

2/15: We love their Gutter Shutter system, but say "no" to their initial hard sell.

2/15: We had our system installed in 2004. Yet to have any problems with them.

[Winston Gutter Service](#),

1/15: Always reliable. May not be the cheapest but they've always done good work for us.

## Hair Stylists / Hair Cuts / Barbers

**Akara @ Hair Cuttery** (Glenmont), 12345 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-946-9570

1/11: I always get compliments on my hair, and I pay only \$16.

**Arcade Barber Shop**, Woodmoor Shopping Center, 301-593-1425

7/15: My understanding is the former owners. I've gotten one cut there since. It was okay.

8/13: I've been going there for decades. A basic cut will run \$15 (**for men**).

7/11: Guadalupe gave me a great cut. She doesn't do anything fancy, like coloring.

7/11: Guadalupe gave me a great haircut for my short, unruly hair. Wow!

5/11: Guadalupe gave me a wonderful (very short) cut. Only \$14.

4/11: Guadalupe cut my 2-year-old daughter's hair. It looks fantastic, and cost only \$13.

4/11: My son has a lot of trouble sitting, but the lady there has been successful with him.

4/11: We've taken our son there for years. They're nice and calm.

[Bang Salon](#), 1519 15th St., NW, 202-588-5555

5/14: (2 recs) I've been using Jaime Lee. She's great with curly hair.

[Kibana Salon](#), 921 Ellsworth, SS, 301-588-8858

1/11: Damien is well worth the \$65 + tip. He didn't do anything I couldn't replicate.

1/11: Ramon is amazing. He's both a stylist and colorist. My daughter loves him too.

**Dianna** (owner [Headlines Hair Design](#)), 8740 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5040

10/09: Did a great job for almost a year, then butchered my hair. I won't go back.

4/08: She is the best. Prides herself on craftsmanship, skill, and customer service.

**Family Hairstyling Barber with Rose & Tony**, 215 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-593-8059

7/15: Great people and great hair cut.

4/15: I've received two very good cuts from Rose, who spends time making sure it's right.

**Genie @ [Genie Hair Salon](#)**, 804 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring, 301-495-9474

3/09: My 3-year old and I love Genie. Nothing fancy, but very good. \$14 for kids.

**George's Barber Shop**, 532 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-681-1576

6/16: See Donna. Don't think they take appts, but you can call & ask how busy she is.

6/16: After a couple cuts, I like the results. But they can get very busy, I hear.

6/16: Many men in the 'hood (including me) use George's and have been very pleased.

7/15: My husband has been going there for years even after change of ownership.

4/15: [No specific comment other than saying "It's been years since George owned it.]

**Greene, Didi ([Lux Studios](#))**, 4711 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, 301-907-6810

5/14: She was cited in Washingtonian. Specializes in wavy/curly hair.

**Jade @ Hair Cuttery (Kensington)**, 3731 University Blvd. W., Kensington, 301-942-9748

1/14: I love the cuts she gives me, and it's hard to beat the price.

10/10: Jade is the manager, gives a mean cut and is a master with color.

**Monterastelli, Patrizia**, [p.monterastelli@verizon.net](mailto:p.monterastelli@verizon.net), 301-572-5270

8/12: She cuts, colors, highlights, you name it.

1/11: She works in her home. She is very good and her prices are reasonable.

**Raphael's Barbering**, 8722 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-589-8383

6/15: Jalal is a barber there and gives excellent shaves with a disposable straight razor.

6/15: Quality cuts at great prices. Go on the weekend - less crowded and free parking.

11/13: Good **men's** haircut place. Was crowded, but I waited only 15 minutes.

**[Salon EFX](#)**, 1610 Eton Rd. (Hillandale), 301-408-1188

11/13: Tina cuts my hair as well as my 18-year-old son's.

11/13: Tina is an artist with hair.

1/11: Tina is a real perfectionist, and the cut is only \$37.

1/11: Thomas has been cutting my family's hair (all hair types) for years. He's fabulous.

1/11: My son has been going to Tom and swears by him.

1/11: I really like Tom. I think he charges less than \$50 for a cut.

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

10/15: Just got a haircut & style from Sarina. Great job! Great personality! Easy parking.

6/15: She will discuss what you want, style it, help you pick a style. She can do coloring.

5/15: I highly recommend Sarina!

5/15: Used to be at Salon EFX, now working out of her home, near the Giant on Arliss.

**[The Suite Barber Shop](#)**, 629 Sligo Ave., SS, 301-325-3575

6/16: [Rec for men. No specific comment given - just an exclamation point]

## Handymen (see also Carpenters or Contractors/Remodelers)

**[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-Arevalo, Rigo**, 240-464-6851

6/12: We saw him lay a beautiful slate walkway. Does tiling, remodeling, new windows.

**Arevalo, David** (multiple recommendations), 301-379-2430 **[MIXED REVIEWS]**

11/16: Bad experience. Incomplete work, rudeness, charging for correcting his work.  
10/16: He's done lots for us - painting, yard work, carpeting. Everything is perfect.  
10/16: Hung an interior door (in one afternoon) so it opens all the way to the wall.  
10/14: He did a super fast & super great [drywall] job on our basement after it flooded.  
7/14: (Recommended to clean and stain/seal a deck.)  
7/14: (2 recs) He can give advice on different ways to update/build things.  
4/14: Landscaping job was creative and meticulous. He's also done flooring.  
2/14: House repairs, painting, flooring, etc. Arrives on time and does great work.  
4/13: He can do just about anything.

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**Arias, Sergio**, 301-675-6583

6/09: He is extremely competent and reliable, reasonable and prompt.

**Carino, Jose**, 301-793-1566

10/16: He is awesome!  
6/16: An outstanding carpenter. He installed French doors & chair rails in our dining room.  
6/16: You name it, he does it. He's cleaning our gutters and doing some caulking.  
5/15: The best! He's repaired, constructed & improved nearly every aspect of my house.  
12/14: Has done several jobs for us. His carpentry is outstanding.  
12/14: Did a great job replacing our missing siding & has done many other things for us.  
5/13: He just built a deck for us and did a fabulous job.  
4/13: I just had him work on a couple of things. Excellent job. Quote was reasonable.

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**Davis, Ranny**, 301-938-1108

2/11: Great jobs (including electrical), extremely honest, reasonable rates.

**Dimeglio, Paul**, 301-562-8091 (h); 240-676-4858 (c)

7/13: An excellent handyman with a wealth of knowledge and experience in everything.

**Galdamez, Mauricio**; JMG Remodeling, (c) 301-996-3231; 301-929-8096

2/07: Neat, very knowledgeable, and reasonable

**Hartness, Mike**, 301-219-9715

5/13: **NO LONGER WORKING AS A HANDYMAN**

[HomeNET](#), 301-890-7308

7/10: They have done some very good work for us.

**Howard, Sted** (Stedman), **NO LONGER WORKING IN THIS AREA**

**Hunter, Eli**, 240-603-1208

2/11: We've used him for several handyman jobs. He has his contractor's license.

**Lazarte, Ramiro (Rudy)**, 301-379-5660

8/13: Carpentry is his specialty. Prompt, reasonable prices, and he's a perfectionist.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net), 240-461-5388

5/17: On time & on budget. Excellent work. Painting, replacing screens, stone work.  
5/17: Helped us update our kitchen & basement bathroom. Professional & courteous.  
6/15: He installed a closet in our master bedroom. I love it.  
6/15: After a Home Depot storm door installation failed, Tom did it right.  
12/14: [Recommended for basement remodeling]  
4/14: He is always prompt, courteous, reliable, professional and enjoyable to work with.  
4/14: He tiled the floor in our basement. He does great work and is very pleasant.  
1/14: He's done many repairs for us and he's now preparing our house for sale.

1/14: I've used him for a variety of home repairs. He responds quickly in an emergency.

11/12: (2 recs) He helped us find a door that fit the style of our house.

9/12: We had him refit and repair our basement door. Fantastic job; reasonable price.

6/12: (3 recs) I don't think there's much he can't do. His work has been first class.

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**Marcos**, 301-204-5246 (doesn't speak English but his wife does)

5/13: He did a great job cleaning up and trimming. Has experience in construction, too.

5/13: Does gardening, painting, repairs. He is VERY hardworking.

**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.

11/12: He's done some small projects, and we were pleased with his work and prices.

**Pazornick, David**, 202-291-8181

4/07: Done many projects around our house. Good job, honest, reliable

8/05: Lives close by, does work in Indian Spring

**Ramos, Omar**, 301-793-5974

6/08: Recommended for painting, repairs, odd jobs, and more.

**Rosales, Tito**, 301-891-1395

6/08: Carpentry, drywall, painting. Roof, gutter, door/window repair. Good prices

**Solomon, Jesse**; Indian Spring resident, 301-748-6863

2/08: Quite good. Roof repair. Plumbing, tiling, & more for kitchen remodel

**Thomas, Rickey**, 301-633-2999; 240-221-3016

11/07: Has experience with many kinds of home improvement projects.

**Thompson, Eric**, 301-440-0149

7/15: He is unbelievable!

5/15: He is terrific.

5/15: We used him several months ago and he did a great job for us too.

5/15: Just did some odds & ends for us; all turned out well. Prices are very reasonable.

12/14: Did some caulking, grout repair, & repaired a damaged wall. All was perfect.

**Touekuet, Jean Claud**, 240-481-3939

8/05: Some construction, cleaning, yard work. Prompt, hardworking

**Vigil, Joseph**, 240-413-3392

8/05: Some construction, cleaning, yard work. Very able.

## Hauling Services

[Eco City Junk](#), 301-963-4326

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)

3/15: They were punctual and reasonably priced.

2/14: I was pleased with their performance.

2/14: He did a great job.

10/11: We called this AM and they came today. Reasonable price. Quick and clean.

**Tim's Hauling Service**, 240-994-9824

3/15: We like him.

2/14: I was happy with his service.

5/12: Highly recommended.

10/11: His rates are very fair and he is very honest. I would highly recommend him.



## Health & Beauty Consultants

[Anne Morris](#), Arbonne consultation and sales

3/08: Knowledgeable and professional, and her service is excellent.

## Health Clinics (see Physicians - After-Hours Care)

## Heating/AC/Furnace (see also Generator Installers)

[Academy Heating and AC](#), 301-770-3100

4/14: We have annual maintenance agreement with them – 2 inspections, labor & parts.

**Aero Environmental**, 301-621-4827; 410-531-8686; 301-806-2665

6/12: We've used Dennis for more than 20 years and he is fantastic.

6/12: Very good, from response time to quality service. Honest. Reasonable charges

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**Airways Unlimited -- DO NOT USE**

[American Residential Service](#)

6/05: We've used them for AC service and maintenance with good results

[BGE Home](#), 410-869-6086

8/08: Recommend Larry Kinsey

[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)

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

11/17: Repair [on Sat. a.m.] was inexpensive. Only \$135 of which 105 was the initial call.

8/13: Technicians were friendly and professional

1/08: (multiple recs) Furnace repair. They found the problem, fixed it promptly.

[Davis & Davis](#), 301-942-7210

11/17: We've used them a few times in the past year & they've been great. Reasonable.

11/17: Excellent.

6/17: [2 recs - no specific comment given]

10/16: Excellent.

8/16: I've used them for many years both at work & at home and have been very pleased.

8/16: We've used them for many years and been very pleased.

6/16: Fast, one-day install, great clean up. Trouble-free equipment. Get written proposals

6/15: We have used for years and highly recommend.

4/14: Technician arrived within 20 minutes of my call, was friendly and knowledgeable.

1/14: Have used them for years and been very pleased with their work.

1/14: They have been prompt, friendly, and inexpensive.

\*\*\*\*\* [Many recommendations back to 2003]

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

6/16: [for new furnace/AC]

**Fisher Heating & Air Conditioning**, Rockville, 301-251-0200

8/08: They show up on time, do quality work and clean up. Comparable prices.

1/08: We've had really good experiences. They never tried to over-sell.

10/03: Reasonable

**Howard Heating & Cooling**, Beltsville, 301-277-3818

6/17: Regular maint. cuts down on surprises & puts you on top of their list during outages.

10/16: We have used them for years.

6/15: Reasonable and all around nice to work with.

**Hubrig Heating & Cooling (Brian Quillin)**, 301-570-7707, 301-233-0307

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: [multiple recs]

6/17: Honest to a fault. He tried everything to get/keep my old unit running.

6/17: Prompt, courteous, and high integrity. They won't try to sell you.

5/17: Got our old system thru the summer, then helped us select & finance a new one.

5/17: They salvaged our old system & didn't try to sell us a new one.

12/16: [2 recs] Honest, does not try to up sell, and reasonably priced.

9/16: He recommended & installed a Mitsubishi for our 2d floor. It helps the entire level.

9/16: He installed a Mitsubishi wall unit in our addition.

8/16: [5 recs] Great work, great service and fair prices. Can't speak highly enough.

7/16: Our A/C went out on Sat morn. Hubrig was here by 2:00. Fixed in about half hour.

6/15: Can't say enough great things about Hubrig!

6/15: We were impressed by their honesty with respect to the condition of our system.

6/15: I highly recommend. This is a very small firm with great personal attention.

7/14: They were even less expensive and more timely than I anticipated. A+

1/14: (2 recs) They are honest, prompt, reliable, and competitively priced.

8/13: Responsive, very professional, very polite. Did great work and for a great price.

6/12: Call Brian Quillin for emergency AC repair. I found him fair and professional.

\*\*\*\* [Many recommendations going back to 2011]

**Kensington Cooling & Heating**, 301-564-6565

7/05: Recently increased their yearly service contract from \$240 to \$595

8/03: Very friendly, helpful with info

**Mindte Heating & AC**, 301-424-8786

3/10: Excellent work to install new furnace/AC. I selected their estimate out of five.

**Rod Miller Heating & AC**, 301-587-1517

10/16: Long-time local. I deal w/ Abraham Ajenifuji - [abraham@rodmillerhvac.com](mailto:abraham@rodmillerhvac.com)

1/08: We've used them for 20+ yrs, pleased with quality, scheduling, cost.

**Sickler Service (Kevin Reich)**, 301-776-7077

6/16: They replaced our central air and are very happy. I did lots of research on mfrs.

1/14: Installed our AC. We were happy with the work, the brands he offered, & the price.

**Sierra Heating & AC**, 301-681-2788

3/13: Responded quickly, got a new part and fixed the heater in a few hours. Reasonable

**Thomas E Clark Plumbing, Heating, AC**, 301-608-0550

8/08: Recommend Mike Hartman

**Tuckers Air Conditioning & Heating**, 301-670-0034

- 8/08: Recommend Ken Tucker
- 4/04: Not the cheapest or most expensive, but the service is excellent
- 4/03: We have been happy with them
- 10/01: Honest, hardworking guys. Very customer service oriented

## Home Inspectors

**Beal, Alan** ([Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services](#)), 202-607-4153

10/10: This guy was fabulous and thorough.

**HomeCheck, DO NOT USE**

10/10: They were overpriced and missed code violations and plumbing problems.

[JD Grewell & Associates](#), 301-588-1318

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

10/10: We've been satisfied. He's very thorough and been written up in the Post.

**Richardson, Kevin** ([Capital Infrared](#)),

11/15: Incredibly detail-oriented.

**Wehrli, Paul** ([PRW Home Inspections](#)), 301-792-3697

12/12: He was a builder and remodeler and does a very thorough job.

## Home Security

[Ackerman Security](#),

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

9/11: Ackerman has been very good and inexpensive.

[Guardian Protection Services](#),

4/14: Reliable, helpful, and reasonably priced.

[InterAmerican Security](#), 301-770-7117

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

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

9/11: We have used them for 10 years and have been extremely pleased.

7/10: Extremely professional. Installation costs higher, but monthly costs lower.

[Potomac Security Systems](#), 301-767-0039

9/11: We had a very positive experience with them.

## Home Warranties

[Total Protect](#),

10/13: Usually come out within a day; never argue about repairing/replacing anything.

## Horse Riding Camps

[Meadowbrook Stables](#), 8200 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase

2/15: A great place to learn.

[Trinity Horse Farm](#), 15620 Riding Stable Rd., Laurel

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

[Woodland Horse Center](#), 16301 New Hampshire Ave., SS

2/15: A great place to learn.

## Hospice Services

### [Holy Cross Health](#),

3/14: Three family members have used Holy Cross and I was happy with the services.

## Hospitals

### [Holy Cross Hospital](#), 1500 Forest Glen Rd.

6/15: My 2 kids were born at Holy Cross. No problems. No C-sections. Long time ago.

6/15: The NICU has a great reputation. Great cardiac diagnostics & care, but no surgery.

## Hotels & Accommodations (New York and elsewhere)

### **Boston**, [Best Western Roundhouse](#)

8/12: Near the subway, friendly, cheerful, clean, reasonably priced. Limited free parking.

### **New York**, [Beekman Tower](#) (Midtown East, at U.N.)

4/09: This yr we had a nice suite with small kitchen and 1-1/2 baths for \$159/night.

### **New York**, [Best Western Hospitality House](#) (Midtown East)

4/09: Former apt. bldg, each unit has kitchen. A bit worn, but good for families.

### **New York**, [Buckingham Hotel](#) (Midtown West)

4/09: Two blocks from Central Park. Affordable by NY stds. Kitchenettes avail.

### **New York**, [The Gershwin Hotel](#),

9/06: Artsy, fun, affordable

### **New York**, [Holiday Inn](#) (Midtown West, 7th Ave & 57th St.)

4/09: Older, but good location and price (\$100/night thru internet special)

### **New York**, [La Quinta Inn Manhattan](#) (Midtown West)

4/09: Tempurpedic beds, cont. bkfst, biz ctr, workout room, clean and decent.

### **New York**, [Marrakech Hotel](#) (Upper West Side)

4/09: Recommended by my travel-industry son. Not sure it's great for families.

### **New York, Paris, London, South of France**, [New York Habitat](#)

4/09: Rent apts/condos while owners are away – NY, London, Paris, South France

### **New York**, [Novotel](#), (52nd and Broadway)

9/06: Our favorite place in NYC. Generous rooms. In middle of theater district

### **New York**, [The Pod Hotel](#), (Midtown East)

4/09: Very small but modern and priced right

### **New York**, [Shelburne Murray Hill Hotel](#) (Midtown East)

4/09: Last spring break my family stayed here.

### **New York**, [Hotel Wales](#) (Upper East Side)

4/09: Might be a tad pricey but it's a nice place, quiet neighborhood.

### [rentalo.com](#)

9/06: A good resource for booking lodging.

### **World**, [HomeAway.com](#)

6/12: Whenever we travel we find our places on vrbo.com or homeaway.com.

### **World**, [Vacation Rentals by Owner \(VRBO\)](#)

6/12: Whenever we travel we find our places on vrbo.com or homeaway.com.

## Housekeepers

**Aguirre-Delao, Anna**, 240-398-0392 (ask for husband Giovanni)

2/13: Passes the white-glove test. Limited English, but husband and daughter are fluent.

**Alvarez, Eda**, 240-388-1446

3/08: Multiple Indian Spring clients. Trustworthy. Excellent work reasonable cost

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

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

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**Arevalo, Maria**; Magic Cleaning, 301-237-1332

9/04: (2 recs) She is terrific

7/03: Reliable, thorough, pleasant. Charges by the size of the home

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

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

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

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

[Charme's Cleaning](#) (Ximena Charme), 240-274-0257

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

[Clean Your Castle](#) (Mark Cohen, owner), 301-466-2065

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

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

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

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

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

**Cubillo, Hessel** (pronounced "Hazel"), 301-300-4583

5/11: Trustworthy and skilled. A true gem. Speaks English. Has her own transportation.

**Fuentes, Yessica**, 240-620-6987

2/13: Honest and always reliable. She has worked for me for almost ten years

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Holly**, [haharness@gmail.com](mailto:haharness@gmail.com)

5/11: Great housecleaner. Native English speaker. Comfortable around pets.

**Nascimento, Tahyana** (Wizard Cleaning), [wcleanliness@gmail.com](mailto:wcleanliness@gmail.com)

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.

**Paz, Maria**, 571-245-9209

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

2/14: Very good and reasonably priced. Her daughter Vivi does the scheduling.

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

3/16: [No specific comment]

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

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

**Smart Set Corp.**, (you can contact Augusto Barreda) 703-856-5391

10/11: They've been cleaning my parents' house and doing a wonderful job.

[Two Maids & a Mop](#), (Mari Millard, Rockville), 240-660-2118

12/17: Reasonable price. Professional. They do pro-bono work for people with illnesses.  
Contact Mari Millard at (240) 660-2118.

**Viviana**, 571-245-9209

5/13: This 2-lady crew does a meticulous job and uses safe products .

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

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

9/14: They're on Angie's List and I could not speak more highly of them.

[Your Pampered Home](#),

2/13: Efficient, reliable, and quick. I pay \$150 for a once-a-month cleaning

## Insulators

[Accurate Insulation](#), 301-627-6506

12/11: I've used them for a couple of jobs. They were very reasonable.

MAX Insulation,

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

[ProCoat Applications](#), 410-798-9060

12/11: Great job. They only do "closed cell," which is what you want for a basement.

## Insurance Agents / Companies

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

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

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

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

[Amica Insurance](#),

3/11: Can't say enough good – for car and home. Less \$ than AAA for road service.

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

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

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

10/15: have been happy with his office.

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

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

[Field, Roberta](#), 301-598-3895

3/10: Very helpful in getting reasonably priced policies for our family.

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

10/15: [No specific comment]

**Snider, Mary (State Farm)**, 301-622-9440 [**MIXED REVIEWS**]

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

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

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

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[Statland & Katz](#), 8811 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-587-6050

12/16: Small agency. Works with Erie, which has good rates. Personable. Reliable.

[Weaver Bros.](#), 4550 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda (poss. new address)

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

## Interior Decorators

**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

5/12: She helped us choose a paint color for our living room, and we really like it.

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**Forconi, Lynn** ([The Design Therapist](#)), Ellicott City, 410-203-1760

4/09: Creative with space, great eye for color. Respectful of your budget.

**Hanrahan, Kellie**, 301-681-5425; 301-332-9906

4/09: She is excellent

**Pizzola, Kristin**, [kpizzola@verizon.net](mailto:kpizzola@verizon.net), Indian Spring resident

12/12: Not a pro, but decorating is her passion. I now have the LR & DR I always wanted.

Thornton, Karla (@ Strosnidars in Bethesda), 301-956-3305, [thorntonkarla@gmail.com](mailto:thorntonkarla@gmail.com)

4/17: She is amazing. Worth it given the time and money I've spent on paint samples,

**Weppler, Audrey** ([audreyweppler@gmail.com](mailto:audreyweppler@gmail.com)), 202-486-8016

4/09: Recommended, and she lives in the neighborhood.

## Jewelers (see Jewelry Repair, next)

**Jewelry by Design**, White Flint Mall, 301-770-4203

3/08: I have had great success with them. A family business for years.

[John Greenan & Sons](#), 1314 Fenwick Lane SS, 301-587-2717

3/08: My mom has been going to them for as long as I can remember.

3/08: My 25th anniversary ring came from there. Good silver repair too.

3/08: Very nice people. Reasonable. They have fixed rings for us

[Kripps Jewelers](#), 10109 Colesville Rd. (Four Corners), 301-681-4980

3/14: I've had great experiences selling gold and purchasing their unique pieces.

3/10: They specialize in loose stones, very good with repairs and settings

## Jewelry Repair

[John Greenan & Sons](#), 1314 Fenwick Lane SS, 301-587-2717

1/12: They did a fabulous job on some antique jewelry.

[Kripps Jewelers](#), 10109 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-681-4980

3/14: I've had great experience with them cleaning my wedding jewelry.

3/13: They have repaired things for us that other jewelers had not done correctly.

3/13: I had some rings re-sized and fixed. Service was friendly, helpful. Price reasonable.

3/12: I've taken my rings there to be polished. They design virtually all their jewelry.

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## Kennels (See Pet Boarding & Sitting)

## Kitchen and Bath Remodeling (See also Contractors)

**Boynton, Steve**, 301-455-5801

1/09: Licensed contractor. Did a fabulous job on our kitchen, ahead of schedule.



[Bray & Scarff](#), various locations

11/12: SUPERB – did our kitchen and baths

**Burkett, James**, Indian Spring, 301-237-7510, 301-587-1144

5/16: He remodeled 2 of our bathrooms & brought them up to date. His work is excellent.

1/16: He redid our laundry room and turned it into a lovely bathroom-laundry room.

1/16: I am extremely pleased with the high quality of work (especially attention to detail).

9/15: Remodels kitchens beautifully.

1/15: Everything done as promised, totally professional.

1/15: Remodeled our original bath. Did a beautiful job and cleaned up every day.

1/15: He gutted and rebuilt my bathroom fall of 2013 and did a beautiful job.

1/15: He took care of a problem we had with a leak into our kitchen from the second floor.

1/15: Expertly removed tile, replaced the shower fixture, and replaced the tile seamlessly.

12/14: A complete remodeling of my original bathroom. Beautiful job, quickly and neatly.

7/14: He redid our small upstairs bathroom and put in a 3/4 downstairs. Love his work.

9/13: Replaced 3 bathrooms, retiled the kitchen, and fixed basement pipes. Excellent.

4/13: Customer satisfaction and neatness are hallmarks of his work.

10/12: He turned our laundry room and adjoining area into a full bath-laundry room.

7/12: Fantastic work remodeling our two existing bathrooms and adding a half bath.

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[Cliq Studios](#),

4/17: They will send free cabinet samples. Very satisfied with the design & craftsmanship.

[Fairfax Marble & Granite](#), Chantilly and Fairfax

11/12: Wonderful, professional, friendly

[Fernando's Marble Shop](#), 15910 Indianola Dr., Rockville, 301-670-2794

8/06: They did a great job on our granite kitchen counter top

[Kitchen & Bath Depot](#), 11637 Boiling Brook Pkwy., Rockville, 301-942-8092

2/08: I can't say enough good. Kitchen remodeling was quick, looks great.

**Linstrom, Tom**, Indian Spring, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net), 240-461-5388

12/16: He did a total bath remodeling for us. Good to work with. Delivers as promised.

9/15: He removed a wall in our reno and dealt with all attendant issues.

**Sulc, Wayne** (Primetime Services LLC), 301-461-8911

1/09: Specializes in kitchens and baths. A perfectionist with an eye for design.

**Wolff, David**, [Inner Ideas](#), 240-398-3528; 240-398-6940

1/09: Does all manner of home remodeling. His work is exceptional.

**Young, Pepper**, 301-503-1414

1/09: Extremely reliable and very trustworthy. Also very creative.

## Knife Sharpeners (see also, Tool Sharpening)

[Strosniders](#),

1/11: They do a fine job. They'll also sharpen your push-mower blades.

## Lamp Repair

[Gaylords Lamps and Shades](#), 5272 River Rd., Bethesda (**NEW ADDRESS**), 301-986-9680

9/17: [Recommended for lamp repair]

11/13: (No specific comment)

[RS Custom Lighting Repair](#), 1037 Taft St., Rockville, 301-340-1058  
11/13: Good professional place for lamp repair.

## Land Surveyors

[Gutschick, Little, & Weber](#), 301-421-4024

11/09: I have the highest regard for GLW. Ask for Tom O'Connor.

**Miller, Dave** ([Point to Point Land Surveyors](#)), 301-703-8319; 866-706-9114

7/13: (No specific comment)

[W.L. Meekins Inc.](#), 301-736-7115

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

## Landscaping (See also Lawns & Yard Work, Drainage & Grading, or Masonry)

**Arevalo, David** (multiple recommendations), 301-379-2430

4/14: Landscaping job was creative and meticulous.

[Aspen Landscape](#), 301-384-4800

7/11: Re-sodded our back yard and put in a patio. Price was right.

[Backyard Bounty](#), 301-221-4931

6/12: If you are interested in doing anything edible or sustainable, I recommend this.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6/12: Jim helped us deal with irrigation issues and gave us a lovely landscaping design.

6/12: They just did our front yard and it looks great.

6/12: We've enjoyed working with Jim on several projects and annual maintenance.

7/11: (2 recs) Family owned business (in Indian Spring) does large and small projects.

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**Colby, Jim**, (lives on E. Granville)

6/12: He is a landscaper and is very knowledgeable about plants.

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

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

**DeIBuono, Yoli**, [silverfishmotel@gmail.com](mailto: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.

[DM Grounds](#), 301-537-8301

6/12: We have been very satisfied. They take care of our yard. Design, masonry, pruning.

**DeLeon, Paul**, 301-379-1844

6/07: Not a professional landscaper, but does all our landscaping

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

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

[Farr, Laura](#), 301-588-8084

6/12: I've used her a couple of times. Her rates are very reasonable.

**Glasser, Cynthia**, 202-746-9828 (c); 202-652-1208 (h)

5/09: She's great, and will do your landscaping for you or help you do it.

[J&G Landscape Design](#), 301-476-7600

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

8/17: [Recommended for water flow management]

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

6/12: They are far and away the best we have every worked with.

[Jack Spenser Landscaping](#), 301-384-3285

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

[Johnson's Landscaping](#), 301-740-8850

3/08: My friend was very pleased with the work. Reasonable prices.

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

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](#)

5/09: They've been reliable and good. Solved our basement water problem.

[Meadows Farms](#), Burtonsville & other locations **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

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.

5/06: An excellent experience on a hardscaping job. Follow-up was great.

2/04: Inappropriate plantings for our amount of sun. Many plants didn't hold up.

**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

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.

**Vasquez, Ronaldo** (Land of Eternal Spring), 240-388-0743; 301-246-4935

4/11: He does design, planting & maintenance. Friendly. Good Work. Reasonably priced.

**Velasquez, Fredy**, 301-675-9041

7/11: Does lawn and yard work but also built us an outdoor deck and a retaining wall.

## Language Teachers / Tutors

[Italian Cultural Society of Washington DC](#), 4827 Rugby Ave., Bethesda

3/15: I agree.

3/15: They offer full language/culture courses and short courses for people planning trips.

## Lawns & Yard work (see also Tree Care)

**Abbas, Peter**, 301-946-8755; 240-529-9194

6/10: He took 35 bags of poison ivy and other vines from our yard. Prices are reasonable.

[Abrahams Lawn Service](#), 301-565-4069

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

12/10: We've been using them for many years and are very pleased with their services.  
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**Alarcon, David**, 301-272-0975

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

**Bob's Lawn Service**, 301-622-1160

12/10: Bob's Lawn Service is great!

**Chavez, Daniel**, 301-412-3421

4/12: Reasonably priced, efficient, professional, and our yard looks great! Gutters too.

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

6/15: We've used him for years and found his work outstanding and very reasonable.  
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**DeLeon, Paul**, 301-379-1844

6/08: Does all sorts of yard work. Works hard, does a great job, has fair prices.

6/08: We think very highly of him both as a person and as a professional

[DM Grounds Maintenance](#) (Douglas), 301-537-8301

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

9/09: Fine work and very reasonable. Helpers are fussy about details and quick.

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

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

**Hunter, Natawn (Nate)**, 301-806-9168

5/14: He's reliable, does great work with his team, and is wonderful to work with.

**JS Carroccio Landscaping**, 240-603-3173

6/13: (Rec is for maintenance) They have done our yard for several years. John is great.

[Jack Spenser Landscaping](#), 301-384-3285

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

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

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

**Lawn Designers** (John), 301-854-9618

4/14: My parents have used them for 10+ years and have been very pleased.

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

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!

**Matthews, Benson**, 301-384-3348; 202-560-2276

6/08: Cutting our grass for years. Reasonable. Appears gruff, but he's a sweetheart.

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

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

**Santos**, 240-388-1317

4/06: Weeding, mulching, planting. Wonderful job, very reasonable prices

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

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

**Spring Landscaping**, 240-597-1972

2/14: Clean-up, weeding, and bi-weekly lawn service. Excellent and reasonably priced.

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

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

7/11: He cut down and removed two large bushes.

4/11: Does pruning, mulching, weeding, debris removal. Our go-to guy for yardwork.

**Victor**, 301-404-2373

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

**We Care 4 Lawns Plus** (Andy Slenkovich), [iCANduWit@gmail.com](mailto:iCANduWit@gmail.com), 240-501-6611

(An Indian Spring business. Andy has taken over from brother Lenny)

8/12: Andy did a marvelous job pruning a spiral juniper. A tricky task.

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

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

## Lawnmower Repair (see also Small Engine Repair)

[Deepal's Lawnmower Repair](#), 4067 Adams Dr., SS, 301-933-2790

[Web site seems oriented to power mowers]

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

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

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

7/12: The work is good, reasonable priced.

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**Mr. Johnson**, Rockville, 301-881-8370

4/05: I've used him for about 20 years

9/04: Good, fast, fair, relatively inexpensive

[THE MOWERMAN](#), 301-384-6290

7/12: Repaired our generator and two lawnmowers. You don't even need to be home.

4/10: Cheaper than Zimmerman's (Burtonsville) and got the mower running right.

4/10: He's good. Comes to your house, picks up the machine.

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**Sears**,

4/05: We always take ours to Sears and they do a good job.

[Strosnidars](#),

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

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

1/11: They do a fine job sharpening knives. They also sharpen push-mower blades.

[Zimmerman's Hardware](#), 3801 Sandy Spring Rd., Burnsville, 301-421-1900

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

## Limousines (see Taxicabs & Limos)

## Locksmith

**Kean, Rick** (Lockout Locksmith), 301-370-0052

3/10: He changed/rekeyed all our exterior locks. Very helpful with security issues.

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**Sure-Fit Lock**, 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.

9/13: I called at 9 a.m. and they came around 9:15, finished in half an hour. Amazing.

4/10: I have used them many times. They are the best around.

4/10: We were very happy with them.

**Wheaton Lock Service**, 301-949-7277

12/14: We second that.

12/14: They've done good work for us for 10 years. Consistently the lowest priced.

[Wheaton Locksmith](#), 301-260-8100

11/10: Very quick, professional, and well-priced. Re-keyed 5 locks for about \$225.

8/10: We have used them several times and been satisfied with the service.

## Manicures / Pedicures (See also Spas)

**Fantasy Nails**, Woodmoor Shopping Center (next to Starbucks), 301-681-2845 [MIXED]

6/15: The application lasted & the price was great. They don't sell polish for chip repairs.

6/15: I like Fantasy Nails.

6/14: I stopped by to get their card, but the smell of disinfectant would keep me away.

4/11: I'd give it 4-5 stars. They're good and fast – not a long, luxury spa treatment.

4/11: They do try to upsell, but it was a great job and less expensive than I'm used to.

2/11: Had the best manicure/pedicure ever. Clean & professional, at a good price.

**Fantasy Nails**, 9322 Ga. Ave., SS, 301-587-0922

6/08: Clean and very reasonable. The chairs vibrate, too, so it's very relaxing.

6/08: A friend of mine loves them. It's nothing fancy, but they are clean.

**Fichtel, Kim** (Le Shop), 10416 Edgewood Rd., SS, 301-593-4815

6/08: Works out of her home. I think she's fabulous.

6/08: I've been going to her for years and she is great.

6/08: More privacy and personal service than you get at a large shop. She's great.

[Kibana Salon & Spa](#), 921-A Ellsworth Dr, SS, 301-588-8858

12/16: Ask for Kim

6/08: Really nice.

6/08: I've always had a good experience.

**Snider's Nail Salon**, 9416 Ga. Ave., SS, 301-588-5446

6/08: They are quick, clean, well-priced.

**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.

**True Nail Spa**, White Oak Shopping Ctr, 301-593-1580

6/08: I've been pleased with them.

## Masonry & Paving

**Carino, Jose**, 301-793-1566

7/15: The man can do anything.

[Charles Cooley Stonework](#),

6/17: Did our front walk, porch, & a stone pad by our basement stair. We were happy.

[Creative Concrete](#) (Walker Simpson, owner), 2323 Stewart Ave., Silver Spring, 301-565-0246

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.

3/12: The company was fair with pricing and professional.

**Gibbs, Ben**, 301-270-4062

9/15: If you can get him... awesome work, price.

**HW Trout Masonry (Harry Trout)**, [trout.masonry@gmail.com](mailto:trout.masonry@gmail.com), 301-565-3518

3/12: Call him if you need a concrete guy.

**Hayes Brothers**, Rockville, 301-840-0419

5/08: They faced concrete stairs with stone/flagstone; created flagstone patio.

**Linares, Wilbur**, 301-538-0717

5/14: We are very pleased with our stone walkway and patio.

**Luster, Tommy (E and Sons Paving)**, [tom.luster@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.luster@yahoo.com) or 410-259-1789

10/17: He's been in the paving biz almost 15 years. Driveways are E & Sons' specialty.

**M. Taylor Enterprise**, 301-649-3406

7/15: Repaved & expanded our driveway and patio. Good estimate. Great job. On time.

**M.T. Laney Asphalt Contractors**, 410-795-1761

8/16: They do great work (from driveways to I-95) and they're good people.

**Premier Masonry (James Leasher)**, 443-621-8554 [**MIXED REVIEWS**]

6/17: I had this gentleman do some work for me and was not satisfied with his work.

6/17: Replaced our steps & front walk. Best estimate. Great work for our neighbor too.

7/15: He did additional work and called to make sure everything was done correctly.

7/15: I paid him before work was completed. He did not do all the work and left.

7/15: Did our steps & walk. Does all kinds of brick & stone work, and no job is too small.

7/14: (No specific comment)

10/13: Fast, affordable, thorough. Repaired cracks in our border wall and house exterior.

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**Rocha Construction**, 301-717-8310

6/17: We love Roberto. Half the price of others & great work restoring our broken stoop.

9/16: For any stonework. Price was half of other estimates. Polite, neat, a beautiful job.

1/15: The price was half of other estimates. They were polite, neat & did a beautiful job.

**Welsh, Chris (BWM Stonework)**, 301-879-3358

7/08: He did a flagstone walk for us, and we highly recommend him

7/08: They did our flagstone patio - a fantastic, thorough, and professional job.

2/08: I can't say enough good things about him. Meticulous and a real artist.

## Massage Therapy (See also Spas)

**Greene, Sandy (Table to Table)**, 301-257-8004, [1greenes@msn.com](mailto:1greenes@msn.com)

12/10: CMT & chef. Will come to your house, cook a gourmet meal, give you a massage.

**Simon, Sally**, 301-588-2352

12/10: She is a wonderful massage therapist and is close by on Hamilton.

## Meal Delivery

**Healthy Fresh Meals**,

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

## Mold Remediation

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

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.



## Movers

### [Bookstore Movers](#),

12/15: I highly recommend them. Their 5-star reviews on Yelp say it all.

11/15: Simply the best (in my experience) and very professional.

### [Charming Movers](#), 301-738-2202

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

### **Kensington Moving Company (DO NOT USE)**

11/15: Stole a Dyson fan and broke a \$125 plate with no remuneration. Untrustworthy.

### [U-Haul](#)

11/15: I've done this two times, hiring a pair of men who partner with U-Haul.

8/10: Rent the truck yourself and sign up for the moving helpers. Great for local moves.

## Music Instrument Rentals

### [Gailles' Violin](#), 10013 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, 301-474-4300

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Gailles is good

### [Lashof Violins](#), 1-F East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, 301-330-2606

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Lashof is good

### [Potters Violins](#), 4706 Highland Ave., Bethesda, 301-652-7070

9/12: We rented a cello at Potters.

9/12: I teach cello and recommend renting from a string instrument shop. Potters is good.

## Music Instrument Repair

### [Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center](#), 11151 Viers Mill Rd., Silver Spring, 301-946-8808

10/14: I had a clarinet overhauled there and was happy with it.

## Music Teachers

### [American String Teachers Assn](#)

9/12: You can search by city or town to find someone near you.

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### [B&B Music World](#) (Bhagwan Khalsa for guitar), 301-655-4460

9/08: They send instructors to your home. Expensive but convenient

### **Cotterill, Sarah**, 301-588-8983

9/11: Gentle, wise and passionate about music education.

3/10: She's an ISCA resident, and we couldn't be happier with her, for piano or cello.

### **Devitt, Karen**, [kmdevitt@yahoo.com](mailto:kmdevitt@yahoo.com), 301-593-9018

8/14: (Recommended for piano lessons)

### **Haas, Ingrid Cowan**, [ingridcowanhass@larkov.de](mailto:ingridcowanhass@larkov.de), 301-982-9265

6/12: She is skilled at motivating students to practice. Teaches in your home.

### [House of Musical Traditions](#), Takoma Park, 301-270-9090

9/08: They always have good guitar teachers

**Joseloff, Lynne**, [ljoseloff@yahoo.com](mailto:ljoseloff@yahoo.com)

3/14: (Recommended for flute.) Lives in Bethesda; don't know if she has a closer studio.

[Levine Music](#),

3/15: [Recommended for voice lessons] My daughter studied many years ago.

**Pearson, Nae**, (Music Director at Christ Congregational Church), corner of Indian Spring Drive

3/15: She teaches voice.

[Stancill's Guitar Studio](#), 10535 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, 301-942-1717

6/12: Scott Stancill teaches all ages and all types of guitars. I highly recommend him.

**Tokic, Milka**, 4206

3/10: We highly recommend her. Check the Rosemont Elem. School web page.

**Webber, Bryan**, 301-518-6982

12/08: For trumpet. My son is studying with him and likes him a lot.

## Musicians (For Entertainment)

[Abdoulaev, Alex](#),

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

## Notary

**Carol Valoris**, [dkidzni3@msn.com](mailto:dkidzni3@msn.com), Indian Spring, 240-475-6126

8/06

**Morris, Anne**, 9416 Worth Ave., [agmorris31@gmail.com](mailto:agmorris31@gmail.com) 301-589-1737

8/06

**O'Rourke, Meg**; [stampinmeg.3113@yahoo.com](mailto:stampinmeg.3113@yahoo.com), Woodmoor, 301-576-6308

8/06

## Occupational Therapists

[Adventist Health Care](#),

5/15: Just received great treatment at Adventist Rehab Center in Shady Grove.

## Opticians (see Eye Doctors, etc.)

## Oral Surgeons & Periodontists

[Dyzak, William](#), 10605 Concord Street, Suite 200, Kensington, 301-916-8680; 301-942-4900

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

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

7/15: Did wisdom teeth extraction for us.

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

**Giuliani, Richard**, 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-652-7372

1/11: He did a great job on my 9-year-old son.

**Goldman, Leonard**, 12510 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-622-2700

6/14: (2 recs) My daughter had successful wisdom tooth surgery by him.

11/11: He did extractions on both my kids for braces and wisdom teeth. No problems.  
[Greater Maryland Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery](#) (GMCFOAMS), 10313 Georgia Ave.,  
301-681-7500

7/15: I highly recommend Drs. Sweeney, Romanow, and Wise.  
[Hishmeh, Sam](#), 2415 Musgrove Rd., Silver Spring, 301-384-5700

6/14: (2 recs) He is great.  
[Sweeney, Terry](#) (GMCFOAMS), 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-7500

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

11/11: He took care of my son's wisdom teeth.

11/11: He called in the evening of all procedures to see how we were doing. Top-rated.

1/11: I can't speak highly enough about him. Did surgeries on my husband and daughter.

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[Zupnik, Ed](#), 8218 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda

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

## Organizers (Including Closet Redesigners)

**Anzia, Nicole** ([Neatnik](#)), 202-320-4204

10/12: She does great work. She recently started writing a column for the Post.

**Cambridge, Laura** ([Dynamic Organizing](#)), 301-792-8367

7/13: A bona fide organizational goddess.

3/13: She is just wonderful.

3/13: She is creative, discerning, and just brilliant at getting your things shipshape.

**Hausner Stromberg, Arielle** ([Control the Clutter](#)), 301-785-8113

12/16: Does excellent work, flexible schedule, reasonable rates.

**Holland, Pam** ([Mindful Decluttering & Organizing](#))

3/13: Contact Pam Holland at [info@clutterfreenow.com](mailto:info@clutterfreenow.com)

**Sheridan, Valerie** ([EasyPeasy Living](#)), 301-250-5045

2/13: Wow, what a difference. She has very reasonable rates.

## Orthodontists

**Farber, Daniel**, 11000 Rosemont Dr., Rockville, 301-881-5560

4/08: We love his personalized approach. It minimized pain and treatment time

[DeMarco & Tilkin](#), 11120 New Hampshire Ave., White Oak, 301-593-6363 [**MIXED REVIEWS**]

[**Note: Practice used to be Levy, DeMarco & Tilkin - now just DeMarco & Tilken**]

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

4/08: Very dissatisfied with the treatment and end result

4/08: Our daughter's braces came off a year ago and her smile looks great

4/08: We are satisfied with our sons' current treatment. Too soon to talk of results

4/08: Bad experience. We weren't happy with their recommended palate spacers

[Tran - Lee](#), (Drs. Tuan Tran & Wm Lee), Wheaton & SS, 301-949-6020; 301-562-8505

4/08: Shorter treatment, less \$ estimated than Levy. We're almost done & happy.

4/08: Pleased with our daughter's treatment. Will use them again for our son

[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.

8/11: I used him for my children and was happy with the experience and the work.

[Washington Hospital Center, Orthodontics](#), 110 Irving St. NW, Washington DC

3/12: They were using up-to-date theories and techniques and it was pretty affordable.

8/11: Affordable and excellent.

## Painters

**Arauzo, Arturo**, 301-949-7363

3/03: Using him for 15 years. Very good painter, diligent and hard-working.

**Arevalo, David** (multiple recommendations), 301-379-2430

3/14: He has a man working with him who did a great job.

**Byrd, Robert**, 301-384-1277 (o), 301-237-6050 (c), [personaleffex@gmail.com](mailto:personaleffex@gmail.com)

10/10: He and his wife did a great job painting the inside of our house. Reasonable price.

**Carino, Jose**, 301-793-1566

5/15: The best! He's repaired, constructed & improved nearly every aspect of my house.

**Espinoza & Sons Painting** (Nelson Espinoza), 240-252-7982

6/09: They've done painting inside and outside our home and carpentry.

4/09: They've done int/ext painting and carpentry and we've always been pleased

**Falwell, Gary**, 240 350-4408

7/09: Highly recommended for interior painting. He might do a small exterior job

**Feria, Hugo**, (C) 240-370-0736; (H) 301-526-1321 or 301-760-0760

7/11: Very conscientious, reasonably priced. I highly recommend him. Speaks Spanish.

**Granados, Jose**, 301-587-5465; 301-922-7415,

11/05: He did a good job (on exterior paint) last time, we're hiring him again

**Guzman, Marco**, 301-366-7789

7/11: He is wonderful.

7/11: He is fair and does great work.

**Marco's Custom Painting, Marco Guzman** (interior & exterior), 301-613-8208; 301-946-9586

3/03: We really liked Marco and his brother. For interior and exterior.

**Mario** (Royal Pine Painting), 301-937-6181; 301-466-4358

3/03: Great, very reasonable, clean. Did our interior. They do exterior too.

**Marroquin, Carlos**, 301 933-8671

7/09: Reliable, efficient, hard working. 25 yrs exp int/ext jobs, plaster repair.

**O'Mahoney, Ross**, 571-229-0927

10/11: Hard-working, honest, thorough -- cheerfully trudging thru nightmarish prep work.

**Quinn, Joe** (Quinn Painting), 301-431-4282

10/13: He did great work (indoor and outdoor) for us.

10/13: He did outdoor painting for us. We were happy with the work and price.

9/12: I have recommended him several times.

**Rall, Butch** (Pride 'n Painting), 210 E Indian Spring Dr., 301-565-5334 or 240-355-817

12/13: A good painter, and he lives in the neighborhood.

\*\*\*\*\* (Multiple recommendations back to 2003)

[Rent Painters](#),

3/17: Did a really good job on our interior. Website tool calculates the cost.

5/15: A locally owned company, they do a great job and at a really good price.

**Russell, Ray**; RW Russell Painting, 301-585-4515

3/03: Emphasis on doing it right - quality materials and careful approach

**Thomasson, Sage**, 301-785-0296, [sagepaints@hotmail.com](mailto:sagepaints@hotmail.com)

3/17: [Multiple recs] Detail-oriented. The best there is.

2/17: [Multiple recs] Masterful! He's in demand; you may have to schedule in advance.

12/16: Our plaster was a challenge. He was thorough in prep, fastidious about the result.

5/16: [2 recs] Sage is pretty amazing. A perfectionist and a professional. Worth the wait!

3/16: Great about informing us of the process & coming back to touch up. A perfectionist.

10/15: His estimate was the best. Outstanding attention to detail and expertise.

10/15: Painted our exterior; getting ready to do interior work. Professional and skilled.

10/15: Excellent work painting and repairing our home's exterior trim work and dormers.

4/15: We were blown away by the quality of work, attention to detail & personal service.

10/14: A gorgeous job painting our house, and repainting & lacquering closets & furniture.

3/14: I've heard great things, but I couldn't get on his list for over 6 months.

10/13: [6 recommendations] He is worth the wait.

6/13: He finished on time and on budget. It may take a while to get on his schedule.

11/12: He painted our exterior, was very careful about our plants and yardwork.

9/12: Most competitively priced, gave advice on color choices, does drywall and patching.

9/12: [Multiple recs] He really goes above and beyond in prep work.

9/12: Has done exterior and interior in my home. Honest, neat, reasonably priced.

8/12: Great attention to detail and continuous follow-up. Extremely courteous.

4/12: Did a great job on our metal roof that needed re-caulking and painting.

3/12: He is meticulous, neat, cheerful, considerate, fast, and reasonably priced.

2/12: Prompt, incredibly talented, reasonably priced. Fixes things you didn't expect.

1/12: Painted our living room, fixing dings and cracks. Good with color recommendation.

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[Wow 1 Day Painting](#),

3/14: A fabulous job. Reasonable price, and you don't pay until they are finished..

## Party Service In-Home

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

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

2/14: Professional party set-up, food/beverage service, clean-up. Reliable. Reasonable.

## Passport Photos

[AAA](#), Wheaton, 2730 University Blvd.

8/13: [no additional comments]

[Costco](#), Wheaton, Beltsville

5/16: They had no problem taking pics of a 2- and 4-year-old). Very inexpensive & quick.

8/13: I was very pleased with the outcome.

CVS, (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

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

8/13: They used a slow camera, and all the pictures turned out disastrous.

[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.

## Paving (See Masonry & Paving)

## Pest Control and Wildlife Removal

[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.

9/13: They were very good.

[American Pest](#), 877-282-1886

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

**Benware Termite Control**, Rockville, 301-871-1920

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

[Brussell Exterminating Service](#), 301-434-5610

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

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

[Capitol Termite & Pest Control](#), Bethesda, 301-657-4480

5/09: We've been using them for 10 years and haven't had live termite activity.

**Colonial Pest Control** (Richard), 301-258-5228

5/09: They're extremely thorough, reasonable priced and love what they do.

[Humane Wildlife Services](#), 866-9HUMANE

9/13: [no additional comment]

[Infestation Control](#), Rockville

4/04: They came out right away. Took care of a yellow jackets nest.

[Kolley's Exterminating](#), Silver Spring, 301-603-8300

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.

5/09: Family owned and operated local firm

4/04: Used them for an ant problem. Reliable and took care of the problem.

[Pest Now](#) (was Superior Pest Management), 301-231-8300

6/17: We have been very pleased.

9/13: With quarterly service for pests, they come out for free in between for any problems

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[Terminix](#)

9/13: They got rid of termites and check yearly. Quarterly treatment for other pests

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[Ward Pest Control](#), 703-248-3631

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

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

12/15: They have always been great.

## Pet Acupuncture

Duffy, Meagan ([Rock Creek Home Veterinary Care](#))

6/13: My dog has been able to stop taking pain meds and her quality of life has improved.  
McVey, Greta ([Maryland Pet Acupuncture](#)), 4607 Fordham Rd., College Park, 301-996-1785  
3/14: Treated my cat when he had cancer, and it was obvious she made him feel better.

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

**Adam**, [adam24@umbc.edu](mailto:adam24@umbc.edu), 301-254-1343

4/15: He is known as the “cat whisperer.” He’s a great technician.

4/15: Dog walks, overnights, bath & nail trimming, meds. Has worked with Dr. Tanouye.

**Bella**, [perkyb1@gmail.com](mailto:perkyb1@gmail.com)

3/12: (As an alternative to kennels), my neighbor dog-sits in her home. My dog loves her.

[Best Friends Pet Care](#), Gaithersburg, 301-926-6005

6/06: Far away and perhaps more expensive, but the peace of mind is worth it.

[Care.com](#),

6/16: For in-home boarding, [Care.com](#) worked well for us in the past.

[CleverDog](#), 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820

3/15: The dogs got to stay together and were comfortable with the people & procedures.

3/12: I would second the recommendation.

[Comfy Pets](#) (David and Valerie), Kensington, 301-946-4508

10/17: I have used them in multiple occasions and they are wonderful.

6/17: I can't say enough good things. David is my dog walker. They board at their house.

1/15: Has several clients in our neighborhood.

**DeeDee's Dog Walking and Pet Sitting Services**, [iddr@msn.com](mailto:iddr@msn.com), 301-922-1410

7/09: Excellent care and daily walks. Extremely dependable. Reasonable rates.

[The Dog Stay](#) (Terri Whitehouse, owner), 8122 Georgia Ave., SSg, 240-491-5858

3/15: Terri & her staff are great with my dog. I can't say enough good things about them.

3/12: If your dog passes a behavior test, he gets to hang out in a lounge with other dogs.

10/11: Terri the owner is wonderful. Our dog loves going there.

[Doggies at the Beach](#), Rehoboth, 302-644-8200

6/08: A great cage-free facility, but you have to set up a trial appointment first.

[Dogtopia](#), 4920 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, 240-389-5124

3/15: We like Dogtopia. It's a great value as it includes open play daycare with boarding.

3/15: My daughter started working there and I'm very impressed with the high standards.

[Dogwood Acres](#), Davidsonville, 410-798-4776

6/17: About a 35-min drive, but we love it. Great facility, caring staff. Even a doggie pool!

[Fetch! Pet Care](#), 866-338-2463

9/17: My son's friend works for Fetch! in Silver Spring and does puppy sitting.

**Hunter, Liz**, 301-562-9582

10/17: Our Indian Spring neighbor. Very responsive and reasonably priced.

[One Leg Up](#) (Krissy Leone), 202-351-7814

1/15: She is just great.

[Paradise for Pets](#), Beltsville, 301-776-6353

6/06: Dog did fine there.

[Pet Dominion](#), Rockville, 301-258-0333

3/12: (no specific comment)

8/05: Has been great for us

4/05: We have been very happy with them.

[Pets n Poets](#) (Susan Faucon), 301-793-6550 (A “Benefit” corporation)



1/15: The experience was great.

7/14: A wonderful pet-sitting agency. [10% of income goes to rescue efforts]

[Pork Chop's Way](#), 11512 Mapleview Dr., SS, 301- 996-4761

3/15: Our dog has thrived there. They get great socialization and some free training.

[Preston Country Club for Pets](#), Columbia, 301-596-7387

4/05: We have been very happy with them.

[Rivermist Kennels](#), NH Ave, Brinklow (**Mixed Reviews**)

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.

3/12: A BAD experience. They didn't give our dog the medicine we pre-measured.

6/06: Dog did fine there, although came home with kennel cough once

4/05: Vet-recommended.

[rover.com](#),

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

1/15: A great way to find neighbors who dog-walk and dog-sit.

**Scott, Andy**, [pandyscott@yahoo.com](mailto:pandyscott@yahoo.com), 301-367-3170

3/08: (no specific comment)

[Shady Spring Pet Retreat](#), Woodbine, 301-924-4457

4/05: Vet-recommended.

**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.

**Stocker, Bridget**, [comit89@aol.com](mailto:comit89@aol.com)

4/10: We have been thrilled with her service. She takes excellent care of our cats.

4/10: Superior in all aspects of your pet care needs, including tropical and exotic pets.

[Waggy Walkys](#), 301-379-5890

3/13: They take dogs for walks, pet/brush cats. They also water plants & bring in mail.

**Wilbert, Cecilia**, 301-587-0029; 301-335-7317

4/17: I have found her to be very reliable, competent and dependable.

5/15: Very responsible and dependable. I'm sure she could help watering the garden.

12/11: She does pet-sitting, plant watering, and child & senior care. Highly responsible.

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## Pet Grooming

[Clever Dog](#), 2621 Garfield Ave., Silver Spring, 301-587-5820 (**1 Negative Review**)

3/15: We've been very pleased with their grooming for our Labradoodle.

3/12: It was very expensive and they did a TERRIBLE job.

5/11: They're awesome, and our dog is terrified of other groomers.

3/11: They clip our Westie.

[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.

[Doggie Washerette](#) (self-service dog wash), 7714 Georgia Ave., DC

2/13: So much easier than at home. An assistant guides you through the process.

2/13: My vet (Dr. Tanouye) really likes them.

2/13: We love them. Parking is a bummer, though.

[Four Corners Animal Hospital](#), 105 University Blvd. West, 301-593-6330,

[Note: Web site says grooming service is “for clients”]

4/15: We used the groomer here and we were very pleased.

[Kindness Animal Hospital](#), 2130 University Blvd., Wheaton, 301-949-2511

4/16: Very good. You don't need to be a KAH client – just have vaccination record.

[Mia Bella Pet Grooming](#), 15807 Good Hope Rd., SS, 301-421-0834 (h), 301-339-4159 (c)

3/11: Jill Osborne works in her home. Nice and attentive. Discount for the first visit.

**Pampered Poodles**, 101 Williamsburg Dr. (Woodmoor), 301-598-9177

3/09: Price is reasonable and the grooming is good.

[Paws of Enchantment](#) (Cassandra Kraham), 3415 Perry St., Mt. Rainier, 301-209-0411

11/15: Her clients [at this holistic pet spa] seem super happy. Takes cats, too.

**Renee**, (works from her home in SS), 240-593-4143

4/15: She works from her house. She is excellent and very reasonable priced.

11/15: Can't say enough good things about her. Really reasonable rate, very thorough.

[Sean Patrick's Pet Spa](#), 512 Main St., Laurel, 301-498-7326

4/16: We found him after a horrible experience at a chain pet store.

3/15: We are on our 4th Cocker Spaniel with him. [Cocker Spaniel Rescue](#) uses him too.

11/15: We have been going here for years.

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## Pet 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.

**Novartis [Acquired by Eli Lilly in 2015]**

7/14: Never had a problem, [they] always paid. Good company.

[Pets Best](#), 877-738-7237

7/14: I shopped around and I'm very happy with them. There are different plans/rates.

## Pharmacies

[Big Mountain Drugs](#) (a Canadian pharmacy)

5/12: I used them once to fill an Rx that would have been obscenely expensive otherwise.

[Costco](#),

11/12: I sometimes use Costco instead of Safeway. Very good prices if you're a member.

[CVS](#) (Woodmoor), [Mixed Reviews](#)

11/12: I was given 85 pills for a 90-day prescription. No apologies when I called.

11/12: I stopped going here 10 years ago after an error – they fixed it, unapologetically.

11/12: I have been going here for 11 years and never had a problem with pill counts.

11/12: I like that the labels indicate what the pills inside should look like.

11/12: I have noticed that the last two refills ran out sooner than previous refills.

11/12: The pharmacist included someone else's prescription. Quickly resolved.

11/12: Two prescriptions were underfilled. We complained but were treated as liars.

[Giant](#), 8750 Arliss St., Silver Spring,

5/12: Using this for many years and very pleased with their service for the most part.

5/12: I've been happy with it. It is pretty quiet and very convenient.

[The Medicine Shoppe](#), 10313 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-681-5878

10/12: The Medicine Shoppe delivers. They have great service and are very nice.

[Safeway](#), 116 University Blvd., Silver Spring

11/12: We've always gotten great service.

5/12: The staff is very competent, always friendly. I've learned from their pharmacists.

5/12: I've been pretty well satisfied with this pharmacy.

[Target](#), 12000 Cherry Hill Rd., Silver Spring

11/12: You might find that their prescriptions are cheaper than CVS.

11/12: I have not had any problems here.

## Photographers (See also Passport Photos, Photo Processing)

[Curry, Meaghan](#),

9/11: The photos she took were wonderful, and the experience was great.

[Elinoff, Laura](#), [elinoff2004@gmail.com](mailto:elinoff2004@gmail.com)

12/14: She captured beautiful photos of my children and new dog!

[Hamid, Zaid](#),

2/15: [Recommended for professional headshots]

[Lee, Donny](#),

11/14: He is great and gets the kids smiling. A great time and great pictures.

[Maldonado, Alejandro](#),

11/14: He has done a few photo shoots for us and does an outstanding job.

**O'Connor, Jeff**, 301-379-8197

3/09: We have been very satisfied with his results.

[Peck, Danny](#), 719 Chesapeake Ave., SS, 301-587-1714

3/09: I have worked with him for commercial and portrait work. He is great.

**Solomon, Kira**, [kira@shopbabylarue.com](mailto:kira@shopbabylarue.com)

9/11: She did a family photo that was wonderful. She is very affordable.

[Smith, Amy Carmichael](#), Silver Spring, 703-568-6142

2/13: Still can't get over how good she made me look. She is wonderful to work with.

## Photo Processing

**Costco**,

10/14: I've won ribbons with photos printed at Costco.

**CVS**,

10/14

[Dodge Chrome](#), 11941-L Bournefield Way, Silver Spring, 240-247-1800

10/14: Dodge Chrome is pro-level.

10/14: [Recommended for quality photo processing and printing]

## Physical Therapists

[Adventist HealthCare](#), 9909 Medical Center Dr., Rockville, 240-864-6000

12/16: Inpatient & out; excellent care; most comprehensive; outstanding therapists.

**Dilla, Charles**, 11237 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, 301-681-6077

4/12: An old-fashioned, low-tech office, but he really worked for my ankle and back.

**Grossman, Robert** ([S.P.O.R.T.S.](#)), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-9040

4/15: [No specific comment]

3/15: I have used him several times. He also treated my daughter & she responded well.

9/12: I saw him for two different issues and was impressed both times.

9/12: I also strongly recommend Robert Grossman.

- 9/12: I highly recommend Robert Grossman. (There is plenty of free parking.)  
Kreitlow, Bryan ([Rehab. Svcs of Greater Wash.](#)), 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-592-0026  
3/17: He's great and give you lots of direct attention. My wife and I have both used him.  
4/14: I used him for rehab after my toe surgery. He's knowledgeable and caring.  
4/14: I've used him twice for shoulder PT and recommend him highly.
- [Maryland Orthopedic Specialists](#), 6430 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda  
4/14: I've used them in Bethesda for back issues.  
3/13:
- [MedStar National Rehabilitation Network, Wheaton](#), 301-962-7612  
4/14: Excellent results. They are very thorough and professional.
- [Metro Orthopedics and Sports Therapy \(MIXED REVIEWS\)](#), Downtown SS  
3/13: We have had great experiences with MOST  
9/12: I had a bad experience with the folks at MOST.  
9/12: Does have that "factory" feel, but I was happy with how they treated my son's injury.
- [MZ Physical Therapy](#), 1445 Research Blvd., Rockville, 301-251-4424  
3/15: I'm a big fan. Been there several times  
4/14: I have had very good results with them.  
3/13: I highly recommend.  
8/12: Have provided me with outstanding service for many years.  
10/11: My wife and I have had several very successful experiences with them.
- [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.
- Rubio, Sandra** (Ashton Rehabilitation Clinic), 962 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, 301-744-8758  
11/11: We went to her years ago. She was great.
- Shah, Pallavi** ([Physical Therapy in Action](#)), 301-681-7880  
4/14: I highly recommend her.  
4/14: I had good results with her for hip bursitis and sciatica.
- [Whittles, John](#), 9801 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-754-0154  
8/17: My son & I have gone to John for years. Can't say enough great to say about him.  
8/17: He's a good PT, & he sent me to my doctor when he suspected a serious condition.  
8/17: Very informative with personal attention. In the Cigna network. Check for other ins.  
11/15: (Mult. recs) Without a doubt one of the best.  
4/14: FANTASTIC. He rehabbed my back and my knees after 2 knee replacements.  
3/13: My wife and I have seen him quite a few times. He is nearby and very good.

## Physicians (See Physician specialists, next)

## Physicians – After-Hours, Walk-in Clinics & Urgent Care

- [The Doctors Next Door](#), 10801 Lockwood Dr., Suite 160, SS, **CLOSED AS OF 12/9/16**  
[Fast Track Urgent Care](#), 10540 Connecticut Ave., Kensington  
1/13: I use this place all the time. They honor most insurance co-pays.
- Gray, Kerri & Michael** (walk-in family practice), 4314 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, 301-951-3606  
1/13: They are our primary care physicians. We never have to wait very long.  
1/13: If you're willing to go to Bethesda, I've loved Drs. Kerri & Michael Gray.
- [Holy Cross Emergency Rm, \(MIXED REVIEWS\)](#) 10400 Detrick Ave., Kensington, 240-773-9000  
5/14: They took excellent care of my daughter when she had an allergic reaction.  
5/14: I'm not sold on the hospital, but their ER is excellent.  
5/14: A daughter and granddaughter of ours were born there. Their NICU is excellent.  
5/14: They charged thousands of dollars and missed fractures that still haven't healed.  
5/14: While you may have to wait, they are good at triage, and the care is excellent.

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[MedStar Prompt Care](#), 11915 Georgia Ave., SS

1/15: We've never had a wait here. Been there twice and could not have been happier.

[Minute Clinic](#),

1/13: I used the one on Wisconsin Avenue, got a nice nurse practitioner.

6/10: We used the one in the CVS on Layhill Road, and the one in Bethesda was fine.

6/10: I had a great experience at the CVS minute clinic in Bethesda on Wisconsin Ave.

[Patient First](#), 8601 16th St., Silver Spring, 301-960-4682

9/15: Seen in 15 mins & out with my script in under 30 on a weekend. Easy w/ insurance.

1/15: My daughter has had good experiences here.

5/14: I had a great experience. Very professional, competent doctor and PA.

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[Righttime Medical Care](#), 12220 Rockville Pike, 888-808-6483

3/10: They're open 7 a.m. to 12 midnight every day of the year.

[Righttime Medical Care](#), 20 University Blvd. E., Silver Spring

9/15: OK if you can make an appt. online. Last time it wasn't working & the wait was 3 hrs

1/15: We were seen close to our appointment times. Ask for a paper mask if you want.

1/15: We had an appointment and are still waiting an hour later.

12/14: I waited about 30 min. Dr Ta was thorough, compassionate & funny.

**Urgent Care of Silver Spring (DO NOT USE)**, 10801 Lockwood Dr, Suite 140

5/14: Dr. Malik tried to tell me I needed all these expensive tests, when I didn't.

5/14: I was there once and the experience was terrible.

5/14: Dr. Malik was appallingly incompetent in trying to put stitches in my son's thumb.

## Physicians – Allergy

[Allergy & Asthma Care Centers](#), 2730 University Blvd. West, Wheaton

10/11: Nice staff, though the doctors keep changing.

[Goldberg, Paul](#), 1201 Seven Locks Rd, Rockville, 301-770-1733

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

10/11: (no additional comment)

6/10: My daughter and I use Mark Scarupa. He's great.

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**Shier, Jerry**, Silver Spring, 301-681-6055

8/09: I love his manner with patients. Calm, very organized, open to questions.

## Physicians – Alternative Medicine

[Blue Heron Wellness](#), 10723B Columbia Pike, SS, 301-754-3730

10/8: They have several excellent acupuncturists

**Pion, Carolyn** ([Crossings Healing Services](#)), above Whole Foods, 301-565-4924

10/08: A wonderful acupuncturist. Very gentle and caring and experienced.

**Thomas, Kathleen** (Acupuncture), Long Branch Parkway, 301-434-9595, acuyoga1@gmail.com

11/13: She has taken wonderful care of many of us in the neighborhood.

10/13: Two long-time, vexing conditions responded immediately to the treatment.

7/11: She's wonderful – has helped me and my family with various conditions.

6/10: I have been relieved of troubling, long-lasting orthopaedic pain.

## Physicians – Cardiology

Barold, Helen ([Comprehensive Cardiac Care](#)), 4910 Mass. Ave., DC, 202-237-0808

9/15: My primary physician referred me, and Dr. Barold nailed down what was going on.

[Goldbaum, Thomas](#), 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-656-4064

9/15: Awesome.

**Kenigsburg, Aaron**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-681-9095

9/15: Would recommend him and all his partners. Have had great treatment for 17 years.

**Lincoln, Michael** ([Associates in Cardiology](#)), 2900 Linden Lane, 301-681-5700

9/15: I love him. Very personable and understanding.

## Physicians – Chiropractic and similar

**Amon, Sheila**, 3706 Perry Ave., Kensington, 301-949-0440

5/11: My husband was pleased with the results, and they take our insurance.

5/11: She's great and has kept my sciatica in check for a long time.

3/10: She has given me relief in my hip from a rotated pelvic bone.

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**Davis, Jonathan**, 16005 Comprint Cir., Gaithersburg, 301-963-6700

7/05: I highly recommend him.

**Fullmer, William** (Life Chiropractic), 13321 New Hampshire Ave., SS, 301-847-9849

8/17: Very knowledgeable. Doesn't pressure you into multiple wky visits. Accepts BCBS.

**Goldman, Gary**, 9801 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-593-1199

5/11: He is amazing.

[Horwitz, Steven](#), 12200 Tech Rd., SS

7/05: He's great. Was the Olympic team chiropractor in the '96 Atlanta Olympics

**Jensen, Charlotte**, [Friendship Heights Chiropractic](#), 202-362-0900

2/08: Works with children, great results, accepts various insurance

[Kwiatkowski, Scott](#) (Osteopath), 8701 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-495-7727 **NEW LOCATION**

2/11: He used to be in Bethesda but he moved to Silver Spring.

1/10: Osteopathic manipulation, highly recommended for children & adults.

**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!

[Zinn Chiropractic](#) (JoAnn Zinn), 7000 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-853-6074

5/11: She is wonderful – gifted – a real healer.

## Physicians – Dermatology

**Abrams, Melissa** ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

5/16: My son and I both see Dr. Melissa Abrams and both really like her.

10/15: She's listed as pediatric, but she's good with grown-ups too. Caring and thorough.

**Cole, Amy** ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

3/17: [multiple recs] Dr. Cole is excellent.



5/16: I saw Amy Cole in Rockville to get a quick appointment and was pleased with her.

10/15: [multiple recs] Fabulous!

3/13: She is a good listener, and very thorough.

3/13: I was her patient until they dropped my insurance. Competent & a good listener.

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**Gerson, Emily Porter** (Tamjidi Skin Institute), 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Ch Ch., 301-652-828

12/09: Delightful, very competent, good with kids. Returns calls. Accepts Aetna PPO.

**Katz, Matthew & Robert**, 11510 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, 301-881-4124

10/11: He is great.

10/11: They accept Aetna PPO. He's a good guy. Great office personnel.

**Lee, Joseph**, Bethesda/Chevy Chase, 301-530-8300

10/11: (no additional comment)

**Lockshin, Norman** ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

3/17: We use Dr. Lockshin and his practice is excellent.

3/13: My wife and I have both seen Dr. Lockshin and his son – both are excellent.

12/09: We have used Dr. Lockshin for years and been very pleased.

10/08: I saw him years ago and did not care for his gruff manner.

[Margaret O'Neill](#), 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-951-7905

12/09: She is excellent. Very kid-friendly as well.

**Sau, Purnima**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-565-3699

12/09: She handled our problem quickly and effectively, and could see us immediately.

10/08: A small, one-doctor office. Not particularly warm but very proficient

**Singh, Saurabh**, ([DermAssociates](#)), 10313 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-681-7000

5/17: The last couple of years, I have seen Dr. Singh, who I like a great deal.

## Physicians – ENT

**Baumgartner, Robert**, 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-754-0085

3/08: Better for adults. I had deviated septum with sever sinus infection.

[Bianchi, David](#), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS

8/09: I really like him – very responsive to questions. Takes Aetna.

3/08: Referred by my internist. I liked him from my 1 visit. Accepts Aetna

[Bosworth, John](#), 15235 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville, 301-361-9000

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

Feldman, Bruce ([The Feldman ENT Group](#)), Bethesda, Chevy Chase, DC, Germantown

5/11: My husband has used and recommended Dr. Feldman many times. Very good.

1/11: I am happy with the Feldman Group. We saw Dr. Natalie Earl.

1/11: I am also happy with the Feldman Group. I have seen Dr. Earl and others there.

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

6/15: [No specific comment]

[Milmoie, Gregory](#), Georgetown Univ. Hosp.

8/09: The best!

[Oringer, Seth](#) ([Feldman E.N.T. Group](#)), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

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

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



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[Siegel, Michael](#), 15235 Shady Grove Rd., Rockville, 301-361-9000

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

**Troost, Thomas**, K St., Washington DC, 202-785-5000

3/08: Top-rated [www.washingtonent.com](http://www.washingtonent.com). My husband likes this ENT group.

[Williams, Jack](#), Chevy Chase, Bethesda, DC, Germantown

3/08: I had sinus surgery with him. Great group.

## Physicians - Endocrinology

[Rodbard, Helena](#), 3200 Tower Oaks Blvd., Rockville

4/17: [no comment given]

10/16: I'd recommend her.

10/15: Helena is very good and respected among her peers.

10/15: She's excellent (I recommended her to my mother, who agrees). Insurance is ltd.

12/15: (No comment given)

## Physicians – Gastroenterology

[Capital Digestive Care](#); 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002, or various locations

12/16: They take Medicare.

8/13: Was unable to get an "urgent" appointment as a new patient.

8/13: I go to the Metropolitan group in Bethesda. I like Jessica Korman.

8/13: For faster service, ask to speak to the "coordinator," or go to Olney or Shady Grove.

8/13: I had a fairly urgent problem but could not get an appointment for three weeks.

8/13: They are all good here. We use Kreisberg and Ezmerli.

**Diamond, Alan** ([Capital Digestive Care](#)), 10801 Lockwood Dr, SS, 301-593-2002

8/13: No additional comment.

**Finkel, Robert** ([Capital Digestive Care](#)), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

8/13: (no additional comment)

12/08: After years of me being sick, he was able to determine my illness quickly.

**Genovese, Joseph**, ([Capital Digestive Care](#)), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

8/13: No additional comment.

**Musselman, Robert**, ([Capital Digestive Care](#)), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-2002

12/16: Very good to work with.

12/16: We are pleased with him. They take Medicare.

## Physicians – GP / Internal Med / Family Practice / Primary Care

**Aleskow, Elliot**, 2141 K St NW #701, Washington, DC, 202-466-7266

10/15: If you're willing to go to K St. downtown, I've been happy with him for many years.

**Alpert, Hubert**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-588-2525

1/04: Our family doc for at least 20 yrs. Knowledgeable and top rated.

1/04: We love our doctor (internal medicine).

**Asher, Jeanne**, 3720 Farragut Ave., Kensington, 301-949-4242

1/12: For a female internist, we highly recommend Dr. Asher.

[Associates in Family Practice](#), 12210 Plum Orchard Dr., SS, 301-622-6020 (**NEW ADDRESS**)

4/10: Their practice is fantastic – very thorough. I see Dr. Victoria Wilson.

4/10: A very well run and knowledgeable practice.

[Bisk, Penny](#) (MedStar Health), 10301 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-754-1950

11/13: [Recommended as a good GP]

4/10: She is good.

**Dumont, Helene** ([Cameron Medical Group](#)), 8700 Ga. Ave., SS, 301-585-6049

1/04: I have been very pleased with my primary care physician.

**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.

**Friedland, Melissa** ([Montgomery Family Med. Assocs](#)), 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-0193

1/07: (more a recommendation for her practice, Montgomery Family Med.)

1/07: Associate of Dr F misdiagnosed herniated lumbar disc as muscle strain.

1/07: They have evening hours. Dr. F always calls personally with test results.

1/04: Family practice. Best of Washington in Washingtonian

[Ginsberg, Robert](#), (**new location**) 3905 National Dr., Burtonsville, 240-389-1192

1/16: Very thorough. Switching to concierge practice. He can be called day or night.

11/13: He's been my parents' primary care provider for several decades.

11/11: I like Dr. Ginsburg, and it's just a 15-minute car ride.

4/10: The best. Very smart, listens, spends time with you. Open to alternatives.

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**Glenn, Brian**, 12520 Prosperity Dr., SS, 301-622-6020

3/09: We are all very satisfied.

**Goodman, Jason**; 11161 New Hampshire Ave., SS (White Oak), 301-593-6620

1/07: I think he is very professional. Busy but usually close to on schedule.

[Healthy Steps](#) (Dr. **Husna Baksh** & 2 PAs), 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-593-6072

10/15: I definitely watched the PAs. Contacting her nurse is easy tho, & she is excellent.

10/15: New PA, Annie, was just ok. I found Dr. Baksh a little rushed recently.

10/15: I'm impressed by all 3 of the primary staff, in-house lab, & their responsiveness.

[Hwang, Erica](#), 8120 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-656-4010

4/10: Well worth going the extra mile. Extremely competent and caring.

**Jaffe, Gabriel** ([Metropolitan Medical Specialists](#)), (**new location**) 8116 Good Luck Rd., Lanham

1/04: My personal doc for about 20 yrs. One of the best diagnosticians.

[Johns Hopkins Community Physicians](#), Bethesda

9/12: We have been seeing Mary Callsen and Bradley Walkins and been very pleased.

**Keves-Cohen, Ruth** ([Cameron Med Group](#)), 8700 Ga Ave., 301-251-8101

1/04: It's an all-woman practice but I'm a guy. They're pretty good.

**Kramer-Fox, Julie**, 2101 Medical Park Dr., Silver Spring, (301) 681-3667

1/07: My wife has used her for a decade or more and likes her very much.

1/07: She is excellent.

1/07: She's OK. I don't care for the office personnel and atmosphere.

**Majette, Mario** ([TheDoctorsNextDoor](#)) **CLOSED AS OF 12/9/16**

10/15: I would recommend Dr. Majette. They are expanding to primary care.

**Marshall, Angela** [Comprehensive Women's Health](#), SS, 301-754-2222

10/15: You can always get an appointment if you need one.

10/15: No concierge fee, early hours, in-house lab work, and knowledgeable PAs.

3/09: I can't recall the last time I was this pleased with a doctor's practice.

3/08: I liked her and her physician's assistant. Accepts Aetna.

4/08: Health-oriented practice; welcome patients who are proactive about health

[Mitchell, Brenda](#), 912 Thayer Ave., SS, 301-495-9090

3/09: My friends think she's great. She specializes in people in their 40s and up.

**Mulshine, Pamela**, 11251 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-251-8035

1/04: I've had good experience. Her group takes Cigna.

**Nathan, Aruna**, 10901 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, 301-942-7900

3/09: I've been pleased with the amount of time she spends with me. (Aetna PPO)

**Nawaz, Ahmed**, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., SS, 301-444-4402

12/16: Recommended by cardiologist I know well. Been very pleased with him.

**Plotkin, David**, 18111 Prince Philip Dr # 304, Olney, (301) 570-7633

3/15: [Recommended for treating Lyme Disease]. He has treated many Lyme patients

[Potomac Physician Associates](#), Kensington, Bethesda, Germantown

2/05: All are family physicians who treat all ages

1/04: Our family has been going there for over 8 years.

**Singh, Rosie**, 2415 Musgrove Rd., SS, 301-989-0193

2/05: Highly regarded family doctor

1/04: Family practice. Best of Washington in Washingtonian

**Trinh, Phuong**, 8630 Fenton St., SS, 301-588-2525

1/04: My sister uses him and is very happy with him. Top rated

## Physicians - Nephrology

**Howard, Andrew** ([Metropolitan Nephrology Assocs](#)), Alexandria, 703-360-6117

11/13: My wife worked as a dialysis social worker and highly recommends him for NoVA.

## Physicians – Ob/Gyn, Women's Health

**Leavitt, Robert**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-681-3400

3/08: He's wonderful, really listens. His office (Capital Women's Care) is terrific.

**Margolis, Richard** (Capital Women's Care), Bethesda and Rockville

4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team)

**Marshall, Angela** ([Comprehensive Women's Health](#)), SS, 301-754-2222

**[Note: Gyn. but not Ob. (more Internal Medicine)]**

9/12: My daughter has started going, too. We like Angela and PA Christina Neal equally.

9/12: She was very thorough on my first health assessment with her.

9/12: She also does well-woman exams. She has two competent physician's assistants.

4/10: Health-oriented practice; welcomes patients who are proactive about health.

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**Travers, Kenneth**, 10801 Lockwood Dr., SS, 301-681-3400

3/08: My wife has been very pleased with her

## Physicians – Oncology

**Hendricks, Carolyn** (Center for Breast Health), 6410 Rockledge Dr., Rockville, 301-897-1503

4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team)

## Physicians – Orthopedics / Surgery

**Alam, Zohair**, ([Orthopedic Surgeons of Metropolitan Washington](#)), 8830 Cameron St., SS

2/15: [no comment given]

8/12: I found him thorough with a good bedside manner.

8/12: He did a great job replacing both my knees. An excellent surgeon.

8/12: He was good on my wrist issue. I felt rushed when I went for a shoulder problem.

**Bieber, Edward**, [OrthoBethesda](#), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010

2/15: [no comment given]

1/15: Very good for sports/exercise-related injuries. Rx for PT, and no surgery, twice.

7/14: Two excellent hand therapists. Dr. Bieber will be doing surgery on my thumb.

7/14: The hand therapy department is excellent.

**Callan, James**, 7610 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, 301-891-6130

1/04: Has treated our family for a variety of injuries and performed surgery.

[Commonwealth Orthopaedics](#) (Redskins team physicians), many offices in Virginia

7/14: They reattached a tendon in my hand, replaced my knees and did shoulder work.

[Douoguih, Wiemi](#), Washington Hospital Center, 202-291-9266

7/10: He did my husband's shoulder surgery. We were very happy with the outcome.

[Dreese, James](#) (MedStar Health), Lutherville and Ellicott City

7/14: Ortho surgeon who specializes in sports medicine. Has a conservative approach.

[Durbhakula, Mahidhar](#) ([Ortho Bethesda](#)), 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010.

8/17: [Recommended for hand specialist.] The physical therapists are excellent.

**Gardiner, James**, ([Maryland Orthopedic Specialists](#)), Bethesda and Germantown

7/14: I saw James Gardiner as well as a host of their physical therapy staff.

**Gazdag, Andre**, 10215 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, 301-530-1010

3/17: He is a foot specialist. Has treated me (broken ankle) and my husband.

[Gilbert, James](#) ([MOST](#)), 8401 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-588-7888 ([Mixed reviews](#))

7/14: My husband had on ongoing runner's injuries and been very pleased with Gilbert.

8/12: Our experience was less than stellar. We left to take our daughter to another doc.

8/12: He has treated my marathon running issues very well for over 10 years.

8/12: I've seen him twice – for wrist and ankles. He knows what he's doing.

**Guterman, Irvin** ([Greater Washington Orthopaedic Group](#)), 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS

8/12: Both my husband and I have seen him. Very good experience.

**Haas, Stephen; Grossman, Robert**, 5454 Wisc. Ave, ChCh, 301-657-1996

11/12: He did a bang up job on my ACL/meniscus surgery many moons ago.

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[Haque, Mustafa](#), 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-657-9876

7/14: Excellent

**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.

8/12: He is thorough – even found something on the MRI that the original doc missed.

**Lavine, Peter**, 1145 19th St., NW. Wash. DC, 202-223-8600 (may have an office in Maryland)

10/11: Works with the Wash. Ballet. Has helped me through three sports injuries

**Love, Dexter**, ([Orthopedic Surgeons of Montgomery County](#)), 8830 Cameron St., SS

8/12: Good bedside manner.

**Magee & Michaels Orthopaedic**, 8830 Cameron Ct., SS, 301-565-3301

3/11: Dr. Magee no longer takes United Health Care insurance. Dr. Alam there does.

3/11: My husband had very successful disc and wrist surgeries done by Dr. Michaels.

3/11: I have used Dr. Magee twice and would definitely recommend him.

3/11: I like Dr. Magee, who I have been to a number of times.

3/11: Love Dr. Magee!

1/11: My husband, my mother, and I have all been to him and like him very much.

7/10: I can't speak highly enough about Christopher Magee. He did my shoulder surgery.

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[Metro Orthopedics & Sports Therapy \(MOST\)](#), 8401 Colesville Rd., 301-588-7888

7/14: My husband has been pleased with Dr. Gilbert for ongoing runner's injuries.

1/04: I would recommend Dr. Gilbert or Dr. Bernstein or Dr. Gardiner

[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!

7/14: I've seen the joint guy, and my husband has seen the sports med guy

7/14: They have ortho docs who specialize in everything.

[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 Center](#), 9420 Key West Ave., Rockville, 301-251-1433

7/10: The hand surgeon saw damage on the x-ray that the ER doc missed.

[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.

**Plotkin, David**, 18111 Prince Philip Dr., Olney, 301-570-7633

7/10: He is a GP with a specialization in sports medicine

**Smink, David** ([Greater Wash. Orthopaedic Group](#)), 1400 Forest Glen Rd., SS

10/11: A great knee and shoulder guy.

## Physicians – Pediatrics

**Bernstein, Jeffrey**, 344 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-681-6730

2/09: My kids would not be who they are today without his care and skills.

2/05: (no specific comment)

**Burgin, James**, 6201 Greenbelt Rd., Berwin Heights, 301-345-1900

3/08: Excellent

**Clark, Maiya** ([Sunshine Pediatrics](#)), 344 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-593-5440

12/16: My granddaughter loves her. You can get same-day appts, & her NP is very good.

8/15: We like Dr. Maiya Clark.

8/13: She has a very nice way with children and is affiliated with Holy Cross.

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

8/15: We like Kathleen Kadow. We also like Susan Shults Scalett at the same practice.

**Kadowitz, Nancy** ([Capitol Medical Group](#)), Chevy Chase, 301-907-3960

2/09: The entire practice is wonderful. The doctors take time with my daughter.

2/09: I second that recommendation. But they are very busy.

[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

4/12: I strongly recommend this practice

1/11: We couldn't be happier with them.

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## Physicians – 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.

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**Jacobs, Richard**, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville, 301-816-5004

6/17: [no specific comment given]

**Lieberman, Gary**, 10101 Lorain Ave. (on University across from Safeway), SS, 301-681-8400

6/17: [2 recs - recommended and seconded without further comment]

5/16: Both my husband and I have been to him, and been very happy.

4/13: Really like him. He spent at least 15 minutes diagnosing, then gave several options.

12/11: He has done good work for our needs.

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**Mirkin, Gene** ([FASMA](#)), 2415 Musgrove Rd. Silver Spring, 301-384-6500

5/16: He and his staff are excellent.

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**Osterman, Howard** ([FASMA](#)), 6830 Fenton St., 301-587-5666

2/08: He's fantastic. He helped me so much with a running injury.

**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:

**Taylor, Paul** ([FASMA](#)), 8630 Fenton St., 301-587-5666

2/08: (6 recs) Great. Made orthotics and cured my knee, back problems.

**Tritto, Michael** ([FASMA](#)), 11801 Rockville Pike, 301-881-6222

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]

## Physicians – Rheumatology

**Matsumoto, Alan** ([Arthritis and Rheumatism Assocs](#)), Wheaton & other offices, 301-942-7600

4/12: I like him. I've heard good things about all the docs.

**Worthing, Angus** ([Arthritis and Rheumatism Assocs](#)) Chevy Chase and DC, 301-942-7600

12/15: He treated me for several years. He's great.

## Physicians – Surgery

**Sandler, Glenn** ([Advanced Surgery PC](#)), 9707 Medical Center Dr., Rockville

4/12: Excellent (as part of my breast cancer team).

## Piano Teachers (see Music Teachers)

## Piano Tuners (and repair)

**Beigel, Carol**, 301-474-5606; 240-535-4206

6/14: I really like her. She has tuned for the Kennedy Center, but is reasonably priced.

9/13: She is very good.

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**Brickman, Norman**; Potomac Piano Services, 301-983-9321

8/05: He has tuned for performers, embassies

**Colwell, James**, 301-996-2588

6/17: [no additional comment]

9/13: [no additional comment]

**Long, David**, 301-858-9086

8/05: He charges about \$90 for a tuning.

**Naecker's Piano Service** (Chamberlain Naecker), 301-589-6535

1/15: He tuned my 1929 Stieff and got a spinet heirloom to sound as good as one can.

6/14: I agree. We used him after seeing his name on this list. He is very good.

6/14: Mr. Naecker is knowledgeable and competent, and the price was reasonable.

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**Normoyle, Rick**, [rikeyboard@aol.com](mailto:rikeyboard@aol.com)

6/14: We've used him for several years and have liked his thorough work.

**Travis, Michael**, 301-441-3555

6/14: My old neighbor in Greenbelt. He's in the piano tuner hall of fame!

## Picture Frames (see Framing)

## 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.

5/14: We used them to clean out the backed-up basement storm drain.

8/12: Performed a "sewer burst" for problems with our sewer line. We are happy with it.

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

7/17: [3 recs] He does excellent work.... Quick to respond to an emergency.

4/17: [Recommended for snaking an outdoor drain.] We have had good results.

2/16: He's experienced, meticulous, agreeable, and prices fairly.

2/16: He fixed a 40-year leak in our chimney & a leak in one second floor toilet.



11/15: [Recommended to flush home radiators] He's excellent & knows these systems.  
6/15: He's dependable, knowledgeable, prompt, and prices fairly.  
3/15: Arrived in 30 mins. on a Sat. after giving damage-limiting instructions by phone.  
1/14: He came over to my parents' house on Sunday to fix their disposal.  
10/12: He is replacing our original galvanized pipes. Outstanding in all aspects.  
10/12: He repaired our leaking plumbing and leaking chimney.  
10/12: He turned our laundry room and adjoining area into a full bath-laundry room.  
7/12: Fantastic work remodeling our two existing bathrooms and adding a half bath.  
6/12: He is a licensed master plumber. I can vouch for his decency and skill.  
2/12: He rescued us on a Friday when a pipe broke and ruined our basement bathroom.  
2/12: He just refinished a second bathroom for us.

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**Charles Clements Plumbing** (Charlie), **[DECEASED]**

**Chuck the Plumber**, 301-774-1452

3/10: We unconditionally recommend them -- have used them for over 20 years.

**Day or Night**, 301-858-1312 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

1/07: We have a service contract. The guys are nice and do great work.

10/05: Do not use!

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

[Sometimes Kirk sends out another plumber, but he stands behind all the work.]

2/16: The plumber was knowledgeable & took time to explain things. Reasonably priced.

9/14: Kirk is terrific.

8/10: The only plumber we call. He is very honest and effective.

8/10: Very responsive. My problem was embarrassingly simple, and he refused payment.

6/10: Very reasonable, honest and always timely. Seriously fantastic.

**Fishman, Robert**, 301-253-1060

1/07: Our family's plumber for a long, long time.

**Flood, John C. Flood**, DC, 800-422-1192

1/07: Very quick, reliable, and pretty reasonable.

1/07: We were really happy with their work. A little pricey.

**Flow Rite**, 301-829-4500

7/15: Snaked a tub drain. \$85, done in less than an hour, minimal mess.

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

**[Check web site for coupons]**

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

**Hardisty, CT**, 301-987-9790; 301-384-8010 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

1/14: He was honest, fair, and as prompt as he could be after our latest freeze.

1/07: I used them for one BIG job. Very good, fair, prompt, courteous

1/07: He was great.

3/03: Will no longer use them after a ridiculous estimate and strong-arm tactics

**Harper, W.L. and Sons**, Silver Spring, 301- 565-2322

2/10: They're great.

1/10: We love them. They try to come out for emergencies. Reasonable priced.

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**Herr & Son**, Riverdale, 301-459-4774

3/09: Reasonable price and Mike's work is guaranteed for a year. He's a specialist.

**J&J Plumbing** (Mike Jackson), Hyattsville, 301-422-6995

1/07: I love my plumber. Very honest and very fair.

**James Wheat and Sons**, Gaithersburg, 301-670-1944 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

7/04: Very high estimate to snake two drains and replace some tubing.

3/03: Reliable plumbers--they'll do your heating and cooling systems, too.

**Jeeves DO NOT USE**

10/05: Do not use!

8/05: Installed a disposal, then charged to fix a broken part 7 wks later.

**Kelly, Joe**, 240-441-8348

8/11: Good plumber

[Len the Plumber](#), 800-645-9356

1/18: [For emergencies] Open 24/7. I use them whenever I can't reach James Burkett.

9/14: Pretty speedy.

**Lewis, W.H.** Rockville, 301-545-1170

1/07: I was pleased with the services.

[Lyons Plumbing](#), 301-253-4090

7/17: Reasonably priced. Not sure about emergencies...

7/17: **We returned to an old favorite. Good family biz, great customer response & service.**

[Magnolia Plumbing](#), 888-829-8510 [Web site says "24 Hr Service"]

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 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

1/14: They replaced my disposal, and I recall it was reasonable.

12/13: We have found them to be reliable.

8/13: Needed a new disposal. Work was quick and fairly priced. Fred G. did the repairs.

2/10: Try Master Plumbing. They're a small local outfit.

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11/05: They came to snake a drain and punched a hole in my pipes then left.

10/05: Fast, efficient, reasonably priced. Locally owned and operated.

1/05: They have come on a moment's notice and have been reasonably priced.

**Meyer, Rob**, 301-651-0555

6/13: He does a great job; his handyman prices are much lower than hiring a plumber.

**Michael & Son, DO NOT USE**

6/10: I would not recommend them. Waaaaaay overpriced.

**Oldham Plumbing** (Terry Oldham), [oldhamplumbing@verizon.net](mailto:oldhamplumbing@verizon.net), 240-793-7599

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

4/15: Prompt, courteous, and reported to WSSC when he thought it was their problem.

1/14:

**Oreb, Dragi**, 301-297-9330

11/10: We used him for several projects around the house. He knows his stuff

**Quality Plumbing** (George), SS, 301-384-1873

1/07: Almost always comes out the same day, does good work, very reasonable.

**Quesenberry, Jim**, 240-447-2708

1/17: No longer in MD, works Mon-Thur only, no emergency work

6/12: (Recommended for emergency plumbing work.)

**Springer, RD or Bob**, 301-439-8200

1/07: Works for himself. Has been my family's plumber for 30 yrs.

[Tom Lopresti Plumbing & Heating](#), 301-420-6589

6/04: We were very impressed, pleased with all their plumbers

**Tomas, Edmund, DO NOT USE**

11/12: Many plumbing issues, including a flood caused by a poor connection

**Uneeda Plumbing**, 301-946-6331

10/09: A local outfit (two people). Very reasonable, competent, clean, and likable.

**Voight, R.L.**, 301-946-6100

1/07: We have been very pleased with their service.

[Tim Whistler Plumbing & Gas Fitting](#), 301-648-9676

4/15: Very informative, discussed options, and was upfront about where to save money.

## Porch Re-Screening

**Hartness, Mike** (also listed under Handymen), 301-219-9715

3/08: He did a great job on ours.

## Power Washing

**Arevalo, David**, 301-379-2430

4/12:

[See Dirt Run](#), 301-540-1243

4/12: Ask for Rod.

## Produce Delivery

[From the Farmer](#),

5/14: The best strawberries I've had since childhood.

5/14: You support local farmers, get the best quality produce, but no long-term contract.

[South Mountain Veggies](#) (Now "Hometown Harvest"),

6/11: A bargain if you like fresh, healthy, and well-grown vegetables and fruit.

## Psychiatrists, Psychologists

[Putnam, Jared](#), 7910 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-656-9520

11/13: [2 recs] He is very good but no longer accepting insurance.

**Saiger, George**, 6280 Montrose Rd., Rockville, 301-770-5016

3/15: Excellent geriatric psychiatrist.

[Sussal, Joshua](#), 7474 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, 301-982-3437

11/13:

**Williams, Paul**, 1 Church St., Rockville, 240-314-9696

11/13:

**Yousufi, Samina** ([Green Ridge Behavioral Health](#)), 610 Professional Dr., Gaith., 240-683-6202

11/13:

## Real Estate Agents

[2 Sisters](#),

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.

11/12: We purchased our house from them and are now having them sell it.

11/12: They did a fantastic job getting our house ready. Made the whole process easy.

[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

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

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

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

[Richards, Kyle](#) (Coldwell Banker), 7272 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 301-718-0010

4/12: An excellent agent. She is dependable, professional, hard-working, friendly & kind.

## Real Estate Appraisers

[Area Appraisal Services](#), 301-215-7567

8/16: [No additional comment given]

## Rehabilitation

[Adventist Rehab Hospital](#),

12/15: Your best option for inpatient acute rehab.

[Shady Grove Nursing & Rehab Ctr.](#), 9701 Medical Center Dr., Rockville

12/15: I had a very good experience here.

## Remodeling (see Contractors/Remodelers)

## Restaurants (next, see Restaurants, Asian – including Indian)

[8407 Kitchen & Bar](#), 8407 Ramsey Ave., SS, 301-587-8407

3/13: Delicious brunch.

7/12: They do gluten-free.

7/12: It's not as great as it was, but it's well worth it.

7/12: Loved it! The charcuterie plate, the fries and the curry seafood were unbelievable.

7/12: Rather expensive for what you get. Food was not memorable.

7/12: Very good food, very good service. Yes it's a little pricey. Pastry chef is fantastic.

7/12: Pricy but not too expensive. Excellent lamb Bolognese, but lack of veggie options.

7/12: Been there a few times, enjoyed it thoroughly. Worth the expense, in my opinion.

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[Abol](#) (Ethiopian), 8626 Colesville Rd., SS

6/13: Great.

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[Abyssinia Ethiopian](#), 8221 Georgia Ave., SS

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

6/15: I like their quiet upscale vibe.

[Adega Wine Cellars & Café](#), [CLOSED]

8/13: Not expensive, and the food is just incredibly good.

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

6/17: It's superb.

6/15: Excellent.

10/05: Recommended by many cab drivers and myself.

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

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

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

[Bete](#) (Ethiopian), 811 Roeder Rd., SS, 301-588-2225

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

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

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

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

8/15: Very good.

6/15: I love Bete!

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

6/13: Great

[Big Greek Cafe](#), 8223 Georgia Ave., SS

1/12: Makes a fine gyro. Best falafel I've ever had.

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[Black Market Bistro](#), 4600 Waverly Ave., Garrett Park

10/17: One of our favorites, but not something I'd recommend as kid-friendly.

10/17: We've had several fabulous dinners there. Brunch is rumored to be spectacular.

10/13: I like this place very much.

6/10: Awesome brunch menu. Nice but not fussy. Nice bar inside seating outside.

[Black's Bar & Kitchen](#), 7750 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-652-5525

10/13: Great. Especially for lunch.

[Blair Mansion Inn](#), 7711 Eastern Ave., SS

1/08: Majestic interior. Food is of highest quality, not inordinately expensive

[Christina Ristorante Italiano](#), 2666 University Blvd. West, SS, 301-942-4137

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

8/10: We love Christina's. Great place ... nice people.

[Colorado Kitchen](#), 5515 Colorado Ave, DC (limited hours), 202-545-8280

10/05: This place has Jackie's beat in the food department.

[Copper Canyon](#), 928 Ellsworth Dr., SS

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

[Crispy & Juicy](#), 1314 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring

2/12: Unbeatable in taste and cost. Don't be fooled by the ambiance.

[Cuba de Ayer](#), 15446 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville,

5/13: (Recommended for vegetarian options.)

[Cubano](#) (Cuban), 1201 Fidler Lane, SS, 301-563-4020

10/05:

10/01: Very good

[The Daily Dish](#), 8301 Grubb Rd., Silver Spring

10/17: I like them for brunch.

3/13: A nice brunch. Casual environment

[DaMarco's Ristorante Italiano](#), 8662 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring

9/09: Offers a great dinner as well as lunch.

[Dip n Rolls](#) (Deli & Asian), 8737 Colesville Rd., SS, 202-400-0633

10/16: Spring rolls, Asian & other sandwiches, croissants. Not visible from the street.

[Eggspectations](#) (for brunch), 923 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring

6/08: They make fabulous coffees, and their breakfast crepes are lovely.

[El Golfo](#) (Salvadoran), 8739 Flower Ave, SS, 301-608-2122

5/13: The vegetarian options are very good.

5/13: Great vegetarian and vegan options.

1/12: They serve really tasty food.

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[Elevation Burger](#), Wheaton Mall

10/12: I LOVE this place.

[Evolve Vegan Restaurant](#), 341 Cedar St. NW., Wash. DC (Takoma)

6/15: Beyond excellent for vegan!

[Fajita Coast](#), 1115 East-West Hwy., SS, 301-593-0013

3/12: They've moved from Four Corners. Same delicious food and friendly service.

[Fenton Café](#) (brunch), 8311 Fenton St., Silver Spring, 301-244-5587

3/13: Delicious crepes.

3/13: It was a good lunch, but seating is limited. There are lots of vegetarian choices.

3/13: Best crepes anywhere. Food is 5 star; atmosphere is luncheonette.

5/12: Coffee drinks and the best crepes I have ever had. Service is very friendly.

[Fire Station 1](#), 8131 Georgia Ave., SS **[NEGATIVE REVIEWS]**

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

10/17: Horrible for brunch.

[Founding Farmers](#), 12505 Park Potomac Ave., Rockville

10/13: Prices were reasonable.

10/13: I enjoyed lunch there. Portions were large, service pretty good, but noisy.

10/13: I dined there in April and found it absolutely fine. Happy with the DC location too.

10/13: I thought it very good (about 2 years back), but not everyone in my party agreed.

3/13: The food is indeed very good, but the entire place is very noisy.

3/13: Wonderful and creative restaurant. Menu from local farms, with seasonal produce.

[Frankly ... Pizza](#), 10417 Armory Ave., Kensington, 301-832-1065

9/14 No delivery and a late opening, but a must try in-house sometime in Kensington.

[Fresh Greek Grill](#), 25 W. University Blvd. (Four Corners), 301-681-0070

4/12: The gyro was very good, but a little messy. The fries were also great.

1/12: Try their gyros. They're wonderful.

[Gebeta](#), 8123 Georgia Ave., SS

6/13: Great.

4/13: My family also had a very pleasant time and a great meal here.

4/13: Delicious, and outstanding service. My husband is Ethiopian and knows the food.

[Golden Flame](#), 8630 Fenton St., SS

8/06: (2 recs) Food was out of this world and the staff incredibly gracious.

[Jackie's](#) (American), Silver Spring **[CLOSED]**

[Jaleo](#) (Tapas), 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda (also in DC and Arlington)

5/13: Great veg options.

6/10: Great Spanish tapas - wines - beers - fun - Gazpacho rocks.

[Kaldi's Coffee Bar](#), 918 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, 800-607-1324

1/14: And Kaldi's has the best chai tea I have ever tasted.

1/14: Wonderful homemade fruit breads and coffee cakes, and they support the AFI.

[KBQ Real Barbecue](#), Bowie

1/08: The food is fantastic -- worth the trip (just off of Rte. 50).

**Kefi** (Mediterranean/Greek), **CLOSED** 11301 Fern St., Wheaton, 301-933-3338

**Kenny's Peruvian Chicken**, 10118 Colesville Rd., SS (Four Corners), 301-593-1578

2/12: It's the closest [pollo place] and we think the chicken is better than sabrosos

[La Malinche](#) (tapas), 8622 Colesville Rd. (across from the AFI)

12/12: Both the tapas and the sangria were delicious and generous.

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

6/15: It's my favorite.

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[Lebanese Taverna](#), SS and elsewhere

10/05: They have the BEST hummus!

[Lesaac Ethiopian Cafe](#), 8200 Fenton St.

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

[Levante's](#) (Mediterranean), Bethesda & Dupont Circle

10/05: Excellent

[Lina's Diner & Bar](#), 8402 Georgia Ave., SS, 240-641-8061

7/17: We thoroughly enjoyed our outdoor dining.

7/17: Everything we've tried has been a hit! A lovely place. A venue to dine *al fresco!*

7/17: Loved the food. Top quality ingredients with flavors I could never get on my own.

7/17: All around great food, fair prices, friendly service, lovely space. Perfect pie crust.

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

6/17: We like the food here.

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

[McGinty's Public House](#), 911 Ellsworth, Silver Spring

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

3/13: Went for brunch. Wonderful prix fixe menu was also a good value.

[Mi Rancho](#), 8701 Ramsey Ave., SS, 301-588-4872

10/05: I'm always in favor of going there than Austin Grill

[Moby Dick House of Kabob](#), 909 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring,

4/12: You can't go wrong with this place for kebabs.

[Mocha Hut](#) (coffee house), DC & Bethesda

10/05: Funky hangout. Excellent cappuccino, brunch food, reasonable prices.

[Mosaic](#) (brunch), 186 Halpine Rd., Rockville

3/13: Unbelievably delicious waffles. Pleasant atmosphere. Takes weekend reservations.

[Mrs. K's Toll House](#), Colesville & Dale Ave., SS **[MIXED REVIEWS]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Negril](#) (Jamaican), SS and other locations



10/05: Beef patties are worth the trip.

[Nova Europa](#), 1311 Lambertson Dr., SS

10/05: We've been going for 25 yrs. Food & service excellent, prices reasonable.

[Olazzo](#) (Italian), 8235 Ga. Ave., SS (also in Bethesda)

2/11: We've been twice recently, and the food was delicious and fresh

8/10: We really enjoy this restaurant.

[Pacci's Neapolitan Pizza](#), 8113 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-1011

12/15: (Mult. recs) Always Pacci's! (For Italian and kid-friendly.)

9/14: The best for takeout, if you can drive.

2/11: Pacci's is a good choice.

\*\*\*\*\* Wine selection is good and reasonably priced.

[Pacci's Trattoria](#), 6 Post Office Rd., SS, 301-588-0867

4/17: Lovely for brunch.

8/13: Continues to wow me. Beyond impressed with the rack of lamb special recently.

[Pete's New Haven Style Pizza](#), 962 Wayne Ave., SS, 301-588-5383

9/14: Pete's has the best option for pizza delivery in Silver Spring.

9/14: Everything we've tried is delicious.

[Piratz Tavern](#), 8402 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-9001

9/09: VERY fun, with or without kids. Food quality is consistent.

**Pollo Loco** (Peruvian chicken), corner of Piney Branch and Flower

2/12: We enjoyed the food very much.

2/12: This is indeed very good.

2/12: My Peruvian neighbor toes to this one.

[Post Office Tavern](#), **CLOSED** 6 Post Office Rd., SS, 301-562-8787

[Quarry House](#) (burgers), Georgia & Bonifant, SS, 301-587-9406

5/10: I love this place, but it's pretty cramped, loud, and not good for kids.

5/10: A very special place.

5/10: A good place for beer. They have some very good music.

5/10: Food and service was better before Jackie's bought it.

5/10: Great service, too. But get there early – it gets crowded.

5/10: Great place. Burgers and homemade chips, yum. Great beer selection.

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[Ray's the Classics](#), 8606 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-588-7297

4/11: We sat in the bar area, had an absolutely delicious meal

2/11: Great, inexpensive burgers. The bar serves specials you can't get in the main room.

[Republic](#) (part of the Black Group), 6939 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park

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

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

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

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

[The Room at McGinty's](#), 911 Ellsworth

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

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

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

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

5/15: Delicious food and great service.

[Roscoe's Pizzeria](#), 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park

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

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

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[Royal Mile Pub](#), 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton

6/08: I've always liked the brunch there. A reservation during peak times is a good idea.

**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]

**Samantha's**, 631 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring

5/13: (Recommended for vegetarian Hispanic food). Amazing food, not great service.

[Sardi's](#) (Peruvian chicken), 10433 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville

2/12: The best. They have a much more extensive menu than most pollo places.

[Sasso](#) (tapas), 4866 Cordell Ave., Bethesda

8/09: Wonderful tapas restaurant with nearby parking. Pesto/garlic aioli to die for!

[Scion](#), 1200 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, 301-585-8878

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

6/13: I'd give the kitchen a little more time to tighten up. Perfect steak, fries were limp.

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

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

2/11: We love Sergio's!

8/10: We like it there very much.

8/10: Homemade pasta, zuppa di mare, and tiramisu are our favorites.

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[Stage Burger Lounge](#), 8624 Colesville Rd., 301-588-0049

10/12: Pretty good, but not the best burger I every had.

4/12: Very good burgers and fries, but no one else was there on a Friday night

4/12: Pretty good, worth a try.

**Taste of Jerusalem** (Middle Eastern), 8123 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, 301-495-3067

2/08: Lunch was fabulous.

[Tastee Diner](#), Cameron St., SS **[NEGATIVE REVIEW]**

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

[Tavira](#) (Portuguese), 8401 Conn. Avt., Chevy Chase, 301-652-8684

7/14: Great food and European service, and two wonderful private dining rooms.

**Vicino's** (Italian), 959 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, 301-588-3372 (mixed reviews)

10/05: Excellent.

10/05: I'm Italian, and the one time I went there it was very disappointing.

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

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

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

## Restaurants, Asian (includes SE Asia – India, etc.)

[Asian Bistro](#), 8537 Georgia Ave., SS

8/11: We like this place.

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[Chin Lee](#) (Chinese), 1331 Lambertson Dr. (Kemp Mill), 301-649-5466

3/12: Try this place for delivery. Huge portions.

[Dip n Rolls](#) (Deli & Asian), 8737 Colesville Rd., SS, 202-400-0633

10/16: Spring rolls, Asian & other sandwiches, croissants. Not visible from the street.

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

8/11: The most authentic Hong Kong style in the area.

8/11: We love Full Key. It's been a Washingtonian best bargain restaurant several years.

3/10: Hong Kong style Chinese at its BEST! (Our HK friends introduced us to it)

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

5/13: They do amazing platters for larger events.

5/13: You can get a 10% discount for ordering online, and have your order delivered.

5/13: Much more of a fine dining experience than I had expected. The food was great.

4/12: You can't go wrong here for kebabs.

8/11: Delicious Indian and Nepali food.

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[Golden House/Garden House](#), 8200 Georgia Ave., SS

9/14: We like them too, particularly their dumplings.

9/14: Best Veg Chinese options in the area.

8/12: I second this recommendation. Awesome vegetarian options.

8/12: We always order from Golden House and have never been disappointed.

[Hinode](#) (sushi/Japanese), Rockville & Bethesda

5/10: My daughter likes the sushi there.

5/10: All you can eat sushi for \$20 on Friday nights. Good selection and fresh.

[Hollywood East](#), 11160 Viers Mill Rd., Wheaton, 240-290-9988 (Reopened Apr 2010)

3/10: We liked Hollywood East, especially shrimp with XO sauce.

[Hunan Manor](#), 11237 New Hampshire Ave., SS, 301-681-5360

9/14: As far as delivery goes, they are the best. We've tried just about everyone.

9/14: We use them for delivery. Pretty good, but just shy of my foodie expectations.

8/11: A favorite of ours, especially the veggie dishes that are made to taste like chicken.

8/11: (multiple "second" recommendations.)

[Ikko Sushi](#), 1215 East West Hwy, Silver Spring, 301-562-9400

1/14: The food was fresh and tasty. Go now while it's Silver Spring's best kept secret.

**Jewel of India**, 10151 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring (White Oak), 301-408-2200

11/11: Terrific lunch buffet, both vegetarian and meat entrees, and yummy rice pudding.

11/11: I also enjoyed the lunch buffet here. Going after the lunch crowd really helps.

**Kam Fong**, 2400 University Blvd. West, Wheaton, 301-933-6388

3/10: This new restaurant is really good.

[Kao Thai](#), 8650 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-495-1234

10/12: It is terrific.

5/12: We like them also. They have a 1.8 mile delivery range.

5/12: Amazing, yummy food. (Recommended for Thai food delivery.)

3/12: They deliver and are extremely delicious. Go for the Dragon Noodles.

8/11: This new place is very good.

[Lotus Café](#) (Vietnamese), 8077 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring (@ Sligo Ave.), 301-588-8888

2/14: The best Pho in the area. A hidden gem.

6/13: Very good

[Maiwand Grill](#) (Afghan), 15508 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, 301-421-9251

4/16: Their delicious Monday special, lamb curry, sells out fast. Call lunchtime to reserve.

4/16: Everything is top notch, and you should try all of their vegetable dishes.

[Mandalay](#) (Burmese), 930 Bonifant St., SS, 301-585-0500

6/13: If you want dessert, get the coconut or pineapple ice cream that they make there.

6/13: Excellent. I recommend the ginger salad, gram fritters, yellow beans with onions.

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[Masa Hibachi Steakhouse and Sushi Bar](#), 921 Ellsworth Dr., SS, 301-608-8989

12/12: The sushi is very fresh, with generous portions. They understand good service.

12/12: Service was wonderful and the hibachi food was great. Reserve a hibachi table.

11/12: Awesome. The sushi bar, at least.

11/12: We liked it. Very happy with both the food and the cooking entertainment.

6/12: My wife and I really like the sushi here (where Ceviche used to be). Awesome.

[Matuba](#) (Japanese, sushi), 4918 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, 301-652-7449

5/10: My favorite for sushi.

[Moby Dick Sushi](#) (Japanese, sushi), 11220 Triangle La, Wheaton, 301-949-3910

6/12: We love Moby Dick.

5/12: Our go-to sushi place. High quality and great service.

4/12: They added another chef on weekends so the wait is not so long.

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### **Montgomery Mall Sushi Bar**

6/12: If you happen to be shopping, the sushi bar in the food court is quite good.

[Nava Thai](#), 11301 Fern St, Wheaton, 240-430-0495

8/11: We recommend this for Thai food.

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[Oriental East](#), 1312 East-West Hwy., SS **[CLOSED]**

[Panda Wok](#), 2444 Ennalls Ave., SS 301-933-8599

8/12: I was pretty impressed. Food arrived HOT. The best Chinese I've had in DC.

**Pho 75**, 1510 University Blvd. East, Langley Park, 301-434-7844

2/14: Affordable, fast, and tasty. It's cash only.

Pho Tan Vinh, 8705 Colesville Rd., 301-588-8188

6/14: Delicious pho soup (without MSG) to beautiful ambiance. Wonderful service, too.

**Pinto Thai**, 8223 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-585-7200

10/05: Fantastic

[Planet Bollywood](#), 8622 Colesville Rd.

5/10: Had a great meal (the lamb was especially tender).

5/10: A welcoming and delicious customer experience.

[Raku](#) (sushi), Bethesda & Dupont Circle, 301-718-8680; 202-265-7258

6/12: I vote for Raku, Bethesda.

3/10: Best crunchy spicy tuna ever! Everything is delicious.

[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.

6/13: The mystery beer was just \$1.50 a bottle.

3/13: Yum, yum.

3/13: The sushi here rocks. Loved the salmon, fluke, scallop, mackerel.

1/13: Prompt service, sushi was great, generous portions, and inexpensive.

11/12: We thought our dishes were just right. The spice is not too wimpy or too much.

10/12: The food was delicious, and the sake was served at the proper temperature.

10/12: General Tso's was very good, curry lamb was pretty spicy, satay was mild.  
10/12: The service was attentive, the food was tasty, and the prices were reasonable.  
10/12: We got carryout which was very good.  
10/12: The sushi regular was excellent. Beef teriyaki in the binto box was tough.  
10/12: Our service was fine, but the Thai dish didn't have the right spices.  
10/12: Well presented, but the food wasn't as flavorful as it should have been.  
10/12: Better than anything we have found here or in the District. Brown rice available.

[Ruan Thai](#) (Thai), 11407 Amherst Rd., Wheaton

8/11: Excellent. My husband loved the pork. Awesome red curry with tofu.

[Silver Spring Thai Flavor](#), 8650 Colesville Rd., SS, 301-495-1234

3/10: Fantastic. The food is very, very good and fresh.

[Skew Works](#), 930 Wayne Ave., SS, 301-326-1445/1443

11/11: Tasty Malaysian food. I like the white coffee too. The owners are super nice.

[Spring Garden](#) (Chinese), 8613 16th St., SS, 301-588-9337 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

8/12: We have always been happy with their food and service.

8/12: We ordered for delivery and thought it was terrible.

8/11: We recommend this restaurant for Chinese food (can't say about the sushi).

3/10: Continues to have the best Chinese delivery in the area. I've loved everything.

[Sushi Jin](#), 8555 Fenton Ave., SS, 301-608-0900

**6/13: Now reopened and better than before.**

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[Sushi-Ko](#), 2309 Wisc. Ave, Georgetown, 202-333-4187

6/12: We go there at least once a month. It's some of the best we've had.

[Tiffin](#) (Indian), 1341 University Blvd E., Langley Park, 301-434-9200

6/13: Our favorite Indian place.

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[Udupi Palace](#) (Indian, Veg), 1329 University Blvd. E., Langley Park, 301-434-1531

10/05: Take-out is best option

[Viet Pho and Grill](#), 1640 Elton Rd., Silver Spring, 301-439-8438

2/14: Very good, more variety, and they take credit cards. Hidden behind Safeway.

6/13: A very extensive menu, and everything I've had there has been delicious.

[Whole Foods](#) (sushi takeout)

[Woodlands](#), 8046 New Hampshire (Langley Park),

1/12: This vegetarian restaurant is fantastic.

[Woomi Garden](#) (Korean & Japanese & sushi), 2423 Hickerson Dr., Wheaton, 301-933-0100

6/12: We recommend this for sushi. They have both Japanese and Korean fare.

2/11: We like the Korean food here.

## Roofers (including Roof Repairs)

[American Home Crafts](#), 301-924-1424

4/10: The best of four estimates for a new roof. Very thorough, easy to work with.

[Beltway Roofing](#) **DO NOT USE**

11/06: Was awful when they did my roof.

[Central Roofing, Siding & Windows](#), 301-881-2424

8/13: Far superior to the prior two roofers, and they removed nails and debris beautifully.

**Certified Roofing,**

11/06: Replaced our roof. They were prompt, quick, and neat.

**Chevy Chase Roofing, 301-656-6619**

11/06: We have used them and been very pleased.

**Corley Roofing, 301-894-4460**

2/16: They've done small repairs to our old roof with honest assessment to its condition.

10/15: Josh Ralls at Corley Roofing has been great for us.

8/14: (3 recs) We had Corley put on our roof. We were pleased with the job.

**Creative Energy DO NOT USE**

11/06: They left a leak and then didn't answer my calls.

**Durable Slate, 240-650-9780**

11/14: They made some slate roof repairs. Prompt, responsive, and knowledgeable.

**Fletcher, William (Fletcher's Roofing), 1612 Noyes Dr., SS, 301-565-0212**

8/14: We've used Fletcher for minor roof repairs and been pleased with him.

12/10: For slate roof repair. We have used them with very good experiences.

**Frank's Gutter and Roofing, 301-261-4674**

11/06: Their quote was best and work was awesome.

**Insulators Home Exteriors (formerly Insulators of Maryland), 301-476-8488**

11/06: They replaced our roof, were knowledgeable, timely, reasonably priced

**Jack's Roofing (Justin Decker), SS, 301-585-4985, x 12 (MIXED REVIEWS)**

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.

6/13: Jack's refused to give me an estimate, saying they just don't do estimates.

6/13: We have been pleased with their work and their prices.

9/12: Saved us thousands of dollars to repair (rather than replace) our slate roof.

9/12: We have a slate roof and found these folks most helpful and very cost-effective.

8/12: We have been pleased with Jack's roofing.

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**James R. Walls Contracting, 301-856-3780**

3/16: They specialize in roofing. Did a fabulous job on both our house and our garage.

**Kellyco Contracting (Dave Kelly), 4811 Tallahassee Ave., Rockville, 301-942-6288**

4/10: Gave us an estimate to fix some leaks and did the work before leaving.

**Linstrom, Tom, Indian Spring, [tom.linstrom@starpower.net](mailto:tom.linstrom@starpower.net), 240-461-5388**

12/16: Did a roof replacement for us. Very good to work with. Delivers as promised.

2/16: He does great work.

**Marshall's Roofing & Guttering, 301-946-4545**

8/15: A terrific job replacing our roof, and they had the most reasonable of 3 estimates.

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**Mastercraft Design (Chip), 202-538-7708**

8/06: Chip did our addition and is fabulous. He does all kinds of work

**McTavish Roofing, Sandy Spring Rd., 301-476-8551**

1/15: He did good work. His estimate was reasonable and he came in under the estimate.

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**Mid-Atlantic Gutters, 855-554-8883**

8/14: they just replaced my roof and gutters. Couldn't ask for better.

**Montgomery County Contractors, 301-890-1001**

6/13: They definitely were no-frills, but underbid the other companies and did a nice job.

[On Top Home Improvement](#) (Dan & Kim Cox), 301-368-3551

9/14: The work was fine, and they were the best priced among the serious firms.

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**Patch Development Co.**, 647F Lostrand La, Rockville, 301-294-1595

(for flat balcony roofs)

[Rambo and Rambo Construction](#) (Art Rambo),

10/14: New roof (slate & shingles), and some gutters. Excellent work, competitive price.

[Reliable Roofers](#), (Joe D'Urso, roof consultant), 240-456-0200

7/10: We've used them for two different properties and been happy with their service.

**Rocky's Roofing**, Woodbine, MD, 410-549-1921

8/06: My neighbors used Rocky and they seem pleased.

[Roof Masters](#), Rockville, 301-365-5781

6/13: I've used them twice and been happy with their work.

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[Roof Solutions](#), 301-565-2600

11/10: They did some repairs, were prompt and professional. Less than other estimates.

[S&K Roofing, Siding, Windows](#), 800-396-7404

4/10: They do good work.

[Wagner Roofing](#)

11/06: For slate roofing. Not inexpensive, and we had to wait several weeks.

**Weather Protection & Home Improvements** (Susan Fitzpatrick), 301-949-1811

8/14: Quickly determined the source of our ceiling water stains and fixed the problem.

**Whelan, John**, 240-876-5160

4/14: We've used him to repair flashing on room around chimney and skylights.

**Williamson, Jim**, 301-593-073

4/14: We've been using him for years. Very responsive.

## Seamstress (see Tailors and Seamstresses)

## Security Systems (see Home Security)

## Sewing Lessons

**Clark, Barbara** ([The Stitchuation Room](#)), [bellbarb@yahoo.com](mailto:bellbarb@yahoo.com), 240-988-9572

11/12: (Recommended as someone who gives sewing lessons for children.)

## Sewing Machine Repair

[Brothers Sew & Vac](#), 10153 New Hampshire Avenue

9/09: They cleaned up my very old (25-year) Singer.

## Shoe Repair



**Alex's Dry Cleaning**, 11409 Amherst Ave., Silver Spring **NO MORE SHOE REPAIR**

7/13: I found that Alex has sold the business. Not a shoe repair person on site.

**Arina's Shoe and Leather Repair**, 8207 Fenton St, SS, 301-587-4477

8/17: Excellent and inexpensive.

3/17: Arina is great for shoes. Don't know if they do luggage, but they might.

10/13: (2 recommendations) I used Arina's this summer, and he's as reliable as ever.

7/13: Good work and inexpensive

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[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!

**Cobbler's Bench**, Montgomery Mall, 301-469-7501

7/13: They did a great job. Not cheap, but better than buying a pair of shoes.

**Joe's**, 1335 Holton Lane, Takoma Park, 301-439-6867 **NO LONGER IN BUSINESS**

**Stern's Shoe Repair**, 1046 Ripley St., SS, 301-588-0557 **PHONE NO LONGER HOOKED UP**

## Siding (Installation or Repair)

[American Windows & Siding](#), Kensington, 301-962-4150

4/05: Very nice work on vinyl siding

**Carino, Jose**, 301-793-1566

12/14: He did a great job of replacing our missing siding.

## Silver Repair

**Abercrombie** (now out of business)

[Chevy Chase Plating and Polishing](#), Rockville, 301-230-7686

**Intercon Industries**, 410-358-3377

**Louis Hevia**, Monticello Ave., 301-649-7496

[Metro Plating and Polishing](#), 4110 Howard Ave., Kensington, 301-493-4009

## Small Engine Repair

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

9/11: (2 recs) Excellent work and fair price.

5/11: (Recommended for weed whacker repair)

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

7/12: Repaired our generator and two lawnmowers. You don't even need to be home.

## Spas

[Little Oasis Day Spa](#), 2101 Dayton St., SS, 301-651-2443, [nhan@littleoasisspa.com](mailto:nhan@littleoasisspa.com)

8/17: I just went for a new client brow shaping (web site promo). Lovely and relaxing.  
8/17: Nahn is wonderful, very knowledgeable, and reasonable. Your face will thank you!

## Stone Work (See Masonry)

## Surveyors (see Land Surveyors)

## Tailors and Seamstresses (See also Upholstery/Slipcovers)

**Abrahams Custom Tailor**, 14310 Layhill Rd, SS, 301-598-5008

3/08: Outstanding work.

4/07: Very good.

[Custom Design and Alterations](#) (Jean Marseille), 9419 Georgia Ave., Suite 206, 301-588-3772

11/15: Easy to work with, quick, and fairly priced. Altered my wedding dress for \$100.

3/14: Jean has done numerous jobs for us, including chair covers that fit like a glove.

**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 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

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.

9/14: Close, inexpensive, and very professional. She also makes wedding dresses.

9/14: She is great.

3/14: She did a great job on my silk wedding dress, and at a very fair price.

3/14: (3 recs) She does great work inexpensively.

3/13: Excellent workmanship and inexpensive.

8/12: (Recommended for making curtains)

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**Judith**, Gaithersburg, 240-388-9018

3/08: An excellent seamstress

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

7/17: The guy does good work and I have always felt the price is reasonable.

7/17: Used a few times and they are fine. Wouldn't say cheap, but cost wasn't excessive.

4/17: Does hemming and alterations. Not sure if I would go there for complex tailoring.

4/17: I have never been disappointed in his work.

10/15: I have clothes altered there. He is very good

10/15: I had a suit tailored, and he did a good job.

3/14: He did a nice tailoring job for me on a small project.

8/12: (Recommended for making curtains)

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**Truc Dress Maker**, 8029 New Hampshire Ave., Hyattsville, 301-439-8222

6/17: She divided large curtains (including liner) & a few other things. She's my go-to.

4/17: She is my go-to.

[Voula @ Prestige Dry Cleaners](#), 9420 Georgia Ave., SS, 301-588-0333

4/17: She is 80+ so you should call before going over. She starts and ends her day early.

12/15: It may not be the cheapest option, but it is always done right.

9/14: She is more expensive than some, but always gets it done right, with a smile.

**W S Cleaners (Mrs. Sun)**, 111 University Blvd. W., SS, 301-681-3724

11/10: Mrs. Sun is a wonderful seamstress. I think her prices are reasonable.

## Tax Return Preparers (see Accountants / Tax Return Preparers)

## Taxi / Limo Services / Alternative Transportation

[Barwood](#), 301-984-1900 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

1/16: I have had issues with Barwood and typically try to avoid them.

11/14: If I reserve on the website the night before, I've never had an issue with them.

[Chariots for Hire](#)

8/09: (rec. for reliable, fun transportation.) They actually have wine trip specials.

**Ernie's Sedan Service**, 310-346-6339 (c); 301-422-4549 (h)

6/16: Reliable, on time. When he has a conflict, he finds a fill-in. About \$60-70 to airports.

7/15: Timely, reliable, courteous. We usually use him to get to Dulles. Call for price.

1/11: Extremely reliable, courteous, timely. His prices are comparable to Flyer.

6/10: More expensive than a cab ride, but he's reliable and timely.

[MetroBus to BWI - B30 bus](#)

1/16: Very reliable and very fast. Leaves from Greenbelt Metro Station. Now \$7.

[RMA Limo](#)

8/09: They are reputable and great.

**Sun Cab**, 301-637-0345

1/16: I have used them a few times to BWI and DCA. Worked fine for me.

**Trees, Jeff**, [jefftrees@gmail.com](mailto:jefftrees@gmail.com)

7/15: We've used them over the past three years and they are superb. \$70 to BWI.

[Uber](#), can register online for mobile app

10/16: I scheduled in advance. Picked up at 5:45AM, at DCA by 6:15 AM = \$32.

7/15: I have had many great experiences. Reliable and the cheapest ride to BWI.

7/15: [multiple recs] I have used Uber [to BWI] with good results.

12/14: Make sure to use UberX, which is cheaper.

12/14: This area is teeming with Uber cars, even at 4:00 a.m.

12/14: No reservations, but they've appeared within a few minutes when I've used them.

12/14: Recommended taxi didn't show. Uber driver came in 7 minutes. \$28 to DCA.

[Washington Flyer](#),

1/11: I always take this service to Dulles. About \$65 (before tip). Takes credit cards.

**Wimbush, Kathy**, 301-332-0918

7/15: We have used her for many years - always on time & totally reliable. Book her early.

## Television/VCR Repair

**A-1 TV Sales & Service**, 2141 Industrial Pkwy, SS, 301-593-7676

8/05: Nice folks, very responsive. Best thing: they can make house calls.

**Danco Electronic Service**, 929 Gist Ave., 301-585-8844

12/04: An excellent place to get TVs, stereo components, and VCRs fixed

12/01: Quality is top-notch and prices fair. Used them for TV, stereo & VCR

**Russell TV Service**, 8025 Ga. Ave, SS, 301-587-7601

8/05: They are good. Reconditioned our 20+ yr old Toshiba to work like new

4/03: We have been happy with them. Owner-operated and fair-priced.

## Termite Control (see Pest Control)

## Therapists/Social Workers

**Cosimano, Anne**, 4400 East-West Hwy, Bethesda, 301-656-9252

11/14: Issues regarding anxiety, depression, divorce, adoption, trauma, abuse and rape.

## Tiling

**Edgewater Tile & Granite (Jimmy Boyle)**, 11 Scotts Cove Rd., Edgewater, 301-440-5871

3/11: He is the best. Did our tile and granite. Reasonable, knowledgeable, friendly.

[Hugh Keany Tile](#), 301-588-3899

10/06: We were very pleased. He just does tile work.

## Tire Repair

**Burnt Mills Citgo/BP**, 10711 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, 301-593-1036

6/12: They were able to fix it for me in about 10 minutes.

[Radial Tire](#), 9101 Brookville Rd., SS, 301-585-2740

6/12: (Recommended to remove a screw and plug the hole in a tire.)

## Title Companies

[RGS Title](#), 12520 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, 301-680-0200

11/09: I highly recommend them.

[Vintage Settlement Services](#), 301-907-9255

11/09: I highly recommend them.

## Tool Sharpening

[Hardware City](#), 10504 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, 301-933-2207

4/12: At one time they offered tool sharpening. [Still do- it's listed on their web site]

Slenkovich, Lenny, 240-478-2215 (an Indian Spring resident)

4/12:

[Strosniders](#),

4/12: Several people recommended them. I think they send tools to the Bethesda store.

## Trash Removal (See Hauling Services)

## Travel Agents / Planners

[AAA](#), 2730 University Blvd., Wheaton

1/15: They're thorough.

**Amphitriion Holidays** (Konstantinos Georgiades), 1010 Rockville Pike, 301-545-0999

1/15: He is highly experienced in connecting people with cultural destinations and events.

[Connoisseur Travel](#) (Richard Caldwell)

1/15: [no comment given]

[Fairy Tale Journeys by Rebecca Kelly](#) (Disney Travel Agent)

2/13: She'll plan your trip as if it were her own - make your Disney vacation a great one.

**Stubbs, Jack** (Gulliver's Travels), [tjacksonstubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:tjacksonstubbs@yahoo.com)

1/15: He is amazing. We used his services last year when we went to Italy and Turkey.

## Travel Tour Companies

[Overseas Adventure Travel](#) (OAT)

1/15: The guides are knowledgeable, accommodations comfortable, and the prices good.

## Tree Care (see also Lawns and Yard Work)

[Adirondack Tree Experts](#), 301-595-2827

8/16: [No comment added]

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

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

**Al Lehman Brothers Tree Service**, 301-593-6153

8/04: Reputable, knowledgeable, environmentally conscious. Exceptional work

[Alvarado's Tree Service](#), 301-384-4004; 301-404-4812

3/13: Quality of work was good, but it was hard to get on their schedule.

6/11: Did a large tree removal requiring a crane. Great job. Cheaper than other quotes.

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[Arbor Care Inc.](#), 301-570-6033 [owner Kevin Clair is an arborist]

9/13: We use them to occasionally review tree health and for general pruning.

7/07: (2 recs) They're not cheap but they are very thorough

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

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

9/14: Inexpensive and professional...licensed, insured, etc.

7/14: Have been using Jeff's services for years.

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

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[Bartlett Tree Experts](#) (Kevin Carr, Mgr), 301-881-8550

8/16: [No comment added]

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

7/14: Not the cheapest, but knowledgeable, effective and responsive.

[Bonifant Tree Service](#), 301-476-9345.

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

[Branches Tree Experts](#), 301-589-6181

8/16: [No comment added]

7/14: I'd highly recommend Branches.

[C&L Tree Service](#) (Charlie Musser and family), 301-926-4646

6/07: He did a huge tree over two sheds and really did a great job.

[The Care of Trees](#), 866-417-5974, 301-444-9041

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

[Chapingo Tree Care](#),

10/14: Removed a large tree for a neighbor, who was pleased with the work and price.

**Charles Taylor Tree Service**, 301-933-0946 or 301-942-4130

2/11: A family business by a retired fed. gov. arborist/tree surgeon. Very knowledgeable.

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[Charlie Seek Services](#), 410-519-7001; 240-876-9212 (c) **[NEW PHONE NUMBERS]**

7/14: (2 recs) Hhe did good work; competent, honest and a good guy.

3/14: Quote was 40% less than Ed's.

6/10: Cheap, fast, friendly, and flexible. We've used them for trimming and removal.

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**Colbert Tree & Landscaping** (Trek Colbert), 301-445-5013

6/08: He's done work for me several times. Was efficient and had good prices.

**Complete Tree & Landscaping** (Jason Rosser), **DO NOT USE**

10/14: Came into our yard uninvited, wouldn't leave. Unlicensed, with prior arrests.

[Davey Tree](#),

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

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

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

3/13: They responded quickly for an estimate, but their quote was way too high.

3/13: Responded quickly, price was reasonable, and they called "Miss Utility."

7/12: The best, hands down. Above and beyond anything a consumer would expect.

8/11: I've been happy with Ed's.

**Hewitt Tree Service**, 301-589-1401

8/11: (no comments)

**Hood's Tree Service**, 301-831-3006 **NO LONGER WORKING OUR AREA**

[JL Tree Service](#), 703-997-6162

9/13: Listed in the new MoCo biz recommendations. Did a great job, with lowest estimate.

[Kuhns Tree Service](#), 301-384-4724 **(MIXED REVIEWS)**

4/15: We used them twice to trim trees. Reasonable price, work well done, cleaned up.

7/14:

7/05: (2 recs) Great job - reasonable prices

7/05: Quote was very high, focused on their expensive machine, not on tree health

[Lee's Tree Service](#), 301-208-8235

8/11: Removed a large branch over my roof. Gave estimate Sunday, done on Monday.

[Maryland Tree Service](#), 301-440-1559

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

[McTavish's Tree Service](#)

10/05: Quote for tree removal was slightly cheaper than Artistic Tree Experts

**National Stump Removal** (Roger Tasker), 301-290-0683

8/07: Excellent tree stump removal service. Very reasonable and fast.

**Potomac Lands Tree & Shrub**, Great Falls, VA, 703-450-4475

5/03: Much less than the other bids for tree removal. Offered a winter discount

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

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

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**S & P Home and Tree** (Shawn & Pamela), 540-522-0996 **DO NOT USE**

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

[Shannon Tree & Landscaping](#) (Richard Murray, arborist), Silver Spring, 301-593-7028

9/03: Watching them take down a massive tree was like watching a ballet

[SavATree](#), 800-341-8733

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

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

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

8/13: We used them almost 2 years ago and were happy with their work.

**T and T Tree and Landscaping** (Josh Tamplin), 540-222-2094

2/11: Arrived on time, very reasonably priced, polite, cleaned up beyond expectations.

[Takoma Tree Experts](#)

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

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

8/11: The least expensive of 3 estimates. They were efficient, polite, careful.

6/11: I thought they did a great job.

6/10: Took down a big tree in one day. Check fine print for extra charges.

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**William J. Settle Tree Service**, 703-273-1433

9/09: Family business, nice people. Very timely, clean, professional.

## Upholstery / Slipcovers

**Atelier Draperies**, 713 Sligo Ave., SS, 301-589-0362

1/15: They did a marvelous job recovering 2 chairs and making 2 pillows for a couch.

**Charles Frazier Upholstery**, 240-644-8491

3/08: I highly recommend for the detail, efficiency & cost. Will pick up & deliver.

[Comfy Upholstery](#), 229 University Blvd. East, 301-587-2222

6/15: They reupholstered 6 dining room chairs and I was also very pleased!

6/15: They just re-upholstered a small chair and did a beautiful job. The price was fair.

**Guzman, Mel** (Atelier Draperies), 713 Sligo Ave., SS, 301-589-0362

8/08: The work was quality and the price and service were great

3/08: recommended for upholstery

[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.



**Marcy** (Dad does the work), Takoma Park, 301-270-3838

10/05: For upholstery or slipcovers. Reasonable and did excellent work

[Rockville Interiors](#), 301'424-1900

4/14: I've used this family owned operation for years and been very pleased.

4/14: We've used them successfully for window treatments in the past.

[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.

3/08: High quality, reasonable price, large fabric selection. Did chair, ottoman.

**Turner, Rick**, 301-332-6915

3/08: Marvelous. He did a chair, just about perfectly

[Yi's Upholstery Interiors](#), 12200 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, 301-770-3687

1/15: Yes, Yi's is great. [for couch cushion re-stuffing]

1/15: They're wonderful.

1/15: Yi's re-stuffs cushions and also does great upholstery.

4/14: (2 recs) Excellent work, but not cheap.

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## Vacuum Cleaners – Repair

[Brothers Sew & Vac](#), 10153 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring (1 Negative)

2/14: They took my old vacuum apart to find the right belt, and put it on for free.

1/11: Brian, the owner's son, is very eager to please his customers.

1/11: The young guy at Brother was clueless when I went there about 3 months ago.

1/11: The man who waited on me was very helpful. I got a discount with a trade-in.

[Waters Appliance](#), 216 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg

1/11: Friendly hardware-store type of place. Not too hard to get to either.

1/11: Waters Appliance is the place to go!!!!

## Veterinarians (see also Pet Acupuncture)

[The Animal Place](#), 13818 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-603-1223

3/11: Did surgery on our dog, then called regularly to check on her. I can't say enough.

**Arthur, Elizabeth "Betsy"** ([Mobile Veterinary Surgery](#)), 301-424-1734

12/16: She traveled to my regular clinic for ortho surgery on my dog.

[Banfield Pet Hospital](#) @ Petsmart, 6800 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 240-497-1350

2/16: We've had teeth cleaning and extractions done here. Right price & competent care.

**Beltsville Veterinary Hospital**, 4246 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, 301-937-3020

3/11: They have been wonderful, and cost literally half of what we used to pay.

3/11: We've gone to BVH for over 30 years. We love Drs. Prowell and Sidor.

Duffy, Meagan, ([Five Elements Veterinary Care](#)), 301-828-8846 [No longer with Rock Creek]

10/13: [Your dog] will love Dr. Duffy, who is an ISCA resident.

12/12: We used her for our cat (end-of-life exam) and dog. She was so wonderful.

12/12: A great home vet (partner with Dr. Tanouye). Three families shared the house call.

Eeg, Peter, [Poolesville Veterinary Clinic](#), 19621 Fisher Ave., Poolesville, 301-972-7705

3/11: Not cheap, but the best for serious or hard-to-diagnose problems.

[Fairland Animal Hospital](#), 12711 Old Columbia Pike, 301-622-2115

1/17: Both docs are very thorough. Location keeps their prices lower - worth the drive.

1/17: We love them. Inexpensive considering the level of service. All docs equally great.  
8/15: Our favorite is Dr. Whall. Dr. Spencer is also good. The techs & staff are fabulous.  
5/15: Great care. Compassionate and professional. Great support staff too.  
5/15: The service, professionalism & earnest care has always made us fans.  
5/15: I feel guilty about how great the care and staff are and how little they charge.  
5/15: Dr. Whall is an excellent vet; the entire staff is caring, efficient, and knowledgeable.  
5/15: We've been going there for 20 years and have always been very happy with them.  
5/15: We like all 3 vets. We favor Dr. Whall - he seems to especially love cats. Great staff.  
10/13: Wonderful. We've been taking our 8-year-old dog there since she was a puppy.  
11/12: They were open the day after Thanksgiving and took care of my sick kitty.

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[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

2/12: For serious issues, the staff here is a little more friendly than SS Animal Hospital.

3/11: Main drawback – there's no overnight post-op supervision.

3/11: Ros Bowersett has a good reputation, and he's reasonable. Fine for routine care.

[Friendship Hospital for Animals](#), 4105 Brandywine St. NW, DC, 202-363-7300

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!**

1/13: (Recommended as "emergency vet with Sunday hours")

[Helping Hands](#) (Surgical Clinic), Richmond, VA, 804-355-3500, [info@affordablepetsurgery.com](mailto:info@affordablepetsurgery.com)

**[From the web site: "We are not a full service veterinary hospital. We are here to get your pet through the procedure they need affordably, then back into the hands of your full service veterinarian. We provide outpatient advanced surgery and dental care only.]**

12/16: The price makes the drive well worth it, and my dog had excellent care.

**Hillandale Animal Hospital** (Dr. Sweeney) **[MIXED REVIEWS]**

8/15: I had a bad experience here.

1/15: I liked his low-key approach until . . . he put my dog's life in danger.

1/15: He's taken care of some tricky situations with our pets.

1/15: We have used him for over 20 years with nothing but good treatment for all animals.

1/15: We've used Dr. Sweeney for our cats & dogs for years and have been quite satisfied.

12/14: He failed to find bites after my dog's fight with a raccoon, leading to an infection.

[Hope Advanced Veterinary Center](#), 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 **[SOME NEGATIVE]**

1/17: We loved them for our old dog. Not the cheapest, but we always liked their service.

2/16: Teeth cleaning was less than the very expensive estimate. Feb is discount month.

8/15: We liked Dr. Nuenzig. Priced pretty high, if that's a concern. No problems though.

5/15: Not the cheapest, but we've always been satisfied with the care they deliver.

2/12: Not cheap, but excellent vet care.

2/12: Dr. Tanouye is no longer there. **[Now working for herself]**

2/12: All the docs are competent and compassionate. Dr. N is certified in acupuncture.

2/12: Dr. Neunzig came to our home when it was time to put our Sheltie down.

3/11: I love Dr. Tanouye, but they're all good, including the maligned Dr. H.

3/11: Dr. Tanouye is awesome-came to our home to euthanize our dog, who was in pain.

3/11: Good for major problems, but expensive. (Hoffeld is one vet I wouldn't recommend)

3/11: Love Dr. Daphne Tanouye. (Also does not recommend Dr. "H".)

3/11: I must defend Dr. Hoffeld -- kind, thorough, gentle. (Several people echoed this)

3/11: We have taken our cats there for years. "Kindness" is the right name for them.

\*\*\*\*\* (multiple recommendations going back to 2004)

**Krishna, Gouri** ([Silver Spring Animal Hosp](#)), 1915 Seminary Rd., 301-587-6099

3/11: He's been our vet for years. Local, and really, really good.

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**Marohn, Rhya** ([At Home Animal Care](#)) in-home vet care, [drmarohn@gmail.com](mailto:drmarohn@gmail.com), 301-332-8563

1/17: For a nervous dog it might be helpful to have your vet come to your house.

3/13: She is great, and very responsive.

2/12: She's excellent for routine care. We've gone elsewhere for more serious issues.

2:12: She comes to your home and is a wonderful vet.

4/10: Care and compassion, without a lot of extras, and no fear factor for the pet.

\*\*\*\*\* (multiple recommendations back to 2008)

**McDowell, Joyce**; Kensington Veterinary Clinic, 301-933-5010

3/07: I was so impressed with her expertise, thoroughness & compassion.

5/06: The most competent and compassionate vet I have ever been to.

[Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic](#),

1/13: (Recommended as "emergency vet with Sunday hours")

[Perl, Solomon](#) (MyVetCalls), house call veterinarian, 301-774-5656

1/16: We used him to euthanize our kitty. Very compassionate to both pet & pet parents.

3/08: Very competent. He will let neighbors share the \$40 "house call" fee.

[Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital](#), 7515 Brooklyn Bridge Rd, Laurel, 301-776-7744

8/15: We have been happy with Rocky Gorge.

[Silver Spring Animal Hospital](#), 1915 Seminary Rd., 301-587-6099

7/16: [4 recs] We love Dr. Krishna.

3/08: Compassionate vet found the right care for our dog's unique situation.

[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.

3/10: Very good clinic, AND they are open on Sunday.

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**Tanouye, Daphne** ([Rock Creek Home Veterinary Care](#)), 301-828-8846

1/16: I was a previous client, but when I tried to make an appt recently, I was wait-listed.

1/16: She and her group will provide [in-home euthanasia,] make it as kind as possible.

8/15: Rock Creek Home Vets is incredible!

3/15: We love Rock Creek Home Vets.

8/13: [4 recs] I have had wonderful experiences with the entire vet team here.

2/13: I was so impressed with her manner and the care she gave my cat.

6/12: She refers to good local hospitals for surgeries and dental work.

6/12: If you need to go to a specialist, she will give you the right questions to ask.

6/12: She emails me very detailed info regarding my aging dog's meds and other tips.

6/12: My old, scared dog is very calm being worked on in his own home.

6/12: After several vets, it was Dr. Tanouye who correctly diagnosed our ailing cat.

- 6/12: She provided physicals and rabies shots for our 4 cats, for a super price.
- 4/12: She has a nice touch with animals and is also very likeable.
- 4/12: She's open to more natural/holistic care. She'll split her travel fee among neighbors.
- 3/12: She has left Kindness Animal Hospital and started her own home visit practice.

[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

- 1/13: They're open 24/7.
- 5/10: For emergency care. Level of expertise, thoroughness, and caring was exceptional.

[Washington Humane Society Spay and Neuter Center](#), 1001 L St. SE, Wash. DC

- 12/14: It was \$150. They were very accommodating and nice. Great experience.

## VHS Tape Conversion

[10/17: A note of caution. Save your cassettes. We had this done at the Video Editor out in Rockville maybe 6 or 7 years ago and the DVDs are deteriorating and are no longer viewable.]

[Costco](#)

- 10/17: Great job! Slides to digital & prints. Super 8 or VHS to digital. Great tracking.
- 10/17: We used [Beltsville] Costco many times. They provide 2 copies. Prompt delivery.
- 2/15: The video was available to view even before going to Costco to pay for the DVD.
- 2/15: The Wheaton store did not offer the preview online.
- 2/15: Did a great job on some family movies. They'll add background music for free!
- 2/15: Costco does straight conversion. No editing. Beltsville has the better lab.
- 2/15: Costco is by far the cheapest, but they also do a great job.
- 2/15: Costco can do it. They can also convert 35mm slides to DVD.

[YesVideo](#)

- 2/15: The YesVideo website lets you share clips of the videos.
- 2/15: You can watch the tapes on their website and decide if you want to order a DVD.

## Wallpaper

**Craig P Emory Wallpaper Hanger**, 301-937-7813

- 1/07: He has done a couple of jobs in my house and was very good.

## Water Heaters

**ARS**, 800-324-3903

- 9/08: Reasonable price and good job updating our water heater several years ago

## Waterproofing (see also Drainage & Grading, see also Landscaping)

One neighbor's comment: Relying on pumps will break your heart. They will fail at some point. I had my water problem solved for \$1500.00 by a landscaper who raised the beds around the house and put in a French drain between my house and the neighbors. It has been 12 years without water in the basement.

[All About Waterproofing](#), 877-WET-BSMT

9/11: We used them and were very impressed.

[All Aspects Waterproofing](#), 866-999-3110

9/16: Installed a sump pump & did mold remediation. No water since. They guarantee.

9/11: Professional and fabulous. Gave a discount for seeing them on Angie's List.

9/11: I second this recommendation. And they have coupons!

[AquaGuard](#), 800-784-9913

1/14: They were reasonably priced and cleaned up nicely. No problem for over a year.

9/11: They installed a French drain and 2 sump pumps, and our basement's been dry.

9/11: Their drain and sump pump has kept my basement dry. Regrading hadn't worked.

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[B-Dry](#), 888-400-2379 (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

9/11: They installed a sump pump this spring, but we just had water in the basement.

9/11: We used them at our last house and they were awesome.

9/11: Their French drain and sump pump was the best improvement to our house!

6/06: We used them 20 yrs ago, more recently installed a back-up generator

6/06: We used them but had water after a storm, despite battery back-up.

[Desert Dry](#), 800-238-8805

9/11: A fantastic job: sump pump, French drain along side of the house, and regrading.

[Kuipers Landscaping & Waterproofing](#), 301-924-4040

8/17: They dug French drains, reworked downspouts & regraded parts of the back yard.

[Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing](#), (**Warning**)

9/11: They harassed me after quoting an over-inflated estimate. I didn't pursue it.

## Weight Management

[National Center for Weight and Wellness](#), 1828 L St. NW, Washington DC, 202-223-3077

8/12: Have helped me lose significant weight which I have kept off for many years.

## Window Screen Repair

[Blaine Window Repair](#), 2410 Linden Lane, SS, 301-565-4979

9/15: They do window screen replacement.

4/15: They repair screens, but I don't know their prices.

[Ed's Window Screen Repair](#), 156 Wicomico Court, New Market, MD, 888-645-8057

9/15: It's a bit of a hike, but he is honest, does good work, and his prices are excellent.

## Window Shades/Blinds

### Home Depot

6/17: Home Depot has an option that will fit shallow windows.

[Montgomery Blinds](#), 301-540-7575

5/12: Andy Warmack gave us a great experience!

11/11: They measured and installed. Same brands/styles as Next Day, for less (in '05).

11/11: I also chose them for the savings (in '02). The blinds still look great.

[Next Day Blinds](#), 819 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring (across from Whole Foods)

11/11: A large selection and reasonable pricing. We had a great experience with them.  
[Snyder's Shades](#), 703-905-9288

11/11: New shades this year. We were happy with this family-owned-business' prices.  
[Windo Van Go](#),

11/11: High-end. Brought samples, measured, and returned to install beautiful blinds.

## Window Treatments

[Calico Corners](#), Rockville

7/08: Huge selection of materials. Not cheap - it's custom work. Order during sale

## Window Washers (exterior)

[Dr. Glass Window Washing](#), 301-588-0029

10/16: I just called to schedule. They do inside & out, screens & sills. Quote seems fair.

10/16: Very reasonable, careful and professional. We used them once last fall.

**Marco Window Washer**, 301- 613-8710

4/15: [No specific comment]

[Total Clean](#), 240 770-8396 (o), 301 556-8317 (c)

12/15: Several clients used them and were pleased. See coupons on their website.

4/15: [No specific comment]

**Wizard Window** (Mark), 202-744-7477

4/15: [No specific comment]

## Windows (Products and Installers)

[American Home Center](#), 10778 Tucker St., Beltsville, 301-220-1144

8/10: They haven't done any lead-paint-related installs since the new law in April.

8/10: And they don't try to get you to buy the most expensive product.

7/10: We've used them twice.

7/10: Family owned business – no subcontractors. Lifetime guarantee on windows.

\*\*\*\*\* (Multiple recommendations back to 2005)

[American Windows & Siding](#), Kensington, 301-962-4150

4/05: Very nice work on a kitchen "garden" window

**Atlantic Storm Window Repair** (Ridha Benjebara), 301-933-5828

5/09: Built new custom sized screens. Very good service; very good value/price.

[Crystal Exteriors](#), 209 Whitestone Rd. (Woodmoor), 301-681-8186

11/12: My neighbor had his windows replaced by Crystal; got a great deal on triple-glass.

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**Ehrenfried, Jim** (Home Exteriors Plus), 800-346-0880; 301-926-5208

3/08: Great work. Also recommend for roofing, siding, gutters, handyman

**Home Depot**

9/14: Standard or custom. They can help you do it yourself or have an installer finish.

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[KC-Pella](#), 7613 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda

6/05: We replaced all our windows, pleased with the choices & service

**Pinnacle Energy (DO NOT USE)**

1/12: Damaged our new gutters in the process of re-shingling our roof.

[Power Home Remodeling](#), 888-736-6335

9/14: Quality of window, ease of use, and service were far better than Thompson Creek.

[Premier Window & Bldg](#) (**MIXED REVIEWS**)

3/08: Primary crew was great; backup crew a bit sloppy. They fixed all problems

3/08: Contracted for 1 window. After delay and price change, we got deposit back

8/02: After long wait, they upped the price, later refunded our downpayment.

**Rockville Window & Door**, 7404 Lindbergh Dr., Rockville, 301-208-3580

3/08: Good prices, quality installation, quick, and great folks to work with.

[Simonton Windows](#),

9/14: We really like them, and the vinyl will never need painting.

[Thompson Creek](#), 866-572-7335

9/14: Over-priced, and one window is damaged.

9/14: A waste of money and time. They will do anything to get your business.

7/10: For our front door and windows. Polite, competent, professional. Competitive price.

[Wheaton Door & Window](#)

11/06: (multiple recs)

6/05: The quote was good and we have been happy

[The Window Place](#), Rockville, 888-286-0732

8/02: We're enjoying the Andersen windows they installed.

## Yard Work (see Lawns & Yard Work)

## Yoga Instruction

[Blue Heron Wellness](#), 10723-B Columbia Pike, Silver Spring

1/14: Their yoga pass makes it easy. Every few months you can try 3 classes for \$5.

[Willow Street Yoga](#), Silver Spring & Takoma Park locations

1/14: I have been going there for years. They have kids' classes at every level, too.