



# The Council Report

## 2002 Annual Report & Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2004

January 2003

### Looking Back; Planning Ahead

#### Mayor's Comments

*Melanie Rose White*

January is traditionally a time for "taking stock"—to reflect on the year just passed and set our resolutions and goals for the months ahead. Here in Friendship Heights, January is also the time to present our Annual Report to residents. Within these pages, I think you'll be delighted to read about the many top-notch activities, programs, and services that have become synonymous with life in our village.

Some of our newest programs have been among the most popular. Jennie Fogarty, one of our program directors, has been instrumental in bringing best-selling authors to the Center. As part of the Bamberger Series, the Village also hosted well-attended debates with county and congressional candidates.

Other popular services have been enhanced. This month, the Council voted to continue the new Sunday and expanded weekday shuttle bus hours until the end of the fiscal year. Quite a few residents are already taking advantage of the Sunday service. We're hoping that the new weekday hours will attract more riders in the coming months.



***Charles Loveridge, paramedic with the B-CC Rescue Squad, poses with the chase car, which was deployed in the Village last October.***

Last summer, residents were able to enjoy Willoughby Park for the first time in warm weather and to try out several new restaurants. How lucky we are to have such variety in our community! As a resident of Friendship Heights for more than 20 years, it is rewarding to see the efforts of previous Councils come to fruition. I think you'll agree that our community is now reaping the benefits. New businesses also mean new tax revenue, which will translate into new services.

**For the fifth consecutive year, the Village Council is proposing a tax decrease.** This year, the draft budget proposes a tax rate of 6 cents per \$100, a 14.3% decrease. **This represents the lowest tax rate since the Village Center opened in 1986. Your services are increasing as your taxes are decreasing.**

There are still challenges ahead. The extensive upgrading of Humphrey Park will start this spring, and within the year construction at Chevy Chase Center should begin. We hope that the many lasting benefits of these new amenities will far outweigh any temporary disruptions to our daily routines.



***Shuttle Bus schedule expanded***

One recurring theme often mentioned by residents is public safety, particularly pedestrian safety. The Village has implemented a variety of measures to make our streets and sidewalks safer. Some measures, such as the pedestrian signs at intersections, have been copied by other local jurisdictions. Our "Officer McAuliffe" statue continues to attract attention from motorists and passersby. We continue to search for new safety measures.

As you read this Annual Report, I hope you'll get a better idea of the many innovative activities and attainments and the sound financial planning that contribute to the high quality of life in Friendship Heights. On behalf of the Council, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated Village staff who work tirelessly for our unique community and to the many wonderful volunteers whose efforts are invaluable to our day-to-day success.

Best wishes to you all for a very happy, healthy, and productive New Year.

# 2002 Village Report

*Julian P. Mansfield, Village Manager*

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Friendship Heights Village Council includes seven unpaid members elected by the community to serve two-year terms: Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Frank Valeo, Chairman; James Salter, Treasurer; Elizabeth Harris, Secretary; Leonard Mudd, Historian; and Maurice Trebach, Parliamentarian. Michael Pollard, Vice Chairman, resigned from the Council in October. His seat will likely be filled early in 2003.

There were very few changes to the staff this past year. In May we welcomed back Suzanne Shaffer as the part-time Financial Assistant. Our numerous program offerings continued to be coordinated by Associate Program Directors Jennie Fogarty and Anne Hughes O'Neil (their report begins on page 5). Other full-time staff included Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director; Betty Ardizzone, Facilities Manager; and Tracey Biagas, Front Desk Supervisor. Continuing as part-time Front Desk Receptionists were Pauline Martin, Annie Natali, and Jacquie Koenig. We hope Claire Carmichael returns to us soon. Assisting staff in keeping the Center open on its seven-day-a-week schedule was our much appreciated group of volunteers. My special thanks to them and to our terrific staff.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

In November, the Village was presented with an award of appreciation by the B-CC Rescue Squad. The appreciation is mutual. Since the squad moved into their

Village-provided space at 4602 North Park Avenue, they have run numerous emergency calls. The proximity of the squad has literally been a lifesaver to people in our area and northwest Washington, DC.

In October, the temporary "chase car" that the Rescue Squad had been using was replaced by a Chevrolet Blazer specially equipped with all necessary lifesaving gear. The concept of the chase car is to be a first-response vehicle, to be followed by an ambulance to transport a patient to the hospital when necessary.

The comfortable space at 4602 North Park was renovated by the Village for occupancy by the Rescue Squad. Polinger/Shannon and Luchs, 4615 North Park Avenue, and the Friendship Heights Rotary Club all contributed to the effort. The Village later was awarded a grant for the project from the Local Government Insurance Trust, which the Village Council donated to the Rescue Squad. This was truly a community effort, and the community has benefited from it.

The Montgomery County Department of Police Field Office, also located at 4602 North Park, continues to attract police officers, thereby increasing both police presence and visibility in the Village. This cooperative effort between the Village Council and the Department of Police has become a fixture in Friendship Heights. It is easy to forget that the office was an experimental concept when it opened nearly six years ago.

We continued our involvement with the Public Safety Committee of the Friendship Heights Task Force, a multijurisdictional association of police, fire & rescue officials and community representatives from both sides of the Maryland-Washington line. This past year the Committee examined several public safety issues of



*Chipotle, at the corner of Willard and Friendship Boulevard, and Panera Bread, at Willard and The Hills Plaza, opened for business in 2002 on the ground floor of the Chase Tower retail building.*

concern in our area, including the pipe bomb explosion in the 5200 block of Wisconsin Avenue (and the subsequent response by emergency personnel), as well as crime trends during the holiday season with tips on preventive measures.

Of course the lingering effects of September 11, 2001, could still be felt this past year. In February we had a presentation from Montgomery County officials—including Fire Administrator Gordon Aoyagi—about emergency preparedness at the local level and what residents can do to protect themselves and their families. The information presented at that meeting is still available on the Montgomery County website ([www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov)).

On the one-year anniversary of the attacks, we again had County Council member (and Village resident) Howard Denis host an informal community meeting to share our thoughts and recollections of the day and what has transpired since. We thank Mr. Denis for doing a great job of bringing us all together.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The words “Friendship Heights” and “development” are never far apart. The new retail building on Willard Avenue—the final phase of the Chase Tower project—welcomed two new restaurants on the first floor, Chipotle and Panera Bread, which have been well received by the community. Two other small retailers opened for business as well, and the entire second floor will be occupied this coming year by a Chinese restaurant. The developer also installed new streetlights at the bottom of The Hills Plaza and Friendship Boulevard, as required by the approved plan.

Meanwhile, across Wisconsin Avenue at the Chevy Chase Center, the Chevy Chase Land Company and Chevy Chase Village reached a comprehensive agreement on a range of construction issues, effectively removing all legal obstacles to the project. Under the terms of this agreement, the Land Company will provide extra protection along the buffer area between the parking lot and Chevy Chase Village prior to beginning the main construction. The Land Company expects to begin in the second quarter of 2003. The project should be completed by the end of 2005, with some tenants potentially occupying space as early as the spring of that year.

As reported previously, when the Giant store closes (approximately six months into construction), the Land Company will provide shuttle bus service to the



***Volunteers Miriam Crowell and Helen Johnson served MD Delegate Bill Bronrott as Lee Greenwald looked on at our April 13 Community Day celebration honoring the Rescue Squad and the County Police.***

Westwood shopping center until the new grocery store opens. The bus service will run seven days a week from each residential building to Westwood. Although final details still need to be coordinated, we probably will have the Land Company subsidize our existing bus rather than have them provide a separate shuttle.

At the Hecht’s site, New England Development will be filing an amended plan to reduce office space, increase residential units, and add an underground supermarket. The County Planning Board will hold a hearing on the proposed changes this spring.

## AGING IN PLACE

Our community has developed a well-earned reputation over the years for providing services that help our elderly residents “age in place.” This has become an important issue for communities nationwide, particularly as the baby boom generation approaches retirement. Accordingly, both Bob Shapiro and I began working through the Maryland Municipal League and the International City/County Management Association to have Aging in Place issues on the agenda.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Council presented its Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award to **Isiah Leggett**, who retired from the Montgomery County Council last fall and was recently appointed head of the statewide Democratic Party.

The Council expanded the Robert & Sylvia Rothstein Educational Scholarship last year, awarding \$5,000

scholarships each to **Sally Anne McCarthy** of 4620 North Park and **Eric Lipton** of The Elizabeth.

### SHUTTLE BUS

The Council recognized the outstanding performance of our two main bus drivers, Rylander Lynch and Raymond Hall, with certificates.

The Council also experimented with an expanded bus schedule (adding Sunday service and one extra round on weekday mornings and weekday evenings), which has since been extended through June 30, 2003.

### CONTINUING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The Mobile Health Clinic operated by the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center had a successful first year in the Village. Veterans both in Friendship Heights and the surrounding area signed up to enroll in the VA Health System and to receive a checkup, preventive medical screening, and other services. The Clinic will continue its appointment-only service next year. For more information call 202-745-2274.

Patronage at the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration mobile office continued to grow as more people learned about it. The monthly visit by the MVA (parked on Friendship Boulevard adjacent to the Center) completed its fourth year here in 2002. All service provided at the MVA express offices are available on the bus. The number for more information is 1-800-950-1682.

The Montgomery County Library Bookmobile arrives on Friendship Boulevard every other Thursday. It has a surprisingly nice collection of current books, and

any other book in the library system can be reserved.

Joining these services in 2003 will be a visit from the mammovan, a mobile unit from George Washington University Hospital. The mammovan will provide mammograms and consultation on site. The van will make its first trip here in the spring; if there is enough interest, we will have it return on a regular basis.

Although the Salvation Army truck (which had replaced Goodwill last year) stopped their service, we have arranged with a new company, Classic Donations, to begin pickups on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (same day and time as before), beginning January 9.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

The Council contracted with A. Morton Thomas this year to complete a full study of the Village infrastructure and approximate the money that will be necessary to invest in capital improvements over the next seven plus years. The study indicated that approximately \$1,500,000 will be necessary, in today's dollars, to fund the necessary work. The Council responded by transferring \$940,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements account to *fully fund* the amount determined by the study.

### REBUILDING HUMPHREY PARK

The first major capital improvement project that the Council voted to undertake is the complete rebuilding of Humphrey Park. Over the years, both the fountain and the paved areas have deteriorated significantly, making continuing repair both expensive and impractical. While mature trees and landscaping will be largely preserved, brick walk areas will be rebuilt to the "Bethesda Standard" (deep concrete foundation topped with non-mortared brick) and the fountain will be replaced, along with the "globe" lights, benches, and trash cans. The work is expected to begin this spring and be completed by mid summer.

### EXPANDED WEBSITE

The Village website ([www.erols.com/friendshiphtsvillage](http://www.erols.com/friendshiphtsvillage)), ably maintained by consultant Martin Kuhn, became a much more useful source of information this year.

In addition to postings of the *Council Report*, the *Village News*, and general information about the community, the site now contains full versions of the Village ordinances, the bus schedule, the permit application, and the newsletter advertising contract. More will follow in 2003!



***A highlight of our annual Community Day celebration was a performance by the Doo Wop Cops, a singing group of former DC Police officers.***

# 2002 Program Report

*Jennie Fogarty, Assoc. Program Director*

*Anne Hughes O'Neil, Assoc. Program Director*

The Friendship Heights Village Center is home to the Village government offices, but since its opening in 1986, it has served as much more to the residents of Friendship Heights who gather daily for classes, concerts, lectures, trips, and special events.

Ongoing programs offered at the Center in 2002 included YMCA exercise classes, Department of Recreation Salsa and Swing dancing classes, Great Books discussion groups, language classes, Tai Chi, Yoga, Somerset Kids Participating (SKIP), art classes, Helping Hand, Thursday night movies, Tuesday teas, Wednesday night concerts, Suburban Hospital blood pressure checks, on-site nurse specialist, monthly art exhibits, University of Maryland's health insurance assistance, tax assistance from February to April, Coffee and Current Events, RSVP Knitters, Walking Club, the Bookmobile, the MVA's Mobile Office, and Twin Springs Produce Market from May to November.

Tuesday Tea remained very popular but the County's Nutrition Program or "senior lunch" was discontinued in July. Ed Harris of Marriott Brighton Gardens has prepared a monthly lunch for us since June and about 40 people regularly attend.

## CLASSES

A variety of exercise and movement classes were offered at the Center in 2002: Forever Fit and Aerobics taught by YMCA instructors; Strength Training taught by physical therapists from the National Rehab Hospital; Tai Chi taught twice a week by Johnson Thomas; and Yoga taught by Robin Dinerman once a week.

Feldenkrais, a class in gentle movement, was introduced. In addition, a "drop-in" Tai Chi class led by students was held twice a week and the Walking Club continued to meet three times a week.

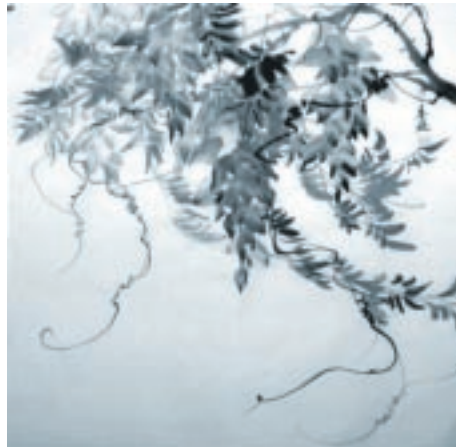
Three popular art classes were offered: Chinese Brush Painting taught by Helene McCarthy, Drawing and Painting taught by Doris Haskel, and Color and Design taught by Tamora Ilasat. Classes in Spanish, through Montgomery County Public Schools, and Italian, through the Italian Cultural Society, were well attended. Two courses, "Great American Plays" and "Forgotten Heroes," were offered through Montgomery College. Village resident Ed Youth held a series of four free computer workshops.

## SEMINARS & LECTURES

There were lectures by Village residents Charles Winklehaus (a slide presentation on China), John Jay Daly (on "thinking funny"), and Lisa Gribowski (on weight wellness); former Ambassador Christopher Van Hollen (on Afghanistan); John Finch (on becoming a movie extra); the director of the Bach Sinfonia (on Vivaldi); a National Portrait Gallery docent (a slide presentation entitled "Leading Ladies"); Sorab Modi (on Beethoven); and an image consultant (on wardrobe solutions).

Himmelfarb Mobile University's Rosa Weinstein held a course on Greece and Rome, and Ken Pasmanick returned with his class on "music and musings." Attorney Larry Abrams led a series on estate planning. Village resident Miriam Crowell demonstrated flower and fruit arranging.

An exciting event at the Center in June was the special screening of "Rediscovering George Washington," a locally produced documentary which was aired on PBS on July 4.



*Helene McCarthy's popular Chinese Brush Painting class has been a fixture at the Village Center since 1986. At left are two of her paintings that were displayed in the Friendship Gallery. The gallery also featured works by Ms. McCarthy's students.*



*One of the many trips we took was to St. Michaels on Maryland's Eastern shore last July for a ride aboard the historic skipjack H.M. Krentz and a visit to the Chesapeake Maritime Museum.*

## **ART & LITERATURE**

Authors who appeared at the Center for book signings during the year were Brad Meltzer, Jay Winik, Kathleen Tallmadge, Elizabeth Drew, Marvin Kalb, Patricia Gaffney, Helen Thomas, Alexandra Zapruder, Laura Hillenbrand, David Vise, Colman McCarthy, Diane and John Rehm, Jane and Bob Levey, Johnny Holliday, and Scott Simon. Poets Linda Pastan and Michele Wolf gave readings in November.

Through the efforts of Millie Shott, our curator, Friendship Gallery features monthly art exhibits. In July, the Center again sponsored a community juried art show, attracting many local artists who incorporated the Fourth of July theme into their works. Cash prizes were donated by local businesses and given to the winners.

This year we introduced "A Holiday Affair" to the community of Friendship Heights. This artisan fair took place the Saturday before Thanksgiving and was designed to give residents an opportunity to shop for unique handmade gifts right here at the Village Center. The fair featured numerous works including jewelry, stationery, handbags, paintings, and pottery. Educational toys for children were also presented. Next year, we hope to expand the fair, offering more choices of handmade gifts and holiday items.

## **TRIPS**

Overnight trips included two to New York City to enjoy Broadway shows and a two-night trip to the Hudson Valley. Villagers also enjoyed jaunts to Atlantic City, Rehoboth Beach, Fell's Point, Bethlehem, PA, the Philadelphia Flower Show, Montpelier in Orange, VA, Delaware Park, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and a skipjack sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Other outings included tours of the State Department Diplomatic Reception Rooms, the US Botanic Garden, the Woodrow Wilson House, the Anderson House, the Spy Museum, the National Cathedral,

Brookside Gardens, the Corcoran, and National Art Gallery. Villagers enjoyed two trips to see the Orioles, a telecast of CNN's "Crossfire, and a ride on a "D.C. Duck." They also attended performances at The National Theatre, Wolf Trap, The Kennedy Center, and the annual Hexagon show.

## **CONCERTS**

The Wednesday Evening Concert Series offered a wide variety of performances. In planning the 2002 season, we sought to appeal to many musical tastes and age groups. At the start of the year, audiences were treated to performances ranging from klezmer to classical piano, from opera to zydeco, from folk music to folk dancing. The spring brought classical, jazz, and folk performances.

Our summer concert series moved outdoors to Hubert Humphrey Park, where we featured the big band sounds of The U.S. Navy Commodores, reggae music by Fan Fan and Friends, pop standards by Vocal Express, and the beauty of flamenco by the Spanish Dance Society, among many other acts.

In the autumn, we remembered the tragedy of September 11 with storytelling and a public forum. Musical performances were from the U.S. Woodwind Quintet, Les Amis de Mozart, and many talented students of classical music.

In December, we celebrated the holiday season with programs from the Alban Chorale, excerpts from "The Nutcracker" by the Maryland Ballet Theatre Company, and QuinTango.

Some of the concerts scheduled for 2003 include performances by concert pianist Ryoko Tajika Drei, opera by Jesse Holt, and jazz by Greg Harrison. William Feasley will present a multimedia program on Goya. Audrey Maxell of the Silver String Quartet, Sheila Grimes of Les Amis de Mozart, and Eva Pierrou of Duo Seranato, will return to the Friendship Heights Village Center in 2003.

## HEALTH

Issues of health and health care have always been of interest to Village residents. The Veterans Administration Mobile Health Clinic, which provides checkups, screenings, and counseling, began offering this new service to Village veterans in January. In June, the National Kidney Foundation held free kidney screenings. In September 25 health specialists and organizations participated in the Village Health Fair. In October pneumonia and flu shots were administered by Suburban Hospital.

Suburban continued to provide weekly blood pressure checks and a nurse on site, as well as home visits and monthly health lectures. Free foot screenings by local podiatrist Dr. David Gottlieb were offered in January. AARP presented 55 Alive, a safe driving program for adults 55 and better, in April and October.

## CURRENT EVENTS

Our newly formed Speakers Committee sprang into action during 2002, coordinating several fascinating and timely public forums. In the Spring, a trio of state and local officials discussed their ethnic backgrounds, their experiences, and their hopes for the future of race relations during a diversity forum sponsored by the Village Council.

During a forum this summer, the President's Advisor on Science and Technology, Dr. John H. Marburger III, spoke on topics ranging from nuclear threats to the Western wildfires to the environment.

Prior to Primary Election Day, the Village Council



**Seabiscuit author Laura Hillenbrand came to the Center in September to discuss her bestselling book, soon to be a major motion picture. Other local authors visited during the year as part of our very popular book signing program.**

sponsored debates among the Democratic candidates for Maryland's Eighth Congressional District and the candidates for County Council. As Election Day drew near, both candidates for the Eighth Congressional District met to discuss the issues at the Village Center. Watch for new and exciting public discussions in 2003.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our four special community events—Community Day on April 13, July 4th, Fall Festival, and New Year's Day Open House—were fun and festive and also gave us an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have given their time to activities at the Center. Other events during the year included a crab feast and three parties for new residents.

## BOOMERS AND BETWEENERS

The Boomers and Betweeners, a group for the 1200 Village residents in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, attended a Wizards game and a play at Round House Theatre. The Book Group, which began last year, decided to disband in December as the group had become so small. The Scrabble group continues to meet weekly.

## FOR THE KIDS

In 2003, we will continue to offer programs for the younger residents in the community, supplementing our Halloween party, Young At Art programs, SKIP, and Village Play Time, with events designed to bring more parents and children together.

This year we will also establish a parents group for Village residents. Parents are encouraged to use e-mail to contact the Village staff with ideas for classes, clubs, and events for children of all ages. Parents and grandparents are also encouraged to volunteer to help coordinate, set, and participate in events and programs at the Center.

None of our efforts would succeed without the dedication and hard work of the Council, our committees, volunteers, and staff. Throughout the year, the thousands of hours donated by volunteers help to create the very special environment that is the Village Center.

Our sincerest thanks go to all those involved in programming: the Program Advisory Committee, whose suggestions and evaluations are so important; the staff members; the volunteers; and the Mayor and Council, who provide support and encouragement.

# Treasurer's Report

*James Salter*

The initial proposed budget of the Friendship Heights Village Council for FY2004 is included in this Annual Report for your information and review. It is based on a Village tax rate of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, which would lower the current tax rate by 14.3% (resulting in the reduced property tax revenue shown). *This is the fifth consecutive reduction in the property tax rate.*

The draft budget was prepared with the assistance of staff members Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director; Mayor Melanie Rose White; and other Council members. Input is also regularly received from the Community Advisory Committee and the Program Advisory Committee, both of which meet with staff and Council members every other month.

Public hearings are scheduled during the Council public sessions on February 10, 2003, and March 10, 2003, at 8 p.m. (Hearings begin at 8:15 p.m.) You may speak at one session or submit any length suggestions in writing to the Council before March 10. Persons representing organizations will be given five minutes to speak; individuals will be given three minutes. No one

may speak both as an individual and as an organization. There will be no ceding of time between speakers.

What appears below is the initial proposed budget that the Council approved at its January 13 public session as the basic document to be considered at the public hearings.

The budget for salaries allows a return to full staffing as well as merit and cost of living increases. The amount budgeted for the shuttle bus will cover the increase in service (Sundays plus earlier and later weekday hours) should the Council decide to continue this service in FY2004.

The Council is not budgeting an increase in the Capital Improvements Fund for FY2004. A full engineering study of the Village infrastructure was completed in FY2003, and an estimate of future capital improvement expenses was made. The Council then increased the Capital Improvements Fund to the full recommended amount. In FY2004 it is expected that a substantial amount will be spent on capital improvements for the redevelopment of Humphrey Park.

Fiscal year 2002 revenues are audited numbers, and expenses are cash figures from the monthly Treasurer's Reports. The cash figures for expenditures are used to reflect a level of detail that does not appear in the audit.

I thank all of those who helped to prepare this draft budget.

## Friendship Heights Village: Initial Proposed Budget for FY2004

Revenues:	Actual FY02	Budget FY03	Est.Actual FY03	Budget FY04
Property tax <sup>1</sup>	\$478,536	\$382,000	\$420,000	\$360,000
Income tax <sup>2</sup>	1,213,280	750,000	825,000	825,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing <sup>3</sup>	76,918	77,000	81,000	80,000
Gas/highway tax <sup>4</sup>	78,175	80,000	80,000	80,000
Parking violation income <sup>5</sup>	147,161	100,000	100,000	100,000
4602 N. Park Ave. rental	16,400	16,000	16,000	16,000
Interest income <sup>6</sup>	65,902	50,000	30,000	30,000
Village Center rental income	19,144	15,000	15,000	15,000
Permit and license fees <sup>7</sup>	14,971	10,000	10,000	10,000
Newsletter ad income	22,229	20,000	20,000	20,000
Village Center program/misc. income <sup>8</sup>	8,490	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,141,206</b>	<b>\$ 1,507,000</b>	<b>\$1,604,000</b>	<b>\$1,543,000</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Actual FY02</b>	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Est.Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>
<b>General Government</b>				
1 Elections	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
2A Financial admin. and accounting <sup>9</sup>	7,772	14,000	10,000	14,000
2B Administrative costs <sup>10</sup>	16,083	12,000	15,000	12,000
2C Memberships and conferences <sup>11</sup>	16,354	18,000	18,000	20,000



<b>General Government (cont.)</b>	<b>Actual FY02</b>	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Est.Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>
2D Legal counsel and consultants	30,622	30,000	15,000	20,000
2E Legal costs	598	1,000	0	0
2F Village Council reports	8,642	7,500	7,500	7,500
3A Salaries <sup>12</sup>	316,634	367,000	350,000	387,000
3B Health/life/family benefits <sup>13</sup>	54,476	70,000	60,000	70,000
3C F.I.C.A.	25,376	30,000	27,000	30,000
3D Worker's Comp Insurance	820	1,000	800	1,000
3E Retirement contribution <sup>14</sup>	15,231	19,000	17,000	20,000
4A Xerox copiers	696	1,000	800	1,000
4B Aquarium	1,680	1,900	1,700	1,900
4C Heating and cooling maintenance	4,385	6,000	6,500	7,000
4D Bldg. security system maintenance	1,841	2,500	2,000	2,500
4E Typewriter and printer maintenance	25	0	0	0
5A Public officials liability insurance	2,335	3,000	2,400	3,000
5B Treasurer's bond	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
5C Building and general liability insurance	25,429	28,000	30,000	30,000
6 Telephone and utilities	21,916	30,000	30,000	30,000
7 Hospitality and special events <sup>15</sup>	16,189	17,000	17,000	17,000
8A Equipment and supplies <sup>16</sup>	12,715	15,000	20,000	15,000
8B Office and building furniture	2,260	5,000	5,000	5,000
8C Building improvement	0	1,000	0	1,000
8D 4602 N. Park Ave. maintenance	5,881	5,000	5,000	5,000
8E Computer equip./supplies	6,062	5,000	6,000	5,000
8F Center maintenance - repairs	9,430	15,000	15,000	15,000
8G Maintenance service <sup>17</sup>	71,110	80,000	80,000	82,000
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$675,562</b>	<b>\$790,900</b>	<b>\$747,700</b>	<b>\$802,900</b>
<b>Expenditures: Public Safety</b>				
9A Security patrol contract	\$95,801	\$97,000	\$97,000	\$100,000
9B Police Field Office <sup>18</sup>	2,496	6,000	4,000	5,000
9C Security vehicle maintenance	2,256	3,000	2,500	4,500
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$100,553</b>	<b>\$106,000</b>	<b>\$103,500</b>	<b>\$109,500</b>
<b>Expenditures: Public Works</b>				
10 Bus contract <sup>19</sup>	\$211,135	\$225,000	\$245,000	\$265,000
11A Street maintenance	35	2,500	2,500	2,500
11B Sidewalk maintenance	20,416	10,000	10,000	10,000
11C Snow removal	2,579	25,000	25,000	25,000
11D Storm drain maintenance	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
12A Waste collection <sup>20</sup>	10,846	13,000	12,000	13,000
12B Recycling	917	1,500	1,000	1,500
13 Street lighting	4,069	12,000	12,000	12,000
14 Street signs	633	2,000	2,000	2,000
15 Trees	4,060	5,000	6,000	6,000
16 Villagescape <sup>21</sup>	2,367	6,000	4,000	6,000
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$257,057</b>	<b>\$304,500</b>	<b>\$322,000</b>	<b>\$345,500</b>



<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Actual FY02</b>	<b>Budget FY03</b>	<b>Est.Actual FY03</b>	<b>Budget FY04</b>
<b>Health/Education/Social Serv.</b>				
17B Health/social services <sup>22</sup>	7,389	16,500	8,000	10,000
17C Housing program <sup>23</sup>	4,920	5,000	5,000	5,000
17D Scholarship program <sup>24</sup>	4,700	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Health/Education/Social Serv.</b>	<b>\$17,009</b>	<b>\$31,500</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Expenditures: Recreation and Parks</b>				
18A Equipment rentals	\$(214)	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
18C Lecture fees	631	2,000	2,000	2,000
18D Musicians' fees	19,316	25,000	21,000	25,000
18E Instructors' fees	(4,351)	4,000	4,000	4,000
18F Trip fees	921	8,000	8,000	8,000
18G Art/theme shows	802	2,000	2,000	2,000
18H Equipment purchases	84	2,000	2,000	2,000
18I Consumable supplies	4,388	8,000	7,000	8,000
18J Art supplies	27	300	300	300
18K Lunches, brunches, teas & dinners	12,030	13,000	12,000	13,000
18L Hospitality	537	1,000	1,000	1,000
18M Center special events <sup>25</sup>	17,535	18,000	17,000	18,000
18O Bamberger Current Events Series <sup>26</sup>	200	10,000	5,000	5,000
19 Reading Room materials	1,739	3,000	3,000	3,000
20B Flyers	48	500	500	500
20C Village newsletter	39,508	47,000	42,000	42,000
21A Village parks: electricity <sup>27</sup>	1,611	3,000	3,000	3,000
21B Village parks: water	1,789	4,300	4,000	4,300
21C Village parks: fountain maint.	12,406	17,000	10,000	12,000
21D Village parks: lighting maint.	887	2,000	2,000	2,000
21E Village parks: furniture	(1,972)	3,000	1,000	1,000
21F Village parks: walkway maint.	93	5,000	2,000	3,000
21G Art fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
22B Page Park: Furniture <sup>28</sup>	1,449	0	0	0
23 Parks/commons landscaping contract	73,920	80,000	80,000	85,000
24 Arborist contract	6,364	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Recreation and Parks</b>	<b>\$189,748</b>	<b>\$274,100</b>	<b>\$243,800</b>	<b>\$260,100</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$1,239,929</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,507,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,417,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,543,000</u></b>
<b>General Fund Deposit<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>\$705,824</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$187,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Improvements Fund Deposit<sup>30</sup></b>	<b>\$135,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$940,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$2,080,753</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,507,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,604,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,543,000</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$2,572,661</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,572,661</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,819,661</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,819,661</u></b>
<b>CAP. IMPROVEMENTS FUND BAL.<sup>31</sup></b>	<b><u>\$599,715</u></b>	<b><u>\$615,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,550,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,550,000</u></b>



## FOOTNOTES

### Revenues

- 1 The special tax rate for the Village (not less than 4¢/\$100 nor more than 20¢/\$100 on assessments based on 100% of value), set by the Friendship Heights Village Council, was 7¢/\$100 in FY2003, and is proposed to be 6¢/\$100 for FY2004, which begins July 1, 2003. Montgomery County's estimate of assessable base is \$600,000,000.
- 2 Estimate reflects the portion of the county tax rate returned to the Village from state filings.
- 3 An agreement between the county and municipalities (including special tax districts) requires the county to reimburse special tax districts for a portion of certain expenditures, which currently include park maintenance, health services, and road maintenance.
- 4 The amount is derived from a state formula based on the number of registered vehicles at Village addresses.
- 5 Parking violation income is collected by Montgomery County. The Village revenue share is 75%.
- 6 The interest is from Village funds placed in a state-regulated fund established for local Maryland governments—the Local Government Investment Trust. Interest on the Capital Improvements Fund, included in the audit figure, is not included in the budget.
- 7 Permit fees are paid by contractors who pre-empt public rights-of-way (streets and sidewalks). By law, the fees defray only the reasonable administrative costs of maintaining the permit system and are currently \$250. Certain license fees are also received from the state.
- 8 Includes a percentage of art sales and commission from produce market sales.

### Expenditures

- 9 Includes the annual audit and financial statement required by law (prepared on an accrual basis).
- 10 Includes taking of the minutes for the monthly public Council meetings, postage, and stationery.
- 11 Includes Maryland Municipal League dues (approximately \$9,000/year).
- 12 Salaries of 6 full-time and 4 part-time employees. (The Center is open seven days a week and four evenings until 9 p.m.) Volunteers provide additional support to staff.
- 13 Covers costs of health insurance, life insurance, and other benefits provided to qualifying employees. A pending assessment from the insurance pool may result in an additional \$13,538 charge for prior year deficits.
- 14 Council contribution to employee retirement plan.
- 15 Volunteer/staff annual appreciation dinner, condolence flowers, forums, and holiday decorations.
- 16 Includes general cleaning products, restroom paper supplies, copier paper, and office supplies.
- 17 Contract for maintenance staff at Village Center. Includes cleaning, minor repairs, setups and takedowns of equipment, streetcleaning, and 4602 North Park cleaning.
- 18 Cost to maintain Police Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue.
- 19 Full-service contract for operation of shuttle bus, including vehicle, drivers, maintenance, insurance.
- 20 Includes collection of Center trash and recyclables and park trash six times per week.
- 21 Cost to install and maintain flower baskets on 30 streetlight poles.
- 22 Includes cost of 4-part program with Suburban Hospital.
- 23 Cooperative program with county and Village landlord for transitional housing for one needy family.
- 24 To fund educational scholarship. Recipient(s) selected by the Council.
- 25 Cost of four seasonal events each year.
- 26 Continuing current events series originally established by donation.
- 27 Expenditures for all three parks (Willoughby, Humphrey, Page) are consolidated in items 21A-21F.
- 28 In FY2003, this line item was combined with 21E.
- 29 No increase in the general fund is budgeted for FY2004.
- 30 In July 2002 the Council authorized a transfer of \$940,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.
- 31 This figure does not reflect expenses expected to be incurred for the Humphrey Park rehabilitation project. The estimate in the infrastructure report for this work is \$569,600 plus engineering fees. Bids for the project have not yet been received.

Begins its fifth year of service in the Village in '03.



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### Notice of Public Hearings

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-2 of the Montgomery County Code (1984 Edition), notice is hereby given that the Friendship Heights Village Council will conduct public hearings on Monday, February 10, 2003, and Monday, March 10, 2003, at 8:15 p.m. in the Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, in connection with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004, based on an initial proposed tax rate of 6¢/\$100 assessed property value. The final tax rate will be determined after the two public hearings. The Village Council will vote to establish the tax rate for FY2004 and notify the Montgomery County Council of said rate on or before June 1, 2003, pursuant to Section 66-2 of the County Code. A copy of the initial proposed budget is available at the office of the Friendship Heights Village Council, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Any persons desiring further information may call Julian Mansfield, Village Manager, 301-656-2797, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**MVA Mobile Office—Monday, February 24, 2003, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



### The Council Report

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