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**Children's Water Party**

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## Two nights at the opera

Join us this fall for an exciting night – or two – at the Washington National Opera.

On **Thursday, Sept. 18**, we will attend the evening performance of Verdi's *La Traviata*. This beautiful Italian opera is set in 18th century Paris and is based on a drama by Alexandre Dumas. *La Traviata* (translation: "the woman who strayed") is the tragic story of a doomed courtesan who experiences love for just a brief moment.



We will depart from the Center at 6:30 p.m. and return by 11 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$119, which includes a discounted ticket in the side Orchestra, transportation, and driver gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately. Nonresidents may sign up Aug. 15. There are 24 tickets available.

On **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, we will return to the Kennedy Center to enjoy Donizetti's *Lucrezia Borgia*. It may be a holiday, but it is one of only four performances in which Renee Fleming, one of the greatest sopranos of our time, makes her WNO debut as the infamous Lucrezia Borgia. The tale of madness, mistaken identity, and murder is sung in Italian and this production is conducted by Placido Domingo.

We will depart from the Center at 6:30 p.m. and return by 11 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$139, which includes a ticket in the side Orchestra, transportation, and driver gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately. Nonresidents may sign up Aug. 15. There are 24 tickets available.

*Sign up for both operas at the same time and the cost is \$250.*

## Let's go to the Beach

Surf, sand and sunshine await us as we travel to Rehoboth Beach, Del., on **Tuesday, Aug. 19**. Stroll on the boardwalk, enjoy a seafood lunch or just take in the sea air. You may choose to spend the day exploring the outlet stores along Route 1. At the Tanger Midway outlet center, you'll find Coach Factory, Jones New York, L.L. Bean Factory Store, Liz Claiborne, Nine West, Polo Ralph Lauren, Ann Taylor, Rockport and more. We'll depart from the Village Center at 8 a.m., arriving in Rehoboth in time for you to enjoy lunch on your own. There are numerous cafes and restaurants along the Board-

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## The Treasures of Afghanistan

Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 4**, as we view more than 220 extraordinary artifacts from Afghanistan currently on display at the National Gallery of Art. Many of the objects were long thought to have been stolen or destroyed during some 25 years of conflict until they were recovered from a vault under the Presidential Palace in 2004.

We'll take an audio guide tour of



the exhibit. Then you can enjoy lunch on your own and explore other exhibits on view at the National Gallery.

The works, most on view for the first time in the United States, attest to the region's importance as a crossroads of trade routes known as the Silk Road, which stretched from Asia to the Mediterranean.

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# ON the GO...

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Ranging in date from 2200 BC to 200 AD, the objects present a rich mosaic of Afghanistan's cultural heritage. The works include gold bowls with artistic links to Mesopotamia from Tepe Fullol in northern Afghanistan; bronze and stone sculptures from the site of the former Greek city of Ai Khanum.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 9:30 a.m. and should return by 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, driver gratuity, and audio tour, is \$29.

Residents may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up beginning Aug. 7. There are 29 spaces available.

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walk and Rehoboth Avenue. We'll return to the Village Center around 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$55. Sign-ups begin immediately. Children over 5 years old are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. There are 45 spaces available.

## Don't forget!

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will discuss her book, *Know Your Power: A Message to America's Daughters*, at the Village Center on **Saturday, Aug. 2, at 3 p.m.**

Rep. Pelosi is the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives and the highest ranking elected woman in American history.

Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for purchase. Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

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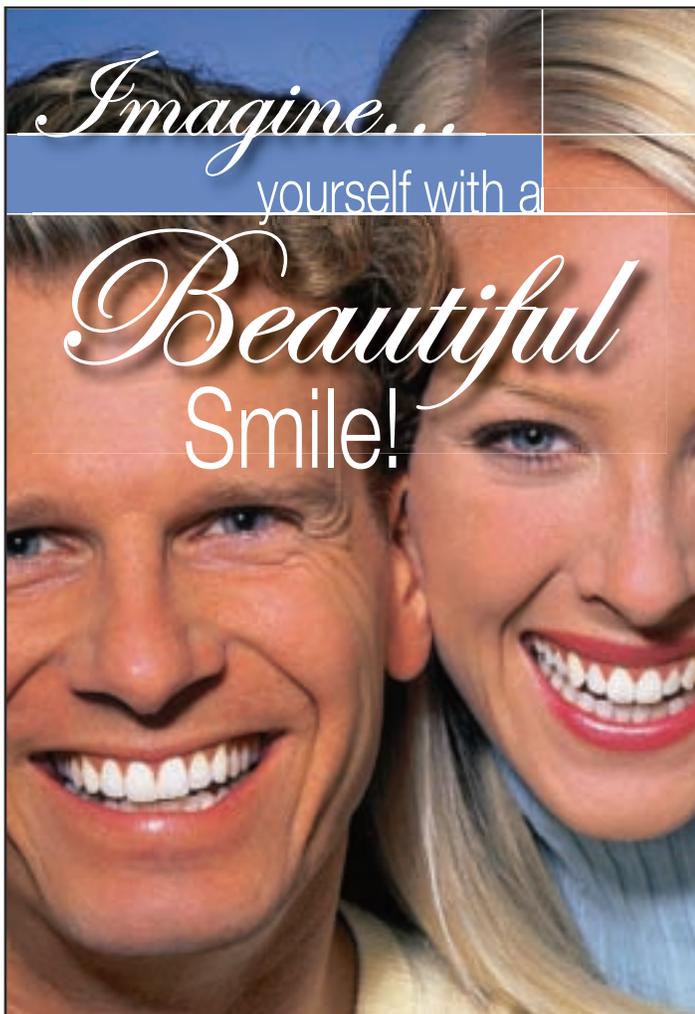
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**C'mon, let's  
put on a show!**

Living Room Theatre, the oldest play reading group in the county, is moving to the Friendship Heights Village Center and looking for new members. The group will meet once a month for stage readings beginning **Sept. 9, from 7 to 8:45 p.m.**



Leaders of the group are Marlene Harte, a well-known thespian in Montgomery County with a longtime interest in community theatre, and Lisa Kassoff, one of the founders of Bethesda Community Theatre. Lisa has a lifetime of experience in directing, acting, and producing plays.

The group will study traditional as well as contemporary works. Participants are expected to act and direct both short sketches and one-acts. A sincere commitment to the group is absolutely necessary in order for it to succeed. This is recreational theatre at its best.

If you have any questions about Living Room Theatre, please call Lisa Kassoff between 7 and 9 p.m. at 301-907-2631. To sign up, please call the Center at 301-656-2797.

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# PLAYING on the BIG SCREEN

All movies now begin at 7 p.m.

## A Note from the Program Directors

As a courtesy to our speakers, authors and performers...

• Turn off cell phones • Do not take food or drink into the auditorium • Arrive on time for all events • Unless it is an emergency, please stay until the conclusion of the program. It is distracting to others in the audience and insulting to the presenters when people walk out. Plenty of time to catch the shuttle bus will always be allowed.

**Thursday, Aug. 7, 7 p.m., — Alvin and the Chipmunks** — Alvin, Simon and Theodore are back in director Tim Hill's computer animation/live action hybrid following the adventures of the world's most adorable singing trio. Songwriter Dave Seville has been struggling to gain recognition in the music industry for some time, and despite the fact that his former college roommate is now a high-profile powerbroker at Jett Records, Dave still can't manage to get a break. Things soon start to look up, however, when Dave discovers three singing chipmunks hiding out in the branches of a Christmas tree in Jett Records world headquarters. Stars Jason Lee, David Cross and Cameron Richardson. Rated PG. Running Time: 92 minutes.

**Thursday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m. — Nancy Drew** — Based on characters created by Carolyn Keene, this movie follows Nancy as she accompanies her father, Carson Drew, to Los Angeles on one of his business trips and stumbles across evidence about a long-unsolved crime involving the mysterious death of a beautiful movie star. Nancy's resourcefulness and personal responsibility are put to the test when she finds herself in the middle of the fast-living, self-indulgent world of Hollywood. Rated PG. Running Time: 99 minutes.

**Thursday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. — Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day** — In 1939 London, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew is a middle-aged governess unfairly dismissed from her job. Realizing that she must "seize the day," she intercepts an employment assignment outside her comfort level — as "social secretary." Miss Pettigrew is soon catapulted into the glamorous world and dizzying social whirl of an American actress and singer, Delysia Lafosse. Stars Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, and Lee Pace. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 99 minutes.

**Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m., — Bee Movie** — Having just graduated from college, a bee named Barry B. Benson finds himself disillusioned with the prospect of having only one career choice—honey. As he ventures outside the hive, he breaks one of the cardinal rules of the bee world and talks to a human, a New York City florist named Vanessa. He is shocked to discover that the humans have been stealing and eating honey for centuries, and ultimately realizes that his true calling in life is to set the world right by suing the

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## Chinese brush paintings on exhibit in August

This month Friendship Gallery is pleased to welcome back Helene Sze McCarthy and her students for an exhibit of Chinese Brush Painting. Helene has been teaching and exhibiting at the Village Center since it opened.

The show runs from Aug. 3 until Aug. 30. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art work in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of certain activities in that room. Please check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive.

## July 4th art show: patriotism and paint

The 2008 "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue" art show at Friendship Gallery exhibited forty area artists and their Fourth of July interpretations. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners chosen by juror Millie Shott. First place, and a cash prize of \$150 sponsored by Nancy Mellon Realty, was awarded to Nar Steel for "Symbols of America." Second place, and a cash prize of \$100 sponsored by the Village of Friendship Heights, was awarded to Frank Palumbo for "Sherwood Inn, Skaneateles, NY." Third place, and a cash prize of \$75 sponsored by the Village of Friendship Heights, was awarded to Connie Boland for "Everyone Loves a Parade." Honorable Mention awards and a cash prize of \$25 each, sponsored by the Village of Friendship Heights, were presented to David Freeberg, Carol Greenwald, Mary Schroder, and Jim Wilson.



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# Friendship Heights Village Center



# Calendar of Events 2008

## A U G U S T

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY



<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers  <b>11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Art Reception</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10 a.m.: Great Books  1 p.m.: Strength Training with Tonya  1 p.m.: Bridge Group  <b>7 p.m.: Café Muse</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  1 p.m.: All About Balance  1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening  2:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Drawing and Painting  3 – 4 p.m.: Tea  3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>10 a.m.: Depart for Canal trip</b>  11 a.m.: Chair Exercise with Tonya  1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel  <b>7:30 p.m.: Concert: The Martin Family</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime  1 p.m.: Chinese Brush Painting  6 p.m.: Scrabble  <b>7 p.m.: Movie: Alvin &amp; the Chipmunks</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:15 .m.: Drop-in Tai Chi  10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs  <b>3 p.m.: Nancy Pelosi: Know Your Power</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10 a.m.: Great Books  1 p.m.: Strength Training with Tonya  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening  2:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Drawing and Painting  3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>1 p.m.: Suburban Lecture: Fall Prevention and Balance</b>  1 p.m.: Health Insurance Counseling  <b>7:30 p.m.: Concert: Mariachis de los Compadres</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime  1 p.m.: Chinese Brush Painting  6 p.m.: Scrabble  <b>7 p.m.: Movie: Nancy Drew</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Drop-in Tai Chi  10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: MVA Bus</b>  10 a.m.: Great Books  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8 a.m.: Depart for Rehoboth</b>  8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening  3 – 4 p.m.: Tea  3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel  <b>7:30 p.m.: Concert: The National Ballet of Maryland</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime  1 p.m.: Chinese Brush Painting  6 p.m.: Scrabble  <b>7 p.m.: Movie: Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:15 .m.: Drop-in Tai Chi  10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10 a.m.: Great Books  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening  3 – 4 p.m.: Tea  3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>1 p.m.: Health Insurance Counseling  1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel  <b>7:30 p.m.: Concert: Capital Accord Chorus</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi  11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime  6 p.m.: Scrabble  <b>7 p.m.: Movie: Bee Movie</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Drop-in Tai Chi  10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events  1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club  9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs</p>
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**Shuttle bus hours**

Monday through Friday      6:40 a.m. to 9:40 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday      8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Village Center Hours**

Monday through Thursday      9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday      9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday      9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Friendship Heights Village Center is open to everyone. People who live or work in the Village are especially welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2nd Annual Taste of Friendship Heights**

**Saturday, September 20, 12 to 5 p.m.**

**Featuring area restaurants: Giffords, Indique Heights, Lia's, M Cafe/Famoso, Potomac Pizza, Rock Creek, Starbucks**

*Look for more details in the September newsletter*

# CLASSES and CLUBS

**PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.  
PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY FOR THE FULL SERIES. NO REFUNDS AFTER CLASS BEGINS.**

Beginning immediately, all participants in fitness classes and Drop-in Tai Chi at the Center will be asked to sign a liability waiver when they register.

## ART

### ACRYLIC OR OIL PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskel, begins Sept. 11. Meets Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Class ends Nov. 13. Maximum number of students is 16.

### DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskel, begins Sept. 8. Meets Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Residents may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up Aug. 5. Session ends Nov. 17 (no class Oct. 13). Maximum number of students is 18.

### PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class, taught by award-winning artist and photographer Marianne Winter, begins August 20. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. Some previous experience in drawing is necessary. The cost is \$70. (Maximum number of students is 8). Session ends Sept. 24.

### STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 12-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth begins Sept. 18. Class emphasizes the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value and is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience.

Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil. Supply list will be handed out on first day of class. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (you may bring lunch – brown bag only). The cost is \$175 for residents; \$180 for nonresidents. Last class is Dec. 18 (no class Oct. 9).

## EXERCISE AND FITNESS

### ALL ABOUT BALANCE

This 6-week class begins Sept. 9. Meets Tuesdays, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. The class, taught by Tonya Walton, will focus on simple exercises you can do to improve your overall balance. The cost is \$62. Session ends Oct. 14.

### CHAIR EXERCISE WITH TONYA

This 6-week class begins Sept. 10. Meets Wednesdays, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. The class, taught by Tonya Walton, is especially for people who want to tone upper and lower body muscles, as well as improve strength and energy, through chair exercises. The cost is \$62. Session ends Oct. 15.

### MAT PILATES

This 6-week session begins Sept. 9. Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$80 for residents and \$90 for nonresidents. Movements to improve balance, strength and flexibility. Not recommended for pregnant women or those with serious spinal conditions. Required equipment: Pilates/Yoga mat, large

bath towel. Questions: E-mail Ginnerrusteach@yahoo.com. Session ends Oct. 14.

### STRENGTH TRAINING WITH CHERYL

This 6-week session begins Sept. 5. Meets Fridays, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The class, taught by Cheryl Clark, will enhance range of motion and strengthen muscles and work on balance and posture. The cost is \$65. Session ends Oct. 10.

### STRENGTH TRAINING WITH TONYA

This 6-week session begins Sept. 8. Meets Mondays, from 1 to 1:50 p.m. The class, taught by Tonya Walton, focuses on increasing mobility, flexibility, balance, and overall strength. The cost is \$62. Session ends Oct. 13.

### TAI CHI (THURSDAY)

This 6-week session begins Sept. 11. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class. Session ends Oct. 16.

### TAI CHI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week session begins Sept. 23. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class. Session ends Oct. 28.

### YOGA (SUNDAY)

This 10-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and

begins Sept. 7. Meets Sundays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. The session includes semi-strenuous postures, stretches, and coordinated breathing, as well as a quiet period for relaxation and meditation. Wear loose clothing, bring a blanket or large towel and mat (can be purchased at class). Don't eat for 2 hours before class. The cost is \$120. Class will not meet Oct. 12 or Nov. 9. Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Monday class with the instructor's permission. Session ends Nov. 23.

### **YOGA (MONDAY)**

This 10-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins Sept. 8. Meets Mondays from 7 to 8:20 p.m. See description above. The cost is \$120. Class will not meet Sept 29 or Oct. 13. Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Sunday class. Session ends Nov. 24.

## **LANGUAGE**

### **BEGINNING SPANISH**

This 8-week course begins Sept. 17. Instructor Elena Marra-Lopez has taught teenagers and adults at Sidwell Friends School, Washington International School, Montgomery College, and the USDA Graduate School. The class meets Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$200. Session ends Nov. 5.

### **SPANISH 2**

This 8-week course begins Sept. 15. This class is for students who have completed Level 1 or who have some knowledge of Spanish and permission from the instructor, Elena Marra-Lopez. The class meets Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$210. Session ends Nov. 10 (class will not meet Oct. 13).

## **ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING/SUBURBAN NURSE**

A Suburban Hospital nurse is on hand to offer free blood pressure screenings Tuesdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m. only. The nurse is also available for consultations Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

### **COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS**

This long-running discussion group meets informally every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Led by group members.

### **FHUN**

The Friendship Heights Urban Network (FHUN) is a group dedicated to bringing together young professionals, young parents, and college students. For more

information, check FHUN's website at [www.fhun.net](http://www.fhun.net). This group is not affiliated with the Friendship Heights Village Council.

### **GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP**

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Leadership is rotated among group members. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING**

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

### **SCRABBLE**

This group of Scrabble players meets at the Center Thursdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### **TEA TIME**

Village residents and their guests are invited to tea every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Hot beverages, cookies and fruit are served by Village volunteers. There is no cost.

### **VILLAGE PLAY TIME**

Children of all ages are welcome to be together at the Village Center most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, toys and play equipment will be set out in the auditorium for their enjoyment. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver, friend or family member over age 13.

### **WALKING CLUB**

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Marjorie Yahraes, 240-497-0050 for more information.

### **YIDDISH**

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Call Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.

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# CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Hubert Humphrey Park.  
In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors to Huntley Hall in the Village Center.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6 — *The Martin Family*** — This talented family group performs a rich blend of old-time and Irish music. They have been the informal “house band” at Mt. Vernon for 10 years. Their unique mix of instruments—hammered dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar, button accordion and tin whistle has earned them a reputation of a group that is fun loving and a joy to listen to. Family members include Carl, Jeanean, Lydia, Emily and Claude.

**Wednesday, Aug. 13 — *Mariachis de los Compadres*** — Violinist Susan Jones leads this lively group in Mexico’s best-loved music. Dressed in colorful authentic Mariachis costumes, the band plays traditional instruments: the bihuele, guitarron, trumpets, guitar, violin and harp. Performance credits include the White House, President Ronald Reagan’s Inaugural Ball, numerous Smithsonian Institution venues, and various government special events.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20 — *The National Ballet of Maryland*** — The National Ballet of Maryland is a 60-year-old ballet company which has built a reputation by serving several communities, mostly in Maryland but throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Their annual full-

length production of *The Nutcracker* attracts thousands of children and adults each year, and their “Highlights from The Nutcracker” tours throughout the area. The National Ballet Company II is composed of younger dancers of the Ballet who audition specifically for this company. This program is a mixed bag showing off various styles of dance, from classical to more contemporary.

**Wednesday, Aug. 27 — *Capital Accord Chorus*** — Enjoy our final outdoor performance of the summer with a concert by the Capital Accord Chorus. This all-woman chorus is sure to delight you with its beautiful harmonies.

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# TO YOUR HEALTH

## Balance and fall prevention

Matt Tovornik, the director of physical medicine at Suburban Hospital, will discuss how to avoid falling and offer information on injuries from falls at this month's Suburban Health Lecture at the Village Center on **Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m.**

There is no cost for the talk, but **please** call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.



## Tea and talk: the history of comics

Rosa Weinstein, coordinator of the Himmelfarb Mobile University and popular Village Center speaker, will present a lecture on comics at the Village Center on **Friday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 p.m.**

Comics, as differentiated from cartoons, are defined as a series of pictures designed to tell a story. The art form goes back to antiquity as people sought to tell stories through pictures. Some examples are prehistoric cave paintings, the Bayeaux Tapestry of 1066, Mayan and Aztec books, stained glass window, and our modern comic strip series, which saw its golden age from the mid-1930s to the mid-1940s. Ms. Weinstein will discuss the history, culture, and significance of comics, past and present.

Ms. Weinstein has been honored as a "Washingtonian of the Year" and a "WETA Hometown Hero" for her work with Himmelfarb, a program that takes college-level classes ranging from musicology to economics and taught by volunteers to thousands of people in the community.

After the presentation, please stay for tea. Sign up for this free event by calling 301-656-2797.



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## Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on Monday, **August 4, at 7 p.m.**, presents a reading from *Family Pictures: Poems And Photographs Celebrating Our Loved Ones* by editor Kwame Alexander and poets Maritza Rivera Cohen, Roberta Beary, and Deanna Nikaido

Kwame Alexander is a poet, publisher, and an award-winning producer of literary programs. He has written for television and the stage and authored ten books including *Dancing Naked on the Floor: poems and essays* and, most recently, a young adult title, *Crush: Love Poems*. Alexander produces the annual *Capital BookFest* presented by *The Washington Post* and currently serves as the President of Book-in-a-Day, a literacy program that teaches and inspires youth in the writing and publishing process.

Maritza Rivera Cohen has been writing poetry in both English and Spanish for nearly 40 years. The author of *About You*, she has been published in literary magazines, anthologies, and online publications.

Roberta Beary's book of poems, *The Unworn Necklace*, published in August 2007, won first prize in the Snapshot Press Haiku Collection Competition.

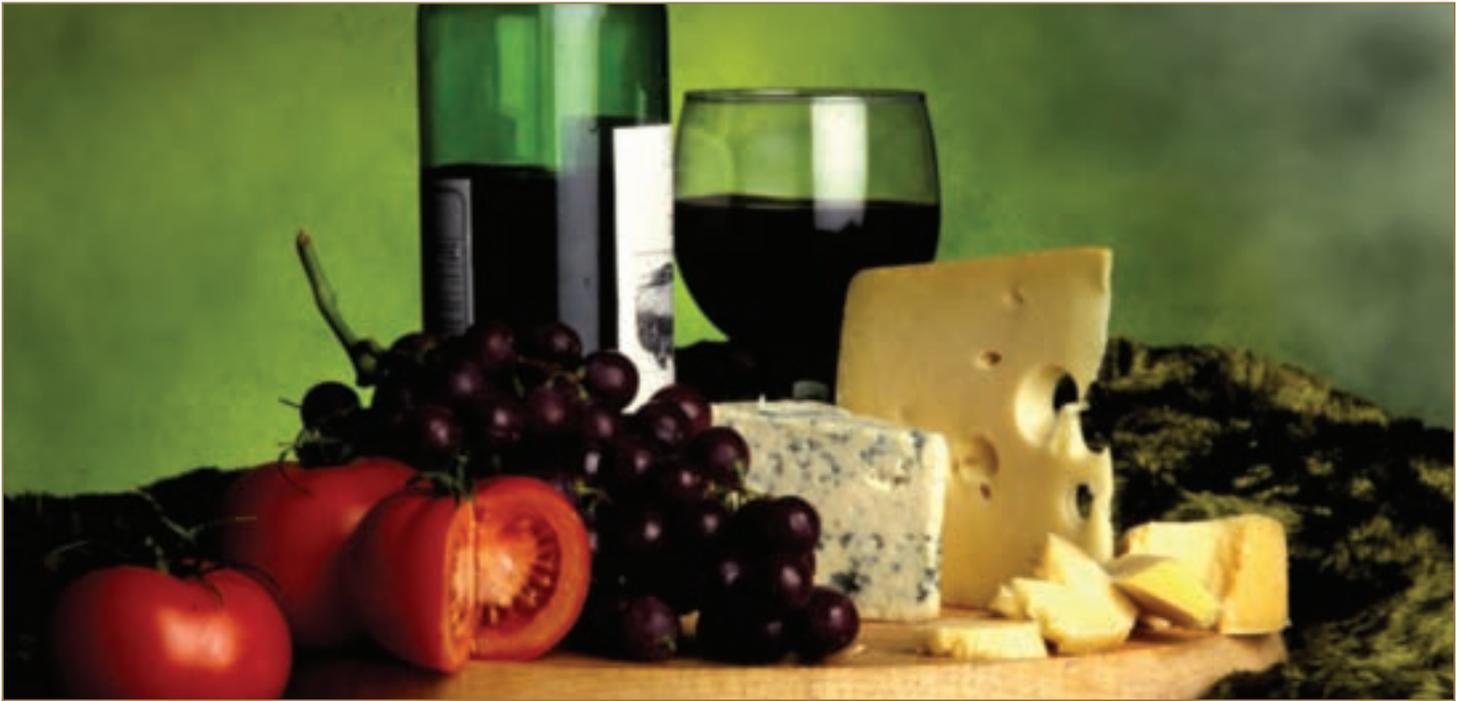
Deana Nikaido is the author of *Vibrating With Silence*, and is a graduate of Art Center College of Design with a degree in Illustration. Her work has appeared in several journals and anthologies such as *Family Pictures*, *Beltway Poetry Journal*, *Fledgling Rag* and *Urbanocode Magazine*.

Café Muse opens at 7 p.m. with refreshments and classical guitar by Michael Davis; readings begin at 7:30. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m. Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works., a nonprofit literary organization.

## Driver safety program offered next month

The AARP Driver Safety Program helps drivers refine skills and develop techniques. Upon successfully completing the course, graduates may be eligible to receive a state-mandated discount on their auto insurance premiums.

The course will be offered **Friday, Sept. 26 and Friday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Village Center (students must attend both classes). The cost is \$10 and checks should be made out to AARP. Students must bring their driver's license and a ballpoint pen with them to class. Register in advance at the Village Center.



# Wine & Cheese

*A Social Event hosted by Brighton Gardens at Friendship Heights*

You are cordially invited to Brighton Gardens at Friendship Heights for a very special wine and cheese open house. We will be joined by Martin Singelenberg, a connoisseur of fine wines, for a special evening of wine tasting. Mr. Singelenberg comes to us from some of Washington's finest restaurants and hotels, and has a wealth of knowledge in all facets of wine selection, including pairing wine and food to achieve the most complimentary experience. We'll also be holding a raffle for a selection of fine wines.

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# Village Council Corner

## Congratulations to Mayor White!



Mayor Melanie White received the Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service award from the Village Council on July 4th. Council Chairman Maurice Trebach presented the award.

Mayor White was also recognized with a special citation from our Maryland Delegates and Senator Brian Frosh.

## Streetlight installation nearly complete

Ten new streetlights are being installed on The Hills Plaza and Friendship Boulevard. Three old "cobra" lightpoles have been removed. The Village will now be fully covered with our custom streetlights.



Delegates Bill Bronrott, Susan Lee and Bill Frick present an official citation to Mayor Melanie White at our July 4th celebration.

At the July 14 meeting, the Council approved:

- Request from RMA for additional fuel compensation;
- Renewal of membership in MD Municipal League;
- Contract increase to provide raise for security guard;
- Proposal to install Village streetlights;
- Authorization to move Village bank accounts.

**NOTE: No Village Council meeting in August. The next meeting will Monday, September 8.**



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