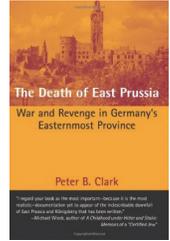


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Celebrating the Center of our Community

Join your friends, family and neighbors as Friendship Heights celebrates Community Day at the Village Center on **Saturday, April 13, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.** During this year's celebration of the anniversary of the opening of the Village Center, we'll feast on delicious barbeque and listen to great music. Famous Dave's will provide delicious barbeque — including chicken and beef — with all the fixin's. In addition, the Greg Harrison Band will entertain us with some New Orleans Swing.

Each year, Friendship Heights recognizes the anniversary of the official opening of the Village Center 27 years ago. After 10 years of planning, red tape and the efforts of dozens of individuals, the award-winning Village Center opened its doors on April 13, 1986. Since its opening, it has become a place where everyone can come together for lectures, concerts, movies, classes, teas and other special events. It is truly a source of pride in the community.

Brunch and a Bunch of fun at Charles Town Races

The home of some of the area's best thoroughbred racing and slots also offers blackjack, poker, roulette, and other table games. On **Sunday, May 19**, you'll get the chance to check out Hollywood Casino as well as the horse-racing at Charles Town. We'll depart from the Village Center at 10:30 a.m. and arrive by noon in time for brunch on the Skyline Terrace. Brunch includes omelets made to order, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, rotisserie chicken, steamship round, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit, pastries, bagels and more. After a sumptuous brunch buffet, you can bet on the ponies or try your luck at a wide variety of tables games.



You'll also find all progressive slots, and the best of video poker, blackjack, and keno. Choose from hundreds of the latest three-coin machines, dollar games galore, and a brand-new array of fabulous Five-Dollar Slots. We should return to Friendship Heights by 7 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$69, which includes transportation, admission to the

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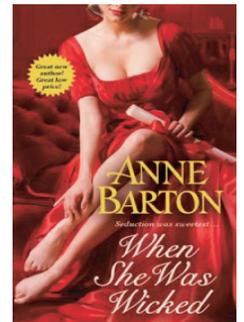


Historical romance author appears at the Village Center

Award-winning writer Anne Barton will discuss her book, *When She Was Wicked*, at the Village Center on **Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.**

Ms. Barton was at the Center three years ago and described the world of romance writing. *When She Was Wicked*, her first book, has won the 2011 Golden Heart, the 2010 Golden Pen and the 2010 Golden Palm. The book is set in early 19th-Century London and tells the Cinderella-like story of seamstress Anabelle Honeycote and Owen Sherbourne, the Duke of Huntford.

Refreshments will be served and copies of the book will be available for sale. Please sign up by calling 301-656-2797.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

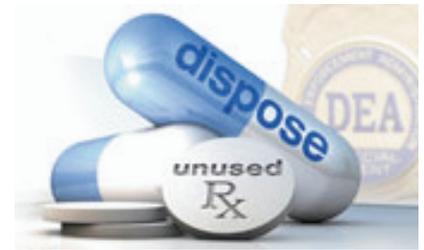
A camp for your little Picassos

Don't miss the chance to put a little art in your child's summer with a week-long summer art camp at the Friendship Heights Village Center. The camp begins **Monday, June 24 and continues through Friday, June 28.** Children ages 6 to 12 will learn a variety of fine arts projects. The camp takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily at the Village Center, and is run by our curator Millie Shott. Sign up immediately at the Village Center to ensure a space; this camp fills up quickly. Children must have completed kindergarten to qualify. The cost is \$250.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Center will once again be a host site for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, sponsored by the DEA, on **Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

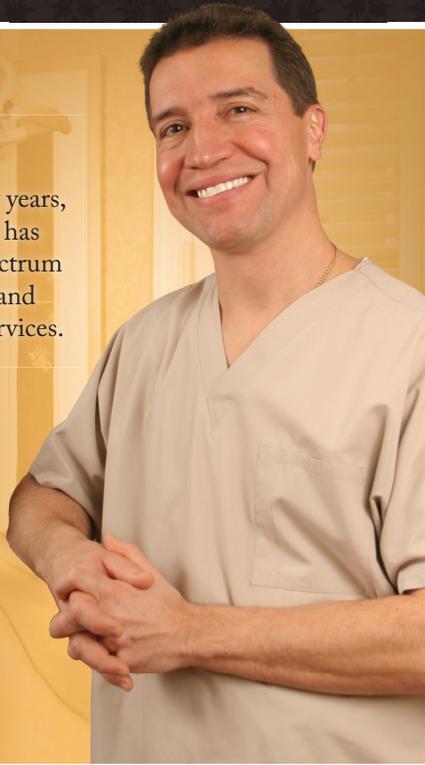
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Celebrate Virginia Garden Week

Only a few spaces remain for our trip to Fredericksburg on **Tuesday, April 23**, for a day of touring some of the historic city's most beautiful gardens.

Several homes included in the Garden Tour have distinguished pasts involving the Civil War. We'll begin our tour with a visit to Fall Hill, a Georgian home built in 1790, privately owned and open to the public only during this year's Garden Week. Fall Hill was a strategic point used by Robert E. Lee to guard the river crossing and used as a Confederate camp. Beautiful gardens surround the house. Our next stop will be Snowden House, a Greek Revival mansion offering a breathtaking view of the Rappahanock River.

Next, we'll drive into historic downtown Fredericksburg for lunch at Pinkadilly Tea at Smythe's Cottage. Our luncheon tea includes crab soup, chef's choice of quiche, assorted scones, Devonshire cream and lemon curd, assorted finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, and miniature desserts.

After lunch, we'll continue our garden tour, with visits to Brompton and Belmont, the home of artist Gari Melchers.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 8:30 a.m. and should return by 5:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, garden tours and luncheon tea, is \$121. Sign-ups will continue until the trip is full or until Tuesday, April 9, after which a waiting list will be established.

Please note this is a walking tour. Wear appropriate shoes to allow for uneven surfaces and inclines. No interior photography by camera or cell phone is permitted.

Play ball!

Spend a day at the ballpark on **Saturday, May 11**, and cheer on the Washington Nationals, the 2012 National League East Division Champions, when they play the Chicago Cubs. We will leave the Village Center at 2:45 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes a covered seat in Section 135 (we're a level closer this year), transportation and driver gratuity, is \$62.

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Beginning **May 15**, Mr. Eaton will lead a 4-week series on four of the most influential and fascinating American composers: Harry Warren, king of Hollywood musicals; Cole Porter, the genius composer and lyricist; Hoagy Carmichael, master of popular song; and, Harold Arlen, “the wonderful wizard of Song.” Each class includes a performance by the instructor.

Mr. Eaton has been performing professionally for more than 30 years from jazz clubs to a command performance in the East Room of the White House and is considered one of the foremost interpreters of American music. The Village Center is delighted to be able to offer this series. See page 10 for class details.

The Boom Box



There are many reasons for considering an “encore career” — doing meaningful work and earning a paycheck in retirement are just two. Join the Boomers on **Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m.**, and meet Kerry Hannon, a best-selling author and career, retirement and personal finance expert. Ms. Hannon will discuss the possibilities, challenges, and secrets of landing a job in today’s job market when you’re 50 and beyond.

Ms. Hannon has spent more than 25 years covering all aspects of personal finance for the nation’s leading media companies, including Forbes, Money, U.S. News & World Report and USA Today. She writes AARPorg’s Great Jobs column and is a nationally recognized authority on boomer career transitions and retirement. She has appeared on numerous television and radio programs and is the award-winning author of *What’s Next? Follow Your Passion and Find Your Dream Job*. Copies of her new book, *Great Jobs for Everyone 50+*, will be available for purchase.

Please come for socializing and light fare at 7 p.m.; the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Call 301-656-2797 to reserve a space.

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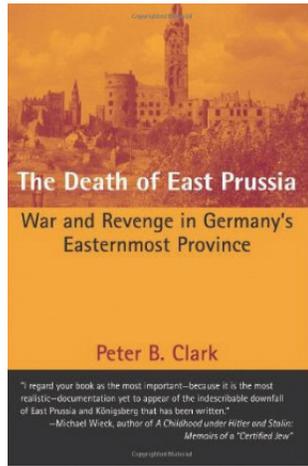
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Author to speak on the destruction of East Prussia

Peter Clark will discuss his book, *The Death of East Prussia: War and Revenge in Germany's Easternmost Province*, at the Village Center on **Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.** The book describes the immense collateral damage inflicted on East Prussia in World War II and is based on a wealth of eyewitness testimony. The book also tells the story of the sinking of the *Wilhelm Gustloff* in January 1945 resulting in the deaths of over 9,000 people, mostly women and children.

Peter Clark worked at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington and retired as a Senior Adviser from the International Monetary Fund. He is also a former economics professor at Duke University. Copies of the book will be available for sale at a special discounted price. Please sign up by calling 301-656-2797.





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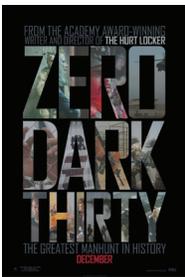
All movies begin at 7 p.m.

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, April 4, 7 p.m. — Movie — *Zero Dark Thirty* — A chronicle of the decade-long hunt for al-Qaeda terrorist leader Osama bin Laden after the September 2001 attacks, and his death at the hands of the Navy S.E.A.L. Team 6 in May 2011. Stars Jessica Chastain, Joel Edgerton, and Kyle Chandler. Rated R. Running Time: 160 minutes.



Field, David Strathairn, and Tommy Lee Jones . Rated PG-13 Running Time: 150 minutes.

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. — Movie — *Life of Pi* — In this coming-of-age story, the son of a zookeeper survives a shipwreck by stowing away on a lifeboat with a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena, and a Bengal tiger by the name of Richard Parker. Surai Sharma heads up the cast as the young boy. Also stars Gerard Depardieu, Adil Hussain, Irrfan Khan, Rafe Spall and Bollywood actress Tabu. Rated PG. Running Time: 120 minutes.

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. — Movie — *Lincoln* — As the Civil War continues to rage, America's President struggles with continuing carnage on the battlefield as he fights with many inside his own cabinet on the decision to emancipate the slaves. Stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally

Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. — Book signing with Peter Clark, see page 5 for details.

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ART and CULTURE

Friendship Gallery to feature photography during April

Photographs by members of The Gaithersburg Camera Club will be on exhibit this month in Friendship Gallery.

The Gaithersburg Camera Club has been in existence since 1974. Club members are camera enthusiasts with various interests and levels of skill. The club sponsors field trips and workshops to enhance members' photographic skills.

The show runs from April 8 to May 4. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, April 14, from 11:30 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 in the auditorium is occasionally not available

for viewing because of activities in that room; check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive. Please note that all sales of art are final.



Above: "Peabody Diagonal" by Judy MacArthur.

Left: "Serenity" by Bahl Nikhil

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Safe driving program still has spaces

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Village Center. Mike Walmsley will be the instructor. The one-day course costs \$12 for AARP members (please bring your membership card when you register) and \$14 for nonmembers. Checks should be made out to AARP. All students must bring to class with them their driver's license and a ballpoint pen. Please register at the Village Center.

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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.

Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m.**, features poetry from Michelle Chan Brown and Joanna Pearson.

Michelle Chan Brown's *Double Agent* received the 2011 Kore Press First Book Award, selected by Bhanu Kapil. A chapbook, *The Clever Decoys*, is available from LATR editions. Her poetry and reviews have appeared in *Missouri Review*, *Quarterly West*, *Witness* and others; she has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. She was writer-in-residence at Pomfret School, where she also directed the Broken Bridge Summer Arts Workshop. She currently teaches, writes and edits *Drunken Boat* in Washington, DC.

Joanna Pearson's first book of poetry, *Oldest Mortal Myth*, was selected by Marilyn Nelson for the 2012 Donald Justice Poetry Prize. She's also the author of the young adult novel *The Rites and Wrongs of Janice Wills*. She currently works as a resident physician at Johns Hopkins and lives in Baltimore.

Café Muse opens at 7 p.m. in the Village Center with classical guitar by Michael Davis; readings begin at 7:20. 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.



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ART AND MUSIC

AMERICAN SONGWRITERS

Washington legend John Eaton teaches this series on American songwriters Harry Warren, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael and Harold Arlen. The 4-week course begins May 15. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$80 for residents; \$85 for nonresidents. Class ends June 5. A musical performance by Mr. Eaton highlights each session.

BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CHILDREN (TEN AND OLDER)

This 8-week course in black and white and color photography, taught by Llewellyn Berry, begins April 6. Meets Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$50. The class is open to youngsters 10 years old and older. Students will become skilled at using their cameras, understand how to see and use available light, and, learn about composition and subject selection. Students must have a digital camera and a flash drive. Class will not meet April 13 and May 25. The last class is June 8.

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class, taught by Marianne Winter, begins April 17. 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 \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents. Maximum number is 8. Last class is May 22.

WATER COLOR PAINTING

A 6-week course, for beginning as well as returning students, taught by Millie Shottt. Beginning April 19, it meets Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. Covers mixing colors, washes, brush textures, landscape and florals. Students supply brushes, paper and painting board. Supply list available at sign-up. The cost is \$80. Maximum number is 10. Last class is May 24.

EXERCISE AND FITNESS

BALANCE AND COORDINATION

This 6-week class begins April 23. Meets Tuesdays, from 1 to 1:50 p.m. The class will focus on simple exercises that improve overall balance. The cost is \$65 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends May 28. Questions? Email instructor Tonya Walton at staraka4u@gmail.com.

CHAIR EXERCISE

This 7-week class begins May 1. 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 \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents. Session ends June 12.

MAT PILATES

The 6-week session begins April 9. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Pilates movements tone the body from 'the inside out' bringing about core-strength, muscle balance and proper spinal alignment. This class is for both beginners and intermediate students. Please check with your physician

before signing up for this course; not recommended for pregnant women. Instructor Ginger Russell is certified in Pilates by both *PhysicalMind Institute* and *Powerhouse Pilates*. The cost is \$85 for residents and \$90 for nonresidents. Please bring a Pilates/Yoga mat and bath towel. Questions? Email Gingerrusteach@yahoo.com. Session ends May 14.

SKY VALLEY TAI JI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week class begins April 9. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$60 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Minimum number is eight. Session ends May 14.

SKY VALLEY TAI JI (THURSDAY)

This 6-week class, taught by Thomas Johnson, begins April 11. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and is especially for beginners. The cost is \$60 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Minimum number is eight. Session ends May 16.

STRENGTH TRAINING WITH TONYA

This 6-week class begins April 29. 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 \$65 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends June 10 (class will not meet May 27).

YOGA (DAY)

This 9-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 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 clothes, bring a blanket or large towel and mat (can be purchased at class). Don't eat for 2 hours before class. The cost is \$118 for residents; \$124 for nonresidents. Session ends June 9 (class will not meet May 26).

YOGA (EVENING)

This 9-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 8. Meets Mondays from 7 to 8:20 p.m. See description above. The cost is \$118 for residents; \$124 for nonresidents. Session ends June 10 (class will not meet May 27).

ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING/ SUBURBAN NURSE

A Suburban Hospital nurse offers free blood pressure screenings Tuesdays from 12 to 4 p.m. The nurse is also available for consultations Tuesdays from 2 to 4 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.

CONCERTS

Free live music is presented on Wednesday evenings. No registration is required.

DROP-IN TAI CHI

Student-led sessions every Friday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per class.

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. Usually meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Please call 301-590-2819 for an appointment.

SCRABBLE

This group of Scrabble players meets at the Center Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

TEA

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.

VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets one Tuesday morning a month to discuss books chosen by the group. Members take turns suggesting books and leading the meetings. Dates and book titles are announced in the newsletter. New members are welcome at any time.

VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

The bridge club meets every Monday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome for bridge or bridge plus (duplicate bridge); cards will be supplied. Contact Nancy White at 301-652-4119 for more information.

VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Children of all ages can play 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.

VISION SUPPORT LUNCH AND LEARN

A partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. Meets one Thursday a month at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and discussion with an invited speaker. Contact Janet Morrison at 301-538-9358 for more information.

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 at 301-718-6340 for more information.

YIDDISH

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

New life for old eyeglasses

Are your old eyeglasses obsolete? Why not donate them to the Lions Club? Each month, the Leisure World Lions Club will pick up eyeglasses and frames from the Village Center. The glasses are then cleaned, disinfected and distributed to the underprivileged, particularly in developing countries.

For Sale

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CONCERTS

Concerts are held every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall

in the Friendship Heights Village Center.

Wednesday, April 3 — ISIS Ensemble featuring flute and koto — Enjoy the beautiful sound of the Japanese koto paired with the flute when Miyuki Yoshikami and Amy Thomas perform a springtime concert at the Village Center. The koto, also known as the Japanese harp, is a traditional stringed musical instrument. The concert is the perfect way to celebrate Washington's Cherry Blossom Festival, taking place from March 20 to April 14.

Wednesday, April 10 — So Sugiyama — Cellist So Sugiyama started his musical studies at the age of three on the violin. After five years, he decided to switch to the cello and has never looked back. While at the Colburn School of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, CA, So performed as the Principal cellist for the Colburn Chamber Orchestra and the cellist for the Honors Quartet led by his former teacher, and the Director for the Chamber Music Institute, Dr. Richard Naill. So graduated from Columbia University this past May and received a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. While at Columbia, he performed in venues such as Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Miller Theatre, Harvard Musical Association, and various other venues in the Northeast. For the past six years, So has been a private student of George Neikrug who studied with both the legendary pedagogue D.C. Dounis for fifteen years and the great cellist Emanuel Feuermann.

Wednesday, April 17 — Tales in the Village featuring Nick Newlin — Nick Newlin tells a story about his long and loving relationship with live Grateful Dead bootleg recordings, including a serendipitous moment on a beach in Hawaii that has to be heard to be believed. Every third Wednesday the Friendship Heights Village Center features a different type of performance art. This ancient art form is storytelling and Tales in the Village brings some of the top storytellers in the country to the Village Center.

Wednesday, April 24 — Vocal Express — This versatile group specializes in popular music and show tunes from the mid and late 20th century with an occasional journey back to the Great American Songbook. Its repertoire includes *God Bless the USA*, *Bring Him Home* from the musical *Les Miserables*, *Think of Me* from *Phantom of the Opera*, and the Beach Boys' *Summer Fun*.

Landon Ensemble Welcomes Spring at the Center

The Landon Symphonette Chamber Ensemble will offer a mixture of musical selections for brass when it performs at the Village Center on **Saturday, April 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m.** The program will include *Trumpet Voluntary* by Jeremiah Clark, *Farandole* by George Bizet, *Rondeau* by Jean-Joseph Mouret, *Grand March* by Giacomma Puccini, *Trumpet Tune* by Henry Purcell, *Contrpunctur1* by J.S. Bach, *Overture to HMS Pinafore* by Sir Arthur Sullivan, *Cor Royal* by Phillippe Nicolai, *Toreador Song* by George Bizet, and *Just a Closer Walk/ Amazing Grace* arranged by Dave Henderson. There is no charge for the performance.

The ensemble includes: Theodore Lewis, trumpet; Kurt Lucas, trombone; Margaret Dickel, French horn; Henry Smith, trumpet; Eric Shalloway, baritone; and Grant Smith, tuba.



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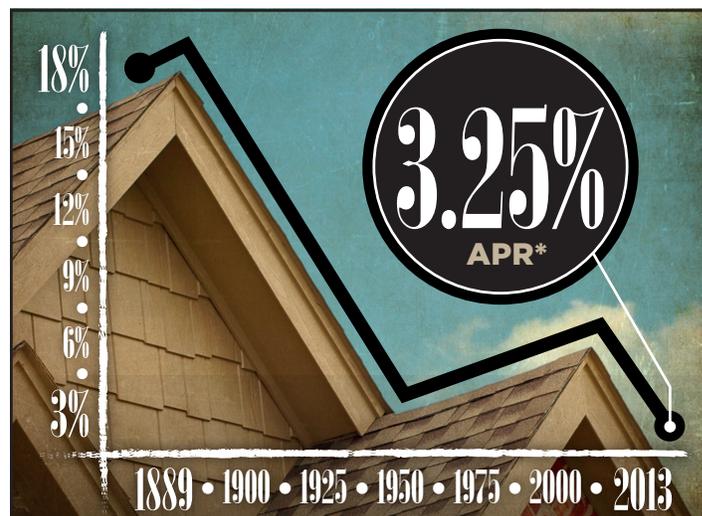
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Vision Support Group: "With a Song in Your Heart" — remembering music

Come to the Vision Support Lunch and Learn at the Village Center on **Thursday, April 18, at 12:30 p.m.**, to meet Gloria Sussman, musician and guest lecturer.

Studies have demonstrated that music has the capacity to alleviate stress, anxiety and pain. Music affords opportunities for people to stay engaged as they grow older and is the perfect prescription to improve the quality of life. Gloria will share her musical journey as she faced severe vision loss and the role music played in enhancing her independence.

The Vision Support Group is a partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. You don't have to have poor sight to participate. You must register in order to reserve a light lunch by calling 301-656-2797.



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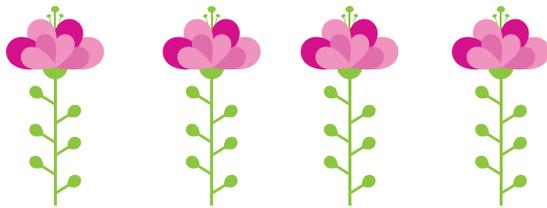


Come for a special lunch and ragtime concert

Enjoy a three-course lunch followed by a concert by Village favorite Eric Abrahamson at the Center on **Friday, April 26**. Our luncheon will begin at **12 p.m.** Prepared by Sunrise Brighton Gardens Chef Laté Lawson, the menu will be corn chowder, salad, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, green beans and Boston Cream Pie.

After lunch, please stay for a concert of Ragtime and Tin Pan Alley hits performed by Eric Abrahamson. Mr. Abrahamson is a veteran of the music business in California where he is the music director for Knott's Berry Farm and Cedar Fair Parks and frequent entertainer on Main Street in Disneyland. The concert begins at **1 p.m.**

The cost for lunch is \$14; please sign up at the Center by April 22. There is no cost for the concert — all are welcome.



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park, buffet brunch and all taxes and gratuities. Residents may sign up immediately at the Village Center. Nonresidents may sign up beginning April 15. For additional information, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

The Village Book Club will meet this month on **Tuesday, April 16, at 11 a.m.** The book selection is *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng. Look for a copy of the book in the Center Reading Room on the shelf marked "Village Book Club Selections."

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New Council member appointed

John Mertens, a resident of the Highland House, was nominated by the Village Council at its March 11 meeting to complete the term of Leonard "Chip" Mudd, who passed away in December. His nomination was confirmed by the Montgomery County Council and he will be seated at the April 8 Council meeting.



Mr. Mertens serves on the Community Advisory Committee. He also represents the Village on the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee, and serves as Chief Election Judge for the County at our precinct.

We welcome him to the Council!

Other Council action at the March 11 meeting:

- Approved proposals from Ruppert Landscape to repair drainage issue at Willoughby Park.



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April 2013 events calendar

Council approves FY 2014 Village Budget

At its March 11 meeting, the Council unanimously approved the Village Budget and tax rate for FY 2014. **For the eighth year in a row, the tax rate will remain at 4¢ per \$100 of assessed property value, the lowest rate allowed under our charter.**

The budget keeps all Village services intact and provides for special programs and activities during the Village's centennial celebration in 2014. The budget is summarized below:

TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,237,320
EXPENDITURES	
General Government	1,154,015
Public Safety	104,400
Public Works	545,000
Health/Education/Social Services	12,000
Recreation and Parks	266,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPEND.	\$2,081,415
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$155,905
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,237,320

The complete budget, including footnotes, appears in our 2012 Annual Report, which was distributed in January and is available on our website.