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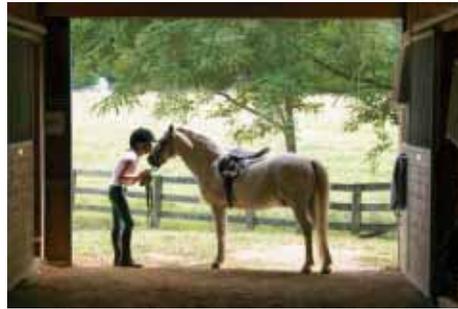
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Tour Virginia's Hunt Country

Peek inside some of Virginia's premiere thoroughbred breeding farms and country estates when we travel to the Middleburg area for the 50th annual Hunt Country Stable Tour on **Saturday, May 23.**

On this remarkable weekend in May, owners open their exquisite grounds, magnificent stables and extensive training facilities to visitors. We'll get an early start, departing from the Village Center at 8:15 a.m., and drive to the nation's horse capital in time to watch the horses at the Middleburg Training Track, an all-weather 7/8 mile track built by Paul Mellon. Next we'll visit the Northern Virginia Animal Swim Center where up to 30 horses swim daily in an indoor heated pool, adjacent to the training track. With our guide, we'll stop by Lazy Lane Farm, a working thoroughbred farm. Our next stop is Trinity Church, a replica of a 12th century French colonial church, where we'll enjoy a box lunch, catered by Back Street Café.



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George Michael to speak at Center

Sportscaster George Michael, one of the most popular media personalities in the Washington area, will discuss his career in broadcasting over three decades at the Village Center on **Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Michael, a former radio personality, joined WRC in 1980 and became the city's best-known sportscaster. In addition to his local sports-discussion programs, Mr. Michael created a trendsetting weekly highlight program, "George Michael's Sports Final," in 1980. A precursor to ESPN's popular "SportsCenter," the program was eventually renamed "The George Michael Sports Machine" and was syndicated to more than 200 stations at its peak. He won a Sports Emmy for the show in 1985. He signed off as WRC's lead sports anchor in March 2007. Please sign up for this event by calling 301-656-2797.

Face painting, cultural crafts, and art fun for the whole family

Art in the Park, our spring artisan fair on **Saturday, May 9,** promises something for everyone. All ages will enjoy watching artists in Hubert Humphrey Park **from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

During the day, children can also try their hands at several art and craft projects. Also, Bows the Clown will be on hand for face painting and balloon sculpting. Singer/artist/storyteller James Taylor will perform throughout the day.

During this springtime show, some of the area's best artisans will demonstrate how they create these unique works of art. You'll also have the chance to purchase many of these beautiful hand-crafted items. You may just find the perfect gift for Mom.

At 1 p.m., the Ming Hui School of the Asian Community Service Center will present traditional Chinese dances in traditional costumes. Throughout the day, children can also make exquisite crafts, including paper lotus flowers, and try Chinese handwriting.

If it rains, the show will be moved in the Village Center. Admission is free and crafts are available on a limited basis.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children's Art Camp right here in the Village

Summer's coming! Make the most of your children's free time this summer. Treat them to a week of fun and creativity during our Summer Art Camp **Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24**. Children ages 5 to 10 will learn painting, print making, Chinese brush, collage, and sculpture from some of the area's finest teachers. In addition to art instruction, children will also learn songs and dances from noted local performer James Taylor. The camp takes place from 9:30 to 2 daily at the Village Center. The cost is \$225. This camp, run by our curator Millie Shott, is similar to a local popular summer art camp in the area and features some of the same teachers. Sign up immediately at the Village Center to ensure a space — this camp will fill up quickly. Children must have completed kindergarten to qualify. Children should bring their own lunches. Please call 301-656-2797 for more information.



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ON the GO...

Bureau of Engraving, take two

Our trip to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Café Mozu in March was snowed out and has been rescheduled for **Monday, June 15**.

The day will begin with a lavish breakfast buffet at Café Mozu in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. The critically acclaimed restaurant offers spectacular views of the Washington Channel and the Potomac Tidal Basin

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The breathtaking Bolshoi

Only a few days remain to buy tickets for the Bolshoi's *Le Corsaire* at the Kennedy Center on **Sunday, June 21**.

We will leave the Village Center at 12:30 p.m. and return by 5:30. The cost of the trip is \$140, which includes a seat in the Orchestra, transportation and driver gratuity. Children seven and older, accompanied by an adult, are welcome. **The deadline to sign up is May 6.**

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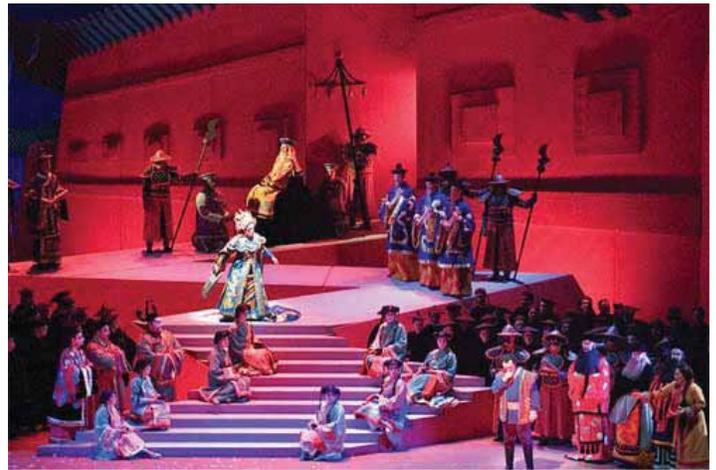


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Last chance for Turandot!

A few tickets remain for the **Thursday, June 4th** production of The Washington National Opera's *Turandot*, Puccini's celebrated and final opera, which includes the beautiful "Nessun dorma."

We will leave the Village Center at 6:30 p.m. and return by 11:30. The cost of the trip is \$125, which includes a seat in the front of the First Tier, transportation and driver gratuity. The absolute deadline to sign up is May 4 at noon.

The Bamberger Series Presents: Ann Lewis: The Changing Campaign

Political maven Ann Lewis will speak at the Village Center on **Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.** The title of her presentation is "From Smoke-Filled Rooms to Cyber-Space: The Changing Presidential Campaign."

In this Bamberger lecture, Ms. Lewis, Senior Adviser to the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign, will discuss the impact of changing media and new technologies on American campaigns, voter contact and fund-raising, and, the re-emergence of person-to-person communication. Please sign up by calling 301-656-2797.

Horse Tour, continued from page 1

Following lunch, we'll visit several farms including Ayshire, Newstead and Trappe Hill, where you can watch horses swim in a beautiful pond and may even have the chance to feed them their favorite treats.

Our tour will end with the elegant Rokeby, home of the late Paul Mellon, who defined the art of excellence in the Virginia hunt country. Among the champion horses bred at Rokeby were Sea Hero, the 1993 Kentucky Derby winner; Quadrangle, winner of the Belmont Stakes in 1964; and several horses of the year.

We should return to the Village Center by 6 p.m.

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Lincoln's diplomatic crises

Continuing our celebration of Lincoln's bicentennial, William Bodde, Jr., will present a lecture entitled "Lincoln's Civil War Diplomacy" at the Village Center on **Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.**

President Lincoln had to deal with diplomatic crises during the Civil War that threatened the Union's ability to prevail against the Confederacy. Foremost among these was the ever-present threat that Great Britain and/or France would recognize the Confederacy as a nation. Then the seizure of two Confederate envoys traveling on a British ship almost sparked a war between Great Britain and the United States. To complicate matters Napoleon III, who had imperial designs on Latin America, placed Archduke Maximilian of Austria on the throne in Mexico in clear violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Ambassador Bodde, a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer, will discuss how the inexperienced President Abraham Lincoln and Secretary of State William Seward handled these and other diplomatic crises and made a Union victory possible.

Please sign up for this lecture by calling 301-656-2797.

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The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, hunt country tour ticket, catered box lunch and all taxes and gratuities, is \$85 per person.

Residents may sign up beginning immediately at the Village Center. Nonresidents may sign up beginning May 6. Children over the age of 6 are welcome to attend if paying full amount. There are 29 spaces available.

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this spectacular scenery and these amazing animals.

Please note that this trip requires a good deal of walking, sometimes on uneven surfaces.

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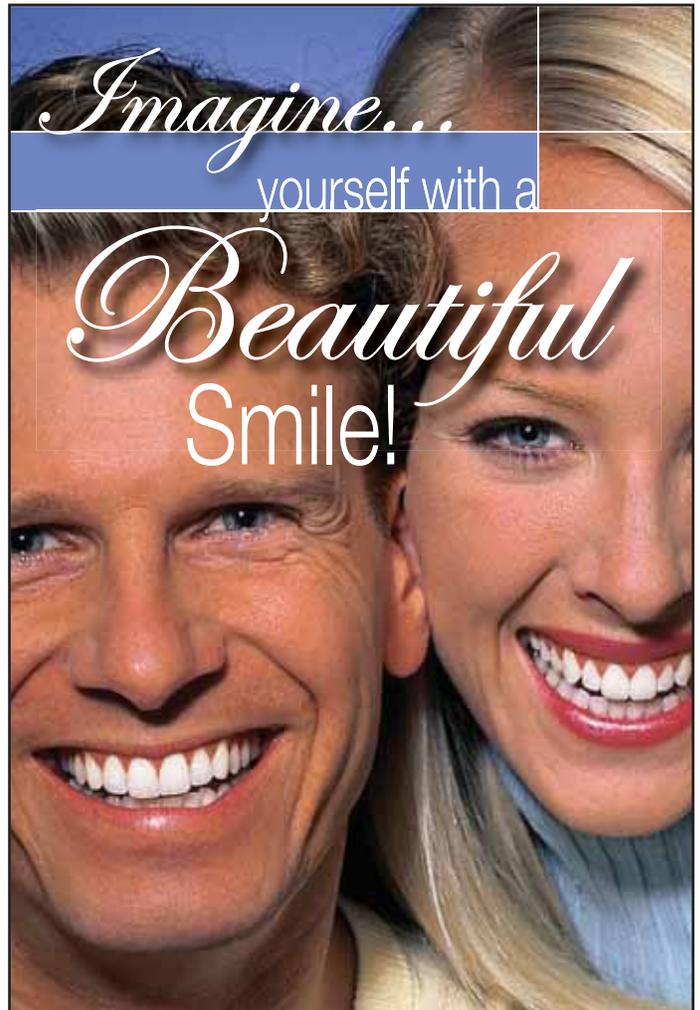
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Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. — Ann Lewis Lecture — “From Smoke-filled rooms to CyberSpace: The Changing Presidential Campaign” — see page 4 for details.

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. — William Bodde Jr. Lecture — “Lincoln’s Civil War Diplomacy” — see page 5 for details.

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. — An Evening with George Michael—See page 1 for details.

Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. — Slumdog Millionaire — This Academy Award-winning film by director Danny

Boyle is the story of Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, who is about to experience the biggest day of his life. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India’s “Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?” But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating; how could a street kid know so much? Desperate to prove his innocence, Jamal tells the story of his life in the slum where he and his brother grew up, of their adventures together on the road, of vicious encounters with local gangs, of Latika, the girl he loved and lost. Each chapter of his story reveals the key to the answer to one of the game show’s questions. Rated R. Running Time: 120 minutes.

Cafe Muse presents...

This month’s Café Muse, on **Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m.**, presents a reading by poets Judi Neri and Anne Harding Woodworth.

Judi Neri is a past host of Café Muse, and the author of *Always the Trains*. Her work has appeared in *The Lyric*, *Poet Lore*, *Innisfree Poetry Journal* and numerous anthologies, and was selected by Garrison Keillor for NPR’s *The Writer’s Almanac*.

Anne Harding Woodworth is the author of three books, including *Spare Parts*, a novella in verse. Her work has appeared in numerous journals including *TriQuarterly*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, and the *Cimarron Review*. She is a member of the Poetry Board at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

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 that has sponsored public programs for over 30 years.



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ART and CULTURE

Photography and stained glass in Friendship Gallery this month

Photographers Barbara Southworth and Clifford Wheeler will exhibit in the Friendship Gallery during the month of May. In the Center lobby windows Maid on the Moon Studio will exhibit their works of stained glass.

Ms. Southworth says of her inspirations, "Maine is my muse, where I am most at home and who I am. My goal is to communicate the whole experience of connecting to an intact place, its waters, plant life and land forms. I revel in tiny details, small miracles, and the grand scheme." And Mr. Wheeler writes "I've always depended on my photographs to give me access to a place and experience. While scrutinizing an image, I often get to relive the experience, visually and emotionally, not a whole lot unlike the way my grandparents put up the fruits and vegetables they grew to enjoy at a later time."

Maid on the Moon Studio is a Montgomery County based stained glass studio. The designs include elements from nature and fantasy. The artists are Michael and Mary Owens and their daughter Katie Kirk.

The show runs from May 2 to 27. All are invited to a reception to meet the artists on

Sunday, May 3, 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 certain activities in that room; check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive. Please note that all sales of art are final.



Clifford Wheeler, Caladium 1, archival pigment print

Barbara Southworth, Fair Day Pell Island



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Attention artists!

It's not too early to think about entering a painting in the Village's "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue!" art show in July. This popular multi-media exhibit is held each year in conjunction with the annual Fourth of July celebration and is open to all artists in the area. Suggested themes include family gatherings, parades, fireworks, picnics, heroes, and, speeches. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Look for forms at the Village Center after June 1.



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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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.

Produce market returns to the village

Twin Springs Fruit Farm will set up its market on **Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and will be a welcome fixture every Saturday on the portico of the Friendship Heights Village Center until mid-November.

During May, the farmers expect to have their own greenhouse tomatoes, arugula, cucumbers, basil, peppers and garlic. In addition, they will be featuring fresh asparagus, spinach, radishes, spring onions, lettuce and other locally grown veggies. Also available in May are North Carolina strawberries, baked goods, jams and jellies, apples, cheese and eggs. See you at market!



CLASSES and CLUBS

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All participants in fitness classes as well as Drop-in Tai Chi are required 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 May 21. Meets Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Residents may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up May 7. Class ends July 23. Maximum number of students is 16.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskel, begins June 1. 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 May 4. Session ends August 10 (no class July 20). Maximum number of students is 18.

EXERCISE AND FITNESS

CHAIR EXERCISE WITH TONYA

This 6-week class begins May 27. 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 July 1.

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FALL PREVENTION

This 6-week class begins May 19. 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 overall balance. The cost is \$62. Session ends June 30 (class will not meet June 23).

STRENGTH TRAINING WITH CHERYL

This 6-week session begins June 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 July 17 (class will not meet July 3).

STRENGTH TRAINING WITH TONYA

This 6-week session begins May 11. 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 June 29 (class will not meet on May 25 or June 22).

TAI CHI (THURSDAY)

This 6-week session begins May 21. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at taijitaj7@gmail.com if

you have any questions about this class. Session ends June 25.

TAI CHI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week session begins May 26. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Session ends June 30.

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.

CONCERTS

Free live music is presented every Wednesday throughout the year at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar and concert page for each week's performance information. No registration is required. All are welcome.

FHUN

The Friendship Heights Urban Network (FHUN) is a group dedicated to bringing together young professionals, young parents, and college students. The group is currently organizing events such as

monthly Happy Hours, barbeques, and special evenings at local restaurants. For more information, check FHUN's website at 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.

OPEN BOOK PLAY READERS

Meets the second Tuesday of each month. The group reads traditional and contemporary works. Participants are expected to act and direct both short sketches and one-act plays. Led by Marlene Harte and Lisa Kassoff. Please call Lisa at 301-907-2631 if you plan to attend a meeting.

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. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.

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CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall in the Village Center. As a courtesy to our performers, before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. Please do not take reading materials in the auditorium. If you arrive late, please wait for a break in the performance before entering the concert hall.

Wednesday, May 6 — William Wright: Tribute to Benny Goodman — Benny Goodman, the King of Swing would have been 100 this May, and clarinetist Bill Wright will perform a concert in his honor. Wright, a long time clarinetist with the National Symphony, is one of those rare musicians who, like Goodman, is adept at both swing and classical music. Accompanying Wright will be one of the area's most popular jazz pianists, Robert Redd.

Wednesday, May 13 — Minter and Minter — Marilyn Minter is a well-known vocalist with appearances at many jazz clubs, including Blues Alley. George started out as an original member of the famed One O'Clock Jazz Band from North Texas and went on to arrange and play for military and Hollywood studio performances. Several years ago in Washington, Marilyn was looking for a pianist to work with; someone recommended George and the two clicked personally and professionally. Their repertoire includes "I've Got a Crush on You," "All the Way," and other familiar jazz standards.

Wednesday, May 20 — Kinor Dancers of the Jewish Community Center — The always popular Kinor Dance Company returns to Friendship Heights with a program expressing timeless themes of Jewish experience. Combining Israeli folk and modern dance, this year's performance features "The Defender," a gripping solo inspired by the valiant life of Hannah Senesh, a young Hungarian poet and Resistance fighter who was caught and tortured to death during World War II. The program also features encore performances of "Or," a dance celebrating hope and light; "The Way It Was...the Way It Is," weaving compassion and joy to form a nigun (song/dance); "Golden Celebration," commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of the choreographer; "Dream of Hope, Dream of Despair," a reflection on the Holocaust; "A Time to Plant" and "A Time to Reap" inspired by verses from Ecclesiastes; and the rousing "Joy and Spirit of Israel." Artistic Director and Choreographer Barbara Supovitz founded Kinor in 1972. She attended the Juilliard School in New York and holds a

Masters Degree from American University. Ms. Supovitz also conducts Master Classes in the Washington Metro area and in Arizona. Company members include Julia Balsley, Colleen Barnes, Miriam Cramer, Rachel Elazar, Carol Orth, Barbara Supovitz and Alicia Youdale. The company performs in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, May 27 — The John Brown Band — Seasoned musician and drummer John Brown brings his five-piece band and a vocalist to the Village Center for an evening of music from the "Great American Songbook." The program will include songs made famous by Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, as well as familiar tunes from Hollywood and Broadway.

Landon Symphonette returns

The highly acclaimed Landon Symphonette continues its noon concert series at the Village Center on **Saturday, May 23, at noon, of course.** The program will include Bach's *Violin Concerto in E*; Barber's *Capricorn Concerto*; and Haydn's *Symphony no. 31*.

The concert is free, but **please** call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

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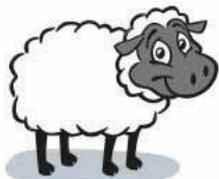
as well as elegant food. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was established in 1862 and has printed paper money at its current site since 1914. Our tour will feature the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper, and ending with wallet-ready bills.

The tour of the Bureau is about 45 minutes long and we will be standing or walking the entire time. We will leave the Center at 9:15 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes breakfast, transportation, and all gratuities, is \$55. **Those scheduled to go on the original trip have priority and must confirm by May 15 that they want to participate on June 15 (or request a refund). After May 15, the trip will be open to everyone.**

TO YOUR HEALTH

Tired of Counting Sheep?

Join Dr. Asefa Mekonnen for a discussion of the incidence, causes and latest treatments for sleep disorders and insomnia at this month's Suburban Health Lecture at the Village Center on **Wednesday, May 13, at 1 p.m.** Don't lose another night's sleep!



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

Vision Support Group: Coping with vision loss

When you lose vision, the loss may be gradual. Adjustment is underway when you are able to accept vision loss and shift energy from anger or self pity to learning new skills so you can go on living your life despite your vision loss. You can often obtain help in coping with the activities of every day work and living just by talking with someone who has experienced and adjusted to their loss.

Join Phylliss Burson, PHD, Clinical Psychologist, at the Vision Support Group on **May 19, at 12:30 pm.** for a special program. Dr. Burson, who is blind, will share from personal and professional experiences on coping with vision loss.

Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. The Vision Support Group is a partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. Please call 301-656-2797 to register.

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Reminder!

The delightful one-man show entitled "Here's Julius! A Groucho Marx Story" will be presented at the Village Center on **Friday, May 8, at 1 p.m.**

Before the show, come for **lunch at 12 p.m.** Sandwiches will be provided by the Sandwich Lady. Choose a ham and cheese on bagel for \$2, a turkey and cheese on wheat bread for \$3, or a chicken salad sandwich combo (chicken salad on a roll plus green salad with ranch dressing) for \$3.50. Dessert and beverage are included. **Lunch selections must be received by Monday, May 4, at noon.**

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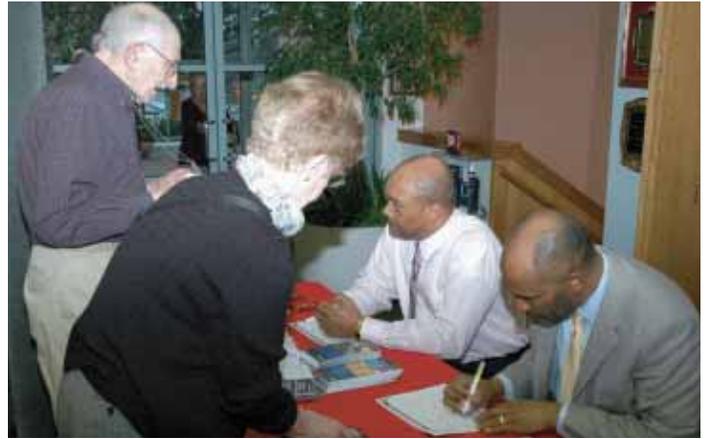
Village Council Corner

Volunteers Honored at Community Day

A large crowd came to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the opening of the Village Center on April 13. The festivities featured barbeque from Famous Dave's, terrific music, and community service awards. In addition, Metro officials signed up residents for Metro's Senior SmarTrip® cards (see photo at right).



Mayor Melanie Rose White (at right) presented Community Service awards to Village residents Joel Schwarz and Rachael Schacherer for their work with the Taste of Friendship Heights events. David Tobenkin (not shown above) also received a Community Service award.



Brick Crosswalks in Construction

The installation of bricks in our crosswalks is underway and should be completed later this month. The bricks are being installed according to the Bethesda standard (reinforced concrete base), the same durable, pedestrian-friendly method used for the walkways in Humphrey Park. This is the final phase of the road repaving/sidewalk replacement project that began last fall.

Council actions at the April 14 meeting:

- Nominated Council member Bob Schwarzbart to continue on the Friendship Heights TMD Committee;
- Approved plaque in Humphrey Park for Councilmember Al Morris.



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May 2009 events calendar