

# The Council Report

APRIL 2003

News from the Friendship Heights Village Council—the elected governing body of the Special Tax District of the Village of Friendship Heights



MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*  
FRANCIS R. VALEO, *Chairman*  
MAURICE TREBACH, *Vice Chairman*  
ELIZABETH DEMETRA HARRIS, *Secretary*  
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ROBERT M. SCHWARZBART, *Parliamentarian*  
LEONARD E. MUDD, *Historian*

## Village Council Election: Monday, May 12, 2003

Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Village Center

There are seven candidates for the seven seats on the Village Council. Six of the seven incumbent Council members are running for re-election.

James Salter, Treasurer, is not running. On behalf of the Council, our Mayor expressed deep gratitude and appreciation for his service at the April 14 meeting.

Following, in alphabetical order, are the names of the candidates:

**Elizabeth Demetra Harris**

**Alvan M. Morris**

**Leonard E. Mudd**

**Robert M. Schwarzbart**

**Maurice J. Trebach**

**Francis R. Valeo**

**Melanie Rose White**

As in the past, the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County will conduct the election, which will take place on Monday, May 12. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling place is the Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue.

Along with the League's representatives, the Council invited a group of residents to serve as judges on election day: Sue Byrnes; Rosemary Collins; Howard Denis, Chief Judge; Marion Ladwig; Kurt Liva; and Doug Ruff.

Prior to the election and up to and on the day of the election (before the polls close at 8 p.m.)

any qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Center and must be completed and returned to Judy Newman, the League representative, before a ballot will be delivered. The application must be received by Friday, May 2. After that date absentee voters must call Ms. Newman directly at 301-949-3463 to make arrangements. For an absentee ballot on election day, call the League at the Center, 301-656-2797.

The new Council will be sworn in on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., and will then have its first public session at 8 p.m.

### Construction Work Begins in Humphrey Park

As this goes to press, work has begun in Humphrey Park. The first phase is the demolition and removal of the fountain and bricks. Klingensmith has already demolished the fountain and removed the bricks along the south-east walkway and the interior circle. Benches and trash cans have been removed as well.

The entire interior of the park will be closed for the duration of construction. The work is expected to be completed by August 15. We greatly appreciate your patience during this process, and we will keep you updated regularly.



### Bookmobile Service May Be Cancelled July 1!

We have learned that the Montgomery County Library Bookmobile is scheduled to discontinue service to the Village as of July 1.

Mayor White has written a letter to County Council President Mike Subin, on behalf of the Village Council, urging that the County keep the Bookmobile service intact. It is an important service for our residents, particularly those who have difficulty getting to the main libraries.

**All residents who want to keep this service are encouraged to send a letter to Michael Subin, President, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.**

—Julian P. Mansfield  
Village Manager

**MVA Mobile Office—Monday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

## ***Rothstein Scholarship Now Available: Apply by June 1***

*The Village Council is now considering applications for grants under the Robert & Sylvia Rothstein Educational Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the Council in 1998, and is funded by the Village of Friendship Heights and friends and family of Robert & Sylvia Rothstein.*

*This is a merit scholarship. It is not based on financial need. Residency in the Village of Friendship Heights is required. There are no age restrictions.*

*Application forms and copies of the Criteria and General Conditions are available on the Village's website, [www.erols.com/friendshiphtsvillage](http://www.erols.com/friendshiphtsvillage) (click on "Documents and Forms" link), and at the Village Center. For more information, call the Center at 301-656-2797. All donations to the Rothstein Scholarship fund are tax-deductible.*

The Council took the following actions at the March 10, 2003, meeting:

- Approved final budget for FY 2004 and reduced tax rate to 6¢ per \$100 assessed property value;
- Approved proposed amendments to the Hecht's preliminary plan and site plan following presentation by the developer of the Hecht's site;
- Selected Village Council election judges (see other side);
- Humphrey Park Improvements: Selected William F. Klingensmith, Inc., as the General Contractor, including fountain work by Westco Fountains as a subcontractor; selected granite option to replace concrete in selected areas; chose brick paver in red color range; selected stainless steel option for new railings; approved use of backless benches for inner circle of park, similar to existing benches; established contingency fund for park project equal to 5% of the contract cost.

The Council took the following action at the April 14, 2003, meeting:

- Rejected proposal to add four granite spheres to new fountain to be built in Hubert Humphrey Park.

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