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VILLAGE NEWS



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Spend a day in Philly at the Flower Show

A staple in Philadelphia since 1829, the Philadelphia Flower show is the nation's longest-running horticultural event. Travel with us on **Thursday, June 16**, as we spend the day at this blockbuster show. This year, the spectacular display takes place entirely outdoors in South Philadelphia's FDR Park. The theme, "In Full Bloom," showcases the restorative and healing powers of nature.



The Flower Show brings together hundreds of florists, landscapers, designers and students create eye-catching displays that celebrate the majesty of horticulture. Beyond the garden displays, the Flower Show hosts a stage for

major juried competitions, as well as garden talks and demonstrations, a sprawling market and lots of drink and food options. Lunch is on your own.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 7:30 a.m. and should return by 8 p.m.

The cost, which includes round-trip transportation and admission to the show, is \$130. Sign up by May 16 and

pay just \$120. Residents may sign up immediately. Nonresidents pay \$140 and may sign up beginning May 20.

Watch the June newsletter for details about a container garden workshop in June at the Village Center.

Smithsonian "FUTURES" and NGA West Wing await

Join us as we travel to the National Mall on **Monday, June 6**, for a guided tour of the FUTURES exhibit, then an afternoon at the National Gallery of Art, where you can enjoy lunch on your own at the newly revamped Cascades Cafe then wander through many of the featured exhibits in the West Wing.

On exhibit in the Arts and Industries building, FUTURES invites attendees to ponder many possible futures on the horizon: exosuits, underwater homes, lab-grown meals, experiments, prototypes, and more.

The NGA's West Wing displays European and American paintings, sculpture, works on paper, photographs, and decorative arts. In addition to the permanent collection, the NGA is hosting "Afro-Atlantic Histories" featuring more than 130 works that seek to tell the complex histories of the African Diaspora from the 17th century onward.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 9 a.m. and should return by 4 p.m.

The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation,

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Giant Pharmacy to hold booster clinic at the Center

Giant Pharmacy returns to the Village Center on **Friday, May 13, from 1 to 4 p.m.** to offer Covid-19 booster shots.



Anyone 50 years or older may get a second booster for either Moderna or Pfizer. Also, anyone age 12 to 49 years old who is immunocompromised, may get the second booster as well. The wait time between the first and second booster is four months.

Appointments through the Giant Pharmacy website. This link is posted on our website www.friendshipheightsmd.gov, under What's New.

The time period between 3:30 and 4 p.m. will be available for those who are unable to make an appointment online. To make an appointment by phone, call 301-656-2797. Consent forms, available once the appointments are made, must be completed prior to arriving for the booster.

Celebrating Paraguay's Independence, see page 2.

Paraguay celebrates Independence Day in May

Two ways to discover this fascinating South American country

Our neighbors at the Consular Office of the Embassy of Paraguay are celebrating their country's independence day in May and you're invited.

Join the festivities with music and dance in Hubert Humphrey Park on **Saturday, May 21, from 12 to 2 p.m.** The Paraguayan Culture Festival will present Ballet Ko'eti (meaning first light of dawn) with three traditional Paraguayan dances and the Bottle Dance by Ballet Ko'eti founder Elena Ojeda. Tasty Empanadas and Gauchito (Paraguayan and Argentinian steak) will also have delicious cuisine available for purchase.

On **Thursday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m.** at the Village Center, Consul Claudia Aguilera presents a talk Paraguay's culture, history and the independence process of this fascinating South American country. Join us for Paraguayan

-inspired refreshments following the talk. Please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to sign up for the talk.

Also, don't miss the beautiful Paraguayan folk art on display in the Village Center auditorium.



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guided tour of the FUTURES exhibit and all taxes and gratuities is \$45 for residents. Sign up by May 18 and pay \$35. Nonresidents pay \$48. Residents may sign up immediately; non residents may sign up beginning May 19.

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Village Council Update

Council addresses crime incidents with County Police

On April 4, a Village resident was the victim of a strong-arm robbery on the sidewalk near 4620 North Park Avenue. That same day two commercial vehicles were broken into while parked on the street. These brazen acts, committed during broad daylight, understandably caused a good deal of concern throughout the community.



The Village Council arranged for Montgomery County Police Lt. Chris Hackley to address these issues and the Police's response at the April 11 Village Council meeting. A large crowd heard Lt. Hackley share the good news that the suspects involved had been identified and would be apprehended shortly (in fact, both suspects were arrested just a few days later). Lt. Hackley also provided some statistics regarding incidents in the area, and he provided some tips on crime prevention, safety and awareness. Our sincere thanks to him for taking the time to meet with the community.

Council approves modifications to Page Park redesign plan

At the April 11 meeting, the Council voted to approve modifications presented by GreenSweep to their Page Park redesign plan, following discussions held by the Council Parks and Grounds Committee.

The modifications include reducing the total amount of hardscape, removing a small patio (to be replaced with a natural play area), reducing the larger central patio, relocating the southwest staircase, and adding a "signature" black gum tree to the north of the central patio.

A description of the changes and a revised drawing have been posted on our website, www.friendshipheightsmd.gov, under What's New. GreenSweep will provide a revised cost estimate to be considered at the May 9 Village Council meeting.

Resolution of longstanding municipal tax duplication issue

Last month County Executive Marc Elrich signed into law an important piece of legislation that puts to rest a longstanding dispute between the County and municipalities regarding the payments for municipal tax duplication. The bill, passed unanimously by the County Council, codifies an updated tax duplication formula and increases payments to the towns.

Tax duplication refers to residents living in

municipalities (and the Village as a special tax district) who are taxed by both the County and the municipality for services that are only provided by the municipality or that are provided by both levels of government. Under this bill, the payments to the Village will increase over a three-year period to the full level required by the formula in FY 2025. A separate bill also provides supplemental tax duplication funds to the towns by the end of the current fiscal year to make up for past cuts in payments.

Our thanks to the County Executive and his staff, along with the County Council members, for finally resolving this issue to everyone's satisfaction.

Village celebrates Community Day



County Council member Will Jawando addresses the crowd at Community Day.

Photo by Kathleen Kester

Village residents came to Humphrey Park on April 9 to enjoy our Community Day festivities, featuring live music, barbecue and fun activities for kids. The event celebrates the anniversary of the Village Center opening in 1986. Guest attendees included Md. Comptroller Peter Franchot, County Executive Marc Elrich, County Council members Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass, and Will Jawando, Planning Board member

Partap Verma, and Karen Hendricks representing Senator Chris Van Hollen. Special thanks to Mayor Melanie White along with numerous staff and volunteers who helped put the event together.

Council approves budget for FY 2023

The Council approved the FY 2023 Village Budget (beginning July 1, 2022), keeping the tax rate at 4¢ per \$100 of assessed property value for the 17th consecutive year. This is the lowest rate allowed under our charter. The budget is posted on our website on the Village Council page.

Other actions taken at the April 11 Council meeting:

- Approved proposal from A Morton Thomas to conduct assessment of Village infrastructure at a total cost of \$12,000.
- Approved motion to recognize Cleo Tavani for her efforts to create Page Park.

The next Council meeting, open to the public, will be Monday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Village Center.



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Pianist Fred Moyer comes to the Village Center

Frederick Moyer, one of the most exciting pianists before the public today, performs at the Village Center on **Monday, May 9, at 2 p.m.**

Equally at home with Bach, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff, as well as Ellington and Gershwin, his recitals are creative, engaging and entertaining and generally include time honored favorites as well as pieces that audiences may be hearing for the first time. Also featured is his MoyerCam, a projection system that allows the audience to see his hands as he plays.

Moyer has established a vital musical career that has taken him to 44 countries and to such distant venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood, and the Kennedy Center. He has appeared as piano soloist with world renowned orchestras worldwide.

His many recordings on the Biddulph, GM and JRI labels reflect an affinity for a wide variety of styles. In recital, his delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience.

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ART AND CULTURE

An artistic celebration of Juneteenth

The month of May features two spectacular art exhibits in Friendship Gallery. Until May 14, the Friendship Gallery will host an exhibit of colorful fiber art by a group of professional artists called Fiber Friends. (This group is not affiliated with the Friday Fiber Friends at the Village Center.) This exhibit includes the work of six fiber artists — Marina Baudoin, Barbara Eisenstein, Elizabeth Davison, Melinda Lowy, Donna Radner and Dianne Wolman.

Beginning May 17, the gallery celebrates Juneteenth with a special exhibition. *Juneteenth* is a theme show which visually expresses the African American community's ongoing enthusiasm, vigorous determination, and pride in its struggle for freedom despite the worldwide challenges it faces daily. Twenty local artists celebrate Juneteenth with images that portray that range of history from June 19, 1865 to the present in an exhibit from May 16 through June 24.

Meet the artists at a **reception at the Village Center on Sunday, May 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The Village Center is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 pm, 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. Please check with the front desk upon arrival, All sales are final.



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Calling all artists

Don't forget to enter our annual community art show this summer. The show is in conjunction with our July 4th

celebration. This year's theme will be "Freedom."

This multi-media juried exhibit, sponsored by the Village of Friendship Heights is open to all area artists, and will run through the month of July.

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All participants in fitness classes, as well as Drop-in Tai Chi and sample classes, are required to sign a liability waiver with Covid protocol when they register.

In the event a class is canceled, a make-up class will be held during the week following the last class of the session.

ART AND LANGUAGES

ALL IN THE EYES

A 6-week class, taught by Marianne Winter, Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., April 20 to May 25. Using photographs and beginning with the eyes, the class will hone the skills of those who want to draw faces. Bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class; some previous experience in drawing is necessary. \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Elena Marra Lopez, a Village resident and longtime Spanish teacher, conducts a 4-week Spanish conversation group on Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., June 9 to June 30. English will NOT be spoken during the sessions. \$10. Minimum of five participants; maximum of eight.

BEGINNING SPANISH 3

Elena Marra Lopez, a Village resident and longtime Spanish teacher, conducts an 4-week Spanish class, with an emphasis on grammar and vocabulary, on Mondays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 6 to June 27. \$100. Minimum of five participants; maximum of eight.

EXERCISE

BALANCE AND COORDINATION

A 6-week class, Mondays, 12 to 12:50 p.m., May 9 to June 13, taught by Tonya Walton. Designed to improve your balance and coordination. This class will improve the communication between your muscles and your brain. It will consist of routines to strengthen your core and improve your overall

mobility. All exercises are performed while standing and sitting (no floor/mat work). \$62 for residents; \$75 for nonresidents. For details, contact Tonya at Tonya@Krucialfitness.com.

BALANCE BASICS

A 4-week class, Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m., taught by Cheryl Clark, May 4 to May 25. This class teaches strategies for basic balance and will aid in developing fall prevention techniques to improve your ability to perform daily activities safely. Will help to build your confidence maintaining your balance while strengthening key muscle groups. The class is a prerequisite for the more complex Balance in Movement class. Clark is a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant who has been working on the aging body and its complexities for more than 15 years.

SEATED YOGA & MEDITATION

A 4-week session, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, June 9 to June 30. Students are seated in chairs or use chairs for support. The class includes stretching, gentle breathing, and guided meditation proven beneficial to the immune system. The class is designed to improve posture, balance, strength and flexibility. Emphasis on breathing techniques. Instructor Louisa Klein has more than 40 years teaching experience. \$47 for residents; \$55 for nonresidents.

STRENGTH TRAINING

A 6-week session, Mondays, 11 to

11:50 a.m., May 9 to June 13, with Tonya Walton. Designed to help seniors maintain their strength, flexibility and independence, with both standing and seated exercises using body weight and resistance bands (no floor/mat work). This class will help ward off age-related muscle loss, keep your bones strong, and promote mobility. \$62 for residents; \$75 for nonresidents. For details, contact Tonya at Tonya@Krucialfitness.com.

DC TAI CHI (INTRODUCTION)

A 6-week session, Mondays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., May 23 to June 27. Taught by internationally recognized Master Nick Gracenin. Study the essentials of traditional Tai Chi and Qigong, and improve balance, circulation, strength and relaxation. Beginners welcome; \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents.

DC TAI CHI (TUESDAY NIGHT)

A 6-week session, Tuesday, 7:15 to 8 p.m. May 10 to June 14. Taught by internationally recognized Master Nick Gracenin. Study the essentials of traditional Tai Chi and Qigong, and improve balance, circulation, strength and relaxation. Beginners welcome; \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents.

DC TAI CHI (ONGOING)

A 6-week session, Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., May 25 to June 29. Taught by internationally recognized Master Nick Gracenin. Study the forms and routines of traditional Tai Chi. Fundamental training is

required; maximum number is 20. \$75 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents.

GENTLE YOGA WITH ROBIN

A 8-week Hatha Yoga, for beginning and continuing students, taught by Robin Dinerman, host of TV's "Cherryblossom Yoga," on Sundays, June 5 to July 31, 9:10 to 10:30 a.m. This class is especially good for seniors, with particular attention to countering the effects of aging. The cost is \$120 for residents; \$135 for nonresidents.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (TUESDAY EVENINGS)

A 12-week class, Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., May 10 to July 26, taught by Dawn Maynard. The cost is \$300. Residents who sign up by May 4 pay only \$250. Returning students who sign up by May 4 pay \$240.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (SATURDAY MORNINGS)

A 6-week class, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., May 7 to June 18, taught by Dawn Maynard. The cost is \$150. Residents who sign up by May 6 pay only \$130. Returning students who sign up by May 6 pay \$125.

ONGOING GROUPS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING/ SUBURBAN NURSE

A Suburban Hospital nurse offers free blood pressure screenings, Tuesdays, 12 to 4 p.m. Nurse consultations, Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

CANASTA

An informal group plays canasta on Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Call 301-656-2797 to register.

CHESS

An informal group plays chess on Wednesdays, 12 to 2:30 p.m., at the Village Center. Call Greg Drury at 202-674-8102 for details

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group

meets Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, and currently meets at the Village Center.

DROP-IN TAI CHI

Student-led sessions meet Fridays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the Village Center. Includes stretching, Tai Chi warm-up exercises, Tai Chi (24 Yang-style), self-massage, and ends with Qi Gong exercises.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Susan Wranik leads an aphasia support group, sponsored by the NIH Suburban Hospital Stroke Program. Meets via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Call Susan Wranik at 301-520-2332 or email susan@speakskill.com.

FRIDAY FIBER FRIENDS

Knitters, crocheters, weavers, and other fiber enthusiasts meet on Fridays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Village Center. Call Joan Lewis at 301-452-4466 for details.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Meets Mondays at 10 a.m. Call Judith Abrahams at 301-215-6950 or Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695 for more information.

TEA

Village residents and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation, Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets one Tuesday a month via Zoom. Email Sheila Manes at manessheila@gmail.com.

WALKING CLUB

The club takes two-mile, hour-long walks on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, starting at 8:15 a.m. at the Village Center. Call Eniko Basa at 301-657-4759.

YIDDISH

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



Tour the Mormon Temple

A few spaces remain to tour the newly renovated D.C. Mormon Temple **Tuesday, May 10**, before it shuts its doors this fall to the general public once again. We'll depart from the Village Center at 9 a.m. and should return by 12 noon.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes round-trip transportation and entrance to the temple and grounds. Sign up at the Village Center.

Celebrate spring with a special concert and tea



Enjoy the beautiful music of pianist Ann Joseph as she presents a special afternoon concert on **Tuesday, May 31, at 2 p.m.** at the Village Center. The performance will be followed by an afternoon tea.

This event takes the place of our afternoon tea for the day, and is free. Seating is limited! Please stop by the Village Center or call 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat.

Save the date

Thursday, July 7: To Kill a Mockingbird matinee at the Kennedy Center
See the June Village News for details

CONCERTS

Concerts are held Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in Huntley Hall in the Friendship Heights Village Center.

Wednesday, May 4—Owen Duo- Cellist Drew Owen has performed as a freelance musician with the National Symphony Orchestra, The Baltimore Symphony, the Washington National Opera and the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra. Elizabeth Pulju-Owen plays the viola and has been a member of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra/Washington National Opera Orchestra since 1998.

Wednesday, May 11 —Robert Hitz —Robert Hitz is a composer, pianist, and master teacher. He is the quintessential modern artist, with his music spanning genres and influences. Although classically trained at the Peabody Institute and Syracuse University, he now primarily plays and composes through improvisation.

Wednesday, May 18—Washington Revels Maritime Voices—Washington Revels Maritime Voices celebrates the sea and the inland waterways of America —the men who

worked the great sailing ships, the women who sustained the shore-side communities, and the men and women who lived and worked in the canals, lakes and rivers.

Wednesday, May 25—Margaret Singer— Pianist Margaret Singer was born and raised in Crescent, Okla., where she received her earliest musical training at the age of five and played her first solo recital at the age of ten. After graduating from high school, she continued her studies with a Fulbright grant to the Royal Music Academy of London. As a professional pianist and collaborative artist, she has appeared in New York City’s Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and TownHall. She has also performed extensively in Europe and throughout the United States as a recitalist and as a soloist with symphony orchestras. Much of Ms. Singer’s career has been dedicated to her work with singers—a special love of hers. She is responsible for the training of the young apprentice coaches at the Atelier Lyrique of the Paris Opera.

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MOVIES



All movies begin at 7 p.m. Please note that PG-13 and R-rated movies may contain sexual situations, violence and/or offensive language.

Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m.—Movie—Roma—Cleo is one of two domestic workers who help Antonio and Sofía take care of their four children in 1970s Mexico City. Complications soon arise when Antonio suddenly runs away with his mistress and Cleo finds out that she’s pregnant. When Sofía decides to take the kids on vacation, she invites Cleo for a much-needed getaway to clear her mind and bond with the family. Stars Yalitza Aparicio and Marina de Tavira Rated R. Running Time: 135 minutes.

Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.— Movie—The Eyes of Tammy Faye— In the 1970s, Tammy Faye Bakker and her husband, Jim, rise from humble beginnings to create the world’s largest religious broadcasting network and theme park. Tammy Faye becomes legendary for her indelible eyelashes, her idiosyncratic singing, and her eagerness to embrace people from all walks of life. However, financial improprieties, scheming rivals and a scandal soon threaten to topple their carefully

constructed empire. Stars Jessica Chastain, Andrew Garfield and Cherry Jones. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 126 minutes.

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.—Movie—King Richard— Armed with a clear vision and a brazen, 78-page plan, Richard Williams is determined to write his two daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. Training on tennis courts in Compton, Calif., Richard shapes the girls’ unyielding commitment and keen intuition. Together, the Williams family defies seemingly insurmountable odds and the prevailing expectations laid before them. Stars Will Smith. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 144 minutes..

Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m.—Movie— Licorice Pizza— Alana Kane and Gary Valentine grow up, run around, and fall in love in California’s San Fernando Valley in the 1970s. Stars Alana Haim, Cooper Hoffman and Bradley Cooper. Rated R. Running Time: 133 minutes.

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To register and for Zoom access information, email info@friendshipheightsmd.gov.

Low Vision Support celebrates Healthy Vision Month



The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) declares the month of May Healthy Vision Month, a time to learn about what everyone can do to take charge of their eye health and preserve their sight. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) and Friendship Heights Village want everyone to have the chance to learn.

Join us on **Thursday, May 26, at 12 p.m.** at the Friendship Heights Village Center as we come together and learn what can be done to keep our best sight. An eye doctor will join us in-person to give the best guidance available and answer your questions. Feel free to bring your lunch. We'll provide bottled water. To register, please call (301) 656-2797.

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The Village Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom.** The book selection is *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. The June book selection will be *Stranger in the Shogun's City* by Amy Stanley.



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