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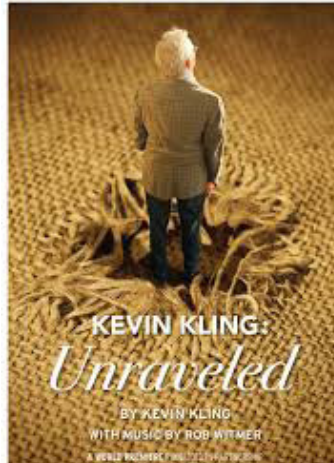
School Board president discusses boundary study and more, see page 4.

Shepherdstown festival highlights best of contemporary plays

Escape to Shepherdstown, W.Va., this summer where we'll enjoy two cutting-edge plays and dinner at the Bavarian Inn on **Wednesday, July 16**, as part of the Contemporary American Theatre Festival.

We'll depart from the Village Center at **11 a.m.** and arrive in time to see "Did My Grandfather Kill My Grandfather?" and later, "Kevin Kling: Unraveled."

In the first play, Cody tells the unlikely journey of his blended family from Vietnam to Plum Run, W. Va. In



this compelling tale, he examines what it means to be Asian American, to love one family while embracing the unknown, and ultimately to question his own identity. This powerful story proves that who you are is a choice of your own making.

The second play features well-known playwright, storyteller, and author Kevin Kling who weaves stories that has made him a popular fixture on public radio. He is constantly looking for patterns, connections, *Continued on page 2, see Plays*

Honor Juneteenth by visiting two sites telling stories of the Underground RR

Explore the history of freedom seekers in Montgomery County as we travel to Woodlawn Manor in Sandy Spring and the Josiah Henson Museum on **Thursday, June 26**.

Sandy Spring is the site of several homes along the Underground Railroad, a 19th secret network of people and places who helped enslaved persons seek freedom in northern free states and Canada. The Woodlawn Museum's exhibits tell the story of Woodlawn's residents, Montgomery County's agricultural history, enslaved and free black communities, the Quaker experience and the Underground Railroad. We'll also tour the Federal style house and learn about the Palmer family who oversaw the farm for almost 100 years. Following our tours, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch in the manor house.

After lunch, we'll drive to the Josiah Henson Museum in Bethesda. Rev. Henson's 1849 autobiography, inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Henson eventually escaped to Canada in 1830, where he established a fugitive slave community and became a minister, speaker and writer. He returned to the United States several times between 1831 and 1865 as a conductor on the Underground Railroad.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 10 a.m., and should return by 3:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, admission to the museums and lunch, is \$75. The price increases to \$95 after June 17. Residents may sign up immediately; nonresident may sign up beginning June 18.

Enjoy a captivating Flamenco event



Aula de Flamenco brings the beauty and excitement of flamenco to the Village Center on **Saturday, June 7, at 12 p.m.**

Aula de Flamenco's dynamic format

combines a brief initial discussion followed by an artistic performance that's fun for the whole family.

Flamenco is the mixture of three cultures and three religions in the south of Spain in the 16th century, and that travels in time with its people as a vehicle for telling stories of daily life, of preserving experiences from generation to generation. To reserve a seat, go to www.friendshipheightsmd.gov or call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

AARP Safe Driver Class, see page 5.

CATF artistic director previews Shepherdstown plays

Contemporary American Theater Arts Artistic Director Peggy McKowen will discuss the annual summer festival in Shepherdstown and previews the two plays we'll attend—"Did My Grandfather Kill My Grandfather?" and "Kevin Kling: Unraveled"—when she speaks at the Village Center on **Friday, June 13, at 2 p.m.**

McKowen joined the festival in 2006 as a costume designer and has since served as associate artistic director, then acting artistic producing director. In 2021, she succeeded founder Ed Herendeen in leading the festival.

To reserve a seat, registration is suggested. See box at right for details.

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and unexpected intersections that connect us to one another and to the world. With abundant humor and offbeat insights, with an ode to love and nods to the gods, Kling unravels the threads that have led him to an unexpected destination. There's the trip you plan...and the trip you take. With music by Rob Witmer.

Dinner follows in the Bavarian Brothers Brew Pub of the Bavarian Inn. The menu includes a choice of chicken Caesar salad, lobster, shrimp and crab salad sandwich, or Bavarian Brothers burger, a non-alcoholic beverage and, chef's choice dessert. We should return by 8 p.m.

The cost of the trip, which includes roundtrip transportation, dinner, tickets to two plays and all taxes and gratuities, is \$224. Residents who sign up by June 20 pay \$199. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately at the Village Center. Nonresidents may sign up beginning June 21 and pay \$224. Please make your menu selection when signing up.

For details, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.



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How to sign up for activities at the Village Center

1) Go to our website at www.friendshipheightsmd.gov.

2) Click Sign Up for Programs.

3) Click Sign In/Up.

*New users must follow instructions for creating a new account. Go to top right-hand section that reads "To create an account." Once account is created, do the following:

4) Scroll down to desired activity and click Enroll.

5) For activities with a fee, click view fee details. Choose payment option and pay.

*Having trouble signing up online? Please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797, and the front desk staff will be happy to assist you.

*In some cases, such as trips, in-person registration is required. If so, it will be noted in the newsletter story.



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Village Council Update

Village Council election results

Thank you to the 488 Village residents who cast their votes in the contested May 12 Village Council election. The turnout represented roughly 15% of the Village's registered voters, about 200 votes fewer than the previous election in 2023. The final election results, which were approved and certified by the County Council, are as follows:

Allyson Alt	256
Vic Basile	274
John Conlow	249
Francine Kerner Klein	275
Alfred Muller	251
Theresa Santos-Medley	236
Roy Schaeffer	264
Martha Solt	269

The Village would also like to thank our long-time partner, the League of Women Voters, for coordinating the election. Special thanks also to County Council member Andrew Friedson, who served as Chief Judge; Village resident judges Bill Corey and Phyllis Meltzer; and to the County Board of Elections for allowing us to use their ballot drop box.

At the first meeting of the new Council on May 19, Council members selected their officers for the 2025–2027 term: Roy Schaeffer, Mayor; Martha Solt, Chair; Francine Kerner Klein, Vice Chair; Vic Basile, Secretary; John Conlow, Treasurer; Allyson Alt, Parliamentarian; and Alfred Muller, Historian. Visit our website to view the County's certification letter, the Village Council Candidates Final Financial Report Summary, and contact information for the Council members. Congratulations to the members of the 2025-2027 Village Council!



Next phase of Friendship Heights Sector Plan

The Montgomery County Planning Department announced it will move into the visioning phase of the Friendship Heights Sector Plan. Building on what has been learned about existing conditions, Planning staff and the community will begin discussing the future of Friendship Heights and working toward preliminary

ideas for the plan. Visioning will last from June through early fall. They will start with two events in June that will both focus on parks and open spaces, the pedestrian network, and the Wisconsin Avenue corridor. Over the summer, they will have additional visioning engagement opportunities, including some that allow participation online. In the fall, they will focus on development and other issues. Planning will address the same overall topics at each of the June events listed below, so you can choose which event works for your schedule.

June 11—Friendship Heights Visioning Workshop #1 (in-person)

Wisconsin Place Recreation Center, 5311 Friendship Blvd., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is recommended but not required. Register at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/2rd8ge9?source_id=6efd8364-1625-4b0f-b388-f683e482f00d&source_type=em&c=0ZfKVZO1Mt7RPpQIWbpsLpFqIbu9oi-2gFNzSXbSc64Uk0GwlvHWXw==.

June 24—Friendship Heights Virtual Visioning Workshop, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required to receive the link for the workshop. Register at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/p4dmp25?source_id=6efd8364-1625-4b0f-b388-f683e482f00d&source_type=em&c=0ZfKVZO1Mt7RPpQIWbpsLpFqIbu9oi2gFNzSXbSc64Uk0GwlvHWXw==.

Update on Page Park

As this issue goes to press, the three third-party inspections required by the County—for the pergola footers, anchor bolts, and concrete slabs—are underway. At a special public meeting on May 7, the Council approved Clark / Azar's plan to address the ADA issues, which included a revision to designate the BBQ pit area as "non-primary" and to take out the proposed concrete walkway leading to that area. The Village notified the owner of 4615 North Park Apartments that a small portion of the main walkway into the park is located on 4615 North Park's property. The walkway has to be rebuilt with a concrete landing at that location in order to achieve ADA compliance. The Village is coordinating with AIR to obtain its permission to do the work.

Other actions taken at the May 19 Council meeting:

- Reappointed members of the Climate Change and Environment Committee.
- Appointed Council members to serve on Finance, Parks and Grounds, and Public Safety Committees.
- Approved Treasurer, Mayor, and Chairman as authorized signers on Village accounts.

The next scheduled Village Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., and will be open to the public at the Village Center and livestreamed. Please visit our website for additional details.

School Board official offers update on boundary study

Montgomery County Public School Board President Julie Yang will offer information on several topics pertaining to local education during a community meeting on **Monday, June 16, at 7 p.m.**, at the Village Center.



Among the items discussed will be: the MCPS Boundary Study; the MCPS Program Analysis; cell phones in schools; and public education at this moment.

To reserve a seat, registration is suggested. See page 2 for details.

Jumpstart summer with Bingo

Enjoy some old-fashioned fun and make new friends as the Village Center hosts a Bingo game on **Tuesday, June 24, at 2 p.m.** Non-cash prizes will be awarded. There is no charge but registration is required. See page 2 for sign-up details.



Let's go on a goat hike

Enjoy a Sunday stroll with goats

A few spaces remain for our weekend goat hike. Take a stroll over the hills and through the woods with our sociable, curious and highly intelligent companions when we take a goat hike in June.

Goat'n Around has joined with Willow Spring Farm in Ashton, Md., to offer goat hikes on its picturesque 36-acre property. Willow Spring Farm's trails wind through about a mile of beautiful farmland, hills, and wooded forests on **Sunday, June 8, at 1 p.m.**

The cost, which includes the hike, is \$15 for Village adults; \$10 for Village children. Transportation is not included. Registrants will receive directions at sign up. Sign up at the Village Center. Spaces are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Waivers must be completed at sign up.

This is a private event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Families and their guests may register but there must be one adult for every three children. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

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AARP Driver Safety Class schedule for June

Registration is open to sign up for the AARP Driver Safety Program, which returns with instructor Nina Uzick to the Village Center on **Tuesday, June 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The class includes a 30-minute break for lunch on your own—pack a brown bag to bring, if you like. The one-day class costs \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for nonmembers.

You must present your AARP card upon arrival, and bring your drivers license and a ballpoint pen to class. This course offers driver safety techniques for drivers age 50 and older. At the end of the class, students will be given a certificate to present to their insurance companies for a possible discount. Please sign up at the Village Center by June 3.

Kids— Come for an evening of puppets and pizza

Village children and their parents are invited to a puppet show and pizza party featuring “Super Pig,” on **Monday, July 7, at 6 p.m., at the Village Center.**



Blue Sky Puppet Theatre presents a 45-minute presentation about anti-bullying, especially for the Pre-K to 5th grade audience. It starts with the concepts of superheros but quickly becomes about everyday heroes: firemen, medics, lifeguards and teachers. Kids learn how to deal with a bully in their class. It features at main song, “I’ll Help You Today,” that the kids will learn. It also is an advocacy show for reading and creative writing. Stay for pizza following the show.

Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and closes at noon on Sunday, July 6—no exceptions. See page 2 for details. Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.



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CLASSES AND CLUBS

To register, please go to our website www.friendshipheightsmd.gov and sign up through ActiveNet. Class registration will close 48 hours before the start of the session. Late registration will be permitted at the discretion of the Village Center, must be done in person and is subject to a late fee of 15 percent. A class may be canceled if the minimum number of students is not met. Participants must pay for the full series. No refunds after the class begins. All participants in fitness classes, as well as Drop-in Tai Chi and sample classes, are required to sign a liability waiver. In the event a class is canceled, a make-up class will be held following the last class of the session.

EXERCISE

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING BALANCE

A 6-week class, Thursdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., taught by Cheryl Clark, June 5 through July 10. This class teaches strategies for basic balance and aid in developing fall prevention techniques and improving your ability to perform daily activities safely. The class will help to build confidence while maintaining balance and strengthening key muscle groups. \$81 for residents; \$90 for nonresidents.

GENTLE YOGA WITH ROBIN (SUNDAYS)

A 6-week Hatha Yoga class for beginning and continuing students, taught by Robin Dinerman, host of TV's "Cherryblossom Yoga." Sundays, June 1 through July 6, 9:10 to 10:30 a.m. This class is especially good for seniors, with particular attention to countering the effects of aging. \$99 for residents; \$109 for nonresidents.

CHAIR YOGA FOR HEALTHY AGING

Louisa Klein teaches a 4-week session, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, through June 12. Students are seated in chairs or use chairs for support. Learn how to incorporate chair yoga practices into your life for enhanced mind/body awareness. This class teaches techniques to safely stretch, strengthen and balance your body and mind. Klein, a member of the International Yoga Teachers Association, has taught for more than 40 years. \$60 for residents; \$67 for nonresidents.

BEGINNER PILATES (FRIDAYS)

A 6-week class, Fridays, 12 to 1 p.m., June 13 through Aug. 1, taught by Dawn Maynard. Beginner Pilates is for anyone who needs strength and flexibility in the spine and joints, especially shoulders, hips, knees and ankles. Movement modifications will be provided for those who cannot put weight on knees or hands. Learn how posture affects the way we sit, stand and walk. No equipment needed except a towel and water. \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a mat and Pilates props. Class will not meet on July 27 nor July 4.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (TUESDAYS)

A 6-week class, Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., June 10 through July 22, taught by Dawn Maynard. \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a towel, mat and Pilates props. Class will not meet on July 1.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (SATURDAYS)

A 6-week class, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., June 14 through Aug. 2, taught by Dawn Maynard. The cost is \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a towel, mat and Pilates props. A minimum of four students required.

STRENGTH AND CORE (EVENINGS)

A 6-week class, taught by Chad Ashley, Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6 p.m., July 1 to Aug. 5. \$50 residents; \$60 for nonresidents.

QIGONG AND TAI CHI (MONDAYS)

A 8-week session, Mondays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., June 16 to Aug. 4. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin. Study the essentials of traditional tai chi and qigong, and improve balance, circulation, strength and relaxation. Beginners welcome. \$114 for residents; \$120 for nonresidents.

QIGONG AND TAI CHI (EVENINGS)

A 8-week session, Tuesdays, 7:15 to 8 p.m., June 17 to Aug. 5. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin. Study the essentials of traditional tai chi and qigong, and improve balance, circulation, strength and relaxation. Beginners welcome. \$114 for residents; \$120 for nonresidents.



TAI CHI FORMS AND TRADITIONAL ROUTINES (MONDAYS)

A 8-week session, Mondays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., June 16 to Aug. 4. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin, this class presents taolu (formal patterns) of traditional taijiquan. Students can try the more complex combined 42 forms tai chi fan. \$88 for residents; \$93 for nonresidents.

LANGUAGE

ENGLISH CONVERSATION (Free)

Mallory Starr leads a conversational English roundtable for adults on Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m. This class is free for

Village residents. Nonresidents pay \$5.
A minimum of 2; maximum of 12.

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, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets Fridays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DROP-IN BUILDING BETTER BONES (TUESDAYS)

Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi Doane, on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendees may store small weights at the Village Center.

DROP-IN BUILDING BETTER BONES (THURSDAYS)

Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi Doane, Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendants may store small weights at the Village Center.

DROP-IN OPEN ARTS STUDIO

Artists and aspiring artists are invited to bring their art and art supplies and join other artists at our open arts studio on Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. No storage space is available. The room is filled with light.

DROP-IN TAI CHI

Student-led sessions meet Fridays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Includes stretching, tai chi warm-up exercises, tai chi (24

Yang-style), self-massage, and ends with qigong exercises. Free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5.

FRIDAY FIBER FRIENDS

Knitters, crocheters, and other fiber enthusiasts meet Fridays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call Joan Lewis at 301-452-4466.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

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

SUNDAY PAPERS AND COFFEE

Village residents are welcome to relax over the Sunday newspapers while enjoying a cup of coffee. Newspapers and coffee will be set up in a classroom Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SENIOR SING-ALONG

Join pianist Deborah Brouse for a sing-along with neighbors and friends on the third Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. Registration is suggested to ensure a seat. See lower right for details.

TEA

Village residents and guests celebrate birthdays with refreshments and conversation on the first Tuesday of the month, 3 to 4 p.m.

VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

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

WALKING CLUB

The club takes a two-mile walk in Chevy Chase Village, every day at 8:15 a.m. Meets at Village Center entrance. Call Eniko Basa at 301-657-4759 or email eniko.basa@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Village of Friendship Heights women, age 50 and older, are invited to share life experiences and transitions as they strive toward happy, productive lives as they age. Meets the first and third Thursday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Contact Martha Solt at msolt@friendshipheightsmd.gov or Patricia Canessa at pcanessam@yahoo.com.

Workshop mixes meditation and art

Explore the fluid and dynamic nature of watercolors while engaging in calming, repetitive mark-making exercises that encourage relaxation, creativity and self-expression.



Connie Boneo, who has taught art for more than 25 years, combines meditation with watercolor during a **Saturday** workshop on **June 28, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This will include a 30-minute lunch break. Please feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch. All materials will be provided.

The cost is \$25 per person for Village residents; \$30 for non-residents. Space is limited. The deadline to register is Friday, June 20.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

A portion of this workshop has been paid for by a generous donation from the estate of Ana Gardano.

Join our senior sing-along in June

Lift your voices in song during our Senior Sing-Along in June. Song leader and pianist Deborah Brouse will guide the audience through tunes on **Tuesday, June 17, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

Singing has physical, emotional, and social benefits, and is just plain fun!

Lyrics will be provided and no talent or musical experience is required, only a desire to sing. The goal is for everyone to have the joy of singing and to leave smiling and humming.

See page 2 for sign up instructions.

CONCERTS

Free concerts are held every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m., during June, July and August, in Hubert Humphrey Park in front of the Village Center. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will move indoors to Huntley Hall in the Village Center. A decision about the concert location is generally made by 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 —Trilogy—Vocalist Christal Rheams, trumpeter Craig Fraedrich and pianist Tony Nalker are shining examples of the elite military jazz musicians. For 27 years, Nalker lead the jazz ensembles with the U.S. Army and The Army Blues, and now serves as jazz pianist with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra Pops. Rheams is a member of the vocal quartet Voices of Service, which placed fifth on America's Got Talent and went on to the Champions show. Fraedrich has performed with The Army Blues since 1986.



Wednesday, June 11—Willie Barry and the Rock-A-Sonics—The Rock-A-Sonics' exciting mix of atomic-age rock 'n' roll, classic country, rockabilly and rhythm & blues has been filling dance floors since 2014. Led by the gifted young Willie

Barry, this Maryland group has played rockabilly festivals in Las Vegas, Spain, New England, Florida and Nashville, and perform regularly throughout the mid-Atlantic.

Wednesday, June 18—Ray Apollo Allen and the Apollo One Band —Ray Apollo Allen is a powerhouse songwriter, composer, and performer who masters the music genres of blues, R&B, and gospel. Ray "Apollo" Allen is a songwriter, composer, and powerhouse performer who masters the genres of blues, R&B, and gospel. Formerly of the Apollo Brothers, a group Ray formed with his brother Butch and friend Jackie Love in the 1960s. Allen went solo in 1985. He has shared the stage with legends such as The Drifters, Sam & Dave, Chuck Brown, and Motown's The Funk Brothers, and performed at The Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, Smithsonian Folklife Festival, and Constitution Hall.

Wednesday, June 25—Soul in Motion Dance and Drums —Soul In Motion plays African Drums from the Western Region of Africa including Senegal, Guinea, and Mali. The drum names are Djembe, Dununba, Sangba, and Kenkeni. In 1984 Michael Friend and his sister Khandi started performing as the Soul In Motion Players.



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Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m. —Movie—A Family Affair— A 20-something's movie-star boss has a romantic relationship with her mother in this rom-com starring Nicole Kidman, Zoey King and Zac Efron. **Rated PG-13. Running Time: 1 hour, 53 minutes.**

Thursday, June 12, 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Art Reception

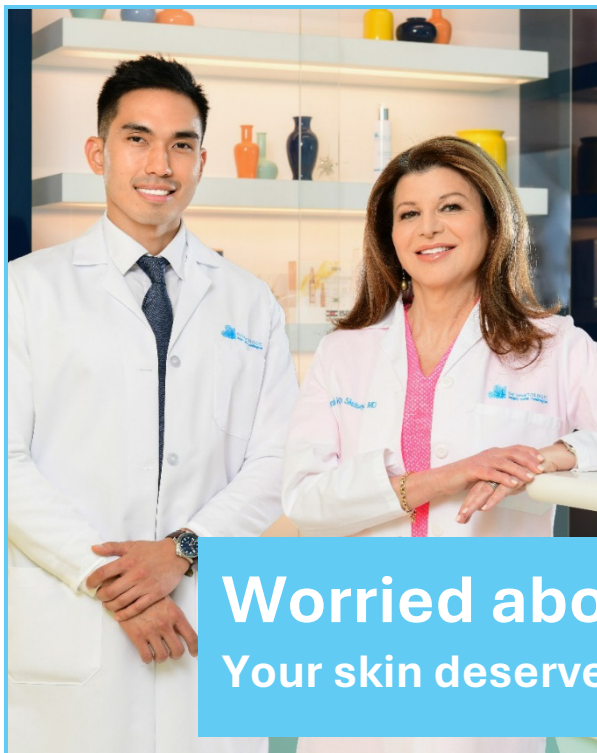
Thursday, June 19, Center Closed for Juneteenth



Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.—Movie—Father's Day— An independent, low budget drama in which a middle-aged man has just 87 minutes to find the one man who can answer his lifelong questions. Starring Travis Campbell, Dennis Sanchez and Preston Wolf. **Rated Not-Rated. Running Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes.**



The Village Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom.** The book selection is *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson. The July book will be *"North Woods"* by Daniel Mason.



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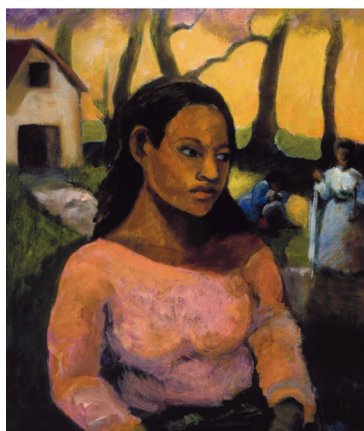
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ART AND CULTURE

Nine artists explore pre-and post-Emancipation themes



"Come Sunday" by Renee Lachman

Juneteenth is a national holiday commemorating the final emancipation of the enslaved in the United States, when word of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas at the end of the Civil War. Artists Damien T. Taylor; Andrew Cohen, Lionel Lloyd, Carol Porter, Renee Lachman, Carolyn Goodridge, Gail Rebhan, Leslie Hansley, and Patsy

Fleming bring a broad range of media to Friendship Gallery as we commemorate Juneteenth with a show curated by Judy Benderson.

Their styles and media all vary, but they all relate to history and culture both pre- and post-Emancipation. Some are photographers, recording sites and events; others are visual artists representing a creative interpretation of their experiences and observations.

Lloyd is a Frederick-based photographer, known nationally for his portraits and landscapes. Lachman has extensive teaching experience, shows widely on the East Coast and is a master copyist at the National Gallery of Art. Rebhan is a Washington, D.C.-based photographer and professor emerita at Northern Virginia Community College. In 2025, her retrospective "Gail Rebhan: About Time" has been shown locally and at the California Museum of Photography. Porter has exhibited at Strathmore, the Arts Club of Washington, Glen Echo and other art spaces. Goodridge's work is broadly inspired by the teachings of Zen Master Seung Sahn Sunim. Hansley, a retired accountant, creates contemporary, abstract art that draws from her native Jamaica. Cohen, an archaeology and anthropology teacher, began photographing historic African American cemeteries in Montgomery County as part of a project supported in part by the Maryland Arts Council. Taylor serves as the photography, computer lab supervisor in the Fine and Performing Arts Department of Morgan State Univer-

sity. Fleming is a graduate of Vassar College, studied at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, New York University and the Yellow Barn Studio.

Meet the artists at an art reception on **Thursday, June 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

The Village Center is open 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.

Please check with the front desk upon arrival. All sales are final.



"Slave Quarters" by Damien T. Taylor

Beginner floral painting workshop offered in July



Learn to paint florals from still life and/or in the garden or from your own photos during this workshop on **Tuesday, July 22 and Wednesday, July 23, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Be creative with the color of flowers.

Holly Beuhler, a long-time art instructor in the Washington area, will teach the workshop.

The cost, which includes all instruction and materials to make a 9 by 11 inch painting, is \$75 per person for Village residents.; \$85 for non-residents. The price increases to \$90 after July 7.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

A portion of this workshop has been paid for by a generous donation from the estate of Ana Gardano.

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Watch your step!

Suburban Lecture offers fall prevention information

Every year, one out of three adults aged 65 and over experiences an unexpected fall. In most cases, falls can be prevented.

A Suburban Hospital physical therapist will share practical and useful changes that can be made at home and while on the move to prevent the incident of preventable falls on **Wednesday, June 11, at 1 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

This program is a partnership between the Friendship Heights Village Center and Suburban Hospital. Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

What's new in glaucoma care

Schwartz lecture and free screenings offered

Glaucoma expert Albert Schwartz, MD, will discuss the eye condition, on **Saturday, June 21, at 11 a.m.**, at the Village Center.

Free glaucoma screenings will follow from 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about eye health and stay on top of necessary health screenings.

Space is limited. To register for a screening, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

Registration is also required for the talk. See page 2 for details.



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