



# Friendship Heights

# VILLAGE NEWS

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See a screening of "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round," see page 5.

## Take in two plays in Shepherdstown

Each summer the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown, W. Va., brings some of the best theater south of Broadway to this charming town along the Potomac River. Join us as we enjoy two cutting-edge plays and an early dinner at the Bavarian Inn on **Wednesday, July 22.**

We'll depart from the Village Center at **9:45 a.m.** and arrive in time to see "Vos!" and later, "Best Line Wins."

In the first play by Christina Pumariega, Annie returns to her estranged birthplace of Buenos Aires to undergo IVF treatments from the famed Dr. Cossi. But her motherhood



journey brings to light the lives of two women lost to the Dirty War decades ago. Vos! is an exhilarating hunt for home, family, and the Disappeared, inspired by Las Madres—past, present and hopeful.

In the next play, "Best Line Wins," Nichols & May were one of the greatest **Continued on page 5, see plays**

## A story of grit and resilience within the walls of a plantation cabin

Dr. Tracie Therence Ferrell and her mother Vernita Gillard Hills will discuss their autobiography, "Life on Whitney Plantation: 100 Years after Slavery" during a book talk and signing at the Village Center on **Monday, June 29, at 7 p.m.** They will be joined by artist Lionel Lloyd, who has extensively photographed sites pertaining to African American history on and around the plantation.

The autobiography is based on the lived experience of their family, including Ms. Hills, as the last family of enslaved descendants on the famous Whitney Plantation in Louisiana. The discussion will aim



to raise awareness of the disparities among those marginalized and those that marginalize.

Mr. Lloyd's work is on exhibit in Friendship Gallery as part of our recognition of Black History Month.

Copies of "Life on Whitney Plantation: 100 Years after Slavery" will be available free to the first 30 people to register. Additional copies will be available for purchase.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

*This program was originally scheduled for late February, but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.*



## We're taking you out to the ballgame!

**Enjoy a private picnic before taking in the game!**

Join us as we take a quick trip to Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda to take in an evening baseball game by Bethesda Big Train on **Tuesday, June 30.**

It's a fun, family-friendly way to see great baseball right in our own backyard!

We'll depart from the Village Center at 5 p.m., and arrive in time to enjoy a picnic in our own party pavilion. The menu will be a choice of two Catalyst hot dogs, hamburger, cheeseburger, Beyondburger or two slices pizza, chips, and a drink. Just before the game we'll gather on the mound for a pre-game ceremony, and then enjoy the game from our reserved seats.

We'll return to the Village Center immediately following the game.

The cost of the trip is \$50 per person, which includes a ticket in reserved seating, picnic, and roundtrip transportation. Village residents pay \$45. Sign up immediately at the Village Center.

The deadline to sign up is Monday, June 15. Registration is limited.

**Nick Glakas takes us on an Egyptian excursion, page 2.**

# Egypt awaits

*Nick Glakas explores this ancient civilization*



For more than 3,000 years, Egyptian civilization stood at the pinnacle of the ancient Mediterranean world. Its many colossal monuments and extraordinary achievements were made possible by a society that was prosperous and highly centralized.

Fascination with the visible remains of ancient Egypt is not a modern phenomenon. The most striking monuments – the pyramids, the Great Sphinx at Giza, the temple at Luxor, the temple complex at Karnak, the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut in the Valley of the Kings and the four colossal statues of Rameses II at Abu Simbel – were tourist attractions in classical times as they are today.

These temples, monuments and tombs could be explored and wondered at, but it wasn't until 1822 that Egyptian hieroglyphics were finally deciphered that the true relevance of life, religion, art and culture could be understood. As a result, today many stand in awe at the true accomplishments of the ancient Egyptians.

With that in mind, Nick Glakas leads us on an armchair journey up the Nile and through 3,000 years of history on **Monday, June 15, at 7 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

Egypt's prosperity was largely due to a thriving agrarian economy – a gift from the great river Nile that flowed for over 4,000 miles from its source in Central Africa to the river's delta that emptied into the Mediterranean Sea.

The central role of the Nile —the world's longest river – is as evident today as it was 5,000 years ago when the earliest agricultural communities settled on its banks. The fertile black silt of the river's floodplain produced abundant crops and the river itself was the country's main transportation system.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.



## How to sign up for activities at the Village Center

- 1) Go to our website at [www.friendshipheightsmd.gov](http://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

## Update on Page Park

As this issue goes to press, the Village anticipates receiving the sediment control permit from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services by the end of May or early June. The Village's contractor, SFMS, is preparing to begin the work in mid to late June, following required pre-construction meetings with the County. Following the removal of the pergola in April, the Village Manager confirmed with DPS that the original building permit acquired by the Village has been voided. At its May 11 meeting, the Council approved the recommendation from project manager Jim Wilson to not install a fence in the back of the pergola area. The Council approved the use of plantings to act as a natural barrier instead of a fence. For additional information regarding Page Park, please visit the Village website's Page Park Project page at <https://bit.ly/4b9k7XU>.

## Update on the Red House

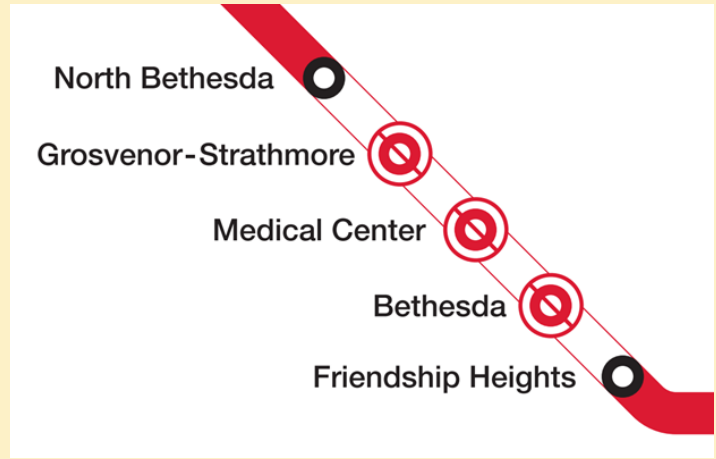
Managed Homes confirmed that it has completed its renovation work and has passed all County final inspections, including the construction of an accessible parking space with a protective fence (the fence is anticipated to be installed by the time this newsletter is released). Also, the Village issued an RFP last month to repaint the house and repair the front porch. The tenant, Pyle's Provisions, is waiting to receive the construction permit from DPS to begin renovating the kitchen in the basement of the house. Please visit the What's New? page (<https://bit.ly/4fmZ06f>) on our website to learn more about the Red House renovation project.

## EV charging station at 4602 North Park Ave.

Per a request from the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment, the previous Village Council approved the installation of an EV charging station behind the house with the artist group and the Police field office (4602 North Park Avenue). As this issue goes to press, we anticipate the charging station will be installed by the beginning of June. We will provide more info when the station is up and running.

## Residents are invited to complete Village parking survey

The Council Policies and Procedures Committee would like to learn how residents feel about parking inside the Village. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3PqJAR5> to complete the brief seven-question survey. We will post the results on our website. Thank you very much!



## Summer 2026 Red Line major construction

From July 6–September 6, 2026, Metro will complete major construction on the Red Line. During this period, trains will not operate between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights. Free shuttle buses will replace trains at the following stations: Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, and Bethesda. Visit <https://bit.ly/3P0vGbi> to learn more.

## Maryland Primary Election: Tuesday, June 23

Maryland Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 23, 2026. The Village Center is the polling place for all registered voters living in the Village. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters who received a mail-in ballot from the Maryland State Board of Elections can drop it off at the drop box placed outside the Village Center's main entrance. The drop box was installed in early May. Residents can drop off ballots in the box until 8 p.m. on election day, June 23.

## New Assistant Program Director hired!

Following an extensive search that yielded some excellent candidates, the Council approved the Village Manager's recommendation to hire Patricia ("Tricia") Fredley as our new Assistant Program Director. Tricia possesses extensive experience in program coordination, marketing, and community engagement. She recently served as the Lead Teacher at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Weekday Nursery School in Washington, D.C. Tricia will begin on June 1—we welcome her to our team!

Other actions taken at the May 11 meeting:

- Approved installation of white and colored lights at the fountain in Humphrey Park.

*The next scheduled Village Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and will be open to the public at the Village Center and livestreamed. Please visit our website at [www.friendshipheightsmd.gov](http://www.friendshipheightsmd.gov) for additional details.*

## Take a African drumming workshop at the Center

Explore the power of rhythm during an engaging and rhythmic African drumming workshop for all ages, hosted by Aya Cultural Arts Studio, on



**Monday, July 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Village Center.**

This 60-minute free session offers participants an immersive introduction to the rich traditions of West African music, creating a vibrant space where community, culture, and creativity come together. Through hands-on practice and group collaboration, attendees will experience how drumming serves as both a musical and social language across West African communities.

Whether you're completely new to drumming or already have experience, this workshop welcomes all levels and encourages everyone to explore the power of rhythm in a supportive environment.

Gallant will guide participants through foundational techniques and traditional patterns using djembe and dunun drums. Gallant brings both expertise and passion to her teaching, helping students not only learn how to play but also understand the cultural roots and meanings behind the rhythms. Registration is required and space is limited.

For registration information, see page 2.

## Documentary shines light on Glen Echo Park protests

"Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round" is the untold story of the first organized interracial civil rights protest in U.S. history. Join us for a special screening of this documentary on **Monday, June 1, at 7 p.m.,** at the Village Center.



When five Black college students sat on a segregated Maryland carousel in 1960, their arrests made headlines. When the Jewish community near Glen Echo Amusement Park joined the protest, a history-making interracial demonstration was born. The cause, and the collaboration, provoked counterprotests by the American Nazi party and brought Congressmen and national leaders to the picket line.

Picketing together led to partying together, union bosses mentored student activists, and 10 1961 Freedom Riders emerged, including Stokely Carmichael. With never-before seen footage, and immersive storytelling by director Ilana Trachtman, four living protesters rescue this untold story, revealing the price, and the power, of heeding the impulse to activism.

This screening runs 89 minutes and is not rated. Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

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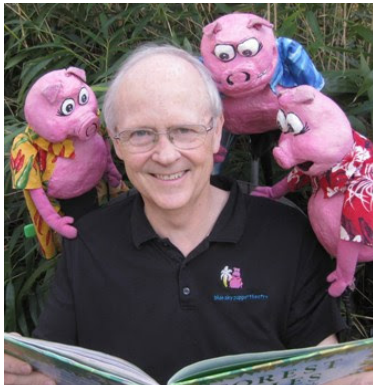
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# Blue Sky Puppets bring tales of pigs, giants and billy goats to the Village Center

Village children and their parents are invited to a puppet show, "Pig Tales" on **Monday, July 7, at 6 p.m., at the Village Center.**

Blue Sky Puppet Theatre offers a 45-minute presentation especially for the children ages 2 to 10. In "Pig Tales," these wiggly, giggly animals learn sharing and taking turns



at school while they act out the stories of "The Three Billy Goats' Gruff" and "Jack and the Beanstalk."

A sing-along opens the performance. Children will have the chance to meet the puppets and puppeteer following the show.

Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is suggested to ensure a seat. See page 2 for details.

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comedy duos of all time, but when they parted ways, Mike Nichols soared while Elaine May struggled. Decades later, when Mike approaches Elaine with a new opportunity, she must wrestle with what matters more: succeeding on her own, or reuniting with the partner who knows her true worth. This split-second-timed, laugh-out-loud play by bestselling author Beth Kander examines the power of lifelong friendship, thorns and all.

Dinner follows in the Bavarian Brothers Brew Pub of the Bavarian Inn. The menu includes a choice of margarita flatbread, lobster, shrimp and crab salad sandwich, or buttermilk chicken sandwich, 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 \$239. **Residents who sign up by June 20 pay \$209.** Residents and one guest may sign up immediately at the Village Center. Nonresidents may sign up beginning June 21 and pay \$239. Please make your menu selection when signing up.

For details, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797. [friendshipheightsmd.gov](http://friendshipheightsmd.gov).

*A portion of cost of this trip has been covered by a generous donation from the estate of Ana Gardano.*



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# CLASSES AND CLUBS

To register, please go to our website [www.friendshipheightsmd.gov](http://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

### BALANCE BASICS

A 6-week class, Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m., taught by Cheryl Clark, June 10 to July 15. 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. \$8 for residents; \$99 for nonresidents.

### BEGINNER PILATES (FRIDAYS)

A 6-week class, Fridays, 12 to 1 p.m., July 10 to Aug. 14, 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.

### CHAIR YOGA FOR HEALTHY AGING

Louisa Klein teaches a 6-week session, Thursdays, July 9 to Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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. \$83 for residents; \$98 for nonresidents.

### GENTLE YOGA WITH ROBIN (SUNDAYS)

A 4-week Hatha Yoga class for beginning and continuing students, taught by Robin Dinerman, host of TV's "Cherryblossom Yoga." Sundays, July 12 to Aug. 4, 9:10 to 10:30 a.m. This class is especially good for seniors, with particular attention to countering the effects of aging. \$66 for residents; \$73 for nonresidents. Class will not meet June 21.

### PILATES FOR EVERYONE (TUESDAYS)

A 6-week class, Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., July 14 to Aug. 18, taught by Dawn Maynard. \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a towel, mat and Pilates props.

### PILATES FOR EVERYONE (SATURDAYS)

A 6-week class, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., July 11 to Aug. 15, taught by Dawn Maynard, \$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)

An 6-week class, taught by Chad Ashley, Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6 p.m., July 14 to Aug. \$45 for residents; \$68 for nonresidents.

### QIGONG AND TAI CHI (MONDAYS)

An 8-week session, Mondays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., July 13 to Aug. 31. 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)

An 8-week session, Mondays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., July 13 to Aug. 31. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin, this class presents taolu (formal patterns) of traditional taijiquan. Students can try the more complex combined 42 forms and tai chi fan. \$114 for residents; \$120 for nonresidents.

## LANGUAGE AND ART

### SPANISH CONVERSATION

Elena Marra-Lopez, a Village resident and longtime Spanish teacher, conducts a 6-week Spanish conversation class, Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., June 9 to July 28. English will NOT be spoken. \$25 for residents; \$30 for nonresidents. Minimum of five; maximum of eight. Class will not meet June 23.

### 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 is required.

## 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.

## 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 (MONDAYS)

Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi Doane, Mondays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendees may store small weights at the Village Center. Please put your name on the weights and place them in a bag that also contains your name.

**DROP-IN BUILDING BETTER BONES (THURSDAYS)** Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi Doane, Thursdays, 12:15. to 1:15 p.m. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendees may store small weights at the Center. Please put your name on the weights and place them in a bag that also contains your name.

## DROP-IN OPEN ART STUDIO

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

## 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.

## SING-ALONG

Join pianist Deborah Brouse for a sing-along with neighbors and friends every third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

## 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.

## TEA

Village residents and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Birthdays are celebrated on the first Tuesday of the month.

## VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets one Tuesday a month via Zoom. Contact Sheila Manes at [manessheila@gmail.com](mailto:manessheila@gmail.com).

## VILLAGE PLAYTIME

Toys and play items will be set up in the auditorium for preschool children on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or caregiver older than 18.

## WALKING CLUB

The club takes a two-mile walk in Chevy Chase Village every day at 8:15 a.m. Meets at the Village Center entrance. Call Joan Lewis at 301-452-4466. **Walkers may encounter uneven surfaces and they participate at their own risk.**

## 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](mailto:msolt@friendshipheightsmd.gov) or Patricia Canessa at [pcanessam@yahoo.com](mailto:pcanessam@yahoo.com).

## Take a step toward better health with wellness talks

Village Center Pilates instructor Dawn Maynard will present a series of monthly wellness talks focused on healthy aging, movement, and practical nutrition.

On Friday, June 12, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., Maynard will present an overview of topics. "

The talks will be interactive, practical, and designed especially for adults interested in improving their strength, mobility, and quality of life as they age. Each talk will include simple strategies that participants can begin using immediately. Space is limited and registration is required. See page 2 for details.

## Village Center says goodbye to Tom



With the passing of Tom Sherman in early May, the Village Center has lost a dear friend and

devoted Canasta instructor. Over the years, Tom brought dozens of Village residents and neighbors together each week for lively games of cards. A patient instructor, he was also known for his knack for poetry.

Below is his "Teacher's Remorse."

*I taught a new class of students last week.  
My job was a lot like a preacher.  
I tried to entice, I offered advice.  
The rules were my primary feature.*

*I held back on teaching them all that I know;  
I can be a cagey old creature.  
Coaching a student can be so rewarding,  
but not when she outscores the teacher.*

# 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 3—Steve Hom and Karla Chisholm—** Vocalist Karla Chisholm, band leader of K Street Union and chorus coordinator at the Peabody Institute, has taught jazz and contemporary voice and has performed locally and around the globe for luminaries such as President Obama and Michael Jordan, sharing the stage with artists including Stevie Wonder, Robin Thicke, and Mary Wilson.

Guitarist Steve Hom has performed with many of the top area jazz singers for the past 16 years at venues such as the Strathmore Mansion, Silver Spring Veterans Plaza, and the 6th & I Historic Synagogue, and has entertained numerous ambassadors, members of Congress, the Governor of Maryland, and the Mayor of Washington, DC, among others.

**Wednesday, June 10—Soul In Motion—** 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.

**Wednesday, June 17—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” Formerly of the

Apollo Brothers, a group Allen 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 24—Trilogy—**Vocalist Christal Rheams, trumpeter Craig Fraedrich and pianist Tony Nalker are shining examples of the elite military jazz musicians. For 27 years, Nalker led 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.

## Sing a song of summer

Pianist Deborah Brouse leads a sing-along on **Tuesday, June 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**, at the Village Center. Lyrics will be provided, and no talent or musical experience is required—only a desire to sing.

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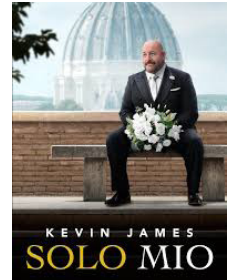
All movies begin at 7 p.m. Movies that run longer than 120 minutes will begin at 6:45 p.m. as indicated, unless otherwise noted. Please note that PG-13 and R-rated movies may contain sexual situations, violence and/or offensive language. Enjoy fresh popcorn during the movies.



**Thursday, June 4, 7 p.m.: Movie—Miss Juneteenth—** Turquoise Jones is a former beauty queen and single mom in Fort Worth, Texas, who works two jobs while preparing her rebellious teenage daughter for the “Miss Juneteenth” pageant—a title she once won but never parlayed into a better life. The film is praised for its nuanced portrayal of Black womanhood, motherhood and working-class life in Texas. **Rated PG-13. Running Time: 1 hour, 43 minutes.**

**Thursday, June 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Art Reception**

**Thursday, June 18, 6:45 p.m.: Movie—Solo Mio—** After a disastrous wedding, Matt is abandoned by his fiancée. He decides to go on his honeymoon in Italy alone, where he finds support from other couples and falls for a local café owner. **Rated PG. Running Time: 1 hour, 40 minutes.**



**Thursday, June 25, 7 p.m.: Movie—Swapped—** This animated comedy follows Olie, a curious small woodland creature, and Ivy, a sassy bird who swap bodies after a collision with a magical plant in their verdant, fusions-of-plants-and animals valley. They must work together to survive and resolve a crisis, often bickering while navigating each other’s lives. **Rated PG. Running Time: 1 hour, 42 minutes.**

## A fond farewell to Annie Natali

In late April Annie Natali, who retired in November 2021 after more than 30 years as a front desk receptionist at the Village Center, passed away in Rockville. Long-time residents and Village Center staff will remember her kindness, her quiet nature and her beautiful smile. With her graciousness, compassion, and willingness to assist all who entered the Village Center, she was the embodiment of friendship. We will miss our dear friend.



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# ART AND CULTURE

## Artist captures earth, sea and sky in abstract exhibition



The Friendship Gallery celebrates summer with the solo exhibition “Earth, Sea and Sky: Selected Works by Jenny Wilson” in June.

Wilson is a contemporary painter, whose works are rooted in nature. Her style is recognizable in the use of graphic design elements as well as her extraordinary sense of color and space. Jenny is first and foremost a musician, having studied and earned degrees in flute performance and jazz studies at the University of Southern Maine and later at the Konservatorium in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Her sense of composition in her visual art is influenced by

### Jenny Wilson performs jazz surrounded by her artwork

Multi-talented artist, Jenny Wilson teams up with her husband Nathan for a special Saturday afternoon performance on **June 13, at noon**, at the Village Center. Her artistry reaches beyond a paintbrush to include piano, flute and vocals. With her husband Nathan on upright, the duo is a consistently engaging and entertaining ensemble. Their performances feature traditional jazz, Americana, and classical music. Jenny’s vocals are often compared with Diana Krall, Norah Jones and Carole King.

Don’t miss what promises to be an extraordinary afternoon of art!

her musical knowledge, a sense of space and stillness contrasting with movement and energy through her use of color and line. Jenny was born in New York, New York and spent her early life studying music, art and dance. She was able to go to Switzerland to study music and returned to the USA to finish her graduate “Splash” by Jenny Wilson studies at West Virginia University.



After her studies she taught in the music department at University of Maryland, Frostburg and had a thriving private studio. Her husband and bassist, Nathan Wilson brought her to Chevy Chase, Maryland, where they now reside with their two cats. Jenny is a member of the Chevy Chase Art Group, (Ch/Art) and the Montgomery County Art Association.

Meet the artist during a reception on **Thursday, June 11, 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 the room. Please check with the front desk upon arrival. All sales are final.



The Village Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 16, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom**. The book selection is “The Bookwoman’s Daughter” by Kim M. Richardson.

The July book will be “American Spy” by Lauren Wilkinson.

Book club members may check out the current selection and selections for the next two months from the Village Center front desk. This month’s selection will be available to nonmembers following the monthly meeting.

# TO YOUR HEALTH



## Audio description enables better engagement

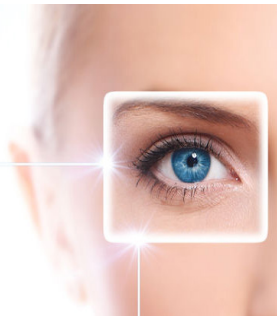
When watching TV, streaming shows, at the movie theaters, and attending theatrical plays, did you know you can listen to a voice augment visual information? In between the dialogue



Audio Description (AD) describes characters' faces, actions, clothing and more. AD is available for most recorded TV shows on mainstream TV channels. A catalog of movies with AD (original or added) is available from the Audio Description Project. Going to a movie theater? Call ahead to confirm the movie has AD and reserve an AD headset. Volunteers at Metropolitan Washington Ear provide live AD at select performances at local playhouses. Learn more about AD when the Vision Resources Group of the Prevention of Blindness Society meets at the Village Center on **Thursday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to noon.** Registration is required. See page 2 to sign up.

### Low Vision Support Group

**Thursday, June 18,**  
from 11 a.m. to noon,  
at the Village Center.



### B-I-N-G-O!

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Bingo on **Tuesday, June 9, from 1 to 2 p.m.,** at the Village Center. Registration is required to ensure a seat. See page 2 to sign up.



## Take steps to reduce your risk of injuries when falling

### Get practical advice during Suburban Lecture

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

Most of our instinctive actions when we start to fall are more likely to get us hurt. You can't always avoid a fall, but you can reduce the injury it may cause.

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 during this month's lecture on **Wednesday, June 10, from 1 to 2 p.m.,** at the Village Center.

This lecture is a partnership between Suburban Hospital and the Friendship Heights Village Center.

Registration is required. See page 2 to sign up.

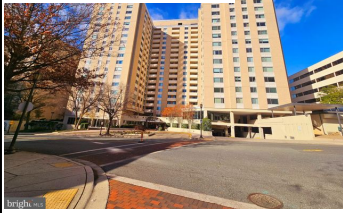
## Stop by the Center for free blood pressure checks

HeartWell is a free, innovative health education and screening program, offered by Friendship Heights Village in partnership with Suburban Hospital. A visiting registered nurse provides blood pressure screenings, medication and symptom guidance, and preventive lifestyle education at the Village Center, with consultations available at no cost to residents every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m.



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