

The Council Report

2001 Annual Report & Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2003

January 2002

The Tradition Continues Mayor's Comments

Melanie Rose White

You don't have to walk or ride far (in our new shuttle bus, perhaps) to see that our unique community is undergoing exciting changes. As spring approaches and the weather warms, Willoughby Park will again be filled with residents enjoying this beautiful greenspace. Soon you'll be able to visit new restaurants and merchants in the Chase Tower complex. New streetlights will brighten Friendship Boulevard, Willard Avenue, and the Hills Plaza. And our Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad branch will be open shortly just as the VA Mobile Health Clinic gets underway.

Be assured that inside the Village Center, (now almost 16 years old), there will be an equally exciting selection of classes, clubs, concerts, movies, and social events to enjoy. We continue to strive to meet the needs of our population which becomes more diverse each year. *The Village News* is filled with programs for virtually every age group—from kindergartners to Seniors, 20/40s to Boomers and Betweeners—and new residents of all ages.

Last May your Village Council was elected with a promise to protect the many amenities that make our community such a special place to live and work—amenities which were established under the leadership of Dr. Alfred Muller during his 26 years in office.

As you read our Annual Report, I think you'll find that not only have we been protecting and enhancing these amenities, we've been developing new services and programs for our residents and local businesses as well.

You'll also see in the Treasurer's Report and Budget that our Village enjoys excellent financial health. **We continue to provide you with the highest quality programs and services while lowering the tax rate for the fourth consecutive year.** This year's proposed tax rate represents a decrease of 12.5%.

The many positive accomplishments that are outlined in this report are the result of the combined efforts



Following the Village Council election in May, new Council members were sworn in. From left to right: Leonard Mudd; Michael Pollard; Melanie Rose White; Frank Valeo; Elizabeth Harris; James Salter; and Maurice Trebach.

of the very talented Village Staff and our hardworking volunteers.

On behalf of the other six Council members, I extend a sincere thanks to you all for a year filled with many achievements. We look forward to serving our community and continuing our tradition of excellence during the months ahead.

2001 Village Report

Julian P. Mansfield, Village Manager

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Friendship Heights Village Council includes seven unpaid members elected by the community to serve two-year terms. In the election of May 2001, five of the seven incumbents were re-elected: Melanie Rose White; Frank Valeo; Michael Pollard; Elizabeth Harris; and James Salter. They were joined by newly elected Council member Leonard Mudd and Maurice Trebach. Following the election, the Council selected its officers: Ms. White, Mayor; Mr. Valeo, Chairman; Mr. Pollard, Vice Chairman; Mr. Salter, Treasurer; Ms. Harris, Secretary; Mr. Mudd, Historian; and Mr. Trebach, Parliamentarian.

There were several staff changes this past year. Our former Program Director Lois Spurney ended her part-time work from home planning our trips. Our two Associate Program Directors, Jennie Fogarty and Anne Hughes O'Neil. We then welcomed Marilyn Grandmason, part-time Financial Assistant, following the departure of Suzanne Shaffer in June. Other full-time staff include Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director; Betty Ardizzone, Facilities Manager; and Tracey Biagas, Front Desk Coordinator. Our part-time Front Desk Receptionists include Pauline Martin, Annie Natali, and Claire Carmichael. Ms. Carmichael endured several difficult health problems that kept her out of work for much of the year. We

certainly hope she gets well and returns to us soon. We were also helped by Jacquie Koenig, who expanded her hours at the desk to cover the shortfall. Assisting staff in keeping the Center open on its seven-day-a-week schedule is our much appreciated group of volunteers. My special thanks to them and to our terrific staff.

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Services

As the Montgomery County Department of Police Field Office approaches five successful years in the Village, it will be joined at 4602 North Park Avenue by a fully staffed branch of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad!

The new rescue squad branch represents the best in interagency and community cooperation. The Village Council will provide the space on the second floor of 4602. The owners of 4615 North Park Avenue are contributing kitchen cabinets and appliances to equip a "break room", and Polinger/Shannon and Luchs (Highland House and Highland House West) will completely furnish the space. The Friendship Heights Rotary Club will provide a defibrillator. The rescue squad will be responsible for staffing and running the facility, and will supply all other necessary equipment.

The concept will be to place paramedic personnel and a "chase car" (a first response vehicle with advanced life support systems that does not transport patients) in the Village which will respond, as available, to calls from our immediate vicinity. With increasing congestion and traffic between rescue squad headquarters on Battery Lane and destinations in our area and northwest DC, this vehicle will have a faster



The Village's new shuttle bus arrived in August. The bus has 26 seats with room for two wheelchairs and is equipped with an automatic lift.



Village shuttle bus driver Rylander Lynch works the weekday morning shift. The bus service runs six days a week.



response time than the standard rescue vehicles coming from the main station which will be still be dispatched as needed.

We have always tried to work beyond our own resources to bring additional services to Village residents. The Field Office, the MVA mobile office, and the bookmobile are examples where cooperative alliances have been successful. This cooperative effort with the B-CC Rescue Squad has the potential to be a wonderful new benefits to the Village when it opens about February 1, 2002.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Following a Village-wide power outage caused by an exploding Pepco manhole, our County Council representative and Village resident Howard Denis ad hosted a community meeting with Pepco and fire/rescue officials. This led to more discussions with the County regarding coordination in the event of future emergencies, which we were considering even before September 11.

Certainly the events of September 11 had a profound effect on us all. Initial feelings of anxiety, anger, and



View of the new retail and office buildings on Willard Avenue. The two-story retail building will be home to five tenants, including several restaurants and food stores.

sadness were followed by heightened concerns about emergency preparedness. Five days after the terrorist attacks we hosted an informal gathering at the Center for residents to voice their feelings and take comfort in one another. Our County Council representative and Village resident Howard Denis moderated the discussion and did a terrific job of bringing us all together. We then examined how to better prepare for emergencies, coordinating our efforts with Montgomery County emergency and fire/rescue officials. To that end, I invited a County Fire Department representative to speak about high-rise safety at my annual meeting with the managers of the residential buildings, which was held in October.

We have also arranged for a presentation from County officials—including County Executive Doug Duncan—to our community in February 2002. I urge residents to attend this meeting to learn more about emergency preparedness at the local level and what you can do to protect yourself and your family. Look for more details in the February Council Report and newsletter.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Development is always a hot topic in Friendship Heights, and last year was no exception. The long-awaited Chase Tower project is now in its finishing phase, with several new restaurants at the retail building expected to open by the spring of 2002. Certainly the highlight of the construction activity was the completion of Willoughby Park, which was formally dedicated in a ceremony in November. This beautifully designed park is a terrific



The Chase Tower office building, as seen from the Hecht's parking lot across Willard Avenue. The 12-story, 250,000-square foot building was completed at the end of 2001 and is open for business.



asset that the entire community will enjoy for many years to come. Our thanks again to The JBG Companies and Clark Construction for providing this amenity.

Plans for the Chevy Chase Center redevelopment continued to be mired in lawsuits, although one legal obstacle was removed by the Court of Special Appeals in Maryland, which upheld the lower court's decision affirming the development plan. There remains one other pending appeal, concerning the portion of the site to be rezoned. Our Council continues to join the Chevy Chase Land Company in opposing the lawsuits and expediting the redevelopment, which will include a 30,000-square foot grocery store (double the size of the current Giant) and a larger pharmacy.

Meanwhile, we continued to work closely with the Land Company on arrangements for grocery store service during construction. Once it became apparent that a continuously operating, on-site store throughout the construction period was no longer feasible, we accepted the Land Company's offer to provide shuttle bus service to the Westbard shopping center instead. When construction begins, the bus will run between each residential building and the Westbard center seven days a week. This bus will operate in addition to our regular shuttle service, which will have a modified route going from the Village to Metro.

At the Hecht's site, New England Development's site plan was approved by the Planning Board in April. Construction of the one-million square foot, mixed use project is expected to begin in the second half of 2002.

The Village continued its involvement in local traffic, transportation and public safety issues. Two Village residents, Alfred Muller and Pete Goldman, serve on the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District (TMD) Citizens Advisory Board, which advises the TMD on ways to ease traffic congestion and encourage alternative means of transportation.

In October the Village Council co-sponsored a community forum with the Friendship Village Civic Association on the future of affordable, quality healthcare. Panelists spoke on healthcare reform efforts at the federal, state and local level, including Marilyn Moon of The Urban Institute; MD State Delegate and Majority Leader John Hurson; County Council President Blair Ewing; and our own Village Council member Maurice Trebach.

Several outstanding volunteers received Community Service Awards at our Community Day celebration on April. 13. The Council presented awards to **Syma Grinberg**, **Naomi Pollard**, **Estie Bomzer**, and **Pete Goldman**. At our July 4 celebration, **John & Doris Post**, **Besse Zaritsky**, and

Patricia Forkan were honored, and Montgomery County Executive **Doug Duncan** received the Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award.

The Village continued its support of our local cable television channel, Montgomery Municipal Cable TV (MMC), with our donation to MMC of the grant we received from the County. The channel broadcasts our weekly concert series and various other programs and events at the Center.

Last year the Council again received several outstanding applications for the Robert & Sylvia Rothstein Educational Scholarship last year. The \$5,000 award was shared by **David Murphy** of The Elizabeth and **Christopher Folts** of 4615 North Park.

CONTINUING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration mobile office continues to be a popular monthly service right at our front door, providing convenient and efficient help to motorists in the Village and neighboring communities.

The start of the new year brings a new service to the Village with the arrival in January of the Mobile Health Clinic operated by the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Veterans in Friendship Heights and the surrounding area can visit the mobile clinic to enroll in the VA Health System (which offers inexpensive prescription drugs and other benefits) and to receive a checkup, preventive medical screening examinations, and patient education and counseling. The mobile clinic will return in February and once a month thereafter. For more information, call 202-745-2274.

Following the news that Goodwill was closing its site in Friendship Heights at the end of December, we were fortunate to arrange with the Salvation Army to take its place beginning this month. The Salvation Army truck is here every Thursday to receive donations.



The 2nd floor of the Village property at 4602 North Park will be a new facility for the B-C Rescue Squad.

2001 Program Report

Jennie Fogarty, Assoc. Program Director

Anne Hughes O'Neil, Assoc. Program Director

The Friendship Heights Village Center is home to the Village government offices, but since its opening nearly 16 years ago it has served as much more to the residents of Friendship Heights who gather daily for classes, concerts, lectures, trips and special events.

Ongoing programs offered at the Center in 2001 included YMCA exercise classes, Great Books discussion groups, language classes, Tai Chi, Yoga, Somerset Kids Participating (SKIP), art classes, Helping Hand, Thursday night movies, Tuesday teas, Wednesday night concerts, Suburban Hospital blood pressure checks, on-site nurse specialist, flu shots, Red Cross blood drive, Montgomery County Senior Nutrition Program, Sibley Hospital's Widowed Persons Support Group (which moved in the fall to Sibley's new facility), Low Vision Support Group, monthly art exhibits, University of Maryland's financial and health insurance counseling, tax assistance from February to April, Coffee and Current Events, RSVP Knitters, Walking Club, Goodwill Pick-up (which has been replaced by The Salvation Army), the Bookmobile, the MVA's Mobile Office, and Twin Springs Produce Market from May to November.

In May, the Center entered into an agreement with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation allowing the County to use our facility to hold classes in arts and crafts, Salsa and Swing dancing and Bridge.

Tuesday Tea remained very popular while Senior lunch continued to lose attendance. Since June, how-

ever, the monthly Special Lunch has been prepared by Shawn Wood from Marriott Brighton Gardens and 35 to 60 people have been served. This has been a terrific partnership with our neighbor that provides a delicious meal in an elegant setting.

CLASSES

A variety of exercise and movement classes were offered at the Center in 2001: Forever Fit and Aerobics are taught by YMCA instructors; Strength Training is taught by Linda Hobbins of the Recreation Department; Tai Chi is taught twice a week by Johnson Thomas; and, Beginning and Continuing Yoga is taught by Robin Dinerman once a week. In addition, there is a "drop-in" Tai Chi class led by students held twice a week and the Walking Club gets together three times a week.

Chinese Brush Painting taught by Helene McCarthy and Drawing and Painting taught by Doris Haskel were offered again and were as popular as ever. Another painting class was scheduled in the evening so that there could be an offering for working people. An art history class, offered through Montgomery College, was held on Saturdays and Little Linguists, with music and painting for toddlers, was another new class. In addition, a free demonstration of polymer clay sculpting was held and well attended.

Classes in Spanish, through Montgomery County Public Schools, and Italian, through the Italian Cultural Society, were well attended. Additionally, there were lectures on mail fraud, Russian estates, and county history with Bill Offutt from the Montgomery County Historical Society. Himmelfarb Mobile University speakers are always popular and last year we had several. Col. Marcus Ring visited twice and presented slide shows from his Americana series; Ken Pasmanick entertained an enthusiastic audience with his "music and musings;" and, Irving Nurik led a 4-week series on opera. A series on legal rights and responsibilities was presented by the law firm of Tobin, O'Connor and Ewing, and attorney Larry Abrams led a series on estate planning.

ART & LITERATURE

An exciting event at the Center in June was the presentation and discussion of Village resident Karren Alenier's work-in-progress opera "Gertrude Stein Invents a Jump Early On." The program was funded by a visiting artists and scholars grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and the



The 20/40s group went to New York to see the Late Show with David Letterman.



One of the year's highlights was our September trip to New York to see "The Producers," the Broadway smash hit that won a record 12 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Friendship Heights Village Council was the host organization. Another Village resident who provided a fascinating evening was Drexel Sprecher who discussed and signed copies of his book "Inside the Nuremberg Trial: A Prosecutor's Comprehensive Account." And Selma Stone presented a talk on Impressionism, which described the techniques of Monet and Renoir.

Through the efforts of Millie Shott, our curator, Friendship Gallery features monthly art exhibits. In July, the Center again sponsored a community juried art show, attracting many local artists who incorporated the Fourth of July theme into their works. Cash prizes were donated by local businesses and given to the winners.

Other authors who appeared at the Center for book signings during the year were Evan Thomas, Brad Meltzer, Jackie Bong-Wright, Gene Cohen, and Dr. Willard Burns and Peggy Burns. Esther Finder, the only oral historian who interviews Holocaust survivors for both the Holocaust Museum and the Shoah Foundation spoke at the Center in April.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our four special community events—Community Day on April 13, July 4th, Fall Festival, and New Year's Day Open House—were fun and festive and also gave us an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have given their time to activities at the Center. Other events during the year included the Super Bowl party, a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, a crab feast, two parties for new residents, and a children's Mardi Gras and pizza party. A special day was the dedication of the new Willoughby Park in November, when nearly 100 people joined us after the dedication ceremony for a

lovely reception at the Village Center.

HEALTH

Issues of health and health care have always been of interest to Village residents. In September, thirty health specialists and organizations participated in the Village Health Fair, attended by nearly 200 people. In October, a forum examined the increasing cost of health care. In December, pneumonia and flu shots were administered by Adventist HealthCare. Suburban Hospital continued to provide weekly blood pressure checks and a nurse clinic, as well as home visits and monthly health lectures. Free foot screenings by local podiatrist David Gottlieb were offered in December. The Low Vision Support Group, renamed FYEyes and led by a facilitator from the Prevention of Blindness Society, meets monthly. AARP presented 55 Alive, a safe driving program for adults 55 and better.

20/40s PROGRAM

The 20/40s program has been active this year. We have continued to focus on bringing together the younger professionals in the community through events such as regular wine and cheese parties and trips to cultural and sporting events. In 2001, we were finally able to travel to New York to be in the audience for the Late Show with David Letterman, a trip that was postponed at the very last minute last year when Mr. Letterman underwent emergency quintuple bypass surgery. The trip proved to be well worth the wait, as we were present when Mr. Letterman welcomed Academy Award-winning actress Julia Roberts. Prior to the show, we had the opportunity to explore The Big Apple. 2002 promises more fun and travel with the 20/40s, with trips to locales near and far, including an Eastern Shore



Excursion and a day of hiking and history in Harpers Ferry.

In addition to having a good time, we also worked to improve the community. To help meet the ever-present need for blood in our area, we sponsored a community blood drive with the American Red Cross, in which we collected more than 30 pints of blood. We'll continue our commitment to the community again this year with additional blood drives.

The 20/40s offers a wonderful opportunity for younger people to become acquainted. We are continually seeking volunteers for hospitality and community service.

NEW GROUPS

Several new groups were formed last year. The Boomers and Betweeners, a group for the 1200 Village residents in their 40's, 50's or 60's, gathered for wine and cheese, a presentation on travel, and enjoyed dinner together with a discussion about financial planning. A Book Group meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month and a Scrabble group gathers most Thursday evenings. Everyone is welcome to join.

TRIPS

Last year's overnight trip to Norfolk was a big success. We twice took day trips to New York City and Atlantic City. Villagers also enjoyed jaunts to Antietam, Baltimore, and Mt. Vernon. We took tours of Hillwood, the "Old EOB," Smithsonian, the NSO Show House,

and the National Shrine. We enjoyed the Hexagon, Wolf Trap, the NSO, lunch on The Odyssey, baseball games and art galleries.

CONCERTS

Our Wednesday Evening Concert Series continues to showcase performers from a wide array of musical and entertainment styles and disciplines, including jazz, folk, classical, opera, pop and dance. Throughout the year, Friendship Heights audiences were treated to performances ranging from the Latin sounds of QuinTango to Celtic sounds of IONA to beautiful a cappella harmonies of the Renaissance Revelers.

In addition to musical performances, we also featured storytelling by actor Nick Nerangis and master storyteller Jon Spelman. Our summer concerts in the park remain popular, especially among families with small children. In 2002, look for an even broader variety of performances including more folk, classical and jazz concerts.

None of our efforts would succeed without the dedication and hard work of the Council, our committees, volunteers and staff. Throughout the year, the thousands of hours donated by volunteers help to create the very special environment that is the Village Center. Our sincerest thanks go to all those involved in programming; the Program Advisory Committee, whose suggestions and evaluations are so important; the staff members; the volunteers; and, the Council and Mayor who provide support and encouragement.



"First Ladies of the Beach,"
by Pauline Lorfano, was part of the Washington Water Color Association show at the Friendship Gallery in May.

Treasurer's Report

James Salter

The initial proposed budget of the Friendship Heights Village Council for FY 2003 is included in this Annual Report for your information and review. It is based on a Village tax rate of 7 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, which would lower the current tax rate by 12.5%.

The draft budget was prepared with the assistance of staff members Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director; Mayor Melanie Rose White; and other Council members. Input is also regularly received from the Community Advisory Committee and the Program Advisory Committee, both of which meet with staff and Council members every other month.

Public hearings are scheduled during the Council public sessions on Monday, February 11, 2002, and Monday, March 11, 2002, at 8 p.m. (Hearings begin at 8:15 p.m.) You may speak at one session or submit any length suggestions in writing to the Council before March 11. Persons representing organizations will be given five minutes to speak; individuals will be given three minutes. No one may speak both as an individual and as an organization. There will be no ceding of time between speakers.

At the January 14 public session, the Village Council reviewed and amended the initial proposed budget. What appears below is the initial proposed budget that the Council submitted as the basic document to be considered at the public hearings in February and March. There has been a change in format this year in an effort to make the budget presentation more informative. Column 3, previously actual revenues and expenses for the first six months of the fiscal year, now shows estimated actual numbers for the whole fiscal year, projected from the first six months of operations.

The two largest revenue sources for the Village are the property tax and the state income tax. Estimates of property tax revenue were based on the assessable base for Friendship Heights provided by the Montgomery County Department of Finance and Revenue.

The Council is not budgeting an increase in the Capital Improvements Fund for FY 2003. A full engineering study of the Village infrastructure has been authorized by the Council in order to determine future allocations to this fund.

Fiscal year 2001 revenues are audited numbers, and expenses are cash figures from the monthly Treasurer's Reports. The cash figures for expenditures are used to reflect a level of detail that does not appear in the audit.

I thank all of those who helped to prepare this draft budget.

Friendship Heights Village: Initial Proposed Budget for FY 2003

Revenues:	Actual FY01	Budget FY02	Est.ActualFY02	Budget FY03
Property tax ¹	\$503,671	\$433,000	\$433,000	\$382,000
Income tax ²	868,443	635,000	800,000	750,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing ³	79,846	79,000	77,000	77,000
Gas/highway tax ⁴	90,805	75,000	85,000	80,000
Parking violation income ⁵	55,542	100,000	143,000	100,000
4602 N. Park Ave. rental	16,150	16,000	16,000	16,000
Interest income ⁶	109,426	70,000	58,000	50,000
Village Center rental income	16,167	13,000	15,000	15,000
Permit and License fees ⁷	15,482	10,000	10,000	10,000
Newsletter ad income	23,671	20,000	18,000	20,000
Village Center program/misc income ⁸	4,091	1,000	7,000	7,000
Total Revenues	\$ 1,783,294	\$ 1,452,000	\$1,662,000	\$1,507,000
Expenditures:	Actual FY 01	Budget FY02	Est.ActualFY02	Budget FY03
General Government				
1 Elections	\$4,239	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2A Financial admin. and accounting ⁹	7,064	14,000	10,000	14,000



General Government (cont.)	Actual FY 01	Budget FY02	Est.ActualFY02	Budget FY03
2B Administrative costs ¹⁰	8,600	8,000	15,000	12,000
2C Memberships and conferences ¹¹	11,716	15,500	15,500	18,000
2D Legal counsel and consultants	74,454	30,000	30,000	30,000
2E Legal costs	1,437	1,000	1,000	1,000
2F Village Council reports	7,222	6,500	7,500	7,500
3A Salaries ¹²	334,273	367,000	335,000	367,000
3B Health/Life/Family Benefits ¹³	40,871	45,000	55,000	70,000
3C F.I.C.A.	26,671	30,000	27,000	30,000
3D Worker's Comp Insurance	858	1,000	800	1,000
3E Retirement Contribution ¹⁴	13,647	17,000	17,000	19,000
4A Xerox copiers	648	1,000	800	1,000
4B Aquarium	1,680	1,900	1,700	1,900
4C Heating and cooling maintenance	4,668	6,000	6,000	6,000
4D Bldg. security system maintenance	2,227	2,500	2,000	2,500
4E Typewriter and printer maintenance	0	500	100	0
5A Public officials liability insurance	11,835	13,000	2,400	3,000
5B Treasurer's bond	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
5C Building and general liability insurance	12,083	19,000	25,500	28,000
6 Telephone and utilities	26,365	30,000	27,000	30,000
7 Hospitality and special events ¹⁵	17,614	14,000	16,000	17,000
8A Equipment and supplies ¹⁶	15,678	20,000	10,000	15,000
8B Office and building furniture	9,642	5,000	5,000	5,000
8C Building improvement	0	1,000	0	1,000
8D 4602 N. Park Ave. maintenance	774	5,000	5,000	5,000
8E Computer equip/supplies	1,556	5,000	7,000	5,000
8F Center maintenance - repairs	25,709	10,000	12,000	15,000
8G Maintenance service	69,433	72,000	75,000	80,000
Total General Government	\$730,964	\$741,900	\$710,300	\$790,900
Expenditures: Public Safety				
9A Security Patrol contract	\$75,646	\$84,000	\$95,000	\$97,000
9B Police Field Office ¹⁷	3,030	6,000	4,000	6,000
9C Security vehicle maintenance	2,088	2,000	2,500	3,000
Total Public Safety	\$80,764	\$92,000	\$101,500	\$106,000
Expenditures: Public Works				
10 Bus contract	\$195,434	\$225,000	\$211,000	\$225,000
11A Street maintenance	5,074	2,500	2,500	2,500
11B Sidewalk maintenance	82	10,000	20,000	10,000
11C Snow removal	9,760	25,000	25,000	25,000
11D Storm drain maintenance	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
12A Waste collection ¹⁸	9,241	12,000	11,000	13,000
12B Recycling	938	1,000	1,000	1,500
13 Street lighting	11,297	14,000	5,000	12,000
14 Street signs	1,059	1,550	800	2,000
15 Trees	1,710	5,000	5,000	5,000
16 Villagescape ¹⁹	12,125	4,000	4,000	6,000
Total Public Works	\$246,720	\$302,550	\$287,800	\$304,500



Expenditures:	Actual FY 01	Budget FY02	Est.ActualFY02	Budget FY03
Health/Education/Social Serv.				
17A Shopping Service	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
17B Health/Social services ²⁰	8,513	16,500	12,000	16,500
17C Housing Program ²¹	4,920	5,000	5,000	5,000
17D Scholarship Program ²²	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Total Health/Education/Social Serv.	\$18,433	\$27,500	\$22,000	\$31,500
Expenditures: Recreation and Parks				
18A Equipment rentals	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
18C Lecture fees ²³	573	2,000	2,000	2,000
18D Musicians' fees	15,900	20,000	21,000	25,000
18E Instructors' fees	(4,075)	4,000	4,000	4,000
18F Trip fees	14,941	8,000	8,000	8,000
18G Art/theme shows	1,318	2,000	2,000	2,000
18H Equipment purchases	214	2,000	2,000	2,000
18I Consumable supplies ²⁴	5,721	7,000	7,000	8,000
18J Art supplies	258	300	300	300
18K Lunches, Brunches, Teas & Dinners	9,611	13,000	12,000	13,000
18L Hospitality	648	1,000	1,000	1,000
18M Center special events ²⁵	18,205	17,000	17,000	18,000
18O Bamberger Current Events Series ²⁶	4,839	10,000	5,000	10,000
19 Reading Room Materials	2,062	3,000	3,000	3,000
20B Flyers	211	500	500	500
20C Village newsletter	39,532	42,000	42,000	47,000
21A Friendship Park: Electricity	2,030	3,000	3,000	3,000
21B Friendship Park: Water	2,253	4,000	4,000	4,000
21C Friendship Park: Fountain Maint.	13,291	14,000	15,000	17,000
21D Friendship Park: Lighting Maint.	999	2,000	2,000	2,000
21E Friendship Park: Furniture	114	1,000	1,000	2,000
21F Friendship Park: Walkway maint	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
21G Art fund	35,632	5,000	5,000	5,000
22A Page Park: Water	0	250	0	300
22B Page Park: Furniture	54	1,000	1,500	1,000
23 Parks/Commons landscaping contract	58,067	75,000	75,000	80,000
24 Arborist contract	6,605	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Recreation and Parks	\$229,003	\$253,050	\$248,300	\$274,100
Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,305,884	\$1,417,000	\$1,369,900	\$1,507,000
General Fund Deposit²⁷	\$255,041	\$0	\$157,100	\$0
Capital Improvements Fund Deposit²⁸	\$100,000	\$35,000	\$135,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$1,660,925	\$1,452,000	\$1,662,000	\$1,507,000



FOOTNOTES

Revenues

- 1 The figures for real estate property tax (actual, budgeted, or estimated) include revenue from personal property and corporate taxes. The special tax rate for the Village of Friendship Heights (not less than 4¢/\$100 nor more than 20¢/\$100 on assessments based on 100% of value), set by the Friendship Heights Village Council, was 8¢/\$100 in FY 2002, and is proposed to be 7¢/\$100 for FY 2003, which begins July 1, 2002. Estimate from the county of assessable base is \$549,679,100.
- 2 Estimate reflects the portion of the county tax rate returned to the Village from state filings.
- 3 An agreement between the county and municipalities (including special tax districts) requires the county to reimburse special tax districts for a portion of certain expenditures, which currently include park maintenance, health services, and road maintenance.
- 4 The amount is derived from a state formula based on the number of registered vehicles at Village addresses.
- 5 Parking violation income is collected by Montgomery County. The Village revenue share is 75%.
- 6 The interest is from Village funds placed in a state-regulated fund established for local Maryland governments—the Local Government Investment Trust. Interest is averaged daily on the basis of collateralized investments and U.S. Treasury obligations. Interest on the capital improvements fund, included in the audit figure, is not included in the budget.
- 7 Permit fees are paid by contractors who pre-empt public rights-of-way (streets and sidewalks). By law, the fees defray only the reasonable administrative costs of maintaining the permit system, and are currently \$250. Certain license fees are also received from the state.
- 8 Includes a percentage of art sales and commission from produce market sales.

Expenditures

- 9 Includes the annual audit and financial statement required by law (prepared on an accrual basis).
- 10 Includes taking of the minutes for the monthly public Council meetings, postage and stationery.
- 11 Includes Maryland Municipal League dues (approximately \$9,000/year).
- 12 Salaries of 6 full-time and 4 part-time employees. (The Center is open seven days a week and four evenings until 9 p.m.). Volunteers provide additional support to staff.
- 13 Covers costs of health insurance, life insurance, and other benefits provided to qualifying employees.
- 14 Council contribution to employee retirement plan.
- 15 Volunteer/staff annual appreciation dinner, condolence flowers, forums, and holiday decorations.
- 16 Includes general cleaning products, restroom paper supplies, copier paper, and office supplies.
- 17 Cost to maintain Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue.
- 18 Includes collection of Center trash and recyclables and park trash six times per week.
- 19 Cost to install and maintain flower baskets on 30 streetlight poles.
- 20 Includes cost of 4-part program with Suburban Hospital.
- 21 Cooperative program with county and Village landlord for transitional housing for one needy family.
- 22 To fund educational scholarship. Recipient(s) selected by the Council.
- 23 Honoraria for non-elected speakers.
- 24 Includes coffee, sugar, cups, kitchen supplies, paper goods.
- 25 Cost of four seasonal events each year.
- 26 Continuing current events series originally established by donation.
- 27 No increase in the general fund is budgeted for FY 2003.
- 28 No increase in the capital improvements fund is budgeted for FY 2003. A full engineering study of the Village infrastructure has been authorized by the Council in order to determine future allocations to this fund.

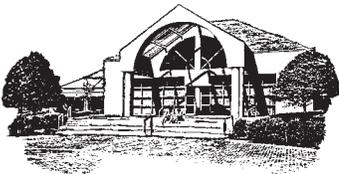
Notice of Public Hearings

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-2 of the Montgomery County Code (1984 Edition), notice is hereby given that the Friendship Heights Village Council will conduct public hearings on Monday, February 11, 2002, and Monday, March 11, 2002, at 8:15 p.m. in the Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, in connection with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2003, based on an initial proposed tax rate of 7¢/\$100 assessed property value. The final tax rate will be determined after the two public hearings. The Village Council will vote to establish the tax rate for FY 2003 and notify the Montgomery County Council of said rate on or before June 1, 2002, pursuant to Section 66-2 of the County Code. A copy of the initial proposed budget is available at the office of the Friendship Heights Village Council, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Any persons desiring further information may call Julian Mansfield, Village Manager, 301-656-2797, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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MVA Mobile Office—Monday, February 25, 2002, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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