

The Council Report

2011 Annual Report & Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013



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What Makes Us Special

Melanie Rose White, Mayor

As I write these comments, it's the third week of January. Compared to the merry festivities of December, the first month can seem so stern as we bravely face a familiar wall of resolutions, reality, and routines. Maybe that's why the Village keeps its signature, gumdrop-pruned holly trees asparkle with lights until mid-February. It's our way of extending some holiday cheer just a little longer into the new year.

Each weeknight as I walk home from the Metro, I can't help but gaze at those trees as I marvel at how pretty Humphrey Park looks (and as I hope that night will be a *good night* when all of the trees stay lit at once!). So many residents thank us for keeping the lights on through January and beyond that I sometimes wonder why we don't keep the trees illuminated year around. As much as I love the park's decorations though, the fact that they're in place for just a limited time is part of what makes them so special.

As mayor, residents often tell me how much they love Friendship Heights and why they think it's such a unique community—indeed a *special* community. Certainly those twinkling holiday lights (and the rest of our community's greenspace) are just some of the many reasons why our entire village is such an ideal place to live and work. Maybe you enjoy residing here because of the top-notch programs and services offered at the Village Center. Or you appreciate the convenience of the shuttle bus and our proximity to public transportation. Or you find it's easy to make new buddies by taking one of our Village-sponsored trips, as you smile at the name *Friendship Heights*. Whatever your reasons for living or working in our community, I hope you'll see in this Annual Report how committed the Village Council and

staff are to keeping our neighborhood special.

The amenities Friendship Heights offers are paid for with your tax dollars. As Council Treasurer, Dr. Alvan Morris, outlines on page 5, **this is the seventh consecutive year that the proposed tax rate is 4¢ per \$100—the lowest our Charter allows!** Despite the belt-tightening of the past few years, I hope you'll also see in this report that the seemingly endless list of activities and events offered to residents has not only been maintained, but has grown and will continue to do so.

As a community, the Village is able to offer these amenities thanks to an extremely capable staff who,



Village residents Lee Farber and Sydell Sandy with bus driver Aris Arangorin.

working in conjunction with the Village Council, exercise fiscal prudence. I extend my thanks to the staff, Council members, and all of our volunteers who work together to make our community special every day. As you read through the Program Report, starting on page 9, you might think of other activities or classes that you would like us to provide at the Village Center. Please let us know what your interests are, and we'll see what programs and services we can add in 2012.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy year ahead and hope that you'll stop by the Village Center soon. Let us know what makes our community so special for you!

2011 Village Report

Julian P. Mansfield, Village Manager

Last May the all-volunteer Friendship Heights Village Council was unanimously re-elected for a two-year term. Each Council member serves as an officer: Melanie

Rose White, Mayor; Maurice Trebach, Chairman; Leonard "Chip" Mudd, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth Demetra Harris, Secretary; Alvan Morris, Treasurer; Robert Schwarzbart, Parliamentarian; and Leonard Grant, Historian.



We rely on a large number of volunteers from the community to help us at the Village Center every day. My special thanks to them and to our wonderful staff.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Following a recommendation from our Community Advisory Committee, we set up an email alert system to send reminders about our newsletter and other information posted on our website. If you haven't yet signed up, send an email to jmansfield@friendshipheightsmd.gov. You will then receive monthly emails announcing updates to our website.

The Council continued its active role in the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee. Council member Bob Schwarzbart and Village resident Ann Lewis represent the Village on the

TMD Committee. The Committee advises the County on a range of traffic and transportation issues, including pedestrian safety.

We also continued our affiliation with the Maryland Municipal League. I serve as Treasurer of the Montgomery County Chapter.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

In the fall the State Highway Administration began working on Wisconsin Avenue between Western Avenue and Bradley Boulevard. We worked closely with SHA staff and their contractor to coordinate work schedules and other issues. SHA is replacing inlets, storm drains, handicap ramps, curbs and gutters prior to repaving the road in both directions. The job will shut down for the winter but will resume this spring.

We continued our popular shredding service for residents with two community shred dates. Check our newsletter for an announcement of the next shredding date in spring 2012.

NEW TENANT AT 4602 NORTH PARK AVENUE

We are pleased to report that the first and second floors of the Village-owned property at 4602 North Park Avenue were leased to a new tenant this past summer. The lower level continues to house the Montgomery County Police Field office.

After our long-term tenant vacated the building, the Council renovated the property. Both the interior and exterior were painted, wood floors were refinished and new carpeting was installed. Exterior steel staircases were repaired or replaced, and other work was done to make the building an attractive destination for a new occupant.



Village Council members were sworn in on May 23 (l to r): Alvan Morris, Elizabeth Demetra Harris, Melanie Rose White, Maurice Trebach, Leonard Mudd, Robert Schwarzbart, Leonard Grant. Photo by Laura L. Thornton, Chevy Chase Patch



We are fortunate that the Holleman Companies, a family-owned insurance advisory firm, chose 4602 as their new home. The Holleman Companies have been in business in the Washington area since 1934 and have had their offices in Friendship Heights for many years. We welcome them, and look forward to a long relationship.

VILLAGE HONORS RESIDENTS

Every year the Council recognizes Village residents for their contributions to the community. At our July 4 celebration, Mayor White presented Community Service Awards to Sydell Sandy and Ron Irion. In addition, we honored three Village centenarians, Gertrude Friedman (pictured at left), Benjamin Haskel, and Walter Zachariasiewicz. Our Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award was given to



Montgomery County Community Policing Coordinator Denise Gill.



Our hanging flower baskets featured a new design with different plantings for sun and shade.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE FIELD OFFICE

Now in its 15th year of operation, the Police Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue is a terrific partnership between the Village and the Montgomery County Police Department's Bethesda District, headed by Captain David Falcinelli (at right). The facility provides increased Police presence and visibility in the community.



Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown came to the Center on May 13 to speak and answer questions from residents.



MVA ON WHEELS

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's Mobile Office continues to be a tremendously convenient and popular service in the Village. The bus comes once a month and parks on Friendship Boulevard, next to the Village Center, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All of the services provided at the MVA Express Offices are available on the bus, including renewing driver's licenses, renewing vehicle registrations, renewing MD photo identifications, obtaining disability placards, and returning tags.

MVA Bus Schedule for first half of 2012 (Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.):
January 23, February 27, March 19, April 23, May 21, June 18

2011 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS AT THE CENTER

Tax forms have been ordered and should be available at the Center shortly for copying and filing with the IRS. Normal copying charges apply. Call the Center in advance at 301-656-2797 to make sure the form you need is available.



Treasurer's Report

Dr. Alvan Morris

As anyone who follows the news reports knows, the economy is still on a seesaw. It seems as if any positive news is always followed by a "but" more negative news may be coming. We are happy to report, however, that we are seeing a definite uptick in Friendship Heights.

For FY2011 we projected a deficit for the second year in a row, and warned in the last annual report that the actual amount may be higher. Although our income came



in essentially as expected, with careful management of expenses we were able to end the year with a deficit of \$11,934 against a projection of \$96,700. Progress. For FY2012 we were very conservative on our income expectations and budgeted a deficit of \$102,300. Property tax revenue is reflecting the low-

ering of assessments in the Village and should come in a little lower than expected. Fortunately income tax, our largest source of revenue, is beginning to turn around. We are now expecting a surplus for the year of \$87,700. Whew!

For FY2013 we are again projecting that revenues will exceed expenditures. This time by \$46,700. This is, of course, a relief for the Council. As we said in the past, however, the Village has no debt and continues to maintain substantial reserves. This has enabled us to weather the current crisis, without raising taxes, and will see us through even if the crisis is not quite over (and it may not be). The Village property tax rate will remain at 4¢ per \$100 for the seventh consecutive year. This is the lowest rate allowed by our charter.

The proposed Village budget for FY2013 follows, along with an explanation of the various categories. The narrative only hits certain highlights of the budget, however, and the footnotes at the end should be consulted for a more complete explanation of the indicated categories. Public hearings will be held on the proposed FY2013 Budget in February and March.

REVENUES

For FY2013, income taxes are budgeted at \$1,050,000. This is the same amount we are expecting to receive in FY2012. We are basing our expected property tax revenues on the assessed valuation as of November 2011. This is expected to give us a slight increase over this year. For interest income, we are continuing to project an average return of .5% next year. Interest rates, to put it mildly, are not rising. Parking violation income has increased somewhat with a change in staff, and that increase is recognized for both the current and next fiscal years. We are leaving our Municipal Revenue Sharing payment the same for FY2013. The County Council and the County Executive are still considering how to approach this. Gas/Highway tax income reflects estimates received from the State. This payment is also in a state of flux with the legislature. After the long-term tenant left 4602 North Park, the building was completely renovated and leased to a new tenant. The budget reflects the new rental figure.

EXPENDITURES

General Government: This category is being increased 3% over the FY2012 budget. A salary increase for staff is being included for the first time in two years.

Public Safety: No changes.

Public Works: Per contract, the cost of the bus will rise in FY2013. The rest of this category remains the same.

Health/Education/Social Services: No changes.

Recreation & Parks: Minor changes.

Once again, the Village's strong financial condition, combined with careful management, has allowed us to face some of the most difficult financial conditions our country has ever experienced while keeping services intact and the tax rate at the lowest possible level allowed by our charter. We hope better times are ahead for all of us.



Friendship Heights Village: Proposed Budget for FY2013

REVENUES:	Actual FY11	Budget FY12	Est.Actual FY12	Budget FY13
Property tax ¹	\$528,676	\$515,000	\$485,000	\$500,000
Income tax ²	943,010	910,000	1,050,000	1,050,000
Municipal Revenue Sharing ³	73,944	74,000	74,000	74,000
Gas/highway tax ⁴	5,190	8,000	19,000	12,000
Parking violation income ⁵	226,458	200,000	275,000	275,000
4602 N. Park Ave. rental	(9,952)	46,000	44,000	48,000
Interest income ⁶	17,077	20,000	12,000	12,000
Village Center rental income	18,389	20,000	20,000	20,000
Permit and license fees ⁷	15,913	15,000	15,000	15,000
Newsletter ad income	36,320	40,000	40,000	40,000
Village Center program/misc. income ⁸	12,724	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,867,749	\$1,858,000	\$2,044,000	\$2,056,000
EXPENDITURES:	Actual FY11	Budget FY12	Est.Actual FY12	Budget FY13
General Government				
1 Elections	\$3,615	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2A Financial admin. and accounting ⁹	9,426	10,000	10,000	10,000
2B Administrative costs ¹⁰	7,590	9,000	9,000	9,000
2C Memberships and conferences ¹¹	11,900	20,000	15,000	20,000
2D Legal counsel and consultants	13,812	10,000	12,000	10,000
2F Village Council reports	2,992	3,000	3,000	3,000
3A Salaries ¹²	581,695	581,500	581,500	602,500
3B Health/Life/Family Benefits ¹³	94,483	105,000	101,000	110,000
3C F.I.C.A.	45,009	47,500	45,000	47,000
3E Retirement contribution ¹⁴	44,151	45,000	45,000	47,000
4A Xerox copiers	680	1,000	1,000	1,000
4B Aquarium	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
4C Heating and cooling maintenance	20,100	12,000	12,000	12,000
4D Bldg. security system maintenance	2,850	3,000	3,000	3,000
5C Bldg/General liability insurance ¹⁵	23,270	33,000	33,000	29,500
6 Telephone and utilities	40,959	45,000	45,000	45,000
7 Hospitality and special events ¹⁶	15,822	17,000	17,000	17,000
8A Equipment and supplies ¹⁷	17,118	15,000	15,000	15,000
8B Office and building furniture	319	0	0	0
8D 4602 N. Park Ave. maintenance	6,556	5,000	5,000	5,000
8E Computer equip/supplies	3,421	3,000	3,000	3,000
8F Center maintenance/repairs	10,883	20,000	20,000	20,000
8G Maintenance service ¹⁸	110,357	110,000	110,000	115,000
Total General Government	\$1,068,808	\$1,096,900	\$1,087,400	\$1,130,900
Public Safety				
9A Security Patrol contract	\$83,702	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000
9B Police Field Office ¹⁹	2,591	4,000	4,000	4,000
9C Security vehicle maintenance ²⁰	11,200	10,400	10,400	10,400
Total Public Safety	\$97,493	\$103,400	\$103,400	\$103,400

	Actual FY11	Budget FY12	Est.Actual FY12	Budget FY13
Public Works				
10 Bus contract ²¹	\$395,894	\$407,000	\$407,000	\$419,000
11A Street maintenance	0	0	0	0
11B Sidewalk maintenance	0	0	5,000	5,000
11C Snow removal	24,163	35,000	35,000	35,000
11D Storm drain maintenance	0	0	0	0
12A Waste collection ²²	15,139	16,000	16,000	16,000
12B Recycling	3,230	3,000	3,000	3,000
13 Street lighting	18,437	20,000	20,000	20,000
14 Street signs	1,015	1,000	1,000	1,000
15 Trees	2,025	2,000	3,500	2,000
16 Villagescape ²³	31,714	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Public Works	\$491,617	\$514,000	\$520,500	\$531,000
Health/Education/Social Serv.				
17B Health/Social services ²⁴	10,179	12,000	12,000	12,000
17C Housing program ²⁵	4,920	5,000	5,000	5,000
17D Scholarship program ²⁶	0	0	0	0
Total Health/Education/Social Serv.	\$15,099	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Recreation and Parks				
18C Lecture fees	1,600	2,000	2,000	2,000
18D Musicians' fees	22,510	20,000	20,000	20,000
18E Instructors' fees	(4,051)	0	0	0
18F Trip fees	1,215	0	0	0
18G Art/theme shows	1,235	3,000	3,000	3,000
18I Consumable supplies	7,021	5,000	5,000	5,000
18K Lunches, Brunches, Teas & Dinners	8,802	10,000	10,000	10,000
18M Center special events ²⁷	35,275	30,000	35,000	35,000
18O Bamberger Current Events Series ²⁸	0	0	0	0
19 Reading Room materials	2,824	4,000	4,000	4,000
20C Village newsletter	35,851	45,000	40,000	40,000
21A Village Parks: Electricity	1,010	2,000	2,000	2,000
21B Village Parks: Water	7,461	5,000	7,000	6,000
21C Village Parks: Fountain maint.	13,766	18,000	15,000	15,000
21D Village Parks: Lighting maint.	688	3,000	3,000	3,000
21E Village Parks: Furniture	26	2,000	2,000	2,000
21F Village Parks: Walkway maint.	0	0	0	0
21G Art fund	0	0	0	0
23 Landscaping contract	69,208	75,000	75,000	75,000
24 Arborist contract	2,225	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Recreation and Parks	\$206,666	\$229,000	\$228,000	\$227,000
Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,879,683	\$1,960,300	\$1,956,300	\$2,009,300
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(11,934)	\$(102,300)	\$87,700	\$46,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,867,749	\$1,858,000	\$2,044,000	\$2,056,000
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$4,089,151	\$3,986,851	\$4,176,851	\$4,223,551
CAP. IMPROV. FUND BALANCE²⁹	\$37,211	\$36,275	\$36,275	\$36,275
OPEB TRUST FUND RESERVE³⁰	\$215,882	\$174,670	\$174,670	\$127,100



FOOTNOTES

Revenues

- 1 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 4¢/\$100 in FY2012, and is proposed to be 4¢/\$100 for FY2013, which begins July 1, 2012. Based on Montgomery County's estimate of assessable base of \$1,264,267,359 (11/11).
- 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 This 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 Interest is from Village funds placed in state approved investments. 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 occupy 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 statements required by law.
- 10 Includes taking of the minutes for the monthly public Council meetings, postage, and stationery.
- 11 Includes Maryland Municipal League dues and conferences attended by Council and/or staff.
- 12 Salaries of 5 full-time and 5 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 Includes Worker's Comp, Public Officials Liability, Fidelity Bond, and Building/General Liability.
- 16 Volunteer/staff annual appreciation dinner, condolence flowers, and holiday decorations.
- 17 Includes general cleaning products, restroom paper supplies, copier paper, and office supplies.
- 18 Contract for maintenance staff at Village Center. Includes cleaning, minor repairs, setups and takedowns of equipment, street cleaning, and 4602 North Park Police Field Office cleaning.
- 19 Cost to maintain Police Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue.
- 20 Cost of security vehicle provided by security contractor.
- 21 Contract for operation of shuttle bus, including vehicle, drivers, maintenance, insurance. Anticipates a contract increase to amortize a new bus for nine months of the fiscal year.
- 22 Includes collection of Center trash and recyclables and park trash six times per week. A community shredding service, twice per year, is also included.
- 23 Cost to install and maintain flower baskets on streetlight poles.
- 24 Includes cost of 4-part program with Suburban Hospital and other health related services.
- 25 Cooperative program with county and Village landlord for transitional housing for one needy family.
- 26 To fund educational scholarship(s) or community education. Recipient(s) selected by the Council.
- 27 Cost of four major seasonal events each year.
- 28 Continuing current events series originally established by donation.
- 29 No projects are anticipated in FY13.
- 30 Reserved for payments into Montgomery County Trust for retiree health benefits.

2011 Program Report

Jennie Fogarty, Associate Program Director
Anne O'Neil, Associate Program Director

In 2011, Village residents continued to enjoy many classes, programs and events that have become classics in Friendship Heights. They also embraced a number of new ventures introduced throughout the year.

Art, language, bridge, writing, choral, and exercise classes, discussion groups, Scrabble, book and bridge clubs, movies, a farmers market, health programs, lectures, concerts, storytelling, and trips attracted residents of all ages. Residents also enjoyed new programs ranging from a storytelling series to a bridge club to a musical performance especially for toddlers and babies. For the first time, we traveled to Tennessee and Kentucky, enjoying attractions ranging from the Barter Theatre to the Grand Ole Opry, from historic houses to horse farms, then stopping at The Homestead resort en route home.

CLASSES

The Center continues to offer art classes for all ages and skill levels: Acrylic or Oil Painting, Still Life Painting, Water Color, and Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel. In addition, Millie Shott (the Village art curator) again offered an art camp especially designed for children. James Taylor taught two one-day art workshops that also included his music.

Exercise classes remain in demand, and we offered a variety of them:

- **Chair Exercise and Balance**
- **Fall Prevention**



We visited the National Cathedral in December.



"Sand Dunes" by James Taylor, who taught an art workshop at the Village Center in December.

- **Mat Pilates**
- **OASIS Resistance Training for Seniors**
- **Strength Training**
- **Tai Chi**
- **Walking Club**
- **YMCA Fit 4-Ever**
- **Yoga**

Classes in Italian, through the Italian Cultural Society; Spanish, taught by Elena Marra-Lopez; and Yiddish continued and were well-attended. Bridge and memoir-writing classes continue to be very popular. The Village Bridge Club was launched in May and now consists of five tables each Monday.

BOOK SIGNINGS AND LECTURES

We continued the successful afternoon Tea and Talk series. Speakers at the Center in 2011 included Village resident Dr. Katherine Morris who presented a Feng Shui workshop; resident Donna Marie Thompson who gave a presentation on recovering from devastating loss; Daniel Serwer on peacekeeping; resident Anthony Silard on communication; resident Amb. William Bodde on the Cuban missile crisis; Carol Bessette on Washington, D.C., during the Civil War; and Lafe Solomon on the National Labor Relations Act.



Noa Baum performed as part of the new storytelling series at the center.



Our trip to Nashville in October featured a visit to a horse farm in Kentucky.

Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown and State Senator Brian Frosh each spoke at the Center in May. Nikki Haddad gave a demonstration (and sampling) of healthy cooking. Candace Ridington performed a one-woman show about the Underground Railroad, and Dwane Starlin portrayed John Philip Sousa in a one-man show.

Authors who appeared at the Center during the year included:

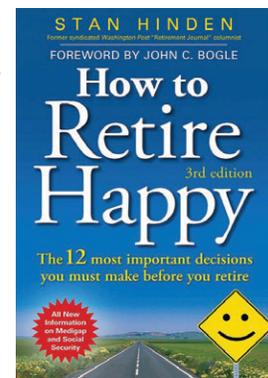
- John Bredar
- Thomas Buergethal
- David Elfin
- Diana Henriques
- Stan Hinden
- Patricia Mote
- Joan Marsh and Frances Stickles
- Cokie and Steve Roberts
- Ron Nessen
- Sarah Pekkanen
- Dana Priest
- Helen Simonson
- Stephen Tankel
- Joe Yonan



Our Summer Art Camp in June is very popular with kids.

ON THE GO

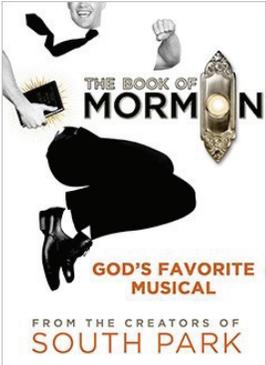
Overnight trips included a visit to New York City in December and a 6-night trip to Tennessee and Kentucky with stops in Abingdon, Va., Nashville, Lexington, Ky., and the Homestead. Other outings included day trips to Richmond, Ladew Gardens, Baltimore, Lancaster County, Charles Town, Philadelphia and Rehoboth Beach; and visits to the nearby Amish Market, National Cathedral and National Cryptologic Museum. Villagers enjoyed Nationals and Orioles baseball and performances at Toby's, the John F. Kennedy Center, and Arena Stage.



"Morandi's Influence" by Joan Samworth, an art instructor at the Center, was on display at Friendship Gallery.

FOR THE KIDS

The Village Center continued to be a gathering place for residents of all ages. In addition to our weekly Village Playtime, the Village Council sponsored a number of activities and events designed for our younger residents. Singer/songwriter Marsha Goodman-Wood had toddlers and their caregivers movin' and groovin' during a children's musical performance this year. Look for more performances and children's music classes from Ms. Goodman-Wood this year. Children created valentines during a weekend workshop and Mother's Day gifts in the spring. In the summer, the art continued during our weeklong fine arts camp under the direction of Millie Shott, and children enjoyed a giant slip and slide during a Splash Party at Willoughby Park. In the fall, we hosted our annual Halloween Bingo. Children



We saw "Book of Mormon" in New York.

also enjoyed numerous concerts including Chinese dance, Mariachis, Hawaiian music and dance, and sea-faring songs from the Renaissance Revelers. Many of our weekly movies also were selected with children in mind. These included *Babies*, *Secretariat*, *Despicable Me*, *Rango*, *Soul Surfer*, *Tangled*, and *Cars 2*.

CONCERTS

Music and dance programs at the Village Center and Hubert Humphrey Park featured a variety of styles to appeal to a wide audience. Performances ranged from classical to jazz, from blues to baroque, from groove to the Great American Songbook. Dance ranging from Israeli folk to Chinese dragon to the hula also captivated audiences. Crowds were delighted with performances paying tribute to musicians Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. Costumed characters brought to life the music of the Chesapeake and inland waterways. While musical performances continued to be an integral part of programming at the Village Center, 2011 also saw the introduction of Tales in the Village, a monthly event featuring storytellers from across the country. This fledging program, produced by local storyteller Ellouise Schoettler, continues to attract enthusiastic audiences who come to hear tales by such noted tellers as Ms. Schoettler, Linda Fang, Noa Baum, Megan Hicks, Slash Coleman, Willa Brigham, Adam Booth, Anne Sheldon, and Arianna Ross.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

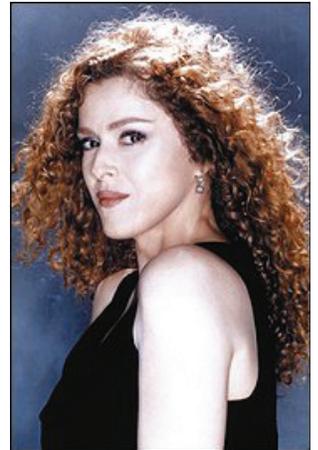
Issues of health and health care have always been impor-



Our annual Taste of Friendship Heights was a big success.

Photo by Joel Williams

tant at the Center. Pneumonia and flu shots were given by the Visiting Nurse Association in October. Suburban Hospital continued to provide weekly blood pressure checks and nurse consultations, as well as monthly health lectures. Family & Nursing Care presented workshops on memory, massage and balance, and personal trainer Nea Wheeler spoke on maintaining good health through diet and exercise. AARP Safe Driving workshops were offered in the spring and fall and were filled, as always. The Vision Support Group, a partnership between the Prevention of Blindness Society and the Village, continued with good speakers and fellowship. Oral cancer screenings were offered in April and glaucoma and visual acuity screenings in July. The University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service continues to provide health insurance assistance to seniors at the Center.



In June we saw Bernadette Peters in "Follies."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our special events—Community Day, July 4th, Taste of Friendship Heights, and New Year's Day Open House—were festive and provided an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have given their time to activities at the Center. In September our fifth annual Taste of Friendship Heights attracted another huge crowd. In October we teamed up with the Courtyard by Marriott to sponsor a mini-walk to support the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place.

ART EXHIBITIONS

Through the efforts of curator Millie Shott, Friendship Gallery features monthly art exhibits. In July, we again sponsored a community juried art show attracting many local artists who incorporated the Fourth of July theme into their works. "A Holiday Affair," an artisan craft fair, took place in November.

THANK YOU

Many volunteers contribute countless hours to assist with the programs at the Center. Our special thanks to the Village Council, our committees (including the Program Advisory Committee, whose valuable input is always appreciated), volunteers and staff for their dedicated efforts throughout the year.



SHREDDING TRUCK RETURNS TO VILLAGE

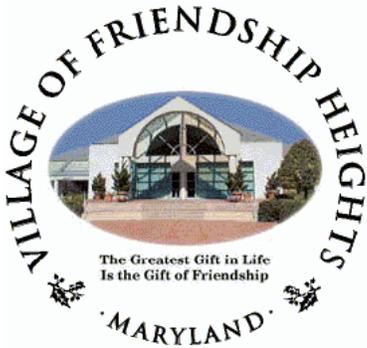


Mayor Melanie White presented a certificate to Village Centenarian Walter Zacharias-wicz (at left) on Community Day. Also recognized as Centenarians were Gertrude Friedman and Benjamin Haskel.

COUNCIL RECOGNIZES VILLAGE CENTENARIANS

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 13, 2012, and Monday, March 12, 2012, 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 2013, based on a proposed tax rate of 4¢/\$100 assessed after the two public hearings. The Village Council will vote to establish the tax rate for FY2013 and notify the Montgomery County Council of said rate on or before June 1, 2012, pursuant to Section 66-2 of the County Code. A copy of the 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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