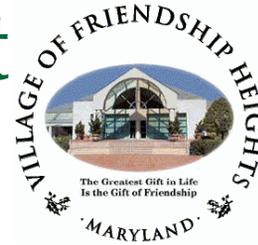


# The Council Report

## 2010 Annual Report & Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012



MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*  
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LEONARD J. GRANT, *Historian*

### Enjoying our community

*Melanie Rose White, Mayor*

One night, as I sat signing correspondence in the Village Center's conference room, I glanced over and saw a familiar collection of architectural drawings stacked against the wall. The drawings include detailed illustrations of Wisconsin Place and diagrams of other projects, including the do-over of Humphrey Park.

Years ago, when these drawings were presented at our monthly Council meetings, it seemed like it would take forever for those projects to become reality. It was hard to imagine that a muddy construction pit would one day be a gleaming supermarket, an award-winning restaurant, or Village greenspace. Now, as I walk through our community seeing people going about their daily routines, it's as if those paper sketches have sprung to life. Residents, workers, and visitors in Friendship Heights are enjoying all that our Village has to offer and what we have waited for so patiently over the years.

Not that our community and nearby neighborhoods won't continue to change—they will. Stores come and go, businesses relocate, and buildings need to be remodeled. It's all part of living and working in an upscale, urban area. For now though, the major construction projects are completed, and those architects' drawings are a reminder of how much our neighborhood has changed in the last decade.



*Mayor White presents a certificate of appreciation to Marianne Cook.*

Residents continue to enjoy what Friendship Heights offers inside the Village Center as well. Despite a lean budget, we still offer an outstanding mix of programs, classes, recreational activities, and local government services. In this time of budget tightening, I com-

mend our Village staff for not only retaining, but improving the amenities that make our community unique.

Last year, the Village partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage our residents' participation in the 2010 Census. We'll use the Census data to plan future programs and services to ensure that we accommodate



*Hydrangeas in full bloom in Humphrey Park.*

as many residents as possible. As you'll read in the Program Report (starting on page 9), we've been reaching out to younger families in the Village and hope that residents of all ages will participate in Center events. Please let us know if there is an activity or interest area you would like us to pursue.

These programs and services are dependent on your tax dollar, and as we outline on page 5, we are proposing to keep your property tax rate the same—4 cents per \$100—the lowest amount allowed in the Village charter.

Along with new program ideas, the Village staff and Council are always interested in hearing your thoughts on the proposed budget and how to improve our community—both inside the Center and out. We might be done with clamoring jackhammers and fresh asphalt, but we're still open to change and want our neighborhood to progress.

On behalf of the Council and staff, I wish each of you a healthy and joyous New Year. Please remember to mark Community Day on your calendar—April 13—when we'll be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Village Center. We hope to see you there!

# 2010 Village Report

*Julian P. Mansfield, Village Manager*

The all-volunteer Friendship Heights Village Council has seven members, all of whom are elected by the community to serve two-year terms. 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.



**The Friendship Heights Village Council:** (seated from left) Maurice Trebach, Melanie Rose White, Elizabeth Demetra Harris; (standing from left) Leonard Mudd, Leonard Grant, Robert Schwarzbart, Alvan Morris.

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.



**Our shredding service is always popular with residents.**



**Our shuttle bus kept going even during the blizzards.**

*Photos above and below by Alvan Morris*

## DIGGING OUT OF THE BLIZZARDS

Last February brought the second blizzard of the winter and record-setting snowfall totals. Our snow removal contractor did a great job keeping the Village’s streets, sidewalks and parks clear and accessible as quickly as possible. Our thanks also to the buildings for diligently clearing their sidewalks and driveways.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In June, Mayor Melanie White joined Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Bob Shapiro and me at the Maryland Municipal League’s annual conference in Ocean City.

The Council continued its active role in the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee. Councilmember Bob Schwarzbart stepped down as chairman but stayed on as a member. He was instrumental in getting a broken bench and curbstone repaired at the bus depot. Councilmember Len Grant completed his final term and was succeeded by Ann Lewis, a resident and former advisor to Hillary Clinton. Len and Bob also were involved in several initiatives to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety patterns on Friendship Boulevard.

## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

In May the much-anticipated Whole Foods store opened and quickly drew large crowds. We adjusted our shuttle bus schedule to add a new stop in the circular driveway in front of the store.



*We renovated the interior of the Village-owned house at 4602 North Park and made numerous exterior improvements as well (above and below right).*

The Village-owned property at 4602 North Park Avenue was renovated in preparation for renting the first and second floors to a new commercial tenant. Work included interior and exterior painting, refinishing floors, carpeting, carpentry, window/trim repair, and repair/replacement of the two steel staircases.



In the summer we upgraded Page Park by replacing the swings in the swingset and installing two new picnic tables (see photo on page 4) on either side of the walkway leading to the barbecue grill. We hope to be able to expand the playground equipment at the park in the future if our budget situation improves.



*Last year we introduced new flower baskets in areas prone to shade.*

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 2011.

### VILLAGE HONORS RESIDENTS

Every year the Council recognizes Village residents for their contributions to the community. At our Community Day and July 4 celebrations,

Mayor White presented Certificates of Appreciation to Marianne Cook—for volunteering at our Tuesday Tea program—and to Juan Pineda and Patrick Voltaire, our terrific shuttle bus drivers from RMA. We also recognized Henry Zhu, a 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholar and resident of The Elizabeth. Community Service Awards were presented to Helen Vamvas, Helen Davis, and Jan Cary. In addition,



we honored two Village centenarians, Frances Zoslow and Leonard Saxe (pictured above). Our Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award was given to Congressman Chris Van Hollen.



*Tulips brighten the Willoughby Park sundial every spring.*

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE FIELD OFFICE

Now in its 14th year of operation, the Police Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue continues to provide a



consistent police presence in the Village. It is a partnership between the Village and the Bethesda District, headed by Captain Russ Hamill (at left). In conjunction with the renovation of 4602 last year, we upgraded the Field Office space with new carpeting and painting.

## 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 arrives every month 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 reg-

istrations, renewing MD photo identifications, obtaining disability placards, and returning tags.



New picnic tables were installed in Page Park last summer, along with a new swing-set.

## 2010 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS AT THE CENTER

Tax forms are available at the Center 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.



The helpful MVA bus staff (from left), Donald Clark, Rea Dimler, and Sandy Bathurst.

**MVA Bus Schedule for first half of 2011 (Mondays):  
Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, May 23, June 20**

## Treasurer's Report

*Dr. Alvan Morris*

This year we hoped to open this report with a different story than we have told for the past two years. We hoped to say that the "recession" ended and 2010 saw our economy chug back to healthy numbers. There are many positive signs. Economists say that we may be on our way, but that was barely the case in 2010.

We projected, for the first time in memory, that FY2010 would end with a deficit for the Village. It did, but fortunately a smaller one than might have been. Our audited deficit was \$116,612 (versus a projected \$183,800). Also, for the first time in memory, we budgeted a deficit for the current fiscal year (\$96,700). This number will likely be somewhat higher. We are

now proposing a budget for FY2012 with a deficit of \$102,300. This is in spite of careful controls on spending. The facts are the facts.

Income tax revenue, our largest income source, continues to fall although at a smaller rate. Village property was reassessed this year, and most values went down. Because of caps on past increases, however, we are not anticipating that this will reduce our property tax revenue



for the next year. It could in future years.

As much as it pains us to continue to eat into reserves, the Council feels that it is still a prudent course to give



the economy another year to recover. We have the money to see us through. In FY2009, we generated a surplus of \$578,279. Our actual and projected deficits for FY2010, 2011, and 2012, total \$336,512. Still well below the FY2009 surplus. In the two years prior to FY2009, we generated another \$1,000,000 in reserve funds. The Village has no debt. Therefore, we are not proposing a property tax increase and will leave the Village tax rate at 4¢ per \$100 for the sixth consecutive year.

As we warned last year, however, this cannot continue indefinitely. No matter how large our reserves might seem, we cannot continue to eat into them. The Village was not always in the excellent economic condition it is in now. Our fiscal strength was hard won, and this Council will not allow it to be jeopardized.

The proposed Village budget for FY2012 follows. 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 FY2012 Budget in February and March.

## REVENUES

For FY2012, income taxes are budgeted at \$910,000. This anticipates a slight decline from our expected FY2011 receipts of \$925,000—consistent with our understanding of how state revenues are trending.

We have budgeted property tax revenues to be the same as FY2011. Nearly all Village properties were reassessed effective July 1, 2011, and most went down in value. Many condominium owners, however, will still pay additional tax because of previous caps, so we may or may not see a negative impact in FY2012.

Interest rates, again, were expected to stabilize this year. They didn't. We are projecting an average return of just .5% next year. Let's hope we exceed that. Parking violation income is about on budget and was left the same for next year. Our Municipal Revenue Sharing

payment was expected to drop significantly in FY2011, but the reduction was smaller. We are leaving it the same for FY2012. Gas/Highway tax income dropped unexpectedly in FY2010 and it was presumed that it would return to normal in FY2011. It did not, and the lower amount is budgeted for FY2012.

After the long-term tenant left 4602 North Park last June, the building was completely renovated and will be leased to a new tenant. The budget reflects the higher income expected from the property.

## EXPENDITURES

**General Government:** The less than 1% increase in this category over expected FY2011 figures primarily reflects the increase in insurance expense. Once again, no salary increases are projected.

**Public Safety:** No changes.

**Public Works:** Per contract, the cost of the bus will rise in FY2012. We hope that we will not have a repeat of "snowmageddon" and have budgeted for normal snow removal next year. We continue to benefit from the extensive street and sidewalk replacement project undertaken in FY2009-10 and have not budgeted for additional work in these categories.

### Health/Education/ Social Services:

The Rothstein scholarship will remain unfunded for a third year. There is still a Rothstein reserve set aside on our balance sheet from a previous year in which not all of the budget was spent. This

may be used for a more community based education project (such as CPR and defibrillator training).

**Recreation & Parks:** This category was reduced substantially for FY2011 and will remain the same for FY2012.

***Once again, the Village's strong financial condition, combined with careful management, will allow us to continue to offer our wonderful array of services in FY2012 while keeping the tax rate at the lowest possible level allowed by our charter. But as we said last year, the Council will need to be mindful of overall economic conditions and how they will affect Friendship Heights.***



# Friendship Heights Village: Proposed Budget for FY 2012

| <b>REVENUES:</b>                                   | <b>Actual FY10</b> | <b>Budget FY11</b> | <b>Est.Actual FY11</b> | <b>Budget FY12</b> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Property tax <sup>1</sup>                          | \$518,524          | \$515,000          | \$515,000              | \$515,000          |
| Income tax <sup>2</sup>                            | 914,577            | 900,000            | 925,000                | 910,000            |
| Municipal Revenue Sharing <sup>3</sup>             | 86,993             | 37,000             | 74,000                 | 74,000             |
| Gas/highway tax <sup>4</sup>                       | 8,412              | 75,000             | 7,700                  | 8,000              |
| Parking violation income <sup>5</sup>              | 188,115            | 200,000            | 200,000                | 200,000            |
| 4602 N. Park Ave. rental                           | 23,100             | 19,200             | 0                      | 46,000             |
| Interest income <sup>6</sup>                       | 22,500             | 40,000             | 17,000                 | 20,000             |
| Village Center rental income                       | 21,670             | 20,000             | 20,000                 | 20,000             |
| Permit and License fees <sup>7</sup>               | 16,986             | 15,000             | 15,000                 | 15,000             |
| Newsletter ad income                               | 42,258             | 40,000             | 40,000                 | 40,000             |
| Village Center program/misc. income <sup>8</sup>   | 11,546             | 10,000             | 10,000                 | 10,000             |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                              | <b>\$1,854,681</b> | <b>\$1,871,200</b> | <b>\$1,823,700</b>     | <b>\$1,858,000</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                               |                    |                    |                        |                    |
| <b>General Government</b>                          | <b>Actual FY10</b> | <b>Budget FY11</b> | <b>Est.Actual FY11</b> | <b>Budget FY12</b> |
| 1 Elections  | \$0                | \$5,000            | \$5,000                | \$0                |
| 2A Financial admin. and accounting <sup>9</sup>    | 8,852              | 10,000             | 10,000                 | 10,000             |
| 2B Administrative costs <sup>10</sup>              | 9,224              | 9,000              | 9,000                  | 9,000              |
| 2C Memberships and conferences <sup>11</sup>       | 17,778             | 20,000             | 20,000                 | 20,000             |
| 2D Legal counsel and consultants                   | 6,377              | 10,000             | 10,000                 | 10,000             |
| 2F Village Council reports                         | 3,006              | 3,000              | 3,000                  | 3,000              |
| 3A Salaries <sup>12</sup>                          | 579,515            | 581,500            | 581,500                | 581,500            |
| 3B Health/Life/Family Benefits <sup>13</sup>       | 94,838             | 95,000             | 95,000                 | 105,000            |
| 3C F.I.C.A.  | 45,375             | 47,500             | 47,500                 | 47,500             |
| 3E Retirement Contribution <sup>14</sup>           | 44,067             | 45,000             | 45,000                 | 45,000             |
| 4A Xerox copiers                                   | 655                | 1,000              | 1,000                  | 1,000              |
| 4B Aquarium  | 1,800              | 1,900              | 1,900                  | 1,900              |
| 4C Heating and cooling maintenance                 | 16,160             | 12,000             | 18,000                 | 12,000             |
| 4D Bldg. security system maintenance               | 4,269              | 3,000              | 3,000                  | 3,000              |
| 5C Bldg./General liability insurance <sup>15</sup> | 11,270             | 23,000             | 23,000                 | 33,000             |
| 6 Telephone and utilities                          | 45,082             | 50,000             | 45,000                 | 45,000             |
| 7 Hospitality and special events <sup>16</sup>     | 15,136             | 17,000             | 17,000                 | 17,000             |
| 8A Equipment and supplies <sup>17</sup>            | 14,922             | 15,000             | 15,000                 | 15,000             |
| 8B Office and building furniture                   | 246                | 0                  | 0                      | 0                  |
| 8D 4602 N. Park Ave. maintenance                   | 3,125              | 5,000              | 5,000                  | 5,000              |
| 8E Computer equip./supplies                        | 4,495              | 3,000              | 3,000                  | 3,000              |
| 8F Center maintenance - repairs                    | 11,759             | 20,000             | 20,000                 | 20,000             |
| 8G Maintenance service <sup>18</sup>               | 98,029             | 110,000            | 110,000                | 110,000            |
| <b>Total General Government</b>                    | <b>\$1,035,980</b> | <b>\$1,086,900</b> | <b>\$1,087,900</b>     | <b>\$1,096,900</b> |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                               |                    |                    |                        |                    |
| 9A Security Patrol contract                        | \$98,850           | \$89,000           | \$89,000               | \$89,000           |
| 9B Police Field Office <sup>19</sup>               | 2,342              | 4,000              | 4,000                  | 4,000              |
| 9C Security vehicle maintenance <sup>20</sup>      | 10,400             | 12,000             | 10,400                 | 10,400             |
| <b>Total Public Safety</b>                         | <b>\$111,592</b>   | <b>\$105,000</b>   | <b>\$103,400</b>       | <b>\$103,400</b>   |



|   | Actual FY10        | Budget FY11        | Est.Actual FY11    | Budget FY12        |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Public Works</b>                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 10 Bus contract <sup>21</sup>                     | \$369,471          | \$420,000          | \$395,000          | \$407,000          |
| 11A Street maintenance                            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 11B Sidewalk maintenance                          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 11C Snow removal                                  | 132,694            | 35,000             | 35,000             | 35,000             |
| 11D Storm drain maintenance                       | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 12A Waste collection <sup>22</sup>                | 15,230             | 16,000             | 16,000             | 16,000             |
| 12B Recycling                                     | 1,717              | 3,000              | 3,000              | 3,000              |
| 13 Street lighting                                | 19,372             | 20,000             | 20,000             | 20,000             |
| 14 Street signs                                   | 973                | 2,000              | 1,000              | 1,000              |
| 15 Trees  | 2,551              | 2,000              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 16 Villagescape <sup>23</sup>                     | 22,031             | 32,000             | 32,000             | 30,000             |
| <b>Total Public Works</b>                         | <b>\$564,039</b>   | <b>\$530,000</b>   | <b>\$504,000</b>   | <b>\$514,000</b>   |
| <b>Health/Education/Social Serv.</b>              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 17B Health/Social services <sup>24</sup>          | 9,609              | 12,000             | 12,000             | 12,000             |
| 17C Housing Program <sup>25</sup>                 | 4,920              | 5,000              | 5,000              | 5,000              |
| 17D Scholarship Program <sup>26</sup>             | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Total Health/Education/Social Serv.</b>        | <b>\$14,529</b>    | <b>\$17,000</b>    | <b>\$17,000</b>    | <b>\$17,000</b>    |
| <b>Recreation and Parks</b>                       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 18C Lecture fees                                  | 3,629              | 2,000              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 18D Musicians' fees                               | 19,945             | 20,000             | 20,000             | 20,000             |
| 18E Instructors' fees                             | (10,419)           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 18F Trip fees                                     | 4,860              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 18G Art/theme shows                               | 1,819              | 3,000              | 3,000              | 3,000              |
| 18I Consumable supplies                           | 5,265              | 5,000              | 5,000              | 5,000              |
| 18K Lunches, Brunches, Teas & Dinners             | 11,856             | 10,000             | 10,000             | 10,000             |
| 18M Center special events <sup>27</sup>           | 41,404             | 30,000             | 30,000             | 30,000             |
| 18O Bamberger Current Events Series <sup>28</sup> | 5,300              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 19 Reading Room Materials                         | 2,854              | 4,000              | 4,000              | 4,000              |
| 20C Village newsletter                            | 40,986             | 45,000             | 45,000             | 45,000             |
| 21A Village Parks: Electricity                    | 1,153              | 2,000              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 21B Village Parks: Water                          | 6,366              | 5,000              | 5,000              | 5,000              |
| 21C Village Parks: Fountain Maint.                | 13,823             | 18,000             | 18,000             | 18,000             |
| 21D Village Parks: Lighting Maint.                | 1,839              | 3,000              | 3,000              | 3,000              |
| 21E Village Parks: Furniture                      | 716                | 2,000              | 2,000              | 2,000              |
| 21F Village Parks: Walkway maint                  | 4,950              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 21G Art fund                                      | 2,722              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 23 Landscaping contract                           | 83,780             | 75,000             | 75,000             | 75,000             |
| 24 Arborist contract                              | 2,305              | 5,000              | 5,000              | 5,000              |
| <b>Total Recreation and Parks</b>                 | <b>\$245,153</b>   | <b>\$229,000</b>   | <b>\$229,000</b>   | <b>\$229,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>               | <b>\$1,971,293</b> | <b>\$1,967,900</b> | <b>\$1,941,300</b> | <b>\$1,960,300</b> |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                                 | \$(116,612)        | \$(96,700)         | \$(117,600)        | \$(102,300)        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                         | <b>\$1,854,681</b> | <b>\$1,871,200</b> | <b>\$1,823,700</b> | <b>\$1,858,000</b> |
| <b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>                       | <b>\$4,167,031</b> | <b>\$4,070,331</b> | <b>\$4,049,431</b> | <b>\$3,947,131</b> |
| <b>CAP. IMPROV. FUND BALANCE<sup>29</sup></b>     | <b>\$87,054</b>    | <b>\$87,054</b>    | <b>\$35,000</b>    | <b>\$35,000</b>    |
| <b>OPEB TRUST FUND RESERVE<sup>30</sup></b>       | <b>\$244,162</b>   | <b>\$215,500</b>   | <b>\$215,500</b>   | <b>\$180,000</b>   |



## 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 FY2011, and is proposed to be 4¢/\$100 for FY2012, which begins July 1, 2011. Based on Montgomery County's estimate of assessable base of \$1,299,624,549 (11/10).
- 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 a state-regulated fund established for local Maryland governments, Treasury securities, and insured or collateralized bank deposits. Interest on the Capital Improvements and OPEB Reserve Funds, included in the audit figure, are 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 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.
- 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). Recipient(s) selected by the Council.
- 27 Cost of four major seasonal events each year.
- 28 Current events series originally established by donation.
- 29 Assumes completion and full payment for 4602 North Park renovation. No projects are anticipated in FY12.
- 30 Reserved for payments into Montgomery County Trust for retiree health benefits.

## 2010 Program Report

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

Art classes, exercise classes, discussion groups, Scrabble, book and bridge groups, movies, a farmers market, health programs, lectures, concerts, trips—there is always something happening at the Village Center!

### CLASSES

The Center continues to offer art classes for all ages and skill levels—Acrylic or Oil Painting, Still Life Painting, and, Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel. In addition, Millie Shott (the Village art curator) again offered an art camp especially designed for children.

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

- Chair Exercise and Balance
- Chair Yoga
- Fall Prevention
- Mat Pilates
- OASIS Resistance Training for Seniors
- Strength Training
- Tai Chi
- Walking Club
- YMCA Fit 4-Ever
- Yoga



*In December we went to the Greenbrier in the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia.*



*Albert Bishop's painting was part of the Baltimore Watercolor Society at the Friendship Gallery in December.*

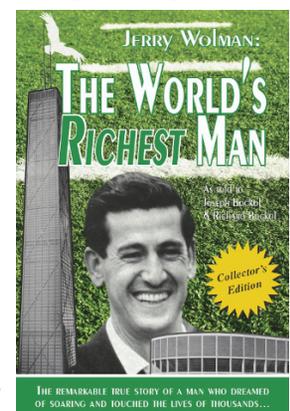
Classes in Italian, through the Italian Cultural Society, and Yiddish continued and were well attended. Bridge classes, taught by Frank Shull, proved to be very popular.

### ON THE GO

Overnight trips included a visit to the Greenbrier in December and a six-night trip to New England in August with stays in Boston, the Berkshires and Atlantic City. Other outings included day trips to Baltimore, Smith Island, Annapolis, Wilmington, Charles Town, Philadelphia and Rehoboth Beach; and visits to nearby Mount Vernon and the National Geographic Museum. Villagers enjoyed Nationals baseball, lunch on the Odyssey, dinner at L'Auberge Chez Francois, and performances at Wolf Trap, Hexagon, the John F. Kennedy Center, and Arena Stage.

### BOOK SIGNINGS AND BAMBERGER LECTURES

The afternoon Tea and Talk continues to be very popular. Speakers at the Center in 2010 included Rosa Weinstein on humor; William Bodde on President Obama's foreign policy; Shari Delaney on Laughter Yoga; Esther Delaplaine on the 1960 Glen Echo protests; Nikki Haddad on healthy Mediterranean cooking; Carol Bessette on espionage; Lisa Shames on food safety; Jay Mallin on the Cuban trade embargo; Jane Priest on improving memory; Nancy Roman on astronomical research; and, Carol and Hugo Rizzoli on starting a bed and breakfast. Roger





*The landscapes of Paul Cezanne were featured on our trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art in February.*

Berliner held a town hall meeting at the Center, and Candace Ridington performed a one-woman show as Louisa May Alcott.

Authors who appeared at the Center during the year included:

- Anne Barton
- Maurine Beasley
- Itzhak Brook
- Tracy Chevalier
- Chris Farrell
- Martha Grimes
- Izzy Heller
- Chris Kimball
- Anne Kornblut
- Armand Lakner
- Judith Martin and Jacobina Martin
- Norah O'Donnell and Geoff Tracy
- Mark Ozer
- Sarah Pekkanen
- Robert Reischauer
- Steve Roberts
- Curtis Roosevelt
- Mark Shields
- Jane Smiley
- Lucie Snodgrass
- Jerry Wolman



*Judith Martin (Miss Manners) and her daughter Jacobina Martin came to the Center in May to discuss their book.*

A series of taped lectures began in May. The DVDs are produced by The Teaching Company. Music and literature were the topics for the "Great Courses." The Village Book Club began monthly meetings in September.

#### FOR THE KIDS

The Village Center continued to offer a variety of programs for children, ranging from art classes to storytelling to splash parties in Willoughby Park. Among the highlights were

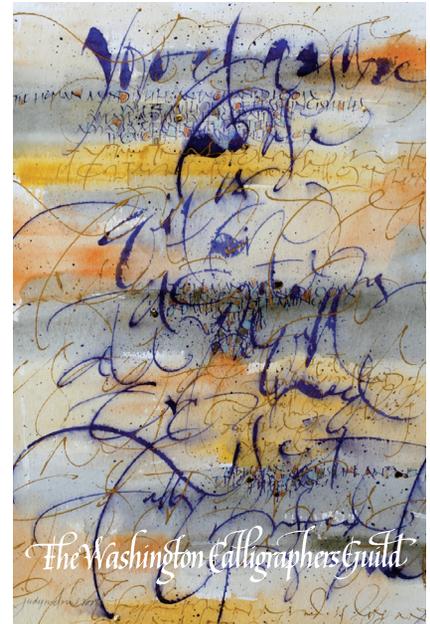


*In July we visited Nemours, the spectacular estate of Alfred du Pont in Wilmington, Delaware.*

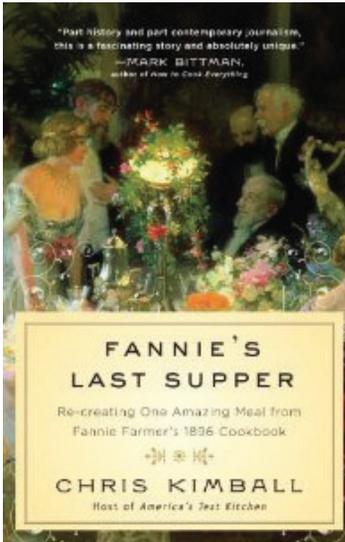
a Galileo program by local author Jean Pettanati, July 4th fun, and a week-long art camp for kids, led by our curator Millie Shott. In the fall, Village children dressed up and played bingo for great prizes during our annual Halloween Party. We also continued our weekly drop-in Village Playtime. In 2011, look for chances to take classes with your children, as well as an array of music and cultural events for children.

#### CONCERTS

The Wednesday Evening Concert Series continued to feature the best of local and national performers. Audiences enjoyed performances ranging from classical music by Ellen Tenenbaum, Thomas Pandolfi, Guity Adjoonani, the Silver Strings, to opera by the Vocal Arts Society, to ballet from the National Ballet of Maryland, to contemporary vocal performances by Sandy Lederman. Jazz performances included concerts by the Robert Red Combo, Project Natale, and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jazz Ensemble, and Susan Jones' Caliente. The Dixie Power Trio, the Good Time Trio, Jack Stanton, and Ericka Ovette featured music ranging from Dixieland



*"Calligraphy" by Judy Melvin was part of the Washington Calligraphers Guild show at the Friendship Gallery in November.*



**Celebrity chef Chris Kimball spoke to an overflow crowd at the Center in October.**

to Broadway to Songs from the Great American Songbook. International sounds scanning the musical globe included performances from Machaya Klezmer, Sior-Og, Seamus Kennedy, and Mariachis de Los Compadres. International dance performances included Ziva's Spanish Dance, the Ming Hui School and the Kinor Dancers. In addition, the Washington Revels offered a rousing evening of Sea Shanties during an amazing concert in August.

The Landon Symphonette Chamber Ensemble Series continued with three performances at the Center.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Issues of health and health care have always been important 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. Ronnie Kidd, Village clinic nurse for ten years, retired in the spring and the Center welcomed three new nurses. 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. Skin cancer screenings were offered in May and August. Glaucoma and visual acuity screenings were offered in July. The



**We went to the Berkshires for the Tanglewood Music Festival in August, including stops in Boston and Atlantic City.**

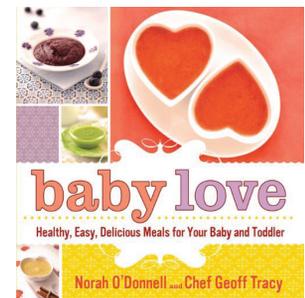


**In September the Friendship Gallery featured the works of Pat Webster, including "Springtime."**

University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service continues to provide health insurance assistance to seniors at the Center.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our special community 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 the Center and the Friendship Heights Urban Network teamed up again for the fourth annual "Taste of Friendship Heights." This event was the largest and most successful to date, with an expanded roster of restaurants, increased ticket sales and a generous contribution to charity.



**Chef Geoff Tracy and Norah O'Donnell discussed their new book.**

### ART EXHIBITIONS

Through the efforts of Millie Shott, our curator, 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 again 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.

## Notice of Public Hearings

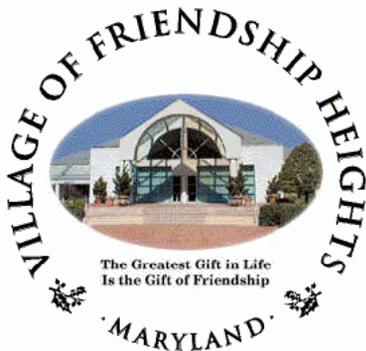
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-2 of the Montgomery County Code (1984 Edition), notice is hereby given that the Friendship Heights Village Council will conduct public hearings on Monday, February 14, 2011, and Monday, March 14, 2011, at 8:15 p.m. in the Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, in connection with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012, based on a proposed tax rate of 4¢/\$1.00 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 FY2012 and notify the Montgomery County Council of said rate on or before June 1, 2011, 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.



Community Day featured food from Famous Dave's (at left). The train on July 4 (below) is always popular with residents of all ages.



SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED IN 2010



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