# Contractors and Other Service Providers – Recommendations List (Version: 03-02-18) Yellow highlighting indicates there is a more detailed review or comments beginning on page 6.

Service	Name	Telephone	Recommended by
Air Quality	Healthy Air	770 205 1710	Lincoln Martinez
Appliance Repair	Samuel Williams	770 896 2582	Jan Martinez, Ann Bussey
Appliance Repair	ATOP Service – Terry Lee	404 702 7536	Lincoln Martinez
Appliance Repair	Jay Rappaport	404 732 7562	Jan Martinez, Ben George
Appliance Repair	Paper Stream Appliance	678-227-2748	Jan Martinez
	(Doug)		
Art – portraits, commissions, minor	Linda Hanks	770-938-9566	Jim Farmer
restoration/repainting of existing "oil	http://lindahanksstudio.com/		
on canvas" paintings, curation (but			
not installation)			
Art installation – complex jobs that	Axis Fine Art Installation, Inc.	404-688-2947	Jim Farmer
involve hanging of large paintings or	(Greg Cash and Derrick		
mirrors	Smith)		
Art restoration - damaged art works	Rena Edgar	404-343-5393	Jim Farmer
Automobile – service and repairs	Garmon's Auto Service (Five	770-921-7854	Jim Farmer
	Forks area) Rick Garmon		James Feeley
Automobile - body work	Ken's Paint and Body	770 938 0555	Howard Mitchell
Automobile - mechanic	Rockwell Auto	770 840 0091	Howard Mitchell
Awnings	Softek Awnings	404 881 9744	Brenda Jones
Bath Room Re-do, fix up old fixtures	Rebath Atlanta	770 242 7666	Brenda Jones
Carpentry, custom woodwork	Duncan Cottrell	404-289-6960	Jim Farmer
http://www.educatedcraftsman.com/	"The Educated Craftsman"		
Carpentry, remodeling	JSS Services, Jeff Smith	678-851-0408	Bonnie Downs
Carpentry, tiles, remodeling	Kris Griffin	770-714-4930	Peggy Hancock
	Kgriff038@bellsouth.net		
Carpet Laying and Floor Laying	Yogi Graham	678 776 2404	Rollin Jackson
Catering in the Smoke Rise area	Ferncliff catering - Stanley	470-242-5613	Jim Farmer
	Harper		Pat Soltys
Chimney cleaning, chimney caps and	Clean Sweep Chimney Service	404 261 2797	Jan & Lincoln Martinez
chimney repair		770 007 4000	
Chimney cleaning	"The Chimney Sweep", owned by Steve Actman	770-987-4890	Regina Studwell
Cleaning – Home	Reyna Villatoro	404 697 4676	Jan & Lincoln Martinez
Cleaning – Home	Not Just Dust	678-471-3975	Pat Soltys
Computer – in-home or remote	Mike Markos – the PC Link	770- 979-	Jim Farmer
service, installing new software and	http://www.thepclink.com	1800	Scott Fields
hardware, problems, trouble shooting			
Concrete	Surface Design Solutions,	404 307 4896	Karen Cook
	Ridgely Currence		
Driveways	David Scott	770-493-6222	Brenda Jones
Electrical – large or small jobs;	Jim Wise, Wise Electric	770-995-5077	Jim Farmer
installation, repair, troubleshooting	http://www.wiseelectric-		Scott Fields
	atl.com/		
Electrical	Belco Electric	770-455-4556	Several neighbors
	http://belcoinc.com/		
Electrical	J.T. Electric, Inc., James	770 921 8892	Alice Day, Judi Crutchfield
		770 402 2039	
	Thomas		
Electrical	SJJ Electric LLD, Steve	678 446 6990	Bonnie Jennings
	SJJ Electric LLD, Steve Douglas	678 446 6990	
Electrical Electrical	SJJ Electric LLD, Steve		Bonnie Jennings Debbie Torbush

Electrical	"Plumtrician" Rick	770-458-0514	Nancy Kluisaza
Fencing	Pennington Fence, Tom	770 963 9961	Alan Ridgeway
- Chong	Torhan		
	http://penningtonfence.com/		
Floors	Marquis Floors, Jim Schaeffer	770 972 1291	Karen Cook
Floors, Hardwood	Advanced Hardwood Floors	770 279 2531	Larry Dobbs
Floors, Hardwood Refinisher	A.L. Thomas	678 546 6970	Brenda Jones
Floors, Installation and Service	William Mascari	404 936 5679	
Foundation repair	AquaGuard Foundation Solutions	770 419 9111	Martinez
Framing of paintings, other art, diplomas, etc.	Kelly Holloway, Custom Frame Shop, 4195 Fellowship Rd., Tucker	770-491-3305	Jim Farmer
Garage doors	Rodney Ezzard of Brookhaven Garage Doors	770-367-7781	Nancy Kluisaza
General Contractor – remodeling, additions, repairs	Mike Allen mar.65@att.net Mike and a helper typically do the work.	678-642-8624	Stanley Harper Jim Farmer
General Contractor - remodeling and new construction by a long-time Smoke Rise resident	J. L. Builders & Co., Inc. Jim Leonetti <u>http://www.jlbinc.com/testim</u> <u>onials.html</u>	770-493-4005	Numerous testimonials or company internet site http://www.jlbinc.com/
General Contractor – decks, remodel, landscape ++	Shaefer, Inc.	706-201 7173	Rodwell, Martinez
General Contractor – from fix It to Build it.	Danecraft LTD	404-914-6669	Pat Soltys
General Contractor - painting, carpentry, minor drywall, fence repairs, deck staining, pressure washing	Mr. Fix-it-Ron "No job too small."	404-844-1439	Regina Studwell
General Contractor - remodeling and new construction	June Gartrell	404-551-9273	Rhea Craig
General Contractor - electrical, plumbing, roofing	Duke Swain Dswainconstracting.com		Dennis O'Quinn
General Contractor - decks, remodeling	Shaefer Heard	706 201 7173	Jan Martinez
General Contracting - decks, remodeling, etc.	Wellington Associates	678 768 6100	Sally Cerisosmo
General Contractor - roof, gutters, remodeling	Michael Paige	770 595 2482	Frank/Barbara Luton
General Contractor – house repair	Kenny Smith	678 296 9831	Laura Crooks
General Contractor – repairs, carpentry	Doug Whitman (works only on Monday)	770 934 4727	Claudia Medori
General Contractor – HCHI Construction For several good reviews see →	5456 Peachtree Industrial Blvd #184. Atlanta, GA 30341 https://www.kudzu.com/m/HC HI-20873431/#tab-reviews	678-873-4629	Ralph H. Chandler
Glasswork, shower doors, mirrors, etc.	George's Glass	770 923 0627	Howard Mitchell
Gutters and covers	Aaron's Gutters	770 934 2766	Tom Calvert
Gutters cleaning and new roofs	Eric Purdue	404-294-4465	Gloria Lashley

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Gutter Cleaning, repair, and pressure	Phillip Carlisle	404-328-6595	Ferenchaks
washing	https://www.facebook.com/Fir		Also see reviews on his
	efighterPressureWashingLLC/		Facebook page or left
	Firefighterpressure		
	washing@gmail.com		
Gutter cleaning, covers, pressure	Clean Shine Company – Keith	770 924 0006	Chuck Slone
washing and window cleaning	Farley		
Handyman – inside, outside, and light	John Papp	678-237-2949	Jim Farmer
yard tasks		404-830-2300	
Handyman	Logan Carlisle	770-235-3684	Jan Martinez
	http://handymanlogan.com/		Debbie Torbush
	logan@handymanlogan.com		
Handyman	Phillip Carlisle	404-328-6595	Debbie Torbush
Handyman	Kevin Dugan	404-434-4490	
Handyman - electrical, plumbing,	Dan Doster - company name is	770-939-8808	Regina Studwell
carpentry, and much more	Epie's Handyman		
Handyman, paint, electrical, drywall,	Herb Huff	<del>770-639-5725</del>	Kathy Peters
floors, plumb			
Heating and Air Conditioning –	Peachtree Service Experts	770 458 0181	Jim Framer, Harvey Pierce
complete evaluation, installation of			
new equipment, service & repair,			
monthly maintenance contact			
Heating & Air Conditioning	Weldon Heating and Air	770 938 4629	Alice Day
Heating Air Conditioning Service &	ACS - Joe Pinson	770-939-7500	
Repair		x 223	
Heating Air Conditioning Service and	KBS – Ken Borts	770 439 6677	Lincoln & Jan Martinez
Repair			
Housekeeping Services	Reyna Villatoro	404 697 4676	Wanda Rodwell, Jan Marti
			Crockett,
Housekeeping Services	Elvisa Kobacevic	770 923 7518	Brenda Jones
Insulation	Woodman Insulation	770 442 9089	Desamours
Interior Design	Chateau Interiors, Tina Smith	678 859 2427	Keith Harris
Interior Design	Kathy Peters	770-270-0325	Crutchfield
Irrigation	Sprinkles Lawn Irrigation		Brenda Jones
-	· ·	770 972 6273	Di el lua Jones
Irrigation	Metropolitan Irrigation	770 469 3360	
Irrigation	Oasis Landscaping	770-913-9033	James Howard
	https://www.oasislandscape.c		
	<u>om/</u>		
Kitchen Remodel	June Gartrell	404-551-9273	Rhea Craig
Kitchen Cabinets	Yon Cabinets	770 939 2718	Howard Mitchell
Kitchen Counter Tops	Atilla	770 565 3178	Howard Mitchell
Landscaping and maintenance	Hill Landscaping	770 294 8237	Lincoln Martinez
Landscaping	Bruce Trimmings – Jason	404 786 1638	Frank Luton
	Bruce		
Landscaping	Kent Richards, Landscaping	678-344-1627	Gloria Lashley
Landscaping – installation of an	Oasis Landscaping	770-913-9033	James Howard
irrigation system and sod	https://www.oasislandscape.c		
	<u>om/</u>		
Landscape, trees and construction	Summit Lawn Works, Bob	678 389 9551	Rhea Craig
	Rozar		
Landscaping, materials, supplies	Atlanta Landscaping Materials	770 936 8462	Allen Ridgeway
Lawn Mower Repair – pickup and	Lilburn Lawnmower Repair	770 921 7001	Ferenchaks
delivery			
Leak Detection	American Leak Detection	770 436 5722	Laura Crooks

Lock and Key	Stone Mountain Lock and Key	770 469 8400	
	Service	770 407 0400	
Mold Remediation	Healthyair	770 205 1710	Lincoln Martinez
Painting exterior and interior,	The Painting Specialist	770-316-0865	Jim Framer
pressure washing, siding replacement	Fred Kell		Mike Allen
	wfkell@yahoo.com		
Painter Interior and Exterior (*He	Peter Strickland*	770 394 0878	Kathy Peters,
furnishes a reference list with 52	http://peterstricklandpainting.		Jan Martinez
names on it.)	<u>com/home/</u>	(70.000.0171	and many others*
Painting, gutters, carpentry	Nelson Painting and Home Repairs	678 283 8171	Liz Smith
Painting	Custom Colors – George Chanos	678.973.5640	Jane Bridges
Paint and wall covering (inside and out)	John McDermott, R.L. Aldis	770 318 7111	Gloria Lashley
Paint and yard work	Cender (Ruth Sloan)	770 491 8810	
Pest control	Greathouse Pest Control, Steve Greathouse	770 963 1472	Jan & Lincoln Martinez
Pest control	Inspect-All Service	770-483-2420	Lucy Chang
Pest control, removal of critters	Crocodile Dave (Tucker GA)	770-450-5487	Linda Hanks
	http://www.crocodiledave.com		Jim Farmer
	<u>/</u>		Pat Soltys
Pets – reporting a lost or found pet	Kay McKenzie	770-491-6784	Smoke Rise Signal
Pet Sitting	Valerie & Penny Smith (sisters) http://crittersittinsisters.com/	404-409-3765	Karen Shoffner, 2 others
Pine Straw	Johnny Timms (25 bale minimum, about \$4.50 per	678 617 7516	Brenda Jones
	bale, delivered)		
Plaster work, Spray foam, House Wrap insulation	Aplus, Inc., David Hancock	678 300 2199	Peggy Hancock
Plumbing – installation, repair,	Personal Service Plumbing	404-861-2511	Jim Farmer
conversion to a tank less water	https://www.proreferral.com/s	770-597-8075	Mike Allen
heater	/personal-service-plumbing/ Dave Fontenot, Mike Walter		
Plumbing	Aqua Tech Plumbing – Rex Fielder	678 851 1950	Gene & Joyce Ray
Plumbing	Jason Webb jason@tpdatlanta.com	770-483-0577	Aaron Smith
Plumber	FAIR PRICED SEWER & DRAIN PLUS Terez Rainey	770 846-8386	Dr. Martha Johnson
Plumbing	David Thomas	679 614 1534	Brenda Jones
Plumbing	Greater Dekalb Plumbing	770 825 0123	Many - Neighbors
Plumbing	J R Bush	404 762 8722	Laura Crooks
Plumbing	Superior Plumbing	770-422-7586	Jolene Davis
Plumbing	"Plumtrician" Rick	770-458-0514	Nancy Kluisaza
Pool Service	Superior Pool Services Chuck Giraud	770-925-9872	Jim & Jan Madeley
Pool Service	Kevin Freeman	404-791-5504	Jim Madeley
Pressure Washing, gutter cleaning,	Phillip Carlisle	404 328 6595	Ferenchaks
repair, screen cleaning and repair			
	Clean Shine Company – Keith Farley	770 924 0006	Chuck Slone

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Remodeling and additions	Mike Allen	678-642-8624	Stanley Harper
(Mike Allen and his son Michael do essentially all of the work; sub-contractors are normally	mar.65@att.net		Jim Farmer
not used.)			
Remodeling	Shaefer, Inc., Shaefer Heard	706-201 7173	Rodwell, Martinez
Remodeling	JSS Services Jeff Smith	678-851-0408	Bonnie Downs
Remodeling, carpentry, paintings,	Nelson Painting and Home	678 283 8171	Liz Smith
gutters	Improvement		
Remodeling	Kris Griffin	770 714 4930	Peggy Hancock
5	Kgriff038@bellsouth.net		
Remodeling	Keith Connelly	770 982 2930	Doug McCurdy
Retaining Walls	Michael	770-652-7891	Alice Day
Roof, repairs and replacements	Nalley Roofing, Arthur Nalley	770-931-5982	Lincoln Martinez
Roof, install, repair, replace gutters	Allen Roofing and	678-793-0481	Jim Madeley
in the term of the second s	Construction, Don Allen &		
	Mike Carrol		
Roofs installed and gutter cleaning	Eric Purdue	404-294-4465	Gloria Lashley
Roofing	B & J Contractors, Sandy	770 591 9817	Jonsey Jones
Sandblasting, ceramic coating, rust	Professional Cryogenic	770 888 8818	Frank Luton
removal	Metallurgy & Coating		
Septic tank cleaning and flushing	M. V. Inc M. V. Inc Septic	404-402-5004	Jim Farmer
	and Sewer		
	http://www.kudzu.com/m/MV-		
	INC-Septic-30310703		
Septic tank	Davis Septic Tank Service	770.972.6544	Alice Day
Septic tank	Rooter Plus Septic	770 888 1931	
Septic tank	Pumpco Septic Service	678-454-5911	Lucy Chang
Sprinkler system repair	Repair R Us	770-972-5090	Gloria Lashley
Sprinkler	Sprinkler Lawn Irrigation	770 972 6273	Brenda Jones
Sprinklers, irrigation systems	Sprinklers, Inc.	770 972 6273	Howard Mitchell
Squirrel removal, trapping, repairs,	Crocodile Dave (Tucker GA)	770-450-5487	Linda Hanks
sealing after removal	http://www.crocodiledave.com		Jim Farmer
	<u>/</u>		
Stump grinding	Philip Olson, Olson Stump	770-653-7359	2 Smoke Rise users
	Grinding		
Stump grinding	S&S Stump Grinding	678 614 0696	Frank Luton
Tax appeal to DeKalb County* of the	Walter Hotz	770-724-1986	Jim Farmer
property tax assessment that the	https://boetaxappeals.com/ab		
county has set for your property	out/why-im-unique/		
* He also does appeals for property in			
Gwinnett and Fulton County. Tile work	Classic Tile and Stone	678 772 9573	Gene & Joyce Ray
Tiles, remodeling and carpentry	Kris Griffin	770-714-4930	Peggy Hancock
riles, remodening and carpentry	Kis Gillin Kgriff038@bellsouth.net	770-714-4930 or	
Tile work	Anis Kobacev	770 231 4151	Brenda Jones
Tree work by an ISA-certified arborist	Bob Rozar	678-380-9551	Kathy Peters
– cutting down, removal, pruning,	Summit Law Works, Tree	Cell: 404-275-	Bill Miles
stump grinding, and restoration of	Service Division	9221	Jim Farmer
the landscape after work completion	http://www.kudzu.com/m/Su	/221	
	mmit-Lawn-Works-Inc-		
	1296579		
Tree work – cut and care	North American Tree Service	770 979 6108	Jonsey Jones,
			Ann Bussey,
			Lincoln Martinez,
			Jim & Carol Watson
Tree work	Lee Jr. Tree Service,	404-316-3574	Jonsy Jones
Tree work	Rene Michel's Tree Service	770 978 0672	Eileen Schneider

Tree work	Southeast Tree Experts, Colin	770 934 0039	Bonnie Evans
	Dunkley		
Tree work	Always Something Trees to	770-652-7891	Alice Day
	Go, tree service, Michael		Jim Smiley
	arthur6789@comcast.net		
Tree work	Tarzan's Tree Service – Reggie	770 923 2388	Tom Calvert
	Crain	770 256 2948	
Tree work	Lee Jr. Tree & Landscape, Lee	770 491 9781	Beth Kroger
	Cagle		
Tree work, stump grinding	Powder Puff Stump Busting –	404 313 1010	
	Lisa Bates		
Tree work	Roberts Tree Service and	404-697-4837	Lucy Chang
	Landscape		
Tree work	Connie Chatham	770 338 8410	Brenda Jones
Wallpaper	Yvonne Roberts	770 736 5611	Jan Martinez
Waste disposal (dumpster rental	Arrow waste	770-441-3037	Jim Farmer
10, 20, or 30 cubic feet)	http://www.arrowwaste.org/faq/		
Waterproofing	AquaGuard Foundation	770 419 9111	Martinez
	Solutions		
Wildlife and bee removal, trapping,	Crocodile Dave (Tucker GA)	770-450-5487	Linda Hanks
repairs, sealing after removal	http://www.crocodiledave.com		Jim Farmer
	<u>/</u>		
Window cleaning	Absolute Window Cleaning	678 516 7939	2 Smoke Rise users
Window cleaning, gutter cleaning,		770 924 0006	Chuck Slone
gutter covers, pressure washing.			
Window washing and screen cleaning	Nationwide Window Cleaning	404 355 1901	Dave McAllister
Window covering	The Louver Shop	770 717 7701	Tom Calvert
Window replacement	June Gartrell	404-551-9273	Rhea Craig
Wood floors	Custom Floors	678 684 4788	
Yardwork assistance to home owner	Peyton Bennett	404-680-8454	Jim Farmer
	pbennett343@gmail.com		

### Comments provided for those on the listings above:

This alphabetical section was begun in 2015 to provide additional information that may be useful in evaluating a possible provider. It consists of narratives of those who provided comments with their recommendations. The term "Satisfied Smoke Rise resident" will be used when the person wishes to remain anonymous.

#### Allen, Mike (General Contractor – remodeling, additions, repairs)

"Mike Allen is a good guy and a very capable contractor. He did a complete kitchen redo for us. The work was substantial, involving removal and re-heading a load bearing wall, windows, doors, lighting, and flooring (both hardwood and tile work). He is faithful to his estimated schedule and costs, down to the minute and to the penny. He only does one job at a time and gives each client his complete attention." -- Stanley Harper

#### Doster, Dan - (Handyman)

"I have one more treasured contractor -- Dan Doster. His company is "Epie's Handyman." He does Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, and much more. His address is: 2703 Old Norcross Rd., Tucker, GA, 30084. One night at midnight I had to call him for water leaking down my lower level apartment wall. He came over at midnight, charged me nothing, and tightened a screw! He put in a washer and dryer in my upstairs bathroom. He stands behind all his work." -- Regina Studwell

**Hotz, Walter** (Tax appeal to DeKalb County of the county's property tax assessment, also appeals for Fulton and Gwinnett county properties.) Walter Hotz retired after being a real estate attorney for many decades. He now has a home-business in which he does appeals of the property tax assessment of several nearby counties. He also testifies as an expert witness at the Georgia Legislature on improving Georgia laws related to property taxes and enhanced taxpayer rights. Several newspaper editorials in August of 2015 written by State Senator Fran Millar discussed the work he and Walter Hotz did in the Georgia General Assembly to help taxpayers: <a href="http://www.thecrier.net/our\_columnists/article\_f9f64df8-45ba-11e5-b3b5-330b9d4d93f0.html">http://www.thecrier.net/our\_columnists/article\_f9f64df8-45ba-11e5-b3b5-330b9d4d93f0.html</a>

I received a property tax assessment from DeKalb County and thought the value was too high by tens of thousands of dollars. I contacted Walter and he did the rest. He prepared the appeal and went down to the county office to represent me for the appeal process. This resulted in my property tax assessment being significantly reduced and frozen at that value for the next two years. The home owner can undertake the entire appeal process, but it will take time and effort and probably a trip to attend a hearing at the county office. The fee that Walter charged was well worth it to me because it eliminated essentially all time and effort on my part. -- Jim Farmer

### Inspect-All Service (Pest control)

"I have used them a long time for pest control, my daughter has used them for animal control in the attic, we were both very satisfied with them." -- Lucy Chang

#### M. V. Inc. (Septic and Sewer) <u>http://www.mvincseptic.com/</u>

My septic tank was still percolating but had not been serviced in over 12 years (if ever). This company did a complete service for my tank and I was very pleased that that did such a thorough cleaning and removal of debris that had accumulated. They gave me a quote before they removed the dirt to visualize the system below ground, but emphasized that they may need to revise the quote if the system required more time and effort when contents of the tank could be better seen. They explained that they would provide a revised quote in that case, and that I could approve or pass. They did as they said they would, and I approved the additional work because the quote seemed reasonable and was less than quotes that some that my neighbors had mentioned. -- Jim Farmer

**Markos, Mike - The PC Link** (Computer – in-home or remote service, installing new software and hardware, problems, trouble shooting) <u>http://www.thepclink.com/index.html</u>; see his ad in the *Smoke Rise Signal* I have used Mike for several years for the services above, and give him a high rating. He can come to your home to do work, or he can install a program that lets him work on it remotely (amazing!). He is a one-person operation, so has low overhead. This is why he has lower prices for his services. –- Jim Farmer

#### Mr. Fix-it-Ron – General contractor

"This last Saturday a new contractor worked at our house. He advertises in our Smoke Signal as 'Mr.Fix-it-Ron'. He did a wonderful job, and very reasonable fee. He painted our entire soffit, and all the new boards that had been replaced on our outside sun room and deck. I can honestly recommend him to other neighbors here." -- Regina Studwell

#### Paper Stream Appliance (Appliance repair)

"Responded in three hours on a Sunday. Did a great job." -- Satisfied Smoke Rise resident

#### Papp, John – (Handyman)

I have used John on a number of occasions for both inside and outside work. I give him a high rating on all criteria. He is nice, dependable, and has always done a good job for the tasks at hand. He bills at \$25/hr. for Smoke Rise customers but at a higher rate for those that are non-Smoke Rise. I prefer to pay "by the job" rather than "by the hour" but have made an exception for John because he does not waste time. Thus, I find that his hourly rate is fair. -- Jim Farmer

#### Pumpco Septic Service (Septic and Sewer)

"They redid my sewer field lines. Great job, price very reasonable! Staff and employees were very helpful and efficient." -- Lucy Chang

#### Roberts, Yvonne (Wallpaper)

I selected Yvonne Roberts from the list for installing wallpaper. She was very professional, arrived on time and provided a very reasonable quote. On the day of installation, she again arrived on time, did an excellent job and cleaned up. I would definitely use her again -- highly recommended. -- Darrell Satterfield

Roberts Tree Service and Landscape (Tree work and landscaping)

"They cut a huge dead tree for me, well done, efficient, clean!" -- Lucy Chang

To be completed:

- Garmon's Auto Service
- Personal Service Plumbing (Plumbing of all types)
- Rozar, Bob (Tree work)
- Wise, Jim (Electrical)

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# Also of possible interest:

## Smoke Rise Agents – Vendor List

http://smokeriseagents.com/resources/vendors/

This list is similar to the list above and states:

"We always are asked for contact information for Vendors who can do all kinds of work relative to homes and real estate. We have put together a list that will be growing and changing as we add vendors where there is a good experience and remove vendors where the experience is less than we would have liked. These are contractors and vendors that we have had a good experience with either personally or with a seller or buyer. We do not have a business relationship with most of these companies and individuals and consequently simply give their names and contact information out of courtesy."

# Notes and Additional Resources

**Your input.** Please provide input on how this listing can be made more useful. Also, please provide recommendations of any names to add, or negatives about anyone on the current listing.

Additional resources. There are many internet resources and other resources that may be helpful as a starting point. Each year I typically receive paper book described below that have "their recommendations" for many companies. These apparently are sent to a large mailing list that the companies maintain. The main danger is that the recommendations have a "pay to play" bias in the companies/services listed and what is said about them.

The following are not necessarily "recommended," but are given as additional resources that may be useful.

*Quality Home Service Guide Five Star Rated – DeKalb County Georgia.* This is a free 120+ page booklet that lists "local home services companies" that have "received a 5 star rating based on a "12-15 page evaluation report" that is described in detail in the booklet. You may have already received this booklet in the mail via a large mailing list of addresses/residents in the county. If not, you can contact: Five Star Rated by Home Service P.O. Box 2785 Kennesaw, GA 30156

Kennesaw, GA 301 770-271-3411

# **Best Pick Reports**

This is a similar 150+ page booklet. Best Pick Reports by EBSCO Research LLC 1447 Peachtree Street, Suite 1050 Atlanta, GA 30309 404-365-9777

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Home Advisor - free internet reviews: https://www.homeadvisor.com/

For example, I was looking for a plumbing company to replace four obsolete toilets and found 76 reviews for K. Harris Plumbing and Drain Service at: the HomeAdvisor.com internet site. <u>http://www.homeadvisor.com/rated.KHarrisPlumbing.25273066.html#ratings-reviews</u>

**Smoke Rise Facebook page.** Jan Martinez recommended the Smoke Rise Facebook page as an additional resource for service providers: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/146533340316/</u>

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**Disclosures, conflict of interest checks.** I declare that I have no financial interest in any of the companies, people, or items in the above listings and have no conflicts of interest or other information to declare. None of the those listed have made contributions of money, goods, services, or anything else in order to be included in the listings. -- Jim Farmer

### Нарру Рирру

A LARGE oak tree fell across the rear of my house. It demolished almost one third of my single story house. After the tree had been removed and the house was protected, Rex and his team came in and removed all of the damage. They replaced a brick wall, one third of my roof, put new shingles on the entire roof in two days to keep the weather out, replaced wall studs, re-screened a porch, rebuilt a BBQ pit, re-carpeted the floor, rerouted and replaced electrical wires and fixtures, and painted. As "Murphy's Law" was working, Rex and his team handled each event with vigor without a word. Rex always took care of these "things". I hired him again to handle an "IRMA" happening and again, I was very satisfied. Project Details

Area Stone Mountain, GA Date May 2017

see: https://www.kudzu.com/m/HCHI-20873431/#tab-reviews