

Service Recommendations

Appliance Repair

All Year Appliance Repairs, Inc.- (703) 577-7762 and (703) 867-0222. I've had several good experiences with using **All Year Appliance Repairs, Inc.** for repairs to my appliances. The owner, Maani, is highly competent and very reasonable in his charges. He is always prompt in responding to your needs...even the very first time that I used him. I strongly recommend contacting him for any appliance repairs. I do not think you will be disappointed. You can contact me if you have any questions. My number is (703) 978-6832 Peter Koenig, 4528 Banff St.

L&M Appliance Service.- (703) 815.9088. Buddy of L&M Appliance Service has repaired many of our appliances over the past few years. He's "check rated" at Consumer Checkbook Magazine, and we can see why. We're very pleased with his responsiveness and workmanship. He won't do more than is needed and will advise on the feasibility of repair vs replace. His phone is. You can contact Ron or Eileen at (703) 323-5222 if you want more details from a neighbor.

Auto Repair

Car Doctor - (703) 560-8870. I have used Car Doctor, for over 20 years. They specialize in foreign cars, but can do some basic American car repairs. When I bought a used car a few years ago, it turned out that the person I bought the car from had also used Car Doctor, and the car has turned out to be in great shape. I highly recommend them. Jennifer Gittins-Harfst

Cleaning Services

Sonshine Cleaning Service – Carlos Cardova, Cell (703) 932-0351, Office (703) 527-9057 Residential and Commercial – professional window cleaning, carpet cleaning, airduct cleaning, power washing, gutter cleaning. We hired him to power wash our deck and to wash all windows and doors. His crew did both jobs the same day with efficiency and professionalism. All crew members were helpful, expressing a desire to "make our customers happy." Both the deck and windows were spotless! We would definitely recommend them and our neighbor recommended them to us after having her gutters cleaned by them. They are licensed and insured and give free estimates. Donna Caruso, Banff St.

Driveways

Academy Sealers - (703) 723-9725. I have a very long driveway with about 3800 square feet of asphalt that has been in excellent shape after having been repaved about 6 years ago. Figuring that it is about time for resealing to keep it that way, I solicited bids from the contractor who did the repaving and from two rated highly by Consumer

Checkbook readers. I chose Academy Sealers, which came in with the low bid (\$675) which was 75% of the next highest bid. They showed up as scheduled. Some difficulty communicating with the Spanish-speaking foreman, but they did a pristine job. Your e-mail correspondence with them will constitute your contract - so ask all of the questions you would like to have in a contract. You will not get a written contract but, instead, e-mail stating the terms are as per the emails. With this administrative shortcoming, I still highly recommend them for quality of work and price. Paul Krumhaus, 8509 Sugar Bush Ct.

Update on Academy Sealers (September 2017): We used them to reseal our 220 ft long driveway about a year ago and had a problem with the way they dealt with cracks. Their advertising says that they "treat cracks". That means that they squeegee a liquid slurry into the crack which, when it dries, basically disappears. The crack looks about the same as it did before treatment. So if you are looking for them to fill cracks, look elsewhere. The seal job, less dealing with cracks, was fine. Cracks probably require a hot seal process, filling them with melted asphalt or similar. Paul Krumhaus, 8509 Sugarbush Ct

ASAP Paving - (540) 364-7358. This past summer, we needed to get our crumbling 3800 sf. **asphalt driveway repaved**. I went to the phone book and contacted four companies for estimates. We finally settled on ASAP Paving which was second from low bidder (and a week after we got the estimate, we got a call from ASAP offering a further price reduction). We hired them and were delighted with the work. They ripped out an alligator section and then put a 2 1/2 inch coat of asphalt over the whole driveway. Prep was great - cleaned the old driveway off very well and the end product was wonderful. Take a look if you'd like (8509 Sugarbush). Can't guarantee they will do a great job for you but they did for us. Paul Krumhaus

Electrical

Fairfax Electric, Plumbing and Gas – (703) 764-5280. I would like to recommend Fairfax Electric, Plumbing and Gas to those who are looking for a company to do electrical, plumbing or gas work. I've used them twice within the last few months...to install a new hot water heater, replace an outside faucet and replace a defective gas line in the house. Their work was always very professional and the prices charged were reasonable, based on quotes that I got from other contractors. Tony and Josh were the two workers who came both times...very competent and diligent workers. Highly recommended. I plan on using them again to install a new dishwasher. They are located in Annandale. Peter Koenig, Banff St.

General Contractors

Gutis Tile – Richard Gutierrez (703) 371-2673- I am writing to recommend a contractor to be listed on our homes association website. We recently used him to remodel our master bath and closet area at 4510 Fidelity Ct and were very pleased by his work, as well as his customer service. He has a small company and does not advertise. He is licensed in the state of Virginia and D.C., and has done extensive work in Georgetown

and on historic properties. We found his estimate to be very competitively priced.
Norma J. Shore

Kustom Construction, Inc. - Dan Greenfield, (703) 403-7755, kustomconstructioninc@yahoo.com. Over the past year, we have engaged a “friend of a friend” in a wide variety of repairs and improvements to our house. Dan Greenfield’s company specializes in re-doing kitchens and baths and finishing basements, but they also paint, landscape, install fences, repair roofs, etc. Dan recently completed a total re-do and merger of our kitchen and family room. We don’t know where to begin in our praise. Our new rooms represent tremendous creativity and workmanship. The flawless details reflect Dan’s personal involvement and commitment to quality control at every step. Our projects presented some challenges but he never failed to pursue them successfully. We note for the record that that we did not move out while this potentially very disruptive project was underway. During the construction we got to know a half dozen of Dan’s workers. Every single one was pleasant, skilled, and dedicated to perfection. Finally, we were enormously impressed with Dan’s commitment to budget and timelines. The demo phase revealed some issues but they were addressed at little or no cost. There were only pleasant, and no unpleasant, surprises. Kustom Construction’s work was all done in accord with the time and cost estimate, and the quality of work was truly amazing. From Steve & Chris Parker, 4514 Fidelity Ct.

Kustom Construction, Inc - Dan Greenfield, (703) 403-7755, <http://builtbykustom.com/#/home>. After reading Steve and Chris Parker’s review, we looked at what Dan did for them. Dan put together a fine plan for enlarging our master bath and combining the sitting room and closet into a fine, large walk-in closet. He installed wood floors throughout the upper floor and replaced the main stairs. Then there were the little extras he did. The workmanship was top notch, and he started the project when he said he would. He did everything from design through installation including plumbing, electrical, and painting. He found a way to convert a useless upstairs space into a laundry without taking space from the master suite. He’s very imaginative and works with you to fulfill your desires. He’s there every day to make sure that everything is running smoothly. Feel free to call Ron or Eileen Rothberg at 703.323-5222.

Kustom Construction, Inc. Dan Greenfield - (703) 403-7755. We have used Dan for 2 major projects (renovating our kitchen and bathroom/closet area) as well as throwing in a number of projects that we had not gotten around to doing in years previous. We have consistently been thrilled with the results and the price. He is extremely easy to work with, patient, meticulous and creative. I cannot recommend him highly enough. Guy and Donna Caruso, Banff Street,

Handyman

Jim the Handyman – (703)-503-9699. I have used Jim the Handyman, , for years, and have been very pleased. I chose him originally because I had several handyman companies come out to do an estimate for a bunch of different things, and his estimate did not contain the overly inflated estimates for simple things that some of the others did. I highly recommend him. JenniferGittins-Harfst, Banff St.

Heating and Air Conditioning

AccuAir - (703)-430-2500. I have used them for over 20 years, and chose them initially when my A/C wasn't working right, and they were the only ones who said "just need to change the freon" when the other companies had recommended extensive repairs. I highly recommend them. Jennifer Gittins-Harfst

Landscaping

Green Landscaping, (571) 245-3435. Daniel understood what we wanted and developed a simpler plan at a much more reasonable cost that we received from other contractors. When we needed him to return to discuss some changes, he suggested ways to improve our ideas. On the start day, he arrived with his crew when he said he would. Even then we enlarged the scope of work for which he gave us a reasonable price. We're very pleased with the work he did to control the terrible erosion in our back yard. Ron Rothberg on Sugarbush Ct, phone 571.422-6341

Simpson & Co.Landscape Designs - (703) 499-6409 (cell). We'd like to share an excellent experience we've had in getting some **drainage work** done. The work consisted of installation of a French drain and underground piping connected to several downspouts. Contractor was Steve Simpson of Simpson & Co Landscape Designs. We found him based on the recommendation of another WCWHA homeowner. Pricing was up front and did not increase even when he discovered he had underestimated on materials. Work was done well, looks great and the price was also good. I can't guarantee your experience but ours was excellent. Paul Krumhaus (703) 978-6579

Simpson & Co.Landscape Designs - Steve Simpson (703-204-0453 - office) has done quite a few jobs in our neighborhood, and several for me, including a brick front walkway and a flagstone patio in the back of our house. His workers are excellent, his prices reasonable and he is easy to work with. Highly recommended. Liz Segall, Sugarbush Ct. (July 2010) www.simpsonandcoinc.com

Solis Company – Ivan Solis (703-296-8467) and his crew did an impressive job removing 3 large trees, including stump grinding, plus trimming a very large tree branch looming over our family room. His prices were extremely reasonable and his workers were very careful and thorough. Liz Segall, Sugarbush Ct. (Sept. 2009)
www.solistreeservice.com

Painting

Solution Painting – (1-866-942-5045, or call Mario's cell at 571-259-9430.) We hired Solution Painting to paint the siding and foundation of our house. I could not believe the attention to detail – the crew took a day and a half just on prep work, including wrapping and taping all the windows, doors and frames. While they were at it they replaced our attic vents and repaired a damaged garage window frame. They were also very patient when I changed my mind about the color of the foundation once I saw in the daylight what I had chosen from a color swatch. I found them through the Washington Checkbook, and those reviews were all excellent, too. Plus, they are an Annandale company, and we like to support local businesses. Highly recommend. Liz Segall, Sugarbush Court (Sept. 2010) www.solutionpaintingva.com

Plumbing

Dawson's Plumbing - (703) 354-9358. If you need a plumber, by all means consider this guy. I had a toilet with a leaking seal. Appointment was made, plumber called to say he was enroute, and arrived within 3 minutes of the appointment time. Relative to quality, work was done well and cleanup was to pristine standards - toilet looked showroom new! Dawson's Plumbing is a one man outfit, located in Annandale, with rates about half of the competition (His minimum charge for the first hour is equal to or less than others' minimum for the first half-hour.). He is (deservedly) check-marked for both price and quality in Washington Consumer Checkbook. BTW- the final price for my job was half the estimate provided by another firm recommended in another neighbor-to-neighbor recommendation for plumbers. Best time to call is after 8:30 PM (he answers if called during normal business hours but prefers not to interrupt work when he is in a customer's home). Five Stars! Dawson's Plumbing . Paul Krumhaus

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Fort Hunt Plumbing – (703)-799-8356 - good work at a good price, and I recommend them. Jennifer Gittins-Harfst

Hook's Plumbing (703) 591-1284. www.hooksplumbing.com. Hook's is a reliable, competent and reasonable plumbing service. We first encountered them several years ago when another plumber recommended a very complicated and expensive fix for a drain problem in our basement but was not qualified to do the work. He recommended Hook's, who took one look and provided a very inexpensive and good fix. Hook's has

been our go-to plumber ever since, always responding promptly and providing a reasonably priced fix. We have always been satisfied. Donna Caruso, Banff St.

Waterworks Plumbing - (703) 323-828. In January 2011 we had Waterworks Plumbing do some more work in our house. Previously Dale installed our jet bathtub and did some minor repairs. This time we had a problem with our kitchen sink draining which Dale resolved very quickly and fixed some other related issues in the kitchen plumbing. He also fixed a leaky outdoor faucet and installed a cut off valve to the front hose bib. In each case Dale explained the options and recommended not doing any more work at this time. He also suggested some remedies that I could accomplish on some other issues. That is one of the things I like about him—he doesn't try to sell you any unnecessary work but explains why you might need that other work in the future and gives you hints on how solve problems yourself. Another plus is that Dale treats your house as if it were his. He cleans up the work area and protects the floor and furnishings while working. I highly recommend Dale for any plumbing you need. He lives just a couple of miles away in Fairfax, and I like supporting our local, small business people when I can. Waterworks Plumbing also installs gas burning logs. Although I haven't used him for this, based upon his other work, I'm sure he would do an excellent job. If you wish to discuss his work with me, call: Ron Rothberg, (703) 323-5222.

Roofing

Atlas Roofing - (703) 644-3047) Owner Ed VAnderson. We replaced our roof this year. We went through the normal process of getting three estimates. All three companies came to the house and provided quality bids. We chose Atlas Roofing because of his estimate, professionalism, rating in the Washington Checkbook, and a recommendation from someone in the WCWHA neighborhood. Atlas did an outstanding job and we highly recommend them. If anyone would like to see their final product, stop by at 4606 Ordinary Court. Ray and Nancy Boehling

Kirby Kerns Roofing Contractor-(703) 330-1555. A neighbor was having a large tree cut down. A branch punched a hole in our roof about 3 inches in diameter. This happened late in the evening so early the next morning I called: Kirby Kerns Contractor Inc. They gave me an estimate over the phone which I accepted. They arrived within about 2 hours after rescheduling their daily routine. They did a thorough, professional job; I was very satisfied with their work. Their price was reasonable and I asked them to do additional work (installed an attic fan) with the same satisfaction. I recommend them. Dan Desko (703) 978-8284

MB Remodeling – (703) 323 1466 or mbremodelingllc@outlook.com. Recently, we had our roof replaced. Because of the positive experience we had, we want to share this experience with you. On Bromley Court, many of our houses have reached the age where the old shingles need to go. MB Remodeling , a local company, was engaged to remove old shingles and install new roofs on all the homes on the court. In the past, several homeowners changed roofs, either doing it themselves or through other

companies. We are delighted with the installation, the clean-up and the materials used in our homes.

If you have any doubts, come by our cul-de-sac and see for yourself. We could not be happier with our new roof. Steve and Meg Kophazi, (Bromley Court)

Thacker Roofing Co -(703) 401-6109. June Thacker at Thacker Roofing Company replaced all three of my **roof vents** at a cost that was less than others were asking for only one vent. They did a great job in a timely manner. I highly recommend this contractor. Jim Francis (Ordinary Court).

Tree Service

Destiny's Tree Service, (571).345-5970, removed 2 small trees from our backyard at a reasonable price. They cut the stumps to ground level and cleaned up the debris nicely. Call your neighbor Ron at (703) 323-5222 if you want more about my recommendation.

Miscellaneous

Larry at Green Homes LLC- (703)-622-1554. A thorough energy audit, like you will get from, Larry at Green Homes LLC will show you all the areas where you have air leaking in/out of your house. You'll get a detailed report, with pictures, of the problems, and he can also do the repairs for you. My house has felt so much warmer this winter because of the repairs we did, and he provided great follow-up/customer service when I had questions afterward. Jennifer Gittins-Harfst

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