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## APPLIANCE REPAIR

Accurate Appliance Repairs and Installations; 609-631-8300; Jack came out to repair our washer while we were away on Monday. Not only did he do a good job at a reasonable price, he helped our house sitter, Susan, and our neighbor, Greg Cavallo, clean out the water in our basement from the storm.....CBSHEL

Georgia & I use Eschberger too. Dw Eschberger's Appliance Service 587-8008 or 259-6090. He's good, reasonable, and most importantly, honest. We've used him exclusively for years on the rare occasion we've needed service..... Steve Schragger

Ace Appliance Repair. I use them professionally. Prompt, professional, competent, reasonable;;609 658 5600. ...John

As far as an appliance repair person, I use Jersey Appliance. But if the gas oven acting up, they can just call PSEG. I've had them out to repair mine.

Is DeSantis still open on Pennington Ave? They were always the best. ...Sasa

DON, HERE IS THE NAME OF THE REPAIR MAN I USED FOR THE WASHER. ANTHONYS BENCIVENGO, MAJOR APPLIANCE REPAIR ,609-890-7784. WAS VERY GOOD.... MYRNA

He's the guy [Anthony Bencivengo] I always used and is a perfect combo: Knowledgeable, skilled & Honest!!! ....Lizzie Knezevich

## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Don, As the local neighborhood architect, I highly recommend working with an architect – especially if you don't have a contractor you know already. Even if you don't work with me, an architect will help you figure out all your ideas, draw up plans, choose finishes and fixtures, and help you bid your project to multiple contractors to get the best price. You may not think your budget can handle an architect, but you'd be surprised how many people have gotten in over their heads on projects because they didn't have a concise plan of action. If anyone needs to get in touch with me, here is my contact information:

Brian Viehland, AIA Design on the Square; [Brian@DesignOnTheSquare.com](mailto:Brian@DesignOnTheSquare.com)

I have remodeled 3 bathroom, using German Diaz, (609) 835-1788. I highly recommend him.  
-- .....Mary Sue Henifin

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We have had our bathroom renovated. My husband (a builder/carpenter) Jeff Krauszer who for the past 15 years has been working in and restoring many homes in the Princeton Hopewell area has renovated our bathroom with same quality workmanship that these homes were made with. His phone # is (609)306-4436

Born Bros Plumbing & Heating Inc Kurt Born, Trenton, NJ 08610, 609-392-0523 Honest and reliable..... Jackie Kutch

Doing one [bathroom] now. Highly recommend Carl Davidson. His number is 609-915-7383. ... Lily Knezevich.

We had our bath done... STR Construction... he did our kitchen too... awesome job... if anyone want to see the work they are welcome to come by... outstanding quality and workmanship....Shawn Ricci. (3/5/10)

Little Beaver. Ask for Herman. Number is 609 835 1788..... Ali (3/5/10)

Susan T. White Kitchens & Baths, Inc., Plainsboro Village Center, 4 Market Street, Suite 802, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 . (609) 275-0488. Just remember to do it right – you have to pay! ....Carol G (3/25/10)

Jan (Jon) Moravec did both our bathrooms from the studs out our house (1931). Good pricing and high quality work. 610 772 1104. ....Ashley, 6 Kensington ave. (3/25/10)

In my experience having replaced MANY old bathrooms in my redevelopment career here in Trenton. I have also had tile work done in my 1950's home here in Cornwall Ave. All of the older homes had the tile set in concrete usually several inches thick. Ripping out an old bathroom is a BIG project and can be very expensive. If the floor is level and the existing floor tile is in good condition it is possible to use the old floor as an underlayment for a new tile floor. It should only be done if you are putting down small tiles though. If you put large files down over any unlevelled imperfections the tile may crack. Sheets of smaller tile are more forgiving of imperfections. The best thing to do is to call a very reputable tile store and ask for their best contractor. We found our tile contractor from the tile store on Kuser Rd in Hamilton. As far as a plumber I have used Hoffman Plumbing. The best, and have used him for all of my plumbing needs for 25 years 989-7174. You can also start from scratch and rip everything out to the studs. ....Donald Brokate

I recommend Harry Barnes of West Trenton. He can be reached at 381-4738. I did not know him when I did my bathroom, but I wish I did. ....Moses M (3/26/10)

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## CARPENTERS

Refinish a front door -Twice I have used the services of Mr. Mike Donahue, Blue Knight Hardwood floor, and have been very pleased with their workmanship. Try them because I was very pleased with their work. The telephone number is: 800-545-8311. Thanks... Manny.

Try Alan Siswein, a woodworker & furniture maker who also does other kinds of wood-related work (I'm not sure about the gutters but you can ask him). He has a wood shop between Lalor and S. Broad in the back area...you may reach him at 215-499-9411. I know him thru ARTWORKS. He offers furniture making classes and has helped me with some work on my house, and will be helping me install a 1/2 bath on the first floor. ....Elise Mannella

Mr. Leslie Burrell, Blackbeard Builders . . . Just put in a nice storage room in our attic to replace a horrible one that was there when we moved in in 1975. 658-3319. Check with Bea too as she'd had him do a lot of work. ....Ellen Wry 695-4372

I also used a fellow Hiltonian, Jeff Krauser on Buckingham, who is a carpenter. He installed a kitchen cabinet for us and did a fantastic job. He is also very reasonable, clean and careful. ...Sasa

Jim Krauser. 799-3118. He's done tons of work for me, including most everything at my house now and my previous one. ...Rochelle

Don, Handyman, reasonable rates: William Groves - 215 716 2965. ...Joe Dovidio

My carpenter is Mark Kulon cell 433-8703. Excellent!!! Tell him that Donald Brokate recommended him.

I am a local carpenter referred by Chris Brashier. Scott Rednor, 201-914-5473. Old World Carpentry, LLC, 16 Woodside Ave, Trenton, NJ 08618

Garland & Sons Home Improvements ,609 638-8995.I recommend him he is honest and dependable. If you have any questions feel free to call me @ 393-5245.... Marguerite Goff

Jan (john) Morvec his number is 610 772 1104. he does a bit of everything, in fact he is redoing our bathroom from the studs out (tile, electric, plumbing, dry wall) and is doing a wonderful job, expertly, clean, and efficient. Use him. ....Ashley (6/23/09)

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## CAR REPAIR—Avoid Ewing Midas on Olden Ave

I got my oil changed and tires rotated at Midas on Olden Avenue. Before I left, they told me my rear brake pads were wearing down and that for about \$200 I could get pads and resurface the rotors. Since I was in a hurry, I told them I would come back the following week to do this. As I drove away, I noticed a big greasy hand print on the passenger seat.

As I got to the intersection (two blocks from the Midas) and was thinking I would just clean it myself, the Jeep started lurching a little. As I turned the corner from Olden Avenue onto Route 31 (Pennington Road), I felt something must be wrong. The Jeep was bumping around, became harder to steer and I slowed to a crawl as people flew past me down the road. A woman drove up beside me and said my tire was wobbling.

I got out and found that three of the five lug nuts were GONE and the other two were only on by one rotation. So I had to stop right there in traffic (there is no shoulder) to jack up the Jeep, tighten two lug nuts and (luckily for me I had extra) install 3 more. I headed back to Midas. On the way, I found one lug nut in the intersection and retrieved it. When I got back to Midas, I found another sitting on the curb in front of the parking lot.

The employees looked at the wheel, decided the rim was damaged and ordered me a new one. Because I have a full size spare, I had them swap the rims until the new one could come in, which they did, but I spent another hour out of work waiting for this to be done - by the same guy who messed up the first time!

The next day I came in and spent ANOTHER hour while they put the new rim onto my spare. Not only was the guy who messed up still working there, he did the work this day too!. The whole time, I wasn't offered anything for my inconvenience, risk to my life or lost time from work. Not a discount on the brake job they said I needed, not an offer for free oil changes for a year, not even a refund for the oil change!

Do not go to the Midas on Olden. Since each Midas is a franchise, if you want to go to one, try the one on Rt 1 by Quakerbridge or S. Broad St in Hamilton.

## CHIMNEY SWEEP/REPAIR

Last year [2008] we had our chimney checked, after many years of neglect. It needed repointing, resealing of the flashing at the roof, a new clay flue inside, and a new one of

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those stainless "hat" things on the top. William Rajeski did a good job. He also cleans chimneys. His number is 609 587-4255. ...Ellen Wry

Leelands Slate does chimney repair. <http://www.leelands.com/index.htm> Phone: Lancaster : (717) 733-7663, Carlisle : (717) 243-0009, Harrisburg : (717) 232-2292, Philadelphia : (610) 328-4446, Wilmington 302-778-3800, Toll Free 888-927-5283. 8 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday Eastern Standard Time (USA). ...Mike Ranallo

Rafael Munoz. He did all of the walkways, bluestone and concrete work at our house. He also has done chimney work on my buildings. He is a GREAT guy and very easy to deal with. His cell # is 908-415-5146.... Donald Brokate

I have used a few different chimney guys in the area, all to good avail. But the most experienced one, who is a no nonsense businessperson & highly reputable, is WJ Rajeski. He's an ethical guy, having told me that there were services I called him for that I did not need. I think his place of business is (or was) on Spruce St. near the farmer's market. I hope he is not the one giving Manny the run-around. His ad is in the yellow pages.... Bea Scala-Fischler

Bill Rajeski 609-558-3099 has done work for me on two houses...and I've referred him to people in Hiltonia. When he came to my house, he said that he has a history here...both at my house and this neighborhood. I like him. He's old school...a pro who does his job, does it well...appreciates the business and moves on. I recommend him..... Scott, 117 Buckingham

Yes. We had William Rajeski, 609-558-3099. He repaired the brick work, put in new clay flue files (I think that was inside the lining of the chimney), installed a stainless cap (like a little cage with a roof on it). Did good work, when he said he'd do it. ....[Ellen Wry]

I just wanted you to know that we called William Rajeski for our chimney repair. Our neighbors were correct – he responded quickly, really knows his stuff, and had us back in shape in less than 1 hr. I would definitely recommend his services!... J Kutch

I use St. John's Chimney Sweeps in Princeton. They were great! - .....Rochelle Ellis

## **JR's Cleaning and Handyman Service**

Rick is our new neighbor at 130 Cornwall Ave. 609-346-6432.....Bobbie Shelingoski

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## CLEANING SERVICES

Ala Makarovich, phone number 215 431-5644. Been coming to our house for about four years, I think. Totally reliable: on time, rarely sick; when she has been, she always calls. Careful with our things, does a good, thorough job. Smart: remembers what you want done and how you want it done. I have recommended her to many neighbors and friends and they have been very satisfied. She is cheerful and pleasant and you can trust her in your home if you can't be there. .... Ellen Wry 609-4372. (2009)

Alla has time to take another home. I often say, I would go without food before giving up Alla! Her phone number is 215-431-5644. ....Marlene King (2009)

We've used Halina's Cleaning Service for well over a decade and have been quite pleased. Halina coordinates a house cleaning team of mostly Eastern European women. They offer basic home cleaning, will also do laundry and ironing if requested, and include "Detailing" in their list of possible services. Halina is based in Hamilton Twp. but has a van and driver to deliver and pick up her house cleaning staff throughout Mercer County. Almost always we are not home when the cleaning lady is there; we just give them keys to the house. Yet I don't recall ever having anything "missing", not in all the years we've used them for weekly cleaning. Halina's Cleaning Service can be reached at 609/585-9380. Feel free to contact Jacques & Maureen Lebel at 25 Cornwall Avenue ([ChezLebel@aol.com](mailto:ChezLebel@aol.com), 609/218-5124)

Marta has been cleaning the house long before we lived here. She and her husband are very reliable and trustworthy. Her phone number is 456-9146. They have some openings these days.....Michael Ashworth (2009)

Marta and Frank have been cleaning our house for almost a year now (2010) and are reliable, trustworthy, very nice and inexpensive. Call her at 609-456-9146. ....Brian Viehland

I just found out the woman who cleans my house—Halina—lost a couple of her customers due to their moving. She's really excellent, thorough, very responsible and trustworthy. Her number is: 609-396-8580. Email: [halinkapg@verizon.net](mailto:halinkapg@verizon.net) Thanks.... Lily Knezevich (2009)

We use Vee's domestic services, Wioletta Hemsey, phone 609 203 0488. She has many clients in Hiltonia. ....Ashley (2009)

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## CORD WOOD

Brian Bruster owns Kracklin Pop Firewood. His prices are reasonable, his wood is good and the service is very good. I've used him for a couple of years and I've been satisfied. BTW- his prices are going up . He said that demand is up tremendously since last summer. The number is 609-587-6236 and he's located on Kuser Road in [Hamilton] Trenton. I had home delivery. Hope that this helps.....Scott Albert

## ELECTRICIANS

Reyes family uses CMD Electricians with good results: CMD Electric Co. H.Dan DeLeon, 609-883-5613, Lic# 13696.

We used Maffei Electric (Rich Maffei) 609-540-0600 for the work we had done at 10 Buckingham prior to the sale and were very pleased with his work. ...Jan Jessel

I use Borsos Electric. Scott Borsos is great and very reasonable.... Rochelle

Robert Tyndale, Current Electrical Contractor 609 581-9193. Duane, 212 Buckingham Ave, 2007

Wyckoff Electric 890-7835 . Tell them that I recommended them. I have used them exclusively for years ....Donald Brokate 2008

Roche Electric. I've had lots of work done by them. They're really good, though not cheap. Phone 989-4888 . ....Gail Szenes

## FENCE INSTALLERS

We had a wonderful experience with Mr. B's Fencing in Ewing. <http://www.mrbfenceco.com/> They came out the same day I called to give us a quote. Their pricing was much better than their competitor. Their crew was courteous, professional and very careful about where to place the fence. They showed up ON TIME both days!....Marc Leckington

Mr. B's did a great job for us too. They put up 100' of black chain link for a dog run and 30' of 6' wood fence matching the neighbor's fence. They did it within a week of contacting them



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and I've been very happy with the work. Besides, I like supporting a local company.——Brian Viehland

The first thought that came to me after a miserable experience with Mr. B Fence Company for a new vinyl fence was "Amateur Hour". Not only did they walk off the job after a 20 minute rain storm, not to return for 3 days....but after the job was "complete" their staff (who incidentally I could not communicate with as they did not speak English) had to return 4 times to complete tasks that were supposed to be done during the initial installation as a part of the normal course of business. Not only did this company not do the job right the first time, they did not do the job right after the 5th time. In this life there are doctors and then there are doctors, there are lawyers and then there are lawyers etc..There are fence companies and then there are fence companies. I encourage all of you to do a better job of qualifying a fence company if you are need of their services than I did. I have retained an attorney to make sure that if they stay in business they do not do this to another. Also, a complaint was filed with the BBB who has subsequently reduced their BBB rating. Thank you.

We also had a good experience with Mr. B's. They returned our phone calls promptly, gave us the best price, showed up when they said they would, respected the plantings in our yard, and finished the job in the time they said they would. We have a minor issue with the gate, which I trust will be fixed when they have the time.—— Bobbie Shelingoski

Follow-up! One of our pressure treated posts started warping pretty badly about 6 mons after the initial install. I called over to Mr. B's and they had it swapped out with a new post in a couple of days.—— Marc Leckington

## **FENCING—BEWARE!**

Horner Brothers Fence Co. in Bordentown will not come to install a fence in Hiltonia because it's not safe to work in Trenton.

## **FUEL OIL COMPANY**

Thought you should know Levi & Myrna Kushner, at 7 Buckingham Ave, own Budny Fuel Oil Company. In addition to extra virgin fuel oil, they sell and install heating and ventilating systems, including split unit air conditioners. Their split units are a less expensive AC systems for hot-water heated homes. Think "for non-forced air" heating systems. They installed our split units around 1998. Now we have the best of all worlds with cleaner, non drafty hot water



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heat. And cool, air conditioned rooms when we want them. We have been very pleased with our air conditioning ever since. Their business phone is 609-396-8131.....Don Wallar

## GRASS CUTTING

Bob cuts our lawn, edges, and blows the clippings off the walk for \$25 each time, comes every 2 weeks and does a few houses near us. His number is (609) 610-5141....Brian Viehland (2010)

I have a kid from my church, Roger Bernardo. His lawn service is called Rent a Rake. You can email his mom, Cheryl Bragg, at [cjacob@verizon.net](mailto:cjacb@verizon.net)..... Rochelle

Both of our daughters would be available for people who need that. Emma Rowan, age 19, [erowan@oberlin.edu](mailto:erowan@oberlin.edu) Willa Rowan, age 16, [willa\\_rowan@georgeschool.org](mailto:willa_rowan@georgeschool.org) .  
119 Buckingham, 609-392-1562,.....Andy (2009)

Let me encourage you to add James Ehret. He's here (in Hiltonia) all the time, but he lives in Ewing. 644 Concord Circle. 609-477-3366..... Scott Albert

If you happen to hear of anyone looking for a person to do outside work around the house and light gardening, or some chores that need to be attended to, my son, Michael is looking for this kind of work. You can reach me at 394-0428. .... Janeen McGrath (2010)

## HARDWOOD FLOORING REFINISHER

Blue Knight in Hamilton did a great job on our house. The best part about their system is that all of the dust created gets sucked directly out of the house into their truck. There is no collection bag on the equipment that needs to get changed (which would create dust when its taken off, emptied and replaced). I will try to post up some before and after pics of the stains that they managed to remove.....Marc Leckington

Mike and Jared Kaminski, 609 882 4683. Absolutely the best. ...Gail Z

We have an excellent refinisher, Bradford Matty. Great job, courteous service, meticulous clean up. Business: 215 598 8776; cell: 215 802 4219. ...Joe Dovidio 5/19/10

I have used Fannelle before I bought my own equipment and trained my workmen....  
Donald Brokate

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We used Blue Knight. They were very good, professional and courteous.... Sasa

Applegate did ours. He did a wonderful job. You're welcome to come over and check out his work. Komenski also does good work. ...Tom and Arlene

Blue Knight. Excellent job, very careful and clean, nice people. Did our bedroom. They also did a terrific job on the floor of Trinity Cathedral's parish hall, built in the 1880's and done badly several times before. Recommended by Ellen Wry. Number is in the phone book.

I used Blue Knight and they were just great. I recommend them.... Susan W

**BEWARE!!** We hired a hardwood flooring refinisher when we moved in, and although the final result turned out nicely, the process was horrendous! I would strongly suggest you avoid Whitesons Hardwood floor out of Princeton NJ.

## LAWN SERVICE

Candice, Susan and I use Jimmy Marks. I think others in Hiltonia use him, too. Jimmy Marks, Profile Landscaping. 577-8320. Jimmy does lawns, trims bushes and cleans gutters. However, he does not do gardening or planting that I know of.... Jean (2009)

Profile Lawn care - Jimmy Marks, Owner 577-8320 . We have used Jimmy for several years. he does many lawn in Hiltonia. Reason: he is competitively priced, has only one crew which he works along side of. They do one of the best cleanups I have seen..... George Self (2008)

I use Profile Landscape (Jimmy Marks). Jimmy's number is 609-577-8320. His price is reasonable and he does a good job..... Lindsey

I have been using Hill's Lawn Service for my lawn and other services for more than 10 years. The proprietor's name is Jeff Hill. He also provides lawn and other services for some of my neighbors. His price is reasonable and I like the work he does. He can be reached at: 609-883-8970..... Manny.

Fred Hendrickson work 609 637-9492 cell 609 306-2263. The best ever! Always leaves everything perfectly clean. Never, never has damaged any of our flowers or other things, and has been coming for over five years. Comes just when it needs cutting, and leaves it

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looking beautiful. Highly recommended. And a very nice, courteous gentleman.... Ellen Wry (2008)

The same guy we have recommended many times, Fred Hendrickson. 100% reliable, careful, courteous, does a beautiful job with no mess left behind and no damage to anything. And at a reasonable price. Call 637-9492 (home) or 306-2263 (cell). ...Ellen Wry (2009)  
Howard Jones 609-638-3861. ...Elise (2009)

I like Russ (the owner) over at Harvest Moon Nursery. They are sometimes slow and need a poke to get out when they say they will, but they do good work. 87 Federal City Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-1505, (609) 737-1079..... Mike R (2009)

I use JVC Lawn Maintenance. They are friends of mine and extremely reasonable. The owner is Justin Latini and his number is 609-610-8773. He can say I referred him. I don't believe they do snow removal, but I've never asked... Nichole (12/30/09)

Bill Rich in Penninton. They do lots of properties in Hiltonia and are reasonable... Lily Knezevich

B. Rich Lawn & Landscaping of Pennington; reliable; full service; mildly expensive.

For the past many years (more than 5?), we've used: Freda's Landscaping, 609-771-6804 (they're based in West Trenton, I believe) We've enjoyed using them because they are very dependable and the workers are extremely nice. They mow our lawn every week (in the fall blowing the leaves as needed) and then, from time to time when we call them, they prune our hedges, clean out our flower/plant beds, etc. If anyone has questions, they are welcome to call us.....Debby D'Arcangelo and Ed Dippold, 16 Kensington Avenue, 609-656-0036

Luis Chaparro-Torres 609-581-0270 or 609-510-9619; Dependable and reasonable; Patios, fish ponds, ornamental walls, lawn and garden maintenance.

## MASONS/BRICK LAYERS

His name is Raphael Munoz and he is a REALLY nice guy. 908-415-5146. Tell them to say that I recommended him.... Donald Brokate

Yes, I had my front steps redone in this way, also had work done on the house itself. Rafael Munoz, 908-415-5146..... Gail

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Casey Burns, Burns Landscape Management, 519 Grand Ave., W. Trenton, 882-3348 did a good job on our walkway. It has performed well over the last year or so, and they did come back to do some touch up without prodding..... Ellen Heath

It gives me great pleasure to say that we have at last found a good brick mason who did a terrific job fixing what was done wrong to our brick walk by the last one about four years ago, and who actually came when expected, unlike the guy for whom we waited a year and a half. He is Gene Hawrylak, phone # 609 586-1797. He also did the new porch and walk for the McLeods at the corner of Buckingham and Glenwood, lovely brick house. Take a look there and at ours at 121 Buckingham. Gene removed and replaced the indented gutters that run along the side of that walk..... Ellen Wry

I had someone -- who is not specifically a mason, but more than competently does all kinds of contracting work --reset bluestones in my large front porch floor, which was fraught with 81-year-old spalled flagstones, and did an excellent job. He's the contractor I've been using for years whom I trust to do nearly everything at our place. His name is Leslie Burrell & he goes by the moniker Blackbeard. He can be reached at 658-3319. Use my name as a reference. ....Bea Scala-Fischler

Paul Pennacchi does great mason work. 609-203-0033..... Lindsey

## PAINTERS

We used him [Arturo Cerdas] to paint the trim on our attic level, not our interior, but Arturo Cerdas did a nice job and was very pleasant to work with. He came highly recommended, and we were not disappointed. I know that he does interiors. His number is 609-610-1119. ....Jennifer Leynes, 2008

We always use "Global Painting and Contracting." The owners name is Khan. He is very reliable and his crew is good. His number is 584-5500. Good luck. ....Carol Carabelli, Interior painter, 2008

I recommend Pablo Mastroianni from Paint and Paper @ 883-0210 and for the mason, I recommend Rafael. Jennifer is welcome to come and see the job he did on my steps and porch. You can give them both my number: 695-1210..... Maria

I like German Diaz for painting, construction, and odd jobs. I have used him many times. Neat, dependable. Phone number is: (609) 505-3494. Web site is <http://>

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[www.littlebeavernj.com/](http://www.littlebeavernj.com/) (check out his web site). He has painted over 8 rooms in my house, remodeled kitchen, bathrooms, and basement, etc.... Mary Sue Henifin

Don, I painted the living room and the dining room a few years ago. Price and quality were very good. The painter's name is Mike and his number is 215 920 8708..... Joe Dovidio, 2008.

We have had the same inside house painter since 1975 when we moved in to our house. He is careful, neat, completely reliable, respectful of our house, and fair. We never call anyone else. . . .If you need someone, call this man right away. We highly recommend him. Dave Muni, 883-1655..... Brann and Ellen Wry, 2009

## **PAINTER AND CARPENTER**

I'm still finishing up details (I don't think I'll ever be actually finished!). However, the main job of replacing wood and painting the exterior of the house was done over the summer. Paint and Paper by Pablo, out of Ewing, did a terrific job. Pablo was meticulous with every detail. The trick is in the preparation. There was a lot of that as my house was in very bad shape. He worked in tandem with Jeff Krauszer, who lives on Buckingham. Whenever Pablo ran into rotted clapboard, etc., he'd call Jeff who took excellent care of the problem and was very reasonable. I also had storm windows made through Jeff. They are now in Pablo's basement being painted. They've worked together on quite a few houses in the neighborhood. They had met while Pablo was painting the house of one of Jeff's neighbors. Pablo's number is (609) 883-0210. Jeff's is (609) 306-4436. For proof, drive/walk by 11 Renfrew.

## **PEST CONTROL**

We used Pest Master for Carpenter Ants, 865 Lyndale Ave, Trenton, 08629. 609-396-0266.....  
D Wallar

We use eagle pest control for ants and bees.... Harry Reyes.

Pestmaster would be an excellent choice. Locally owned and located in Villa Park, I recommend them to homeowners all the time.... Bill Harbach

We've had Cooper Pest Control on contract for years and have been very satisfied... Bill Graff

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I have been using Western Pest Control since I moved in and am very happy. They come out 4 times a year under contract and I have no problems with spiders, ants, or any other household pest you might find.... Mike Ranallo

I have had EXTREMELY good results from a man who, along with his late father, has kept our premises bug-free for nearly 10 years, at several different locations. His name is Chris Lettiere (Lettiere Exterminators), and his cell phone number is (609) 306-5741. (I don't remember his business phone number.) I hope he can help you, too.... Marcellus Smith-

Bug Blasters (Mary). 298-8778. She is wonderful and knows her stuff and reasonable. She has been treating our house for the last 5 years. I highly recommend her business.... J Krauser

## PIANO TEACHERS

Hello, I do teach piano to beginner and intermediate students. I live on Maple Ave in Trenton and would be willing to come to your home. Please feel free to give me a call and perhaps we can arrange something. My number is 609-695-4321. I'm also attaching my information release. Thank you,....Jane Malloy (2008)

Call Westminster Conservatory in Princeton. They are about to start their fall semester. I teach at Westminster Choir College, and the college students there often teach piano for extra dough. Both of the organizations are located at 101 Walnut Lane in Princeton. The phone numbers are: Westminster Conservatory - 609-921-7104, Westminster Choir College - 609-921-7100. Ask for the Dean of Students, as they are the ones that post job opportunities. ....Rochelle Ellis (2008)

Hi Don, My wife takes piano lessons at the home of a very good piano teacher. Here's her contact information: Beryl Kutrieb, 37 Saranac Road, Trenton, NJ (Hamilton Square Area) 586-4587. (2008)

## PLASTERING

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Lou Iorio. In his seventies, an old fashioned craftsman. Pretty much retired, but still working. Did some great work for us when a pipe from our bathtub broke and soaked through our downstairs hall wall. Also did some significant work for the Schraggers recently, and they were very pleased. A nice person, too, respectful of your property. ...Tell him the Wrys recommended him. 585-3000.

I highly recommend Jerry Smith from Yardley. He is a restoration carpenter, general project guy ... and plasterer. When the State House was being refurbished a few years ago, Jerry was one of the team who replastered the interior of the dome. His number is 215-378-0622. ...  
Andy Rowan

If he is still doing it, the best plasterer in the county has to be Louis Iorio, the last of the Trenton Italian hand plasterers. If he's listed in the white pages, then he's still doing it. His listing used to read Louis Iorio, plasterer. I don't still have the phone #..... Bea

I suggest they contact Thomas J. Kehoe in Doylestown, PA. He calls himself, " Doctor Plastermaster " Mobile number is 267-261-7838 and office is 215-340-4605. ...Scott Gansl

Bill Shelton 973-699-3343 ————— Bobbie

## **PLUMBERS**

I have known Mr. Jack Kimchick, a plumber, for 20 years and he is one of the best. He is honest, reasonable-cost-wise and an excellent plumber. His telephone number is: 609-586-2026. I hope this helps. ....Manny. (2009)

For years we used Bruce Venslavsky of Century Plumbing. 609-581-0307 ...(use my name Janet Jessel).

Hoffman Plumbing 989-7174 . Tell them that I recommended them. I have used them exclusively for years.... Donald Brokate, 2007, 2009

Michael Bacon, Delaware Valley Plumbing, 609 635-3730.... Duane, 2007

McMullen Plumbers in Trenton are very good and they know Hiltonia,... Paul, 2009.



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I have used Perlstein's for many years, both commercially and domestically. In the past few weeks we had them replace a cracked internal sewer line which ran from the attic to the basement and they did an outstanding job. Sue Perlstein, one of the few licensed female "master" plumbers and the owner of the firm, is great to work with. The advantage of using them is they have years of history and experience in the old Trenton houses. A few years ago, we needed a part for one of our sinks, which they had in stock and had to be at least 50 years old. They are not cheap, being union, but they are the best. Our neighbor just had them redo their bathrooms, and 2 or 3 other contractors refused to do the work and Perlstein did the job. Their number is: (609) 393-4877. ...Stephen Schragger, 2009

I absolutely adore Don Neuls (586-5624), with whom I have had a great relationship for the past 20 or so years. Don himself has also retired from "active" duty, and his son has taken over the heavy work, but thus far, I've had the same pleasant experience with him.... Ann Laurie

I've always used Don Neuls Plumbing. His son is actually running the business for him and they are very reliable. His number is 586-5624. All I can tell you is that I've been using him for over 25 years. Good luck.....Carol C, 2009

Don, I highly recommend Kees Geurds, 609-883-9485. (He pronounces his first name like "keys", and his last name like "girds".) He really knows his way around old houses and does good work. The only problem is that because he's good, he's in high demand, so sometimes it's hard to get on his schedule.....Andy. 2009.

I highly recommend Kees also. ....dw

We use John Margicin, and have used him for years. He is reliable, honest and understands old homes. 890-1220. Please tell him Sasa Montano referred you.

I use Clinton Plumbing & Heating & like them very much. Elise (8/5/09)

## REPAIRS:

Bruce Driver is our strong recommendation. His contact # is (609) 672- 1549..... Sincerely Jeff Krauszer

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## ROOF/GUTTERS

Although I answered Don yesterday, when he sent out the e-mail requesting gutter repair people, I figured it would also be good to include the information here. Al Scheuerman replaced my roof and gutters/downspouts. I am very satisfied with the work he did and how efficiently everything was handled. ....Maria

Scheuerman Industries, Inc.  
18 Herbert Road  
Robbinsville, NJ 08691  
Tel 609 259-5310

Reyes Family uses Ned Stevens at 800-542-0267. Never had a problem. They clean my gutters 3 to 4 times yearly..... Harry Reyes, 218 Renfrew Ave.

For gutters, we use Peter Weidmann 695-6286. He comes promptly and does the job quickly for about \$50 for our house..... Ellen Heath

We've been happy with Treps Roofing for all of our roof repair/replacement and gutter problems: 609-695-8234, ....Jennifer and Andy Leynes

I had the roof and gutters replaced by Al Schuerman. I am very happy with everything!  
....Maria

Andrew Construction LLC is a respected general contractor with a Seamless Gutter sub-specialty. His repairs frequently exceed original construction durability standards.  
609-394-1110..... Don Wallar

Al Scheuerman of Scheuerman industries has done slate roof repairs for my neighbors. This year I had them look at my roof. They found 8 tiles that needed to be replaced, but also replaced all the lose nails in the ridge tiles with screws, and added sealant along the ridge and dormers to waterproof the seams. They came the day after I called them, did the work quickly (3 hours or so) and had a very reasonable price (under \$500). I plan to have them out again for a yearly inspection and repair.

It's not a bad deal to keep your 60+ year old slate roof from needing to be replaced.

-Brian Viehland

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## ROOFERS

We also had roof work done recently (asphalt and slate repair) by Treps Roofing and were very pleased with the result. ...Jennifer Leynes, 2008

In the past I have recommended Al Scheuerman who I have a great regard for. Al Scheuerman, Scheuerman Industries Inc, 18 Herbert Rd, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 Office: (609) 259-5310, Fax: (609) 259-5312 He has done a lot of work at my house and based on past experience with many roofers, he's one of the best. He is also busy and does a lot of commercial work, but has been used by other Hiltonians for slate work.... S. Schragger

The contractor we were really pleased about was Al Scheuerman for our roof. Scheuerman Industries, Inc., 18 Herbert Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691. (609) 259-5310. They gave our metal roofs an excellent workover, and fixed some slates. He and his brother-in-law were pleasant and professional and came when they promised. I got the name from your email query - so thank you.... Ellen Heath

We would not use anyone except Al Scheuerman at 396-7663. He is definitely the best: reliable, neat, careful, good price and a good, careful job. You can tell him the Wrys recommended him.

I used Al Scheuerman (609) 977-5084. He is not a slate roof specialist, but he did a great job on my slate roof without tar. I have also seen him working on other slate roofs in Hiltonia. Moses M

Accurate Roofing Installed our New Roof at 212 Buckingham Ave. They did an excellent job. ...Duane & Connie.

I have used Trenton Roofing to replace the rolled rubber roof on my garage and was happy. I have not used them for larger jobs such as a "proper" shingled roof though. I was happy with them for the garage though for what it is worth.

For my house roof which is slate, I use Leeland's Slate exclusively. They are great at what they do, which is only slate roofing. Philadelphia office : (610) 328-4446, ...Mike Ranallo,

The only roofer I use is Leslie Burrell, known as Blackbeard. He has kept my old slate roof intact for a long time without resorting to half-baked measures such as tar patching. He can be reached at 658-3319. Let him know that I recommended him. He is currently putting a whole new 2nd floor hall bathroom for me.

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Also, Tracey Syphax's Capitol City Contracting also is a good reputable roofer. Tracey lives in Cadwalader Heights. His company is listed in the phone book..... Bea Scala-Fischler

Charlie Flesch of Flesch's Roofing is well versed in slate roofing and copper gutter work. He is under contract by Princeton University and Princeton Seminary as the main roofing-gutter restorer/historically correct new build work firm. The charges are, as I last remember, \$25.00/hour – not man-hour, per hour – plus materials. Charlie is known for the quality of his work, his outspoken honesty, and the fact that it is exceptionally difficult to get them to return calls and then to fit you into his schedule. That being said, I have found it well worth the wait to get his crew out to my house.

They took off my old slate roof and replaced it with high-end asphalt shingles (40-year guaranteed), as well as all new gutter work for my house and garage. I saved \$12,000 against my highest quote and \$8,000 against my next lowest quote. I had NO cleanup. Not one loose nail did I find afterward. These guys are good. One just has to wait to get in their schedule. My suggestion for the wait is to be patient, don't get frustrated, and call periodically with a pleasant reminder about one's needs. They tend not to respond to angry, frustrated phone calls. This is all a function of the amount of business they have because they are just so good. They'll get back to you – it'll just be in their time. It's worth the wait.... Mark H. Edl

DeFrehn roofing (Yardley or Newtown) does that kind of work. They worked on our tin gutters. Not the cheapest, but skilled and well-managed. They call you back!! And if they can't make an appointment, they call to tell you. That in itself is so rare in construction these days that it makes me want to hire them again. The work they did on our house was very well done, and done on time. They also do slate. The (insurance?) building on the corner of 332 and 413 in Newtown has a beautiful slate roof they installed a few years ago...Andy Rowan

I can recommend Treps roofing. I've used them for years as have my parents before me. Roof of my current house is not slate, alas, but my previous house and my parent's house were both slate.... Lily K

We recommend Treps Roofing also. They removed our rotting slate roof and reroofed the house in 2 days! We were delighted with their work then. And we're still pleased with it 15 years later..... Don & Georgia.

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## SNOW REMOVAL

I have a business as a handyman service, including a wide variety of small projects, including residential snow removal. My phone number is 278-1236.... David Brown

I highly recommend Bill for snow removal. He is reliable and a good worker with reasonable rates. After calling him he said he was interested. ....Thanks, Jeff

H & H Landscaping, Bucks and Mercer County, Lawn Mowing Landscaping Pruning Spring and Fall Clean-ups Free Estimates Bill 6 Abernethy Drive, 609.496.1966 , contact [WilliamHENT@Hotmail.com](mailto:WilliamHENT@Hotmail.com)

## TREE SERVICES

I'd like to recommend Carroll and Company Tree Service: <http://www.carrollindustriesinc.com/> Their telephone # is 609 689-3004  
I had a whole tree cut down and a couple of them trimmed last June.

Two other neighbors on this block also used their services, having previously obtained estimates from other companies. We dealt with David (Dave) Deveney - [d.deveney@carrollindustriesinc.com](mailto:d.deveney@carrollindustriesinc.com) - He took his time listening to our requests and concerns. I thought they did a terrific job. They were very careful as they worked and everything was nicely cleaned up..... Maria S.

We had them too [Carroll and Company Tree Service] and were very pleased with their work and their price. ....The Wry's

I have used McKays Tree Service -Scott McKay, and have been extremely satisfied. He has done a great deal of big tree work for me. Scott 577-3949. Tell him I recommended him. For smaller jobs I have also used Coryell Tree Service Mike Coryell- A great Pleasure to deal with, Mike had recommended Scott for the larger jobs, Coryell, 882-4014..... Donald Brokate

To which I will add on behalf of our neighbors who used them, Bushwacker Stumps LLC. They have the very expensive stump removal grinder, in addition to doing standard mature tree trimming and removal, and mature shrubbery work. Contact Bob on the job, at 609-914-4254, or at the shop, 877-788-6710..... Don Wallar.

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Chris Schlegel, 215-295-4769. He lives in Morrisville and does a lot of work in the neighborhood. Sometimes he's hard to get a hold of, but he's very good and very reasonable..... Gail Z

Atlantic Tree Service, Patrick Brown, owner, Ewing, N.J. 771-8045 and Carroll Industries, Inc., Youngs Rd. Hamilton, N.J. 689-3004.... A Schroth

We recently used Nicks Tree Service, 267-997-1926 and they did a fantastic job. Very reasonable, quick, and clean.....Sasa

In addition to providing excellent lawn service, Len Genovay has done a very good job of cutting and trimming the trees on our property over the last eight years. Len may be reached at 609-882-4408 or 609-538-1925..... Jim Golden

## **TREE SERVICE/GOOD & BAD**

We had Justins Tree Services here to trim two 60 foot tall trees and add a supporting cable in one of them. Their price was good and they had good recommendations from the next door neighbors.

So they scheduled to come out on Saturday the 10th of April and were to be at the house starting between 8 and 10. They showed up at 10:30 and instead of getting right to work on our trees, they started performing work for the neighbors - while parked in our driveway. They chopped up a fallen tree next door and threw the limbs over the 6' wooden fence into our yard to run through the chipper. In the process, they threw at least one branch into the brand new playset I had \*just\* assembled for my kid's upcoming birthday. When they finally STARTED working on our trees, it was 11:30! My wife called the owner to inform him that she was concerned about their lack of concern for our property and he said he would come out personally. He never did.

Shortly after they started, I had to tell them to move their gas cans, oil cans, etc out of the kids brand new playground and put them on the gravel driveway not more than 3 feet away. Why would someone put their gas and oil in a playground of all places?

The work they did trimming the trees was good. When they finally finished at 4:00 or so, they informed me that they didn't have the cable for the tree and would have to come back Thursday. Then they asked for 20% more money than the estimate. I wrote a check for the

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original amount, stapled it to a copy of the estimate and wrote that they still owe me the cable in the memo line and handed it over to an unhappy worker.

On their way out of the driveway, they ran off the side of the concrete, creating a 6" deep rut in the yard which happened to rip out/push down/ or otherwise eliminate my gas shut off valve that had just recently been rebuilt by PSE&G.

They didn't come that Thursday. Since then, I have called each Monday (three weeks) to ask them when they were coming and each time, I was told "Wed or Thur" and they don't show. They finally came this afternoon (without notice) - May 2nd - to install the cable after I left them a message about refunding me some of my money.

Summary - they do acceptable work, but they are inconsiderate at best and need a lot of babysitting.

## **TRENTON TIRE WHOLESALE**

Don Wallar also recommends Trenton Wholesale Tire.

If like me, you need tires, make sure that you check with Scott Sandford at Trenton Tire Wholesale on Olden Ave. His prices beat everyone I compare, including Tire Rack, for premium, original equipment tires. Impressive! He is located next to the National Car Rental on Olden Ave. His number is 771-8455. I've gotten 3 sets of tires there too. Scott's "installed price" is consistently better than Tire Rack's pricing for just the tires!

.....Marc Leckington

## **VETERINARY/KENNEL**

Although a little pricey, the West Trenton Animal Hospital does a good job with our dog, both as her vet and for boarding when we are out of town.

West Trenton Animal Hospital

568 Grand Ave

Ewing, NJ 08628-2997

(609) 771-0995

<http://www.westtrentonanimalhosp.com/>



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## WATERPROOFING

I used Paramount Waterproofing both here in my Hiltonia house and at the house I moved from in West Windsor. I was extremely pleased with their service and my basement is finally dry! The guy's name is Chris DuFour. <http://www.paramountwaterproofing.com/> Please tell them that Rochelle Ellis is recommending them. ....Rochelle 8/3/09

Tony and I used Pennachi Brothers. We were having a problem for many years after a heavy rain. Since they waterproofed for us about a year ago, it has been wonderful. Regards, Carol 8/3/09 There is a place called Bone Dry that some of the [Police] officers have used that is supposed to be very good. I think they are in Pa. Our then Community Affairs Officer

A cautionary note. By the way, my neighbor can tell you who NOT to hire. It seems that the so-called "national" companies just take their cut and fob the work off to local contractors and wash their hands of any responsibility for the quality of that work. It seems that one must be very careful with this kind of contractor. The one who does the job may not be the one that the homeowner thinks he/she is hiring. If someone has a reputable contractor, I'd be happy to learn the name. ....Jean