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Summer Schedule Starts Soon!

Starting Wed, 3/16

We will be open:

Wed & Th 10-8

Fri, Sat, & Sun 9-6

(We will remain closed on
Mondays & Tuesdays)

Cool events around town



Please nominate us!

The City Paper has announced the nomination round of their "Best of DC 2011" contest. We won last year, thanks to all our loyal Forklift Fans. Let's make it happen again!



Nominate Community Forklift for Best Home Goods Store.

Advertising is expensive for a nonprofit like us. But if we win this award, it means thousands of dollars of free publicity in the City Paper!!!!

And remember: lots of publicity = more donations arriving at the Forklift = a better selection when you come shopping.

The nomination period ends 3/14.

That's only 5 days away, so please tell all your friends, and vote now!!

Visit us!

Our huge warehouse is located at:
4671 Tanglewood Dr,
Edmonston MD 20781

We're in the Hyattsville area, just 5 minutes from the DC line.

Please visit our website for:

a map and detailed [directions to our store](#),

to learn how to [donate building materials](#),

or to support our work with a [financial contribution](#).

New Hold Policy

Because all sales are final (except appliances and radiators), we have always allowed customers to hold items. We provide this courtesy so that you can check your measurements before you make a purchase.

However, we have recently streamlined our hold policy, so that it is fairer and easier to understand. Please read carefully:

Celebrate Spring with us!



March Madness Festival & Garden Sale: Sat. March 26th

* lots of **garden items & tools** for sale starting at 9 am.



* **free seeds** & planting advice from 2-5pm, thanks to volunteers from

the [Neighborhood Farm Initiative](#)



* lemonade & lunch: bring a dish for the **potluck** from 12-3pm

* **door prizes** all day

* awards for the best **garden party attire** at 1 pm. C'mon, let's see some seersucker, frills, & jaunty hats!



* **Four-legged Forklift Fans** are welcome, as long as they're leashed, and their humans will clean up messes.



1) A customer may hold up to 3 items, or one set of items, **until the close of the following business day**. This is a free service.

2) You must come into the store and look at an item before we will place a hold on it for you. **No phone or internet holds**.

3) It is not enough to tell an employee or volunteer that you would like to hold something - please watch them place a blue sticker on the item before you leave the store.

4) You must return by the end of the following business day to pay for the item. **The hold will not be extended for any reason** - no exceptions. You may not hold an item more than once.

5) Only one person may hold an item at a time. **There will be no secondary holds**.



6) To keep prices low, **YOU** are responsible for loading. Forklift volunteers and

* Special **live mandolin** performance by Neil Gladd at 1:30 pm.



* **DJ One HeART Muzik** presents: "Put Some Pep in Your Spring-time Step."

If you can decorate, bring a dish, donate door prizes, play music - or if you have suggestions - contact [Ruthie\(at\)CommunityForklift.com](mailto:Ruthie(at)CommunityForklift.com) or 301-985-5180

March Sales!

10-cent Granite



This month, pay just a dime for granite counter scraps that are one square foot or less. Yes, only 10 cents each!! *Sale does not apply to granite tile.*

The scraps make great edgers for your garden beds or walkways, or can be used for coasters or cheese platters. This [discussion](#) on Garden Web has more good ideas.

Salvaged Doors

Take 30% off all salvaged doors that are \$34 or less! This includes modern, vintage, solid, hollow, louvered, and bifold doors (Sale does not apply to surplus/new doors, doors in frames, or doors without orange price tags).



[Apartment Therapy](#) has some great suggestions for repurposing doors, like the weekly calendar board above.

employees are not able to help you load your purchase into your vehicle. However, after you purchase an item, we do provide free storage for 14 days (to give you time to round up friends or hire help). More details can be found on the storage form that you fill out at the time of purchase.

7) Forklift volunteers contribute many hours of their time to build this community. To thank them, we allow regular volunteers to hold an item for a longer than one day (at the discretion of the volunteer manager).

Get your hands on the good stuff!



To give you a taste, here are some of our latest posts:



Come in and see this gorgeous wardrobe (\$325).



Missing feet? Just build a cradle from reclaimed wood. Photo from the NYT, Photo credit by Ira Lippke

Bathtubs

Take 30% all modern & vintage tubs priced at \$100 or less, including jet tubs. Sale does not apply to tubs without price tags. You'll save more than money - according to [this article](#), choosing a repurposed bathtub instead of a new one saves the equivalent of 450 pounds of averted carbon dioxide, 789 days of lighting a fluorescent bulb, and 312 miles of driving an SUV.

You don't need a tub? Maybe you need a colorful [sofa](#) like the Etsy one below!

Or, you can create a garden bed for flowers or water plants. First, take a look at these [useful tips](#). Then, check out what the smart kids at Bancroft Elementary did with an assortment of [pink, blue, and white tubs](#) (this happens to be the same school that has been helping Mrs. Obama with the White House kitchen garden)



What about a worm composting container? ProfessrPatPending has a series of YouTube videos about how his [bathtub worm farm](#), and the WSU Extension Service has great [step-by-step instructions](#) to get those worms wiggling.

\$1 Pallets

Pay just a buck each for wood pallet. Limit 5 per customer. If you have a damp basement, they are nice for elevating your stuff so air can circulate. Pallets are also great for building compost bins. Blogger

[ThisGardenIsIllegal](#) lists detailed instructions on how to build one. You could probably find all the other parts you need here at Community Forklift!



We've got tons of PVC pipe in stock. Finally fix that leaky sink! From as low as \$.15 per lf, or \$.50 per joint



So stylish - and fun! Amana fridge with chalkboard doors for your kitchen. Bottom drawer freezer is more energy efficient too - only \$750.

Cool events



Drink specials + crafting from scraps = our kind of happy hour!

On Thursday, March 10th, our friends over at ScrapDC (the School and Community

Bathroom & Kitchen Sinks

Take 30% all modern & vintage sinks priced at \$100 or less, including stainless, cast iron, pedestal, and cement cultured marble. Sale does not apply kitchen cabinet sets that include sinks, bathroom cabinet vanity sets, or sinks without price tags.



Reuse Action Project) are having a fundraiser. They are a new offshoot of SCRAP from Portland, OR.

They work to inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable art materials to the community. The fundraiser is at the Big Hunt (1345 Connecticut Avenue NW) and there will be happy hour priced drinks and a fun craft project as well.

Even if you can't make it to the fundraiser, they need lots of volunteer help too! Visit their [webpage](#) for more info.

Is your shed overflowing?

Every spring, we get lots of requests from folks who need low-cost materials to spruce up yards & community gardens.

Please consider donating your...



- * sturdy pots
- * patio furniture
- * brick & pavers
- * garden tools
- * birdhouses
- * soil & seed
- * gates & fencing
- * lawnmowers in good working order
- * other landscaping materials



Natural Building Workshop in Nepal

Are you interested in learning more about natural building techniques? How about international travel? Our friends at the Helicon Works Architectural Collaborative are teaming up with the KRM Eco Foundation to offer a Natural Building Workshop in Nepal, from March 18th to April 3rd. Go for as long or as short as you want; your only costs are room and board (\$40/night) and airfare (\$1500-2000). Check out their [blog](#), and send an e-mail to [Bill\(at\)HeliconWorks.com](mailto:Bill(at)HeliconWorks.com) for

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept thin plastic pots and planting trays (the disposable kind that live plants are sold in).

For more info, visit [our donations page](#).

Are you a do-gooder?

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu

This spring, there are lots of ways YOU can lift up our local community.

Volunteer Orientations at the Forklift

If you've been meaning to volunteer with Community Forklift, now is your chance! During the warm months, we always need a lot of Community Builders to help in the store (the time commitment is flexible, according to your schedule). We will also need Outreach Volunteers to staff our booth at local festivals - check out our [calendar](#), and you'll see that we've already been invited to dozens of events!



So, we're holding FOUR orientations in the month of March to get everyone ready. Registration is required - **please email your name, number, and the date you'll attend** to [Ruthie\(at\)CommunityForklift.com](mailto:Ruthie@CommunityForklift.com)

- Sun, 3/13, 3-4 pm:** Community Builder Orientation
- Wed. 3/16, 7-8 pm:** Outreach Volunteer Orientation
- Sun, 3/20, 3-4 pm:** Outreach Volunteer Orientation
- Thurs. 3/31, 7-8 pm:** Community Builder Orientation

If you can't make it to one of these, but would still like to volunteer, just contact Ruthie at 301-904-7579 to set up an orientation appointment.

more information.



Green Living Expo in Arlington

On March 19th, the Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment are presenting the

[Green Living Expo](#). This year's focus is on how to green our schools. There will be activities for kids, seminars, sustainable food, cooking demonstrations, and networking roundtables.



Montgomery County Rainscape Workshops

The [Rainscapes](#) program is offering several workshops for county residents at Brookside Gardens. Register right away, because these classes fill up quickly! (They also have grant money available for homeowners - visit their [website](#) for more info).

March 11 & 12:

Rain Garden Workshop

April 15 & 16:

Make & Take Rain Barrels

May 20 & 21:

Conservation Landscaping Workshop

Building a Better Block Project



Join the Neighborhood Design Center, Community Forklift, and hundreds of community members & partners as we transform a half-vacant commercial block in nearby Mount Rainier into a vibrant

"Main Street" with outdoor cafes, performers, local vendors, and art installations. **We are looking for volunteers, vendors, artists, and performers for the event.**

The goal of the project is to show the economic potential of 34th Street while energizing the community (it's modeled on an event in Oak Cliff, Texas, which was so successful that just a month later, their abandoned strip was completely leased and full of new businesses).

April 1: To prepare, we promised to find some Forklift Fans **willing to operate a power-washer.**

April 2 & 3: Elbow Grease Weekend: we especially need **DIY-ers and laborers who can operate simple power tools.**

April 9 (Rain date April 10): The day of the Better Block Party!! We need general volunteers to help with the event, and **creative folks to help with kids' crafts** at Community Forklift's booth.

For more info, visit [the event page](#), the Better Block [Facebook page](#), or contact [John Flippo](#) at 301-779-6010. To volunteer at the Community Forklift booth, contact [Ruthie\(at\)CommunityForklift.com](mailto:Ruthie(at)CommunityForklift.com)

Days End Farm Horse Rescue

Help the good works of [Days End Farm Horse Rescue](#)! They moved to a 58-acre facility in 2008. Then, an arena was donated to them. They deconstructed it, and are now planning to reconstruct the arena on



their new site, but they need lots of construction help for this part of the job. We know that Community Forklift customers and donors are just the kind of folks who can help make this happen with all of our special building expertise! They need the services of construction companies, large trucks and cranes,

flatbeds for moving the large parts, and skilled construction labor. They also need masons, or a masonry company. Let 's support the work of this wonderful Maryland non-profit. Contact Days End at 301-854-5037 or [info\(at\)defhr.org](mailto:info(at)defhr.org).



March Coupon

COUPON: Take \$5 off any Community Forklift purchase over \$20. Limit one coupon per household per month. Expires March 31, 2011.

Offer Expires: March 31, 2011.

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