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## BEST OF BETHESDA



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# HOMES & neighborhoods

## Luxury Apartment Building THE PALISADES OF BETHESDA

Top service and luxury living just blocks from downtown Bethesda are two of the reasons *Bethesda Magazine* readers chose The Palisades of Bethesda as the Best Luxury Apartment Building for the second time. It also won in 2010.

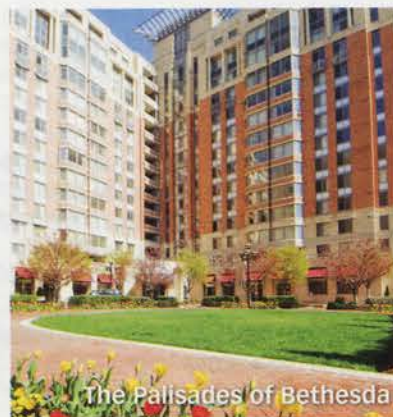
Designer kitchens, fireplaces and soaking tubs are among the features of The Palisades' 260 luxury apartments and 50 two-story penthouses. Amenities include free fitness training, social activities and 24-hour concierge service—"the best service possible as soon as possible," Property Manager Richard Lashley says.

In 2011, The Palisades won an Apartment Community Excellence Award from the Property Management Association of Bethesda, which serves the Washington, D.C., area.

Apartment rents range from \$1,250 to \$7,700 per month.

4835 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, 888-612-7898, [www.thepalisadesapts.net](http://www.thepalisadesapts.net)

**Other top vote-getters:** Upstairs at Bethesda Row, The Grand



The Palisades of Bethesda



Jane Fairweather

## Real Estate Agent JANE FAIRWEATHER

With more than \$1 billion in career sales, Jane Fairweather has remained the top Coldwell Banker agent in the Washington metropolitan area for the past decade.

Fairweather, who started as an agent in 1985, credits her success to the deep roots she has in the community. "I live in Bethesda, and this is where I raised my children," she says. "People feel I belong to them."

Shannon Hawkins Small, who hired Fairweather in 2011 to sell her Bethesda home, says she was impressed by Fairweather's hands-on involvement.

"I love that even though Jane has an outstanding team—all of whom add value and expertise—she remains a roll-your-sleeves-up, hands-on leader," Hawkins Small says. "She was engaged and responsive every step of the way—and just plain fun to work with."

**Other top vote-getters:** Wylder Brothers, Nathan Dart, Traci Levine, Marc Fleisher, Margie Halem, The Koitz Group

## Best Builder SANDY SPRING BUILDERS

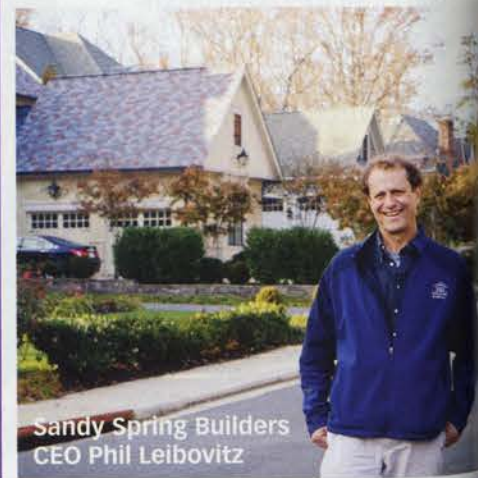
Sandy Spring Builders CEO Phil Leibovitz says the company is entrenched " smack in the middle of Bethesda—our offices, the houses we build and the houses we live in." That commitment to the community may be why *Bethesda Magazine* readers have voted this company the area's best builder in 2008, 2010 and now 2013.

"You can't drive through Bethesda without coming across a Sandy Spring Builders project," Leibovitz says. "I live next to a home we built, I live across the street from a home we built and when I walk to downtown, I pass at least eight houses we built."

Founded in 1982, Sandy Spring Builders specializes in custom homes, and its renovations division handles projects of all sizes. The company also is certified by the National Association of Home Builders' National Green Building Program.

4302 East West Highway, Bethesda, 301-913-5995, [www.sandyspringbuilders.com](http://www.sandyspringbuilders.com)

**Other top vote-getters:** Douglas Construction Group, Meridian Homes, BOWA, Carter Inc. Builders, Edgemoor Custom Builders, Gilday Renovations, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Craftstar Homes



Sandy Spring Builders  
CEO Phil Leibovitz

## Interior Designer NATALIE NUNES INTERIOR DESIGN

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Bart Goldstein  
Jodi Macklin  
Lena Kroupnik Interiors  
Jody Wilens  
Kristin Peake Interiors  
Adrian Small

## Mortgage Broker DEB LEVY (EagleBank)

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Craig Strent (Apex Home Loans)  
Mike Haggerty (Presidential Bank Mortgage)  
C.J. Kemp (SunTrust)  
Lenny Gordon (SunTrust)

## Architect ARCHAEON ARCHITECTS

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Studio Z Design Concepts

GTM Architects  
Anthony Wilder Design/Build  
Ponte Mellor Architects  
Claude C. Lapp Architects  
Marc Kramer

## Landscaping Company FINE EARTH

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Hughes Landscaping  
American Plant  
Brickman  
Johnson's Landscaping  
Wray Brothers Landscapes  
John Shorb Landscaping

## Nursery/Garden Center AMERICAN PLANT

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Behnke Nurseries  
Johnson's  
Good Earth

## Luxury Condo LIONSGATE

**Other top vote-getters:**  
Somerset House  
The Edgemoor at Montgomery Lane  
Park Potomac  
Adagio



American Plant

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