

The Winners!

Thank you to all who voted in our third annual Readers' Choice contest. We saw so much enthusiasm this year — and we don't blame you. There are many great businesses, restaurants, health-care providers and other talented individuals in the Baltimore area that deserve your recognition. We invite you to read, share and enjoy these excellent winners that are an important part of our community. Congratulations to all of them and thank you, our readers, for participating in this year's Readers' Choice contest.

HOMETOWN HEROES: COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Best Doctor - Pandemic Response
TIE: Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, M.D. Mercy Personal Physicians, Downtown and Canton; Dr. Risa W. Huber, M.D., Ascension Medical Group

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Douglas Edward Gladstone, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Best First Responder - Pandemic Response Kayla Coughlin, Baltimore City Fire Department

RUNNER-UP: Patrick Curtis, Baltimore County Fire Department

Best Hospital - Pandemic Response The Johns Hopkins Hospital

RUNNER-UP: GBMC HealthCare

Best Nonprofit - Pandemic Response Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS)

RUNNER-UP: Maryland Food Bank

Best Nurse - Pandemic Response

Nicole Donovan, RN, GBMC Medical Intensive

RUNNER-UP: Megan Mangione, RN, Johns Hopkins Medicine Surgical Intensive Care Unit

ALL ABOUT THE ARTS

Best Art Museun

The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore

Best Classic Baltimore Event

Artscape, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: A Baltimore Orioles baseball game

Best Local Musician and Group Kelly Bell Band

RUNNER-UP: Cris Jacobs, Baltimore

Best Museum

American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park, Church Creek

Best Performing Arts VenueHippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Baltimore

Best Quirky-Cool Spot Papermoon Diner, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: The Hampden neighborhood, Baltimore

Best Visual Artist

Beth-Ann Wilson (Night Owl Gallery),

RUNNER-UP: Grayson Weidel (The Rellim Collection), Towson

B'MORE BEAUTIFUL

Kayla Fields, Floyd's 99 Barbershop, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Dawn Mauck, Shearz Inc., Baltimore

Best Makeup Artist

Sofia Alexandria Makeup Artistry, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Kristen Floyd at OCB Spa, Baltimore

Best Hair Stylist

Shannon McKew, Salon 8736, Nottingham

RUNNER-UP: Rikki Taylor Hair LLC, Baltimore

Best Mani and Pedi

Nic Nails at Wise Tannery, Dundalk

RUNNER-UP: About Faces Day Spa & Salon, locations in Annapolis, Baltimore, Pikesville, Salisbury, Timonium and Towson

Best Massage About Faces Day Spa & Salon, locations in Annapolis, Baltimore, Pikesville, Salisbury, Timonium and Towson

RUNNER-UP: Bobbie Jo Brooks, Balanced by Bobbie

Best Permanent Makeup The Baltimore Beauties LLC, Lutherville-Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Bella - Inked Elegantly, Baltimore

Best Place to Get Botox Dr. Samuel Hahn, Maryland Center for Facial Plastic Surgery, Hunt Valley

RUNNER-UP: LifeMed Institute, Lutherville-Timonium

Best Salon

Salon 8736, Nottingham

RUNNER-UP: Shearz Inc., Baltimore

Skin Works by Tiffany, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: About Faces Day Spa & Salon, locations in Annapolis, Baltimore, Pikesville, Salisbury, Timonium and Towson

Best Waxing

Crystal Swinder, The Browtender Collective,

RUNNER-UP: Skin Works by Tiffany, Baltimore

EATS AND DRINKS

Best Bakery Yia Yia's Bakery and Pizzeria, Rosedale

RUNNER-UP: Fenwick Bakery, Parkville

Das Bierhalle, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Hard Yacht Cafe, Dundalk

est Bartender

Will Shriver

RUNNER-UP: Amy Johnston, Looney's Pub, Canton

Miss Shirley's Cafe, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Blue Moon Cafe, Baltimore

The Bluebird Cocktail Room & Pub, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Taco Love Grill, Baltimore and White Marsh

Best Coffee Shop to Get Some Work Done Starbucks, various locations in the Baltimore area

RUNNER-UP: Daily Grind Coffee, Baltimore

Best Crab Cake

Pappas Restaurant & Sports Bar Parkville-Cockeysville-Glen Burnie-

MGM National Harbor pappascrabcakes.com

RUNNER-UP: Koco's Pub, Baltimore

Best Date Night Locale

The Food Market, Baltimore and Columbia

RUNNER-UP: Tagliata, Baltimore

Sip & Bite, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Iron Rooster, locations in Annapolis, Canton, Hunt Valley and Locust Point

Best Grocery Store

Wegmans, multiple locations in Maryland

RUNNER-UP: ALDI, multiple locations in Maryland

Best Happy Hour TIE: Hard Yacht Cafe, Dundalk; Michael's Cafe, Timonium and Middle River

RUNNER-UP: Costas Inn, Baltimore

Best Hidden Gem
Papermoon Diner, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: (TIE) Annabel Lee Tavern, Baltimore; Sunset Cove. Baltimore

Best Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt The Charmery, Baltimore and Towson

RUNNER-UP: BMORE LICKS, Canton and Federal Hill

Duckpin Pale Ale, Union Craft Brewing, Baltimore RUNNER-UP: Dundalk Calling, Key Brewing Co., Dundalk

Inverness Brewing, Monkton

RUNNER-UP: Union Craft Brewing, Baltimore

Best Local Cheap Eats Charcoal Grill, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Bird River Inn & Crabhouse, Middle River

Best Local Cup of Coffee Zeke's Coffee, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Baltimore Coffee and Tea Company, locations in Annapolis, Frederick, Hanover, Odenton and Timonium

Best Local Liquor Store Total Wine & More, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Drug City Pharmacy and Liquors, Baltimore

DiPasquale's Italian Marketplace, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Atwater's, locations in Belvedere, Canton, Catonsville, Hopkins and Kenilworth

Best Pizza

Pizza John's, Essex 113 Back River Neck Rd, Essex, MD 21221 PizzaJohns com

RUNNER-UP: Matthew's Pizza, Baltimore

Best Place to Pick Up a Date Hightopps Backstage Grille, Timonium

RUNNER-UP: The Point in Fells, Baltimore

Best Restaurant

The Food Market, Baltimore and Columbia

RUNNER-UP: Costas Inn, Baltimore

Best Restaurant View The Bygone, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Fager's Island Restaurant and Bar, Ocean City

Best Salad

Nalley Fresh, locations in Baltimore, BWI Airport, Canton, Columbia, Gaithersburg, Hunt Valley Owings Mills, Timonium, Towson and White Marsh

RUNNER-UP: Chiapparelli's Restaurant, Baltimore

Best Taco Tuesday Taco Love Grill

RUNNER-UP: Clavel, Baltimore

EVERYTHING ELSE

Best Financial Plann

Chesapeake Financial Advisors, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Williams Asset Management, Columbia

Best Law Firm
Turnbull Brockmeyer Law Group, Baltimore and Towson

RUNNER-UP: Venable LLP, Baltimore

Best Local Bank

M&T Bank

DUNNED-UD. PNC Bank

Best Local Insurance Agency and AgentDane Spealman, State Farm Insurance Agent,

Pikesville

RUNNER-UP: Eric W. Snyder, Eric Insurance, Parkton

Snazzy Jazzy's Pet Salon & Spa, Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Hair Off the Dog Grooming Salon and Spa, Baltimore

FITNESS & FUN

Best Ball Field

Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Ball field at Meadowood Local Park, Colesville

Best Exercise Class

INLINE Barre, Bel Air and Perry Hall

RUNNER-UP: Brian Rice, Zumba Fitness, Merritt Clubs Towson

Best Gym and Fitness Center

Merritt Clubs, multiple locations in the greater

RUNNER-UP: ACAC Fitness and Wellness, Timonium

Best Hiking Trail NCR Trail, Hunt Valley

RUNNER-UP: Patapsco Valley State Park, Ellicott City

Best Personal Trainer Matt Wilson, DO WORK Fitness, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Jessica Kern, INLINE Barre, Bel Air and Perry Hall

Best Post-Yoga Juice Spot Pure Raw Juice, locations in Bel Air, Federal Hill, Hampden, Locust Point and Towson

RUNNER-UP: PLANTBAR, locations in Belvedere Square, Brewers Hill, Harbor Point and Towson

Best Social Sport Walking

RUNNER-UP: Bocce ball

Best Yoga Baltimore Hot Yoga & Wellness, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Janice Ingson Bumbry, Bee Well Living, Lutherville

HOUSE & HOME

Canton Car Wash, locations in Abingdon, Canton, Columbia, Nottingham and Pikesville

RUNNER-UP: Auto Spa Car Wash, Cockeysville

Hammer's Underground Utilities Corp.,

RUNNER-UP: Walter Electric, Glen Burnie and Rockville

Best Flooring Amazonia Floors, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Jim Boyd's Flooring America, Timonium

Best HVAC White Marsh Heating and Air. White Marsh

RUNNER-UP: BGE HOME, serving multiple locations in Marvland

Best Interior Design

Stephanie Bradshaw, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Patrick Sutton, Baltimore

Kilmon's Lawn and Landscaping

RUNNER-UP: TDH Landscaping, Monkton

Best Local Dry Cleaners ZIPS Dry Cleaners, Cockeysville

RUNNER-UP: J & J Alterations & Cleaning, Lutherville

Best Pest Control

Brody Brothers Pest Control, Owings Mills

RUNNER-UP: Pest Czar, Towson

Best Plumber

First Class Mechanical, Westminster

RUNNER-UP: BGE HOME, serving multiple locations

Best Real Estate Firm

Cummings & Co. Realtors, locations in Baltimore, Bel Air, Canton, Columbia, Lutherville, Ruxton, Perry Hall and Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Northrop Realty, A Long & Foster Company, serving multiple locations in Maryland

Robert Commodari, The Commodari Group of eXp Realty, Nottingham

RUNNER-UP: Frank Kraus, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty, Baltimore

Best Roofing, Siding and Decking Turner Roofing Co., White Marsh

RUNNER-UP: Gary Welch, Summit Roofing Contractors Inc

Window Nation, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Window World of Baltimore, Baltimore

KIDS AND COMMUNITY

Best (Actually Teen-Approved)

Boys and Girls Club, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: 4Front, a program of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore

Best Community Center

Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore, Locations in Baltimore and Owings Mills

RUNNER-UP: North Harford Recreation Council, Pylesville

Best Co-working Space

R. House, Baltimor

RUNNER-UP: Spark Baltimore

Best Day CampBeachmont Christian Ministries Day Camp, Kingsville

RUNNER-UP: J Camps, presented by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore

Best Fundraising Event Festival of Trees, benefiting the Kennedy Krieger Institute

RUNNER-UP: Polar Bear Plunge, benefiting Special Olympics Maryland

Best Kids' Programming WTMD 89.7

RUNNER-UP: Tiny Easel, Baltimore

Best Local Mascot

Poe, Baltimore Ravens

RUNNER-UP: The Oriole Bird, Baltimore Orioles

Best Nonprofit Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS)

RUNNER-UP: Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Best Overnight Camp River Valley Ranch, Manchester

RUNNER-UP: Camp Puh'tok, Monkton

Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park,

Cockeysville

RUNNER-UP: Cromwell Valley Park, Parkville

Best Playground Angel Park, Perry Hall

RUNNER-UP: Annie's Playground, Fallston

Best Restaurant for Bringing the Kids Hightopps Backstage Grille, Lutherville-Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Miss Shirley's Cafe, Baltimore

Best Special Needs Camp The Odyssey School, Lutherville

RUNNER-UP: J Camps, presented by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore

Best Special Needs Programming Kennedy Krieger Institute, multiple campus and outpatient centers in the Baltimore area, Columbia, Fulton and Odenton

RUNNER-UP: The Odyssey School, Lutherville

Best Venue for Bringing the Kids National Aquarium, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore

LET'S TRAVEL

Best Airline Southwest Airlines

RUNNER-UP: Delta Air Lines

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, Baltimore

Best Cruise Line Royal Caribbean

RUNNER-UP: Disney Cruise Line

Best Day Trip Annapolis

RUNNER-UP: St. Michaels

Best Destination to Go By Yourself Target

RUNNER-UP: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Best Girls' Weekend Destination Charleston, South Carolina

RUNNER-UP: Ocean City

Best Local Travel Agent Deborah Dickerson, Magical Memories Vacations, White Hall

RUNNER-UP: Costco Travel

Best Local Travel Destination Ocean City

RUNNER-UP: St. Michaels

Best Place to Take the Kids

Hersheypark, Hershey, Pennsylvania

RUNNER-UP: The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Baltimore

Best Place to Take Your Sweetheart Hawaii

RUNNER-UP: (TIE) Aruba | St. Michaels

Best Rental Car

Enterprise-Rent-A-Car, multiple locations in Marvland

RUNNER-UP: (TIE) Alamo | Avis, multiple locations in Maryland

PARTY TIME

Best Amusement Park Hersheypark, Hershey, Pennsylvania

RUNNER-UP: Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia

Best Band

Crushing Day, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Cris Jacobs, Baltimore

Best Caterer

Linwoods, Owings Mills

RUNNER-UP: Costas Inn, Baltimore

Best Party Planner Kooper's Tavern, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Union3 Event Productions,

Lutherville-Timonium

Best Photo Booth Pivilated Raltimore

RUNNER-UP: Bmore Photo Booths, Baltimore

Best Photographer and Videographer Colby Parrott Photography

RUNNER-UP: Photography: By James Trudeau

Best Special Occasion Venue Baltimore Country Club

RUNNER-UP: Gramercy Mansion, Stevenson

Best Venue for a Big Bash

Jimmy's Famous Seafood, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Baltimore Museum of Industry

Best Venue for an Intimate Gathering Woodberry Kitchen, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Liberatore's Ristorante, locations in Bel Air, Eldersburg, Perry Hall and Timonium

Best DJ Who Doesn't Play the YMCA

DJ (Chris) Kopec, Ellicott City

RUNNER-UP: DJ Chris Hart, Glen Arm.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Best Boutique

Karma, Lutherville

RUNNER-UP: Brightside Boutique, Baltimore

Best Car Dealership

Jones Junction, Bel Air

RUNNER-UP: Anderson Honda, Cockeysville

Best Furniture and Mattress Store

Mattress Firm, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Su Casa, Baltimore and Ellicott City

Best Jeweler Smyth Jewelers, Ellicott City and Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Radcliffe Jewelers, Pikesville and Towson

Best Local Bookstore
The Ivy Bookshop, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Greedy Reads, Baltimore

Best Local Shoe Store Van Dyke & Bacon Shoes, Belvedere Square,
Cockeysville, Ellicott City and White Marsh

RUNNER-UP: Towson Bootery, Towson

Best Mall

Towson Town Center, Towson

RUNNER-UP: (TIE) The Mall in Columbia, Columbia | White Marsh Mall, Baltimore

Best Men's Formalwear Tuxedo House, Timonium

RUNNER-UP: Jos. A. Bank, Hunt Valley

Best Musical Instrument Store

Bill's Music, Catonsville

RUNNER-UP: Menchey Music Service, Timonium

Best Shopping Center THE AVENUE at White Marsh, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: Hunt Valley Towne Center, Cockeysville

Best Women's Formalwear

Francesca's Atelier, Green Spring Station,

RUNNER-UP: Amanda Ritchev Bridal, Parkville

TAKE CARE

Best Cosmetic Surgeon Dr. Samuel Hahn, Maryland Center for Facial

Plastic Surgery, Hunt Valley

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Emily Clarke-Pearson, Charm City Plastic Surgery, Baltimore

Best Dentist

Dr. Nina-Cecilia Santos, Dental Designs of

Maryland, Hanover and White Marsh

RUNNER-UP: Chesapeake Pediatric Dental Group, locations in Abingdon, Hanover and Perry Hall

Best ER and Hospital GBMC HealthCare, Towson

RUNNER-UP: University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center. Towson

Best Gastroenterologist

Dr. Joshua Seth Forman, Goldberg, Rosenstein, Khan & Forman, M.D., P.A., Towson

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Edward J. Wolf, Woodholme Gastroenterology Associates, Baltimore and Glen Burnie

Best Lasik Center The LASIK Vision Institute, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Goel Vision, Baltimore and Columbia

Best Mental Health Practitioner

Dr. Jennifer Richards, Maryland Addiction

Recovery Center, Towson

RUNNER-UP: LoLa's Village, Baltimore

Best National Pharmacy CVS, multiple locations in Maryland

RUNNER-UP: Walgreens, multiple locations in

Best OB-GYN Capital Women's Care, Owings Mills and Towson

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Steven J. Adashek, Lutherville-Timonium

Best Orthodontist Dr. Amanda Gallagher, Amanda Gallagher
Orthodontics, locations in Abingdon, Baltimore and Nottingham

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Nicole C. Brummer, Brummer Orthodontics, Towson

Best Orthopedic Practice
Towson Orthopaedic Associates, locations in Bel Air, Rosedale and Towson

RUNNER-UP: OrthoMarvland, locations in Baltimore. Lutherville and Owings Mills

Best Pediatrician

Dr. Jason Goldstein, GBMC HealthCare Pavilion Pediatrics, Lutherville

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Amy L. Winkelstein, The Maryland Pediatric Group, Lutherville

Best Urgent Care Patient First, multiple locations in Maryland patientfirst.com

RUNNER-UP: GBMC HealthCare, Towson

Best Vein Clinic

Dr. Jennifer A. Heller, The Vein Center at GBMC,

RUNNER-UP: Vein Clinics of America, locations in Baltimore, Columbia, Owings Mills and Timonium

Best Veterinarian

Dr. Andrew Jendrek, Carney Animal Hospital,

RUNNER-UP: Dr. Ashleigh Baer, Perry Hall Animal Hospital, Baltimore

Best Vision Care

Katzen Eye Group, locations in Bel Air, Lutherville, Mercy Medical Center, Owings Mills, Parkton, Reisterstown, Rosedale and Towson

RUNNER-UP: Wilmer Eye Institute, locations in Baltimore, Bel Air, Bethesda, Columbia, Frederick, Lutherville, Odenton and White Marsh

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Best 55+ Community Brightview Senior Living, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Blakehurst, Towson

Best Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Oak Crest by Erickson Senior Living, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Keswick, Baltimore

Best Assisted Living Oak Crest by Erickson Senior Living, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Blakehurst, Towson

Best Home-Care Services
BrightStar Care, Owings Mills

RUNNER-UP: Visiting Angels, serving locations throughout Maryland

Best Hospice Care Gilchrist, locations in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Howard counties

RUNNER-UP: Stella Maris Hospice, Timonium

Best Independent Living Oak Crest by Erickson Senior Living, Parkville

RUNNER-UP: Blakehurst, Towson

Best Senior Center Seven Oaks Senior Center, Perry Hall

RUNNER-UP: Bykota Senior Center, Towson

Best Senior Programming Seven Oaks Senior Center, Perry Hall

RUNNER-UP: Bykota Senior Center, Towson

GET SMART

The Yin Central Maryland, locations throughout the greater Baltimore area

RUNNER-UP: Friends School of Baltimore, Raltimore

Best Continuing Education
CCBC (Community College of
Baltimore County), campuses in Catonsville, Dundalk and Essex; extension centers in Hunt Valley, Owings Mills and Randallstown

RUNNER-UP: Carroll Community College, Westminster

Best Maryland College and University Towson University, Towson

RUNNER-UP: University of Maryland, College Park

Best Preschool

The Goddard School, various locations serving Maryland

RUNNER-UP: Stoler Early Learning Center, Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore

Best Private High School - Boys Calvert Hall College High School, Baltimore 8102 La Salle Rd. Baltimore, MD 21286 calverthall com

RUNNER-UP: Loyola Blakefield, Towson

Best Private High School - Coed The Park School of Baltimore, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: McDonogh School, Owings Mills

Best Private High School - Girls Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Maryvale Preparatory School, Lutherville

Best Private School (Elementary-Middle) - Boys Loyola Blakefield, Towson

RUNNER-UP: The Boys' Latin School of Maryland, **Baltimore**

Best Private School

(Elementary-Middle) - Coed St. Ursula Catholic School, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: St. Joseph School - Fullerton, Nottingham

Best Private School (Elementary-Middle) - Girls Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson

RUNNER-UP: Garrison Forest School, Owings Mills

Best Public High School Hereford High School, Parkton

RUNNER-UP: Dulaney High School, Timonium

Best Public School (Elementary-Middle) Sparks Elementary School, Sparks Glencoe

RUNNER-UP: Seven Oaks Elementary School,

Best Special Needs School

Kennedy Krieger High School, Greenspring Campus, Baltimore

RUNNER-UP: The Odyssey School, Lutherville

Best Teacher (Elementary-Middle) Christian Leitch, Notre Dame Preparatory School Towson

RUNNER-UP: Meghan Diven, Baltimore County Public Schools

Best Teacher (High School)Tom Peri at Notre Dame Preparatory School,

RUNNER-UP: Kevin Ford at Calvert Hall College High School, Baltimore