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# FUNKYARD FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY OCT. 21ST**

In honor of [National Reuse Day](#) on Oct. 20th,  
we're throwing a party that weekend!

On Saturday, October 21st, from 11am - 5pm, bring your friends, your family, and your (friendly, leashed) pets to Community Forklift for a celebration of all things reuse in the DC area! We're highlighting artistic, funky and practical reuse, as well as promoting the preservation of our local history.

## FEATURING:

- Picker's Paradise: Parts & Pieces for Your Upcycling Needs
- Appraisal Advice - Bring an Antique You're Wondering About!
- Workshops on DIY Repair & Creative Reuse
- Kids' Activities
- Local Preservation and Historical Experts
- Artists Who Work with Green & Reclaimed Materials
- Live Pottery Demonstrations
- Live Funk Music
- Local Craft Beer & Wine from [Town Center Market](#)
- Lunch from the [BBQ Bus](#), and
- Locally-Salvaged Architectural Pieces



## We are so grateful to you for helping us win an eBay SHINE Award!

Thanks to your votes, Community Forklift and our CEO Nancy J. Meyer have won eBay's 2017 Charitable Business Award.



So many people shared their love for us this summer, and lots of you told us you voted every day. Our staff and volunteers work hard to lift up our community through reuse - so it feels terrific to know that our work is appreciated!

[The SHINE Awards](#), sponsored by USPS, is a seller recognition program that recognizes the entrepreneurs who have used eBay to help build successful businesses. As the winner of the

Charitable Business Award, we've received \$5,000 and valuable assistance with improving our eBay shop. They've created a great professional [video](#) for us too:



This is already helping us reach a larger audience, which means we can do more good here in the DC region! We can keep more materials out of landfills, provide more free materials to neighbors in need, and offer more green jobs to local residents.

We're so happy - thank you, Forklift Fans!

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## Forklift In The News

**Thanks to your votes,  
everyone is talking about us**

After your votes took us to the finals of the eBay SHINE contest, we had an excuse to reach out to lots of reporters. It led to fantastic articles in the [Washington Post](#) and the [Hyattsville Life & Times](#).

If you follow us on social media, you may have heard about that... but I bet you didn't know that the Post story also ran in the [Chicago Daily Herald](#) and the [Napa Valley Register](#)!

# For a tough-as-nails former construction worker, a life of odds, ends and new beginnings

Maria Silber Washington Post Aug 27, 2017



Mariam D'Eustachio, our Director of Administration, had a fun [radio interview](#) with eBay Radio, and television reporters learned about us from the eBay win too!

Arash Arabadi did a [piece for Voice of America](#). In the video, you'll see donations staffers Chris and Nordaine and our intrepid leader Nancy, as well as several of our partners: Willis DeHart of [Think Make Build](#) (generous donors of materials), deconstruction staff from [Brick and Board](#), and the [Youth Entrepreneur Institute](#) (a nonprofit that received free materials through our Community Building Blocks program).



Because Voice of America airs around the world as well as the U.S., the story will be translated into multiple languages (Check out the Urdu version [here](#) - people are tweeting about us in Pakistan right now).

Maryland Public Television reporter Nancy Yamada Zarroli also

came to visit. Forklift Fan Cliff Wright and other customers did a great job when she interviewed them! As always, our [vintage plumbing guy](#) Matt Menke proved to be a wry comedian. The piece just aired on Sept. 28th on the [Your Money & Business](#) show.



We've also had some love from the blogosphere. Roshani Kothari is a green realtor who featured us on [Green Living DC](#) back in April, and then mentioned us in a Sept. 24th article about a green renovation. Both stories were then shared on the Petworth News blog, a very active community blog. Thanks, Roshani!

[Getting to Know Community Forklift](#)  
[Reflections on a Petworth Full House Renovation](#)



Petworth News



We are so thankful to these reporters - and to all of YOU who spread the word about Community Forklift to your neighbors when



## Helping out a fellow SHINE winner

### Sharing the Light

As part of our eBay SHINE award, Mariam D'Eustachio, our Director of Administration, was invited to Las Vegas for the eBay Open conference.



*Mariam (far left) and other finalists*

For Mariam, one of the best things about the experience was meeting folks other small businesses. So when she heard some of the finalists were coming together for a good cause, she wanted to help too.

Laurie Wong, the 2016 Winner of the SHINE Awards for Small Business, runs the eBay store Reflections of Trinity. The eBay store funds a community resource center and food pantry in Atlanta. Recently, two major retailers offered to donate an ongoing supply of food if Laurie's charity can pick it up 3 times a week with a refrigerated truck.



*Reflections of Trinity distributed nearly one million pounds of food to people in need in 2016.*

The eBay SHINE winners have set up a [GoFundMe](#) campaign, and raised about \$6,000 of the \$15,000 needed. In the meantime, the food pantry is renting a truck. Here at the Forklift, we know all too well how expensive that is - so we'd like to help Laurie buy that truck. Follow [this link](#) to learn more, and please consider a [donation](#) of your own.



**Entry Deadline is Oct. 31st**



If you completed a project in 2017 using secondhand or salvaged materials, take some pictures and [send them in](#) by the end of this month. If your project is selected by the judges, you'll win a t-shirt and gift certificate for the Forklift - and bragging rights, of course!

There are two categories: Arts & Furniture, and Construction & Remodeling. The salvaged materials can come from anywhere (they don't have to be from the 'Lift). Visit our website for the [contest rules & entry form](#).

For the last four years, we've had Forklift Fans win at the national level and receive gift certificates worth up to \$1,000. We've seen folks submit everything from a beautiful parakeet home to an emergency basement remodel. Check out our past [national winners](#) to get inspired!



*Tinker the Parakeet, hanging out in his award-winning upcycled home.*

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**Lend some space (or advice)**  
**for some Tiny House dreamers?**

Sarah and Jeff Lyle are a DC couple looking for a space to pursue their dream of building a tiny home from salvaged materials.

Whether it is a industrial lot, large land, or old warehouse, they just need a small work space to start and finish construction.



Because they are enthusiastic Forklift Fans and will be using a lot of reclaimed supplies, they asked if we could spare some space - but our courtyard is already cramped with materials thanks to all the great publicity this summer! So we thought we'd turn it over to our awesome community:

**Do you know of any low-cost space they could use while they build?**

Any help is much appreciated! If you have space or ideas, please contact [Jeff](#) directly, or call Ruthie on our Outreach Team at 301-985-5180.



**Maryland Community Investment**

# Tax Credit Program

This program encourages Maryland taxpayers to donate to nonprofits that serve local communities.

Now, when you make a donation to Community Forklift of \$500 or more, you can earn a Maryland tax credit of 50% of the value of your donation. This tax credit is *in addition to* Federal and State charitable tax deductions.

**Reduce your tax liability while helping us lift up local communities!**

For more information or to make a donation, please visit [our website](#) or call us at 301-985-5180.



## About that eBay store...

If you're looking for something unique, and can't make it to the warehouse, shop with us [online](#)! All proceeds help us continue to lift up local communities through reuse.

We have vintage decor, bathroom fixtures, machinery, commercial items, and more in our [Ebay store](#). We also have tons of vintage hardware & decor in our [Etsy store](#).



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## October Specials

**50% off Mantels, Fireplace Accessories,  
& Woodburning Stoves**



Fall has arrived, so we're having a sale to celebrate the cooler weather. Take half off the orange and blue tagged mantelpieces, fireplace tools, fireplace screens, and wood-burning stoves.



This sale does not include items from our consignment partners, select specialty items, items listed online, or items with missing or damaged price tags. Sale does not include other types of HVAC/heating and cooling equipment, trim, molding, or tile. May not be combined with other sales.

**10% off**  
**Amazon Select Paints**



Complete a project inside or out! Save on all colors and sizes of Amazon Select Paint. Amazon Select Paints are premium quality, eco-friendly latex paints. They are manufactured from surplus paint that the manufacturer collects from government, business, and consumers, and then recycles using patented technology.



Amazon's reprocessing system guarantees that every gallon sold meets strict specifications for color, gloss, viscosity and coverage.

Amazon Select Paint can be used for interior or exterior applications, and can be used on drywall, wood, stucco, or masonry. It's available in 20 beautiful and consistent colors. October sale does not include our non-Amazon "oops" paint.

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## Follow us for flash sales

Find out about our surprise sales, learn about unusual items in stock, and get all the info that won't fit in our monthly newsletter!

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