

**BEST
OF BALTIMORE**



TOP FIVE

Paint Stores

1 Stebbins-Anderson:

Stebbins, a perennial winner for best hardware store, is also the best place to get top-quality Benjamin Moore paints and terrific service from a knowledgeable staff. 802 Kenilworth Drive, Towson, 410-823-6600.

2 Budeke's Paints & Decorating:

Fifth-generation Budeke's has a wide range of products and even a design center. 1862 Reisterstown Road, #A, Pikesville, 410-602-5060 (and others).

3 Home Depot:

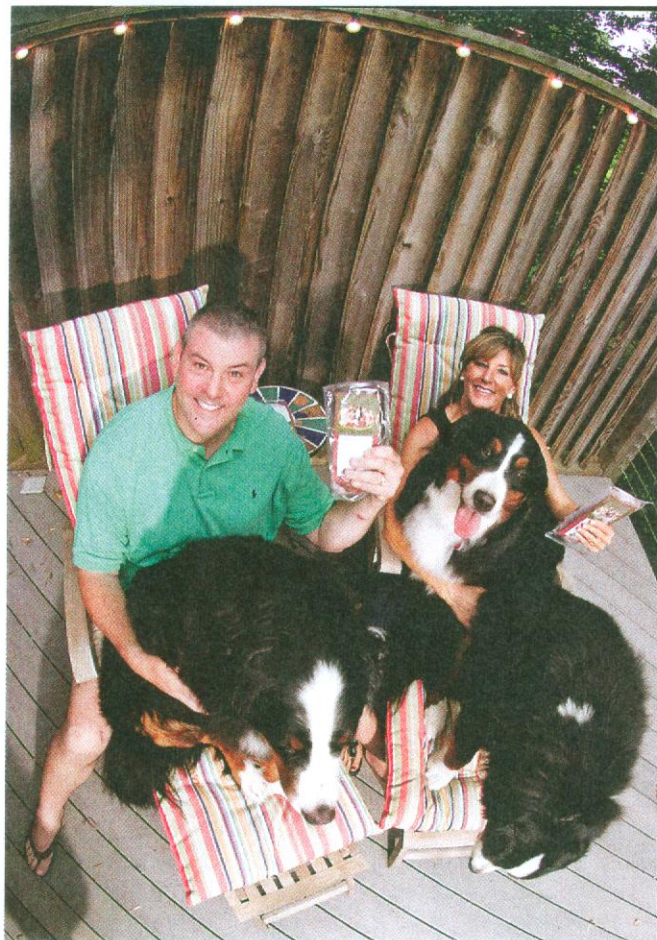
For price and its top-rated Behr paints, go to the big orange place. 125 Industry Lane, Cockeysville, 410-667-8200 (and others).

4 Duron Paints:

The convenience of 10 locations, and the service here are the draws. 1524 E. Joppa Road, #D, Towson 410-296-1040 (and others).

5 Lowe's:

For the olfactorily challenged, we like their Olympic zero-VOC (volatile organic compounds) interior paints. Yup, no airborne toxins. 19 Texas Station Court, Timonium, 410-683-8500 (and others).



ALL-NATURAL DOG FOOD

DOGS GONE WILD

What are really the best vittles for Bowser? That would be what the industry calls Biologic Appropriate Raw Food (yes, B.A.R.F. for short): fresh raw meat and vegetables with no additives or fillers. There are national firms that ship it in dry ice, but British native John Seabrook and wife, Stacey, manufacture their own in meal-sized pouches right here in Baltimore, and, uniquely, it's made from fresh, not frozen, ingredients. It's healthier than what most humans eat—it's USDA-certified—and you can purchase it locally at such places as *Dogma-life*, with your pet, *Howl*, *MOM's Organic Market*, and *Whole Foods Market*. dgwrawfood.com, 410-960-8667.

JEWELRY REPAIR

Towson Jewelry & Repair Center

Talk about a couple of gems: Owners Eddie Khusid and Daniel Glazer have been a steady presence at the Towson Town Center for 12 years, pleasing

customers with their skilled, lightning-fast work. (You often get your piece back the same day.) They buy and sell diamonds and gold and even fix watches. 825 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson Town Center, Towson, 410-823-6688.

FRAMING

Nancy Graboski

Because you can't take the whole wall with you when you go shopping, framer Nancy Graboski comes to you. She has access to a huge selection of frames (she partners with suppliers in the region) and also does expert conservation work and frame repairs. Picture that. 410-366-6711.

GLASS REPAIR

Baltimore Glass Co.

If you can see through it, this family-owned outfit has been fixing it since 1928. They're fast, tidy, and do great work, plus they help homeowners find solutions to tricky problems, from sliding glass for the patio and shower doors to weird-sized table and picture-frame glass. Plus, they can do a rush job on glass repair that is critical to home or office security. 2700 Remington Avenue, 410-338-1880.



ELECTRICIAN

MILTON ELECTRIC

John Borz, president of third-generation Milton Electric, likes to say that his multiple crews and trucks serving the metro area have "rewired half the city." That's quite possible: After all, in the 61 years they've been sticking their fingers in sockets—glass fuses have given way to breakers and cloth-covered wiring to high-speed Internet and gigando media centers. From little stuff like fan installation to whole-house rewiring, they get high marks from owners of homes (both old and new) for courteous, professional, and reasonably priced service. miltonelectric.com, 410-625-0423.