

Set the stage >>> *Economic Development* Samantha Olatunji



Governor Larry Hogan today announced the award of more than \$11 million to local jurisdictions through three of the state's most effective job creation and neighborhood revitalization programs – [Community Legacy](#), the [Strategic Demolition fund](#) and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative.

“My administration is committed to revitalizing Maryland’s older communities,” Governor Larry Hogan said. “These grants will help local communities make necessary improvements while paving the way for additional public and private investments in their neighborhoods and along their streets.”

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt added, “The Hogan administration is committed to providing restoration and operational capital to those

older communities across Maryland whose infrastructure requires immediate attention and repair. We will rely on community leaders and organizations to indicate their most pressing needs and we will respond with quick and effective support.”

The **Community Legacy** program provides local governments and community development organizations with resources for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Fifty-five projects in 19 counties and Baltimore City received a total of \$6 million in Community Legacy grants in fiscal year 2016.

The **Strategic Demolition** fund is aimed at providing a catalyst to projects that accelerate economic development and job production in Maryland’s sustainable communities. Funding provides assistance for critical pre-development activities such as demolition and land assembly in order to attract needed public and private investment to revitalization projects. The administration is awarding \$2.075 million to nine projects.

The City of Mount Rainier was awarded \$100,000 towards the Mount Rainier Toolbox Program. This program assists businesses with interior and exterior renovations.



Support
Our
Schools!

Thomas
Stone
Elementary

Mount
Rainier
Elementary

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF
THOMAS STONE ELEMENTARY AND
MOUNT RAINIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SEIS DE MAYO
Salsa for Schools!

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, 2016
JOE'S MOVEMENT EMPORIUM
3309 BUNKER HILL ROAD, MOUNT RAINIER, MD 20712
6:30-9:30 PM

TASTE SANGRIA, TACOS, TAMALES, AND MORE!

DAY CARE PROVIDED

BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES FOR
DANCE LESSONS!
LEARN THE MERINGUE, SALSA,
BACHATA AND MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: JESSICA ELLIS
AT JRHELLIS@GMAIL.COM

Support
The Arts in Education Fund
Thomas Stone & Mount Rainier Elementary Schools

Your donation will support: A visiting author to work with students on creating a long fictional narrative piece (a "novel!");

- A one-week comic artist residency to work with all students on expressing their personal narratives in the form of a comic book.

Learn more and make a donation at:
<https://edbacker.com/c/mount-rainier-arts-in-education-fund>

A partnership with ArtWorks to provide additional after school arts experiences

2016 Budget Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, December 15, 2015	Adopt Resolution setting proposed budget calendar for FY 2017 Budget
Friday, January 8, 2016	Budget instructions issued to all City Departments and Community Groups (including Bunker Hill Fire Department)
Friday, February 12, 2016	Deadline for all City Departments and Community Groups (including Bunker Hill Fire Department) to submit Budget FY 2017 requests to City Manager
Monday, March 7, 2016	City Manager submits Proposed Budget FY 2017 to the Council
Tuesday, March 15, 2016	City Manager presents Proposed Budget FY 2017 to the Council. Council holds work session on proposed Budget FY 2017 and discussion of Constant Yield Tax Rate
Thursday, April 7, 2016	Notice in Prince George's Post and/or Sentinel of Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2017 Budget and Public Hearing on Constant Yield Tax Rate (if necessary) scheduled for April 19, 2016
Tuesday, April 12, 2016	The Council Meeting; Special work session on Budget FY 2017
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	Public Hearing and Public Comment on Proposed Budget FY 2017 and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on Budget FY 2017
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	The Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on Budget FY 2017 and Constant Yield Tax Rate and Tax Rate



Department of Public Works Trash & Recycle Schedule

February/Febrero

March/Marzo

DATE FECHA	PICK UP RECOGER	DATE FECHA	PICK UP RECOGER
February 1 Febrero 1	Bulk Trash Grandel Basura	March 2 Marzo 2	Regular Trash Basura Regular
February 3 Febrero 3	Regular Trash Basura Regular	March 4 Marzo 4	Recycle Reciclar
February 5 Febrero 5	Recycling Reciclar	March 7 Marzo 7	Yard Waste Basura de la Yarda Bulk Trash Granel Basura
February 8 Febrero 8	Yard Waste De la varda	March 9 Marzo 9	Regular Trash Basura Regular
February 9 Febrero 9	Christmas Tree Pick up Arbol de Navidad de recogida	March 11 Marzo 11	Recycle Reciclar
February 10 Febrero 10	Regular Trash Basura Regular	March 14 Marzo 14	Yard Waste Basura de la Yarda
February 12 Febrero 12	Recycling Reciclar	March 16 Marzo 16	Regular Trash Basura Regular
February 15 Febrero 15	*Holiday*PW Closed	March 18 Marzo 18	Recycle Reciclar
CLOSED Cerrado	*Vacaciones* PW Cerrada	March 19 Marzo 19	Electronic Recycling
February 16 Febrero 16	Bulk Trash Grandel Basura	March 21 Marzo 21	Yard Waste Basura de la Yarda Bulk Trash Granel Basura
February 17 Febrero 17	Regular Trash Basura Regular	March 23 Marzo 23	Regular Trash Basura Regular
February 19 Febrero 19	Recycling Reciclar	March 25 Marzo 25	Recycle Reciclar
February 24 Febrero 24	Regular Trash Regular Basura	March 28 Marzo 28	Yard Waste Basura de la Yarda
February 26 Febrero 26	Recycling Reciclar	March 30 Marzo 30	Regular Trash Basura Regular



Bulk Trash Appointments must be made by 12 noon on the Friday preceding the pick-up date.

Contact Department of Public Works: 301.985.6583/6558

Enviro Minute #1: Pack A Lunch Fact Sheet

ENVIRO MINUTE
Pack A Lunch

Why pack a lunch?

Pack a lunch to reduce waste. Bags and wrappers from food packaging creates a lot of waste.

Skipping take-out and packing your own lunch is a healthier option for your body and the environment.



EASY STEPS

- Prepare lunches for the week ahead to save time
- Make extra food and pack leftovers for lunch the next day
- Get children involved in making healthy choices by having them help pack their lunch
- Use re-usable containers instead of single-use items to waste less packaging
- Pack a bottle of water or a coffee mug that you can use again and again
- Fruits like apples and bananas are already protected by their skin and don't need packaging

Enviro Minute is an education and outreach initiative of the City of Mount Rainier to promote sustainable living. For more information go to mountrainiermd.org



Apply today! Funding is Limited!

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|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| Furnace | Attic Insulation | Refrigerator |
| Washer | Water Heater | Stove |
| Stove | Weatherization | Air Conditioner |

Income Eligibility Requirements For More Information:

- Family of 1 \$63,650.00
- Family of 2 \$72,750.00
- Family of 3 \$81,850.00
- Family of 4 \$90,650.00
- Family of 5 \$98,250.00
- Family of 6 \$105,550.00

Contact:
Allison Miller
301.908.4079

Veterans, Seniors and Retired Homeowners will be given preference!

Enviro Minute Video #1: Pack A Lunch

Check us out on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGgFC2CekCE>



Compost Bins are available at City Hall for purchase at \$20.00 per bin.

We invite you to:

Follow us:



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@MtRainierMD

@MRPDChief

Like us:



Facebook

CityofMountRainierMD

Watch us:



Comcast Channel 71



City of Mount Rainier,
Maryland

View us:



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Message Newsletter

issuu.com/mountrainiermd

A City on the MOVE

Copies of the Newsletter are available at City Hall and mailed to residents

**E-Newsletter
Sign up today!**

<https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/mountrainiereconomicdevelopmentupdates>

EMERGENCY PLAN

**Mount Rainier Police
Department 301-985-6565**

It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of a disaster or emergency. You may not always be together when these events take place and should have plans for making sure you are able to contact and find one another.

The American Red Cross suggests some basic steps to make sure you remain safe:

Meet with your family or household members.

Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.

Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.

If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

Choose two places to meet:

1—Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. 2 —Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or saved on their cell phones.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate. Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel/motel, stay with friends or relatives in a safe location or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.

Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable.

Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe
If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well website to let your family and friends know you are safe. You may also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and select the prompt for "Disaster" to register yourself and your family.

American Red Cross



TAX TIME—April 15th is approaching and now is a good time to assess any rebates that you may be eligible for on your tax returns.

1. Homestead Tax Credit: The Homestead Tax Credit is available for all owner-occupied homes: <https://sdathc.dat.maryland.gov/> Eligibility of the Homestead Tax Credit: http://www.dat.maryland.gov/SDAT%20Forms/Homestead_application.pdf

For more information contact: 1.866.650.8783

2. The Homeowners Tax Credit: If your income is below \$60,000 you are eligible for this credit. The application for the Homeowners Tax Credit Application: <http://www.dat.maryland.gov/SDAT%20Forms/HTC-60.pdf>

Find out your current tax credits by looking up your property address in SDAT here: <http://sdatt.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information contact: 1.800.944.7403

3. City of Mount Rainier Local Supplemental Property Tax Credit: This tax credit is given to a homeowner and is 15% of the State Homeowner's Property tax Credit. You must qualify

for the State of Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit program provided by Section 9-104 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

For more information: Contact— Vijay Manjani @vmanjani@mountrainiermd.org or 301.985.6585.

4. Veterans Exemption: Veterans who have been certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as completed and permanently disabled are eligible for a full exemption of real property taxes on a single residential property owned and occupied by the certified veteran. The property owner must submit a one-time application for this exemption to the State for approval. <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html> .

For more information contact: 1.800.944.7403.

For a full list of Tax Relief Programs for Homeowners in Prince George's County, go to:

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Select Finance and then forms/credits.



NEW credits include Solar Panels and Handicap Accessibility.

For all Tax Bill Questions contact: 301.952.4030

The Buzz around the City

FEBRUARY

February 1, 2016

Election Board Meeting 7:30 pm
One Municipal Place

February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mayor and City Council Hearing
One Municipal Place

February 3, 2016
Bike Co op Meeting 7:30 pm
3601 Bunker Hill Road

February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Green Team Meeting
One Municipal Place

February 10, 2016 at 8:30 am
Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA) meeting
3249 Rhode Island Avenue

February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC)
One Municipal Place

February 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mayor and City Council Work Session
One Municipal Place

February 18, 2016 at 7 pm
Mount Rainier Day Committee
One Municipal Place

MARCH
March 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mayor and City Council Hearing
One Municipal Place

March 2, 2016
Bike Coop Meeting 7:30 pm
3601 Bunker Hill Road

March 9, 2016 at 8:30 am
Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA) meeting
3249 Rhode Island Avenue

February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC)
One Municipal Place

March 14, 2016 7:00 pm
Green Team Meeting
One Municipal Place

March 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Mayor and City Council Work Session
One Municipal Place

March 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Tree Commission Meeting
One Municipal Place

All Meetings are held in Mount Rainier Maryland. One Municipal Place is City Hall.



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911 NÚMEROS DE EMERGENCIA

Todas las situaciones de emergencia de la Policía

911 Emergencia

301.985.6565

301.985.6590 Emergencia

Administrativa

Emergencia del fuego 911

No Emergencia

301.985.5406

301.206.4002

AGUA de Emergencia

WSSC 301.206.8000

703.750.1000 de

Washington Gas

ELÉCTRICA PEPCO

202.872.3432

1.877.737.2662 Live wire

LOS RECURSOS DE LA CIUDAD

de Mount Rainier

301.864.8937

Cerrado los viernes

Monte Rainier Centro de Naturaleza 301.927.2163

Oficina de Correos

301.699.8856

Bicicleta Mount Rainier

Coop 301.277.2110

Mount Rainier Com Mulos

301.660.7433

LLAME A UN BUS

240.832.6559

Asistencia RECURSOS

Exclusión 877.462.7555

Propietario/inquilino

Hogar de Maryland

800.487.6007

Comisión Crédito Fiscal

Ayuntamiento Contacto

Departamento de Finanzas

Estatal de Servicios de

Asesoría de Vivienda

800.642.2227

MD Asistencia de Energía

(MEAP) proporciona

asistencia de energía

301.909.6330

SHINING STARS OF MOUNT RAINIER



Ms. Lomax is this month's Shining Star! She retired in December after working 13+ years for the City of Mount Rainier! We will miss you!



Looking to Volunteer?

It's Great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends and expand your network.

Email us your name, email and telephone number to:

volunteercommittees@mountrainiermd.org

VOLUNTEER

theMessage Newsletter

Deadline for the March edition is February 15, 2016

Coming soon >>>

Economic Development
Green and Healthy Living

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911 All Emergencies

POLICE—911 Emergency

301.985.6565 Non-Emergency

301.985.6590 Administrative

FIRE—911 Emergency

301.985.5406 Non-Emergency

WATER—WSSC

301.206.4002 Emergency

301.206.8000 Main

Washington Gas

703.750.1000

ELECTRIC—PEPCO

1.877.737.2662

Live wire 202.872.3432

CITY RESOURCES

Mount Rainier Library

301.864.8937

Hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-7pm

(closed 2:00 pm- 2:30 pm)

Closed Fridays

Mount Rainier Nature Center

301.927.2163

Mount Rainier Post Office

301.699.8856

Mount Rainier Bike Coop

301.277.2110

Mount Rainier Com Toolshed

301.660.7433

CALL A BUS

240.832.6559 9am-2pm

Tax Assistance/Tax Sale

301.952.4030

RESOURCES

Foreclosure Assistance

877.462.7555 www.mdhope.org

240.391.6413

Landlord/Tenant Commission

800.487.6007

Maryland Home Tax Credit

Contact City Hall—Finance

Department

Statewide Housing Counseling

Services

800.642.2227

MD Energy Assistance (MEAP)

Provides Energy Assistance

Limited Funding for Free Furnaces

301.909.6330

Mortgage Assistance

www.mmpmaryland.gov

301.429.7400

Public Defender

301.699.2760

State's Attorney

301.952.3500

Health Department

301.583.5920

Child Abuse/Neglect

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301.780.7200

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301.731.1023

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