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# Mount Rainier Day

FEATURING

PARADE  
STREET FESTIVAL  
MUSIC BY DJ NATIVE SON  
BAKE OFF CONTEST  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
LOCAL VENDORS  
LIVE ANIMALS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES

10 AM-6 PM

SAT. OCTOBER 1, 2016

PERRY ST AND RHODE ISLAND AVE

THEME: CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

SCAN HERE FOR  
DAILY UPDATES,  
EVENT MAP, AND  
VENDOR INFO

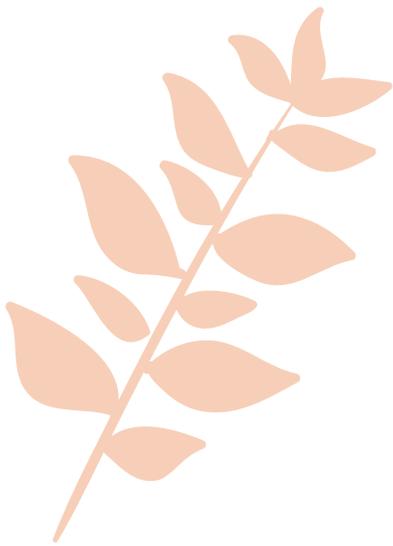


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# FOR THE LOVE OF MOUNT RAINIER TREES

The Mount Rainier Tree  
Inventory:  
<http://trees.20712.org/treelist>

Mount Rainier Tree  
Commission:  
<http://trees.20712.org>



If you stand for five minutes on the sidewalk, in the sun, on a hot day in August, then move under the shade of a tree, you will know instantly how important trees are in the urban environment. Mount Rainier has a magnificent tree canopy that is protected by the Urban Forest chapter of the City Code.

Our city's beautiful street trees are cared for by the Public Works Department. If you have concerns about a tree that in a public right-of-way, contact Kevin Kamali by phone, 301-985-6583 or email [kkamali@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:kkamali@mountrainiermd.org)

If you are planning to prune or remove a tree in your yard, you may need a permit or waiver from the city. Trees that are 18 inches or more in diameter at 4 1/2 feet above ground (that is approximately 56.5 inches in circumference) are covered by the Urban Forest chapter of the City Code. For a quick assessment, can you wrap your arms about the trunk of the tree easily? If you can't, you probably need to submit a permit or request a waiver. Contact Jessica Love, Tree Commission Liason at [jllove@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:jllove@mountrainiermd.org) or Kevin Kamali at [kkamali@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:kkamali@mountrainiermd.org), or call or stop by City Hall. The city's volunteer Tree Commission does not issue permits but is always interested in hearing any concerns or ideas to benefit our urban tree canopy. You can contact the Tree Commission at [trees@20712.org](mailto:trees@20712.org) or come to one of the Tree Commission meetings.

## PLANNING TO REMOVE A TREE IN YOUR YARD?

Can you wrap your  
arms around the trunk  
of the tree easily?

If not, you may need to  
request a permit.



In May 2016, members of the Mount Rainier Tree Commission, City Council member/roadside tree care expert Bryan Knedler and other community members planted two flowering dogwoods at Spring Park (33rd & Shepherd Streets) and three redbuds in street tree boxes around town. Enjoy your new arboreal neighbors!

# THE SUCCESS OF BIRD KITCHEN + COCKTAILS

Perhaps you've taken a stroll or driven down 34th Street and have smelled the aroma of something that stops you in your tracks. Blame it on Bird Kitchen + Cocktails, the newest restaurant in the lineup of eateries in Mount Rainier. Located at 3801 34th Street, this casual restaurant has been open for a year and its concept of farm-to-table has garnered much attention from the residents of Prince George's County. Owner/Chef Lenny Robinson has brought his modern Southern comfort food to a community that yearns for a 'faithful neighborhood spot.' Bird Kitchen + Cocktails has drawn millennials to an older area of the County and has made them feel right at home.



## LIVING A GREEN LIFE: The PG County Styrofoam Ban

Just three days before we celebrated America's independence, Prince George's County initiated our freedom from a lesser know menace: expanded polystyrene (EPS), more well known by a certain brand name, styrofoam.

EPS is often used in cups to serve hot beverages, carry out food, or package goods for transport (in peanut form). But it's not economical to recycle EPS so it ends up in landfills where it takes hundreds of years to biodegrade. Even worse, styrofoam often just winds up as litter on our city streets and parks, where it is an eyesore and a great water-collecting mosquito breeding ground. Wherever EPS goes, it leaches into our water system and can poison fish, birds, sea turtles, etc.

The new rule means that businesses, particularly restaurants, cannot

legally provide EPS to customers. The exceptions are when food is prepared off site, prepackaged, or raw meat. PG County has started a massive outreach to business but not everyone may have gotten the memo. That's where you come in.



If you order take out in PG County and still get styrofoam containers, there are several things you can do:

- 🍃 Tell the business about the ban. They just might not know.
- 🍃 Call PG County 311, visit <http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov>, or use the County-Click311 app to submit a complaint.

🍃 If all else fails, order elsewhere.

## WE NEED YOU!

Interested in getting involved in your community?



Many boards and committees have vacancies! Including the Youth and Recreation Committee, Election Board, and the Design Review Board.

Email City Manager Miranda Braatz for more information on how to get involved!!!

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# BEST WISHES FOR AN **AWESOME** SCHOOL YEAR!



It is that time of year when our children return to school. Please remember to drive cautiously around our schools where our children play, run and receive their education. The first day of school was Tuesday, August 23, 2016.



Stops signs really do mean stop, and they are more important than ever during the school year. Please obey all traffic laws as we enter school year 2016-2017.

Mount Rainier Elementary and Thomas Stone Elementary are welcoming new principals. Dr. Ashanti Bryant Foster is at Thomas Stone and Ms. Jennifer Till is at Mount Rainier Elementary. If you have not met them already, please stop by the schools and introduce yourselves to them. Both are anxiously waiting to meet you and to work with our children. Community support is critical to the success of our schools.



Parents, please remember that if your children are not up to date on their immunization (shots) they will not be allowed to attend school. The deadline for getting the immunization is October 1, students will not be allowed in class if they don't get the vaccinations. Maryland updated its immunization rules for kindergartners for chickenpox, and seventh graders must get shots for meningitis and tetanus.

Join us for the **Annual Halloween Party** held on Halloween, October 31st at 4517 30th Street from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Come for tricks, treats, and fun for all ages!

**Food Drive** - Donations are needed to help our neighbors in need. Donations of canned goods and non-perishables are being collected now through December 15th at the Mount Rainier Police Department. Food dropped off before November 20th goes to help those in need for Thanksgiving and food collected after November 20th goes to help those in need for the holidays. Thank you for your support! - **Mayor Malinda Miles**



## MOUNT RAINIER'S BUSINESS LOCATOR MAP



Business owners, you can increase the visibility of your business, raise foot traffic and improve business results by displaying your business locations on the Business Locator Map. All licensed businesses in the City of Mount Rainier can be found in the Business Locator Map online at [mountrainiermd.org](http://mountrainiermd.org) under "Business". Residents, do you need a bite to eat, want to watch a performance, or buy art? You can find these things and more on the Business Locator Map.



# LEGISLATION SUMMARY May - September

## RESOLUTIONS

Arbor Day Resolution: Recognizing the Importance of Arbor Day and the Mayor and City Council's support of this Holiday

Selling of Excess Property: Resolution giving permission to the Police Chief to sell old and non-working police vehicles

Support of Joe's Movement Emporium for Grant Applications: Resolution showing support to Joe's Movement Emporium for seeking grant funding

Appointing Upcoming Deputy Mayors: Resolution naming the upcoming year Deputy Mayors in sequence

## ORDINANCES

Budget Fiscal Year 2017 – Setting the City's Annual Budget for the time frame of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

## TRASH, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP

### OCTOBER

Monday, 10/3	Yard waste & bulk trash*
Wednesday, 10/5	Trash
Friday, 10/7	Recycling
Tuesday, 10/11	Yard waste
Wednesday, 10/12	Trash
Friday, 10/14	Recycling
Monday, 10/17	Yard waste & bulk trash*
Wednesday, 10/19	Trash
Friday, 10/21	Recycling
Monday, 10/24	Yard waste
Wednesday, 10/26	Trash
Friday, 10/28	Recycling
Monday, 10/31	Yard Waste

### NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 11/2	Trash
Friday, 11/4	Recycling
Monday, 11/7	Yard waste & bulk trash
Wednesday, 11/9	Trash
Monday, 11/14	Recycling & yard waste
Wednesday, 11/16	Trash
Friday, 11/18	Recycling
Monday, 11/21	Yard waste & bulk trash*
Wednesday, 11/23	Trash
Monday, 11/28	Recycling & yard waste
Wednesday, 11/30	Trash

\*Bulk trash pick-up must be scheduled in advance. Please call Public Works at 301-985-6558 or 301-985-6583 by 1:00 PM on the Friday before scheduled pick-up.

## LEAF COLLECTION

### AREA 1

Pick-up 1: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 10/30 for collection 10/31 - 11/11.

Pick-up 2: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 11/27 for collection 11/28 - 12/9.

### BLOCKS:

28th St. 4000 - 4200	Perry St. 3400 - 3700
29th St. 4000 - 4500	Shepherd St. 2800 - 3300
30th St. 3800 - 4600	Taylor St. 2800 - 3200
32nd St. 3800 - 4500	Wells Ave.
34th St. 3700	Newton St.
35th St. 3700	Oak Ln.
36th St. 3700	
37th St. 3500 - 3800	
Eastern Ave. 3400 - 3600	

### AREA 2

Pick-up 1: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 11/13 for collection 11/14 - 11/25.

Pick-up 2: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 12/11 for collection 12/12 - 12/23.

### BLOCKS:

32nd St. 3800 - 4500	Rainier Ave.
33rd St. 3800 - 4100	Shepherd St. 3400 - 3700
34th St. 3800 - 4500	Taylor St. 3400
35th St. 3800 - 4000	Tilden St. 3400
36th St. 4000	Upshur St. 2800 - 3200
37th St. 4000	Varnum St. 3100 - 3200
Arundel Rd. 3100 - 3200	Webster St. 3100
Bunker Hill Rd. 2900 - 3700	Windom Rd. 3100
Perry St. 3100 - 3300	

# The Message

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## Story Ideas for The Message?

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