

The Message



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City History on the Web

Are you curious about the history and evolution of Mount Rainier? In 2010, a commemorative booklet was published to tell the city's story for its 100th year of incorporation. The booklet, edited by former Mayor Bryan Knedler, documents our "streetcar suburb" shift in population, politics and revitalization.

As previously unpublished material is converted to electronic format, portions of the history booklet now are being made available on the city website. The web version of the history includes dozens of additional photos and news clippings. And as an added benefit, many of the

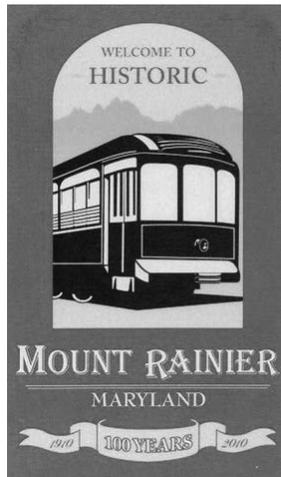


photos and maps are in color. Keep checking back periodically as new chapters will be added as they are finished. Print copies of the history booklet are still available at City Hall (\$5 for residents).

If you want to explore even further, the copious amounts of research material collected for the 100-year history are being assembled in notebooks and available for viewing at the Prince George's County Historical Society's library which is located in the lower level of the Greenbelt Public Library.

If you have photos, clippings or other items documenting the city history, please contact City Hall about having copies made. We would love to add them to the archive.

To find the web version, go to the "Visitors" tab and click on "History of Mount Rainier." At the bottom of the resulting page, choose the link for "100th Anniversary History Book" or visit: www.mountrainiermd.org/visitors/history-mount-rainier/



BIZ-ART MATCH-UP



The Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) in concert with the Art Lives Here Initiative is pleased to announce the "Biz-Art Match-Up" business-artist partnership program. The Program seeks artists and arts professionals of all media to connect with local area businesses, to build a relationship, brainstorm and collaborate on a project that will benefit both parties. The program will provide a minimum of \$800 to each selected artist for time and materials.

Artists are invited to respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) by Monday, March 31, should they wish to be considered for the program's pool of qualified artists. Businesses will be invited to apply February throughout April, and those that proceed will access the pool of jury-approved, pre-qualified artist portfolios for an introduction.

The RFQ is available online at <http://hycdc.org/biz-art>; please e-mail responses to the e-mail address provided on page 2 of the RFQ. The Art Lives Here Initiative is coordinated by Joe's Movement Emporium and funded by ArtPlace America.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

Unless noted, all City Council meetings occur at 7 pm
at City Hall, One Municipal Place

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, March 4, 2014 | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council; City Manager presents proposed FY 2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for all city departments |
| Tuesday, March 18, 2014 | FY 2015 Budget work session and discussion on proposed constant yield tax rate |
| Tuesday, April 15, 2014 | Mayor and Council Meeting; special work session on FY 2015 Budget |
| Tuesday, April 22, 2014 | Public hearing and public comment on proposed FY 2015 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on FY 2015 Budget |
| Tuesday, May 6, 2014 | Mayor and Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on FY 2015 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate |

Affordable Care Act: Key Date to Know

Individuals and families in Maryland have until March 31, 2014 to enroll in a health insurance plan and possibly qualify for financial assistance through Maryland Health Connection. Enrollment in Medicaid is year-round. Visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/> to enroll today!

If you experience any difficulties enrolling in coverage, please feel free to call Congressman Van Hollen's District office for assistance at (301) 424-3501.



MRTV Programs appear on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and "On Demand" daily. MRTV now provides a 24/7 programming schedule. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list shows and times. **LIVE Programs – City Council Meetings and Work sessions, 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. For MRTV comments, suggestions and show ideas contact staff at mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com or call 301-985-6585.**

Questions, comments and submissions to the Mount Rainier *MESSAGE* should be sent to **Michael Jackson, Assistant City Manager, via mail at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or via e-mail at mjackson@mountrainiermd.org.** All submissions for the April 2014 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Submissions received after that time will be considered on a space available basis. The Mount Rainier Message is published monthly except for the combined July-August and December-January issues. Electronic version available at the city webpage: <http://www.mountrainiermd.org/category/newsletters/>

Youth & Recreation

Summer Camps in the City

ARTWORKS Studio School, 3711 Rhode Island Avenue, offers summer sessions, Teen Camp, ages 13 and up, Camp for ages 9 to 12, Camp for Ages 5 to 8. For more information contact 301-454-0808 or visit artworksnow.org

Joe's Movement Emporium offers summer arts camps, from Fine Arts, Dance, Culture & Creative Movement, for various ages, June – August. Financial aid available. Contact Ms. Robinson at 301-699-1819 or visit joesmovement.org.

Little Friends For Peace offers two Summer Peace Camps in Mount Rainier. **August 11th to August 15th**. **Our Theme: Planting Seeds of Hope** ages 8 to 12 yrs. For more information contact the Parks, 240 838-4549 or visit www.LFFP.org

Mount Rainier Nature/Recreation Center, 4701 31st Place, Offers Specialty Day Camps and serves as a Summer Playground location. Summer activities serve pre-school ages to teens. Contact the Nature Center staff for more information, 301-445-4500, or visit www.pgparcs.com



Anytime you take part in something – an activity, conversation or even a game – you're engaging with the people around you. It's the way you learn and grow. Elected officials must engage with citizens, regularly, to find out what they believe the city/town needs to do to make the community a better place to live and work. Often they will work with the citizens on a project or event that will improve the town. Think like a Mayor and share how you would engage your community to make it a better place.

Contest Rules

- * The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2013-2014 school year.
- * All essays must begin with the opening line: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."
- * Essays may not exceed 275 words.
- * Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- * Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.
- * Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.

Theme: Engaging My Community

If you were mayor, what project or event would you use to involve your community?

1. Why is this project or event important to you?
2. How would you encourage your fellow town officials, businesses and residents to participate in the project/event?
3. How would you spread the word about it? Describe one or two examples.

Be creative!

- * Essays must be received no later than March 31, 2014. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2014.
- * Teachers see back for instructions and additional contest information.

Official Entry Form

School: _____ Zip: _____
School Address: _____ Phone #: _____
City: _____
County: _____
Name of Sponsoring Teacher: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Total number of essays submitted: _____
ALL entry information mandatory (For teachers' use only)

Calling on Performing & Visual Artists

The Colours Program and Lyrical Storm invite you to become part of the cast. We are looking for: poets, actors, actresses, dancers, vocalists, musicians, visual artists - ages 9-34. **Re-**

hearsal starts March 1st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northwestern HS. For more detailed information, call **301.454.8388** or email **woman2014@coloursprogram.org**.

CHIEF'S BLOG

Green Dot Money Pak Card Scams

I have to admit I'd never heard of a Green Dot Money Pak card until the Anne Arundel County Police Department sent out the following scam alert.

Green Dot Money Pak Cards are legitimate reloadable debit cards that can be used to pay bills and are available at most convenience stores. Many people who don't have bank accounts use them. Scam artists regularly use them because they are more convenient than a money order and totally untraceable.

Once they have the card serial number they transfer the funds onto another prepaid debit card. These scams have been reported here in Maryland (Anne Arundel County), as well as nationwide. At present the following scams have been identified:

Baltimore Gas & Electric: Victims are contacted by a caller purporting to work for BG&E. The caller informs the victim that their electric service is about to be disconnected unless they pay a past due balance. The caller instructs the victim to purchase a Green Dot Money Pak card and provides them with a telephone number to call back. The telephone numbers are "throw away" cell phones. Once the victim calls the number, they are instructed to provide the serial number on the card. When they do, the scam is complete. Baltimore Gas and Electric has had many complaints about this activity.

IRS: Victims are contacted by someone identifying themselves as an agent with the Internal Revenue Service and told they owe back taxes, fees or fines, which must be paid immediately. The victim is threatened with immediate arrest or property seizure if the demand is not met. In the Hispanic community victims are threatened with immediate deportation.

The Elderly: Elderly individuals are contacted and informed their grandchild is in trouble and needs immediate bail money. The same fraudulent principle applies.

Preventing Vehicle Theft – A Few Hints—

Just because your vehicle has a keyless entry and push-button start doesn't mean you can leave it unlocked and running while checking your lottery tickets at the BP station. You won't be the one who hits the lottery! Leaving your car running and unattended is seen by opportunity thieves as a gift, especially when it comes with the added bonus of a purse, wallet, cell phone, laptop or iPad. I suggest that if you're going to

give these things away, please consider giving them to a legitimate charity so someone in need will benefit.

The daycare center is a safe haven for your child – that's why you leave them there to go do adult things. However, the center will not extend its security aura over your car when you leave it unlocked and running while you walk your child inside.



Prizes: Victims are contacted and informed they have won a sweepstakes or prize. To claim the prize, the victim must pay a processing fee via a Green Dot Money Pak card.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.
- Remember anyone who has the serial number on the Green Dot Money Pak card has direct access to the funds on the card.
- Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who calls or emails you unsolicited.
- Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot Money Pak card numbers to anyone you don't know.

Remember – Utility companies and government agencies will never contact you demanding any immediate payment – especially via Green Dot Money Pak

Reporting the car stolen is an embarrassing adult thing.

The 7-11 parking lot doesn't generally provide security for your vehicle when you leave it running while getting your morning coffee. However, the Mount Rainier police officer writing you a ticket for leaving your vehicle running while getting your morning coffee will ensure no one steals it.

BENEFIT *for*
GRACIELA CARBONELL

and family

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 1, 2014
6-10 PM**



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
+
DRINKS FOR DONATIONS

No entrance fee.

Suggested donation, \$25.

All proceeds go to Graciela's family.

Direct donations accepted at Bank of America,

account number 4460 3020 4867

**BUNKER HILL FIRE STATION
3716 RHODE ISLAND AVE.
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JESSE CHRISTOPHERSON AT
JESSE@BUNKERHILLFIRESTATION.COM

**Public Works
RECYCLE, BULK TRASH AND
YARD WASTE
COLLECTION TIPS**

All recyclables (aluminum cans, bottles, paper and cardboard) can be put in the same yellow recycle bin which will be picked up Friday of each week. These items will be taken to the County recycle plant as they now have the capability to separate the items.

All BULK TRASH appointments must be made before 12 Noon on the Friday preceding the pick up day. All bulk trash items must be set out before 7 AM on pick up day. Call 301-985-6558, select option 2.

Beginning March 3rd Yard Waste collection will be EVERY Monday .

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| March 3 | Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup |
| March 5 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| March 7 | Recycle Pick Up |
| March 10 | Yard Waste Collection |
| March 12 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| March 14 | Recycle Pick Up |
| March 15 | ELECTRONICS RECYCLE at Public Works call 301-985-6583 |
| March 17 | Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup |
| March 19 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| March 21 | Recycle Pick Up |
| March 24 | Yard Waste Collection |
| March 26 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| March 28 | Recycle Pick Up |
| March 31 | Yard Waste Collection |
| April 2 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 4 | Recycle Pick Up |
| April 7 | Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup |
| April 9 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 11 | Recycle Pick Up |
| April 14 | Yard Waste Collection |
| April 16 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 18 | Recycle Pick UP |
| April 21 | Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup |

Employment Opportunity

**Mount Rainier-Call A Bus Driver-
Open until filled**

The City of Mount Rainier is looking for a part-time bus driver to provide transportation to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

This position is approximately 20 hours a week, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Candidates must possess a commercial driver’s license with passenger endorsements.

Qualified applicants may apply in person at the Municipal Building at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, or forward their cover letter and resume to mjackson@mountrainiermd.org

www.mountrainiermd.org

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Brent Bolin
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Message

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mjackson@mountrainiermd.org

Important Numbers

City Hall open: Mon.–Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Police Department admin. offices open 9:00 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

47th District Reps
Senator Victor Ramirez
301-858-3745

[Del. Doyle Niemann](mailto:Del_Doyle_Niemann)
[Del. Jolene Ivey](mailto:Del_Jolene_Ivey)
[Del. Michael Summers](mailto:Del_Michael_Summers)
301-858-3326

Call-A-Bus 301-985-6586
(hours M–F, 9 am–2 pm)

City Code Enforcement Office
301-985-6551

Alex Brown
301-674-9175
Kevin Simpson
240-508-4187

City Hall
301-985-6585; fax: 301-985-6595

City Police Department
Chief Michael E. Scott
mescott@mountrainierpd.org
301-985-6565 (emergency calls)
301-985-6566 (nonemergency calls)
301-985-6590 (administrative)
City Public Works 301-985-6583,
Bulk Trash Appts. 301-985-6558

Child Abuse
and Neglect Hotline
301-699-8605

Congresswoman Donna Edwards.
Prince George's County Office
5001 Silver Hill Road
Suite 106
Suitland, Maryland 20746
301-516-7601 main
301-516-7608 fax

Washington, D.C. Office
2445 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-8699 main
202-225-8714 fax

Consumer Affairs
301-470-7534

County Animal Control
301-780-7200

County Building Permits
301-883-5784

County Executive
Rushern Baker
301-952-4131

County Councilman
Will Campos
301-952-4436

CSX railroad
1-877-Tell CSX

Energy Assistance
301-422-5110

Family Services
301-699-2680

Fire Department
301-985-5406 (non-emergency)
911 (emergency)

Gateway CDC
4102 Webster Street
301-864-3860

Gazette Circulation
301-670-7350

Health Department
301-386-0300

Library 301-864-8937
Hours: M–Thursday 11-7:00 (closed 2-2:30)
Sat. 10-5

Landlord-Tenant Commission
800-487-6007

Mt. Rainier Nature/Rec Center
4701 31st Place
301-927-2163

M–National Capital
Park and Planning, Park Permit Office
301-699-2400

North Brentwood Comm. Ctr
4012 Webster St.
301-864-0756

Office of Handicapped Services
TDD 301-627-3352

Park Police
301-459-3232 (emergency)
301-459-9088 (non-emergency)

Parks and Recreation
301-699-2407

Pepco
Lights Out
1-877-737-2662
(you must give the 10-digit phone number
or 10-digit account number for location of outage)
Live Wire, Other Emergency
202-872-3432

P. G. Animal Control
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 780-7201

Post Office
301-699-8856

Public Defender
301-699-2760

Public Schools
301-952-6000

State's Attorney
301-952-3500

Washington Gas Light
703-750-1000

WSSC
301-206-8000
301-206-4002 (emergency)

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