



City of Mount Rainier

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Community Legacy Award

The city has secured a \$25,000 grant award through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization for an architectural plan for Route 1 Rhode Island Avenue. The goal of this funding is to support the city's revitalization efforts in the town center through a comprehensive design plan. Stakeholders+ including the County, Neighborhood Design Center and community residents will be consulted prior to the issuance of a RFP. This funding is in addition to previous funding awarded for market and feasibility studies for the same area.

Request for Qualifications

The city has solicited funds for three projects: environmental impact study and pavement for a surface parking lot in the 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue formerly known as the "Bass" property; bridge repairs for the city's three (3) bridges; and market and feasibility studies for the Route 1 corridor. All proposals are due February 11, 2009. There have been several inquiries and expressions of interest to date.

The city has also solicited bids for the repair of the generator at the Mount Rainier Police Station. It is anticipated that the repairs will occur in fiscal year 2010.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Instructions

Budget instructions were issued to all department managers and citizen groups. Fiscal Year budgets are due to the city manager February 9, 2009. The budget presentation for all departments and city groups is scheduled for March 9, 2009 at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council in the city council chambers in City Hall at 7:00pm.

Mount Rainier Day 2009

Plans are underway for this year's festival scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009. Please contact Janis Lomax, Municipal Clerk for vendor/participant applications. Gateway CDC and the City of Hyattsville have expressed interest in celebrating with the City of Mount Rainier on the same day in a collaborative effort of the municipalities along the Route 1 corridor. Plans are underway to contact the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood about their interest in joining with the festivities.

Emergency Operations Plan

The city's Emergency Operations Plan has been revised and efforts are currently underway by both the public works department and police department to ensure that the proper equipment has been upgraded. An assessment of the current emergency equipment has been conducted by Public Works and the Mount Rainier Police Department. City offices including the police station, public works and city hall will be equipped with emergency kits and supplies to enable staff to remain on site with appropriate food, clothing, water and supplies should the need arise. The city is currently waiting for an updated risk assessment data from the Bunker Hill Fire Department on commercial and multi-family dwellings.

Health Benefits Task Force

The city manager has completed her tenure on the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) health Benefits Task Force Committee which has recommended that LGIT move forward with offering the benefit to the municipalities within the State of Maryland. LGIT presented the recommendation to its Board of Directors in late January of this year. Presentations will likely occur to the various counties within the next few weeks to enable interested local governments to include the benefit in their 2010 budget appropriations.

Property Liens and Judgments

The city manager has forwarded to the County property lien requests for judgments, code abatements and code violations totaling \$28,000 for the period through June 30, 2008. Additional property lien requests for the period July 1, 2008 through January 30, 2009 will be completed the week of February 2, 2009.

3409 Library and Community Center Project

The construction team of Maryland Construction Incorporated (MCI) will meet with members of the council, DRB, MUTC and FOL to discuss alternative design proposals for this project. The meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

