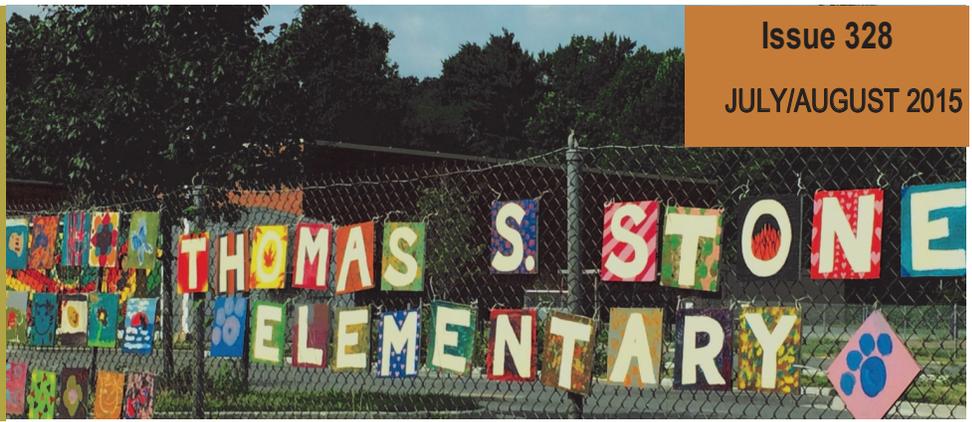
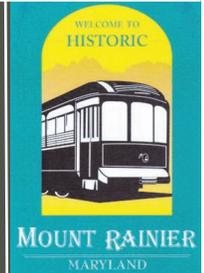


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Mount Rainier — The City on the Move

The Message



Calendar of Events

Mayor and Council Special Mtg.

July 14, 2015 7 pm

City Hall
One Municipal Place,
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone Community Forum

July 15, 2015 7 pm

Bunker Hill Road Fire Station
3716 Rhode Island Avenue
Brentwood, MD 20722

Revitalization Forum

July 18, 2015 9:30 am—12

Mount Rainier Nature Center
4701 31st Place
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Skateboarding Competition

July 18, 2015 12pm—4pm

3792 Otis Street
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

National Night Out

August 4, 2015 6 pm—9pm

Kaywood Garden Apartments
4300 block of Kaywood Drive
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Opportunity Abounds!

Mayor Malinda Miles

We offer the following tips in the spirit of Volunteerism:

- 1—Volunteer for a cause or issue that is important to you.
- 2 — Consider what you have to offer, special skills or talents.
- 3 — There is no need to wait to be asked.
- 4 — Talk to the Council person in your district about the committee.
- 5 — Learn something new! You can gain new skills by being with others.
- 6 — Great Networking! Volunteering is a great way to network with others. Many times it may lead to a job opportunity in a field you love.

Last month, we featured a segment about volunteers needed on the Green Team and you answered the call. We want to take the time to let you know that the Volunteers of the city are an integral component of making this city shine.



We are made up of so many talented and engaged citizens that want to get involved on a topic or committee of their choice. With the upcoming developments and projects there are many ways to participate with us.

This month, we have highlighted all of our committees to share so everyone could participate in a topic that best interests them.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions and look forward to your engaged participation in the many opportunities that exist in the process!

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

Corridor of Opportunity: Art, Eats and Affordable Housing Fuel the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)'s Investment in Route 1



Photo: Veronica Owens, Assistant City Manager, DHCD Secretary Kenneth Holt, Councilwoman Shivali Shah and Samantha Olatunji, Economic Development Director

Affordable housing for artists; a contemporary art gallery and a group of net-zero energy townhomes are just some of the DHCD projects that increase local economic vitality and revitalize neighborhoods in Prince George's County.

Secretary Holt joined DHCD staff and elected officials and representatives from the cities of Hyattsville, Mount Rainier and College Park for a tour of housing and community development projects along the state's Route 1 corridor.

The corridor includes the areas of Mount Rainier, North Brentwood, Brentwood, Hyattsville and College Park. It also features the Gateway Arts District, a unique environment featuring mixed-use housing, art galleries, shopping, entertainment and restaurants for Maryland artists living in the neighboring municipalities. The group visited Hyattsville, Mount Rainier and College Park as part of the tour.

Mount Rainier sites on the tour included: **Mount Rainier—Joe's Movement Emporium** – The largest independent performing arts center in Prince George's County. From the Community Legacy grant to Community Investment Tax Credits Program, Joe's has received support from several DHCD programs over the years. Joe's used DHCD funding to acquire and

renovate their facility, and support fundraising for their Theater Tech training program for at-risk youth.

Net Zero Perry Street Townhomes – The City of Mount Rainier will create four innovative townhomes that demonstrates the viability of net-zero energy and low-impact infill development for the region.

NEW Economic Development E-newsletter



Mount Rainier's new Economic Development e-newsletter will be released in July 2015. To receive updates on Mount Rainier's economic development news, Subscribe at: <https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/mountrainiereconomicdevelopmentupdates>.

City of Mount Rainier Committees

Contact: 301.985.6585
or



volunteercommittees@mountrainiermd.org

Garden/Beautification Committee

Develops and cultivates gardens throughout the city

Youth & Recreation Committee

Recommends programs and activities for youth, seniors, & residents

Community Toolshed

Tools for Community Residents

Election Committee

Oversees Election Process

Mount Rainier Day

Coordinates sponsors and activities for celebration of the city

Design Review Board (DRB)

Assists the Council with design issues.

Personnel Review

Convenes when an employee files a grievance with the city

Board of Elections

Oversees municipal elections.

Tree Commission

Tree maintenance throughout the city

Garden Committee

Develops and cultivates city gardens

MUTC Committee

Reviews applications for façade changes to buildings in the MUTC Zone: 34th street and Rhode Island Avenue.

Charter Review Committee

Reviews and makes recommendations to Council on adjustments and additions to the city charter

Economic Development Comm.

Assists with economic development strategies and goals for the city

Code Enforcement 101

Did you know?

Many residents are beautifying the areas along the curb in front of their homes with flowers and small shrubs also known as a “tree lawn’ or “tree box”. The city code has allowed this since 1998, but there are a few common sense rules that respect the right of others to exit a parked car.



City Code Section 3A-105 says: The area between the property line and the curb must be free from weeds or plant growth in excess of **10 inches**, with the exception of cultivated flowers and gardens. If flowers or a garden are

cultivated on the side of a street where parking is allowed, there must be a walkable path at least 12 inches wide (including the width of the curb) running parallel and adjacent to the curb for persons exiting cars parked at the curb.

TREES. The trees along our streets are protected by both city and state law. You should NOT plant trees without getting permission from the city first. Some trees are not appropriate and may cause problems in the future if planted. If you have a tree that is sick or needs to be pruned, you MUST ask the city to perform any needed work.

Contact City Hall or the Tree Commission first!

HEDGES. Another often overlooked rule is that just like fences, a hedge in the front yard or street side yard may not exceed a height of four feet. In addition, the public sidewalk must be kept clear of overhanging shrubbery.



Trash & Recycle Schedule

DATE	Trash/Recycle	DATE	Trash/Recycle
July 1	Regular Trash Collection	August 3	Bulk Trash (Appointment only) Yard Waste Collection
July 3	CLOSED in observance of July 4th Holiday	August 5	Regular Trash Collection
July 6	Bulk Trash (Appointment Only) Recycle Collection	August 7	Recycle Collection
July 7	Yard Waste Collection	August 10	Yard Waste Collection
July 8	Regular Trash Collection	August 12	Regular Trash Collection
July 10	Recycle Collection	August 14	Recycle Collection
July 13	Yard Waste Collection	August 17	Bulk Trash (Appointment Only) Yard Waste Collection
July 15	Regular Trash Collection	August 19	Regular Trash Collection
July 17	Recycle Collection	August 21	Recycle Collection
July 20	Bulk Trash Collection (Appointment Only) Yard Waste Collection	August 24	Yard Waste Collection
July 22	Regular Trash Collection	August 26	Regular Trash Collection
July 24	Recycle Collection	August 28	Recycle Collection
July 27	Yard Waste Collection	August 31	Yard Waste Collection
July 29	Regular Trash Collection		
July 31	Recycle Collection		

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



Set the stage >>> *Green and Healthy Living*



The Mount Rainier Community Tool Shed contains a collection of hand and power tools that can be borrowed at no cost by residents, businesses, and community groups of Mount Rainier, Maryland, to help improve their property.

The following is a partial list of Tools that are frequently used for the summer:

- Lawnmower—electric/cordless
- Leaf Blower
- Trimmer

- Wet Dry Vacuum
- Grass spreader
- Hammer
- Garden Claw
- Drywall Hoist
- Electric Hedge Trimmer
- Tree Pruner

For more information contact: Call 301.660.SHED or 301.660.7433.
communitytoolshed.org



Thinking about a home remodel or addition?

Join us for a Community Workshop on future Design Standards & Zoning that could impact your exterior renovation.



ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ZONE

DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 2015

TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bunker Hill Road Fire House
3716 Rhode Island Avenue
Brentwood, MD 20722

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MOUNT RAINIER COMMUNITY MEETING

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Prince George's County Planning Department
www.pgplanning.org/MRAC02.htm



Safety Tips >>> *Tips during a Power Outage in the Summer*

There are many things that can cause a power outage during warmer months. It could be that a car accident has taken out the power lines in your neighborhood. Or, it could be bad weather. Whatever the cause, there is no need to panic.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Check outside to see whether this is an isolated incident and you are the only one with no power or is it the entire neighborhood affected.
- If you rent, consider having a renters insurance. Typically, costs are under \$20.00 a month. In case of a power outage your insurance policy may offer replacement costs of food, valuables, and may pay for a hotel.
- If you own your home, assess the

proper insurance for your home now before an emergency occurs.

- Have a number of flash lights with fresh batteries in your home, and know where they are located. Also, consider having a plug-in flashlight that remains charged until you need it.
- Have a battery-powered (or one with a built-in, hand-crank generator) radio or television set to listen to news and weather announcements.
- Post the emergency numbers on your refrigerator or someplace handy in case you need to call.
- Have an ice chest available to store needed medications or special foods that must remain cold. Have "Blue Ice" freezer packs ready for the ice chest to keep your medication cold.

• You should have at least a gallon of drinking water per day for each person in your house.

- If you want to have a backup generator, make sure it is installed by a licensed electrician and approved by your electric utility company.
- Have a first aid kit available.
- Have a household disaster plan that you and your family can follow if something occurs. Include a meeting place for your family.
- Establish a connection with your neighbors before an outage occurs and check or call on them.

The Mount Rainier Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and *summer* season. **301-985-6565**



Shining Stars of Mount Rainier >>>



Jeannelle Wallace for over 40 years of public service and 14 years of City Manager oversight for the City of Mount Rainier.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Recruitment & Organizational Study

Mount Rainier, MD is a small municipality (1.7 square miles) bordering the nation's capital. The city is undergoing dramatic change, including three new development projects slated to begin within the year. This includes: a demographic shift that includes an influx of young families. This historic, front porch community has tree-lined streets, a diverse population of 8,500 residents and is the point of entry for The Prince George's County Gateway Arts and Entertainment District bordering the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

City Hall reflects the vibrancy and growth that the city is undergoing. In addition to The Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement, the Police Department, Finance and Communications Departments, and Economic Development. The dedicated staff of 40 (including part-time and contractual employees) navigates the demands brought on by the bordering urban environment, while servicing and managing the friendly, and active community.

The City of Mount Rainier requests proposals for executive recruitment and management consulting services. The City wishes to conduct a professional executive search for a City Manager while concurrently performing an organization review of the City and all departments to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal services. For a full description: mountrainiermd.org—Job Description

Deadline: September 1, 2015

Contact: Councilwoman Shivali Shah Shivali@ShivaliShah.com or Councilwoman Tracy Loh at thadden@gmail.com.

Director of Public Works - Position Open Until Filled

The Mount Rainier Director of Public Works is a management position. Responsibilities include leadership abilities, planning, organizing, and directing all Public Works operations and activities. The candidate will demonstrate knowledge and experience in planning and scheduling public works programs. The Director will be responsible for all operations of the public works department. Knowledge and experience in the following is essential: solid waste management, street improvement management, fleet management, street cleaning, park maintenance, snow removal, public areas horticulture, and related activities. Duties also include budget preparation, development of departmental operating policies and procedures, bid preparation, purchasing contract negotiation and contract management. Requires a Bachelor's degree (Civil Engineering preferred) or similar field, and a minimum of five (5) years of experience managing public works programs and staff. Requires excellent labor management skills. Applicant must have a valid driver's license. Applicants must successfully complete an oral interview, physical examination, and drug screening. The City offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Starting salary is \$62,598 - \$68,403. Salary is commensurate with experience, qualifications, and budget considerations. Position is open until filled. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Interested applicants should send a signed cover letter and resume to the Mount Rainier Personnel Task Force by mail to "City Hall, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712" or fax at (301) 985-6595, or by email at ["ApplyJobs@MountRainierMD.org."](mailto:ApplyJobs@MountRainierMD.org)

Great Opportunities are available at the Department of Public Works

- CALL—A — Bus Driver
- Administrative Assistant
- CDL Driver Position

Full benefits package, vacation, pension plans. Full job descriptions will be posted on the website on July 24, 2015.

Website: mountrainiermd.org



MUTC Committee—Business Representative Needed

Mount Rainier's vision for the Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC) Zone incorporates the existing positive attributes and potential opportunities to create a walkable, vibrant, and attractive locale for residents and visitors. The MUTC Zone roughly consists of the commercial areas on Rhode Island Avenue, 34th Street, and Bunker Hill Road. The MUTC Design Review Committee's primary role is to review all exterior renovations, site improvements, and new development projects within the MUTC Zone. The business representative must have a business or property within the MUTC Zone. If interested, please contact Councilwoman Shivali Shah: Shivali@ShivaliShah.com.

the Message Newsletter

Deadline for the September edition is August 22, 2015

Contact the Editor—vowens@mountrainiermd.org

Coming soon >>>

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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

4701 31st Street
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 6am-2pm

301.985.6586

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

Purchasing a Home

Statewide Housing Counseling

Services
800.642.2227

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

301.699.8605

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301.780.7200

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301.627.3352 TDD



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