

theMessage Newsletter

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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 9am-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

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Mount Rainier — The City on the Move

TheMessage



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Ani Kasten Ceramics

- ◆ Learn about our clean and safe services program
- ◆ Qualify for FREE appliances
- ◆ Learn about the Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone (ACOZ)

Upcoming Events

Mayor and City Council
City Council Meeting—June 2
City Council Work Session
June 16
Both meetings start at 7pm
Mount Rainier City Hall

Green Festival—Booth 606
June 5, 6, 7 — Save \$5.00
Coupon Code inside

Flood Insurance/Map Update
Open House June 10, 2015

All Aboard! Mayor Malinda Miles

When the streetcar passed through the city of Mount Rainier it signaled and announced “All aboard!” We thank all of our vendors, sponsors, visitors and community for jumping aboard our biggest day in the city—Mount Rainier Day. Your participation helped make it a beautiful day.

June is a month to stop and look at the beautiful flowers, grass, gardens and trees that are in full bloom in the city of Mount Rainier. In our busy day-to-day lives there are many things that take us away from the simple things. Flowers and trees bend, sway and bloom to

get our attention. It causes us to pause, smell and meditate on the goodness of the earth. As a Tree City we continue to be mindful of reducing our carbon footprint one tree at a time!

It is also the month that our children get out of school so we want to take extra precaution in driving our cars throughout the neighborhoods. We strive towards making our streets pedestrian, bike, and visitor friendly. This summer let's all do our part in keeping the city clean and safe. We invite you to volunteer, stay engaged, and assist us with promoting a City on the Move!

Set the stage >>> Economic Development



Mediterranean Café
mediteriancafe.com
3237 Rhode Island Ave

The Water Hole
www.thewaterholecommunity.com
4004 34th Street

Ani Kasten Ceramics
anikasten.com
3815 34th Street

The Otis Street Arts Project
otisstretartsproject.blogspot.com
3706 Otis Street

Coming Soon!

Bird Kitchen and Cocktails
www.facebook.com/pages/Bird-Kitchen-and-Cocktails/
3801 34th Street

Red Dirt Studio
www.margaretboozer.com/reddirt1
3706-08 Otis Street

Missed your business. Let us know.

The Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA) brings **Clean and Safe Services Program** to Downtown Mount Rainier!

Meet Dwayne



Dwayne is one of two crew members of the **MRBA Clean and Safe Team ("The Team")**. The Mount Rainier Business Association, in partnership with the City of Mount Rainier,

have contracted with **Next Opportunity (N.O.)**, to provide environmental maintenance services within the Mount Rainier business corridor of Prince George's County, MD.

The Team consists of two full-time Crew Members and one Part-Time Supervisor. This team provides environmental maintenance services in the Community, five days per week, Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM, except for specified holidays. Hours of coverage can be adjusted to meet a special need of the community.

Clean Team Experience

N.O.'s staff currently provides clean and safe services in 6 areas: New York Avenue NE, Anacostia (1 year – Anacostia Business Improvement District – ABID), Congress Heights (4 years – Congress Heights Main Streets), North Capital Main Streets (1 year), Rhode Island Avenue (RIA) Main Streets, and Shaw (3 years – Shaw Main Streets).

Spring is here and so is development. Several development projects are underway. Do you know what's happening in your neighborhood?

To receive updates on Mount Rainier's Economic Development activities, Subscribe at: <https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/mountrainiereconomicdevelopmentupdates> to receive the new Economic Development newsletter.

The Buzz around the City

AMERICA'S LARGEST & LONGEST-RUNNING SUSTAINABILITY & GREEN LIVING EVENT

WASHINGTON DC
DC Convention Center
JUNE 5, 6 & 7

COME & JOIN US
JUNE 5: 12-6PM
JUNE 6: 10AM-6PM
JUNE 7: 10AM-5PM

the Ultimate Marketplace!
greenfestival

SHOP TASTE ENJOY

NEW 3 DAY SHOW

Come visit us at booth 606!

LOG ON TICKETS & INFO!

LOS ANGELES SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27 LA CONVENTION CENTER 5th year 20,000 attendees
SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 13, 14 & 15 COW PALACE 14th year 29,000 attendees
PORTLAND DECEMBER 11, 12 & 13 OREGON CONVENTION CENTER 1st year Estimated 20,000 attendees

GREENFESTIVALS.ORG f t in p YouTube

Save \$5.00 on \$15.00 Admission! Enter CODE XDC15LTJT
Stop by Booth 606—City of Mount Rainier for Giveaways!

Mount Rainier Nature & Recreation Center
Calendar of Events

4701 31st Place • Mount Rainier, MD 207812 • 301-927-2163 • 301-699-2544 TTY • www.pgparcs.com

JUNE

Animal Show - All ages - Sat 20, 11am-12pm:	Xtreme Teens - Ages 10-17, Thu 4-6pm, Fri 5-9pm:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe, touch, and learn about animals through hands on experiences. Fee: \$2(R), \$3(NR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursdays: Creative arts A program designed to bring out your creative self. Learn to draw, dance, take pictures like a pro and more! Free
Toddler Time - Ages 2-4, Thursdays 11am-12pm:	Fridays: Recreational Nights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents and toddlers can have fun at the nature center with hands on crafts, stories, soft play, & more - Free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 5: Campfire - Free Fri 12: Go-Kart @ Kenilworth. Test and compete with friends Go-karting. Depart at 6pm, return at 9pm. Fees: \$6 for 1 ticket; 6 laps or \$12 for 2 tickets, 12 laps Fri 19: Movie Night - Free Fri 26: Batting Cage @ Rocky Gorge; Laurel, MD Think you can hit a home run? Come with us to the batting cages and let's find out. Fees: \$1 buys two tokens 9 balls / token \$5 buys 10 tokens, plus two free tokens
Adventure Seekers - Ages 8-12, Saturdays, 10am-5pm:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat 6 - Dinosaur Park; Laurel, MD Fee: \$3(R), \$4(NR) 	
Outdoor adventures - Ages 18 & up, Saturdays 8am-5pm:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat 13 - Friendship Farm Park; Nanjemoy, MD Fee: \$5(R), \$6(NR) 	
Jamming Tuesdays - Ages 10-17, Tuesdays, 4-7pm:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to play an instrument, practice putting together shows, and a few tools of the musician trade. FREE. Classes start on June 30 	

Registration for summer camps is now OPEN.

Business Spotlight

Business Name: Ani Kasten Ceramics

Location: 3815 34th Street, Mount Rainier
Owner/Artist: Ani Kasten

Why Mount Rainier? Ani decided to open a business in Mount Rainier after working in the area for 8 years and renting studio space. Her deep love for the community and the lasting experiences she's had over the years, influenced her decision to purchase and open a permanent location in Mount Rainier's (unofficial) Main Street - 34th Street.

What makes your business unique? The business operates as a quasi arts studio and share space with two artists. We have a collection of original ceramics pieces and a small showroom that gives visitors a feel of what they do in the space. Ani's pieces are displayed in national galleries and museums all over the country. All of her pieces are created in house. The community is welcomed to visit her space to see how the pieces are created. For the full video interview, Visit: <http://youtu.be/noFfZnGWqBc>.



CODE ENFORCEMENT 101

Did you know?



VACANT Home / Building

Did you know that when your home or commercial property is Vacant the City of Mount Rainier assesses the following fees:

Commercial Property FEE: \$600.00 every 6 mos.
Residential Property FEE: \$300.00 every 6 months
Refer to Mount Rainier Code Chapter 3B 104

These fees are assessed every six months.

GRASS

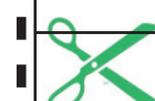
Did you know that it is a violation to have your grass more than 10 inches high?

If your grass exceeds the limit of 10 inches you will be given a Notice of Violation. (Code—Chapter 6 112) If that matter is not corrected it may result in a lien on your property if we have to cut your lawn.



Trash & Recycle Schedule

DATE	Trash/Recycle	DATE	Trash/Recycle
June 1	Bulk trash collection (by appointment only)	July 1	Regular Trash Collection
June 3	Regular Trash Collection	July 3	CLOSED in observance of July 4th Holiday
June 5	Recycle Collection	July 6	Bulk Trash (Appointment Only)
June 8	Yard Waste Collection	July 7	Yard Waste Collection
June 10	Regular Trash Collection	July 8	Regular Trash Collection
June 12	Recycle Collection	July 10	Recycle Collection
June 15	Bulk trash collection (by appointment only)	July 13	Yard Waste Collection
June 17	Regular Trash Collection	July 15	Regular Trash Collection
June 19	Yard Waste Collection	July 17	Recycle Collection
June 20	Electronic Drop Off Day	July 20	Bulk Trash (Appointment Only)
June 22	Yard Waste Collection	July 22	Regular Trash Collection
June 24	Regular Trash Collection	July 24	Regular Trash Collection
June 26	Recycle Collection No plastic bags	July 27	Yard Waste Collection
June 29	Yard Waste Collection	July 29	Regular Trash Collection
		July 31	Recycle Collection



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

Seeking new members for the City Green Team

The City's Green Team is looking for new members. The Green Team is a volunteer group of residents dedicated to reducing the City's environmental impact and implementing and advancing sustainable practices. The work is focused around six key goals and we work closely with the City Council and staff to: reduce waste (increase recycling & composting); reduce the City's carbon footprint, promote green infrastructure; expand and enhance local habitat and biodiversity; expand the community based food system; and enhance collaborations, partnerships and networks.

The team meets monthly and is interested in members to help advance and implement projects. Current projects include: a municipal

City carbon footprint analysis with the University of Maryland, enhancing habitat and pollinator green space with City/MNCPPC pocket park, partnering with the City schools on waste reduction, and increasing recycling with new carts and communications/outreach, and much more!!

Time commitment is scalable from attending meetings to participating or leading activities.



Please contact team Chair MaryLee Haughwout for more information: mhaughwout@hotmail.com

The Prince George's Collaborative wants to assist you with an Energy Audit and give you FREE Energy Star Appliances!

Each year the Collaborative requests funding towards the Collaborative Energy Upgrade Program. This program could award you the following:

- Water Heater
- Furnace
- Stove
- Air Conditioner
- Refrigerator
- Home safety upgrade
- Attic Insulation
- And more

Preference given to Veterans and Seniors.

For more information on the eligibility and income requirements 301.908.4079. Funding is limited.

FLOOD RISK OPEN HOUSE

The Federal Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps for Prince George's County have been updated.

As a result, some buildings/homes may for the first time be included in a high-risk flood zone called a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Affected property owners in the SFHA may be required to purchase flood insurance.

Date: June 10, 2015

Place: 1801 McCormick Drive, Room 140

Time: 6pm — 8 pm

At the Open House, residents will be able to find their property on preliminary flood maps and learn their flood risk. FEMA staff will be available to talk to property owners about the map updates and what it means to them. Attendees will also learn about flood insurance options from insurance specialists.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. It is vital for property owners to understand their and take advantage of tools and programs available to them (including flood insurance) to help reduce flooding impacts.

Property owners are encouraged to purchase flood insurance.

HAVE QUESTIONS:

Mike Colgan (301) 883-5944

Dawn Hawkins-Nixon (301) 883-5839

Architectural Conservation Plan Update

The Prince George's County Planning Department along with the consultant team of Cunningham and Quill Architects officially concluded our first Architectural Conservation community meeting that was held March 18, 2015. At our community meeting we discussed the following:

This planning project will work to develop the following:

- A user-friendly plan with a detailed inventory
- An architectural survey
- Pattern book to provide visual guidance to homeowners, architects, and contractors

WHERE is the project area located?

The project area boundary includes all single-family residential zones within the boundaries of the City of Mount Rainier.

WHO will be served by this project?

All those who are interested in future infill development, renovations, and additions to single-family residences in the City of Mount Rainier.

WHY are we doing this project?

To help preserve and protect the architectural character and scale of development in the established neighborhoods of the City of Mount Rainier.

Next Meeting: In-depth draft guidelines and standards—**July 2015**. For more information: Contact Zunilda Rodriguez at (301) 780-2233.

Safety Tips > *Barbecue Grills*



With more Americans lighting their grills than ever before, it's important to remember that a fun barbecue is a safe barbecue.

The following safety tips are designed to guide you through the grilling process. Remember, anytime you work with fire, there's a chance of getting burned. So, take precautions. Common sense and planning will prevent injuries.

- **Read the owner's manual.** Always read the owner's manual before using your grill and follow specific usage, assembly, and safety procedures. Contact the grill manufacturer if you have specific questions. (Be sure to locate your model number and the manufacturer's consumer inquiry phone number and write them on the front page of your manual.)
- **Grills are for outside, only.** Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use, only. Never barbecue in your trailer, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide may accumulate and kill you.

- **Use in well-ventilated area.** Set up your grill in an open area that is away from buildings, overhead combustible surfaces, dry leaves, or brush. Be sure to avoid high traffic areas and always barbecue in a well-ventilated area. Be aware of wind-blown sparks.

- **Keep grill stable.** When using a barbecue grill, be sure that all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill is stable (can't be tipped over).

- **Follow electric codes.** If electrically-operated accessories are used (rotisseries, etc.), be sure they are properly grounded in accordance with local codes. Electrical cords should be placed away from walkways or anywhere people can trip over them.

- **Use long-handled utensils.** Use barbecue utensils with long handles (forks, tongs, etc.) to avoid burns and splatters.

- **Wear safe clothing.** Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills, or apron strings that can catch fire, and use flame-retardant mitts when adjusting hot vents.

- **Keep fire under control.** To put out flare-ups, either raise the grid that the food is on, spread the coals out evenly, or adjust the

controls to lower the temperature. If you must douse the flames with a light spritz of water, first remove the food from the grill.

- **Be ready to extinguish flames.** Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher handy. A bucket of sand or a garden hose should be near if you don't have a commercial extinguisher.

- **Never leave a grill unattended once lit.**

- **Stay away from hot grill.** Don't allow anyone to conduct activity near the grill when in use or immediately following its use. The grill body remains hot up to an hour after being used.

- **Don't move a hot grill.** Never attempt to move a hot grill. It's easy to stumble or drop it and serious burns could result.

Article from Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association

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

★ *Shining Stars of Mount Rainier* >>> ★

Thanks to Ms. Lomax for chairing the Mount Rainier Day Festivities, Mayor and Council, Mount Rainier Police, Mount Rainier Public Works, staff and sponsors for making Mount Rainier Day a wonderful event! Our Sponsors included: Rainier Manor, Washington Gas, Kay Management, Queens Manor, Prince George's Swimming Pool

Happy Birthday to Francis (Frankie) Thompson, just turned 99 years young! Steve McKindley Ward, Bryan Knedler, Jarrett Stoltzfus, Jesse Christopherson, Gabe Popkin, Livia Navon, John Bowman, Karen Bowman, Maria Paoletti, Jacob Howley, Danny Scaible, Brian Higgins, and MaryLee Haughwout

Become part of the *City on the Move*



Volunteer with the City of Mount Rainier

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