

# The Message



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## City Wins MML Award of Excellence

**T**he Mount Rainier Green Team was created to expand upon the implementation and support to the City's efforts to promote a healthier and more environmentally friendly home for Mount Rainier residents, which include cleaner water by reducing pollutants into the Northwest Tributary of the Anacostia River and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay and reducing fossil fuel emissions. The Team took on the responsibility of creating several programs such as the Community garden and the composting that support these efforts, to ensure that the City of Mount Rainier Sustainability Plan was more than a "written un-read shelf document that collected dust".

**How is the program set up?** The Community Garden requires a membership fee for residents at a cost of \$30 per year for a small plot to plant and grow one's vegetables. At the request of the Green Team chairperson, a Community Rain Garden was installed near the M-NCPPC Nature Center to control runoff and reduce pollutants to protect the Anacostia River. The Mount Rainier Urban Green Infrastructure Master Plan (MR UGIMP) was adopted by the mayor and council in February 2014. The purpose of the UGIMP is to develop a comprehensive vision for implementing environmentally and financially sustainable stormwater management practices within the City. Because the City is 70% residential, it was important for the MRUGIMP to analyze Low Impact Development (LID) controls that are applicable for stormwater improvement. This was accomplished in the MRUGIMP with a component called the Stormwater Design Toolbox which showcases specific green stormwater management and green infrastructure techniques available within a development or redevelopment process. The Mount Rainier Bicycle Master Plan (MRBMP) was also adopted by resolution to encourage more bicycling and less vehicular traffic through the development of an attractive network of on-street bike lanes, connection to other modes of transportation (e.g., Metro Bus and Metro Rail), and a bike system that connects to surrounding municipalities.



100 bike racks were installed with a \$25,000 grant award. The goals of the City's Composting Program is to encourage residents to compost food scraps and soiled paper as opposed to comingling with other non-contaminated household trash, reduce the City's impact on the Prince George's County Landfill, and the City's tipping fees. Earth Machine Compost Bins are purchased and distributed to citizens upon request at a reduced rate for the residents. Installing rain barrels save money and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Residents voluntarily participate in collecting free rain water by building and/or installing rain barrels on their property.

**What does the program cost?** There is no cost to the City for the Community Garden. Members who want to join pay a \$30 annual fee for the purchase of seed, supplies, and maintenance as they manage the program. The Rain Garden was installed on property

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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	 <b>MRTV Programs appear on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and "On Demand" daily.</b> MRTV now provides a 24/7 programming schedule. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list shows and times. <b>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 <a href="mailto:mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com">mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com</a> or call 301-985-6585.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 3, 2014</b>	<b>Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2014</b>	<b>Work Session of the Mayor and Council</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 2, 2014</b>	<b>Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council</b>	

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owned and operated by M-NCPPC at no cost to the City. The Mount Rainier Urban Green Infrastructure Master Plan was developed by volunteers appointed to the Green Team at no cost to the City. The Bicycle Master Plan was created by the Green Team in consultation with the City’s Tree Commission, Mixed Use Town Center Committee, all of whom are volunteers. Participation in the rain barrel program only requires residents to build or purchase rain barrels. The Composting Program cost the City \$240 for the purchase of 60 compost bins. Since this was a trial period and all of the bins are now in use, an additional 60 bins are being purchased. The savings (see additional information below) outweigh costs.

**Who benefits?** This is a win-win situation for everyone because 1) the Community Rain Garden helps to reduce the amount of pollutants into the surrounding tributaries and the Anacostia River; 2) The Bicycle Master Plan encourages residents to exercise through increased bicycle use thereby reducing pollutants and emissions from vehicles; 3) the composting program reduces the County’s Landfill waste volume, further saving the environment; 4) the Green Infrastructure Master Plan identifies a combination of vegetation (e.g., trees, shrubs, grasses) planted in specialized soil beds to slow down, collect, and filter stormwater runoff.

**Is the program innovative?** The Mount Rainer Urban Green Infrastructure Master Plan highlights bio-retention systems (the City has been awarded \$155,000 in grants to date to create a green street toward this effort) including rain gardens, green roofs (also referred to as living roofs or eco roofs) that use soil and plants in place of traditional roof materials which provide greater fire protection, remove airborne particulate matter, create wildlife habitat and space for food production while creating usable green

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Questions, comments and submissions to the Mount Rainier *MESSAGE* should be sent to **Jeanette Wallace City Manager, via mail at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or via e-mail at [jwallace@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:jwallace@mountrainiermd.org)**. All submissions for the June 2014 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Submissions received after that time will be considered on a space available basis. Beginning July 1, 2014 the Mount Rainier Message is published bi-monthly except for the July-August and December-January issues. An *electronic version of The Message is available at the city webpage: <http://www.mountrainiermd.org/category/newsletters/>*

# Community Happenings

**The Route 1 Farmers Market & Bazaar  
Opens June 6 – September 27  
Every First Friday 4 pm – 8 pm  
and Saturday 8 am – 2 pm**

Located in the dynamic Prince George’s County Gateway Arts District at **4100 Rhode Island Avenue** in Brentwood, MD. The site, formerly the B&J Auto Lot, is currently owned by the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority and slated for development by Landex Companies.

Gateway Community Development Corporation (CDC) is spearheading this project as part of the Art Lives Here initiative, a visibility campaign funded by ArtPlace America to Joe’s Movement Emporium. The campaign supports artists and area businesses through audience development, strategic branding, and programming in the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood and the cities of Mount Rainier and Hyattsville in the Gateway Arts District.

Local farms, vendors and artists are invited to participate in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residential, business and artist communities by activating this space with a community revitalization project that integrates the arts. The market will provide access to fresh produce, family activities for all ages, and handmade products from regional crafters and artists. The market looks to serve the diverse communities of the surrounding towns. All income levels are welcomed.



The Streetcorner Supper was a wonderful community event. A great time was had by all who attended. Stay tuned for the next Streetcorner Supper . . .



**From Our Farmers**

**To Our Market**



**Route 1 Farmers**  
Market & Bazaar

Gateway Arts District

**Opens June 6 - November 1**

B&J Auto Lot | 4100 Rhode Island Ave  
Brentwood, MD 20722



**For Your Family**

# Youth & Recreation



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Public libraries are the place to join a free summer reading club that offers programs and reading for fun to children and teens from birth through high school. Last summer more than 150,000 children and teens in Maryland participated in the Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is **Fizz Boom Read!** There are programs for Preschoolers, Children, Tweens / Teens and Adults. Registration began June 1 online and at all branch libraries. The program ends August 31. Register online at [www.pgcmils.info](http://www.pgcmils.info) or stop in to pick up a game board at any branch library. Finish six books and become eligible to win special prizes.

### Special Events at the Mount Rainier Library

Storytime Ages 3-5, Wednesdays, 11 am

Enjoy stories, songs and other activities, limit 25.

**Ice Cream Summer Wrap-up!**, All Ages. Saturday, August 23, 2 pm.

## 39th Street Gallery

*MIND + BODY + METAPHOR*

**Shaunté Gates & Njena Surae Jarvis**

Curated by **Martha Jackson Jarvis**

“The works of **Shaunté Gates** and **Njena Surae Jarvis** explores the body as metaphor, challenging the torpid qualities of painting and sculpture with a sense of didactic theater and enigmatic forms. Their works command and redefine space with mysterious pairings of disparate forms and malign compositions. There is a non-static reconfiguration, reconstruction and reinvention that occurs simultaneously that both disturbs and stimulates. Viewers are made a part of this ever changing matrix that remains haunting, unknowable and in a state of flux.” — Martha Jackson Jarvis

On display in the **39th Street Corridor**

*AMERICANA\**

curated by **Neal Flynn**, (39th Street Gallery Intern)

*Featuring works by:* **Michele Colburn, Jan Duncan, Lee Gainer, Erik Patten, Christine Pearl, and Raphael H. Warshaw**

39th Street Gallery is located at 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood, MD (second floor, 39th Street entrance).

## MGM Announces Career Showcase

MGM will host a Career Showcase on Thursday, June 19, 11 a.m.—7 p.m. at Oxon Hill Manor, 6901 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD. **Parking is FREE**

This event is not a job fair; rather it is an chance to learn about a wide range of careers available when MGM opens its doors in a couple of years.

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space in urban environments. The City currently has one (1) artist apartment building that has a green roof.

**Can you demonstrate tangible results?** It is estimated that the composting program will save the City \$95,000 in landfill tipping fees for food scraps and soiled paper over a 20 year useful life of the compost bins. That means a savings of \$4,750.00 per year. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that food scraps represent 14.1% - 2<sup>nd</sup> only to paper that could be composted and are a larger portion of waste than plastic estimated at 12.3% and yard waste at 13.7% of all composted material. By reducing the impact on the County's landfill, preserving our planet, with the concurrent savings to the city's budget, - priceless!

**Can other municipalities implement a similar program?** Without a doubt any one of these programs can be implemented with the help of citizen volunteers willing to put in the time and effort for an improved quality of life. A healthier living environment is something that all residents should strive for. These programs provide an opportunity for individuals to take responsibility for creating environmentally friendly communities without an additional cost burden to city government.

## Public Works RECYCLE, BULK TRASH AND YARD WASTE

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.

***Yard Waste collection will be EVERY Monday through October .***

June 16	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) <b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
June 18	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 20	Recycle Pick Up
June 21	<b>Electronic Recycle (9 AM – 1 PM)</b>
June 23	Yard Waste Collection
June 25	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 27	Recycle Pick Up
June 30	<b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
July 2	Regular Trash Pick Up
July 4	<b>JULY 4th— Public Works and City Hall CLOSED</b>
July 7	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) <b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
July 9	Regular Trash Pick Up
July 11	Recycle Pick Up
July 14	<b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
July 16	Regular Trash Pick Up
July 18	Recycle Pick Up
July 21	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) <b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
July 23	Regular Trash Pick Up
July 25	Recycle Pick Up
July 28	<b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
July 30	Regular Trash Pick Up
August 1	Recycle Pick Up
August 4	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) <b>Yard Waste Pickup</b>
August 6	Regular Pick Up

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Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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4701 31st Place  
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M–National Capital  
Park and Planning, Park Permit Office  
301-699-2400

North Brentwood Comm. Ctr  
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