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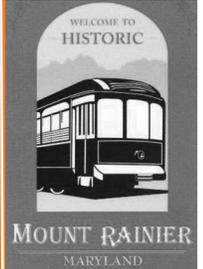
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## Mount Rainier — A City on the Move!

# The Message



Community Survey >>>

### Why Mount Rainier?

- 1 — Affordable housing
- 2 — Art District
- 3 — Great Neighbors
- 4 — Transportation Hub
- 5 — Close proximity to DC
- 6 — Sustainable and Green
- 7 — Other (tell us)

Keep your responses coming!

Take the online survey today:

<http://goo.gl/forms/PICYKebJfq>

**Welcome!** New Homeowners to the City on the Move!

Call us for your  
**New Homeowners Package**  
301.985.6585

**Mark your Calendar!**  
**City Council Meeting**  
Monday, December 1, 2014 7 pm

## Giving Thanks

Mayor Malinda Miles



Election Day  
November 4th

**November** is a month that we give Thanks. We want to thank all of our volunteer organizations, partners and our staff for all that they do to make the City great! Please spend some time learning about our committees and volunteer some time to assist in their efforts. There are opportunities to engage in activities with our Green team, Gateway CDC, Mount Rainier Business Association and many others.

This month we also give thanks to all of our men and women armed forces. We give thanks for you and all of your great service and sacrifices that you have made that we live in the great United States of America.



We thank our first Lady, Michelle Obama leading the way in an effort toward healthy living with the "Let's Move Campaign".

Ensuring that every family has access to healthy affordable food can be a challenge to many households as well as our schools. The City of Mount Rainier strives towards its healthy living and fitness goals every day.

In an effort toward healthy living we are encouraged that Hungry Harvest is now servicing the Mount Rainier community with fresh produce from local farmers. For every bag of food that you purchase they donate a bag of food to a family in need.

With Thanksgiving on the minds for many, let's be mindful of those single individuals and families that are in need of a meal.

Therefore, I challenge everyone this year to invite a neighbor, resident, or elderly relative to your Thanksgiving meal this year. The First Baptist Church of Mount Rainier has opened their doors to anyone wanting to attend Thanksgiving dinner for free. Have a safe Holiday!

# Set the stage >>> *Economic Development*

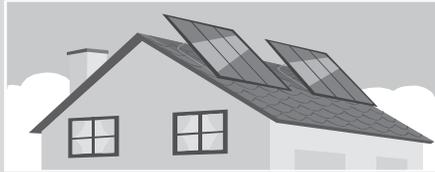
The **Redevelopment Authority (RDA) of Prince George's County** is leading the transition to create sustainable neighborhoods by kicking off the **Net-Zero Home Demonstration project** at one of its vacant properties, located at 3719 34th Street in Mount Rainier.

This new home will serve as a model template for sustainable, high performance housing in Prince George's County. **RDA selected the Urban Coves Development Team (UCDT)** for the project.

The UCDT is developing a 1830 sq. ft. two-story, single family modular home that achieves net-zero energy performance and establishes a new standard for next generation, green affordable housing.

The Urban Coves Development Team consists of:

Urban Green LLC , Wiencek & Associates Architects + Planners, UCCAP, University of Maryland School of Architecture, Nationwide Custom Homes and Stalwart Green Global.



The team will develop a healthy, high-performance, LEED Platinum home that will be affordable to families. The Urban Coves Team has designed a customized a high-quality, energy efficient home that incorporates affordable, green technologies that are attainable for low and moderate-income families in the region.

**The Menkiti Group was selected as the developer for the 3300 Block**, site of the former Singer Building, on Rhode Island Avenue. They propose a mixed-use development that brings together a vibrant mix of residential and commercial uses to activate the central core the City of Mount Rainier while preserving the existing architectural fabric at the site.

Their proposal is anchored by a passionate community of driven business owners such as Annie's Ace Hardware, Emily Arden Eakland and John Kagia from the arts.

We look forward to a ground breaking in Fall 2015.

## *In Town*

### **Mount Rainier Business Association Monthly Meeting**

The next MRBA monthly membership meeting is **Wednesday, November 12th @ 8:30 am at the Mount Rainier Police Department, 3249 Rhode Island Avenue.**

*Gearing up for many exciting opportunities for YOU as business owners in Mount Rainier.* We are pleased with the support from the City's new staff that has already proven to be a plus for the businesses in Mount Rainier.

### **SAVE THE DATE: FSC FIRST RIDAYS**

*November 7, December 5*

Sponsored by FSC First & PNC Bank. These financing workshops will show you **How To Get a Yes To Your Loan Request.** 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 300, Largo, MD, 8:30am-10:30am. For more Info & to register, contact 301-883-6900 or visit [fscfirst.com](http://fscfirst.com).

### **HOLIDAY ULTIMATE NOVA BUSINESS EXPO**

**Promote and Grow one's business**

**When:** Friday, Nov 14, 2014, 8am - 2pm

Secure your booth (s)/ticket (s) today!

**Register:** [ultbizexpo.com](http://ultbizexpo.com) or (703) 359-5642

## >>> *Tools for Small Business*



### **Operating without a Business Plan?**

If your answer was "YES."

Go online to the SECURE SBA step-by-step Business Plan tool at <http://www.sba.gov/tools/business-plan/1>

**FACT:** Creating a business plan is one of the most important steps you will take because the plan serves as your road map for the early years of your business!

## >>> **Eco-KNOW-mic Facts**

*Keeping you in the know in the City of Mount Rainier*

The City of Mount Rainier's "**Commercial Management Authority (CDMA)**" aka "**Mount Rainier Business Association**" is actively responsible for the revitalization;

Property maintenance; program funding and administration; and overall quality of life standards within Mount Rainier's Business District.

# The Buzz around the City

First Baptist Church of Mount Rainier  
Cordially invites you to:

## Thanksgiving Dinner



When: Saturday, November 22, 2014

Time: 4pm–6pm

Where: 3103 Shepherd Street

RSVP: Dale Jones 301-927-5565

**All are welcome!**

FREE event RSVP required

## Youth Activities



Thursdays, November 6,  
13, 20 & 27, 11 am-12 pm

### Toddler Time

Parents and their toddlers  
can enjoy time at the  
nature center with hands-  
on crafts, stories, soft play  
and much more!



Tuesdays, November 4, 11,  
18 & 25, 4-6 pm

### Xtreme Teens: Open Rec

Hey teens, come rock out  
with us after school! Enjoy  
games, music, movies, or  
just hang out with us.

Ages 10-17; FREE



### Mount Rainier

### NATURE CENTER

4701 31st Place, Mount Rainier  
301-927-2163



## Hungry Harvest

delivers farm fresh food to your  
doorsteps is now in Mount Rainier!



Schedule your delivery today:  
301.675.5964

Every bag of food that you purchase  
a donation to a needy family is made.



## Holiday Craft Show

**December 6, 2014**

10:00 am—5:00 pm

### Joes Movement Emporium

3309 Bunker Hill Road  
Mount Rainier, MD

**Make plans to shop for the  
Holidays!**

**The Mount Rainier  
Business Association  
invites you  
to**

**Annual Meeting &  
Holiday Party  
December 10, 2014**

City of Mount Rainier

City Hall

6:30 pm—8 pm

FOOD

Live Music

For info:

[camillefountain@gmail.com](mailto:camillefountain@gmail.com)

**Free EVENT  
All are Welcome**

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



On Saturday, September 13, close to 30 people participated in a stormwater audit and workshop coordinated by the Mount Rainier Green Team. The first-ever hands-on audit was led by officials from the

Prince George's Department of the Environment's (DoE) Rain Check Rebate program.

The workshop focused on what homeowners can do to manage stormwater on their properties and how the County can help. The County's rebate program seeks to clean up stormwater through three key principles: slowing it down, spreading it out, and soaking it in.

Mayor Miles and DOE Director Adam Ortiz kicked off the event at the Mt. Rainier

Nature Center and officials from the County's Rain Check Rebate program provided an overview of the new program and the basics of stormwater pollution. After opening remarks the participants broke into two groups and visited two neighboring Mt. Rainier residential properties for a stormwater audit. The audit provided an opportunity for participants to see the impacts of stormwater first-hand and discuss



the options provided by the County's program to address stormwater problems.

The County's rebate program provides low impact development (LID) solutions to promote the use of on-site natural features to protect water quality. This approach uses small-scale practices that mimic the natural hydrologic regime of a pre-developed

watershed by infiltrating, filtering, storing and detaining runoff close to its source. The eligible practices through the County program include: planting urban canopy trees, installing rain barrels and cisterns, installing rain gardens and permeable pavement, installing green roofs and removing pavement.

**Who Can Apply:** Individual residences, commercial businesses, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit organizations as well as housing cooperatives. **How Much Can Be Awarded:** \$2,000 for residential property owners; \$20,000 for commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit, and not-for-profit groups.

**For More Information and to Apply Visit:**

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck/Pages/default.aspx>

## *Thanksgiving Safety Tips >*

Most of us tend to ignore or forget what Thanksgiving is really all about. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the blessings that we've been given; not just feasting on the fruits of the Earth or the fruits of holiday parades and football games brought to you in high definition! It is a day to gather with friends and loved ones and celebrate our blessings.

With planning and a little common sense, you can ensure that tragedy does not come between you and a festive holiday. Follow these safety reminders to help you and your loved ones have a safe and happy Thanksgiving:

### *Safety At Home*

Keep your family and overnight guests safe with a working smoke detector on every level of the house, in every bedroom, and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms.

Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries at least twice a year.

Overnight guests should be instructed on the fire escape plan and designated meeting place for your home.

Have a fire extinguisher available not more than 10 feet from the stove, on the exit side of the room. A 2 ½ lb. class ABC multi-purpose dry chemical extinguisher is recommended. Know how to use your fire extinguisher.

Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven.

Keep the kitchen off-limits to young children and adults that are not helping with food preparation. You've heard the expression, "Too many cooks spoil the broth." Well, too many cooks cause kitchen mishaps!

When cooking, do not wear clothing with loose sleeves or dangling jewelry. The clothing can catch on fire and the jewelry can catch on

pot handles, causing spills and burns.

Cook on the back burners when possible and turn pot handles in so they don't extend over the edge of the stove. Never leave cooking unattended.

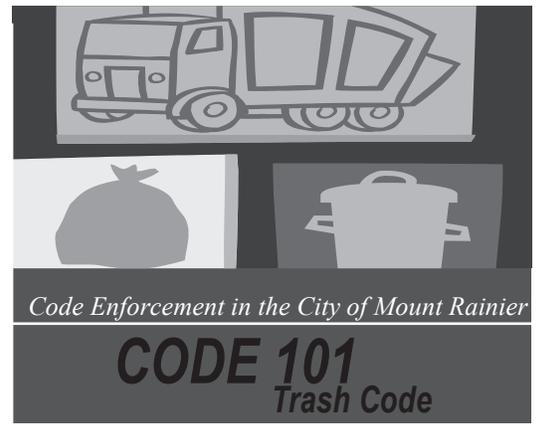
Candles are often part of holiday decorations. Candles should never be left burning when you are away from home, or after going to bed. The candle should not have combustible decorations around it.

If you allow smoking inside your home, provide guests with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After guests leave, check inside and under upholstery and in trashcans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

Keep an eye on guests who are drinking alcohol. If you feel they have had too much to drink, refuse to allow them to have additional alcohol and call them a cab or take them home.

**Mount Rainier Police Dept**  
See or Hear Something?  
**Call 301-985-6565**

# Opportunities



## CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERN POSITION

Open until November 30, 2014

The City of Mount Rainier is looking for a team player to assist in activities towards a Great City on the Move!

The employee will assist the Management team in various activities. Duties include: support to staff, real estate development, grant research and marketing.

The successful candidate must be competent in Microsoft Word, Outlook and Publisher. Prior employment in a real estate development environment and the ability to work independently is a plus.

The City of Mount Rainier offers a great working environment along with 20—30 hours per week. Persons may apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to Veronica Owens at [vowens@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:vowens@mountrainiermd.org) or by mail to: City of Mount Rainier, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 [www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org)

## CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE POSITION WARD 2



Calling all Community Leaders! Are you a Mount Rainier resident interested in representing Ward 2 of the community?

Qualifications: 1) you must be a resident for at least 2 years. 2) must be at least 18 years of age. 3) must be a registered voter. 4) must live in the Ward for 2 years.

To apply: Send a resume along with a three page letter of “Why you are a Leader of Mount Rainier and how your experience and background makes you a great council person— Send to Brent Bolin at [bbolin@gmail.com](mailto:bbolin@gmail.com) by November 16, 2014 to be considered.

**Q:** What s the limit of trashcans for each residential home in the City of Mount Rainier?

**A:** Each resident is allowed up to five 33 gallons or less trash cans.

DATE	Pick Up	DATE	Pick Up
Nov 3	Bulk trash	Dec 1	Bulk trash collection Recycle Pick Up
Nov 5	Regular Trash	Dec 3	Regular Trash Collection
Nov 7	Recycle	Dec 5	Recycle Collection
Nov 10	Yard Waste	Dec 8	Yard Waste
Nov 11	HOLIDAY	Dec 10	Regular Trash
Nov 12	Regular Trash	Dec 12	Recycle Collection
Nov 14	Recycle Trash	Dec 15	Bulk trash collection
Nov 17	Bulk trash	Dec 17	Regular Trash
Nov 19	Regular Trash	Dec 19	Recycle Collection
Nov 21	Recycle	Dec 24	Regular Trash Collection
Nov 24	Yard Waste	Dec 26	Recycle Collection
Nov 26	Regular Trash	Dec 27	<b>Electronic Recycle Event</b>
Nov 27	HOLIDAY	Dec 31	Regular Trash Collection
Nov 28	HOLIDAY		

## ★ Shining Stars of Mount Rainier >>>

Charlene Howard for Project Leader of the Mount Rainier 1st Annual 5K Race !

Thomas Stone Elementary salutes—Caroline Decaire and Mavis Bouie and students:

- |                        |                       |                      |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Uchenna Onyekwere      | Kevin Chavez Sandoval | Flor Gomez-Alvarenga |
| Katherine Miguel Cruz  | Nuhameen Teshome      | Anggy Woolcook Ramos |
| Angel Duarte           | Daphne Guzman         | Pharoh Mavo-Carey    |
| Peninnah Kanu          | Noelia Molina         | Isaias Mejia         |
| Rossmay Carranza       | Francisco Hernandez   | Jonathan Centeno     |
| Alfred Oyibo           | Crystal Curtis        | Joselyn Gomez        |
| Omar Pierre            | Rebeca Hernandez      | Alyne Martinez       |
| Santos Arevalo0Bonilla | Yasmine Alvarado      | Kenya Colorado       |
| Asley Nahuacatl        | Brittany Alvarez      |                      |
| Stephanie Hernandez    | Betsy Tenango         |                      |

Let us know about a Shining star at [info@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:info@mountrainiermd.org)—subject Shining Star

# the Message Newsletter

Let us know if you have ideas for an upcoming story, business news, event, or neighborhood star to feature in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Contact the Editor: Veronica Owens at [vowens@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:vowens@mountrainiermd.org)

[www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org)



coming soon >>>

Economic Development  
The Buzz around the City

Deadline for the Jan/Feb  
edition is December 18, 2014

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## Mayor

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301-985-6585 ext.30

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## City Treasurer

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## Economic Development Director

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Vacant

Brent Bolin

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MRTV Director

G'rome Williams

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## 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  
Del. Jolene Ivey  
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  
Vacant  
240-508-4187

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

City Police Department  
Chief Michael E. Scott

[mescott@mountrainierpd.org](mailto:mescott@mountrainierpd.org)  
301-985-6565 (non-emergency calls)  
301-985-6566 (non-emergency calls)  
301-985-6590 (administrative)  
911 - Emergency calls - 911

City Public Works 301-985-6583,  
Bulk Trash Appts. 301-985-6558

Child Abuse  
and Neglect Hotline  
301-699-8605

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Prince George's County Office

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301-516-7608 fax

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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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