

The Message



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Thank You ALL!!!

By Councilmember Christopherson

Saturday, March 1st our community came together to remember **Graciela Carbonell**, who passed away on January 31. She was the Mount Rainier Television director and Call-a-Bus driver and the longest-serving city employee, after Captain Stoots of the police department. The great turnout and contributions of local businesses, entertainers, public officials, city employees, and other friends reflected the impact Graciela had on us.

Graciela's family deeply appreciates the messages and sorely-needed financial help they received as a result of the event. Donations are still being accepted through Bank of America account number 4460 3020 4867, and in person at Mount Rainier City Hall.

All food and drink, music, labor, and organization was donated, and 100 percent of the proceeds went directly to the family. I would like to recognize specifically the many hands that contributed to the success of the benefit. Especially, Mount Rainier City Clerk, Janis Lomax.

I recommend patronizing all of the businesses that donated their goods and services, because they have demonstrated real commitment to our community.

The venue was generously made available without charge by Mr.



Mutchler and Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue, 3716 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood. The Town of Colmar Manor also volunteered its beautiful facilities. Also, the Gateway Arts Center Building Fund adjusted its fund raiser schedule to accommodate us, which we appreciated very much.

Generous donations of food came from:

- ◆ Circle Deli and Grill, 3405 Rhode Island Ave., Mount Rainier
- ◆ Joe's Restaurant, 3185 Queens Chapel Rd., Mount Rainier
- ◆ Aladdin Sizzler, 3231 Rhode Island Ave., Mount Rainier

Drinks provided courtesy of:

- ◆ Party Time Liquors, 3307 Rhode Island Ave., Mount Rainier
- ◆ New Kaywood Liquors, 2205 Varnum St., Mount Rainier
- ◆ Chuck's Liquors, 3416 Rhode Island Ave., Mount Rainier

The evening's entertainment was provided by:

- ◆ Mr. Andy Torres and the Rhabb Sisters
- ◆ Dave MacMillan & Friends
- ◆ PatchWork Da Band and Show

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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
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Mayor and Council Meeting; special work session on FY 2015 Budget
Tuesday, April 22, 2014	Public hearing and public comment on proposed FY 2015 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on FY 2015 Budget
Tuesday, May 6, 2014	Mayor and Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on FY 2015 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate

LEGISLATION UPDATE

The following is a summary of City of Mount Rainier legislation passed this calendar year.

- Resolution 1-2014 This resolution sets the calendar of events for preparation of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.
- Resolution 2-2014 This resolution appoints Mary Lee Haughwout as the Chairperson of the Mount Rainier Green Team.
- Resolution 3-2014 This resolution approves the City of Mount Rainier Urban Green Infrastructure Master Plan and the City of Mount Rainier Bicycle Master Plan.
- Resolution 4-2014 This resolution designates Mount Rainier Television studio (MRTV) as the Graciela Carbonell Television Studio and requiring installation of a permanent memorial plaque.
- Ordinance 1-2014 This ordinance provides that occupancy licenses are to be issued and license fees paid annually rather than biennially; to require premises requiring an occupancy license to be inspected at least every two (2) years for compliance with the Property Maintenance Code; to allow for the transfer of occupancy licenses, and to require compliance with the Maryland Lead Risk Reduction in Housing Act as a condition of issuance of a Residential Rental Occupancy License.
- Ordinance 2-2014 This ordinance amends the Mount Rainier Code Chapter 13A Snow Emergencies, and adds a new Chapter 13B, City Emergencies, to clarify that the City Manager has the authority to determine whether the City government offices are open or closed during a snow emergency or other city emergency.

Questions, comments and submissions to the Mount Rainier *MESSAGE* should be sent to **Michael Jackson, Assistant City Manager, via mail at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or via e-mail at mjackson@mountrainiermd.org**. All submissions for the April 2014 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Submissions received after that time will be considered on a space available basis. The Mount Rainier Message is published monthly except for the combined July-August and December-January issues. *Electronic version available at the city webpage: <http://www.mountrainiermd.org/category/newsletters/>*

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- ◆ Comedian Gloria Industrious also volunteered to perform, unfortunately all the time slots were full.
- ◆ Security was provided by the Mount Rainier Police Department – specifically, Officer Eddie Murphy.
- ◆ Custom Framing was donated by Cheryl Fountain, Frame Savvy, 5331 Baltimore Ave Ste 105, Hyattsville.
- ◆ Photography was donated by Diane Vance of Digital Arts, 3900 38th St., Brentwood.
- ◆ Flowers provided by The Basket Gourmet Shop & Tiger Lilly Florist, 5126 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville
- ◆ Bar Service provided by Susie and Andrew Rhabb
- ◆ Hands-on help donated by Usha Suryadevara (who also provided food), and Mount Rainier Public Works employees Michael Barnes, Ruth Sandy, and Charles Stewart.
- ◆ The greeting table and donation collection was handled by Sarah Christopherson.

Public officials who attended to support Graciela's family included: Senator Victor Ramirez, Delegate Jolene Ivey, Delegate Doyle Niemann, Mount Rainier City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Colmar Manor Town Council Members Vivian Jackson and Doreatha Epps, Mount Rainier City Council Members Brent Bolin, Jimmy Tarlau, and Ivy Thompson, Prince George's County Television Cable Commission Chair Malcolm Augustine, former Colmar Manor Mayor Diana Fennell, and former Mount Rainier Mayor Fred Sissine.

THANK YOU ALL!!!



Top: Mount Rainier Neighbors Pat Surman and Marilyn Mowatt converse at the memorial service held February 15, 2014. (Ruffins)

Below: Bob Page and Mayor Miles share a moment during the memorial service at Fort Lincoln Chapel. (Ruffins)



REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2014-1 NET—ZERO HOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECT 3719 34TH STREET, MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND 20712

The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County (RDA) is hereby seeking proposals from teams of qualified individuals and firms to develop a single-family net-zero energy home that produces at least as much renewable energy as it uses in a year, when accounted for at the building site.

RDA seeks developer teams (Offerors) who want to showcase their talent and innovative building abilities and who want to help to develop replicable models of highly efficient, sustainable homes in Prince George's County.

RDA will work closely with the selected Offeror to assist the project in a variety of ways, and RDA will act as an advocate within the County for its successful completion. RDA will consider the successful integra-

tion of this home into the targeted Mount Rainier neighborhood to be a major milestone in the County's redevelopment. RDA expects that this project will be upheld as a model for future building across the County, and ideally the region and the nation.

For questions, please contact: Tanya Diggs Administrator of Procurement and Finance, Redevelopment Authority 9200 Basil Court, Suite 504 Largo, Maryland 20774 TDiggs@co.pg.md.us Proposals must be received and time-stamped no later than Friday, June 13, 2014 at noon EDT.

The RFP is available at the Redevelopment Authority webpage at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/redevelopmentauthority/Pages/default.aspx> under the For Developers heading.

Youth & Recreation

REDSKINS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR \$25,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation (WRCF) announced today that online submission is now open for the WRCF \$25,000 college scholarship. The 2014 scholarship marks the sixth consecutive year in which the Redskins are helping send a student in need to college.

Administered by the D.C. College Success Foundation (CSF), the WRCF scholarship will provide one local, deserving, high-potential and low-income public high school senior with a college scholarship disbursed in up to \$5,000 increments annually for five years.

Seniors attending a Washington, D.C. or Prince George's County, Md. public high school may apply for the scholarship by visiting <http://www.dccollegesuccessfoundation.org/dc/scholarships/dc-11000-scholarship> and selecting "Apply Now." **The application deadline is Friday, April 7 at 5 p.m.**

Established in 2009, the goal of the WRCF college scholarship is to provide low-income and underrepresented students the educational and financial incentives, mentoring and other supports necessary to gain admission to the colleges and universities of their choice.

WRCF selected D.C. College Success Foundation to administer the scholarship because of its strong working scholarship model. The program places recipients in a mentoring program which requires students to work with a mentor (CSF advisor) during all four-to-five years of college.

For more information on the D.C. College Success Foundation scholarship model, visit their website at <http://www.dccollegesuccessfoundation.org/>.

For more information on the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation's programs and events or to donate, visit www.redskins.com/community or follow the Foundation on Twitter at [@RedskinsCR](https://twitter.com/RedskinsCR).

District 47 2014-2015 Scholarship Opportunity ***Due Tuesday, April 29th***

Eligible students must be District 47 residents and attend a college or university in Maryland. These scholarships can be used for either undergraduate or graduate study. Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application as outlined at http://www.victorramirez.com/objects/pdf/2014_Application.pdf.

Senator Ramirez will review both your financial need and your academic merit. Scholarships are generally awarded in the late spring. If awarded a Senatorial scholarship you do not need to reapply, since the award is good for 4 years or eight semesters.

*** To avoid disqualification, please ensure you submit a complete application.***

Remember! The application and all supporting documents are due by Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

We will let all students know their awards by mid-June. Good luck!

For more information about the application contact Senator Ramirez at (410) 841-3745, (301) 858-3745-800-492-7122, ext. 3745 (toll free) or via e-mail at: victor.ramirez@senate.state.md.us



Get on board with **FIRST**[®]
Chesapeake Regional FIRST Robotics Competition
April 3 – 5, 2014
 at the Comcast Center
 University of Maryland, College Park

See 54 high school robotics teams compete in the 2014 *FIRST* Robotics Competition game of assist and goal scoring robots: Aerial AssistSM. Our *FIRST* Stop guest program helps you be part of the action and learn about the *FIRST* family of programs from our Ambassadors.



To learn more visit our website:
<http://www.mdfirst.org>





APRIL 10, 2014
HYATTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS:
 A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING**

Hosted by:
 Amber Waller, Board Member, District 3,
 Department of Special Education - Partners for Success Parent Center,
 and the Office of Interpreting and Translations International Programs

SPECIAL EDUCATION:
 Everything You Want to Know about
 Transitioning from Middle to High School
 and Beyond

CHILD CARE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!
 Limited child care is available on a first come first serve basis.

SPANISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED
 Please RSVP by April 4, 2014, if childcare is needed.
 Light refreshments will be provided.

- ▶ *What is a transition plan?*
 - ▶ *When does transitioning planning take place?*
 - ▶ *How does an IEP support my child with transitioning to postsecondary options?*
 - ▶ *What community services and agencies are available to support students transitioning?*
 - ▶ *How do I resolve conflicts?*
 - ▶ *Where can I go for help?*
 - ▶ *What resources are available?*
- Please join us to have these questions and many more answered.*

HYATTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
 6001 42nd Ave.
 Hyattsville, MD 20786

Register at:
 301-431-5675

or email:
beth.dialta@pgcps.org





ABRIL 10, 2014
HYATTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**COLABORANDO PARA EL ÉXITO:
 UNA REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA**

Organizado por:
 Amber Waller, Miembro Directivo, Distrito 3,
 Departamento de Educación Especial - Asociados para el Éxito-Centro para los Padres y La Oficina de Programas de Interpretaciones y Traducciones Internacionales

EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL:
 TODO LO QUE USTED DESEA SABER ACERCA DE LA
 TRANSICIÓN DE LA SECUNDARIA A LA PREPARATORIA Y
 AL FUTURO

**El cuidado de niños será limitado
 en base a como vaya llegando.**

Se proveerá interpretación en español. Por favor confirme antes del 4 de abril del 2014, si necesita el cuidado de niños. Se proveerán refrigerios.

- ▶ *¿Que es un plan de a transición?*
 - ▶ *¿Cuándo comienza el plan de transición?*
 - ▶ *¿Como un Plan Individual de Educación apoya a mi hijo(a) con las opciones de transición despues de la secundaria?*
 - ▶ *¿Que servicios comunitarios y agencias hay disponibles que apoyan a los estudiantes en la transición?*
 - ▶ *¿Como puedo resolver conflictos?*
 - ▶ *¿Donde puedo conseguir ayuda?*
 - ▶ *¿Que recursos hay disponibles?*
- Por favor, únase a nosotros para tener respuesta a estas y preguntas y muchas mas.*

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Regístrese al:
 301-431-5675

o al correo electrónico:
beth.dialta@pgcps.org

Spring Soccer Sign-Ups

Prince George's Soccer, Inc. (PGSI) is again sponsoring PGSI Small-Sided Soccer in Hyattsville at Magruder Park and now Melrose Park too!

Come join us for the beginning of our Seventeenth season! Children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade play soccer on Saturday mornings this Spring. Games start April 12 and end either May 31 or on June 7 with a Tournament.

DIVISIONS: There are four co-ed divisions - K (players 4 years old through Kindergarten), 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade. Kids can play up one division at the discretion of their Club. Teams change division in the Fall, following the school year pattern.

REGISTRATION/FEES: Sign up at Magruder Park Wednesday, April 2nd at 6 pm or Saturday morning April 5th at 9 am. The 2014 Spring (only) fee for PGSI Soccer is \$40 per player. Uniforms are optional and cost \$45. Insurance is provided by Maryland State Youth Soccer Association through PGSI.

SCHEDULE: Six games plus Tournament on Saturday mornings in Magruder Park. First game is Saturday, April 12th. Games will continue through May 31st or June 7th. The earliest game starts at 9 am the latest game starts at noon.

The game schedule released via email and web, PGSIsoccer.com website on tentatively April 7

PRACTICE TIMES:



Ladies 12U Basketball Team for the HMB Boys & Girls Club (Photo: D. Couch) Most of these 18 young ladies are from Mount Rainier and have never played organized basketball or any other organized sport for that matter. Thanks to the City of Mount Rainier for financial support and the HMB Boys & Girls Club.

Baseball Sign-Ups

Sign Ups Happening Now for Hyattsville-Mount Rainier-Brentwood (HMB)! Space Is Limited So Please Don't Delay. Contact Coach Don Stewart 703.867.5983 or via email at Stouch99@Comcast.Net. HMB Boys & Girls Club

Wednesdays 6-7pm (K-1st/2nd grade) Magruder Park; Wednesday 6-7:30pm (3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade) Magruder Park (and subject to Coach availability, possibly Fridays 6-7:30pm)

When in doubt call City of Hyattsville Magruder Park Field Status Weather Line 301-985-5003.

For additional information contact: Marc Tartaro, PGSI President, via e-mail at PGSIsoccer@gmail.com.

(Home Field @ Magruder Park). Outdoor Practices begin in April at Magruder Park. Games start in late April. All local games.

T Ball, 7 & Under, \$40, includes Jersey and Hat .

All Other Levels \$100, includes Jersey And Hat

Modified Kid Pitch, 8 & Under

Minor League, 10 & Under

Major League, 12 & Under

All Levels Have Coed Players and Assistant Coaches. New Coaches and Players are welcome!



MRTV Programs appear on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and "On Demand" daily.

MRTV now provides a 24/7 programming schedule. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list shows and times. **For MRTV comments, suggestions and show ideas contact staff at mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com or call 301-985-6585.**

Mount Rainier Nature & Recreation Center

4701 31st Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712
301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544 www.pgparcs.com

Toddler Time

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11 am-12 noon

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

Ages 2 & up; FREE

Xtreme Teens: Open Rec

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4-6 pm

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

Ages 10-17; FREE

Xtreme Teens/Pre-Teens Nights

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5-9 pm

Enjoy indoor and outdoor recreational activities including games, sports, crafts, music, trips, swimming and more. Additional fees may apply for trips and special events. M-NCPPC Youth ID required.

Ages 10-17; FREE

Adventure Seekers

Saturday, April 5, 10 am-5 pm SMARTlink#1393501

Saturday, April 26, 10 am-5 pm Trip to Maryland Day, University of Maryland SMARTlink #1393517

Calling all adventure seekers! Enjoy hiking, museums and trips to natural and historical sites. Additional fees may apply for transportation and admission.

Ages 8-12; Fee: Resident \$3; Non-Resident \$4

Outdoor Adventures

Saturday, April 12, 8 am-5 pm

Test your skills with outdoor adventures! From hiking, museums, art, carnivals and historic sites, we'll help you challenge yourself in a safe environment.

Ages 18 & up; Fee: Resident \$5; Non-Resident \$6 SMARTlink #1393432

College Tour: Howard University & Georgetown University

Tuesday, April 15th, 9 am-6 pm

Teens can visit local colleges to explore campus life, degree/career options, and financial aid.

Ages 13-17; Fee: Resident \$7; Non-resident \$9 SMARTlink #1396784

College Tour: Montgomery College & George Washington University

Thursday, April 17th, 9 am-5 pm

Teens can visit local colleges to explore campus life, degree/career options, and financial aid.

Ages 13-17; Fee: Resident \$7; Non-resident \$9 SMARTlink #1396785

Family Movie Night

Friday, April 25, Dusk

Bring your family, a blanket, lawn chair, and some snacks to enjoy an outdoor movie with us!

All ages; FREE

Garden Workshop

Saturday, April 26, 11 am-12:30 pm

Learn basic gardening techniques and receive a plant for your home or garden. Hands-on activities and topics discussed include choosing a type of garden, planning and starting a garden, repotting techniques, and recommended gardening tools.

Ages 13 & Up; Fee: Resident \$2; Non-Resident \$3 SMARTlink#1404022

Mount Rainier's Odd Couples

Overhead utility work leaves City with many pairs of poles

By Paul Ruffins

Mount Rainier has nearly 100 pairs of utility poles buried a foot or two apart. The young, newly-planted utility poles are bigger, stronger, taller and greener. The old poles, marked with crosses or orange circles, have been cut short, with eroded surfaces that testify to outliving their life expectancy of 40 years.

How Mount Rainier's utility work left us "bi-polar"

The double poles are a result of Pepco's region-wide push to improve reliability. One of its biggest headaches is falling trees and branches taking down poles or electric lines. Starting in 2012, contractors have installed new poles between Bunker Hill Road and Arundel Road. However, utility poles support a lot more than just electrical wires. They also carry streetlights, traditional copper telephone lines, coaxial cables for cable TV and high-speed internet, and now, Verizon's fiber optic lines.

Mount Rainier has become bipolar because Pepco can only move its own electric lines and streetlights, and the cable and phone companies are far behind in moving theirs. On most blocks the electric lines have all been moved to new poles, but the cable and phones lines remain on the old which have been sawed off just above the connections. Scott supervised a utility crew and was extremely proud of their efforts to replace the poles "We did all of this work on live wires," he said, "without having to turn off the electricity to the whole darn street."

Concerns and complaints

Members of the City Council and our City Manger have expressed several concerns. The double-poles look strange and uninviting. The dirt taken from the holes for the new poles was supposed to be used to fill the spaces left by the old poles, but much has washed away during the year-long delay. Moving the remaining utilities and the old poles will require yet another visit from trucks and crews. However, all work is expected to be finished by the end of 2014.

A hodgepodge on our high wires

It seems like only an engineer could understand what's happening city-wide. On some blocks, for example Upshur Street between 31st and 32nd, all the utilities have been connected to the new poles and all but one of

the old poles have been removed. However, on Upshur between 32nd and 34th street nothing seems to have changed at all, though the existing poles seem to be taller than the old standard poles. On Varnum between 32nd and 31st all the utilities have been moved to new poles but the old poles are still standing.

The practical advantages of the upgrades.

Despite the delays in moving the other utilities, the new poles have significant benefits.

- They are about two inches thicker and much stronger.
- They have more effective protection against insects and termites. Most older poles used creosote. New poles on the East Coast are typically southern pine treated with chromated copper arsenate often used in pressure-treated lumber. Though it does contain arsenic, it should last longer and be better for the environment.
- They stand about 8 feet taller than the old poles, allowing electric lines to avoid more trees.

New and stronger wiring between poles and houses.

Before pole replacement, many houses still had three different electrical wires from the pole to the house. These wires were often completely bare metal. Even if they had been insulated decades ago, it has long since disintegrated. Pepco re-connected using stronger, better-insulated wires twisted into a single strand around a metal cable used as the ground. If you look closely, you'll see that many homes still have a row of three electrical attachment points, but now only one bundle of wires coming in from the pole.

Community Happenings

Arbor Day Walk & Talk

To celebrate Arbor Day, the Mount Rainier Tree Commission has organized a walk to learn about the benefits of our city's trees and the challenges that face them. The walk will take place Saturday, April 26 at 3 p.m. Rain date of Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. The walk which will be at a slow pace starts

at historic Spring Park (33rd and Shepherd St.), commence along Shepherd to Eastern and then back along Bunker Hill Rd. to the gazebo (at 33rd Street). Estimated time is one hour. Former mayor Bryan Knedler (and currently the city's designated Roadside Tree Care Expert) will lead the walk, providing information not only on the trees, but also about historic sites along the route.

New Farmer's Market — Request for Vendors

The Route 1 Farmers Market & Bazaar - hosted by the Gateway Community Development Corporation opens June 6th. We asked our local residents to help us by completing a survey regarding a proposed Farmer's Market on U.S. Route 1 and we received 269 replies! We have received overwhelming support, including support from the organizers of the Mount Rainier Farmer's Market, for the Route 1 Farmer's Market and Bazaar that is slated to start June 6 through November 1, 2014. Thank you for all of your feedback and interest.

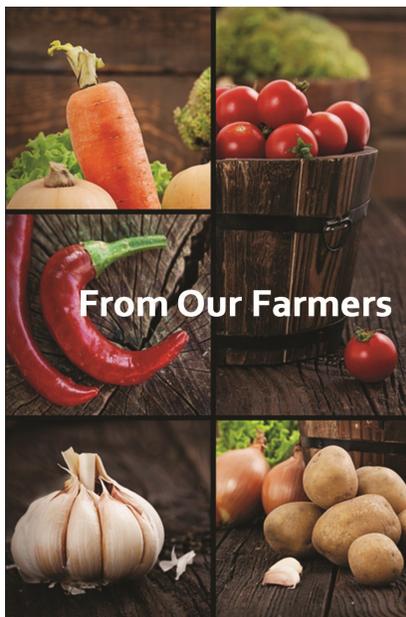
Here is a brief description: The Route 1 Farmer's Market & Bazaar is a wonderful new venue for community members to obtain a wide range of fresh and prepared foods and unique crafts. The market is seen as an important public

space where residents and visitors to the region can mingle, support local farmers, local small entrepreneurial businesses and the local creative economy.

It is envisioned the Route 1 Farmer's Market & Bazaar will:

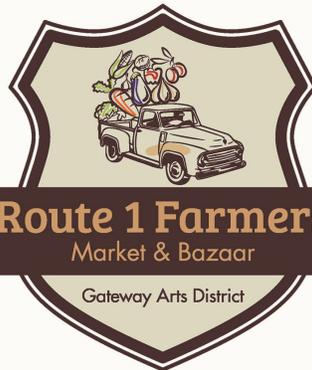
- support the viability of local farms
- support the viability of local businesses
- provide food access to those in need
- create a series of community events and arts programs
- * revitalize a community space.

We are now accepting vendor applications and Farmers & Concessionaire Vendor applications Due April 25th, 2014. Contact Monica at the Gateway CDC for more information at 301.864.3860 or via email at monica@gatewaycdc.org



From Our Farmers

To Our Market

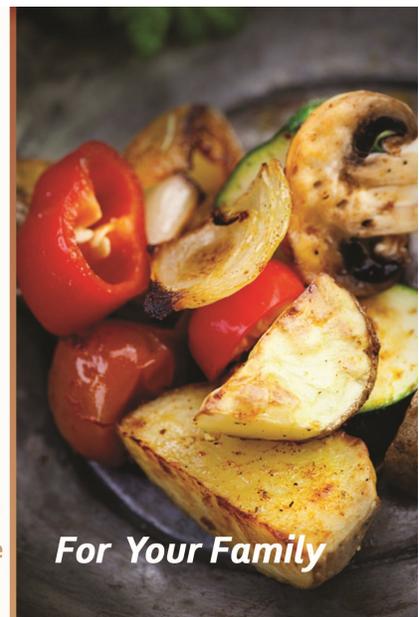


Route 1 Farmers
Market & Bazaar

Gateway Arts District

Opens June 6 - November 1

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



For Your Family

Mount Rainier Nature & Recreation Center presents...

Spring Greening Fair

Saturday, April 19th, 2014, 10am - 2pm
FREE

All ages are invited to our first Spring Greening Fair. SGF is a FREE community event for residents to learn and promote sustainable and “green” living while saving money and having fun!

Demonstrations/vendors covering gardening, composting, rain barrels, green roofs, recycling, games, crafts, animals & more!



“Rain Check” Stormwater Fees

The Rain Check Rebate Program allows property owners to receive rebates for installing Rain Check approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

Rebates are available for homeowners and non-profit organizations in who install cisterns, rain barrels, pavement removal, permeable pavers, green roofs, rain gardens, and urban trees.

By implementing these stormwater practices, residents will conserve water and help support healthy stream and river ecosystems that feed into the Chesapeake Bay.

The Rain Check Rebate Program helps property owners implement techniques that will reduce their Clean Water Act Fee. In addition, the Program helps the County do its part to meet pollution-reduction targets as required by the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), including achieving the milestones set forth in the County’s local Watershed Implementation Plan. For more information, about this program and other programs call 311, visit the webpage at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck/ or contact DERRebatesandCredits@co.pg.md.us.

Climate Change and Food Gardening

An afternoon with Gordon Clark



We know climate change is happening - how do we as food gardeners prepare for it?

The presentation will include both background on the issue and specific techniques for growing in all seasons of extreme weather, as well as for lessening your own garden's carbon footprint.

Join us on April 13th for this fascinating and challenging discussion. As the climate changes, we must change too! \$5 fee. Questions?? Contact Mimi McKinley-Ward at 301-927-1720

Sunday, April 13, 2014

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road
Sponsored by the Mount Rainier Community Garden

MAY IS MONTH OF PEACE

Time to plan our month of peace when we focus on the treasure of peace and ways to make it more a way of life and integrated into our community. Little Friends For Peace is putting together a calendar of activities that will highlight PEACE.

Please send MJ Park details of your event with date, time and place. Some ideas: Peace Walk around town, Peace Sing, Peace Circle for conversation and sharing about Peace, Peace Movie, Peace Yoga .

Let's join together, be creative and come together in the name of PEACE.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." -Mother Teresa

Send your plans by e-mail to MJ Park at mjpeace@gmail.com or call 240-838-4549



**Save
the
Date!**



Sunday, May 18th, 5 PM – 7 PM

Streetcorner Supper

(Comedor Comunitario)

Community Potluck & Music Fest

3300 block of Bunker Hill Road



**Save
the
Date!**





DISCOVER THE GATEWAY ARTS DISTRICT. Take an aerial dance class. Go food shopping (*organic of course*). See an exhibit or a show. The three mile corridor located along Rhode Island Avenue and U.S. Rt. 1 is a haven for artists, art-lovers and families. Quick access to two Green Line stations, the MARC and several bus lines.

For more information visit MyGatewayArts.org or ArtLivesHereMD.wordpress.com.



THE GATEWAY ARTS DISTRICT

MOUNT RAINIER BETTER BLOCK
April 25, 2014

OPEN STUDIOS TOUR
May 10, 2014

BURSTING IN AIR
Summer 2014

SOUTHSIDE MUSIC SERIES
Summer 2014

dISCOVER

PARTNERS: Art Works Now, Gateway Community Development Cooperation, Hyattsville Community Development Cooperation, Joe's Movement Emporium, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, Red Dirt Studio

The Gateway CDC wants to know - How Does Art Live Here?

At Gateway CDC we are committing to knocking on 1,000 doors to personally meet our neighbors in North Brentwood, Brentwood and Mount Rainier.

Our goal is to personally invite the community to celebrate and join in the Art Lives Here 2014 season of community events. We also want to make sure we connect people to the wonderful organizations and resources that are available in our communities.

What do we need from you? A friendly smile when we knock on your door. Volunteers to come and knock with us (bi-lingual people encouraged!). Enthusiasm to show the world the dynamic and artful places we call home!

For more information contact Monica from the Gateway CDC at 301.864.3860 or via e-mail at monica@gatewaycdc.org!



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
Primary Healthcare Strategic Plan
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY INVITES YOU TO A COMMUNITY MEETING

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The future of our healthcare system depends on you!
We want to hear from you about how to improve the quality of services for you, your family, and your community.
Come to the meeting place nearest you

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 6:30-8:30 p.m. Laurel Beltsville Senior Center 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707	THURSDAY, APRIL 3 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Margaret Church 408 Addison Road South Capital Heights, MD 20743
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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
For further information call: Helen Gaynor, 301-952-4487
TTY: 301-952-4366

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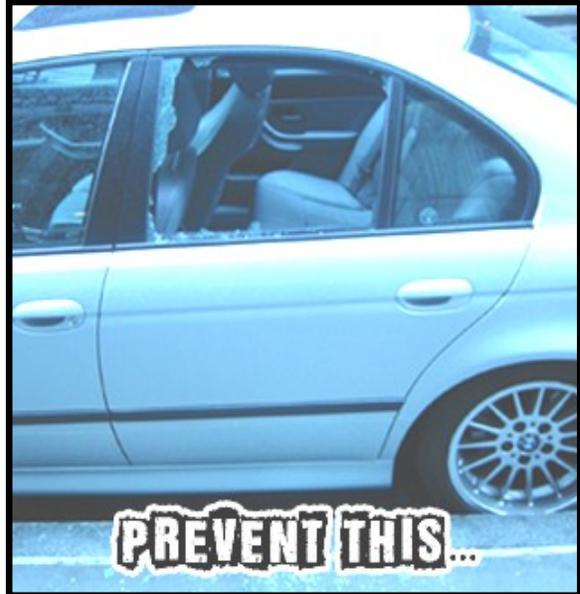
Preventing Theft from Auto

As the weather warms, the Department documents more cases of thefts from motor vehicles along with other cases where vehicles were broken into but nothing was stolen. We also have concerns about thefts from vehicles whose drivers are purchasing fuel at our local BP station on Eastern Avenue.

These thefts are strictly crimes of opportunity and thieves are successful when owners forget to take basic precautions or become distracted as they go about their daily routines.

It is *very* important that you take steps to minimize your risk of becoming the victim of a theft from auto. It's your stuff! Protect it by taking away the thief's opportunity. Here are some handy tips that can help you do just that!

- The best way to prevent theft from your auto is to always keep valuables out of sight. Never leave cell phones, briefcases, suitcases, GPS units, or small electronic devices (personal music devices, digital assistants, etc.) in your car in plain view. Take these items with you, or secure them — *all the time, every time!*
- If your car has a trunk, use it. Put valuables in there or in a locked glove compartment. Hiding items under seats is better than leaving them in plain view, but securing them inside the glove compartment or trunk is a far better deterrent.
- Any time you're shopping, place packages in the trunk, not on the passenger seats or floors.
- Look for car radios or other sound systems that can operate only in the vehicle in which it was originally installed. This reduces the risk of theft.
- If you can unfasten your sound system and take it with you, or lock it in your trunk, do so. And don't forget to do the same with your CDs and tapes.
- Always lock your doors even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for only a minute such as running in to pay for gas.
- If you don't have the luxury of parking your vehicle in a garage at night and have to leave it parked in the driveway or on the street in front of the house, make sure to remove the garage door opener. This is a key to your home!!
- Wheel and tire thieves usually work as a team, much like a NASCAR pit crew. They can have your wheels and be gone in just a couple of minutes! If you have spent a small fortune on custom wheels and Z rated low profile tires, make sure you use a tamper proof wheel lock to secure each wheel to the vehicle. Do not leave the wheel lock key inside the vehicle – take it with you and keep it in a safe place. If your wheels didn't come with security locks, you can purchase them at most automobile parts supply stores. They are inexpensive insurance against losing your investment to thieves.
- The best advice is to not leave anything in your vehicle, or at least in plain sight, that you would not want taken. Even the smallest most insignificant items, even a small amount of change in a center console, left in plain view could result in a window being smashed and the item(s) stolen. If you eliminate the opportunity, you have a greater chance of eliminating the crime.





Section 14-112 of the City Code cites that individuals owning or having custody of a cat or dog, with the exception of a seeing-eye-dog, must not allow excrement from these animals to remain on private property (unless there is consent from the owner), nor on public right-of-ways such as alleys, sidewalks, and streets. **Failing to remove excrement from cats or dogs results in a fine of \$75 for each offense.**

Employment Opportunity

Mount Rainier-Call A Bus Driver— Open until filled

The City of Mount Rainier is looking for a part-time bus driver to provide transportation to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. This position is approximately 20 hours a week, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Candidates must possess a commercial driver’s license with passenger endorsements. Qualified applicants may apply in person at the Municipal Building at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, or forward their cover letter and resume to mjackson@mountrainiermd.org.

Public Works

RECYCLE, BULK TRASH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION TIPS

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 .

April 2	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 4	Recycle Pick Up
April 7	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup
April 9	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 11	Recycle Pick Up
April 14	Yard Waste Collection
April 16	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 18	Recycle Pick Up
April 21	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup
April 23	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 25	Recycle Pick Up
April 28	Yard Waste Collection
April 30	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 2	Recycle Pick Up
May 5	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup
May 7	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 9	Recycle Pick Up
May 12	Yard Waste Collection
May 14	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 16	Recycle Pick Up
May 19	Bulk Trash (call 301-985-6558 for appointments) Yard Waste Pickup
May 21	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 23	Recycle Pick Up
May 26	MEMORIAL DAY— Public Works and City Hall CLOSED

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