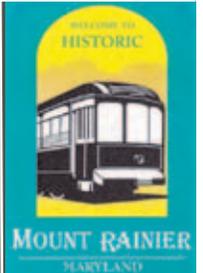




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Calendar—Save the Date  
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## Mount Rainier — The City on the Move

# The Message



Young 30th Street future entrepreneurs!

### Calendar of Events

**Mayor and City Council Meeting**  
September 1 2015—7 pm  
City Hall  
One Municipal Place,  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

**Mayor and City Council Work Session**  
September 15, 2015 — 7pm  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

**Public Safety Night**  
September 18, 2015  
6 pm—9pm  
Mount Rainier Nature Center  
4701 31st Street  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

**Electronic Recycle Day**  
September 19, 2015 9a—1 pm  
3715 Wells Avenue  
Mount Rainier MD 20712  
[mountrainiermd.org](http://mountrainiermd.org)

## Moving Forward!

Mayor Malinda Miles

Summer is over, our children are returning to school and the City of Mount Rainier continues to move forward. We welcome all of our new residents and returning residents from your summer vacations. It is the start of a new school year for our principals, teachers and students to Mount Rainier Elementary and Thomas Stone Elementary.

We ask that you drive with caution throughout our City but especially along the routes that our children travel to school. Remember, unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in Mount Rainier is 25 miles per hour.

On another note, we have a large population of seniors who also walk our streets. It takes a few minutes longer for them to get from one side to the other. Please keep this in mind as you drive around our City.

Let's support our young people and the progress they are making by donating to our local elementary schools. Let's each *pay it forward* for our schools and pick up one supply on the list and our children will have plenty of supplies all year long!

This Fall, there are many reasons to stay engaged with the City of Mount Rainier. You can choose to view us on the web, Facebook or via email. Either way the City is listing many opportunities for residents including job opportunities, committee involvement and upcoming events. Also, we want to thank all of the seniors that came along with us on the Senior Boat ride this year. The evening was a great one and something we look forward to every year.

Come attend our council meetings which are held at City Hall every first and third Tuesday at 7 pm. Everyone is invited, See you soon!

**A new face coming to Downtown Mount Rainier!**



The City of Mount Rainier was awarded a grant from Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Community Legacy Program to support the development of the **Town Center Business Attraction and Expansion Program** for exterior and interior building improvements in Mount Rainier's Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC) zone.

Applications for assistance will be available in Fall 2015 to all eligible businesses located within the MUTC zone.

The MUTC Zone consist of licensed commercial businesses located on 34 Street and Rhode Island Avenue.

**City of Mount Rainier Business Locator Map Launched**

The new Business Locator Map is on the city website's "**Business page.**" Residents, do you need a bite to eat, want to watch a performance, or buy art? The Business Locator Map will help you find what you need. All licensed businesses in the City of Mount Rainier can be found in the Business Locator Map.

**Community Section**



**Creative Industries Incubator Call for Proposals**

In July 2015 **Art Lives Here** released a request for proposals from social media strategists, writers, designers, photographers, videographers, graphic and multimedia production firms, and other specialists in the communications, design, media and

film industries who would like to locate their enterprises in the heart of the Gateway Arts District. A package of financial incentives and management services valued at \$15,000 is available to the proposals that best match the RFP criteria.

First phase of the review process of applications began on August 7, 2015. For more info: Contact Anne L'Ecuyer: [art.lives.here.incubate@gmail.com](mailto:art.lives.here.incubate@gmail.com).

**NEW Economic Development E-newsletter**



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  
[volunteercommittees@mountrainier.md.org](mailto:volunteercommittees@mountrainier.md.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

**Green Team**

Focuses on sustainability within 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 Committee**

Assists with economic development strategies and goals for the city

# Code Enforcement 101

## Did you know?



### ANIMAL CRUELTY

The *Mount Rainier City Code* provides in Section 14-115 that it “shall be a violation ... for the owner or custodian of any animal to fail to provide sufficient food, water, clean and sanitary surroundings and shelter, and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or the transmission of communicable disease, and humane care and treatment. It shall also be a violation to abandon an animal, to beat, ill-treat, torment or physically abuse.” The penalty is a \$75 fine for each offense, and each day that a violation continues is a separate offense. Residents should call the County Animal Control department, but can also call for our City Code Enforcement office to enforce the city provision.



### NOISE RESTRICTIONS

The City Code restricts the amount of noise that can be made during daytime and nighttime hours. Owners or operators of residential multi-family dwellings may enforce more restrictive noise regulations on their own properties. Below is a short synopsis. Check the full text of the noise restrictions in the Code at Sec. 10-121 (available on the City website, [www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org)).  
 Nighttime Noise: During nighttime hours (8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. from Sunday through Friday and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday), if the noise is audible more than 50 feet from the private property where such noise is occurring or more than 50 feet from the noise source on public property, then there is a presumption that the noise is unreasonable and that a public nuisance exists. Unreasonable night-time noises includes, noise from amplified sources like radios, the operation or use of any tool or equipment (including but not limited to construction equipment, lawnmowers, power tools, hammers, drills, and generators), yelling, and barking dogs.



## Department of Public Works Trash & Recycle Schedule

DATE	PICK UP	DATE	PICK UP
September 2	Regular Trash Collection	October 2	Recycle Collection
September 4	Recycle Collection	October 5	Bulk Trash Yard Waste Collection
September 8	Bulk Trash Yard Waste Collection	October 7	Regular Trash Collection
September 9	Regular Trash Collection	October 9	Recycle Collection
September 11	Recycle Collection	October 12	Yard Waste Collection
September 14	Yard Waste Collection	October 14	Regular Trash Collection
September 16	Regular Trash Collection	October 16	Recycle Collection
September 18	Recycle Collection	October 19	Bulk Trash Yard Waste Collection
September 21	Bulk Trash Yard Waste Collection	October 21	Regular Trash Collection
September 23	Regular Trash Collection	October 23	Recycle Collection
September 25	Recycle Collection	October 26	Yard Waste Collection
September 28	Yard Waste Collection	October 28	Regular Trash Collection
September 30	Regular Trash Collection	October 30	Recycle Collection

**Bulk Trash Appointments must be made by 12 noon on the Friday preceding the pick-up date. Contact Department of Public Works: 301.985.6583/6558**



# Set the stage >>> *Calendar of Events— Save the Date*

## SEPTEMBER

September 2, 2015 at 7:30pm

### **Bike Co-op Meeting**

3601 Bunker Hill Road

September 9, 2015 at 8:30 am

### **Mount Rainier Business Association**

(MRBA) 3249 Rhode Island Avenue

September 9, 2015 at 7 pm

### **Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC)**

City Hall, One Municipal Place

September 12, 2015 at 10 am—12pm

### **Garden Committee Meeting**

Richardson Park—31st /Windom St

September 16, 2015 at 7 pm

### **Mayor and City Council Work Session**

One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier

September 24, 2015 at 7 pm

### **Tree Commission**

One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier

## OCTOBER

October 6, 2015 at 7pm

### **Mayor and City Council Meeting**

City Hall, One Municipal Place,

Mount Rainier, MD

October 20, 2015 at 7pm

### **Mayor and Council Work Session**

City Hall, One Municipal Place

October 31, 2015

### **5K Run**

Sponsors/Volunteers Needed

Info: Tracy Loh thadden@gmail.com

October 31, 2015

### **Halloween House Party/Event**

## NOVEMBER

November 7, 2015

### **Veterans Day Celebration**

Calling all Veterans—Info: Mayor

Miles - mayormiles@gmail.com

## **Safety Tips >>>**

It's that time of year again and the new school year has begun. It's time for parents and children to regroup, reorganize and be reminded of a few basic safety tips to make the transition back to school and work a little less hectic.

### **Wait For School Buses**

The Mount Rainier Police Department (MRPD) reminds all drivers to stop when the lights on school buses are flashing. Maryland law provides that vehicles must come to a complete stop on both sides of the street if there is no physical divider or barrier. Drivers may not pass the bus until all lights have ceased flashing.

Drivers who pass school buses while the lights are flashing will be fined \$570 and receive 3 points on their driving record. Drivers who stop but then proceed while the lights are flashing will be fined \$570 and receive 2 points. Mount Rainier police officers *will not* give warnings to drivers for passing a stopped school bus. Trust me, you *will* get a ticket!

Children are not always aware of their surroundings and assume that drivers will stop for them. Youngsters also dart into the road without looking

first for traffic. Allow room for the frequent stops that happen during the morning pick up and the afternoon drop off. *Maryland's future is its children, so let's protect them.*

### **Load Up The Kids - And Lock up the House**

No matter how busy the day starts, here's an important back-to-school reminder: Before you walk or load the kids up for the drive to the bus stop or school – *lock your doors*. Too often we rush out the door, we fail to stop and take stock of where we are and what may have been forgotten. If you forget to secure your home, even if you are gone only for a short time, it can be the perfect morning stop for a burglar.

The MRPD suggests that everyone establish a habit of basic security when leaving home in the morning. Parents should make the process a learning experience for their children. Why not include a security checklist in your morning routine? Depending on the age or ages of the children, let them help by giving them a task that relates to their security. Older children

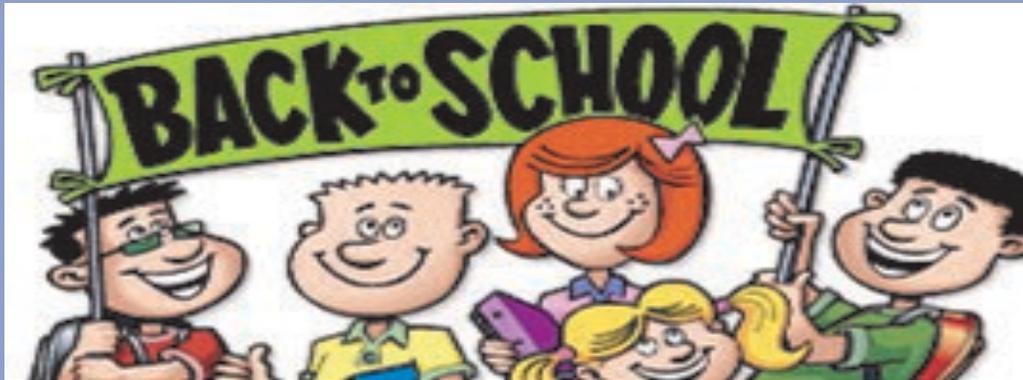
should check and lock the windows, while the younger ones can see if the doors are locked behind you when you leave.

When you are on the way to and from school, keep watch on what is going on in your neighborhood. Look for strangers who seem to be lurking on the sidewalk, with no real purpose. Watch for cars driving slowly through the neighborhood. They might be sizing up potential targets. If you see anything or anyone that rouses your suspicions, call the police department's communications center. Try to provide a basic description of the individual or car that worries you. Tag numbers are very important.

Do not think that burglars work only at night, in the dark. In fact, many burglars strike during the daylight hours when they believe all the occupants of the house may be at school or work. Make their life harder by taking the basic crime prevention measures mentioned above.

**Mount Rainier Police - 301-985-6565**  
**See something, Say something**

# The Buzz around the City



## Get involved in our Schools!

**MOUNT RAINIER ELEMENTARY**  
4011 32nd Street, Mount Rainier, MD

### Back to School Night

Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30pm  
**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**  
September 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm

**THOMAS STONE ELEMENTARY**  
4500 34th Street, Mount Rainier, MD

### Back to School Night

Thursday, September 3 at 5:30-7:15pm  
**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**  
September 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm

#### DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED TODAY!

- Prior Student School Uniforms needed
- Copy Paper
- Number 2 pencils
- Crayons
- 3 X 5 cards
- Baby Wipes/Clorox Wipes
- Plastic Crayon Boxes
- Ziploc Sandwich/Gallon bags
- Kleenex tissues
- Paper Towels
- #2 Pencils
- Packs of Copy Paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Composition Notebooks (wide)
- Paper Towels
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Book Covers
- Colored pencils
- Lysol Wipes
- Ruler

For more information contact:

**Thomas Stone Elementary School**  
301.985.1590

**Mount Rainier Elementary School**  
301.985.1810



**HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION**  
FREE FAMILY EVENT  
SATURDAY, SEP 26  
1-6 PM  
ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES, HEALTH FAIR, INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFTS FOR SALE  
FEATURED PRESENTATIONS BY:  
CULTURA PLENERA, RUDY Y SU LOCURA, & LAURA SOSA LATIN BAND

### FREE FRIDAYS @ the Mount Rainier Nature Center

- Fri Sept. 4:** Miniature Golf
- Fri Sept. 11:** Zumba
- Fri Sept. 25:** Movie Night – outdoor movie night. Movie starts at dusk. Pack up the Family!

### Taurus Broadhurst Event Contemporary DANCE

#### Pay What You Wish Event!

Friday, October 2, 2015 at 8 pm  
Joe's Movement Emporium  
3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD



VISIT THE MOUNT RAINIER BIKE COOP  
301.277.2110

Hours: T/TH 4-7pm Sun 1-4

**Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB) Volunteer to help someone who is visually impaired or blind!** Attend orientations that include curriculum about sensitivity training, human guide training, and information about CLB. For info: [www.clb.org](http://www.clb.org).

**Mount Rainier Nature Center**  
4701 31st Place, Mount Rainier, MD 301.927.2163

# theMessage Newsletter

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301.985.6565 Non-Emergency

301.985.6590 Administrative

### FIRE—911 Emergency

301.985.5406 Non-Emergency

### WATER—WSSC

301.206.4002 Emergency

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 9am-2pm

301.985.6586

## RESOURCES

### Foreclosure Assistance

877.462.7555 [www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org)

240.391.6413

### Landlord/Tenant Commission

800.487.6007

### Maryland Home Tax Credit

Contact City Hall—Finance

Department

### Statewide Housing Counseling

Services

800.642.2227

### MD Energy Assistance (MEAP)

Provides Energy Assistance

Limited Funding for Free Furnaces

301.909.6330

### Mortgage Assistance

[www.mmpmaryland.gov](http://www.mmpmaryland.gov)

301.429.7400

### Public Defender

301.699.2760

### State's Attorney

301.952.3500

### Health Department

301.583.5920

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