

Set the stage >>> *Economic Development*

The Redevelopment Authority has issued an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the site known as 3300 Rhode Island Avenue. They requested a Mixed-Use Development project to occupy the site.

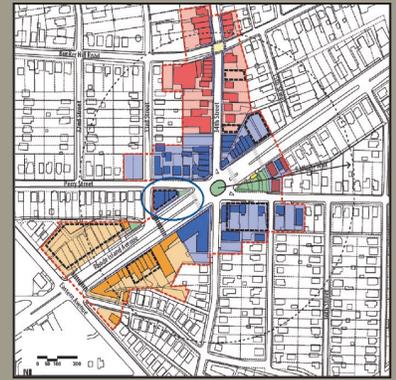
The City of Mount Rainier held a meeting to hear the two finalists that were selected and they are as follows:

Fly Wheel Development brings a team of experts to form a development “company” that can deliver a nationally significant project in Prince George’s County.

Flywheel’s vision for the project is to create “a visionary project that can catalyze one of the “First Net-Zero Main streets in the country.”

They will focus on Community, Energy, and the Environment to deliver a project that raises the bar. The 33,000 square foot lot will consist of “community servicing” retail such as Annie’s Hardware, and office space, as well as a neighborhood restaurant and an open space landscape that consists of “boulevard-style” sidewalks, bioswales and native plantings, and other pedestrian amenities.

The Menkiti Group proposes 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 incubator ReCreative Spaces.



Along with restaurateur Joe Englert who has established neighborhood destinations such as Granville Moore’s and Sticky Rice. The Menkiti Group proposal is driven by sustainable design principles and includes significant enhancements to the public realm with the goal of invigorating the streetscape and increasing the overall walkability of Rhode Island Avenue. Decisions are expected on or before November 2014.

In Town

Art Works @ Magruder Park Visual and Life Arts Learning Program
September 29, 2014 thru November 7, 2014
Mon– Fri, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
For more information:
Nehemiah@artworksnow.org

In the County

October 23: **Prince George’s County Career Job Fair**. Sponsored by the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce. Prince George’s Community College, Largo Student Center, 12pm-2pm.

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October 3, 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 www.fscfirst.com

In the Region

When: October 10, 2014
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Handle customer reviews like a pro by following these steps:

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- Be socially conscious without being overtly self-promotional.
- Address both positive and negative reviews in a forthright manner. This solves problems and can create an unexpected positive outcome.
- Ensure marketing/advertising claims match up to actual performance.
- Don’t deceive your customers. Be transparent and be Responsive.

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The City of Mount Rainier was the first Municipality in Prince George’s County to create a Mixed-Use Town Center Development Plan