

June 2015
City of Mount Rainier
City Newsletter
Economic Development Section



New Business
Openings 2014-2015

Mediterranean Café
mediteraniancafe.com
3237 Rhode Island Avenue

The Water Hole
www.thewaterholecommunity.com
4004 34th St

Ani Kasten Ceramics
anikasten.com
3815 34th St

The Otis Street Arts Project
otisstreetartsproject.blogspot.com
3706 Otis Street

Coming Soon

Bird Kitchen and Cocktails
www.facebook.com/pages/Bird-Kitchen-and-Cocktails/
3801 34th St

Red Dirt Studio
www.margaretboozer.com/reddirt1
3706-08 Otis Street

“N vi me” Couture boutique
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/N-VI-ME/407800662687118>
3817 34th St

Missed your business. Let us know.

The Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA) brings ***Clean and Safe Services Program*** to Downtown Mount Rainier



Meet Dwayne (photo above)

Dwayne is one of two crew members of the **Mount Rainier Business Association Clean and Safe Team** (“The Team”). MRBA, in partnership with the City of Mount Rainier, have contracted with **Next Opportunity (N.O.)**, to provide environmental maintenance services within the Mount Rainier business corridor of Prince George’s County. The Team consists of two full-time crew members and one part-time supervisor. This team provides environmental maintenance services in the community, five days per week: Tuesday through Saturday, from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM, except specified holidays. Hours of coverage can be adjusted to meet a special need of the community.

Clean Team Experience

N.O.’s staff currently provides clean and safe services in six other areas: New York Avenue NE (through a partnership with Douglas Development), Anacostia (1 year – Anacostia Business Improvement District – ABID), Congress Heights (4 years – Congress Heights Main Streets), North Capital Main Streets (1 year), Rhode Island Avenue (RIA) Main Streets, and Shaw (3 years – Shaw Main Streets). In addition, N.O. has provided services in the following areas in the past: Ward 1 (3 years), Ward 4 (3 years – Georgia Avenue), and Ward 7 (1 year – Minnesota Avenue).

Development Updates

Several development projects are underway. Do you know what's happening in your neighborhood?

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Meet Your Local Business Spotlight

Business Name: Ani Kasten Ceramics

Location: 3815 34th St.

Owner/Artist: Ani Kasten

Website: anikasten.com

Why Mount Rainier: Ani decided to open a business in Mount Rainier after working in the area for 8 years and renting studio space. Her deep love for the community and the lasting experiences she has over the years, influenced her decision to purchase and open a permanent location on Mount Rainier's (unofficial) Main Street – 34th Street.

What makes your business unique: The business operates as a quasi arts studio and shared space with two other artists. We have a collection of original ceramics pieces and a small showroom that gives visitors a feel of how the space is used. Ani's pieces are displayed in national galleries and museums all over the country. All of her pieces are created in house. She welcomes the community to visit her space to see how the pieces are created. To view the full video interview, visit: <http://youtu.be/nofFznGWqBc>.