



The Message

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CELEBRATE MOUNT RAINIER DAY ** CELEBRATE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007
11:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM**

Please come out and join us for what promises to be one of the greatest Mount Rainier Day Parade and Festivals to date! The City is in the final stages of preparation for this annual event, confirming performances, and scheduling activities. If you have not yet signed up for a vendor or craft table, spaces are limited and going fast. Last year, the basketball tournament was a hit and will be part of the festivities again this year. If you are interested in participating in the parade please contact us at once. Forms are available at City Hall. Please contact Janis Lomax, Municipal Clerk for more information at (301) 985-6585.

Many of the City's artists will be performing this year, including a Salza Band and dance group from Joe's Movement Emporium. There will also be self-guided walking studio tours throughout the entire Gateway Arts District from Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood and Hyattsville. Please see the articles throughout this May edition of *The Message* for further information.

What has been added this year to support residents from all over the city is transportation for those who want to participate and join in on the fun but have little or no transportation, or for those who cannot walk to the events. **THE CITY'S CALL-A-BUS WILL OPERATE FOR THE ENTIRE DAY FREE OF CHARGE! CALL-A-BUS STOPS WILL BE MADE EVERY HALF HOUR AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR PICK-UP AND DROP OFF BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM AND ENDING AT 6:00 PM.**

- Wells Avenue and Otis Street
- Wells Avenue and Perry Street
- 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road
- 30th Street and Taylor Street
- 32nd Avenue and Upshur Street
- Thomas Stone Elementary School Parking Lot
- Prince George's Pool Parking Lot
- Rainier Manor
- 30th Street and Arundel Road
- Parking Lot on Varnum Street near 22nd Avenue and Arundel Road
- 31st Street and Bunker Hill Road

Please note that the pick up times and drop off are approximate. Please plan to enjoy the day!

CAROL GANDEE, COUNCIL MEMBER WARD ONE

Eight years is a long time!! As many of you know I am not running for Council, but have passed the baton to Jimmy Tarlau. I believe he will be a good Council Member to represent Ward One. He has met many of you, and is gaining information on the issues that concern you. I am also filling him in on issues that are currently on the agenda. I have also offered to fill him in on the history of issues since I have lived here for almost 17 years.

I am very proud of all that has been accomplished since 1997 by the Mayor and Council.

We have a new Police Station, Fire Station, a renewed Mt. Rainier Day, Emergency Preparedness Plan and Supplies, traffic light at Buchanan and Queens Chapel Road, and a website. The City continues to repair curbs and gutters, our Public Works Department is active in providing services to the residents, and our Police Department under the leadership of Chief Mike Scott is reenergized, and morale is at an all time high. I believe the most important issues during my tenure dealt with putting our financial house in order, and dealing with management issues in the Police Department and protecting the Union.

When I returned to the Council in 2003, our financial office was in turmoil. We had a Treasurer who was unwilling to work with Council, our audits were not being filed on time, and we had several issues that left our City vulnerable to mismanagement. Mr. Manjani has worked overtime to resolve all the issues, and our finances are the best they have been in over a decade.

Then Council Member Miles and Haamid worked with me to insist that we hire a Financial Director, that our books would be in order, and that any issues would be addressed. I am happy to report that we have kept our promise, that our books are in order, that we no longer have late audits, and that we live within our budget, and this year have not taken a draw against our line of credit. This was a huge feat for our Managers, and the Council to make sure we meet our fiduciary responsibilities.

Recently, there was an attempt by the Mayor and Council to abolish the Union that represents our Police Department. While initially, a year ago, I was a party to this. After more discussion with Officers, Union Representatives, and looking into the specific reasons for doing this, I came to the conclusion that this was the wrong thing to do. I worked with citizens, Officers, and my successor, Mr. Tarlau, to discourage the Council from going forward with this Ordinance. We were successful, and I am grateful to the Council for supporting the will of the people.

We are working hard to create a skate park at Otis and Wells. Margaret Boozer and Lynne Thorpe are heading this up, and I am very excited that this will become a reality.

Recently, Jodi Beder had her band at Artmosphere, and while I was sitting there listening to great music, I recalled the days when there was a dingy grocery store in that spot, and an open air drug market out front. I recently attended the opening of our Art Gallery, and I can tell you, all the years that some of us spent on block watch, trying to stop the drugs, paid off.

The Council embraced the idea of the Arts District in 1997. That decision in the late 1990's to promote an Arts District was the smartest thing we did on the Council.

Just for the record, Mount Rainier still holds the record for the most Awards for Excellence in the State. We hold this honor because of good staff who have innovative ideas, and Council Members who will support this.

I am very close to retirement. In the next 3 years my goal is to start moving toward less responsibility, and a lot more fun. I have a travel trailer, and during the year I go camping quite a lot. Mount Rainier will always be close to my heart, as my great aunt is a charter citizen of the City. Rose Camelot. But, I have purchased 3 acres of land near Dartmouth College, in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and will probably build a post and beam home on the property, and spend most of my time just enjoying life. In my mind retirement is, "everyday is Saturday".

I know there were times when I was in the middle of controversy, or fighting an uphill battle on an issue, but I always kept the best intentions for the City and the residents in mind when making decisions. I could always be swayed with a good argument to see the other side of an issue, and I appreciate those who approached me with the alternative. But, I make no apologies for being tough when the situation called for it. The residents who supported me over the years, and returned me to a second term knew that I would be tough when the situation called for it and that is why they voted for me.

I want to thank all of the residents in Ward One and even Ward Two, who have supported me over the years. It has been a great ride, but I am ready for a break. It is my hope that our future Council will continue to move this City forward, and keep Mount Rainier on the lips of Maryland Elected Officials, and a place where everyone wants to live.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Many of you may not be aware of new businesses that have recently opened in the great City of Mount Rainier. H and F Fine Arts is a state of the arts art gallery located adjacent to the Artmosphere Café on Rhode Island Avenue. There is also a pet grooming business located on Perry Street called Paws of Enchantment directly across from City Hall. Later in the summer, the Circle Café (across from Artmosphere) should be open for business. The Mount Rainier Business Association is working diligently on a business directory which will be used for the citizenry as well as a marketing tool for future investors. Take a few moments and stroll through the city and see for yourself what is new. Mount Rainier is truly a City on the Move!

The Neighborhood Design Center has been working on façade improvements in our business districts. Soon you will see new paint and signage for many of our businesses on 34th Street.

The City's electrical contractor has begun the initial stages of the ground work for the installation of new street lights in the 3800 block of 34th Street. This effort is being funded through a State grant that was awarded to the City over a year ago.

As the City manager, I have requested just under a half million dollars in funds to support several projects including improved street lighting at 29th and Arundel Road in the Kaywood Apartments, installation of street lights in the Cedar Lane Alley, drainage improvements for the alley between 35th and 36th Streets, streetscape improvements on Rhode Island Avenue, curbs and gutters throughout the city, and bridge repairs to the city's four bridges. While no proposals are guaranteed as the available funding will only support minimal requests from each municipality, we are confident that many of our projects will be funded through Community Development and Block Grant programs.

Proposals were also submitted to the Maryland Heritage Program Grants through ATHA to support additional funding for a community center and library project at 3409 Rhode Island Avenue. The police department has also worked on continued funding through the CSAFE grants through the Governor's Office on Crime Control (GOCCP). We are hopeful that these requests will be funded as well.

Code Enforcement is a 24/7 job. I have to commend our officers for excellent job they have done working to bring all of the city businesses within compliance. By the time you read this report, we should have 99% compliance in terms of business occupancy licenses paid, commercial establishments inspected, and licenses issued for the 2007 business license year (February 28, 2007 through February 28, 2008).

You may not be aware that **Paul Messersmith**, former Crew Chief, Safety Officer, and Assistant Director for the Public Works Department has retired and will soon be relocating to West Virginia. Paul worked 15 years for the City and was honored at the May 1, 2007 Council meeting with a proclamation and gift certificate to Home Depot for his dedication and commitment to the department.

MOUNT RAINIER CALL-A-BUS

The Mount Rainier Call-A-Bus offers curb to curb bus service to medical appointments, shopping centers, recreation centers, libraries, and beauty and barber shops. Services are also available for field trips, special outings, and after school special events. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9: am to 3:30 pm. For reservations and additional information, call 301-985-6586.

CITY ELECTION OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS

**The City election will be held on Monday May 7, 2007 for one council seat in Ward 1 and one council seat in Ward 2.
Voting takes place at City Hall, One Municipal Place from 7 am to 8 pm.**

Please exercise your right to vote and participate in the upcoming City election.

GATEWAY ARTS DISTRICT OPEN STUDIO TOUR, MAY 19

An open studio tour in conjunction with Mount Rainier Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 12-5 pm. Over 30 artists participating in a self-guided tour of Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood and Hyattsville will occur on this date and will include painting, ceramic, sculpture, glass, mosaic, mixed media, performing arts, and more! Maps will be available at the Mount Rainier Artists' Lofts, H&F Fine Arts, Artmosphere Café (3311 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier) and Gateway Community Development Corporation, (4102 Webster Street, North Brentwood, MD 20722).

In addition, a group show of participating artists at H&F Fine Arts, will be held May 4-31, at 3311 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier.

SPECIAL INVITE FROM JOE'S MOVEMENT, MAY 19

From Ingrid S. Nuss, Marketing & Program Manager, JOE'S MOVEMENT EMPORIUM

Join us on Saturday, May 19, 2007, from noon to 5 PM, for the Gateway CDC's annual open studio tour and Mount Rainier Day! From 2:00pm-4:00pm Laura Schandelmeier and Stephen Clapp will host the OPEN DOOR PROJECT for PORTALS. Building upon the storefront spirit of the old Joe's Movement Emporium, we are opening the studio doors at the new Joe's facility! We invite you to join us through the creation of our latest evening-length performance work, PORTALS, to premier June 23-24 at Dance Place. We invite you to create, write, dance, draw or sing at your own comfort level, offer feedback through a structured response process, have a peek at our latest evening-length work, PORTALS, and our last OPOEN DOOR session before the piece debuts. For more information please contact me at (301) 699-1819 or come by the new Joe's at 3309 Bunker Hill Road.

SPLASHDOWN MUSIC AND ARTS FEST, MAY 19

The Countdown to Splashdown Music and Arts Festival

On May 19th from 12 noon to 8 pm the PG pool will be hosting the Countdown to Splashdown music and Arts Festival featuring incredible live music and stunning local artistic talent.

Local artists, vendors, culinary experts, musicians, and organizations will be on display throughout the festival for the entire community to appreciate. This event will be a fantastic time and will allow us as a community to get to know each other in a rich creative environment. Everybody is invited.

If you are an artist, artisan, craftsperson, vendor, or belong to a local community organization, please join us to help make this event memorable all year long. Vendor's fees are very reasonable, and good attendance is expected. For more information or answers to specific questions please call Robert Nicholson 301-403-8888.

Prince Georges Community Pool
34th and Buchanan Streets in Mt. Rainier
www.pgpool.org

NEW ART GALLERY

H&F Fine Arts is a contemporary art gallery located in the designated "Gateway Arts and Entertainment District" hosting museum quality art shows, artist workshops, and offering custom framing. H&F Fine Arts will offer the community opportunity to experience national, local and community art shows as well as attracting consumers from our neighboring towns and cities to their businesses in Mount Rainier. "We believe that living with original artwork is an unparalleled experience that should be accessible to everyone."

The owners, Karen Handy and Cheryl Fountain, are also residents of Mount Rainier and thought it was idea to have a business in the same community: "We love the feel of the community and are excited about the direction that Mount Rainier is going. What a unique opportunity to be intimately involved with such growth and revitalization!"

H&F Fine Arts is located at 3311 Rhode Island Avenue on the 1st floor of the Mount Rainier Artist Lofts Building. Open Tuesday-Sunday. (301)887-0080 gallery www.hffinearts.com; www.fountainframing.com

FISCAL YEAR 08 BUDGET CALENDAR OF REMAINING EVENTS

May 15, 2007 – Work session on budget; Regular meeting for 1st reading of FY 08 Budget Ordinance
May 29, 2007 – Public hearing on Constant Yield Tax Rate, Variable Tax Rate, and budget. Second reading of FY 2008 Budget Ordinance

MOUNT RAINIER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Mount Rainier Business District Revitalization Association Incorporated (MRBDRA, Inc) is seeking a part-time Executive Director who will serve under the supervision and guidance of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director will be responsible for effectively heading the day-to-day operations of the association. The incumbent will plan, organize, coordinate, and direct the resources of the association to ensure successful project management and implementation. All assigned tasks and objectives are to be accomplished in accordance with the guidelines, mission, policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors. The successful candidate should have prior experience in business management, grant writing and should be multi-task oriented. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to MRBA President Adrienne Littlejohn, 3817 34th Street, Mount Rainier MD 20712 by May 15, 2007. No phone calls please.

REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE

Community Revitalization at the Urban Edge: the Role of Community Development Corporations in Creating Destination Corridors.

This conference will focus on how developers and retailers can work with Community Development Corporation's to identify revitalization opportunities and neighborhood compatible outcomes via Community Development tools and strategies. The Conference is comprised of four presentations, each featuring a panel-moderated discussion to explore in greater depth the topic of utilizing opportunities of development in revitalization neighborhoods.

Date: Wednesday, May 9th

Time: 8:30am - 5pm

Place: Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park

The conference is sponsored by Gateway CDC, Port Towns CDC and Hyattsville CDC. See more info and registration details: <http://porttowns.org/ueconference>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECYCLE AND TRASH COLLECTION NOTICE

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.

Please bear with us as we continue to pick up regular trash on WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, This will continue until the new trash truck is delivered. If your trash is not picked up on Wednesday, it will be collected on Thursday.

TRASH CAN REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED. Public works and code enforcement will continue making special efforts to enforce the City's trash can requirements. The City Code Section 11-105 requires all regular residential trash to be placed in watertight and rodent proof containers with lids. Trash set out in plastic or paper bags is accessible to birds, rats and other rodents. The use of trash cans is a requirement to help improve the appearance of the city and deter rat infestations.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT ADHERE TO THE CITY'S TRASH CODE. RATS HAVE LITTERS OF 6-12 YOUNG, WHICH ARE BORN 21-23 DAYS AFTER MATING. YOUNG RATS REACH REPRODUCTIVE MATURITY IN ABOUT THREE (3) MONTHS. BREEDING IS MOST ACTIVE IN THE SPRING AND FALL. THE AVERAGE FEMALE HAS 4-6 LITTERS PER YEAR. RATS LIVE ABOUT 6 MONTHS IN THE WILD, BUT CAN LIVE FOR 12-18 MONTHS IN AN URGAN ENVIRONMENT WITH GOOD LSHELTER AND ADEQUATE SOURCES OF FOOD AND WATER. PLEASE CONTAIN YOUR TRASH, PUT AWAY ALL BIRD FEED, AND PICK UP YOUR DOG POOP AS THIS PROVIDES A SOURCE OF FOOD FOR RATS AS WELL.

Trash cans should be set out no sooner than 7:00pm the night before the trash pick up, and no later than 7:00 am on the day of the collection.

All Street Lights are the responsibility of Pepco. To report outages please contact the Lights Out number at **1-877-737-2662**.

All Water Main breaks and Sewer problems are the responsibility of WSSC. The **emergency** number for reporting sewer back ups and leaks, etc. is **(301) 206-4002**. The regular number to call for questions and concern is **(301) 206- 8000**.

In an effort to assist our residents, public works will call in these outages and breaks in an effort to double the report calls for the problem (to the same number you call). Please call the public works department **(301) 985-6582 or 6583** and provide them with the same information given to the utility company so that they can report the same information.

Please note that the Public Works drivers and crew operates between the hours of 7 am to 3 pm, with office hours 7:00 am until 5:00 pm each day. Calls received after 5 pm will be dealt with on the next business day.

WASHINGTON GLASS SCHOOL IN MOUNT RAINIER HOSTS A FESTIVAL!

On June 16th, come and check out the capital region's finest alternative artists at Cirque Urbain! From 6 pm to midnight, you can watch a non-stop lineup of performances, including fire dancers, silk aerialists, fire eaters, fire jugglers, hula hoopers, belly dancers, and escape artists. In addition to performances, the festival will include circus arts vendors (come get your hula hoops and belly dancing gear!), fire sculptures, installation art, face painting, and food vendors. The festival will be held at the Washington Glass School, located at 3700 Otis St., Mount Rainier, MD 20712.

HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX CREDITS

Concerned about increased property taxes? The State of Maryland has a program that sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income. **In addition, the Mayor and Council adopted a new program in early May that extends an additional city property tax credit to those residents who sign up for the state program. You will get an additional 10 percent of the amount you receive from the state!**

This program is available to all city homeowners regardless of age. To be eligible, your combined gross household income cannot exceed \$60,000. Your net worth, not including the value of your real property nor any qualified retirement savings or IRAs, must be less than \$200,000. For purposes of the tax credit program, "income" means the combined gross income before any deductions are taken. Income from all sources must be reported whether or not the monies received are included as income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Nontaxable retirement benefits such as Social Security and Railroad Retirement must be reported as income for the tax credit program. The tax credit is based upon the amount by which the property taxes exceed a percentage of your income according to the following formula: 0% of the first \$8,000 of the combined household income; 4% of the next \$4,000 of income; 6.5% of the next \$4,000 of income; and 9% of all income above \$16,000.

Example: If your combined household income is \$16,000, your tax limit is \$420. You would be entitled to receive a credit for any taxes above the \$420. If your actual property tax bill was \$990, you would receive a tax credit in the amount of \$570 -- this being the difference between the actual tax bill and the tax limit.

Applications are available at most public libraries, or by calling the Tax Credits Telephone Service at 1-800-944-7403. Or visit the Web site: <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html>.

At the website there is a chart that provides the tax caps for each income level.

CITY SEEKS MEMBERS FOR TOWN CENTER DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

The City is currently soliciting one business representative member for the Town Center Design Review Committee. The Committee is composed of 2 business members, 2 resident members and 2 municipal members and reviews all new development projects and exterior renovations in the Mixed-Use Town Center Zone. The Committee is advisory to the county Planning Board. The Zone extends along Rhode Island Avenue from the City limits into the 3400 block and along 34th Street from the 3700 block into the 4000 block and includes part of Bunker Hill. Each Committee member will be given a copy of the Mount Rainier Town Center Development Plan. This plan contains the design guidelines which the Committee uses to review applications. Applications to be on the Committee are due to City Hall by May 15th.

Business and/or property owner members must own either a business or property within the Mixed-Use Town Center Zone or the City. The City is looking for members who have a sense of fairness in reviewing applications and who are interested in the on-going revitalization of the downtown business area. Committee members should be willing to help encourage appropriate building alterations and signage among business and property owners and to help educate rather than regulate.

The final selection of committee members will be made by the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission from the pool of applicants submitted by the City.

FROM THE DESK OF MICHAEL E. SCOTT, CHIEF OF POLICE

Parking Citation Collection Notices

By the time you read this, many of our residents may have received a collection notice regarding one or more unpaid parking citations. Last fall, the police department sent the collection company a computerized list of over 11,000 parking citations that had gone unpaid from January 2003 through August of 2006. After the data was sent and the collection notices started hitting mailboxes the week of April 23rd, we discovered that approximately 10% of the total reported to the company were reported in error. We are working closely with the company to report and correct our errors. We are also revising our citation data entry procedures to ensure that these errors do not happen in the future.

I'd like to pass along some information that will hopefully make things easier for all concerned. First and foremost, no member of the police department's sworn or civilian staff will void, cancel or otherwise dispose of a *valid* collection notice. We are also not authorized to make any payment arrangements or reduce any amount owed to the City. The staff at City Hall is under the same constraints. Persons who receive a collection notice and have concerns that it was issued in error, should call the police department during regular business hours and our staff will research the citation. Please *do not* call City Hall – they will only refer you to the police department. All payments are to be made either to the collection agency directly or at City Hall. The police department does not accept payment.

The next few weeks promise to be very busy as we deal with this first round of collection notices, and as subsequent rounds go out to violators. We are doing our best to deal with the large volume of inquiries and getting individual concerns settled as quickly as possible. Our staff will address each inquiry politely and professionally, and will attempt to resolve those notices that were issued in error as quickly as possible. We appreciate our residents' and other customers' patience as we work through the high volume of inquiries.

Selected Crimes – March 2007

| Date | Offense | Location | TPA |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 26-Mar-07 | Assault - Aggravated | 3100 BL WEBSTER ST | 1A |
| 03-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | 3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |
| 21-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | 3700 BL 34TH ST | 1A |
| 23-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | 3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |
| 26-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | 3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |
| 02-Mar-07 | B & E - Residential | 3300 BL BUCHANAN ST | 1A |
| 06-Mar-07 | B & E - Residential | 3600 BL RHODE ISLAND AV | 1A |
| 21-Mar-07 | B & E - Residential | 3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |
| 07-Mar-07 | Robbery - Citizen | 4200 BL KAYWOOD DR | 1A |
| 12-Mar-07 | Robbery - Commercial | 3300 BL CHILLUM RD | 1A |
| 11-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3300 BL BUCHANAN ST | 1A |
| 13-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4200 BL KAYWOOD DR | 1A |
| 18-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4300 BL KAYWOOD DR | 1A |
| 20-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3000 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |
| 14-Mar-07 | Theft - From Auto | 3200 BL CHILLUM RD | 1A |
| 22-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 4200 BL 28TH ST | 1A |
| 26-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 3300 BL RHODE ISLAND AV | 1A |
| 10-Mar-07 | Theft < 500 | 3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A |

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| 31-Mar-07 | Theft < 500 | 3100 BL | QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A | |
| 20-Mar-07 | Theft > 500 | 3100 BL | QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A | |
| 01-Apr-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3200 BL | QUEENSTOWN DR | 1A | |
| 02-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3300 BL | PERRY ST | 1A | |
| 02-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 4100 BL | RUSSELL AV | 1A | |
| 12-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3700 BL | 34TH ST | 1A | |
| 16-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3100 BL | QUEENS CHAPEL RD | 1A | |
| 21-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 4000 BL | 31ST ST | 1A | |
| 24-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3100 BL | VARNUM ST | 1A | |
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| 1-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | BL | 34TH ST | 1B | |
| 06-Mar-07 | B & E - Residential | 3300 BL | BUCHANAN ST | 1B | |
| 27-Mar-07 | B & E - Commercial | 4000 BL | 34TH ST | 1B | |
| 28-Mar-07 | B & E - Commercial | 4000 BL | 34TH ST | 1B | |
| 16-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3400 BL | NEWTON PI | 1B | |
| 28-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4000 BL | 33RD ST | 1B | |
| 30-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3600 BL | RHODE ISLAND AV | 1B | |
| 12-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 3200 BL | RHODE ISLAND AV | 1B | |
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| 17-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | 4000 BL | 33RD ST | 2A | |
| 01-Mar-07 | B & E - Residential | 4700 BL | 25TH ST | 2A | |
| 06-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4200 BL | RUSSELL AV | 2A | |
| 12-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3100 BL | PERRY ST | 2A | |
| 24-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4500 BL | EASTERN AV | 2A | |
| 19-Mar-07 | Theft - From Auto | 4500 BL | EASTERN AV | 2A | |
| 19-Mar-07 | Theft - From Auto | 4300 BL | 28TH PI | 2A | |
| 20-Mar-07 | Theft - From Auto | 3100 BL | ARUNDEL RD | 2A | |
| 14-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 4600 BL | 30TH ST | 2A | |
| 03-Mar-07 | Theft < 500 | 2300 BL | VARNUM ST | 2A | |
| 19-Mar-07 | Theft < 500 | 2300 BL | VARNUM ST | 2A | |
| 15-Mar-07 | Theft > 500 | 3100 BL | UPSHUR ST | 2A | |
| 14-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 4600 BL | 30TH ST | 2A | |
| 14-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | BL | 31ST ST | 2A | |
| 16-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3200 BL | RHODE ISLAND AV | 2A | |
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| 24-Mar-07 | Assault - Aggravated | 3600 BL | EASTERN AV | 2B | |
| 13-Mar-07 | Assault - Simple | BL | 30TH ST | 2B | |
| 08-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 3700 BL | 34TH ST | 2B | |
| 06-Mar-07 | Stolen Vehicle | 4100 BL | 34TH ST | 2B | |
| 28-Mar-07 | Theft - From Auto | 3800 BL | 30TH ST | 2B | |
| 19-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 3400 BL | EASTERN AV | 2B | |
| 26-Mar-07 | Theft - Vehicle Tags | 4600 BL | 29TH ST | 2B | |
| 09-Mar-07 | Theft < 500 | 4400 BL | 31ST ST | 2B | |
| 28-Mar-07 | Theft > 500 | 4200 BL | RAINIER AV | 2B | |
| 14-Mar-07 | Vandalism | 4000 BL | 35TH ST | 2B | |
| 15-Mar-07 | Vandalism | 2300 BL | ARUNDEL RD | 2B | |
| 15-Mar-07 | Vandalism to Auto | 3200 BL | RHODE ISLAND AV | 2B | |

BIKE CO-OP IS OPEN

The Mount Rainier Bicycle Co-op is officially open for the 2007 season of cycling! MRBC is located behind City Hall at 3409 Rhode Island Avenue, and membership couldn't be easier or any more affordable - - only \$5.00 for the year/individual, \$10/family.

Although the MRBC does not have the capacity to do major bike repairs, we can and do provide community members with the facilities and tools, as well as the basic skills and knowledge, to help make cycling an essential part of their everyday lives. The primary goal of The Mount Rainier Bicycle Co-op (MRBC) has been and is to promote cycling as a safe and environmentally responsible transportation. With the participation of Trip For Kids – a national non-profit that tailors rides and safety programs to youth – the MRBC regularly sponsors bike hikes for local youth and their parents. This basic knowledge also includes diet and nutritional educational to the youth who come on our rides.

Plan on being a part of the MRBC this season! If you familiar with bike repairs and can volunteer once or twice a month, or just like working with kids, please contact us at jbelltower@yahoo.com, or 240-461-4560.

Check us out on the web (<http://bikerecyclery.org/>) for timely updates, including hours of operation, currently slated to be 10:30a - 1pm, Saturdays.

HAZARDOUS AND BULK WASTE DISPOSAL

County residents can take items to the county landfill for free on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can take car tires and batteries, household hazardous wastes, old paint, old air conditioners and refrigerators, and old electronics like computers. The city will pick up some of these items for a fee during bulk trash days. The county facility is located at 3500 Brown Station Rd., near Upper Marlboro. Landfill entrance is located on White House Road near intersection of MD 202. (301)883-5045.

Trash and Recycle Pick up Schedule for May and June 2007

| DATE | PARTICULARS | DATE | PARTICULARS |
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| May 2 | Regular Trash Pick Up | June 1 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 4 | Recyclables Pick Up | June 4 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 7 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up | June 6 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 9 | Regular Trash Pick Up | June 8 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 11 | Recyclables Pick Up | June 11 | Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 14 | Yard Waste Pick Up | June 13 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 16 | Regular Trash Pick Up | June 15 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 18 | Recyclables Pick Up | June 18 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 21 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up | June 20 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 23 | Regular Trash Pick Up | June 22 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 25 | Recyclables Pick Up | June 25 | Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 28 | City Hall and Public Works closed Memorial Day Holiday | June 27 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 29 | Yard Waste Pick Up | June 29 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 30 | Regular Trash Pick Up | | |

Yard Waste will be picked up every Monday. Bulk Trash will be picked up the first and third Monday of each week. Please have all bulk trash and yard waste out by 7:00 am on the respective pick up day and all bulk trash appointments made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding pick up day.

Mount Rainier Cable Television Channel 71

Regular Program Schedule:

Monday-Friday, 4 pm (see Channel 71 bulletin for program guide)

2nd Monday of each month Production meetings

1st Tuesday of each month 7pm-live broadcast of City Council Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month 7pm-live broadcast of City Council Work Session

MOUNT RAINIER CABLE TELEVISION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR CHANNEL 71

The cable television studio director Graciela Carbonell is currently looking for Television producers for the following shows:

- On Air With the Mayor
- Here, There, Anywhere
- People, Plants, and Pets
- Mount Rainier City News
- Meet Your Merchants

The Station is also looking for trained volunteers in Video Photography, Digital Editing and Audio. For more information contact Ms. Carbonell at (301) 985-6585 ext. 28 and leave a voice mail message.

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Mayor

Malinda Miles
301-699-1378

mayormiles@malindamiles.com

City Manager

Jeannelle B. Wallace
301-985-6585, ext. 22
fax: 301-985-6595

jwallace@mountrainiermd.org

Asst. City Manager

Position Vacant
contact

City Manager
for application

Councilmembers

Ward 1

Carol Gandee
301-277-6377

gandydncr@aol.com

Alta Morton

202-309-5455

altamm1@yahoo.com

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Pedro Briones

301-277-1833

pedroeb@aol.com

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Message

Jeannelle B. Wallace

jwallace@mountrainiermd.org

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 5:00 p.m. Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

47th District Reps
301-858-3745

Sen. Gwendolyn Britt

301-858-3326

Del. Doyle Niemann

Del. Jolene Ivey

Del. Victor Ramirez

Call-A-Bus 301-985-6586
(hours M–F, 9 am–2 pm)

City Code Enforcement Office
301-985-6551

City Hall

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

City Police Department

Chief Lieutenant Michael Scott

Mscott@mountrainiermd.org

301-985-6565 (emergency calls)

301-985-6566 (nonemergency calls)

301-985-6590 (administrative)

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

Child Abuse
and Neglect Hotline
301-699-8605

Congressman Chris Van Hollen's
Satellite Office:

6475 New Hampshire Ave, Suite C-201
Hyattsville MD 20783

301-891-6982 (voice)

301-891-6985 (fax)

Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs
301-470-7534

County Animal Control
301-499-8301

County Building Permits
301-883-5784

County Executive

Jack Johnson
301-952-4131

County Councilman

Will Campos
301-952-4436

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–W 10-6:30 (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
301-918-8111

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

Post Office

301-864-5168

Public Defender

301-699-2760

Public Schools

301-952-6000

State's Attorney

301-952-3500

Washington Gas Light

703-750-2500

WSSC

301-206-8000

301-206-4002 (emergency)

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