



The Message

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ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT- TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 6:00 PM

Please come and join us on the grounds of **Thomas Stone Elementary School** for this year's **National Night Out Against Crime** on Tuesday, August 7th. Plan to attend this annual celebration with your family and friends. Again this year we will have live entertainment, plenty of food, and lots of fun things to do for the whole family. Please keep an eye on the City's web site, and on the police chief's Blog (www.mrpdchief.blogspot.com) for additional details and updates as plans for this exciting night evolve.

TWO IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The Mayor and Council will hold two public hearings on September 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm. During the first hearing public comment will be heard on the citizens' petition for **traffic calming devices** proposed for the 3000 and 3100 blocks of Perry Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland.

The second public hearing immediately following the first one on traffic calming devices, will take public comment on the proposed site (the rear of 3601 Bunker Hill Road) for a neighborhood **Corn Bin**. The corn bin is similar to a silo but much smaller and is used to store corn as an alternative home heating source. There are citizens in the community who have developed a cooperative for this purpose. Please come out and voice your opinion on these significant topics affecting your neighborhood.

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SPECIAL JOINT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

[Written and prepared by Pedro E. Briones, Esq., Ward 2 Council Member, in collaboration with Mayor Malinda Miles, Council Member Bryan Knedler, Ward 2, and Council Member Alta Morton, Ward 1]

Friends and Neighbors,

Please take a few minutes to read this update and some important history on recent *developments* in Mount Rainier. (Pun very much intended!)

During my tenure on City Council, many of my constituents and neighbors have time and again stressed the need to redevelop Mount Rainier's Town Center—to replace blighted, dilapidated

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buildings with new, family-friendly, sit-down eateries, much needed businesses, and possibly even a bank. To that end, I voted to support the closure of *Bass' Liquor*, enlisting our City Attorney in our residences' two decade-old legal challenge to that establishment's liquor license. (As you know, we finally won that battle and thankfully, *Bass'* is no more.) I also voted in favor of our Urban Renewal Plan. With the good offices of Gateway Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board member Jim Polley and his colleagues, months of community meetings with residents and businesses, and the active participation of former and current community leaders, Mount Rainier's Urban Renewal Plan is our current blueprint for revitalizing our downtown commercial district. Council Member Alta Morton also worked on that task force and was a CDC Board Member before coming on to the Council. I also helped organize and host a well-attended Economic Development Forum, bringing experts to Mount Rainier to discuss lessons learned from area developments and next steps for implementing our Urban Renewal Plan. Throughout my tenure, I have also reached out on many occasions to Gateway CDC's staff regarding—and placed on our Council work session agenda for discussion—the possibility of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop several prime locations in our Town Center.

Over the past few years, the Mayor, City Council Members, City Hall Staff, County Council Member Will Campos, Gateway CDC, interested developers, and many others have had extensive dialogue with the current business owners on the Bass block in an effort to revitalize those parcels into the mixed-used development envisioned in our Urban Renewal Plan and the Gateway Arts Sector Plan. After investing some \$40,000 in legal fees to shut down Bass, the City has been and continues to be committed to seeing our investment pay off in the form of an appropriate development befitting the City's, County's and State's Gateway. Sadly, despite constant efforts, countless meetings and the turnover of the corner funeral home from one property owner to another, these dilapidated parcels continue to sit there, depressing our commercial district and hurting our budding businesses.

In the mean time, as I'm sure you've all noticed, lovely town homes are sprouting just up Route 1 in Hyattsville. The area around the *Mall at Prince George's* and the surrounding Metro station is fast living up to our County motto – “Gorgeous Prince Georges.” Our City Manager tells us that eager developers have unexpectedly showed up at City Hall on several occasions, interested in helping us revitalize our commercial district. Not wanting to get left behind, the Mayor and Council have taken numerous proactive steps over the past year to implement our Urban Renewal Plan and move forward with the redevelopment of the south side of Rhode Island Avenue.

In the spring of 2006, a unanimous Mayor and Council tasked my friend and Ward 1 colleague, Council Member Alta Morton, and me, with meeting with interested developers to see how the City could redevelop the Bass block. Armed with Council Member Morton's real estate experience, lessons learned from our Economic Development Forum, a list of blighted properties, and a whole lot of enthusiasm, Alta and I met with several area developers. Mayor Malinda Miles also held meetings with local developers. We soon learned during our outreach meetings that developers were not only keenly aware of the block surrounding the Bass property, but were very eager to work with the City to develop our Gateway. Some of them had actually met with the Bass family and other property owners on that block in conjunction with our CDC, but were frustrated by the inability to come to terms with the owners and in time gave up on the project. However, all the developers we met with were eager to consider an RFP from the City of Mount Rainier.

Our next step was to appraise the parcels that were thought to be most appropriate for development. Developers would need to know the market value of those parcels in order to determine acquisition costs, a crucial piece of information needed to respond to an RFP. One of the reasons that these properties were considered desirable is that two of the buildings are currently condemned as unstable

and uninhabitable. In fact, the City has the legal authority and green light from the County to demolish both the corner Funeral Home and the Bass Building. (The Mayor and Council have chosen not to take this drastic action out of an over-abundance of caution during our current appraisal, RFP and development process.)

After considerable research, I drafted an RFP and presented it to the Mayor and Council last October, and announced it in my Ward 2 report in the Mount Rainier Message. The Mayor and Council held public work session discussions on the RFP and did our due diligence in meeting with our City Attorney, who signed off on the public document. We also met with the President and Executive Director of Gateway CDC before issuing the RFP, clearly stating the City's intentions to move aggressively to redevelop those parcels. During the course of several public meetings, the Mayor and Council deliberated, edited and unanimously voted to issue the RFP last December. City Hall identified area developers and distributed the RFP accordingly. Upon request, we also provided Gateway CDC with a copy of the RFP, as well as Port Towns CDC.

Our stated intentions in the RFP were to leverage the City's purchasing power and the City's ownership of the alley behind the Bass Block, with private capital from an interested developer. Essentially, our goal has been to enter into a public-private partnership with an experienced developer who is willing to work with the citizens of Mount Rainier to build upon the work that has already been accomplished in our town center and envisioned in our Urban Renewal Plan. It is also the City's intention to maintain some percentage of direct ownership in the proposed development. The City hopes to formally partner with a developer, similar to the successful Limited Liability Company (LLC) arrangement entered into between the City and the Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP) that brought about our successful artist residences at 33rd & Perry Streets. Such an arrangement will help ensure that we have appropriate, responsive development on that block—**a development project that springs from our community's direct involvement and City ownership, rather than a development project or vision imposed on our community by an outside speculator.**

The response to our RFP was overwhelmingly positive, with several area developers responding with initial letters of interest. Among those, Gateway CDC expressed its intent to formally respond to the RFP in conjunction with current and/or prospective property owners. (Sadly, though many of us were looking forward to their proposal, Gateway CDC ultimately chose not to submit one.)

Through the public RFP process, however, the City identified a very competent, experienced developer—Landmark Atlantic Development, LLC, and their architectural partner, Torti Gallas (www.tortigallas.com). According to their response to our RFP, Landmark Atlantic has developed and financed projects valued in excess of \$6 Billion from New York to Florida since the company's founding in 1982. Locally, Landmark Atlantic has developed projects in the Mt. Vernon Gateway, the Waverly in Bealeton, Virginia, Bailey's International Center and Skyline Park Plaza, both in Fairfax, Virginia, as well as a mixed-use retail and residential waterfront development in Urbanna Creek and mixed-use retail and commercial development in Woodbridge, Virginia. In the District of Columbia Landmark Atlantic owns and operates 20 multifamily buildings, comprising approximately, 1500 units. Landmark's Managing Director, Dallas R. Evans, presented their initial proposal to the City this past February. Mr. Evans, a former Deputy Mayor for Operations for the District of Columbia, envisions an active partnership with D.C. to develop adjacent parcels on the District side of Rhode Island Avenue. Former County Council Member Peter Shapiro, a founding member of Gateway CDC and key visionary of the Gateway Arts District, also highly recommended Landmark Atlantic directly to Mayor Miles, telling her, among other things that they are 'great, do good work and that we should jump at the chance of partnering with them.'

Impressed with Landmark Atlantic's credentials and proposal, we entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Landmark, which we recently extended for 90 days. The MOU assures Landmark that the City remains committed to the intentions and purposes of our RFP while the developer proceeds with feasibility studies and negotiations to purchase the properties. Both the RFP and our MOU incorporate the requirements of our Urban Renewal Plan, our Town Center Design Review Guidelines and the Approved Gateway Arts District Sector Plan and Amendments.

As was expected and is often typical of development efforts, our RFP process has generated a lot of feverish speculation over those properties. There may or may not be new property owners on those properties. (Admittedly, that question is difficult for the City to verify given the lag in titling and recording of deeds and the confidential nature of negotiations among prospective purchasers and current property owners.) The City has, of course, continued to reach out to the prospective and current property owners by inviting them to meet with our chosen developer. Nevertheless, having seen one of the parcels already turn over once in the past few years with no development efforts undertaken, the City remains committed to moving forward with the developer that the City chose through our public RFP process and, if necessary, exercising our legal authorities to purchase the parcels outright.

We are optimistic that our process will lead to a community-driven development on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue. We are also very proud of our open, public procurement process that helped us identify an experienced developer to partner with our community. We hope that in the coming months, many of you will come forward to help us continue this process and hopefully, soon, be able to join us at a groundbreaking ceremony.

Stay tuned for further community *developments!*

WARD 1 REPORT – Jimmy Tarlau, Councilmember

Last month I attended the Maryland Municipal League Convention with hundreds of other local officials from across the state. The most interesting session I attended was entitled: "**New Immigrant Populations: Re-Creating Community.**" Since we have a growing Latino community here in Mt. Rainier, I thought it was especially important to learn what other towns were doing to integrate their new Latino residents into the overall community. We should be one community with lots of diversity within it.

First some statistics:

- The number of foreign born in MD has doubled since 1990 from 300,000 to over 600,000 –
- There has been a 30% growth in Prince George's in the last 5 years
- 60% of the foreign born have moved here in the last 15 years
- 45% are US citizens
- 60% of foreign born are of working age
- 1 in 2 new workers are immigrants
- My own review of recent home sales in Mt. Rainier indicates that over 35% of new home owners in Mt. Rainier are Latino.

Some towns are doing a lot of interesting things. Maybe we can adapt one or two ideas.

- A BILINGUAL POLICE FORCE: Some towns are recruiting police from Puerto Rico. Because pay is higher here, it is not difficult to attract such candidates who are both bilingual and US citizens.
- TRANSLATION OF OUR WEB-SITES: There is a cool web-site www.babelfish.altavista.com where you can translate your web-site to Spanish (or five other languages).
- PERMIT AND OTHER OFFICIAL FORMS : Some towns stock an inventory of basic forms in English and Spanish.
- COMMUNICATION OF REGULATIONS: Some towns have teams of volunteers from the community who are willing to help with translations for residents who are having a hard time understanding some of the City's building, housing code and other regulations.

I want to be pro-active in helping integrate the new immigrants into our overall community. I plan this fall to proposal a Council task force that would look into these issues and move our City in the right direction. If you have any suggestions or comments please e-mail me at jtarlau@cwa-union.org.

GATEWAY GREENFEST – OCTOBER 20, 2007 – SAVE THE DATE!

Gateway GreenFest

A Community Clean-up and Arts Festival

Saturday, October 20th, 2007

10:00am - 5:00pm

World Arts Focus & Joe's Movement Emporium

3309 Bunker Hill Road

Mount Rainier, MD 20712

A fun filled day to celebrate the arts and beautify the community!

A neighborhood cleanup and arts festival to raise awareness of environmental issues and to showcase the artistry and talent within Joe's Movement Emporium and the Gateway Arts District.

For more details about the month long Gateway Greenfest events, festival vending, collaboration, sponsorship, and participation:

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Save the Date!

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." - Native American Proverb

CHIEF'S REPORT

Crime Prevention for Homeowners During Warm Weather Months

Michael E. Scott, Chief of Police

Most of us like to use this time of year to relax, have a bit of vacation, and generally enjoy the warm sunny weather. Criminals however, are never on vacation, so please take the time to protect your property and valuables against warm weather scammers, con artists, and opportunity criminals.

Deception Burglaries: Suspects, posing as legitimate workers, approach elderly homeowners with the intent of gaining entry to their home under a seemingly legitimate role: local gas company, water department, cable company, tree trimmers, pavers, government inspectors or officials. One suspect will distract the homeowner while a second suspect will enter the home and search inside for valuables and cash. Another ruse used to gain entry into the home is for a suspect to knock on the door and ask for a pen and piece of paper to leave the victim's neighbor a note. The suspect may appear to have difficulty writing the note, and will ask to come inside the house. Once inside the victim's house, the suspect will ask the victim to help write the note. As the suspect keeps the victim occupied, others enter the residence to remove money and valuables. Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repairs, or asking to gain entry into your home. Be sure to ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call and get

authorization from their company before allowing them access. If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait. Remember, do not intervene, but call 911 immediately about suspicious activity.

Home Improvement Scams: To prevent the chances of being victimized, residents are urged to observe the following precautions:

- Keep doors (including patio doors) and windows locked - even if you will be out for just a short time.
- Request identification from utility representatives - legitimate representatives carry it, and will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.
- Only rarely will legitimate home improvement companies solicit door-to-door. They usually distribute fliers or make phone calls - it's more cost effective for them.
- Never pay in cash. Using a check keeps a record of the transaction and often provides identification of the person cashing the check.
- Beware of excuses such as "We just finished a job around the corner and had extra materials that we could offer you at a discounted price." Professional companies do not operate in that manner.
- Call police immediately if you notice someone unfamiliar to the neighborhood or acting suspiciously.
- Be aware of various ruses that have been used to gain entry, including posing as utility representatives, asking for a drink of water, looking for property that is for sale, or selling home improvement services

Lock your doors while working outside: When out working in your yard or garden, make sure to keep your doors locked. Carry a key with you and lock your front and back doors. Some criminals specialize in stealing from homes when people are outside doing yard work. When you finish with that yard work, remember to clean up and lock up behind you. When you put your rake and other tools in the shed, garage or basement, don't forget to lock the doors. Thieves see an open door as an invitation. Deny criminals the opportunity to steal by securing your home and property.

The best crime prevention tool is a good neighbor!

Take the time to reacquaint yourself with your old neighbors and meet the new ones. Why not organize a neighborhood watch to protect and watch out for one another's property? Let your neighbors know when a suspicious person has been spotted in your area. If residents see strangers sizing up their neighbors' home that could also be a sign something is wrong. In that case, a call to 911 will get an officer to the scene to check things out. Local residents can help their elderly neighbors by checking in on them, and keeping an eye on them. If, for example, a neighbor sees an elderly resident in conversation with a stranger, they could politely inquire about what is going on. Neighbors working together for each other's well being are the foundation of a happy community. Involvement such as this builds stronger bonds between neighbors, and helps maintain safe neighborhoods.

Check Your Plates!

Given the crazy increases in the price of gasoline, people have taken to stealing license plates, putting them on their car, then getting gas and running. The gas station will have your license plate number and you could be in trouble for a pump and run, i.e., *stealing* gas. When the license plate is reported as the "drive off vehicle", it's *you* they contact! Check your car every day to make sure you still have both license plates attached. If you find either of them missing, call the police and file a report immediately.

Selected Crimes – May 2007

MAY 2007 Part I Offenses By Team Policing Area

Date	Offense	Location			TPA
27-May-07	Aggravated Assault	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
01-May-07	B & E - Residential	3200 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
07-May-07	B & E - Residential	3200 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
29-May-07	B & E - Residential	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
09-May-07	Robbery - Residential	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
06-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
28-May-07	Theft - From Auto	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
15-May-07	Theft - Vehicle Tags	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
11-May-07	Theft < 500	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
07-May-07	Robbery - Citizen	3200 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
15-May-07	Robbery - Citizen	4000 BL	29TH	ST	1B
23-May-07	Robbery - Citizen	BL	34TH	ST	1B
22-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	3700 BL	37TH	ST	1B
30-May-07	Theft < 500	BL	35TH	ST	1B
25-May-07	Theft > 500	3400 BL	OTIS	ST	1B
11-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	4600 BL	25TH	ST	2A
12-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	RAINIER	AV	2A
13-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	28TH	ST	2A
13-May-07	Theft - From Auto	4500 BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
14-May-07	Theft - From Auto	2700 BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
14-May-07	Theft - From Auto	4300 BL	28TH	ST	2A
25-May-07	Theft - From Auto	2500 BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
13-May-07	Theft < 500	3400 BL	SHEPHERD	ST	2A
23-May-07	Theft < 500	4100 BL	28TH	ST	2A
31-May-07	Theft < 500	2300 BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
03-May-07	Robbery - Citizen	3800 BL	31ST	ST	2B
14-May-07	Robbery - Citizen	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
12-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	3200 BL	OTIS	ST	2B
22-May-07	Stolen Vehicle	3800 BL	30TH	ST	2B
12-May-07	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4000 BL	32ND	ST	2B
25-May-07	Theft < 500	4500 BL	EASTERN	AV	2B

Mayor and Council Report – Summary of Important Meetings

Mayor Miles and Councilmember Knedler met with County Councilman Will Campos, Director of Redevelopment Authority Tommie Thompson, City Attorney Linda Perlman, Councilman Campos Assistant Brad Frome, Director of Department of Environmental Resources Charlie Wilson, and Harvey Maisel (Queens Chapel Shopping Center) to discuss a variety of issues of importance to the City of Mount Rainier.

Meeting One – Bryan Knedler, Brad Frome, Harvey Maisel, Linda Perlman, and Malinda Miles –Queens Chapel Shopping Center

The purpose of this meeting was to begin dialogue with Harvey Maisel regarding Queens Chillum Shopping Center. It was a good meeting and the following was learned:

- 1) There is one owner of the Queens Chillum Shopping Center, however there are three LLCs jointly involved in Queens Chillum Shopping Center
- 2) New security company hired to patrol shopping center (within the last few weeks)
- 3) Harvey Maisel and the LLC's are making major renovations and investments into the rehab and renovation of the shopping center and have renderings that show what the shopping center will look like once they complete the work which has already started (new lighting on the parking lot)
- 4) Major renovation will occur in Giant grocery store, and along the entire strip that will also include changing the parking lot to include shrubbery and moving parking back from the front door of Giant, and a walk along the front that provides a more welcoming look to the parking lot
- 5) Some time and energy has been spent investigating the City and they seem quite impressed with what is going on in Mount Rainier. Harvey was familiar with the SHA plans to redesign QC Road and he attended community meetings that occurred several years ago at Rainier Manor.
- 6) Will continue talking with Mount Rainier as they begin the journey of renovating shopping center, and will work with the City on some of these issues:
 - a. Changing the light on Queens Chapel Road at Buchanan to a fully operating light so that traffic can get in and out of the Shopping Center (they have already met with SHA regarding this issue which is important to the marketability of their shopping center)
 - b. Improving light along Queens Chapel Road from Ager Road to Queenstown
 - c. Addressing the problem with the entrance from Chillum Road (by CVS—we brought this up)
 - d. Identifying a major bank chain to come into the shopping center that can accommodate the need they see, and take advantage of the strategic location
 - e. Continuing to improve services, quality of services, quality of stores, and public safety
 - f. They are concerned about the bike path access to metro station—again they see foot traffic as important to their businesses.

7) They assured us that the Giant and CVS will continue to operate at the center.

Meeting two – Tommie Thompson, Will Campos, Brad Frome, Bryan Knedler, Linda Perlman, and Malinda Miles – Parking

The purpose of this meeting was to address the issue of parking, the house located on 3719 34th Street. Another good meeting and here's what was learned after some rehash about how we got to our current position:

1. Tommy stated emphatically that the house will go back on the market, and continued in residential use at its current location
2. That they are willing and ready to partner with the City on creating parking, and that the money/proceeds from the house on 34th Street will be used to help the City acquire/expand parking.
3. Major concerns about the police station being closed at 5:00pm; the loitering and littering, lack of visible public safety in the down town arts district; about the appearance of the down town area (blight and uncoordinated development); Brad has witnessed public urination. We mentioned that the station will be open later once we hire more administrative help but of course that will not be someone out on the street. (Bryan and Malinda's opinion--The Council and staff really need to focus on the problems of 3200 and 3300 blocks of Rhode Island. We are in a very sensitive phase here and we do not want to discourage patrons for our new businesses. We must address the vacant building in the 3300 block as it is a major eyesore and magnet for loitering.)
4. Noted that Circle Café is moving forward and are now into the fire and safety area of the process which mean they are strongly moving forward and will open
5. Recommended that we get M-NCPPC to the table to work with us in coming up with an overall strategic plan of development that everyone will know and be able to identify with as development begins, but to continue with those projects that can be done like the restaurant that is next to Party Time
6. The renovated property next to Party Time is moving forward and negotiations are under way with a potential owner.
7. It was noted that some of the problem on RI Avenue is the sale of singles, but the real problem is the lack of police enforcement and people know it.
8. City was encouraged to attend the Board's hearing on July 2 to voice our concerns about Party Time and single sales. Board Chair is Charles Samuel, and the Board meets at the RA's penthouse on Basil Court.

Meeting Three – Linda Perlman, Will Campos, Brad Frome, Bryan Knedler, and Malinda Miles – WMATA

The purpose of this meeting was to clarify the status of the bus lane and proposal from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

1. No deal has been made with WMATA by M-NCPPC to purchase the bus lane (municipal plaza) although there have been at least one offered made to WMATA; WMATA rejected the offer as too low, and threatened to go back to taking action against the City
2. WMATA conducted an in-house appraisal of the property to determine its current value to them and it remains pretty much at the \$64,000 level presented to the City some months ago
3. Will Campos was not aware of the M-NCPPC lease that was sent to the City, and agreed that it was not in keeping with what had been stated earlier
4. Bottom line we are back at MNCPPC making acceptable offer to WMATA, then providing an acceptable plan for turning the property over to the City in a manner that either outright makes the City the property owner or an irrevocable license/lease
5. Next steps – Will/Brad to contact MNCPPC to work out a more acceptable license/lease with the City and to move them forward on purchasing the plaza

Meeting four – Charlie Wilson, Tom Matzen, Will Campos, Malinda –Cell Tower located on old Bunker Hill Fire House property

Outcome of meeting:

1. Charlie was not fully aware of the issue and asked for additional information
2. Noted that whatever ruling/decision comes from telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Committee (TFFCC) it will have to go before the County Council for approval and that if we have concerns we need to make sure that we are present to address those concerns
3. Charlie would like to receive background information on this issue, and then he would be in a better position to assist us.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2007

June 5, 2007 Council Meeting

Resolution 8-2007 Appointing Anthony Lee to the Tool Shed Committee (First Reading/Vote) Legislation Passed;

Official vote on use of the Tool Shed (straw vote/consensus taken at work session on May 15, 2007); council approved the site for use by the Xtreme Teen Center and other youth programs.

Discussion Items

Holding Quarterly Council Meetings in Other Parts of the Town (Tarlau)

Negotiations with the FOP/appoint negotiating team; council approved the management team as Mayor Miles, City Manager Wallace and Chief Scott;

Vote to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition and contract negotiations

July 10, 2007 Council Meeting

Decide on August schedule for meetings; council will recess for the month of August 2007
Resolution 9 -2007 establishing an Environmental Protection Board (first reading); legislation passed

Resolution 10- 2007 approving an installment purchase agreement for Trash Truck; legislation passed
 Resolution 11- 2007 MOU with Brentwood; legislation passed
 Nominee for TCDRC business representative (motion and vote); Cheryl Fountain Co-owner of H&F Fine
 Art Gallery was submitted to M-NCPPC as recommendation for business representative
 Request to delegation for mcmansion control legislation to be re-introduced (Sept. 19 is deadline for
 requests);

City Hall bulletin board location
 Closed session to discuss parking lot acquisition

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.

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.

Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier, for August and September 2007.

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
August 1	Regular Trash Pick Up	September 3	Labor Day (City Hall and Public Works Closed)
August 3	Recyclables Pick Up	September 4	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
August 6	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	September 5	Regular Trash Pick Up
August 8	Regular Trash Pick Up	September 7	Recyclables Pick Up
August 10	Recyclables Pick Up	September 10	Yard Waste Pick Up
August 13	Yard Waste Pick Up	September 12	Regular Trash Pick Up
August 15	Regular Trash Pick Up	September 14	Recyclables Pick Up
August 17	Recyclables Pick Up	September 17	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
August 20	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	September 19	Regular Trash Pick Up
August 22	Regular Trash Pick Up	September 21	Recyclables Pick Up
August 24	Recyclables Pick Up	September 24	Yard Waste Pick Up
August 27	Yard Waste Pick Up	September 26	Regular Trash Pick Up
August 29	Regular Trash Pick Up	September 28	Recyclables Pick Up
August 31	Recyclables Pick Up		

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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.

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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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