



The Message

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MOUNT RAINIER DAY 2007 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Mount Rainier Day Festival for 2007 was absolutely fabulous thanks to the hard work of City Hall Staff, the Mount Rainier Police Department, and the Public Works Department. The basketball tournament was a highlight again this year, as were the numerous performances of local artists and bands. The Orquesta Ashe Band and the Pan American Steel Orchestra were just two of the many performances seen throughout the day. The City hopes to secure these groups for the annual National Night Out Program scheduled for August 7, 2007.

The City would like to particularly thank the Northwestern High School Wildcats Marching Band for their grand performance during the parade, Thrifty Car Rental for use of three beautiful cars, the Mount Rainier Business Association for its financial contribution, County Councilman Will Campos for his huge donation and contribution, Humphrey Management for their financial contribution, H&F Fine Arts for its assistance with the program, Nisey's Boutique, and Hands on Barber Shop for coordinating the basketball teams again this year. Kudos also go out to the Rolling Crest Pom Dance Team for their participation in the parade.

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Members of the 47th Delegation attended this year's event including Delegates Doyle Niemann and Victor Ramirez, as well as representatives from the county's Department of Environmental Resources. Council members Rudder and Robinson from the Town of Brentwood, Mayor Gardiner of Hyattsville, and Mayor Brayman of College Park also attended the festivities.

There were over 1,000 persons who attended the event throughout the day according to crowd estimates and the number of programs that were handed out. Kudos to Ruth Sandy for staffing the Moon Bounce, and Kimberly Simpson and Lacye Williams for staffing the Cotton Candy Machine, and for all others who offered their support to this year's event. Without all of you, the festival would not have been the success that it was. Mount Rainier is truly a City on the move and the progress of the City was highlighted during the day. The Mount Rainier Business Association handed out an updated directory of all the businesses that currently operate within the City. Many of these businesses showcase the culinary skills and artistic talents of the owners and business proprietors. We look forward to even greater participation next year and especially for 2010 which will highlight the city's 100th anniversary.

GREETINGS, FROM ADRIENNE LITTLEJOHN PRESIDENT, MOUNT RAINIER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

As a resident and business owner in Mount Rainier, Maryland and current President of the Mount Rainier Business District Revitalization Association, Inc., I would like for you to lend me your mind for just a few moments and visualize the Mount Rainier business district the way you would like it to be. We have meetings the second Wednesday of every month in the Mount Rainier Police Department at 6:30 pm quarterly and 8:30 am annually. Whether you know it or not, when you renew your Business Occupancy License annually, a portion of your CDMA Fee is paid out the Mount Rainier Business Association. The purpose and objective of the Mount Rainier Business Association is stated in the By-Laws Article I.

1. To enhance the economic viability of Mount Rainier through the provision of center management activities and techniques;
2. To alleviate problems resulting from physical blight and deterioration of property which impact upon patron use and public perception of the economic activity in Mount Rainier;
3. To enhance the image of Mount Rainier through the promotion and marketing of Mount Rainier and its individual businesses;
4. To encourage increased advertising and to promote business for the benefit of Mount Rainier.
5. To encourage or coordinate the maintenance of public and private spaces in Mount Rainier.
6. To promote the public health, welfare, and safety within the business districts in Mount Rainier.
7. To administer funds as a commercial district management authority in the manner best determined by its members to carry out the purposes and objectives of the association.

The association needs your involvement, your insight and your ideas on how we can encourage the consumer to shop in Mount Rainier. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on June 13th.

CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER NOISE RESTRICTIONS

The City Code restricts the amount of noise that can be made during daytime and night time 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 Section 10-121.

Nighttime Noise. During nighttime hours (8:00 pm to 8:00 am from Sunday through Friday and 10:00 pm on Saturday to 8:00 am on Sunday), if the noise is audible more than 50 ft 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 nighttime 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. Celebratory noise on New Year's Eve and from midnight to 2:00 am on New Year's Day are exempted from the restrictions.

Daytime Noise. During daytime hours (8:00 am to 8:00 pm from Sunday through Friday and 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday), the following noises are unreasonable if they can be heard more than 50 feet from the private property: amplified noise from speakers, radios, TVs, etc. (this includes sub-audible frequencies and car radios). In general, all non-amplified noise is fine during the day. Exceptions for daytime noise restrictions are made for any vendor or outdoor event with a city permit; the use of bells or chimes to signal religious activities; and noise that is not audible beyond 200 feet from its source on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day (July 4), Memorial Day, Labor Day, New Year's Eve (Dec. 31), and New Year's Day.

The City Manager is authorized to issue a permit to exceed some of the noise provisions of the city

law. Any resident, property owner, or business owner may secure for a specific address or location a maximum of 4 variances per year from these restrictions. No permit shall be granted for nighttime hours (that means that loud parties, construction work, etc. on Saturday nights must cease after 10 pm, and at 8pm for all other nights). Permits are valid for a specified 5 hour period. Only one permit shall be issued to a property in a 30 day period. A noise permit allows amplified noise to be heard up to 200 feet from its source. If the amplified noise can be heard further than 200 feet from the source, the noise permit is void. A Mount Rainier police officer or Code Enforcement Officer has the authority to revoke or impose restrictions on a noise permit if, in his or her judgment, the provisions of the City noise restrictions are being violated.

Permits for residential properties are \$5. Non-residential permits are \$25.

Violation of the noise ordinance may result in a \$75 fine for each 15 minutes the violation continues.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The City of Mount Rainier is once again gearing up for its Summer Youth Programs.

The Xtreme Teen Center will be re-opening soon at its new location on the Upper Level of the Mount Rainier Tool Shed/Lending Library located at 3601 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD. For more information please contact Ms. Intisar Haamid at 301-864-3418.

Joe's Movement Emporium sponsors many activities including a Hula Hoop class. Look for additional programs to include a featured youth performance ensemble of Joe's Movement Company. Targeted youth group is female ages 10-16. Mount Rainier residents participating in the program will receive one hour of tutoring in addition to intensive training and choreography in modern, jazz, and hip hop. The program convenes 4 days each week. For more information contact Joe's Movement Emporium at 301-699-1819.

Also, look for a video production training program at City Hall for 7 weeks this summer. Young adults 13 and up can learn basic video and film production this summer at City Hall. Tentative start date is June 11th to July 23rd. The camp will be held Monday to Friday, 9:30am until 3:00pm. Participants will learn the basic parts and operation of a digital video camera, terms, and different microphones. Students will also learn camera shots, movements, composition and framing shots. The course will cover production and post production activities and editing to help students complete a 30 minute project. Students will script, storyboard, shoot a 30 minute project, and learn the basic concept of analog and digital editing and the difference between the two. For more details about the 7 week camp, call Trina 301-509-9202 or email her at TBrown39@hotmail.com.

Little Friends for Peace will have summer peace camps. For schedule call 240--838-4549.

Outdoor Discovery Residential Summer Camps

Outdoor Discovery offers week-long (Monday to Friday) residential camps in our State Parks. The camps are spread across the state - from the beaches of the Eastern Shore to the mountains of Western Maryland. They offer boys and girls 8-17 an unprecedented opportunity to spend a week outdoors - camping in tents - in a safe, supportive and supervised environment and to engage in a variety of educational and "adventure activities." Depending on the camp, this might include horseback riding, fresh water and ocean fishing, white water rafting, rock climbing, biking, hiking, ocean swimming, and more. The camps combine all this with a program of environmental education designed to give the campers a better understanding of the world around them. To get details:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/outdoordisc.html>. Or contact Cindy Hawkins at 410-260-8154 - chawkins@dnr.state.md.us - or Shea Niemann at 410-260-8175 - sniemann@dnr.state.md.us

The cost for the camps range from \$375 to \$525 for the week. That includes transportation to and from Greenbelt National Park or Sandy Spring State Park. Thanks to some small grant support, there may be some scholarship help for needy campers.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER JIMMY TARLAU, WARD 1

Gateway Community Development (CDC) is involved in some exciting projects in our area. They have just broken ground on the **Brentwood Arts Center** (at the old Government Surplus store on the 3800 block of Rhode Island Ave.). The center will feature an art gallery, space for art classes and affordable studio space for 12-15 artists. It should open later this year. The **EZ Storage** project is under construction on Rt 1 near the Brentwood Post Office. Gateway and the town of Brentwood got the storage company to include 15,000 feet of retail and artist studio space in the building which will make it significantly different than other storage facilities.

Plans are moving ahead to develop the recreational area at Otis and Wells. The lower part is planned as a skate board park and plans are to separately develop the upper part as a sitting area with improved playground equipment. We expect the County will be holding workshops to discuss designs with area residents in the next couple of months.

I am excited to be serving on the Council. I have a number of issues I plan to work on in the upcoming year including strengthening the neighborhood watch programs, safety problems at the traffic circle, recruiting more volunteers to strengthen our committees and trying to more actively involve the Latino and renter communities in our town government. I also will make it a high priority that we successfully conclude our contract negotiations with our police union.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE "IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST" WINNERS

The Maryland Municipal League sponsors each year an "If I Were Mayor" contest for elementary school students to showcase their writing talents and political assertiveness. This year, a Thomas S. Stone Elementary School student, Sophia Abdelkadir, won the top honor. This is the first time that a Mount Rainier student or school has won this honor and the City had three out of the top five winners. The winners in the In the Runner Up categories were Paul Blakey from the Town of Brentwood and Maria Rutayuga from Mount Rainier. The winner and both of the runner up winners were from the 4th grade class of Ms. Janice Slaughter. When asked why three of her kids won the "If I were Mayor Contest" she said "I train winners!" Additionally, Ms. Slaughter was quoted as saying that she has been doing this for years and always puts her children first.

In the last three years the essay has been won by private schools—not public. MML sponsored The Winners Recognition Ceremony which took place on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Maryland State House, Governor's Reception Room. The ceremony was followed by a Winners Boat Ride in Annapolis

FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET ORDINANCE PASSES

The Mayor and Council at a special meeting held following the public hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate, passed Ordinance 4-2007, setting the tax rate and departmental appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 budget beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The Constant Yield Rate for 2008 is \$0.66 per \$100 of assessed valuation; the city's real property tax rate is \$0.79 per \$100 of assessed valuation; the personal property tax rate is \$1.98 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and the operating tax rate for railroads and public utilities is \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation. These tax rates represent no change from fiscal year 2007.

The total amount appropriated as the general fund budget for all grants and other revenue for the fiscal year 2008 is \$4,254,550; the total amount appropriated for all expenditure categories is \$4,254,550. This expenditure total includes \$135,950 for contingency, and \$40,000 for reserve. The total number of full time equivalent employees for all City departments is 39.5.

MOUNT RAINIER HISTORY

The City is nearing its 100th anniversary of incorporation (1910). I continue to seek photos and records of Mount Rainier events and buildings for City Hall archives. The city has a file folder on every street address and I continue to place materials into those folders as they come to me. If you have old photographs of your house, garden, or people who lived in the home, please send them to me (Bryan Knedler, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, 20712) and I will put them into the folder for your house address. If you are doing research on your home, you may find the files a useful resource.

HOMEOWNERS' TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

In its desire to supplement the State Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program in order to provide greater tax relief against City property taxes for low-income and other homeowners who qualify for the state homeowner property tax credit, the Mayor and City Council recently passed Ordinance 3-2007 which provides for a City of Mount Rainier Local Supplement to the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program. The following is an excerpt of the legislation:

A. Definitions.

1. Eligible homeowner means a taxpayer within the City who has qualified for the State of Maryland Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program provided by Section 9-104 of the Tax-Property Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, as amended.

2. Tax year means July 1st to June 30th, both inclusive, for which the City computes, imposes, and collects real property tax.

3. Total City of Mount Rainier real property tax" means the sum of all City real property taxes which an eligible homeowner has property tax liability in a tax year, but does not include City special assessments and charges or interest and penalties on overdue real property tax.

B. Amount.

1. A homeowner's property tax credit local supplement shall be allowed to eligible homeowners against the total City of Mount Rainier real property tax paid by the eligible homeowner for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.

2. The amount of the homeowners' property tax credit local supplement shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the eligible homeowner's state homeowner's property tax credit for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.

3. The amount of the homeowners' property tax credit local supplement shall not exceed the total City of Mount Rainier real property tax paid by the eligible homeowner for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.

C. Eligibility.

1. In order to receive the homeowner's property tax credit local supplement, an eligible homeowner must:

a. Be included on a list of eligible homeowners provided to the City by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and

b. Have paid his or her total City of Mount Rainier real property tax for the tax year in which the local supplement is sought.

2. Once the eligibility criteria have been met, the City Manager, or his or her designee, shall deliver to or mail the eligible homeowner, by first-class mail directed to the address listed in the tax records for the homeowner or to such other address as the homeowner requests, a check for the amount of the City homeowners tax credit local supplement.

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.

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.

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

Tips for Avoiding Traffic Collisions

- **Avoid drinking and driving.** How many times have you heard this advice? And still, on average, one person in the U.S. dies in an alcohol related crash every 45 minutes. To put this number in perspective, think of the crowd of fans that come to see the Nationals at RFK stadium on opening day. The number of fans in the stadium is roughly the same as those who have died in alcohol related crashes in the past two years!
- **Minimize distractions.** Drivers can minimize their distractions by stopping in a safe place to pick up items that have been dropped, change radio stations or the current CD, consult a map or a newspaper, and take care of personal needs such as eating or personal grooming. Probably the biggest distraction and the one that has drawn the most attention from citizens and lawmakers is talking on a cell phone. If you don't have a hands free device, you should stop in a safe place to dial numbers and talk on your cell phone. Once you cross into DC, talking on a cell phone without using a hands free device is a \$100 fine!
- **Properly maintain your vehicle.** Tune up cars according to the manufacturer's suggested maintenance schedule. Check your tires at least monthly for signs of wear or damage, and for proper inflation. Properly inflated tires are not only necessary to maintain proper traction and control of your vehicle, but will also help save gas. Under inflated tires can reduce your gas mileage by one or more miles per gallon.
- **Do not encourage aggressive drivers.** Let aggressive driving behavior roll off your shoulders, or call the police. Losing your temper can only worsen the situation.
- **Leave a safe distance between your car and others around you.** For every ten miles per hour of speed, leave at least one full car length between you and the car in front of you. If another driver is tailgating you, do not speed up to try and increase the distance. That's generally what they want you to do. Slow down to encourage the tailgater to do the same or pass you.
- **Maintain a constant speed.** Don't continually slow down or speed up.
- **Make sure your mirrors are adjusted properly.** Check your side mirrors every 15 seconds to keep tabs on the traffic behind and to the side of you.
- **Take a defensive driving class.** These classes have changed considerably since you took driver's ed in high school. They improve your ability to drive, provide the refresher that most of us need from time to time, and teach you to be better prepared to properly react to the unpredictable behavior of other drivers.
- **Proceed with great caution through intersections.** Most accidents happen at intersections. Just because the light is green, doesn't mean it is safe to enter the intersection. Look left, look right, and then look left *again* to make sure it is safe to enter the intersection.
- **Be sufficiently aware of road conditions and be more visible.** Keep your lights on at dusk and dawn, and during periods of rain. In Maryland and DC, if your windshield wipers are on, your headlights have to be on as well. Understand basic vehicle dynamics such as knowing how to recover from a skid.
- **SLOW DOWN!** Driving at a slower rate of speed will give you additional time to react in case something unexpected occurs. It will also help you save some of that liquid gold that makes the engine run. It will also help ensure the safety of our residents who walk, run and play on Mount Rainier's narrow, congested streets.



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.

Selected Crimes – April 2007

These statistics can now be viewed on the Chief's Blog at www.mrpdchief.blogspot.com.

Date	Offense	Location			TPA
24-Apr-07	Assault - Aggravated	3200 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
27-Apr-07	Assault - Aggravated	4100 BL	33RD	ST	1A
29-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	4700 BL	27TH	ST	1A
12-Apr-07	Robbery - Commercial	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
13-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
15-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	RUSSELL	AV	1A
23-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	2400 BL	ARUNDEL	RD	1A
22-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
23-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
29-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	4600 BL	30TH	ST	1A
29-Apr-07	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3100 BL	VARNUM	ST	1A
13-Apr-07	Theft < 500	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
27-Apr-07	Theft < 500	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
11-Apr-07	Theft > 500	4200 BL	34TH	ST	1A
23-Apr-07	Vandalism	4100 BL	30TH	ST	1A
02-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
03-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
10-Apr-07	Assault - Aggravated	3600 BL	PERRY	ST	1B
01-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	3400 BL	34TH	ST	1B
21-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	3400 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
07-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	3700 BL	37TH	ST	1B
09-Apr-07	Theft < 500	3700 BL	36TH	ST	1B
01-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	3500 BL	OTIS	ST	1B
19-Apr-07	Assault - Aggravated	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
19-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	4300 BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
22-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	4300 BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
24-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	4200 BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
27-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	2500 BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
27-Apr-07	Robbery - Citizen	BL	28TH	ST	2A
02-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	4100 BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
03-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	4300 BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
12-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	BL	32ND	ST	2A
26-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	4600 BL	29TH	ST	2A
06-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	4300 BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
08-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	4600 BL	27TH	ST	2A
11-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	4100 BL	31ST	ST	2A
04-Apr-07	Theft < 500	4100 BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
16-Apr-07	Vandalism	4300 BL	29TH	ST	2A
16-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	4200 BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
20-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	4200 BL	28TH	ST	2B
30-Apr-07	Stolen Vehicle	3200 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B

24-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	2500 BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2B
26-Apr-07	Theft - From Auto	3400 BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
22-Apr-07	Theft < 500	3700 BL	37TH	ST	2B
08-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	3700 BL	34TH	ST	2B
22-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	BL	30TH	ST	2B
26-Apr-07	Vandalism to Auto	3800 BL	33RD	ST	2B

IMPORTANT ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FROM PEPSCO

Pepco reminds the public that electric safety should be practiced every day of the year.

Electric shocks kill nearly 400 people nationally and injure thousands more each year, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

"We need to be more pro-active in educating everyone, especially children, to potential hazards involved when using electricity or working around it." said Bill Smith, senior safety coordinator for Pepco.

"As we enjoy longer spring days, much of our daily activity moves outdoors." Smith noted. "The use of extension cords for tree trimming and lawn mowing as well as where other electrical wires are located are just examples of why it is vital to keep safety in mind."

Smith recommended that people avoid unnecessary risks when working around electricity by calling a licensed contractor or electrician.

Before digging, to plant trees, for example, residents need to call Miss Utility at its new number, 811, to have the underground utilities located and marked in advance to prevent possible injury from cutting into lines.

Here are some additional electrical safety tips from Pepco:

- If you see a downed wire, stay away and call Pepco's emergency outage number at 1- 877-PEPCO-62.
- Remind children to stay away from electric facilities such as substations, transmission towers and pad-mounted transformers.
- When carrying long or tall items, such as ladders, tree saws and pool cleaning equipment, hold them parallel to the ground. Look up before you raise them into the air to be sure they're clear of any power lines.
- Remember that electricity can move through conductive materials, such as water, metal, wood, aluminum, string and plastics.
- Stay away from overhead lines. Be watchful when trimming trees or working near the electrical connection to your property.

For more information on using electricity safely, visit www.pepco.com

Pepco, a subsidiary of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: POM), delivers safe, reliable and affordable electric service to more than 745,000 customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS AT CITY PARKS

Resident David Hilmy has volunteered to spearhead regular clean up of Spring Park. Persons interested in participating in this effort should contact Mr. Hilmy at (202-276-9430) or the Spring Park website (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/springpark/>). The regular clean-up schedule will be from 10am to 12pm every Sunday and regular updates, gardening or site-specific files, and photos will also be available from the site.

Resident Joe Robbins has volunteered to be the contact person for Richardson Park. The E-mail address is robbins629@aim.com.

The regular schedule for persons interesting in the clean up of this park is on a once-per-week sweep of the park on Tuesdays after work (say around 6:30pm-7:30pm). Volunteers have been picking up trash weeding the flower bed. Since everyone can not adhere to this schedule they are trying to stop by and pick up trash whenever they are able. Mr. Robbins is hopeful that all volunteers can get into the habit of at least doing a once-a-week pick-up.

STUDENT WINS POETRY AWARD

Teoina Sanders, 4th grade student at Mount Rainier Elementary, is one of 12 winners of the Washington Post's Poetry Contest. Sanders' poem, "Math, Math, Math," was published in the April 24 edition of KidsPost. She is part of Mary Haraway's language arts pod, a supplement to the work of the school's reading teacher. "Math, Math, Math" and some of Sanders' other poetry were published in "Beginning Poetry," a book compiled by one of Haraway's groups to showcase their writing for a Prince George's County contest. The book won first place in the poetry group division. 12 out of 13 books that Haraway's various groups turned in placed in the contest.

MOUNT RAINIER CABLE TELEVISION 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 cable television is also looking for trained volunteers in Video Photography, Editing and Audio. For more information, contact Mrs. Carbonell at (301) 985-6585 ext. 28 and leave a voice mail message.

MOUNT RAINIER CABLE TELEVISION 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.

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 May and June 2007.

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
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		

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

2007 CITY ELECTION RESULTS

Jimmy Tarlau was successful in his bid for the Ward 1 Council seat with 72 votes cast and one (1) absentee vote.

Bryan Knedler was successful in his bid for the Ward 2 Council seat with 38 votes cast. There were two (2) write-in votes cast. There were a total of 113 votes cast.

Both council members ran unopposed in the election.

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for application

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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.

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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