



The Message

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MOUNT RAINIER DAY 2008 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Mount Rainier Day Festival for 2008 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. Proverbs Reggae 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 5, 2008.

The City would like to particularly thank Parkdale High School Marching Band and 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 Loins Club for its financial contribution, County Councilman Will Campos for his huge donation and contribution, and Washington Gas for their financial contribution. The City would also like to thank everyone that assisted with Mount Rainier Day, and Hands on Barber Shop for coordinating the basketball teams again this year. Lastly, kudos also goes out to the Mount Rainier Soccer 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, and Senator David Harrington. This year we also had Councilman Harry Thomas from Ward 5 in the District of Columbia in attendance.

There were over 1,500 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 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

From the Desk of the Mayor

May 20, 2008

The 2008 Mount Rainier Day Festival

What a day! More than 1,500 residents, neighbors, guests, visitors, artists, vendors, and others came to our City to participate in the Mount Rainier Day Festival! If you came out, you saw the crowded streets, and the foot traffic in our downtown area. Thank you for your support. We hope that we have done you proud! Thank you to Miss Janis Lomax for heading up this year's Committee and putting in all of those extra hours to make the Mount Rainier Day Festival special. So that I do not leave anyone out, know that the Mount Rainier Day Festival Committee was composed of the entire staff of the City of Mount Rainier. When you see any one of them on the streets over the next few days, PLEASE take a moment and say thank you.



Now, how about those vendors? More than 77 vendors, 17 of which are food vendors came out and supported this event. Even on the day of the Festival, vendors were just showing up to see if they could acquire a space, and if you were there, you know that space was at a premium. If my memory serves me correctly, we have about four empty spots that were sold to vendors who for some reason did not show, but every vending space was pretty much occupied even in places where we never anticipated placing a vendor. There was a good mix of craft and information vendors.

The Kiddie Korner was probably one of the most successful events of the day. If you saw the smiles on our children's faces as they lined up for cotton candy, the moon bounce, the go karts, the pony rides or even the face paintings, you know they were happy. The skateboarders and the basketball players were equally happy about showing their skills during the various exhibitions. And, yes there was card playing right in the middle of it all.

The bands and other entertainment again proved to be a major draw to the festivities, and were well received by the crowds.

Also, hats off to our sponsors. In the past, we solicited (wrote grants) to our County Councilman, Will Campos and he has always provided significant financial support. Our own Mount Rainier Business Association (MRBA) has also provided financial support to this festival over the years. To them, I say thank you for always being there. This year we reached out for financial support from others who provide services to our residents and they came through. Other sponsors included Washington Gas, PEPCO, IHOP, and WSSC. To our new partners, I say thank you and welcome aboard. I believe that after witnessing this year's extravaganza, they will be back in full swing to support the 2009 Mount Rainier Day Festival.

And that brings me to my next topic.

MOUNT RAINIER DAY FESTIVAL 2010 Committee

I know that April 2010 Mount Rainier will be 100 years old, and that is not something to sneeze at in this day and age. We are not the oldest City in Maryland, but over the years we have continued to be a City, and today we are a thriving City. As the current Mayor of Mount Rainier, I feel that it is my duty and responsibility to begin planning for our 100 years' celebration, and would like to take this opportunity to invite residents of the community to join in this preparation.

If you live, work, or even pass through this great City and wish to be a part of this celebration, this is your invitation to sign on. To sign on to the Committee, simply email Ms. Janis Lomax

jlomax@mountrainiermd.org. She will take your name, address, telephone number and email address and begin setting up the Committee. We will meet early and begin planning a grand celebration for 2010! Be a part of the action. Join this Committee today.

Historian/Writer NEEDED!

In addition to searching for Committee members to begin planning the 2010 celebration, Mount Rainier needs a **historian** to step forward to begin writing our history from 1975 to present, and for becoming the depository for our history. This will be an awesome task for someone inclined to capture the history of our coming or age municipality. It will be well worth the time and energy to see our history come alive on paper. If you have the time and skills to take on this task or know someone who is, please contact Ms. Lomax or any member of the Mayor and Council with all necessary contact information so that we can discuss this project with you.

It's Almost Time for Drop-IN Basketball

June 6, is almost here, and registration and waiver forms for drop in basketball are available at Mount Rainier City Hall; Thomas Stone and Mount Rainier Elementary Schools; Kaywood Garden, Queens Manor, and Queenstown Apartments; and Brentwood Town Hall. The registration form is also included in this copy of "The Message." PLEASE complete the form and return it to Mount Rainier's City HALL no later than Monday, June 2, 2008. (A registration form for drop-in basketball is also attached to this report that can be filled out and returned to City Hall.)

Drop-in basketball is for youths 13-18. The program is hosted at Thomas Stone Elementary School in its Gymnasium. MNCPPC is working with the City of Mount Rainier and the Town of Brentwood to provide this recreational opportunity for our teenage boys and girls. We are hoping that parents will get involved and help our youths to take advantage of this program.

Background checks have been done on all volunteers, and we are ready to open the doors for our youth to shoot some hoops! All equipment has been donated by MNCPPC. Now we need our YOUTHS and PARENTS to come on out and play!

Community Volunteers STILL NEEDED!

Skilled and unskilled basketball players to work with our youths in learning sportsmen conduct, basketball skills, and life skills. Still want to be a part of the solution to our gang and youth crisis? Here is your opportunity. Please call (301-985-6585) or email (mayormiles@malindamiles.com) me, if you are willing to commit 3 to six evening hours working with our youth.

Program Details:

- Starting June 6, 2008 the youth basketball developmental program will kick off
- Doors will open at 6:00pm for registration and organizational meeting
- The City of Mount Rainier
- Thomas Stone Elementary School Gymnasium

Partnering with the District of Columbia

Did you hear the big announcement on Saturday? If not, here it is. As a part of the redevelopment of the downtown area, Mount Rainier through vigorous efforts of our partner, Landmark Development, LLC the District of Columbia under the leadership of Mayor Adrian Fenty and Councilman Harry Thomas will be joining with Mount Rainier to extend redevelopment across the District line to South Dakota Avenue!

Just think of what this partnership will mean to the downtown development of Mount Rainier! Working together with the leadership in the District of Columbia, working with the leadership in our City we can make this the largest and best gateway entrance to any City!



Attention



Mount Rainier and Brentwood Teens and Parents

DROP-IN BASKETBALL



At Thomas Stone Elementary School
4500 34th Street
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Phone: 301-985-6585

Fax: 301-985-6595

Email: mayormiles@malindamiles.com

Friday and Saturday night

Dates: Friday, June 6 – Saturday,
August 9, 2008

Time: 6-10pm

Ages: 13-18

School ID or M-NCPPC ID required
to participate.

FREE to participate.

Snacks ***Life Skills workshops*** Fun

Register now!



NORTHERN AREA

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the facility at least two weeks in advance of the program start date to request an accommodation (i.e., sign language interpreter, support staff, etc.) TTY/TDD 301-445-4512

REGISTRATION & PERMISSION SLIP

NAME: _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT (S): _____
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____
ADDRESS: _____

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the above activity, subject to its rules. I will not hold the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, City of Mount Rainier, the Town of Brentwood, or any person connected with the operation of the activity liable in case of an accident.

Please Indicate Medical Concerns/Allergies Special Needs: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



Atención Jóvenes y Padres en Mount Rainier y Brentwood

BALONCESTO INFORMAL



En La Escuela Elemental Thomas Stone
4500 34th Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Teléfono: 301-985-6585

Fax: 301-985-6595

Email: mayormiles@malindamiles.com

Todos los: Viernes y Sábados por
la noche

Fecha: viernes 6 de junio hasta 9 de
agosto del 2008

Hora: 6-10pm

Edades: 13-18

Se necesita una Identificación Escolar o del M-NCPPC
para participar.

GRATIS Para los participantes
Meriendas **** Taller de Habilidades **** Divertido

El Departamento de Parques y Recreos fomenta y apoya la participación de individuos incapacitados.
Favor de comunicarse al centro dos semanas antes del día del programa para solicitar el servicio de interpretación
para sordomudos. TTY: 301-445-4512, Línea en Español 301-445-4509.



HOJA DE PERMISO

Yo _____ doy permiso para que mi hijo(a) participe en la actividad mencionada arriba, sujeta a sus reglas.

Yo _____ no haré responsable al Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Departamento de Parques y Recreos del Condado de Prince George, la Ciudad de Mount Rainier, Brentwood, o ninguna persona relacionada con la actividad en caso de que surja cualquier accidente.

Favor de indicar si tiene impedimento médico / alergias, necesidades especiales:

Firma del Pariente /Guardián

Fecha

Over the next few weeks, the City will be taking some major steps to begin the next phase of development along the south side of Rhode Island Avenue. One of the initial steps will be to begin some general studies that are needed before development can begin. Another is to begin cleaning up some of the blighted conditions along Rhode Island Avenue including the removal of blighted buildings. These are major steps that must be taken to revitalize our City, and we need you the residents on board with us. There will be upcoming hearings and *charretts* (involving [municipal](#) officials, [developers](#), and residents), and information forums, and other communications as the Mayor and Council takes on this awesome task of changing the dynamics and appearance of our downtown area. We know we can count on your support in this endeavor.

Joint Mount Rainier Brentwood Recreation Council

The Mount Rainier City Council recently established a three (3) member Mount Rainier Recreational Council. These three members will serve on the Mount Rainier Brentwood Recreation Council under Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) Recreation Department. The volunteer members of this Council are Donald Bell, Mirna Mejia (started the Mount Rainier Soccer Team) and Malinda Miles. The first meeting of the Mount Rainier Recreational Council was held on May 26, 2008 at 10:00am at Mount Rainier City Hall. The Recreation Council will meet with the three (3) Brentwood members of the Brentwood Recreational Council once they are appointed. At that meeting we will set the meeting schedule for the Recreation Council for the year as well as identify programs for our communities. (NOTE: Each Recreation Council can have more than three members, however, only the three appointed members will be able to vote on items and issues.) Mount Rainier Recreational Council still needs volunteers, and if you are interested, please call Mount Rainier City Hall.

Planning Continues for the Dog Park

Earlier this year, I noted in one of my reports that the Dog Park was coming. Although it has not been finalized, the Dog Park is still on the horizon. The dog park is to be located at Ager Road and Nicholson Street in Hyattsville. For all those interested in the particulars for the park and/or would like to get more information there will be a meeting in Hyattsville June 11, 2008 at 7:00pm at 4310 Gallatin Street. The meeting will be held in the Prangle Room.

Significant Highlights of the City Budget

Without giving a play-by-play report of how hard the Mayor and Council and the Mount Rainier City employees are working for you, I frequently choose to just highlight some of the big items or new initiatives. It would be remiss of me, however, to not mention in this report the time and effort that has gone into developing this year's budget and to point out a few major developments.

1. The City although in the "black" is not financially well off. We are making the payroll, paying our bills in a timely manner, and actually have some money in reserve/contingency. As in the past two years, the City has not had to borrow on its \$400,000 line of credit to cover its expenses.
2. Although we have approximately \$1.5 million in the reserve/contingency fund, we have not made all of the adjustments necessary to cover expected indebtedness, e.g., increased cost in the employee pension plan; increased salaries and benefits for all employees; improved health benefits; and higher cost of just doing business. For example, the City is not immune to the high cost of gas, high cost of repairs and maintenance to cars, trucks, buildings and other equipment that is essential for the City to conduct good business.
3. Last year the City initiated a program to help seniors, dissimilarly-abled persons, and persons with incomes below \$60,000. This program resulted in the City distributing approximately \$10,000 to residents meeting the eligibility requirement. During the coming year, it is expected that this rebate will increase to approximately \$12,000. Those residents receiving funds last year have expressed their appreciation for the relief that came with the checks even though they were small checks.

4. The City has purchased and still needs to purchase another trash/garbage truck to meet the growing need for trash/yard waste/garbage collection in the City. This is a very expensive item, but a very necessary one.
5. During the past few years, the City has been seeking to replace its used and worn out police vehicles. Last year this resulted in the purchase of five new police cars that had to also be equipped for police use. This year, we are adding three new cars to our fleet.
6. Increased recreational activities for the youths of Mount Rainier continue to be a major concern of the Mayor and Council in each year's budget. This year we have added \$16,000 to help provide recreation. It is anticipated that as this program develops there will be increased cost associated with it.
7. As our population and demographics change, there will be an increased need for Mount Rainier to provide better communications to its residents. As part of our forward thinking, Mayor and Council are discussing higher level technology for meeting those needs, e.g., Polycom video conferencing.
8. Major thinking in this year's budget is the acquisition and development of properties (3409 Rhode Island Avenue, the Southside of Rhode Island Avenue, and other properties in the downtown area are under consideration) within the City that have hindered development of the downtown area. Although the City has sought to minimize its cash outlay to develop these properties by partnering with a major developing company, there are costs associated (e.g., legal fees, appraisals, environmental studies, etc.) with any development project within the City. In addition, as is frequently discussed, Mount Rainier was completely built out many years ago, and parking over the years has become a major issue. Therefore, Mayor and Council continue to discuss parking in the downtown area to support the current and growing development of our City.
9. Another goal is to provide longer hours for our police department to be open and available to the public. When our million plus police department was built, it was to be open 24-hours a day. That has never happened. In the proposed budget, the police department would be open during our current downtown business hours (7:00am until 12:00am approximately). This would provide for more effective police services during hours when crime is most likely to occur. I have personally checked our downtown area after the police station closed at 5:00pm and seen people trying to contact the police to report a crime or get information. For the dollars invested, the citizens of this City deserve a better return and Mayor and Council are seeking ways to increase the return. (NOTE: For the past 10 years, give or take a few, the City has paid almost a half million dollars for dispatch services, and this year those services are going up.)

With all of the increases and the capital improvements that are being proposed there no tax increase is being proposed. The City bit the bullet on increasing taxes about seven years ago, and because of that tax increase and the major rise in our property values, the City has been able to dig itself out of the red, and begin building a solid base for future growth. It is my honest opinion that this is not the time to cut our taxes or to change the way in which we have begun to do business. We have fought for, demanded and received sound financial management of our resources (fiscal and physical).

As other municipalities seek to increase their taxes, Mount Rainier can stand its ground, continue its services, and continue to build toward its future. I believe we (Mayor, Council, and staff) are doing a good job. We need to seek new revenue streams and to seek partnerships that will help to make us economically sound as we develop and redeveloped our City.

Basketball Court at 30th and Arundel

Thanks to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) the long awaited basketball court at 30th and Arundel is up and in use. It was good to watch the young boys and girls come out to play basketball. Parents please help us to keep the court up and open.

There are some rules that must be followed.

- 1) The basketball court is a shared space for the community.
- 2) The court is a part of the park and closes at dusk, no exceptions.

- 3) Consumption of alcoholic beverages or any kind is illegal and will be punished.
- 4) Everyone is expected to pitch in with keeping the park clean and available to others.
- 5) Profanity, fighting, and just plain bad behavior will not be tolerated and will be cause for the basketball hoops to once again be permanently remove.

These are very simple rules and easy enough to follow, so we are counting on our youths to be responsible, obey the rules, and enjoy the newly refurbished basketball court.

Soccer anyone?

Thanks to a very energetic and creative parent, Mirna Mejia, Mount Rainier has its own soccer team. It is called the Mount Rainier Community Soccer Club. Mirna Mejia is the proud mother of four boys one 11 years old, 9 years old and twin of 13 months. She also serves as the third member of the newly formed Mount Rainier Recreation Council. Two Mirna's boys attend Thomas Stone Elementary.

Working with her neighbor her neighbor Fernando Vargas and Thomas Stone's Physical Education teacher Samantha Holtz they formed a soccer teams for six graders who wanted to play soccer. With the help and guidance from Capital Community Soccer, a non-profit organization in DC, they were able to secure equipment and uniforms that allowed them to play with their teams here at Mount Rainier. They played their first game April 26, 2008.

From this humble begin there are more than 21 boys playing and more coming every day. The goal is to form at least three (3) teams and be ready for them to play this fall. The team practices at Thomas Stone Elementary where soccer goals are being installed with the help of the Prince George's County School System.

Interested? Contact City Hall (301-985-6585) and leave your name, telephone number and address and Ms. Mejia will get in touch with you. Better still come out and meet the mover and shaker of this program on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 30th and Arundel Road from 11:30am until 4:00pm to share a hot dog and sign up.

Report from Ward 1 – Jimmy Tarlau

Gateway CDC's Nick Francis to Leave Organization

Nick Francis, the executive director of the Gateway Community Development Corporation, will be stepping down. I have been on the Board of Directors of the CDC for the last two and a half years and I will sorely miss Nick's contribution to Gateway and to furthering development in our area. I am pasting below excerpts from the CDC press release and Nick's personal comments about his leaving.

Gateway Press Release

“After more than ten years of service, first as a volunteer and board member, then as the organization's first executive director, Nick Francis is departing Gateway Community Development Corporation (Gateway CDC) on July 31.

“During Francis' tenure, Gateway CDC led a broad-based coalition of partners to organize the creation of the Gateway Arts District, which includes four Maryland municipalities – Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood and Hyattsville.

“Under Francis' tenure, Gateway CDC played a key role in creating:

- Mount Rainier Artist Lofts – 44 units of artist live/work space and commercial space including Artmosphere Café and H&F Fine Arts gallery

- Brentwood Art Center – opening in June, home to an arts education facility, galleries and affordable artists’ studios
- More than 50 artist residencies in five local schools, one of which helped with Hyattsville Middle School gaining arts magnet status
- Annual Arts District Studio Tour showcasing artists and arts education organizations

“Also during Francis’ tenure, the organization teamed up with other partners to develop:

- Joe’s Movement Emporium – Mount Rainier’s town center hub of dance, music and theater
- Prince George’s African-American History Museum & Cultural Center at North Brentwood (scheduled to break ground in 2010) – the future home to preserving and interpreting the history of African-Americans in Prince George’s County
- Two projects with HIP (Housing Initiative Partnership) involving 56 units of affordable artist housing in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier

“The CDC also runs arts and education residencies including steel drum instruction for Northwestern High School, a world percussion ensemble at Hyattsville Middle School, and an after-school program at Queens Manor Garden Apartments. Under Francis’ leadership, a series of special events were initiated, including an Eco-Arts Festival in partnership with Joe’s Movement Emporium and others. The Gateway CDC also sponsors local initiatives, including a peace camp run by the Little Friends for Peace, a local currency project called Anacostia Hours, a youth story circle program and various public art projects.

“In 2004, Francis was awarded the Bridge Builders Award presented by the Partners for Livable Communities, a Washington, D.C., based organization that consists of governors, mayors, county executives, city managers, bank officials and journalists from around the country whose goal is to focus on culture as a resource to create better communities for citizens.”

Nick’s Statement:

“It is with a mix of sadness and anticipation that I announce to friends and colleagues my intention to step down as Gateway CDC’s Executive Director in order to pursue other opportunities in the nonprofit community development sector.

”Needless to say, it has been a wonderful opportunity to work on the Gateway Arts District and other CDC projects in Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood and Hyattsville. The creativity, energy and basic good will of individuals and families that live here is truly extraordinary -- extraordinary, rewarding, and reassuring.

“Reassuring in that it feels really good to see over and over again that when residents are provided the opportunity to work together on large, complicated and difficult projects that benefit the community - even though all they are extremely busy, have a million other things to do and other pressures in their lives - they eventually and inevitably roll up their sleeves and just get down to it with a great deal of cooperation, creativity, respect, and - most rewarding - humor! It is the participation and actions of so many over the years - volunteers acting individually and collectively - that fueled the creation of the Arts District and the completion of so many CDC projects. We are truly blessed to be able to work with such good people in such a small, connected community. I hope that is something we remain thankful for and never take for granted.

”Looking back, It was eight years ago that I started as Gateway CDC's first staff person and it's been over ten years since I began as a Gateway CDC volunteer. As I drive up and down the Rhode Island Avenue corridor, I feel a strong sense of pride seeing that most of the projects Gateway CDC members originally envisioned are either complete or significantly underway.

”Although I am announcing my departure now, I won't be leaving my post until later this summer. The Gateway CDC board has begun a planning and candidate search process that we hope will conclude by early fall. My next move - my next job - will be in the nonprofit sector but is not completely confirmed. I'll know more several weeks

from now. Since Gateway CDC is a small nonprofit, I wanted to announce as soon as I possibly could to give my colleagues as much time as possible to plan and recruit as carefully as they can”.

For those of you who do not about the Gateway CDC:

Established in 1997, Gateway Community Development Corporation, a membership organization, seeks to revitalize the three municipalities of Mount Rainier, Brentwood and North Brentwood to create a healthy, safe, attractive, vibrant and well-educated community enriched by the presence of artists and arts organizations, where diversity and environmental stewardship is embraced as an asset. Gateway CDC uses civic engagement, arts resources and leveraged partnerships to advance commercial and residential development and expand programs and services to residents and business owners in our communities.

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL E. SCOTT, CHIEF OF POLICE



National Night Out 2008

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 5th. 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 2008

**APRIL 2008 SELECTED Offenses
by Team Policing Area**

Date	Offense	Location	TPA
03-Apr-08	Assault - Aggravated	3100 BL QUEENS CHAPEL RD	1A
16-Apr-08	B & E - Residential	3318 BL BUCHANAN ST	1A
22-Apr-08	Rape	4100 BL 31ST ST	1A
27-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	4200 BL 34TH ST	1A
21-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	4200 BL KAYWOOD DR	1A
21-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	3000 BL ARUNDEL RD	1A
17-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	3800 BL 37TH ST	1A
06-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	3200 BL SHEPHERD ST	1A
30-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4600 BL 29TH ST	1A
28-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3200 BL QUEENSTOWN DR	1A
26-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL CHAUNCEY PL	1A
25-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3200 BL SHEPHERD ST	1A
21-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL CHAUNCEY PL	1A
16-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3100 BL WINDOM RD	1A
14-Apr-08	Theft - Tags (Veh)	4600 BL 30TH ST	1A
25-Apr-08	Theft < 500	3200 BL QUEENSTOWN DR	1A
03-Apr-08	Vandalism	3300 BL CHAUNCEY PL	1A

28-Apr-08	Vandalism	3200	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
04-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
28-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	3415	BL	PERRY	ST	1B
30-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	35TH	ST	1B
26-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	3800	BL	37TH	ST	1B
24-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	3400	BL	PERRY	ST	1B
14-Apr-08	Theft - Tags (Veh)	3600	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
18-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3500	BL	NEWTON	ST	1B
11-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	4600	BL	27TH	ST	2A
09-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
09-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
05-Apr-08	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
28-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
21-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
10-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2A
07-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	29TH	ST	2A
07-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2A
06-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3000	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
10-Apr-08	Theft < 500	3200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
26-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
17-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	4200	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
06-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
26-Apr-08	Arson - Vehicle	3702	BL	WELLS	AV	2B
21-Apr-08	Arson - Vehicle	3800	BL	30TH	ST	2B
16-Apr-08	Assault - Aggravated	3809	BL	33RD	ST	2B
16-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	2900	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2B
30-Apr-08	Robbery - Citizen	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
28-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3300	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
28-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3300	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
13-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	32ND	ST	2B
13-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3100	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2B
09-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3800	BL	34TH	ST	2B
05-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
04-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	34TH	ST	2B
13-Apr-08	Theft - From Auto	3100	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2B
23-Apr-08	Theft < 500	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
11-Apr-08	Theft < 500	3100	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2B
09-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3100	BL	SHEPHERD	ST	2B
07-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3800	BL	30TH	ST	2B
06-Apr-08	Vandalism to Auto	3800	BL	33RD	ST	2B

MRTV

Mount Rainier Television
Comcast Channel 71 Verizon Channel 21

MRTV Program Schedule

Monday – Friday, 4pm, (see MRTV Bulletin for listing for shows)

1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each month, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Work Sessions

Program schedule and shows subject to change without notice

Shows to Watch: On Air with the Mayor

***MRTV*News "News You Can Use"**

CitiScape and Time to Represent

MRTV is still in need of volunteer producers, on-camera talent, and production crews for **On Air with the Mayor**, ***MRTV*News "News You Can Use"**, and **CitiScape**. If you have a show idea, let us know. We tape on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays. Call *MRTV* at 301-985-6585 ext 28 or email us at mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com for details.

Dialog with Us!

The Actively Building Community Dialog Project

Actively Building Community (Activ@s Buscando Comunidad) is a new local effort to encourage neighbors to reach out and build an even stronger, more supportive and inclusive community.

This summer we are launching our **Actively Building Community Dialog Project**. For six weeks, a team of teens, plus adult and university student mentors, will go out in our community to listen to neighbors share experiences about how to counter barriers and isolation, support the things we treasure about our community--including hidden treasures!--and together address the roots of longstanding concerns. We will begin meeting in June for training and preparation, and then go around to different points in the community to engage in dialog.

Our aims are to:

- ❖ Build more connections and understanding among diverse residents;
- ❖ Build a tight-knit, fun, hard-working team of young people across differences, with the support of local folk;
- ❖ Provide young people with a useful, exciting, PAYING summer job;
- ❖ Develop young people's skills, including interviewing, collecting information, analyzing data, and, in particular, working together, addressing conflicts and solving problems;
- ❖ Generate useful knowledge about the concerns and ideas of diverse people in the neighborhood;
- ❖ Identify folk interested in greater participation in the community and in community building.

As we talk to people in the neighborhood our team will analyze the information and impressions we gather. And we will develop different ways of expressing these findings creatively. We will present our creative expressions to the community, both as a good thing itself, and also to generate further dialog.

Youth—Our team is already forming, but feel free to contact us to see if there is still a chance to participate!

Neighbors—Participate with us! Share your experiences in the dialog. Become a community dialog mentor. Refer interested young people to us.

Artists—Local artists, who have given so much creativity to our community, here is a golden opportunity to help youth give voice to folk in the community through art! We will be expressing our dialog experience in theater, spoken word, film, music and more.

For more info about the Community Dialog Project, please contact Julie Barnet, Coordinator of Actively Building Community/Activ@s Buscando Comunidad, at 301-277-8466, solidaritynow@verizon.net

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 pickup, and no later than 7:00 am on the day of the collection.

PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier, for June and July 2008

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
June 2	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup	July 2	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 4	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 4	Independence Day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
June 6	Recyclables Pick Up	July 7	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup
June 9	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 9	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 11	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 11	Recyclables Pick Up
June 13	Recyclables Pick Up	July 14	Yard Waste Pick Up
June 16	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup	July 16	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 18	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 18	Recyclables Pick Up
June 20	Recyclables Pick Up	July 21	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup
June 23	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 23	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 25	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 25	Recyclables Pick Up
June 27	Recyclables Pick Up	July 28	Yard Waste Pick Up
June 30	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 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 and Yard Waste appointments made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding pick up day