



# The Message

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## Public Hearing Set for Architectural Conservation District Proposal

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Design Review Board

When you ask Mount Rainier residents what makes this community special, you'll hear a variety of responses including the community's affordability, openness and diversity, its entrepreneurial spirit and special businesses (think Glut and Artmosphere) and the wonderful emerging arts community at the Artist's Lofts and Joe's Movement Emporium. You might also hear that it's the beauty of tree lined streets punctuated by 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian gems and early 20<sup>th</sup> century bungalows. Mount Rainier is a special place!

Recently *The Washington Business Journal's "On Site"* magazine listed Mount Rainier as one of the region's "next hot spots" and *The Washington Post's* Weekend edition gushed about Mount Rainier in a "Roads Less Traveled" day trip profile calling our town an "urban conclave" that includes an "eclectic mix of shops" in the town's city center.

In recent years, a major threat to the affordability and likeability of inner-belt communities including Mount Rainier has been the tearing down of historic "starter houses" and replacing them with huge expensive homes commonly referred to as "McMansions." Many more pristine residences have been radically transformed by massive additions or build-ups that dwarf the original structure.

Sadly, the result is often the loss of historic architectural character. It is the rich architectural character described in the nomination document as "modestly scaled, detached, single-family, frame houses sited closely together with common setbacks" that was responsible for Mount Rainier being placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

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At the September 16<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session, Ward 2 Councilmember Bryan Knedler introduced draft legislation to establish an Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone in the City of Mount Rainier as a tool to preserve our historical architectural character. After two years of study, the Design Review Board recommended the City of Mount Rainier consider seeking this designation that has been on the books in Princes George's County since 1997.

The County Code indicates the intent of a conservation district is to preserve and protect neighborhood architectural or design character, retain affordable housing, preserve and stabilize property values, and promote appropriate new construction.

An Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone (ACOZ) would likely apply to the residential sections of the Mount Rainier National

Register Historic District. A similar review process has been in place for the Mount Rainier Mixed-Use Town Center Zone, Commonly called our downtown, for about 15 years. A decision to initiate the process would be made by the District Council if the City requests it. The District Council would direct the Planning Board to study the proposed district and prepare an Architectural Conservation Plan including proposed design guidelines.

The completion of this plan would be followed by a joint public hearing of the Planning Board and District Council. Following the public hearing, the proposal could be amended but must also gain approval by both the Planning Board and District Council before becoming effective.

In general what would an Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone mean for the Mount Rainier?

- All existing property conditions would be “grandfathered.” The only time regulations would apply is when a property owner applies for a building permit for new construction; enlargements to building size or bulk; or structural alterations to existing structures which have an impact upon any exterior façade (side) of a structure or building.
- Homeowners seeking the 20 percent Maryland Heritage Preservation Tax Credit would continue to be eligible for the program. ACOZ regulations would not be as stringent as the state tax credits that many local residents have received for renovations to their homes.
- In a historic district, the review process includes a strict review of the look and materials used in renovations and expansions. In the case of window replacements, as example, new windows must be wood. The same goes for siding. In an architectural conservation district, substitute materials including vinyl are fine as long as the general look, or character, of the structure remains intact. The important word for conservation districts is CHARACTER.
- New buildings and structures may be constructed and existing buildings may be altered and expanded as long as the CHARACTER of the structure, neighborhood and district is retained or maintained by the change.
- Buildings should observe the established, historic front setbacks from the street and building heights for the block for which they are proposed. Emphasis is placed on facades (sides) visible from the public view (streets).
- Additions to the front of a structure (including porch conversions for additional living space) are discouraged. Building additions are encouraged behind the ridgeline (roofline) of the original, existing structure.
- Garages and car ports should be located to the rear or side of a property and not in front while accessory buildings such as storage sheds and detached garages should be secondary in size to the principal structure or residence on the site.
- Demolitions might be approved as long as the loss of the structure does not adversely affect the historic character of the district. The replacement structure should be compatible with district design guidelines.

The Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

## **Voter registration deadline is October 14, 2008 at 9 p.m.**

If you or a friend have not registered to vote and would like to vote in the upcoming election, please register by using the following link:

[http://elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/application.html](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/application.html).

If you have registered to vote and are unsure of your polling destination, the following link will assist you: <http://egov.goprincegeorgescounty.com/elections>.

## Report from Ward 1 – Jimmy Tarlau

### Rainier Manor Residents Organize to Improve Living Conditions

Our City is in many ways a tale of two cities. There is the home owner population and there are the many residents who live in our apartment complexes (Queenstown, Queens Manor, Kaywood, and others). Actually the renting community is over 60% of the population of Mount Rainier.

Rainier Manor is at 3001 Queens Chapel Road across the street from the Giant supermarket. It is a 'retirement community' with close to 100 senior citizens living there. In the last few years the residents have gone through some hard times and are working to improve their conditions.

There have been many complaints about the living conditions at the facility. Some of those include: sliding glass door not closing properly, broken windows not being replaced, lack of timely trash pick-up and filthy conditions in the hallways and community room. The residents have not been happy with how their complaints have been dealt with by the property managers.

The residents do have an active tenants association. Usually their meetings are on the same day as Council meetings and I cannot attend but I did have the opportunity to attend one of their community meetings on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> which was hosted by the tenants group and County Councilman Will Campos. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update from the property managers, Humphrey Management, who manage the property as well as over 5,000 other properties in the mid-Atlantic region including ten in Prince George's County.

Over half the residents came to the meeting, and they were quite vocal about their complaints. As a result of the pressure the property managers did announce that they were replacing the broken windows and starting to repair the broken sliding doors. They shampooed the rugs two days before the meeting because they did not want to hear the complaints at the tenants meeting.

The Tenants Association is headed by Ernest Wheeler, Dorothy Johnson, Lenora McCoy and Money Turner. They do a good job representing the residents who live at the facility. I want to thank Councilman Campos for attending at the meeting and making sure that the property managers follow through on their promises to the residents. It will take continued pressure to make sure the managers do their job. Even though they shampooed the rugs, management has not bothered to vacuum the rugs in the two week since the meeting.



### MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL E. SCOTT, CHIEF OF POLICE

#### *Halloween: Some History and Safety Reminders*



For most people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know how we came to celebrate Halloween? Its true origins lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead – including ghosts, goblins and witches – returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider—traditions which may sound familiar to you. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve. Eventually the name was shortened to simply, Halloween.

The current custom of going door-to-door to collect treats actually started in Ireland hundreds of years ago. Groups of farmers would go door-to-door collecting food and materials for a village feast and bonfire. Those who gave were promised prosperity; those who did not received threats of bad luck. When an influx of Irish Catholic immigrants came to the United States in the 1800s, the custom of trick-or-treating came with them.

Irish Catholic immigrants also gave us the tradition of carving pumpkins. The custom actually began with a turnip! Turnips were hollowed out and a lighted candle placed inside to ward off evil spirits. When the Irish came to America, they discovered the pumpkin and used it as a larger substitute for the turnip. The tradition has continued and we now carve pumpkins instead of turnips for Halloween.

Today, the most important part of Halloween is having fun, and the most important thing about having fun is to have it safely. I have listed below some of the more important safety tips to help parents and children ensure a night of fun without incurring the risk of future nightmares.

The police department will have additional officers on duty on Halloween night, and we will be encouraging our Neighborhood Watch groups to mobilize their members to assist us in ensuring that the City has a safe and fun Halloween.

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, and if you use a mask, be sure that the eyeholes are large enough for good peripheral vision. It is always better to use non-allergenic face paint rather than wearing a mask.
- It is always best to use a non-flame light source to illuminate your decorative jack-o-lanterns. If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, be sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't be accidentally set on fire.
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop such as knives or swords as part of his or her costume that the tips are smooth and flexible enough not to cause injury if the child falls or comes into contact with another child or adult.
- Children always want to take part in pumpkin carving. Small children should not be allowed to use a sharp knife or saw to cut the top or carve the face. There are many commercially available pumpkin-carving kits that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer for older children to use. It is best to let the younger children clean out the pumpkin and draw a face or other design on it, which parents or older children can then carve for them.
- Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have the chance to check it for them. Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
- Review with your children some basic personal safety tips such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, and watching both ways before crossing streets.
- Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track. Stay in well-lighted areas.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- It is important that younger children not be permitted to go out Trick or Treating by themselves without some adult supervision. It is a good rule of thumb to have at least one adult for every 3-5 children in a group. Take this opportunity to partner with a neighbor or other family member to assist with supervising the kids. Heck, why not get into costume yourself – no sense letting the kids have all the fun!
- If you allow your older children to go out Trick or Treating by themselves, know the route they will be taking. It is also a good idea for you to walk the route, in the dark, a day or so before hand so you'll be aware of any hazards the children may come across. If you have a friend or neighbor you know that lives along the planned route, alert them to what costume your child is wearing so that they can keep an eye out for them.
- Make sure you set a time by which the children should be home, and be sure to stress to them the importance of being home on time *before* they leave. Some children do not have a good sense of time, so an alternative would be to have them come home after they have gone around the block once.
- Explain to your children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs or papering a house may seem like fun, but they need to know that this is unacceptable behavior. Damaging someone's property or

causing them a lot of messy clean up is not fun. Clean up, having to pay for damages and other legal repercussions can ruin Halloween for both children and their parents. The Mount Rainier Police Department is extremely intolerant of vandalism of any sort, regardless of a person's age.

- Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids know this on their own, but sometimes peer pressure can be a bad thing. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong, but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.
- The official Halloween Safety Game - <http://www.halloweenmagazine.com/play.html> is a fun, interactive way to teach younger children basic Halloween safety rules.
- Homeowners should consider healthy food alternatives to candy for trick-or-treaters which may include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later. You can also offer non-food treats such as plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, or other small school supplies.

Have a safe, enjoyable and frightening All Hallows Eve.

## Selected Crimes – August 2008

The statistics I report each month in *The Message* represent those crimes that one, have been designated by the FBI as Part I offenses for Uniform Crime Report (UCR) purposes, and two, that have been verified by an officer and a report has been written to document the circumstances of the crime. This list also includes selected UCR Part II offenses such as vandalism. Miscellaneous incident reports, accident reports, field interview reports, and those incidents when an officer responds to a call for service and no report is required are not included.

### August 2008 Selected Offenses by Team Policing Area

Date	Offense	Location				TPA
8/30/2008	B & E - Residential	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
8/28/2008	B & E - Residential	3700	BL	35TH	ST	1A
8/24/2008	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	RAINIER	AV	1A
8/17/2008	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	RAINIER	AV	1A
8/15/2008	B & E - Residential	4500	BL	32ND	ST	1A
8/14/2008	B & E - Residential	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
8/11/2008	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	32ND	ST	1A
8/11/2008	B & E - Residential	3000	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
8/3/2008	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/20/2008	B & E - Commercial	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
8/28/2008	Robbery - Citizen	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
8/18/2008	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	RAINIER	AV	1A
8/7/2008	Robbery - Commercial	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	1A
8/16/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	35TH	ST	1A
8/15/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/9/2008	Stolen Vehicle	3500	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	1A
8/6/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/27/2008	Theft < 500	3700	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	1A
8/16/2008	Theft < 500	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
8/16/2008	Theft < 500	4000	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/11/2008	Theft < 500	4500	BL	32ND	ST	1A
8/8/2008	Theft < 500	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	1A

8/29/2008	Vandalism	4400	BL	37TH	ST	1A
8/11/2008	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
8/8/2008	Vandalism to Auto	4300	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/7/2008	Vandalism to Auto	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
8/6/2008	Vandalism to Auto	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
8/2/2008	Vandalism to Auto	4200	BL	34TH	ST	1A
8/4/2008	Assault - Aggravated	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
8/27/2008	Robbery - Citizen	3700	BL	35TH	ST	1B
8/8/2008	Robbery - Citizen	3400	BL	NEWTON	ST	1B
8/21/2008	Stolen Vehicle	3400	BL	NEWTON	ST	1B
8/11/2008	Stolen Vehicle	3700	BL	34TH	ST	1B
8/23/2008	Theft < 500	3700	BL	37TH	ST	1B
8/13/2008	Vandalism	1		MUNICIPAL	PL	1B
8/13/2008	Assault - Aggravated	2900	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
8/23/2008	B & E - Residential	3000	BL	TAYLOR	ST	2A
8/22/2008	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	30TH	ST	2A
8/22/2008	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	31ST	ST	2A
8/13/2008	B & E - Residential	2700	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2A
8/13/2008	B & E - Residential	2700	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2A
8/7/2008	B & E - Residential	4400	BL	31ST	ST	2A
8/3/2008	B & E - Residential	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2A
8/24/2008	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
8/11/2008	Robbery - Citizen		BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
8/11/2008	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
8/20/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
8/10/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
8/10/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4700	BL	31ST	PL	2A
8/10/2008	Stolen Vehicle	2500	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
8/7/2008	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
8/3/2008	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
8/3/2008	Stolen Vehicle	2900	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
8/31/2008	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
8/12/2008	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
8/7/2008	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
8/7/2008	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	31ST	ST	2A
8/6/2008	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
8/12/2008	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
8/29/2008	Vandalism	4500	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
9/1/2008	Vandalism to Auto	2700	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2A
8/24/2008	Vandalism to Auto	4700	BL	27TH	ST	2A
8/23/2008	Vandalism to Auto	2500	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
8/17/2008	Vandalism to Auto	2500	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
8/11/2008	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
8/14/2008	Robbery - Citizen	3800	BL	33RD	ST	2B
8/12/2008	Robbery - Citizen		BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
8/20/2008	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	OTIS	ST	2B

8/12/2008	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
8/7/2008	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
8/7/2008	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
8/7/2008	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
8/2/2008	Theft - From Auto	3300	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
8/20/2008	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3800	BL	32ND	ST	2B
8/16/2008	Vandalism	3300	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
8/1/2008	Vandalism		BL	SHEPHERD	ST	2B
8/24/2008	Vandalism	3300	BL	PERRY	ST	2B
8/22/2008	Vandalism	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
8/3/2008	Vandalism	4000	BL	28TH	ST	2B



# MRTV

Mount Rainier Television

Comcast Channel 71      Verizon Channel 21

## MRTV Program Schedule

Monday – Friday, 4pm, (see *MRTV* Bulletin Program Schedule)

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Work Sessions

Program schedule and shows subject to change without notice

*MRTV News* "News You Can Use". ...we have to say goodbye to our news anchor Sophia Thelusma. Sophia is attending law school in Michigan. Thanks Sophia for doing a great job! We wish her all the best.. Taking over the role of *MRTV* News will be Robert Page. Robert "Bob" is a long time Production Assistant for *MRTV* and is looking forward to stepping into this new and challenging role

*On Air with the Mayor*... watch bulletin for date and time for the next show. Mayor Malinda Miles will have a call-in segment in her next live show in October.

### Shows to Watch

*On Air with the Mayor*, *MRTV News* "News You Can Use", and *CitiScope*

*MRTV* needs volunteer producers, on-camera talent, digital editors and production crews for all *MRTV* productions. We tape on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays. Call *MRTV* at 301-985-6585 ext. 28, leave a message or email us at [mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com) for details.

## BROADCAST DIGITAL TV (DTV)

On February 19, 2009, all broadcast TV stations will cease their analog broadcast transmissions and begin broadcasting exclusively in digital format. This change is known as the "Broadcast Digital TV (DTV) Transition." The FCC requires that all cable companies (Comcast and Verizon) inform their customers how the broadcast DTV transition will affect them. Customers should have received information in their monthly billing statement. Comcast has recently learned that customers in our jurisdiction did not initially receive the message in their statement and have taken corrective action by including the notices on each statement until March 2009. For those interested in DTV, information can be obtained by contacting Comcast or obtaining a copy at City Hall.

## **News from Little Friends for Peace MJ and Jerry Park, Co-directors**

This past summer 156 peacemakers-in-training, ages 4-18 participated in 4 weeks of Peace Camps at Mount Rainier Nature Center and Ager Road Methodist Church. Each day the campers recited the Peace Building Pledge to initiate the right frame of mind for becoming a Peace builder.

They studied and dramatized peacemaking heroes like Sister Dorothy Stang, defender of the Brazilian rain forests and the people living there.

Live peacemakers like Mary Parker from Mt. Rainier, who removes invasive plants, visited the camp and shared their peace building skills. Other local peace role models were Olivia who led groups in quilting, and PJ Park who gave bike riding and safety lessons and invited them to Mt. Rainier Bike Co-op where they can improve their own bikes or build one free from recovered stolen bikes donated by the Mt. Rainier police. Pat and Sandy (Emma's Revolution) serenaded us with peace songs like 'Peace, Salaam, Shalom,' then welcomed us into their community garden (planted by Bea Trickett).

Out of bamboo and recyclable materials the Peace campers built a model green car, a green house and other products. A train made out of cardboard boxes, the Peace Train, rode into camp, illustrating a non-violent process to solve conflicts with love and care, not hatred and violence.

Thank you to Gateway Community Development Cooperation and to Mt. Rainier City Council for helping support the camps and provide training for the 25 teens and young adults we trained and worked with all summer at the Peace Camps. Their spirit and commitment to building Peace immersed their campers into a culture of Peace. Imagine if everyone could catch this 'germ' of peace!

Eleanor Roosevelt said: "For it isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

Little Friends for Peace offers program during the school year:

Peace Club  
Boys Peace Group  
Peace Builders in Action  
Family Peace Circles  
Peace Time for Tots.  
Peace School Visits.

Interested in times, places and details: send an e-mail: [mjpeace@gmail.com](mailto:mjpeace@gmail.com) , call: 240-899-4549, [www.lffp.org](http://www.lffp.org) of the County property tax imposed on the property in that tax year.

### **SHREDDING**

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008**

**TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00PM**

**LOCATION: TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
4009 WALLACE ROAD**

**Clean-up all unwanted paper files, newspapers, cans, bottles and plastic from your home!**

*For more information: call North Brentwood Town Hall @ 301-699-9699*

## Employment Opportunities

### GIFT SHOP ASSISTANT

Looking for part-time staff to manage College Park Aviation Museum gift shop, assist visitors, order merchandise, work with vendors, develop shop displays, place orders, develop financial paperwork, inventory and price items, stock shelves, organize shop storage and staff shop during most weekdays, and during large public events. \$9 hour - Average 16-20 hrs. per week, and occasional weekend days (1-2 per month). Have good computer skills, excellent customer service ability and enjoy working with the public of all ages. Person needs to be dependable. Approximate hours

9 am – 1 pm. 4 days per week average. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park, Md. 20740, 301-864-6029 (office), 301-927-6472 (fax). Send letter of interest to [aviationmuseum@pgparks.com](mailto:aviationmuseum@pgparks.com)

### MUSEUM ASSISTANT (Centennial)

Looking for an outgoing and energetic individual to work part-time with the College Park Aviation Museum staff on the upcoming Museum Centennial as well as several centennial related projects – development of the Maryland Aviation Hall of Fame, coordination of the “Centennial of Military Flight” Air Fair program (September), as well as several smaller programs. Must be dependable, outgoing, confident, have good customer service skills and an interest in aviation. Average 20-25 hrs per week and occasional weekend days (1-2 per month). \$10 hour. Flexible between 9am -5pm hours, good computer skills, aviation knowledge/background a plus but not required, work well in team environment. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park, Md. 20740, 301-864-6029 (office), 301-927-6472 (fax) Send resume or letter of interest to: [aviationmuseum@pgparks.com](mailto:aviationmuseum@pgparks.com)

### MUSEUM/ARCHIVES TECHNICIAN

College Park Aviation Museum is looking for a part-time person to be responsible for overseeing it's museum archives and library, responding to public inquiries, working with the public as well as Museum staff on programs/projects, scanning and digitizing documents and photos, coordinating our book auction, developing finding aides, accepting book/archival donations, assisting with public programs and staffing the museum. \$9 per hr. 20-25 hrs per week and 1-2 weekend days per month. Must be interested in working with the public and have excellent customer service skills, experience with computers, and various computer software programs (Access, Excel) as well as museum experience and interest in aviation history. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park, Md. 20740, 301-864-6029, For more information or to send a letter of interest contact us at: [aviationmuseum@pgparks.com](mailto:aviationmuseum@pgparks.com)

## Code Enforcement NEWS!

**Building Permits** –In general, a building permit is required to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move, improve, remove, connect, demolish or raze any building or structure in the City of Mount Rainier. In the last few months, many home owners have begun work without first obtaining County and/or City permits. Before you begin, please check with Code Enforcement Department at 301-985-6551 to see if your particular project requires a permit even if your contractor may have told you it is not.

**Fence Permits** – Fences are constructed for a variety of reasons. They are generally used to restrict the movement of people and animals in and out of a parcel of land. In some instances, they are placed to denote boundaries, delineate specific use areas, provide privacy or for aesthetic reasons. Common fence types are split rail, picket, board on board or chain link. However, fences may not be placed so as to encroach on easement of any kind or on any City right-of-way. If you are on a corner lot, you may not locate a fence within 25 feet of the point of intersection on your property lines that abut the street.

**Permits are required to place a fence over four feet high on your lot; you must apply for a County building permit and City permit. In addition, you must submit site plans showing the proposed fence location (s) including well and/or septic (if applicable). Structural plans may be required for fence erection.**

*For additional information on permit requirements please contact City Hall at 301-985-6585 or request a copy of Homeowner's Guide to permits, please contact: Department of Environmental Recourses, 9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland 20774 or 301-883-5810.*

**TRASH CAN REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED.** 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.

## December 2008 Leaf Schedule

Leaf vacuuming is scheduled to start Tuesday December 4, 2007. The schedule below will be followed weather permitting. In order to have your leaves vacuumed, please follow the schedule and rake your leaves to the curb. Here are a few reminders.

- Rake your leaves at least 24 hours before the crew is expected to begin on your block.
- Rake your leaves to the curb without blocking the roadway.
- Please keep rocks, bricks, branches, brush, metal, or any other objects away from raked leaves.
- If leaves are in bags, they will *not* be vacuumed.

The Public Works Department will make an effort to stay on schedule, and you can help us by following the reminders above.

LA LIMPIEZA DE LAS HOJAS EN OTONO COMENZARA EL LUNES 25, DE OCTUBRE. El plan por abajo se va a seguir dependiente an el tiempo, Para que se limpian sus hojas, sigan al plan y rastrillen las hojas al encintado 24 horas antes de la llegada de los trabajadores.

### December 2, 2008

3100 – 3600 block of Perry Street  
2900 – 3300 block of Bunker Hill  
2800 – 3300 block of Shepherd Street  
2800 – 3200 Block of Taylor Street  
3100 – 3200 block of Varnum Street

### December 4, 2008

3100 block of Webster Street  
2800 - 3200 block of Upshur Street  
3100 block of Windom Road  
3100 – 3200 block of Arundel  
4100 – 4200 block of Rainier Avenue

### December 16, 2008

All of 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
3800 Block of 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
3800 Block of 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
3800 Block of 37<sup>th</sup> Street

### December 19, 2008

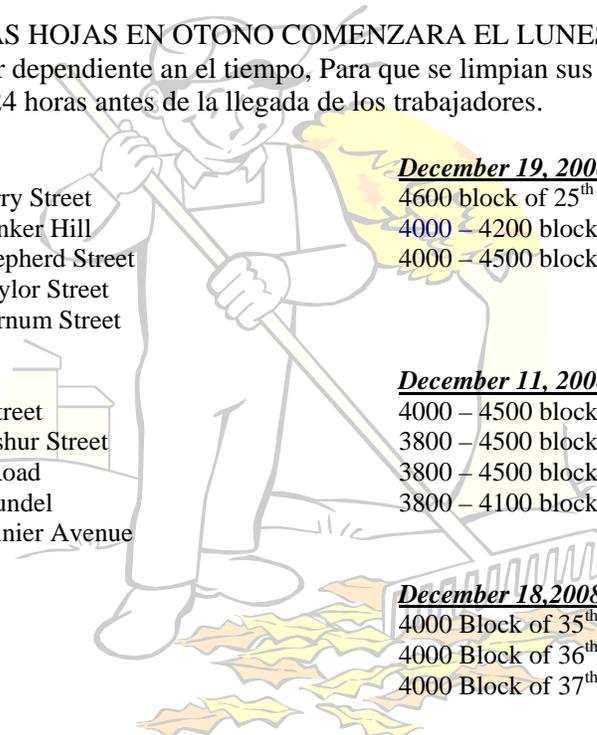
4600 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
4000 – 4200 block of 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
4000 – 4500 block of 29<sup>th</sup> Street

### December 11, 2008

4000 – 4500 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
3800 – 4500 block of 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
3800 – 4500 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
3800 – 4100 block 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

### December 18, 2008

4000 Block of 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
4000 Block of 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
4000 Block of 37<sup>th</sup> Street



**December 23, 2008**

3400 – 3700 Block of Bunker Hill Road  
3400 -3700 Block of Shepherd Street  
Newton Street  
Otis Street

**If your Block/Address is not mentioned please join with the block nearest to you.**

**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.

**PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR**

*Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier, for October and November 2008*

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
October 1	Regular Trash Pick Up	November 3	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup
October 3	Recyclables Pick Up	November 5	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 6	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup	November 7	Recyclables Pick Up
October 8	Regular Trash Pick Up	November 10	Yard Waste Pick Up
October 10	Recyclables Pick Up	November 11	Veterans' day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
October 13	Columbus day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)	November 12	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 14	Yard Waste Pick Up	November 14	Recyclables Pick Up
October 15	Regular Trash Pick Up	November 17	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup
October 17	Recyclables Pick Up	November 19	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 20	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pickup	November 21	Recyclables Pick Up
October 22	Regular Trash Pick Up	November 24	Yard Waste Pick Up
October 24	Recyclables Pick Up	November 26	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 27	Yard Waste Pick Up	November 27	Thanksgiving Day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
October 29	Regular Trash Pick Up	November 28	Employees Appreciation Day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
October 31	Recyclables 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***

