



The Message

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FREE Fun Family-Friendly Flicks & Popcorn on Fridays in downtown Mount Rainier

If you missed our first two flicks, you missed a great time with your neighbors. Don't worry there are three more opportunities to join us!

The City of Mount Rainier will show a FREE movie outdoors at 33rd & Perry Streets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays through October 9th. The movies are all family-friendly, but fun for all ages. They are shown on a large inflatable screen and popcorn is free while it lasts.

Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy a neighborhood party under the stars. The movies start at 8 pm. Come out for a great time with your neighbors!

Movie Schedule:

- 9/11 North by Northwest
- 9/25 Spiderman
- 10/9 Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone

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Prince George's County Enacts Bill for the Registration of Vacant Residential Property

Effective August 21, 2009, the person authorized to make the sale of a residential property in Prince George's County must notify the director of DER within five days after filing an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property. In addition, should the person authorized to make the sale fail to register a vacant/foreclosed property, he will pay a civil penalty of \$50 for each day that the notice is not filed.

According to District 2 County Council Member Will Campos, "As the author and sponsor of this legislation, it was my goal to create a

registration system for foreclosed properties that would help identify these properties before they become eyesores in the community.” All too often we learn about foreclosed properties after their condition makes it plainly obvious. This registration system will give us advance warning and allow the county to proactively handle these properties.”

Registration forms may be downloaded from the county’s website at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DER/> by clicking on Registration Form under the heading Vacant/Foreclosed Property Registration. The registration form can also be obtained by contacting DER’s Foreclosure Registration Unit at (301) 883-6100. There is no charge to register a vacant/foreclosed property.

For more information, call the Foreclosure Registration Unit at (301) 883-6100.

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL E. SCOTT, CHIEF OF POLICE



National Night Out 2009

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mayor Miles and our Councilmembers who attended and supported this year’s National Night Out. I’d also like to thank our Administrative Assistant Janis Lomax for lining up the entertainment; our intrepid public works staff who managed to get all our stuff put up and torn down; Grill master Luther Smith for cooking up the burgers and hotdogs; Larry Solomon of Thrifty Rental Car for providing the RV cooling station; and CPL Eddie Murphy for pulling everything together and making it happen. Our thanks also go out to our public safety partners who supported this year’s event: the Prince George’s County Police Department, Prince George’s

County Sheriff’s Department, Metropolitan Police Department, and the United States Park Police. And a *very* special thanks goes out to commanding officer Captain Ryan Boeka and drill master Sergeant First Class Devin McCann of the United States Army Drill Team for their inspiring performance!

Back to School

It’s that time of year again and the beginning of school is upon us. Our summer routines are just about over and the fall semester beckons students, new young and old. It’s time for parents and children to regroup, reorganize and be reminded of a few basic safety tips to make the transition back to school and work a little less hectic.

✦ *Wait For School Buses*

The Mount Rainier Police Department reminds all drivers to stop when the lights on school buses are flashing. Maryland law provides that vehicles must come to a complete stop on both sides of the street if there is no physical divider or barrier. Drivers may not pass the bus until all lights have ceased flashing.

Drivers who pass school buses while the lights are flashing will be fined \$555 and receive 3 points record. Drivers who stop but then proceed while the lights are flashing will be fined \$555 and receive 2 points. Mount Rainier police officers *will not* give warnings to drivers for passing a stopped school bus. Trust me, you *will* get a ticket!

Children are not always aware of their surroundings and assume that drivers will stop for them. Youngsters also dart into the road without looking first for traffic. Allow room for the frequent stops that happen during the morning pick up and the afternoon drop off.

Maryland's future is its children, so let's protect them.

- ◆ ***Load Up The Kids - And Lock Up The House***

All of us who are parents realize how hectic and confusing mornings can be trying to get the kids ready for school – lunches, clothes, homework – and trying to make sure we have ourselves together for our workday. Even stay at home Moms and Dads are not immune. But, no matter how harried the day starts, here's an important back-to-school reminder: Before you walk or load the kids up for the drive to the bus stop or school – *lock your doors*. Too often in our rush out the door, we fail to stop and take stock of where we are and what may have been forgotten. If you forget to secure your home, even if you are gone only for a short time, it can be the perfect morning stop for a burglar. It may seem overly cautious to lock windows and doors when leaving for even the short time it takes to get the kids to the bus stop or to school, but the time spent doing this can deter a burglar and prevent problems later.

The MRPD suggests that everyone establish a habit of basic security when leaving home in the morning. Parents should make the process a learning experience for their children. Many people have a checklist to make things simpler during that early morning rush hour. Why not include a security checklist in your morning routine? Depending on the age or ages of the children, let them help by giving them a task that relates to their security. Older children should check and lock the windows, while the younger ones can see if the doors are locked behind you when you leave.

When you are on the way to and from school, keep watch on what is going on in your neighborhood. Look for strangers who seem to be lurking on the sidewalk, with no real purpose. Watch for cars driving slowly through the neighborhood. They might be sizing up potential targets. If you see anything or anyone that rouses your suspicions, call the police department's communications center. Try to provide a basic description of the individual or car that worries you. Tags numbers are very important.

Do not think that burglars work only at night, in the dark. They are opportunists, and will look for likely targets at any time of the day. In fact, many burglars strike during the daylight hours when they believe all the occupants of the house may be at school or work. Make their life harder by taking the basic crime prevention measures mentioned above.

Remember:

The best crime prevention tool is a good neighbor!

- ◆ ***Educate Your Children About School Safety***

With the start of the new school year, it is a good idea to remind parents and children of some basic *personal* safety information. Although the police department and educators teach children in school about the dangers of strangers, learning about community helpers, and several other child safety topics, parents can also help. The following tips are just a few suggestions:

- Be aware of putting your child's name on anything that is readily visible. This might allow an abductor to get on a "first name" basis with your child and develop a sense of trust.
- Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out safe places to go if they are being followed or need help.
- Talk to your children about strangers approaching them and some of the ploys they might use. Stress to them that adults shouldn't need a child's help to find a puppy or get directions, they should ask another adult for that information.
- Teach your children that it is okay to say NO - tell them to trust their instincts.
- Remind your children to never give the impression they are home alone if strangers telephone or come to the door. Never open the door for a stranger, and teach them about dialing 911.

JULY 2009 SELECTED OFFENSES BY TEAM POLICING AREA

Date	Offense	Location				TPA
11-Jul-09	Animal Bite	3200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2B
09-Jul-09	Assault - Aggravated	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
23-Jul-09	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	34TH	ST	2B
07-Jul-09	B & E - Residential	3700	BL	36TH	ST	1B
06-Jul-09	B & E - Residential	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2B
26-Jul-09	Destruction of Property		BL	29TH	ST	2A
04-Jul-09	Destruction of Property	3400	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
19-Jul-09	Destruction of Property	3300	BL	OTIS	ST	1B
04-Jul-09	Robbery - Citizen	2500	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
02-Jul-09	Robbery - Citizen	3300	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
24-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
20-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
14-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
11-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
11-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
07-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	31ST	ST	2A
04-Jul-09	Stolen Vehicle	4600	BL	25TH	ST	2A
31-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	3500	BL	OTIS	ST	1B
29-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
19-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
14-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	34TH	ST	2A
11-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
06-Jul-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A

21-Jul-09	Theft - Identity	2400	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	2A
06-Jul-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	3100	BL	SHEPHERD	ST	2B
03-Jul-09	Theft < 500	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
03-Jul-09	Theft < 500	4000	BL	33RD	ST	2B
29-Jul-09	Vandalism	3700	BL	37TH	ST	1B
01-Jul-09	Vandalism to Auto	3800	BL	33RD	ST	2B



MRTV

Mount Rainier Television
Comcast Channel 71 Verizon Channel 21

What you need to know...What you want to know... Watch MRTV for the latest in City News, Information, and Updates!

MRTV now provides a 24/7 programming schedule. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list shows and times. This month watch for the following:

-  **On Air with the Mayor** - hosted by **Mayor Malinda Miles**. "One on One with Howard Stone: Diabetes / Domestic Violence"
-  **CitiScape** – hosted by **City Manager Jeannelle Wallace**, City Department Updates from **Luther Smith, Public Works** and **Chief Michael Scott, Police Department**.
-  **National Night Out** – US Army Drill Team, **On Air with the Mayor / Special Edition**, interviews with various National Night Out guests and officials.
-  **Peace Parade** – Mount Rainier Elementary School
-  **Joe's Movement Emporium Summer Camp Recital** – African Drums and Dance
-  **Skate Park Dedication** – M-NCPPC, County and officials, and ribbon cutting ceremony
-  **LIVE Programs** – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, **City Council Meetings** and **Work Sessions** – 7pm

Monthly City Council Meetings and Work Sessions are available on the City's website: www.mountrainiermd.org

MRTV comments, suggestions and show ideas: mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com or call 301-985-6585 ext. 28 voice mail, Graciela Carbonell, Department Director

News from Little Friends for Peace:

From MJ Park: Co-Director of Little Friends for Peace

Last May was proclaimed the month of Peace in Mount Rainier and Little Friends for Peace helped to co-ordinate many peacemaking activities: from workshops, to art and drama for peace along with the installation of the Peace Pole and the Peace Garden at 30th and Arundel Road in Mount Rainier. Check it out, enjoy some peace time as you sit on the peace bench enjoying the flowers or having a conversation with a friend or neighborhood.

The summer brought peace camps from:

Peace Leaders; youth learned and practiced peace leadership skills and used the Peace Train to solve Problems

Planting Seeds of Peace: campers discovered how nature brings us peace and how we can be earth keepers

Peace Creators: campers explored ways to make peace and create things out of recyclables and also use imagination to solve problems.

Fall brings more peace activities from:

Peace Clubs

Peace Circles for young to seniors

Families Building Peace

Peace Train: Hop on board the non-violent peace train and experience peace and learn some creative ways to solve problems.

To find out more information, sign up for a group or bring the peace activities to your church, school, scout group, neighborhood group check out our web page

Little Friends For Peace: www.lffp.org

MJ and Jerry Park

mjpeace@gmail.com

240-838-4549

Peace is not for a day, a week, a month or a season but a way of life and begins with each of us.

CITY SEEKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Our committees need you! Several of our committees are in need of members. I am sure that there is a committee in our City that maybe of interest to you and their meeting schedules are sure to fit your schedule. If you are interested in becoming a member of a committee in our city please feel free to contact Michael Jackson, assistant city manager at City Hall at 3014-985-6585 extension 30, to find out more information about the following committees:

- ◆ Tool Shed Committee
- ◆ Design Review Board
- ◆ Youth and Recreation Council
- ◆ Bike Coop (volunteers)

TREE COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

Openings exist on the city's Tree Commission. The Commissioners review permits for trimming and removal of street trees and trees in the city-owned parks. They also help choose what trees to be planted in the available locations, plan Arbor Day events, and help raise money for tree purchases through grant writing. If you are interested in serving, please forward a letter of interest and/or resume to City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace, City Hall, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, 20712. Or e-mail her at jwallace@mountrainiermd.org.

Administrative Assistant

The Mount Rainier Business Association is hiring a part-time administrative position (approximately 30 hours monthly) to support its mission to serve the business community of Mount Rainier. Strong administrative and communication skills required, as well as access to your own computer, and attendance to meetings. Pay is \$13-15 per hour depending on experience.

Please submit resume and interest to: Brooke Kidd @ brooke@joesmovement.org
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.

PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

September and October 2009 Schedule

Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier, for September and October 2009

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
September 2	Regular Trash Pick Up	October 2	Recyclables Pick Up
September 4	Recyclables Pick Up	October 5	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
September 7	Labor Day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)	October 7	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 8	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	October 9	Recyclables Pick Up
September 9	Regular Trash Pick Up	October 12	Columbus Day (Public Works and City Hall Closed)
September 11	Recyclables Pick Up	October 13	Yard Waste Pick Up
September 14	Yard Waste Pick Up	October 14	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 16	Regular Trash Pick Up	October 16	Recyclables Pick Up
September 18	Recyclables Pick Up	October 19	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
September 21	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	October 21	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 23	Regular Trash Pick Up	October 23	Recyclables Pick Up
September 25	Recyclables Pick Up	October 26	Yard Waste Pick Up
September 28	Yard Waste Pick Up	October 28	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 30	Regular Trash Pick Up	October 30	Recyclables Pick Up

During the months December - March yard waste will be collected 2nd Monday and by appointment only. All bulk trash appointments must be made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding bulk pick up day

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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. David Harrington

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 Michael E. 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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