



The Message

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

MOUNT RAINIER DAY

WHEN: MAY 16, 2008

**WHERE: MUNICIPAL PLAZA,
RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND**

TIME: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Please come out and join us for what promises to be one of the greatest Mount Rainier Day Parades and Festivals to date!

FESTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON RHODE ISLAND AVENUE AT THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA. PERSONS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WISH TO BE A VENDOR, SHOULD CONTACT JANIS LOMAX AT THE MOUNT RAINIER MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 MUNICIPAL PLACE, MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND 301-985-6585. SOME VENDOR SPACES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SECURED, SO PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY

Election Results

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The City of Mount Rainier held elections for seats of Mayor, Ward 1 Councilmember, and Ward 2 Councilmember. More than 300 Mount Rainier Residents voted. Here are the official election results provided by Maxine Drakeford, Supervisor of Elections.

Candidates for Mayor

	Ballots	Absentee Ballots	Totals
*Malinda Miles	172	9	181
Jimmy Tarlau (write-in)	30	3	33

Candidates for City Council Ward 1

	Ballots	Absentee Ballots	Totals
*Alta Morton	120	1	121
Carol Gandee	89	12	101

Candidates for City Council Ward 2

	Ballots	Absentee Ballots	Totals
*Ivy Thompson	62	3	65

Provisional Ballots Total (4)

From The Desk of The MAYOR! (by Mayor Malinda Miles)



The month of April has been a really long, but good month. Lots of things have happened some good and some not so good.

First there was a wonderful tribute to the arts held in our town -- James Renwick Alliance (JRA) gala at Washington Glass School images. Hosting this event were Erwin Timmers, Michael Janis, and Tim Tate, Co-Directors, Washington Glass School, 3700 Otis Street, Mount Rainier, MD. Also in attendance and making us feel welcome was Margaret Boozer, owner and director of the Red Dirt Studio, 3706-08 Otis Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.



The fabulous dessert party following the fire dancers was held at the another of our wonderful artists' studios. It was said that after this event in Mount Rainier, the collectors, curators, and museum directors noted that the arts were alive and well in Mount Rainier, and after visiting with the artists, they were certain that art would continue to be a major part of Mount Rainier's culture.

Thanks to all of the artists in the "old warehouse district" for being such a vibrant part of the artists community here in Mount Rainier, and for this event.

On a different and very sad note, Mount Rainier lost one of its main attractions and businesses this month. Artmosphere closed its doors. There were lots of reasons for this, but most can be attributed to finances, and in my opinion location. I have received copies of the letter that is being floated, and I have received calls

from reporters about the closing of Artmosphere. I have not talked with Mr. Madison about the closing, but know that it is a very sad time in the City for all who enjoyed the excitement that this new business brought to our community. There are some lessons here for the City, and I will spend the next four years as your Mayor seeking to learn from this event.

Our election takes place this month, and there is a race in Ward 1. Two of our residents have taken the time to put their names and personal lives out there to serve the residents of this City. Running for office is not easy or inexpensive. There is the personal cost of time and energy to get the word out. There is the financial cost of paying for materials and supplies. Then there is the emotional cost of the sometimes untruthful things that people say about you during the campaign season. Whether they are true or not, the emotional roller coaster is real and sometimes painful. For these reason, a lot of GOOD candidates will not run for public office, and that is really too bad.

Our police union once again endorsed a candidate in our City election. I have often wondered what their endorsement is worth. First of all, "NONE" of our officers live within the City's boundaries, and because of that, they can't VOTE in our municipal elections. So, what is gained by having their endorsement? A guaranteed vote on the City Council on all issues and matters that come before the Council dealing with the Police Union? Another question raised by "our" police endorsing a candidate is what promises were made to get the endorsement? Does their endorsement serve the residents of Mount Rainier?

Bottom line. If nowhere else in government, I strongly believe that candidates running for municipal government should be honest, straight forward and working for all residents. Residents, know the truth. They are recipient of the results.

Being on the City Council is more than attending the mandatory one meeting a month and the scheduled work session. It is attending other meetings with State and County legislators; serving as liaison to other boards and commissions and actually going to the meetings; writing grants to bring money to the City; working with City staff to carry out a project; and yes, meeting with constituents to hear and AND address their concerns, NOT pass them on to someone else.

The current sitting Council (Bryan Knedler, Pedro Briones, Jimmy Tarlau, Malinda Miles, and Alta Morton) did not always see eye-to-eye on issues and matters, but had the same vision for a better and more inclusive Mount Rainier. Different approaches, but with one goal -- full renovation and revitalization of our City. Hind sight is always a great teacher, and if you are not in the heat of the battle, you cannot be sure that your decision is any better than the one that was made by the person fighting the war.

The City budget for fiscal year 2010 has had its first required reading. There will be no increase in taxes although there will be an increase in funding because of the three year assessment made by the State. I have constantly supported keeping our tax rate the same to dig us out of the financial mire that we were in for several years. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that our economy would take a dive leaving financial devastation everywhere. However, because of our fiscal prudence, the City is stable and in good fiscal condition. We are able to meet all of our financial needs without cutting services.

We will be holding the line on raises, COLAs, purchases, and other spending as we go into the next fiscal year. Keep in mind, also the major financial increases that we are obligated to honor during the new coming years:

1. Increases in health care because of the new health benefit provided to all staff
2. The increase in retirement to improve the retirement of all employees
3. The payment on the new garbage truck that was vital to public works ability to collect garbage and trash throughout the City
4. Continuing to move forward with the 3409 Rhode Island Avenue construction project
5. The redevelopment of South Rhode Island Avenue, and

6. The continued redevelopment and revitalization of Rhode Island Avenue as a whole

Everybody is talking about the Swine Flu. So are your officials here is Mount Rainier. Several action steps have been taken to prepare for the potential onset of Swine Flu in the City. Chief Scott and I met and are coordinating with City staff and CERT coordinator, Tonie Davis, to get precautionary and educational materials out to our residents, schools, and church groups. The City has obtained protective equipment for use by all staff; and CERT members and council members will have protective masks for distribution if necessary. We must be prepared to aggressively respond to potential outbreaks of the virus and to take immediate precautions to prevent individual infection from occurring

“We (the Mayor, Council, and Staff) put our residents' and employees' health and safety first. “We are and will continue to monitor the Swine Flu with the Maryland health officials so that we can make the best decisions for our City.” However, the message that Mayor and Council wishes to make sure residents get is “If you have a flu like illness and a history of travel to an affected area within seven days of illness onset or contact with an ill person who has traveled to an affected area within seven days of illness onset then stay home and call your doctor.” If you do not have any symptoms and have not been exposed, practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often. Do not put your hands in your face.

In addition, it is important that "ALL" medical personnel within the City identify themselves with the City so that we can make sure that you are also equipped with the necessary equipment to help in case there is a pandemic in our City. If you are a medical person (doctor, nurse, nursing assistant, medical technician, etc.), please provide us with your name, address, telephone number, email address and cell phone information. This will help us better coordinate our services and help our residents.

If you are a senior, and may require assistance, we suggest that you also provide us with the your name, address, telephone number, email address and cell phone information. Also, we suggest that you place on your refrigerator a list of all medication that you are taking and the dosage of each medication. Don't forget to put on your medication list the name of your next of kin and their telephone number just in case we need to call them.

Mount Rainier Day is almost here, Saturday, May 16, 2009. If you have not experienced a Mount Rainier

Day, you are in for a treat. Our festivities are known throughout the County. Make Mount Rainier Day your destination, and bring your family and friends.

Have you seen our new City Website? It is much improved and provides an opportunity for you to read the minutes of Council meetings, actually view Council meetings, download forms, and perform a host of other searches and things

At one of its regular meetings in 2008, the Mayor and Council declared May as Peace Month in Mount Rainier. Throughout the latter part of May MJ Park, her family, and Troop 22 tolled in the 30th Street Park to plant a Peace Garden and raise a peach pole. On Saturday, May 2, 2009, a beautiful dedication ceremony was held to kick off Peace Month. Throughout May various activities will be held to raise the need for peace in our community, our City, County, State, Nation, and the WORLD. Later in June, Mount Rainier Elementary School, under the leadership of Principal Janet Reed, will host its Annual Peach March. Please take time out of your busy schedule to participate.

Officer Murphy was selected as the Police Officer of the year by the Maryland Municipal League. He will be recognized this summer at the MML Summer Conference. If you see Officer Murphy on the streets, don't hesitate to stop and thank him for a job well done.

What You Need To Know About Swine Flu

What is swine influenza? Swine flu is a respiratory infection caused by influenza viruses that regularly cause outbreaks in pigs. There have been reports of serious illness and deaths due to swine flu in Mexico, but the recently confirmed cases in the United States have been mild.

What are the symptoms of swine influenza? Swine flu symptoms appear to be similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, lethargy, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

How does swine influenza spread? Swine flu viruses can be directly transmitted between pigs and people. Human-to-human transmission is also possible, and appears to be occurring with

May 4 election day in Mount Rainier -- a time to come out and vote and to meet and see some of your neighbors. This election is very important even though the Mayor's position is not contested nor the Ward 2 seat. The Ward 1 seat is contested. Councilmember Alta Morton is running for re-election in Ward 1 and is being challenged by former Councilmember Carol Gandee. The election is being held at the Mount Rainier City Hall, and is from 7:00am today until 8:00pm tonight. The results will be posted on cable (channels 21 and 71), on our website (mountrainiermd.org), and in the next newsletter.

As I went around the community, I heard many things about the election. Some of it was very good and positive, but then there were those who felt that there were irregularities, that there was not enough information going out about the time and place of the election, and oh those absentee ballots. This is not one of the high profile elections, but it is an important election for our City. We need to make sure that the approved election handbook, our Charter, and the rules of the County and State Election Boards are followed. The deadline for absentee ballots to be walked to City Hall in a sealed envelope was Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, May 4, if in a sealed envelope and postmarked by the US Postal Service. If you did not do the above in the timeframe stated, please come out and vote.

this outbreak. Spread is mainly through coughing or sneezing. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Who is at risk for swine influenza? Anyone who has contact with an infected person may be exposed to swine flu. Human transmission is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu: through aerosolized particles that are released when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

How can I protect myself from swine influenza?

- Here are the best ways to avoid getting or spreading swine influenza:
- Encourage all people to cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, limit contact with others to avoid infecting them.
- These are the same protections as those for seasonal flu and many other respiratory infections.

What should I do if I have flu-like symptoms?

Anyone experiencing fever, cough or sore throat should stay home from work or school for at least 7 days, and not return until one to two days after the symptoms end. Wash your hands frequently. And as always cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. You do *not* need to go to the hospital for mild illness, but anyone with severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, should seek health care and treatment immediately.

Should I be tested for swine flu?

Knowing you have swine flu will not affect the treatment you receive, but testing certain affected people can help health authorities track the spread of the disease. Diagnosis of swine flu requires two sets of laboratory tests. The Health Department recommends testing only when people experience severe symptoms or fall sick in clusters. The laboratory tests require only a nasal swab.

Is there a vaccine for swine flu?

At this time, there is no vaccine for swine flu. The season influenza vaccine does not provide protection against swine flu. This makes ordinary precautions, such as covering coughs and washing hands, all the more important.

If I experience flu symptoms, do I need medication?

The antiviral medicines Tamiflu (oseltamivir) and Relenza (zanamivir) can help alleviate swine flu symptoms, and are particularly important for people with severe illness or with risk factors for complications from flu. Groups that are normally at higher risk of complications include young children, the elderly, and people with chronic illness. Flu patients who belong to those risk groups should seek treatment. Treatment may also be appropriate for household members with special risk factors, to help prevent the infection.

What are the signs of more severe illness with swine flu?

While the current swine influenza cases have been mild so far, infected individuals should still be aware of some of the more severe illness with swine flu. If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash
- In adults, symptoms that need emergency medical attention include:
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

What should I do if someone I live with is sick with flu-like symptoms?

If the symptoms are severe, the person should see a medical provider. If the affected person has had close contact with a probable or confirmed case of swine flu, the provider may suggest testing for swine flu.

What should I do if someone I live with has confirmed swine flu?

Follow the same precautions you would to avoid ordinary seasonal flu:

Limit your contact with the affected person.

Avoid close contact such as kissing, and do not share towels, glasses or toothbrushes with the affected person.

- Avoid having visitors. If visitors must enter the home, they should avoid close contact with the affected person.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Consider using a facemask or an N95 respirator. These can be purchased at a pharmacy or hardware-type store. If you use a reusable fabric facemask, it

should be laundered with normal laundry detergent and tumble-dried in a hot dryer.

- Dirty dishes and eating utensils in either a dishwasher or by hand with warm water and soap. You do not need to separate eating utensils for use by a patient with influenza.
- It is fine to do your laundry in a standard washing machine with warm or cold water and detergent. It is not necessary to separate the patient's laundry.

Can household cleaning help prevent transmission?

Yes. To help prevent transmission, all hard surfaces, such as doorknobs, refrigerator door handles, telephones, and bathroom surfaces, should be washed with soap or detergent, rinsed with water and then disinfected and rinsed. Disinfectants are those with "registered disinfectant" on the label. If disinfectants are not available, use a chlorine bleach solution made by adding 1 tablespoon of bleach to a quart (4 cups) of water. Use a cloth to apply this to surfaces and then rinse them with water. Dispose of the used bleach solution and mix a fresh solution when repeating the cleaning process. Use sanitizer cloths to wipe electronic items (phones, computers, remote controls) that are touched often.

What can I do if my anxiety about the situation feels overwhelming?

During the outbreak of Swine Flu, you and your family may experience more stress than usual. Such a reaction is normal. If your stress feels overwhelming, consider seeking professional help.

Qué usted necesita para saber sobre la Influenza Porcina

¿Qué es la Influenza Porcina?

La influenza porcina es una infección respiratoria causada por la virus de influenza que causa regularmente estallidos en los puercos. Ha habido informes de enfermedad y muertes graves debido a la Influenza porcina en México, pero los casos recientemente confirmados en los Estados Unidos no han sido muy serio.

Qué son los síntomas de la Influenza Porcina?

Seeking information is healthy, but watching report after report about swine flu may be distressing, especially for children. Parents should limit children's news-watching, watch the news with their children, and talk to them about the events that are occurring.

I was in Mexico recently. Does that mean I'm at risk?

Not necessarily, but you should pay close attention to your health for the first 7 days after you return home. If you become sick with a fever and a cough or sore throat, or you have trouble breathing during this period, see a doctor. When you make the appointment, tell the doctor:

- Your symptoms
- Where you traveled
- If you have had close contact with a sick person or farm animals.

Should I send my children to school?

Yes. There is no reason for anyone else to keep their children at home unless they are sick.

For facts about influenza, and more information about swine flu, please visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites:

General information about swine flu

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/general_info.htm

Swine Flu Case Definitions

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/casedef_swineflu.htm

Swine Flu Infection Control and Patient Care

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines_infection_control.htm

Preventing the Flu

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

Los síntomas de la influenza porcina parecen ser semejante a los síntomas de gripe humana regular que incluye la fiebre, tos, garganta adolorida, dolores de cuerpo, letargo, el dolor de cabeza, y enfriamiento. Algunas personas han informado que han tenido la diarrea y han vomitado que se han asociado con la influenza porcina.

¿Cómo esparce la influenza porcina?

La influenza porcina puede ser transmitido directamente entre puercos y personas. La

transmisión entre humano a humano es también posible, y parece estar ocurriendo con este estallido. Por mayoría de las veces se pasa por toser o estornudar. Las personas pueden llegar a ser infectadas tocando algo con el virus y entonces tocando su boca o la nariz.

¿Quién está en peligro para la influenza porcina?

Cualquier persona que tiene contacto con una persona infectada puede ser expuesto a la influenza porcina. La transmisión humana es pensada ocurrir de la misma manera que gripe regular: por partículas que son soltadas cuando una persona infectada tose o estornuda.

¿Cómo puedo protegerme de la influenza porcina?

Aquí están las mejores maneras de evitar o influenza porcina:

- Dile a todas las personas que se debe cubrir la boca y la nariz cuando ellos tosen o estornudan.
- Lave sus manos con jabón y agua, especialmente después de que usted tose o estornude. Jabón sin enjuague es efectivo también.
- Trate de evitar contacto con los que están enfermos.
- Si usted se enferma, limite contacto con otros para evitar infectarlos.
- Estos son las mismas precauciones como éstos para la gripe y muchas otras infecciones respiratorias.

¿Qué debo hacer yo si tengo síntomas similares?

Cualquier persona con fiebre, la tos o garganta adolorida deben quedarse en casa por lo menos 7 días, y no regrese hasta que uno a dos días después los síntomas terminen. Lave las manos con frecuencia. Y como siempre cubre la boca y la nariz cuando usted tose o estornuda. Usted no necesita ir al hospital, pero personas con síntomas severos, como dificultad en respirar, debe buscar asistencia médica y tratamiento inmediatamente.

¿Debo ser probado para la influenza porcina?

Sabiendo que usted tiene influenza porcina no afectará el tratamiento que usted recibe, pero probando a ciertas personas afectadas pueden ayudar las autoridades de salud a encontrar de donde viene la enfermedad. El diagnóstico de

influenza porcina requiere dos conjuntos de pruebas de laboratorio. El Departamento de Salud recomienda probar sólo cuando personas tienen síntomas severos o se enferman en grupos. Las pruebas del laboratorio requieren sólo un algodón nasal.

¿Hay una vacuna para la influenza porcina?

En este momento, no hay vacuna para la influenza porcina. La vacuna de influenza de temporada no proporciona la protección contra la influenza porcina. Esto hace precauciones ordinarias, como cubrir su tos y lavar las manos, el más importante.

¿Si tiene síntomas de influenza porcina, necesito medicina?

Las medicinas antivirales Tamiflu (oseltamivir) y Relenza (zanamivir) puede ayudar a aliviar síntomas de influenza porcina, y es especialmente importante para personas con enfermedades severas o con factores de riesgo para complicaciones de la gripe. Los grupos que son normalmente en riesgo más alto de complicaciones incluyen los niños, las personas mayores, y las personas con enfermedad crónica. Los pacientes de la gripe que pertenecen a esos grupos del riesgo deben buscar tratamiento. El tratamiento también puede ser apropiado para miembros de casa con factores especiales de riesgo, para ayudar a prevenir la infección.

¿Qué son los signos de enfermedad más severa con la influenza porcina?

Mientras los casos actuales de influenza porcina no han sido muy serios hasta ahora, individuos infectados todavía deben ser conscientes de los otros casos de enfermedad más severa. Si usted se enferma y tiene cualquier señales de alerta siguientes, busca el cuidado de emergencia .

Para niños, señales de alerta de emergencia que necesitan atención médica urgente incluye:

- Respirar rápidamente o problemas a respirar
- La piel aparece tener un color azul
- No están bebiendo líquidos suficientes
- No están despertándose o no interactúan con otros

- Esta bien irritables
- Síntomas de Gripe-Similares que mejora pero entonces vuelve con fiebre y con peor tos
- La fiebre con una erupción

En adultos, los síntomas que necesitan atención médica incluyen:

- La dificultad para respirar o la falta de aliento
- El dolor o presión en el pecho o el abdomen
- Mareo repentino
- Confusión
- Vómito severo o persistente

¿Qué debo hacer si yo vivo con alguien que está enfermo con síntomas similares a la gripe?

Si los síntomas son severos, la persona debe ver a un médico. Si la persona afectada ha tenido contacto cercano con un caso probable o confirmado de influenza porcina, el proveedor puede sugerir un examen de influenza porcina.

¿Qué debo hacer si yo vivo con alguien que tiene confirmado la influenza porcina?

Siga las mismas precauciones que usted usa para evitar la gripe temporal:

Limite su contacto con la persona afectada. Evite contacto cercano como besar, y no comparta toallas, las gafas ni los cepillos de dientes con la persona afectada.

- Evite tener visitantes en sus hogares. Si visitantes deben entrar a la casa, ellos deben evitar contacto cercano con la persona afectada.
- Lave las manos con jabón y agua o con un líquido basado de alcohol para las manos
- Considere utilizar una máscara para la cara o un respirador N95. Estos pueden ser comprados en una farmacia. Si usted utiliza una máscara para la cara reutilizable de tejido, debe ser lavado con detergente normal de ropa y secado en un secador caliente.
- Lave los platos y útiles sucios en un lavaplatos o a mano con agua y jabón tibio.
- Esta bien para lavar su ropa sucia en una lavadora estándar con agua tibia o la agua fría y detergente. No es

necesario para separar la ropa sucia del paciente.

¿Limpiando la casa puede prevenir la transmisión?

Sí. Para ayudar a prevenir transmisión, todas las áreas que están duras, como las puertas, asideros de puerta de refrigerador, los teléfonos, y superficies de los baños, deben ser lavadas con jabón o detergente, aclarado con agua y entonces desinfectado. Los desinfectantes son éstos con "registró desinfectante" en la etiqueta. Si desinfectantes no están disponibles, utiliza una solución de decolorante de cloro hecha agregando 1 cucharada de decolorante a 4 tazas de agua. Utilice una tela para aplicarlo a superficies y entonces le hecha agua.

Deséchese de la solución cuando no lo tiene que usar y mezcle una solución fresca para repetirlo cuando se tiene que usar. Las telas de cloro se pueden usar para limpiar los artículos electrónicos (teléfonos, computadoras) que son tocados a menudo.

¿Qué puedo hacer si mi ansiedad acerca de la situación se siente irreprimible?

Durante el estallido de la influenza porcina, usted y su familia puede tener más énfasis que usual. Tal reacción es normal. Si su énfasis se siente irreprimible, considere buscar ayuda profesional.

Buscando información es sana, pero viendo reporte después de reporte acerca de la influenza porcina puede ser preocupante, especialmente para los niños. Los padres deben limitar lo que los niños miran en las noticias, mire las noticias con sus niños, y habla con ellos acerca de los acontecimientos que ocurren.

Estuve en México recientemente. ¿Significa eso que estoy en peligro?

No necesariamente, pero usted debe atender a su salud para los primeros 7 días después de que usted vuelva a casa. Si usted se enferma con una fiebre y una tos o con garganta adolorida, o usted tiene problemas para respirar durante este período, vea a un médico. Cuando usted vaya a la cita, dile al médico:

- Sus síntomas
- Dónde usted viajó
- Si usted ha tenido contacto cercano con animales o personas enfermos.

¿Debo mandar a mis niños a la escuelas?

Sí. No hay razón para mantener sus niños en casa a menos que ellos estén enfermos.

Para hechos acerca de influenza, y acerca de más información sobre la influenza porcina, visita por favor los sitios web de Centros para el Control y Prevención de la Enfermedad :

La información general sobre la influenza porcina

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/general_info.htm
Definiciones de Casos de la influenza porcina
http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/casedef_swineflu.htm
Control de Infección de la influenza porcina y el Cuido para los enfermos
http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines_infection_control.htm
Preveniendo la influenza
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

CITY TAX CREDIT FOR HOME RENOVATIONS

The City of Mount Rainier now offers a property tax credit for homeowners who restore their properties or purchase approved windows and doors (including storm windows and storm doors).

Restoration of a Structure with Historic Value

In order to qualify for the city tax credit, you must first be approved for the state's Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. The state provides a tax credit of 20 percent of the certified project costs. The certification letter will provide the approved state tax credit amount that can be used to calculate the city tax credit (10 percent of the total approved costs). To be eligible for the City tax credit under this section, the state certification letter must be provided to the City Manager within 90 days of the date of the letter. Information on the state program can be found at: <http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/taxcr.html>

Windows and Doors

Homeowners who replace existing windows or exterior doors, or install new windows or exterior doors are eligible for a city tax credit if the windows/exterior doors are deemed historically and/or architecturally compatible with the style and period of a house that has historical or architectural value. The tax credit will be 10 percent of the cost of the windows/doors. The project requires prior approval from the City Manager. Generally, the City Manager will have the property owner meet with the city's Design Review Board. Once a project with prior approval has been completed, the applicant will submit "properly documented expenses" (materials and labor) to the City Manager for the final approval of the project. The City Manager may inspect the completed project or ask the Design Review Board to inspect the completed project. Note: for this city tax

credit, you do not need to participate in the state tax credit program.

The homeowner is not eligible for the city preservation tax credit for windows/exterior doors, if the homeowner has already included the windows/doors in a project approved by the Maryland Historical Trust and the homeowner will receive or has received a city preservation tax credit for the MHT approved project.

Windows and exterior doors are defined to include storm windows and storm doors. The tax credit is available for installation or repair of storm windows and doors that have been approved using the same criteria as for windows and exterior doors.

Structure with architectural value. This includes: (i) a structure with architectural value, but that does not meet the age requirements of the Mount Rainier National Register Historic District; (ii) a structure that has been so altered as to fail the test as a contributing resource to the Mount Rainier National Register Historic District, but which through sensitive restoration might recapture the architectural value previously lost; and (iii) a structure outside of the Mount Rainier National Register Historic District boundaries, but within the City limits that has architectural value. Structures with architectural value would include those that are representative of a recognized style and retain a significant amount of exterior features to remain representative of that style.

Remember-- Failure to obtain approval from the City Manager prior to purchase of the windows or doors (as determined by the date on the sales receipt) will make the project ineligible for the city tax credit.

FEDERAL HOME IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS

On Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed a stimulus bill (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) that made some significant changes to the energy efficiency tax credits. Tax credits are available for windows, exterior doors, storm doors and windows, insulation, asphalt/metal roofs, biomass stoves (including corn stoves), etc. etc. The highlights are:

The tax credits that were previously effective for 2009, have been extended to 2010 as well.

The tax credit has been raised from 10% to 30%.

The tax credits that were for a specific dollar amount (ex \$300 for a CAC), have been converted to 30% of the cost.

The maximum credit has been raised from \$500 to \$1500 for the two years (2009–2010). However, some improvements such as geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, and solar panels are not subject to the \$1,500 maximum.

The \$200 cap on windows has been removed.

Home Improvements

Tax credits are now available for home improvements:

must be "[placed in service](#)" from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010

must be for taxpayers principal residence

maximum amount is \$1,500 in 2009 & 2010 for most home improvements (geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, fuel cells, and windmills are not subject to this cap)

The [ENERGY STAR® website](#)

(http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits) has a complete summary of energy efficiency tax credits available to consumers.

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL E. SCOTT, CHIEF OF POLICE

Preventing Thefts from Auto

The first quarter crime statistics show almost a 17% decrease in Part I offenses as compared to the first quarter of 2008. Motor vehicle thefts continue at a 6-year low, down 69% from a year ago. Burglaries and aggravated assaults are down significantly as well. The increase in robberies we experienced in January and February fell off notably in March, giving us a 6% overall decline over 2008.

Larcenies however, which include felony and misdemeanor thefts and thefts from motor vehicles, have increased dramatically during the

first quarter of 2009. We are up 41% over last year. The majority of these crimes have taken place in and around the Kaywood Apartments complex, and about 25% of the reported thefts from auto in March consisted of thieves stealing all four wheels and tires. Rear tags and electronic equipment, especially GPS units continue to be prime targets.

In light of the increases in these thefts I thought it prudent to remind residents of a few simple measures that will help prevent you from becoming a victim. Thefts from motor vehicles are strictly crimes of opportunity that can be prevented if you take away the opportunity.

Thieves generally won't waste their time breaking into cars, trucks and vans that don't have valuables in plain sight.

- The best way to prevent theft from your auto is to always keep valuables out of sight. Never leave cell phones, briefcases, suitcases, GPS units, or small electronic devices (personal music devices, digital assistants, etc.) in your car in plain view. Take these items with you, or secure them — all the time, every time!
- If your car has a trunk, use it. Put valuables in there or in a locked glove compartment. Hiding items under seats is better than leaving them in plain view, but securing them inside the glove compartment or trunk is a far better deterrent.
- Any time you're shopping, place packages in the trunk, not on the passenger seats or floors.
- Look for car radios or other sound systems that can operate only in the vehicle in which it was originally installed. This reduces the risk of theft.
- If you can unfasten your sound system and take it with you, or lock it in your trunk, do so. And don't forget to do the same with your CDs and tapes.
- Always lock your doors even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for only a minute such as running in to pay for gas.
- If you don't have the luxury of parking your vehicle in a garage at night and have to

leave it parked in the driveway or on the street in front of the house, makes sure to remove the garage door opener. This is a key to your home!!

- Wheel and tire thieves usually work as a team, much like a NASCAR pit crew. They can have your wheels and be gone in just a couple of minutes! If you have spent a small fortune on custom wheels and Z rated low profile tires, make sure you use a tamper proof wheel lock to secure each wheel to the vehicle. Do not leave the wheel lock key inside the vehicle – take it with you and keep it in a safe place. If your wheels didn't come with security locks, you can purchase them at most automobile parts supply stores. They are inexpensive insurance against losing your investment to thieves.
- The best advice is to not leave anything in your vehicle, or at least in plain sight, that you would not want taken. Even the smallest most insignificant items, even a small amount of change in a center console, left in plain view could result in a window being smashed and the item(s) stolen. If you eliminate the opportunity, you have a greater chance of eliminating the crime.

Selected Crimes – March 2009

Date	Offense	Location			TPA
07-Mar-09	B & E - Residential	4700	BL	WEBSTER	ST 1A
22-Mar-09	B & E - Residential	4500	BL	32ND	ST 1A
03-Mar-09	Robbery - Citizen		BL	CHILLUM	RD 1A
15-Mar-09	Stolen Vehicle	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST 1A
24-Mar-09	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR 1A
16-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	3000	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD 1A
22-Mar-09	Theft < 500	3300	BL	CHILLUM	RD 1A
19-Mar-09	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	CHILLUM	RD 1A
28-Mar-09	Vandalism to Auto	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD 1A

22-Mar-09	Robbery - Citizen	4100	BL	34TH	ST	1B
17-Mar-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	3500	BL	NEWTON	PL	1B
16-Mar-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	3200	BL	RHODE ISALND	AV	1B
29-Mar-09	B & E - Commercial	2300	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
22-Mar-09	B & E - Residential	3400	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
21-Mar-09	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
30-Mar-09	Stolen Vehicle	4600	BL	29TH	ST	2A
29-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4230	BL	28TH	ST	2A
25-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	29TH	ST	2A
25-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	29TH	ST	2A
02-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	3000	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
10-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
08-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
16-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	KAYWOOD	PL	2A
16-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
11-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
29-Mar-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
29-Mar-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
03-Mar-09	Theft - Tags Vehicle	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
03-Mar-09	Theft < 500	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
01-Mar-09	Property Damage	3400	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
15-Mar-09	Stolen Vehicle	3000	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
01-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2B
07-Mar-09	Theft - From Auto	3300	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B



MRTV

Mount Rainier Television

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***MRTV* Program Schedule**

Monday – Friday, 4pm, (see *MRTV* Bulletin Program Schedule)
1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Meetings
3rd Tuesday of each, 7pm Live telecast of City Council Work Sessions
Program schedule and shows subject to change without notice

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 for details.

CALLING ALL PARKS AND RECREATION PARTNERS AND SPONSORS!

The Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission is doing its part to ensure all Prince George's County youth have plenty of safe and positive recreational activities to make the most of active and out of school summer months.

In addition to all of the summer day activities this year, M-NCPPC is providing young people ages 12-24 with a safe haven after dark with the "Safe Summer" Program. From June 22nd to August 22nd, 27 M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation facilities will be extending their hours to midnight Monday through Saturday to provide teens and young adults with places where they can "hang out" with their friends, explore new recreational pursuits, and learn how to keep themselves and their communities safe.

"Safe Summer" will kick off on Saturday, May 30 with the "Change Starts With Me" Youth Conference from 11am-4pm at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. The conference is FREE for youth with an M-NCPPC youth ID card; there is a \$5 charge for teens without this ID. All Prince George's County young people are invited to come and learn about how they can better themselves and their communities this summer through workshops, an expo and a meet-and-greet with a national recording artist. Radio personalities from WKYS 93.9, WPGC 95.5 and WLZL 99.1 will be on hand throughout the day to do live call-ins, and there will be plenty of food, fun and giveaways!

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation believes in taking the "village" approach in assisting youth in making wiser and safer choices for their future. M-NCPPC is seeking partners and sponsors to assist in making this program a success. Support from partners can include financial donations, program support, donations of items and materials, and promotional support.

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)

SHABACH MINISTRIES in association with First Baptist Church of Glenarden (Upper Marlboro, MD) is sponsoring its 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Orientation (Participants & Parents): May 16, 2009

Program Period: June 22 - August 7, 2009

Completion of an application does not guarantee job placement. Participation in orientation workshops is required for all participants who desire a job opportunity.

For additional information, contact the administrative office at 301-583-5327

The Prince George's County 2009 Summer Youth Employment is offering job opportunities to PG County youth ages 15-21. Interested youth can apply for a summer job on-line at:

<http://www.co.pg.md.us/Government/ExecutiveBranch/summeryouth.asp>.

For questions please contact Prince George's County Youth Employment Services at 301-883-5993.

Code Enforcement NEWS!

Rat Management

If you think you have rats in your neighborhood, there are steps you can take to help get rid of them. Rats need three things: food, water and harborage (shelter).

Poor sanitation and the presence of garbage allow rats to exist in residential areas. Good sanitation will effectively limit the number of rats that can survive in and around the home. This involves good housekeeping, proper storage and handling of food materials and refuse, and elimination of rodent harborage. Remove piles of wood and debris. Rats will find food and water from bird feeders, fountains and ponds, uncovered trash cans; food scraps dropped along the sidewalk, pet droppings, pet food dishes, open restaurant grease drums, and exposed plastic or paper garbage bags. The most successful form of rat control is to "build them out" by making their access to structures impossible. All places where food

is stored, processed or used should be rodent-proof. Store bulk foods, bird seed, and dry pet foods in metal trash cans or similar containers. Seal any building openings larger than 1/4 inch to exclude both rats and mice.

Trapping is an effective method of control. It is the preferred method in homes, garages, and other structures where only a few rats are present. Poison baits can be used to treat major infestations. It is recommended that you hire a professional exterminator if you are planning to use rodenticides.

Please make every effort to ensure that your property is kept clear of all trash, animal defecation, and wood piles. This is a great home for rats. Rats will live within 100 feet of a food source, so if you remove their food source, they will move on.

How to Deal with the Mosquito Population

With summer here so is the all too familiar nuisance of mosquitos. Mosquito's can be transmitters of encephalitis, malaria, and yellow fever to humans, and heartworm to pets. Please clear your property of any potential breeding sites for mosquitoes. You can take steps to reduce this menace right at home, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles, or and water holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard

- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Empty plastic wading pool at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there

NOISE RESTRICTIONS

The City Code restricts the amount of noise that can be made during daytime and nighttime hours. Owners or operators of residential multi-family dwellings may enforce more restrictive noise regulations on their own properties. Below is a short synopsis. Check the full text of the noise restrictions in the Code at Sec. 10-121 (available on the City website, www.mountrainiermd.org).

Nighttime Noise: During nighttime hours (8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. from Sunday through

Friday and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday), if the noise is audible more than 50 feet from the private property where such noise is occurring or more than 50 feet from the noise source on public property, then there is a presumption that the noise is unreasonable and that a public nuisance exists. Unreasonable night-time noises includes, noise from amplified sources like radios, the operation or use of any tool or equipment (including but not limited to construction equipment, lawnmowers, power tools, hammers, drills, and generators), yelling, and barking dogs.

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 May and June 2009

DATE	PARTICULARS	DATE	PARTICULARS
May 1	Recyclables Pick Up	June 1	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
May 4	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	June 3	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 6	Regular Trash Pick Up	June 5	Recyclables Pick Up
May 8	Recyclables Pick Up	June 8	Yard Waste Pick Up
May 11	Yard Waste Pick Up	June 10	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 13	Regular Trash Pick Up	June 12	Recyclables Pick Up
May 15	Recyclables Pick Up	June 15	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
May 18	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	June 17	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 20	Regular Trash Pick Up	June 19	Recyclables Pick Up
May 22	Recyclables Pick Up	June 22	Yard Waste Pick Up
May 25	Memorial Day (City Hall and Public Works Closed)	June 24	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 26	Yard Waste Pick Up	June 26	Recyclables Pick Up
May 27	Regular Trash Pick Up	June 29	Yard Waste Pick Up
May 29	Recyclables Pick Up		

All bulk trash appointments made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding bulk pick up day

