



# *The Message*

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## ***Mount Rainier Celebrates its Centennial MOUNT RAINIER DAY 2010***

The Mount Rainier Day Festival for 2010 was absolutely fabulous thanks to the hard work of City Hall Staff, the Mount Rainier Police Department, and the Public Works Department. The basketball tournament and the Bolivian performers were the highlight this year, as were the numerous performances of other local artists and bands. Throughout the City music echoed as adults, teens and children danced along Rhode Island Avenue celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's incorporation.

Each year, the goal of Mount Rainier Day is promote a sense of community and cultural diversity. For the last 100 years, Mount Rainier has transformed from a small white community outside of DC to a sprawling destination spot for working class families of various races and ideological backgrounds.

The City would like to particularly thank Spingarn Senior High-Washington DC, Northwestern High School, and Largo High School for their grand performance during the parade, Thrifty Car Rental for use of three beautiful cars, County Councilman Will Campos for his huge donation and contribution, and the American Red Cross.

The City would also like to thank everyone that assisted with Mount Rainier Day, Janis Lomax-City Clerk for her dedication and Hands on Barber Shop for coordinating the basketball teams again this year.

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Members of the 47th Delegation attended this year's event including Delegates Doyle Niemann and Victor Ramirez, Jolene Ivey, Senator David Harrington and State's Attorney Glenn Ivey.

There were over 2,500 persons who attended the event throughout the day according to crowd estimates and the numbers of programs that were handed out. Kudos to City staff, volunteers and for all others who offered their support to this year's event. Without all of you, the festival would not have been the success that it was. Mount Rainier is truly a City on the move and the progress of the City was highlighted during the day. We would also like to thank the many Mount Rainier businesses that showcased their culinary skills and artistic talents. We look forward to even greater participation next year!

**Mount Rainier Farmers Market  
Opening Day, Saturday, June 5, 2010  
9 am – 1 pm (Former Bass Lot)**



Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is the opening of the new Mount Rainier Farmers Market. Carla Hall, former Top Chef Contestant, will help us open as the 1<sup>st</sup> CHEF AT THE MARKET!

The Mount Rainier Farmers Market is a producer only market which offers farm grown fruits and vegetables from farms in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The idea of a producer only market is critical for this market-we want to provide economic support for local farmers in the Chesapeake area. Our vendors grow and/or make everything they sell during their natural season!

Each week, vendors will offer seasonal produce and goods -fresh fruit .vegetables, eggs, flowers, honey, meats and baked goods. Some of our vendors are certified organic, some use organic practices to grow their produce and some use conventional farming practices. All of our farmers use methods which are safe not only for their customers, but for themselves and their farm workers.

## **Christmas in April\*\*\*Prince Georges County**

Christmas in April is a non-denominational volunteer organization that repairs homes of senior citizens who are either low-income and/or physically challenged so they may live in warmth, safety, and independence. Christmas in April, is an annual one-day project designed to keep homeowners living in their homes in a more comfortable and secure environment. The scope of work ranges from yard work to interior painting to replacing old appliances and installing smoke detectors.

For more information or an application contact Prince Georges County, Christmas in April at 301-868-0937 or [www.christmasinaprilpg.org](http://www.christmasinaprilpg.org).

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

### **Speed Cameras**

On or after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 a speed camera will be put in place in the 3700 block of southbound Rhode Island Avenue. This camera will assist the police department in enforcing the 25 mph speed limit southbound on Rhode Island Avenue between 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The camera will be operational from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Effective immediately violations recorded by this camera will result in the violator receiving a notice of violation.

On or after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 a speed camera will be put in place in the 3100 block of Queens Chapel Road (near the intersection of Buchanan Street). This camera will assist the police department in enforcing the 35 mph speed limit northbound on Queens Chapel Road between 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Chillum Road. The camera will be in operation from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Effective immediately violations recorded by this camera will result in the violator receiving a notice of violation.

Sometime after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 the Town of Brentwood will put a speed camera in place in the 3700 block of northbound Rhode Island Avenue. Brentwood's SHA permit shows the location of this camera between the spur from northbound Rhode Island Avenue to eastbound 38<sup>th</sup> Street and the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### ***ATM Safety:***

*The following tips were published by the Metropolitan Police Department on the MPD-5D Yahoo group:*

*Scenario:* It's dark outside. You spot an ATM machine. No one is around, so you feel the coast is clear. You call a friend from your cell phone as you are approaching the machine. Distracted by the conversation, you don't notice your surroundings until it's too late. You've just been robbed of your phone and your money.

What to do? As soon as possible, call the police with the best description you can provide of the person and any getaway car and known associates to the crime. Then, call the bank and cancel the card immediately to protect your funds. If the robber was not successful in taking your money, still call the police. You may be saving another victim.

#### ***Practice Safety:***

- At night, avoid outdoor ATMS and try to avoid withdrawing large sums of cash. Use machines inside of busy stores or busy establishments.
- Even during the day, when approaching an ATM machine, stay focused with the mission of withdrawing your money and moving on. Distractions, like cell phone conversations and listening to mp3 devices/iPods are not a good idea. When you are focused, you are more alert and aware of suspicious surroundings. Listen to your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable, leave.
- Check machines for skimming devices and always cover your hand when using your Personal ID Number (P.I.N.).

- Robbers will sometimes engage you ahead of time by asking you for spare change or the time to get you to let down your guard.
- If you just need to check your balance or transfer funds, without making a cash withdrawal, avoid doing this from an ATM at night. Try to do this from a phone or personal computer instead.
- Never write down your PIN in the same wallet as your ATM card.
- It only takes a second for a robber to drive up to an ATM machine when you are there alone, avoid this kind of scenario.
- If you feel the lighting is not adequate near an ATM *don't stop*. Also, report safety concerns to the bank.

For more on ATM Safety, see this VIDEO provided by the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Naples, Florida. : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZLfZwY4L3s&feature=related>

### ***Bicycle Safety:***

When bicycling through Maryland, we want you to have fun and be safe, so please be aware of your skill levels, make sure your equipment is in good working order, always wear a helmet and obey the following rules:

In Maryland, the bicycle is classified as a vehicle with all of the same requirements and restrictions as a motor vehicle, except that bicycles are prohibited on:

- Roads where the posted speed limit is greater than 50 mph (riding on the shoulder of the roadway is permitted)
- Expressways or other roadways where bicycles are prohibited
- The travel lanes of roads where there exists a smooth shoulder or bicycle lane (except to make left turns or to avoid debris in the shoulder space)

On all public roads, where bicycling is allowed, the operator must:

- Wear a bicycle helmet if they are ***under*** 16 years old
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and other traffic devices
- Ride in the same direction as motor vehicles, as near to the right side of the roadway as possible
- Use standard arm signals to alert other drivers of lane changes and turns
- Stop for school buses when they are loading or unloading children
- Yield to pedestrians
- Refrain from wearing a headset that covers both ears

Legally, the bicycle must be equipped with:

- Front and rear lamps and reflectors if the bicycle is used on a public road at any time when there is insufficient light or inclement weather
- A bell or horn (sirens and whistles are not acceptable)
- Brakes

For specific language on the laws that pertain to bicycles, call and request a copy of "*The Maryland Vehicle Law Pertaining to Bicycles.*"

The information above was extracted from the State Highway Administration booklet *BICYCLING IN MARYLAND - A Bicycle Information Guide*, printed in the fall of 1995. It reflects the changes made to Maryland Law enacted in the Bike/Ped Access 2000 Bill. The complete booklet is available from:

*Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street - C-502  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
800-252-8776 or 410-545-5658*

### ***What is Nixle?***

The short answer: It's like Twitter only one-way and secure.

The Mount Rainier Police Department and other surrounding police agencies recently implemented a new notification system called Nixle. Nixle allows police supervisors to inform residents of breaking public safety information literally minutes after it happens. Information about missing children and seniors, lookouts for stolen vehicles or individuals wanted for crimes, street closures and other time-critical information can be sent out to residents' email and cell phones from the scene of the incident without having to use more conventional notification methods. Nixle allows local police departments, municipal agencies and authorized community organizations to directly communicate trusted information to the persons located in precise geographically targeted locations, sharing important, time-sensitive information using their existing secure computer terminals. This ensures that subscribers receive trusted and accurate information.

The creators of Nixle and the agencies that have implemented it believe that access to trusted information is the best way to build safer, stronger and more connected neighborhoods and communities. In order to ensure that the information broadcast to subscribers is secure and trusted, Nixle has partnered with NLETS, the International Public Safety and Justice Network. NLETS is the international, computer-based message switching system that links together state, local and federal law enforcement and justice agencies for the purpose of exchanging information. NLETS helps police departments throughout the country and internationally communicate with one another over a secure closed network system. Nixle and NLETS now take communication to the next level, allowing local agencies to directly communicate with subscribers sharing geographically targeted, important and time sensitive information. Best of all – *it's free!* Residents can sign up to receive Nixle notifications simply by visiting [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com).

***Selected Crimes – April 2010***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Location</b>				<b>TPA</b>
03-Apr-10	01:40	Assault - Aggravated	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
20-Apr-10	09:17	B & E - Residential	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
04-Apr-10	05:27	Stolen Vehicle	2900	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	1A
18-Apr-10	12:35	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	VARNUM	ST	1A
16-Apr-10	05:30	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	30TH	ST	1A
12-Apr-10	17:47	Theft > 500	3300	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
08-Apr-10	14:51	Vandalism to Auto	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	1A
05-Apr-10	17:45	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
26-Apr-10	13:30	Theft < 500	3700	BL	WELLS	AV	1B
19-Apr-10	17:30	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	36TH	ST	2A
16-Apr-10	08:40	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	32ND	ST	2A
15-Apr-10	18:45	B & E - Residential	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
25-Apr-10	02:22	Robbery - Citizen	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
					QUEENS		
08-Apr-10	20:47	Robbery - Citizen	3100	BL	CHAPEL	RD	2A
23-Apr-10	22:52	Stolen Vehicle	4100	BL	28TH	ST	2A
21-Apr-10	09:57	Stolen Vehicle	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
28-Apr-10	09:00	Stolen Vehicle	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
23-Apr-10	07:45	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2A
19-Apr-10	08:20	Theft - From Auto	2700	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
15-Apr-10	08:30	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
03-Apr-10	05:10	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	32ND	ST	2A
05-Apr-10	10:21	Theft < 500	3200	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
26-Apr-10	12:12	Vandalism to Auto	4300	BL	29TH	ST	2A
20-Apr-10	08:06	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
27-Apr-10	13:00	Stolen Vehicle	2800	BL	SHEPHARD	ST	2B
09-Apr-10	21:00	Theft < 500	3300	BL	OTIS	ST	2B
12-Apr-10	12:50	Theft < 500	3100	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2B
01-Apr-10	22:44	Theft < 500	4000	BL	34TH	ST	2B
08-Apr-10	15:29	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	2B
08-Apr-10	15:29	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	BUNKER HILL	RD	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**. "2010 Census"**
-  *CitiScape* – hosted by **City Manager Jeannelle Wallace**, City Department Updates from **City Hall, the Police Department, Public Works** and more.**
-  *LIVE Programs* – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, **City Council Meetings** and **Work Sessions** – 7pm**

***MRTV* is looking for video and media production college students to volunteer for credit or experience. We need producers, writers, researchers, reporters, Final Cut Pro editors, and studio personnel.**

**Monthly City Council Meetings and Work Sessions are available on the City's website:  
[www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org)**

***MRTV* comments, suggestions and show ideas: [mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com) or call 301-985-6585**

## **News from Little Friends for Peace**

May: Month of Peace:

Peace Activities went well from:

Peace Garden      Peace Discussions      Peace Sing

Families Building Peace      Peace From Within

Thanks to all who provided activities to those who attended!

Summer Peace Camps for Children and teens

Internships available in the area of Peace and Conflict Resolution

Special Guests to the Peace Camps wanted to share their gifts and ways of Making Peace.

Looking for artists to make a Peace Mural

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MJ AND JERRY PARK at 240-838-4549 or [mjpeace@gmail.com](mailto:mjpeace@gmail.com) ,  
[www.lffp.org](http://www.lffp.org)

Dr. King said: "Everybody can be great. Because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

**Joe's Movement Emporium  
World Arts Focus  
3309 Bunker Hill Road  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712  
301-699-1819, [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org)**

CALENDAR LISTING

June 2 **Transparent Productions presents Ernest Dawkins' New Horizon's Trio.** Dawkins is one of Chicago's premier saxophonists and a longtime member of the Ethnic Heritage Ensemble. Dawkins' New Horizons, formed in 1978, possesses a sound that showcases this group's unique combinations of bebop, swing, and avant-garde aspects of jazz. Joining Dawkins in the ensemble are bassist Jenuis Paul and drummer Isaiah Spencer. Poet Reuben Jackson will also be joining the trio with a special reading of "Free Jazz Blues". To catch this performance, come to Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 301.699.1819, Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 8pm. Tickets are \$15.

June 11-20 **Dance Box Theater presents The Loving Project: E-Race.** Created by *Laura Schandelmeyer* and *Stephen Clapp* in collaboration with guest artist *Ilana Silverstein* and *Mervin Primeaux* and installation artist *Lorne Covington*, **The Loving Project: E-Race** explores interracial marriages and nontraditional partnerships in historical and present-day contexts. It also reflects upon social issues including racism, sexism and gender bias and uncovers aspects of partnership that make union across cultural boundaries viable. To catch the performance, come to Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 301.699.1819, Friday and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Friday and Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm or Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$8 for youth 17 and under. To purchase tickets please visit [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org).

**CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS**

**Stray Animals (Dog or Cat)**-It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A citation maybe issued by a City Police Officer or County Animal Control Officer to the owner of an animal found at-large in the City of Mount Rainier. Report stray animals to the Prince Georges County Animal Management Division at **(301) 780-7200**. Do not wait until it chases or bites you or your children.

**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.

**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**

**June and July 2010 Schedule**

*Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mount Rainier, for June and July 2010.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>
June 1	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 2	Recyclables Pick Up
June 2	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 5	4 <sup>th</sup> of July holiday Observance (City Hall and Public Works Closed)
June 4	Recyclables Pick Up	July 6	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
June 7	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	July 7	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 9	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 9	Recyclables Pick Up
June 11	Recyclables Pick Up	July 12	Yard Waste Pick Up
June 14	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 14	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 16	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 16	Recyclables Pick Up
June 18	Recyclables Pick Up	July 19	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
June 21	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	July 21	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 23	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 23	Recyclables Pick Up
June 25	Recyclables Pick Up	July 26	Yard Waste Pick Up
June 28	Yard Waste Pick Up	July 28	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 30	Regular Trash Pick Up	July 30	Recyclables Pick Up

***All bulk trash appointments must be made before 12 noon on the Friday preceding bulk pick up day.***

www.mountrainiermd.org

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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 Midnight. 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

301-780-7200

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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Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Postal Customer

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June 2010 Message  
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One Municipal Place  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712