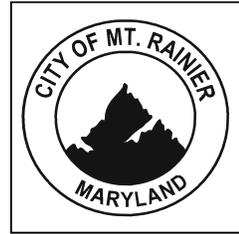


The Message



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New Laws Affect Motor Scooter, Moped Owners, Riders

On October 1, 2012, new Maryland vehicle laws will take effect that require all motor scooters and mopeds to be titled and insured, while all operators and passengers must wear a helmet and eye protection. These new requirements are in addition to the existing law that requires all motor scooter and moped operators to possess a valid driver's license or a moped operator's permit.

Maryland law defines a motor scooter as a non-pedal vehicle that has a seat for the operator; has two wheels, of which one is ten or more inches in diameter; has a step through chassis; has a motor with a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less, or a 50 cc engine or less; and is

equipped with an automatic transmission.

A moped is defined as a bicycle that is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a motor; is equipped with pedals that can drive the rear wheel(s); has two or three wheels, one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter; has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and a 50 cc engine or less.

All drivers and passengers of motor scooters and mopeds will be required to wear motorcycle helmets that meet safety standards set by the United States Department of Transportation. Drivers and passengers must also wear eye protection, unless the vehicle is equipped with a windscreen.

Motor scooter and moped owners will be required to insure their vehicles. They must obtain at least the minimum vehicle liability insurance and must carry proof of the insurance with them whenever they are operating the scooter or moped.

Motor scooters and mopeds will be required to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration. Beginning October 1st owners will be able to obtain titling information through the MVA website at www.mva.maryland.gov. When the title is obtained, the vehicle owner will be provided with a decal that must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.



Mount Rainier is Certified!

The Sustainable Maryland Certified Executive Committee recently approved the City of Mount Rainier's application for certification. **The City of Mount Rainier is one of only four municipalities in Maryland to achieve this distinction.**

The City of Mount Rainier had the most points of any of the four certified municipalities and received the most points for your Innovative Demonstration Projects. The City of Mount Rainier accumulated 280 points and completed the required mandatory and priority actions necessary for certification. Mount Rainier residents should be extremely proud of the efforts of the Green Team, City Staff and the Mayor and Council for its efforts and position at the forefront of sustainability in Maryland!

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MRTV Programs appear on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and “On Demand” daily.

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

LIVE Programs – City Council Meetings and Work sessions, 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

For MRTV comments, suggestions and show ideas contact staff at mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com or call 301-985-6585.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

Unless noted all city council meetings occur at 7 pm at City Hall, One Municipal Place

September 4th & 18th

October 2nd & 16th

November 6th & 20th

December 4th & 18th

Adopted Legislation January—August 2012

Ordinance 1-2012 An Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Licenses and Permits, of the *Mount Rainier Code* to provide for rental occupancy licenses to be issued for a two year term.

Ordinance 2-2012 An Ordinance authorizing Transfers of Appropriated Funds in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to Prevent Over Expenditures of Certain Line Items.

Ordinance 3-2012 An Ordinance establishing the tax rate, adopting an annual budget, and appropriating funds for Fiscal Year 2013, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Resolution 1-2012 A Resolution setting the calendar of events for preparation of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Resolution 2-2012 A Resolution appointing citizen volunteers to the City of Mount Rainier Youth and Recreation Committee (Intisar Haamid)

Resolution 3-2012 A Resolution appointing citizen volunteers to the City of Mount Rainier Youth and Recreation Committee (David Derosa, Pastor Brian Adams, and Ashley Herbert)

Resolution 4-2012 A Resolution supporting campaign finance reform.

Resolution 5-2012 A Resolution appointing Mary Lee Haughwout and Joseph Jakuta to the Environmental Protection Board

Resolution 6-2012 A Resolution Creating a Volunteer Citizen Green Team to ensure that the City’s Sustainability Plans are executed

Resolution 7-2012 A Resolution to approve the City’s Community Legacy Project for additional funding for a Bike Share Program

Resolution 8-2012 A Resolution of the City of Mount Rainier to approve the designation of a Municipal Collaboration application and receipt of financing for the Community Legacy Projects further described in the Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.

Upcoming Legislation

Resolution 9-2012 A Resolution adopting a public works mutual aid agreement

Ordinance 4-2012 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1D ETHICS of the City Code to include provisions from the Maryland Ethics Commission.

Questions, comments and submissions to the Mount Rainier *MESSAGE* should be sent to **Michael Jackson, Assistant City Manager, via mail at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or via e-mail at mjackson@mountrainiermd.org**. All submissions for the April 2012 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, July 20, 2012. Submissions received after that time will be considered on a space available basis. The Mount Rainier Message is published monthly except for the combined July-August and December-January issues.

Community Happenings

September 13-16 Dance Box Theater presents "We Are Here." Featuring a luscious music score by Stephen Clapp, *We Are Here* is performed by company members Stephen and Laura with guest dance artists Brooke Kidd and Wakili McNeill; Lighting design by Ben Levine and costumes by Renate Maile-Moskowitz. A contemplation on the macrocosm of our reality reflected through the microcosm of our experience, *We Are Here* unveils the mysteries revealed through consistent and rigorous kinesthetic investigation and reflection. Come to Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 301.699.1819 on Thursday, September 13 at 8pm, Friday, September 14 at 8pm, Saturday, September 15 at 8pm and Sunday, September 16 at 7pm. To purchase tickets, visit <https://joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket>.

September 19 – October 7 DEVIATED THEATRE presents "sight." *siGHt* was originally commissioned by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Millennium Stage in 2011. It is the fourth evening-length work written, choreographed, and directed by the Enoch and Kimmie Chan, and the first one to feature a child as a main character. This production, dubbed a dance opera, will include 50-minutes of non-stop movement, including clever partnering on folding chairs and contemporary dance with aerial silks. The production involves a rotating cast of over a dozen and a half performers. The story of *siGHt* unfolds around a family of three—mom, pop, and young daughter. One evening the girl tiptoes out of bed to continue reading a favorite book only to find herself surrounded by specters whispering urgent messages from the dark. An unthinkable tragedy befalls the family. The specters continue to speak, and magic abounds, which the girl tries desperately to make her family see. Come to, Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 301.699.1819 September 19th – October 7th. Wednesday (opening night) @ 8pm, Thursday

& Friday Performances @ 8pm, Saturday Performances @ 4pm & 8pm and Sunday Performances @ 7pm. To purchase tickets, visit <https://joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket>.

The Brentwood Arts Exchange in partnership with the Washington Sculptors Group presents *Agendas: Concepts and Thematics in Sculpture's Expanded Field - Community Engagement*, in the gallery from September 10 - November 17, 2012. Juried by Howard University Assistant Professor of Art History, Teresia Bush, *Agendas* is a sculptural study on the exchange, adaptation and interpretation of culture within our present day society. Designed to engage well-informed arts viewers as well as the community at large, *Agendas* intends to be a catalyst for discussion and debate. The exhibition is as visually engaging as is culturally relevant, exploring attitudes and meanings that are in constant flux in our globalized society surrounding customs, artifacts, histories, and influences. *Agendas* highlights the forms resulting from cross cultural borrowing in contemporary art, much like the more publicly discussed embrace and re-combination of diverse forms in hip hop and world music. The exhibition also continues to challenge traditional notions of sculpture – as many of the artists speak through the meanings of material itself, from form to formlessness. Featuring artists include; Blair Bainbridge, Alan Binstock, Alonzo Davis, Terry deBardelaben, Martin Feldman, Oliver Giron, George Lorio, Christina Marsh, Mike Shaffer, Ward Tietz, Adejoke Tugbiyele, Carlos Vargas and Alice Yutzy. The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 from 5-8 pm.

BRENTWOOD ARTS EXCHANGE

Fall Classes begin September 19

Art After Work
Fearless Drawing
Adobe Photoshop
Action Watercolor
Creative Kids Days
Metals/Jewelry

arts.pgiparks.com

Located in the
Gateway Arts Center
3901 Rhode Island Ave
Brentwood, MD 20722
tel. 301-277-2863



Community Happenings

The Brentwood Arts Exchange presents the artwork of local glass artist and sculptor Karyne Messina as the Front Window Featured Artist from September 10 – November 17, 2012. Karyne's blown glass and metal sculptures, which resemble a vivid array of whimsical floating sea creatures, ships and dancing figures, fill the gallery's windows, calling to visitors across the street- bridging the art in the craft store with the gallery. Karyne's work, delicate-yet playful, comes from her belief as a psychologist and psychoanalyst, that individuals are the sum of their experiences, a theme she tries to incorporate into her work as an artist. She views her work as a reflection of her childhood encounters with the sea as well as the many other observations she's made throughout her life. Her affinity for the full, circular and swirling shapes of the sea and aquatic life, as well as the magnificence of their colors, grow out of those memories and experiences. As she works, she approaches glassblowing as a dance between two people; a tango wherein artworks evolve as the artist and assistant work with each unique gather. New possibilities for forms arise as the dancers respect and control the properties of hot glass. The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 from 5-8 pm., Galley Hours: Monday - Friday: 10am - 7pm, Saturday: 10am - 4pm

<h2>NOTICE</h2> <p>ALLISON STREET FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM PROJECT INFORMATION MEETING</p>	<h2>AVISO</h2> <p>PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INUNDACIONES DE LA CALLE ALLISON REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN DE PROYECTO</p>
<p>The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) will hold a public meeting to share project information about the Allison Street Flood Protection System.</p> <p>Thursday, September 20, 2012</p> <p>6:30 p.m. — Exhibit Review 7:00 p.m. — Presentation / Q&A 8:30 p.m. — Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Thomas S. Stone Elementary School 4500 34th Street Mount Rainier, MD 20712</p> <p><i>* The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.</i></p>	<p>El Departamento de Recursos Ambientales del Condado de Prince George en conjunto con el departamento de Obras Públicas y Transporte llevará a cabo una reunión pública para compartir información sobre el proyecto titulado: Sistema de Protección contra Inundaciones de la Calle Allison.</p> <p>Jueves, 20 de septiembre de 2012</p> <p>6:30 p.m. — Exhibición del Proyecto 7:00 p.m. — Presentación / Q&A 8:30 p.m. — Conclusión de Reunión Pública</p> <p>Thomas S. Stone Elementary School 4500 34th Street Mount Rainier, MD 20712</p> <p><i>* El lugar de la reunión es accesible para las personas con discapacidad.</i></p>
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION The County will be making improvements to the levee system to meet new Federal guidelines and criteria. This meeting will provide an overview of the planned improvements.</p>	<p>DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROYECTO El Condado va mejorar el sistema de presas de agua (diques) para satisfacer las nuevas regulaciones federales. Esta reunión ofrecerá una descripción general de las mejoras planificadas.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="211 1806 600 1890"> <p>For additional project information, please contact DER's Sustainability Services Division at (301) 883-5980.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="617 1764 941 1911" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Rudhem L. Baker, III County Executive</p> <p>Samuel E. Winkovky, Jr. Director</p> <p>Richard A. Hight Deputy</p> </div> <div data-bbox="941 1806 1380 1890"> <p>Para información adicional sobre el proyecto, por favor contacte la División de Servicios de Sostenibilidad al número: (301) 883-5980.</p> </div> </div>	



Are you a soldier, veteran or reservist living in Mount Rainier? Are you a soldier, veteran or reservist and once lived in Mount Rainier? Do you know someone that falls in either of these categories? In November 2012, the Mayor and Council would be honored to recognize them during the first Veteran Day service held in Mount Rainier in more than 40+ years.

In order to put together the program and recognize our veterans, I need to collect names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and other information ASAP. I am working with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to make this an outstanding event.

Please send your information to:
 Malinda Miles, Mayor, Mount Rainier
 One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD
 20712-1611 or via e-mail at mayormiles@gmail.com.



**located at the corner of
 Rhode Island & Eastern Avenues**

Department of Public Works RECYCLE, BULK TRASH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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.

All BULK TRASH appointments must be made before 12 Noon on the Friday preceding the pick up day. All bulk trash items must be set out before 7:00 AM on pick up day. Call 301-985-6558, selection 2.

PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

DATE	PARTICULARS
September 4	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 5	Recyclables Pick Up
September 10	Yard Waste Pick Up
September 12	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 14	Recyclables Pick Up
September 17	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
September 19	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 21	Recyclables Pick Up
September 24	Yard Waste Pick Up
September 26	Regular Trash Pick Up
September 28	Recyclables Pick Up
October 1	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
October 3	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 5	Recyclables Pick Up
October 8	COLUMBUS DAY- HOLIDAY—Public Works CLOSED
October 9	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 12	Recyclables Pick Up
October 15	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
October 17	Regular Trash Pick Up

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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 11 p.m.
Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

47th District Reps
Senator Victor Ramirez
301-858-3745

Del. Doyle Niemann
Del. Jolene Ivey
Del. Michael Summers
301-858-3326

Call-A-Bus 301-985-6586
(hours M–F, 9 am–2 pm)

City Code Enforcement Office
301-985-6551

Alex Brown
301-674-9175
Kevin Simpson
240-508-4187
Michael Warrick
240-882-9788

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
Rushern Baker
301-952-4131

County Councilman
Will Campos
301-952-4436

CSX railroad
1-877-Tell CSX

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
301-699-2400

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

P. G. Animal Control
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 780-7201

Post Office
301-699-8856

Public Defender
301-699-2760

Public Schools
301-952-6000

State's Attorney
301-952-3500

Washington Gas Light
703-750-1000

WSSC
301-206-8000
301-206-4002 (emergency)

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