



# The Message

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## Special Election Edition

### Municipal Elections Set for two council seats in Ward 1 and one council seat in Ward 2

The election will be held at Starr Potts Hall located at 3405 Rhode Island Avenue, Monday, May 2, 2011 and the polls will be open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day; the Candidate Filing Deadline Date was between 6:00pm and 8:00 pm April 4, 2011. (The Supervisor of Elections certified the names on the petitions turned in by each candidate on April 4th).

The Candidate's Forum Night is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Nature Center, located at 4701 31<sup>st</sup> Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available for pick-up at City Hall. Absentee Ballots will be available after April 5, 2011 once the candidates have been certified.

In order to be eligible to vote in the City election, each person must meet the following requirements: a) is a citizen of the United States; b) is at least 18 years of age; c) is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of the City charter; d) has resided in the corporate limits of the city for at least (30) days preceding City election; and e) has registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. Registration by the Prince George's Board of Elections shall be deemed the only registration for City elections.

Please exercise your right to vote and participate in the upcoming City election. Let your voice and concerns be heard. (See pages 2 and 3 for Candidate information)

### **MOUNT RAINIER DAY 2011**

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**THE ANNUAL MOUNT RAINIER DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011; THIS YEAR WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FESTIVITIES WILL BE BIGGER AND GREATER THAN EVER.**

**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.**

## **Absentee Voting**

The following is a summary of the City Charter provisions for a registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in a City election:

Any qualified voter registered to vote in the elections of the City of Mount Rainier may vote by absentee ballot if he or she is unable to cast a ballot during the regularly scheduled polling hours on Election Day by reason of physical condition or necessary absence.

A qualified voter desiring to vote at a City election as an absentee voter shall make application to the City Board of Elections in writing, which application must be received no later than the Monday preceding the election. The application must be signed by the applicant or, if he or she is unable to sign, must bear the mark of the applicant and the signature of two (2) witnesses.

To be counted, the absentee ballot must be (i) returned to the City Board of Elections, in envelopes provided with the absentee ballot application, appropriately signed and sealed, by the close of the polls on election day or (ii) if mailed, postmarked on or before election day and delivered no later than the close of business on the day following election day.

Candidates are prohibited from delivering absentee ballots or returning absentee ballots to the City Board of Elections, except when a candidate is using the absentee ballot for his or her own voting purposes.

## **Candidates for two council seats in Ward 1 and one council seat in Ward 2**

### **William Updike, Candidate for Ward 1**

Dear Mount Rainier Residents:

I am running for the 2-year term in Mount Rainier's Ward 1. I love Mount Rainier for its diverse heart, for its unique character, and for its artistic soul. I have been serving on the city council since I was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the tragic death of Councilwoman Alta Morton.

I have served on the board of Gateway CDC, including a one-year term as president. I also serve on the board of the Daniel DiTondo Foundation—an organization that supports arts programs in schools and provides college scholarships to kids in need.

For my day job, I work for the DC Department of the Environment on energy efficiency financing, and have spent much of my career working on environmental issues, construction, development, community organizing, and the arts.

If elected, my priorities on the council would be, first and foremost, basic good governance. I would also continue my work on “greening” the city, on developing the Rhode Island Avenue corridor and supporting our 34<sup>th</sup> Street businesses. I would continue to support our wonderful arts community and work with our police force to make our city safer.

I am asking for your vote for the 2-year term in Ward 1. Thanks!

### **Jimmy Tarlau, Candidate for Ward 1**

I am running for re-election as a City Councilman in Mount Rainier and I hope I can have your support. The election is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I must say I had some concerns about what I was getting myself into when I ran for office four years ago. But honestly I have enjoyed my four years on City Council. I have gotten to know many of my neighbors. I have gotten to understand your concerns. And I have given back something to this community that I love.

When I look back and think about what I have accomplished I think what I have done best is to communicate to everybody in our City the issues that are being addressed by Council; to get input from my neighbors; and to explain how I and the Council are addressing the issues

I also pride myself on responding to resident concerns. Most of the times, I cannot solve the problem myself but will at least forward the issue to the appropriate City official to be handled. Lastly I think I have brought a common sense and respect approach to our Council. I have not always agreed with my colleagues on Council, but I have always tried to figure out how we can work together which often includes reaching consensus on important City issues.

The City has made progress over the last four years. Our finances are in good shape with a health surplus. Our police department does a good job in community outreach. We are making progress in developing our downtown area. We have put out a bid for developers to buy the lots on Rhode Island Avenue that were purchased by the City in the last two years. We had an event filled year celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and re-initiated a farmer's market and home tour.

There is a lot to be done but I think by working together, listening to community input, and explaining what the Council is planning we will move our City along.

## **Adrienne Charles, Candidate for Ward 2**

My name is Adrienne Charles. I'm a native New Yorker who has lived in Mount Rainier since 1999 and owned a home here since 2003. Mount Rainier had me at "Hello". The Eye Opener, Glut Food Coop and Nisey's made a great first impression on me. While living in Queens Manor Apartments, I started volunteering with Gateway CDC and became a board member. In 2003, 30th Street became the address of my very first home. My work as a physician took me to South Dakota (the state not the avenue) and Iowa and my mother stayed in the house. She fell in love with Mount Rainier as well. She shopped at Glut and took dance classes at Joes. In 2006 after a long illness, she passed and in her memory, I created The Martie Evans-Charles Dance Scholarship at Joes Movement Emporium. Every year, a deserving child in the community is selected to get one year of free dance classes at Joes.



For the last two years I have attended City Council meetings. I encourage everyone to attend and see City government at work. Since I am usually the only resident in attendance for the entire meeting, I participate by asking questions and offering my opinion on topics as they arise. I have been active in the Gateway CDC Green initiative, The Mount Rainier Mixed Use Town Center planning, the Envision Prince George's forums and most recently the Mount Rainier Environmental Protection Committee. .

I am running for City Council because I want to see Mount Rainier become a community with thriving commerce, an active arts district and a small carbon footprint. I am invested in Mount Rainier and I am invested in you!

## **Brent Bolin, Candidate for Ward 2**

Mount Rainier residents are lucky to live in a place with such a great sense of community. The city's civic spirit caught me early on and I've been involved with things like the Mixed Use Town Center Plan, the Environmental Protection Board, and helping the city with grant applications.

I work at the Bladensburg-based non-profit Anacostia Watershed Society where, as Director of Advocacy, I work with local, county, and state elected officials to clean up the Anacostia River and its tributaries. A big part of my job is advocating for high quality redevelopment in Prince George's County communities, like Mt. Rainier, that were built out years ago and are struggling to find the right kind of reinvestment. I believe in a triple bottom line approach - people, planet, profit - because in these tough economic times we must use our



precious resources, whether tax dollars or clean water, more wisely. I bring a background in public administration, law, and city management that I believe will be an asset to the council. I am engaged in the future of the county through my membership in Leadership Prince George's.

The economic health of our city - implementing the town center plan and retaining and attracting businesses - is my top priority. I will also work to increase public safety in the town, cleaning up the town center so our businesses can thrive and making our homes safer through partnerships between police and neighborhood watch. Finally I will focus on "green" initiatives such as the Mayor's work with Sustainable Maryland and Councilmember Thompson's vision of a comprehensive plan for our infrastructure budget.

## *Message from Chief Scott*

### *How to Reduce Your Chances of Being the Victim of a Robbery*

In 2009, the last year for which data is available, the FBI reported that street robberies accounted for 42.8% of all robberies committed across the U.S. In Maryland, street robberies account for roughly 18% of all reported violent crime. From January through December 2010 there was, on average, one robbery every 6.5 days here in Mount Rainier, and during the first three months of this year there have been twelve (12) citizen robberies reported in the City. Throughout the District I area, citizen robberies continue to be a major concern and focus of law enforcement due to the fact that there has been a 62% increase in these crimes in the first quarter of 2011 as compared to the first quarter of 2010. Nationally only about 26% of robbery cases are closed (i.e., the perpetrator is identified and/or arrested). While this clearance rate seems small, it is useful to remember that law enforcement agencies, not only here in Mount Rainier, but in most jurisdictions have limited resources to detect and suppress crime. As stated by the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice in their report The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society: "...the fact that the police deal daily with crime does not mean that they have unlimited power to prevent it, or reduce it, or deter it. In so far as crime is a social phenomenon, crime prevention is the responsibility of every part of society."

This is just another way of saying that the police cannot be everywhere and look out for everyone. It is up to you to watch out for yourself, you're loved ones and your neighbors; and, most importantly, to call police when something looks suspicious. Use the **SAR** principle: if **S**omethin' **A**in't **R**ight, call the police quick, fast and in a hurry!

The following are a few suggestions that will help you reduce your chances of being victimized:

- ALWAYS try to walk or drive on well-traveled, well-lit roadways.
- NEVER walk or jog early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
- ALWAYS let someone know when you leave work or an evening activity late, the route you will take and when you expect to arrive at your destination.
- NEVER take shortcuts down secluded alleys or through closed parks at night.
- NEVER walk alone on deserted roadways bordered by woods or deserted warehouses and buildings. This is particularly true on hiker-biker trails and footpaths.
- ALWAYS try to travel with two or more people – there is safety in numbers.
- If you must walk in isolated or lightly populated areas, walk briskly and confidently. Be aware of the people and areas around you. If someone passes or approaches you, look them over carefully and do not look away. Pay particular attention to their hands and anything they are carrying. Do not give the appearance of being vulnerable or you risk making yourself a victim. If you think someone is following you whether on foot or in a car, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- ALWAYS have your keys ready so you can enter your home or car quickly.
- ASK for an escort if you feel you need one. ASK cab drivers or friends to wait until you get inside your home.

- NEVER use ATMs in dark, secluded areas that are obstructed from view and are adjacent to corners. Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- NEVER display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, iPods, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- NEVER use laundry rooms, storage facilities or lone courtyards without someone with you.
- NEVER walk up to a car or a stranger to give directions – put some object between you and the stranger.
- Use your survival instincts when entering occupied elevators. When someone you don't trust enters – get off.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property - don't give up your life or risk injury.
- If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police immediately. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions may help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

### ***Purse Snatches Can Be Prevented:***

**P**urse snatches are most often committed as a crime of opportunity. Purse snatches, losses and injuries can be greatly reduced or prevented by following proven crime prevention techniques.

- *Leave it at home.* If you are not carrying a purse, you greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of robbery or attack. Is it necessary for you to carry your purse? Often a small wallet tucked into a pocket will hold your necessary items (i.e., identification, money, etc.). Try leaving personal items at home or at the office. If a wallet is not large enough, consider wearing a belly bag or fanny pack under your coat. These bags hold several items and can be worn while concealed from plain view. If you need to carry your purse, carry only essential items. Do not carry more money or credit cards than absolutely necessary. For most people one credit or debit card will suffice. If you must carry credit cards, keep a record at home of the cards you carry, along with their respective numbers and a phone number to report their loss. Leave all other unnecessary items or valuables at home.
- *Let it go:* Whether carrying a purse or just sitting on a bus or in other public place with one, hold the purse tightly and close to your body. Be sure that you secure the latch or zipper. In advance of any attack, consider whether the contents of your purse are worth being injured for. They are probably not. Let the purse go and avoid possible injury. Another strategy is to get a money clip and carry it with some money so that you can throw it and let the criminal take it as you get away with your credit cards, ID, etc.
- Follow the suggestions listed above that will help you reduce your chances of being victimized.

### **City of Mount Rainier and the Mount Rainier Police Department Will be Hosting Operation Take Back on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Mount Rainier Police Department and Rainier Manor Retirement Center.**

**Mount Rainier, Maryland** – On April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the **Mount Rainier Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Mount Rainier Police Department located at 3249 Rhode Island Avenue and Rainier Manor Retirement Center at 3001 Queen's Chapel Road. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners, including the Mount Rainier Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act.

## **CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

*The Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland, proposes to increase real property taxes.*

*1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2011, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 3.1%, from \$382,828,762 to \$394,563,488.*

*2. If the City of Mount Rainier maintains the current tax rate of \$0.790 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 3.1% resulting in \$92,704 of new real property tax revenues.*

*3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7665, the constant yield tax rate.*

*4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.790 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 3.1% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$92,704 in additional property tax revenues.*

*A public hearing on the proposal real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in the City Council Chambers – Upper Level at Mount Rainier City Hall, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712.*

*The hearing is open to the public and public testimony is encouraged.*

*Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 985-6585 for further information.*



**Comcast Channel 71 Verizon Channel 21**

**MRTV provides 24/7 scheduled programming on your Comcast and Verizon cable channels. Watch City Council meetings, Work Sessions, City events and a host of MRTV produced programs and shows. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list of shows and times.**

Watch for a new **"CitiScope"** Shot on location at the Public Works Garage, City Manager Jeannelle Wallace and Public Works Director Luther Smith provide an update on the city's Public Works Department. During the first half of the show Mr. Smith talks about the use of the new dump truck and the new Bobcat. He also talks about pothole repairs and bulk trash requirements. Following the break, the Administrative Resource Assistant, Ruth Sandy (the face to the helpful voice you hear when you call about all of your trash concerns) gives an update on administrative matters. She mentions the next **"Recycle Day", Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm.**

On Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, **MRTV** produced videotaped "History Shoot #3", a continuing series of interviews by City Council Member Jimmy Tarlau. Mayor Malinda Miles was his guest. Mayor Miles gives an insightful glimpse into life in Mount Rainier as an African American resident. She talks about her background, her professional life, and what it was like being on the City Council in the early 80's. The viewing audience consisted of new **MRTV** Production Members, future "Comedic/Satirical News" Producer/Host Dave MacMillan and "On Air with the Mayor" Producer, William Miles. The show's Production Crew consisted of Production Associate Robert "Bob" Page and MRTV TV Journalist and Video Editor, Brittney Maye.

After the production the **MRTV** Committee held a brief meeting to discuss policy issues, meeting times and reviewed **MRTV's** Volunteer Access Producer's forms, procedures and equipment usages. The current Committee members are Mayor Malinda Miles, City Council Members Jimmy Tarlau, Ivy Thompson and Department Director Graciela Carbonell. For **MRTV** Production and Committee information, contact Ms. Carbonell at 301-985-6585 ext 28.

**MRTV** invites you to continue to watch all the City Council meetings and **TOTAL INFO-** updates on local traffic, Mount Rainier weather, national news, sport scores and more!

**You can now watch "On Demand" all MRTV programs, City Council Meetings and Work Sessions on the City's website: [www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org) Click on the MRTV banner and chose your program to watch!**

**For MRTV comments, suggestions, volunteer opportunities and show ideas contact: [mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com) or call 301-985-6585 ext. 28 voice mail, Graciela Carbonell, Department Director**

## **FY2012 Budget Calendar**

Tuesday, April 19,2011	Public hearing and public comment on proposed FY 2012 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on FY 2012 Budget
Tuesday, May 3,2011	Mayor and Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on FY 2012 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate

## Sweeping the Avenue begins April 1 - volunteers needed

Join us for SWEEPING THE AVENUE, the annual community clean up and beautification effort for the Mount Rainier public spaces.

**We need volunteers! And if you are a student, it's a great way to complete your community service hours. Sign up by sending an email to [joe@joesmovement.org](mailto:joe@joesmovement.org).**

### Schedule of clean up events:

Street and sidewalk clean up: April 1, 10am to 1pm, meet at Joe's

**Elbow Grease Weekend: April 2nd and 3rd, 9am to 3pm**, meet at Joe's or find us on 34th street as we do deep cleaning of the business area in prep for Better Block weekend, April 9 from 12 - 6pm.

Skilled carpentry, paint and fix-it labor needed!

Street and sidewalk clean up: April 7, 3:30 –5:00pm, meet at Joe's

Street and sidewalk clean up: **April 16, 1 – 3pm, meet at Red Dirt Studios**

Street and sidewalk clean up: April 18, 10am – 1pm, meet at Joe's

**BIG SWEEP WEEKEND: April 23-24, Self-initiated effort to sweep your sidewalks and curbs.** Get up the leaves, the trash, and the crud and add to the life of our streets and sidewalks. Weed, sweep, pick and recycle! Our community will only look as good as we make it!!

For more info: 301-699-1819.

## Xtreme Teen Center

Inspired Teens for ages 12-17 - all are invited!

Parents must attend with their teens on the first visit to see the program and fill out forms

Saturdays 1-4PM, beginning April 30

Mt. Rainier Christian Church

4001 33rd St. in Mt. Rainier; at the corner of Bunker Hill Road

Activities include: Video games, pool, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, board/card games, arts and crafts, spiritual/moral discussion, homework help and tutoring

We are a Christian church, but this program is open to youth of all faith backgrounds, and we will not pressure youth with our beliefs.

For more information, call Pastor Brian Adams at 301-864-3869

## City of Mount Rainier Electronic Recycle Pick Up

**April 16, 2011 9:00 Am to 1:00 Pm**

**Drop Off @ Public Works Department**

**3715 Wells Avenue, Mount Rainier MD 20712**

**Must show proof of Mount Rainier Residency**

**Acceptable Items:** CPUs, laptop computers, keyboards, fax machines, telephone systems, printers, copiers, scanners, surge protectors, pagers, cell phones, cable wire, circuit boards, cd players radios/ stereos, Pc components and ink jet and toner cartridges.

**Unacceptable Items:** Software, Stereo speakers, Boxes and Appliances such as toasters and microwave ovens.

**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**

**April and May 2011 Schedule**

*Listed hereunder is the scheduled pick up dates for trash in the City of Mt. Rainier for April and May 2011.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>
April 1	Recyclables Pick Up	May 2	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
April 4	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	May 4	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 6	Regular Trash Pick Up	May 6	Recyclables Pick Up
April 8	Recyclables Pick Up	May 9	Yard Waste Pick Up
April 11	Yard Waste Pick Up	May 11	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 13	Regular Trash Pick Up	May 13	Recyclables Pick Up
April 15	Recyclables Pick Up	May 16	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
April 18	Bulk Trash Pick Up (By appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up	May 18	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 20	Regular Trash Pick Up	May 20	Recyclables Pick Up
April 22	Recyclables Pick Up	May 23	Yard Waste Pick Up
April 25	Yard Waste Pick Up	May 25	Regular Trash Pick Up
April 27	Regular Trash Pick Up	May 27	Recyclables Pick Up
April 29	Recyclables Pick Up	May 30	Memorial Day (City Hall and Public Works Closed)
		May 31	Yard Waste Pick Up

***All bulk appointments must be made before 12 noon on the Friday proceeding the pickup day. All bulk and Yard Waste must be set our before 7:00 AM on 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 Midnight. Public Works open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

47th District Reps  
301-858-3745  
Victor Ramirez

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](mailto: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  
301-918-8111

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

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

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)

*The City of Mount Rainier is an equal opportunity employer, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, disability, political or union affiliation.*

Postal Customer  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

Pre-sorted  
Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 171

April 2011 Message  
City of Mount Rainier  
One Municipal Place  
Mount Rainier, MD 20712