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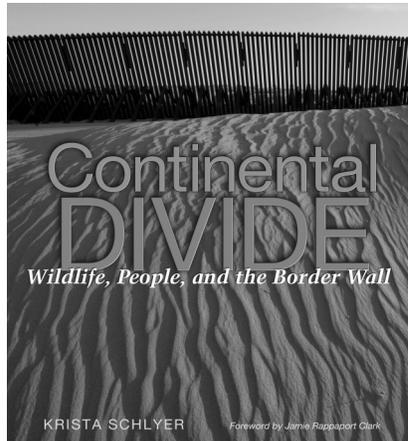
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Local Conservationist Published

Local resident, and Chair of the Mount Rainier Environmental Protection Board, Krista Schlyer has written a book being released by Texas A&M University Press this month.

The book, titled *Continental Divide: Wildlife, People and the*



Border Wall, is a collection of stories and photographs depicting the wildlife and people of the borderlands of the US and Mexico.

A writer and photographer, Krista began photographing this region while working on a magazine story about desert tortoises for Defenders of Wildlife in 2004. Frequent work in the region following that story gave Schlyer an understanding

Register to Vote October 6th

The Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2012! Early voting in Maryland begins on October 27th. It's not too late to register.

Mayor Malinda Miles and members of the Crown Victoria Boys/Girls Club are hosting a voter registration event on **Saturday, October 6, 2012, at 30th and Arundel Road in Mount Rainier.**

Hot dogs, chips, beverages and other snacks will be available for a small fee and/or donation (proceeds to benefit the Crown Victoria Boys/Girls Club).

of the vulnerability of the ecosystems, wildlife and human migrants traveling through some of the most rugged terrain on the continent.

As Schlyer explains, the remoteness of this region from most US citizens' lives, along with the news media's focus on illegal immigration and drug violence, has left many with an incomplete picture.

This largely isolated natural area, stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, hosts a number of rare ecosystems and wild creatures--many of whom have been threatened by US

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Little Friends for Peace Cultivates Seeds of Peace

This summer Little Friends for Peace (LFFP) conducted summer peace camps around the theme "Plant Seeds of Peace to Build a Culture of Peace."

Summer Peace Camps trained local youth in how to be Peace Leaders at home, school and neighborhood here in Mount Rainier. Younger children attended Peace Camp at the Mount. Rainier Nature Center and learned new nonviolent tools to build Peace. It was a very vibrant summer of planting seeds of change to help build a culture of Peace.

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border policy over the past two decades, and most recently by the building of a border wall. In documenting the changes to the ecosystems and human communities along the border while the wall was being built, Schlyer realized that the impacts of immigration policy on wildlife, on landowners, and on border towns were not fully understood by either policy makers or the general public.

The wall not only has disrupted the ancestral routes of wildlife; it has also rerouted human traffic through the most pristine and sensitive of wildlands, causing additional destruction, conflict, and death—without solving the original problem.

Continental Divide was written with the hope of adding to the nation's understanding of a special place, its people, and the wild creatures who rely on it. Schlyer hopes to do some readings here in Mount Rainier and the Gateway Arts District in the coming months. The book is available on Amazon.com.

Home Tour Postponed

The annual **Mount Rainier Home Tour** is postponed until Spring 2013.

The upside is that it gives residents who want to participate more time to complete those home renovation projects.

Contact Ward 1 Councilman Jimmy Tarlau at Jtarlau@cwa-union.org if you are interested in participating.

Residents of Note . . .

Bravo to residents **Laura Schandelmeier** and **Stephen Clapp**, Artistic Directors of Dance Box Theater, Inc., and guest artists **Brooke Kidd** and **Wakili McNeill** for their successful performance of *We Are Here* at Joe's Movement Emporium. The lighting design by Ben Levine and costumes by Renate Maile-Moskowitz.

Condolences to the family of **Joan Flanagan**, the former City Clerk for Mount Rainier died over the summer. She was known by many newer residents as the woman on 32nd Street (and Windom Road) who sat on her porch and watched the comings and goings of the community. She lived in our City for over 75 years. She will be missed.

Hooray to resident **Bill Easter**, who lives on Varnum Street, brought home three medals in this year's Maryland Senior Olympics. He won the gold medal in the Discus and bronze medals in the Javelin and Long Jump. He also held the County Banner in the opening ceremony. Our City was well represented. Thank You Bill!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

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

October 2nd & 16th
November 6th & 20th
December 4th & 18th



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.

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 November 2012 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, October 24, 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



MOUNT-RAINIER
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
SINCE 1988

Three new businesses have opened up in the City of Mount Rainier. Stop by and grab a bite to eat!

Circle Deli, 3405A Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 240-

582-6684 Specializing in homemade soups, salads, deli sandwiches and much more!

Little Caesar's Pizza, 3215 Queens Chapel Road, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Terminal Food Market, 3414 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, MD 20712, 240-421-0928

Panel Discussion: Diversity in the DC Metro Arts Community, Friday, October 5, 6-8pm at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville, MD, with David C. Driskell and others. Presented by the Washington Sculptors Group.

Brentwood Arts Exchange, Located in Gateway Arts Center, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722, (301) 277-2863, arts.pgparcs.com. Gallery Hours, Monday - Friday: 10am-7pm, Saturday: 10am-4pm, Sunday: Closed.

EXHIBITIONS AGENDAS: CONCEPTS AND THEMATIC S IN SCULPTURE'S EXPANDED FIELD – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SEPTEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 17, 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 September 10 – November 17, 2012. Juried by Howard University, Assistant Professor of Art History, Teresia Bush, Agendas, presents art's socio-political nature, through an engaging and interactive exhibition of contemporary sculpture by regional artists. Featuring Artists: Blair Bainbridge, Alan Binstock, Alonzo Davis, Terry deBardelaben, Martin Feldman, Olivier Giron, George Lorio, Christina Marsh, Mike Shaffer, Ward Tietz, Adejoke Tugbiyele, Carlos Vargas, Alice Yutzy

FRONT WINDOW FEATURED ARTIST: KARYNE MESSINA, SEPTEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 17, Brentwood Arts Exchange presents the artwork of local glass artist and sculptor Karyne Messina in the craft showcase. Karyne's blown

glass and metal sculptures, which resemble a vivid array of whimsical floating sea creatures, ships and dancing figures will be displayed in the gallery's front windows as our latest featured artist.

All Things Hammered: Bangles & Cuffs

Make a beautiful cuff bracelets and bangles from copper using basic hammering techniques and simple tools. Cutting, hammering and metal coloring techniques will be demonstrated and practiced. This is a fun way to make jewelry using readily available materials and tools. Saturday, October 6, 2012; 11am-3pm, SMARTlink # 985565

Teen Open House, Its Teen's Night Out, grab a friend and come hang out in the gallery and participate in some exciting arts and crafts activities. Participants and their friends can enjoy an evening of art making, music, light refreshments and conversation while expressing their creativity. No previous art experience is required. Friday, October 12, 2012; 7-10pm, Walk-in; FREE, Ages 13-18

Creative Kids Days, Exploring the World Through Art!

Focus On Egypt! In this hands-on workshop, students will create beautiful collars and cuffs from ancient Egypt to wear and take home using new and recycled materials. Children are encouraged to wear art friendly clothing and bring a snack. Saturday, October 13, 2012; 10:30am- 12pm, SMARTlink # 1023466

Art After Work @ Brentwood Arts Exchange, Grab a friend and free yourself from the daily stresses of the workplace in these creative evening art classes. Participants and their friends can enjoy an evening of art making, wine and conversation while expressing their creativity in a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere. Each class will briefly present a new and exciting art medium as well as an array of techniques for participants to try and experiment. Guests are welcome to bring their own bottles. No previous art experience is required. Every Other Thursday, October 18; November 1; November 15; November 29; December 13, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Fee required.

Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Workshop, Come carve pumpkins at the Brentwood Arts Exchange! Families and friends are invited to join us for this casual Saturday activity in celebration of Halloween. Pumpkins and tools will be provided. We'll clean up the mess! Saturday, October 27, 2012; 11am-2pm, Walk-in; FREE, All Ages. For more information on upcoming classes go to arts.pgparcs.com and click on Brentwood Arts Exchange.

Performances and Events at Joe's Movement Emporium:

DEVIATED THEATRE in "siGHt", September 19th – October 7th, 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

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work written, choreographed, and directed by the Chans, 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. IKAM Productions in “**For Colored Girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf**”, Oct. 26 - Oct. 28, IKAM Productions and Camille Parris Events are thrilled to bring to the Maryland stage Ntozake Shange's phenomenal play, *For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf*. Sure to captivate audiences, Shange's legendary choreopoem about the African-American female journey through America is portrayed through the poetry, dancing and narrative of a slate of talented actresses who literally become the well-known colorful ladies of the rainbow. Both a joyous celebration of a unique culture and a wrenchingly real portrait of the struggle of an oppressed minority, *for colored girls...* tells the timeless story through 20 beautiful vignettes that will inspire laughter and tears for the passion and pain of the black woman's experience. For more information about *for colored girls...* and the auxiliary events, please visit www.ikamproductions.com or call 202.670.2780.



New Shed @ the Bike CoOp

Joe's Movement Emporium presents “**Thrill the World**”, Sat., Oct. 27, 2pm, FREE, Joe's Movement Emporium along with several zombies all over the world are getting ready for Thrill the World 2012! The event was founded in 2006 in Toronto, and has now spread to six continents. Every October thousands of people/zombies around the world come together to honor the genius of Michael Jackson and to have a THRILLING good time! Rehearsals will be held Sunday, October 7 and 21 at 5:30-6:30pm. Then perform Saturday, October 27th at 2pm. Register online at joesmovement.org. For more information on this worldwide event visit www.thrilltheworld.com.

10/20/12

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE...

ART WORKS STUDIO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

SPECIALTY BEER AND BITE PAIRINGS

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS

SATURDAY 7 PM

TICKETS \$50

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
CONTACT [SUZANNE@ARTWORKSNOW.ORG](mailto:suzanne@artworksnow.org)
PHONE 301.454.0808

SEE YOU THERE.

ART WORKS STUDIO SCHOOL invites you to participate in our new sponsorship program in conjunction with our Fall Fundraiser Saturday October 20. Sponsorship of our Fall Fundraising Event supports Art Works in our mission to inspire creativity and confidence in people of all ages through arts education. Your sponsorship can give credit to your company or organization or to an individual or family. Sponsorships can also be in memorial.

REMBRANDT	GEORGIA O'KEEFFE	LEONARDO DA VINCI	FRIDA KAHLO	DONALD JUDD
PREMIERE SPONSOR \$5,000 - 10 TICKETS	FUNDRAISER SPONSOR \$2,500 - 8 TICKETS	\$1,000 - 6 TICKETS	\$500 - 4 TICKETS	\$150 - 2 TICKETS
Logo on website & promotional material during 2013. Sponsorship of an AWSS program such as Toddler Time. Social media acknowledgements throughout the year.	Logo on website and invitation. Social media acknowledgements leading up to fundraiser.	Listed as sponsor on website and invitation. Logo on website.	Listed as sponsor on website and invitation.	Listed as sponsor on invitation.

For more information on our sponsorship program or to participate, please contact Suzanne McFadden at suzanne@artworksnow.org.

CHIEF'S BLOG

MRPD CDS Destruction Day

Mount Rainier Police department officers has confiscated over 20 pounds of CDS



with a street value in excess of \$20,000 seized by Mount Rainier PD officers over the past few years. No longer needed as evidence, the

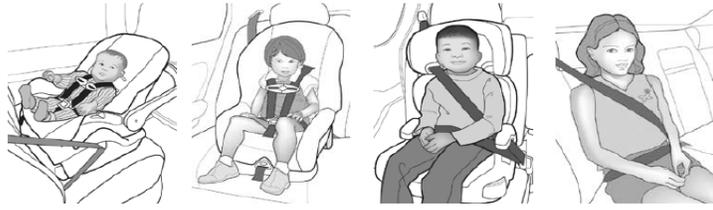


CDS was delivered to a private incinerator in Baltimore for destruction in September. Great work!



Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Law

(Effective October 1, 2012)



- **Every child** under 8 years old must ride in an appropriate child restraint* unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller.
- **Every child** from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a child restraint must be secured in a vehicle seat belt.

Protect your children as they ride!

Children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.
The back seat is the safest.

* "Child restraint" includes car seats, booster seats, or other federally approved safety devices.

Questions?

Call **Maryland Kids In Safety Seats (KISS)**
at 1-800-370-SEAT or (410) 767-6016,
e-mail: dhmh.kiss@maryland.org
or visit us online at www.mdkiss.org

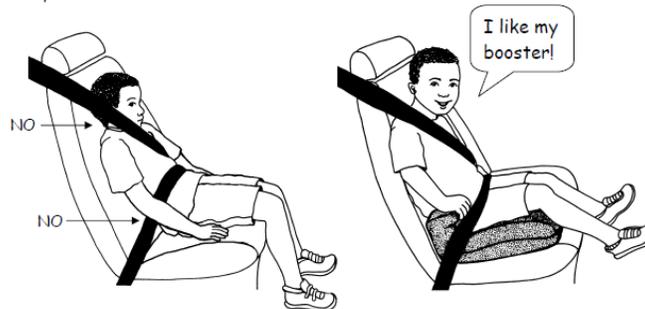


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Boosters Are For Big Kids

Most kids need to ride in a booster seat from about age 4 until age 10-12.

If your child isn't using a booster, try the simple test below the next time you ride together in the car. You may find that your child is not yet ready to use a safety belt without a booster.



The 5-Step Test

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to make both the shoulder belt and the lap belt fit right for the best crash protection. Your child will be more comfortable, too!

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The cultivation continues with our Fall Programming. LFFP offers Peace Circle

groups for adults around the theme, Practicing Peace IN Everyday Life; Youth Peace Leaders: Be The Change You Want to See in the World; children: Peace Clubs and Peace Experiences; Families: Building Peace in the Family; Parents: Peacemaking in the Family. Contact MJ and Jerry Park, co-directors of LFFP, mjpeace@gmail.com, 240-838-4549 for more information about the peace groups for home, school, neighborhood, and church.



A CALL TO VETERANS

GOAL: Identify all veterans living in Mount Rainier Maryland.

PURPOSE: To recognize and honor them on Saturday, November 10, 2012

INVITED: All residents of Mount Rainier and Prince George's County as well as the District of Columbia

PROGRAM and REFRESHMENTS: Will be available

TIME: 11:00am

PLACE: Mount Rainier's City Hall/Pott's House

NEED: Name, Rank, Address, Years Served, and any other information you wish to share
INFORMATION NEEDED ASAP.

SEND TO: Mayor Malinda Miles, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or
EMAIL IT TO: mayormiles@gmail.com.

LET'S MAKE this a special celebration for those who fought for our freedom!

This election, the first choice you'll make is which day to vote.



Early Voting October 27th through November 1st

Introducing Early Voting. Instead of having only one day to vote, now you can choose to vote on any one of six days. Early voting centers will be open 10am to 8pm on October 27, 2012 and October 29 - November 1, 2012. On Sunday, October 28, 2012, early voting centers will be open 12pm to 6pm. Voting is convenient, accessible and on your schedule.

Go to MDEarlyVote.com to find the Early Voting Centers near you.



REGISTER TO VOTE

Saturday, October 6, 2012 10am- 6pm

Mt. Rainier North Neighborhood Playground
3000 Block of Arundel Road and 30th St.

Sponsored By:
Crown Vic Boys/Girls of P.G. County
Crown Vic Boys/Girls of Southern Md.
Crown Vic Boys/Girls of Baltimore

and
Office of the Mayor, City of Mt. Rainier, Mayor Miles

*You may update/change addresses, name (if recently married) or party affiliation.

*Certified Voter Registration volunteers will be available to answer questions.

All forms will be batched and delivered directly to the Board of Election on Monday October 8th.

Formularios disponibles en español!

** Refreshments Available**

Email Sonya cvbpgc.fslade@gmail.com for information

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE

The City of Mount Rainier is accepting applications for the **full-time position of Public Works Laborer**. This is a non-union position responsible for performing a variety of tasks in the maintenance and operation of streets, trash collection, buildings and grounds, public areas and properties.

The well-qualified candidate should possess a valid driver's license, be knowledgeable of safety requirements, and know the basic operation of a sanitation department, able to lift 50 pounds, climb up and down ladders, and be willing to be on call 24/7.

Full benefit package includes Maryland State Retirement and health insurance. Starting salary of \$27,900 per year. All applications and attached materials should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, October 9th, 2012.

Applications and a complete job description are available at City Hall One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 between the hours of 9 a.m. – 5 p.m or on the city website at www.mountrainiermd.org/job_postings.html.

All employees must pass a drug screening test and background check prior to employment. The City of Mount Rainier is an equal opportunity employer. Any questions please contact the Public Works Office at (301) 985-6582.

Send completed application and resume to: City of Mount Rainier, Attn: Director of Public Works, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712



**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
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	Yard Waste Pick Up
October 10	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
October 19	Recyclables Pick Up
October 22	Yard Waste Pick Up
October 24	Regular Trash Pick Up
October 26	Recyclables Pick Up
October 29	Yard Waste Pick Up
October 31	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 2	Recyclables Pick Up
November 5	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
November 7	Regular Trash Pick Up
November 9	Recyclables Pick Up
November 12	Yard Waste Pick Up
November 14	Regular Trash Pick Up

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