

The Message



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Route One Ride project seeks artists



highlight the unique charms of living, working, and playing in Prince George's County's Route One Corridor communities.

In connection with Prince George's County DPW&T, The Route 1 Ride Collaborative is seeking proposals for original, two-dimensional designs that will be wrapped on the Route 1 Ride buses.

One design will be selected to be featured on three buses for a period of at least three years, beginning in the Summer of 2012. The three selected finalist artist/s / designer/s will receive a

Route 1 Bus Wrap, continued on page 5

The Route 1 Ride Collaborative announced a reopening and extension to its Call for Artists and designers to develop an original work of art. Emerging and established artists and designers are encouraged to submit an application.

The winning design will be showcased as a bus wrap highlighting the many arts, cultural and entertainment amenities along the Route 1 Corridor, and increase ridership as a way to visit and explore Route 1.

The deadline for submission is Friday, May 4, 2012. The wrap design, which will be highlighted on TheBus: Route 17, should inspire Route 1 communities from Mount Rainier to College Park and



15 VENUES
70 STUDIOS
120 ARTISTS

Flux Studio
Red Dirt Studio
Hyattsville Arts Alliance
Washington Glass School
Gateway Arts Center
Allen Binstock Studio
EZ Storage Art Studios
And more...



8TH ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY GATEWAY ARTS
DISTRICT OPEN STUDIO TOUR

May 12, 2012 // 12:00 to 5:00 PM
After Party 5:30 to 8:00 PM

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The Gateway Community Development Corporation drives economic revitalization along the U.S. Route 1 Corridor through business and neighborhood development initiatives including promotion of the arts as a community building strategy.

Volunteer Fair
Making A Difference: ARTS 1x1
The PGAHC will be hosting a volunteer for the arts campaign. Stop by tables to hear exciting opportunities to get involved.

www.gatewayopenstudios.org
For more information please call 202-643-3381



Public Input Meetings Focus on Future Cable TV Needs & Interests

As part of the cable television franchise renewal process with Comcast, the City of Mount Rainier will be conducting two public hearings on April 10, 2012 and May 1, 2012 to allow residents to comment on desired future cable television service needs and local public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access programming needs and interests.

These public hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the City Municipal Building located at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 in the Council Chambers, second level.

These meetings are not intended to just examine past performance, but rather to look to what is needed by the community going forward. The public will be allowed to offer brief opinions and views on future needs for cable television and PEG access programming and information. Attendees wishing to address the meeting will be asked to sign in when arriving, and will then be able to speak for up to three (3) minutes during that meeting.



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 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 April 2012 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, April 18, 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.

A random sampling of residents and local businesses may be contacted via a written survey soon inviting their feedback and input on current and future needs and interests. Those who receive the surveys are asked to respond electronically or to the media contact person identified above.

The input gathered from these surveys and the public meetings will assist in determining the future cable television-related needs and interests for the community within a new Comcast cable television franchise agreement.

SAVE THE DATE

**Mount Rainier
Day Festival
Saturday,
May 19, 2012
11 am — 6 pm**

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

Unless noted all council meetings occur at 7 pm at City Hall

APRIL 10, 2012

APRIL 17, 2012

MAY 1, 2012

MAY 15, 2012

JUNE 6, 2012

JUNE 20, 2012

Schools, Youth & Recreation

Kids Playgroup

Join in our weekly Thursday evening playgroup! Starting between 5 p.m. until dusk (8 p.m.) at the 30th Street Park (between Taylor & Upshur). Don't forget toys, balls, scooters, bikes, big wheels, etc. See you there! Playgroup is cancelled if it is raining.

Delegate Niemann offers College Scholarship

One of the best things about being in the Maryland General Assembly is that we have the opportunity to award small scholarships to residents of District 47 so that they can attend college, university, trade or vocational school.

Del. Niemann is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2012-13 school year. These are small scholarship, that can help with books and other expenses.

To receive a scholarship, you must live in the 47th District and you must plan on attending a college, university, vocational or trade school that is located in the State of Maryland.

To get an application, visit www.doyleniemann.com. There is a link on the home page to more information on the program and a downloadable application form.

Complete the downloaded form and return it to Del. Niemann's office in Annapolis, along with any other requested information. The District 47 scholarship team will review them and decisions will be made over the summer.



Mount Rainier Nature & Recreation Center
4701 31st Place
Mount Rainier, MD 20712
Phone: 301-927-2163
www.pgparcs.com



School Programs: Curriculum-based natural science and cultural history programs for students. We can bring the program to your location. Call us to arrange your program
Available dates: Tue-Fri, 9:00-5:00

Adventure Seekers (Ages 8-12): Saturday, April 7th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$3(\$4). C&O Canal National Historical ParkPotomac, Maryland
SMARTLink# 722165

Saturday, April 28, 10:00am-5:00pm, Fee: FREE. Maryland Day, University of Maryland-College Park, Maryland

Outdoor Adventurers (Ages 18 & up) - April 14, 8:00am-5:00pm, Fee: \$5 (\$6). Patuxent Research Refuge Laurel, Maryland Fort Smallwood Park, Pasadena, Maryland.

SMARTLink# 722415

Zumba (Ages 15 & up): A fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic and exciting workout plus toning and abdominal exercises. Each session has four classes and drop-ins are welcome. Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm, Fee: \$25 (\$30) per session.

SMARTLink# 722365

Nature Club (Ages 5-11): Tuesdays, 6:30pm-7:30 pm, Fee: \$2 per child. Bring your child with you to Zumba plus and they will enjoy an assortment of 'nature'-lly fun activities. Snacks provided.

Flag football (Ages 8-17): Wednesdays of April and May, Fee: \$10 per session. Learn the rules and fundamentals of flag football. Ages 8-12, 3:00pm-4:30pm, **SMARTLink# 889765**. Ages 13-17, 4:30pm-5:00pm, **SMARTLink# 889865**.

Xtreme Teens: Tuesdays 3:00pm-6:00pm and Fridays from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Tuesdays this month: GO GO BAND SKILLS CLASS (Ages 10-17), FREE. Friday night activities might include: movie night, field trips, and more! Call us for info.

Open Recreation (Ages 10-17) - Tuesdays, 3:00pm-6:00pm, FREE. Enjoy indoor and outdoor recreational activities. Play games, sports, crafts, music and much more. Permission slip required.

Making the Band (Ages 13-17): Tuesdays, 3:00pm-6:00pm, Fee: FREE. Learn how to make music, practice putting together shows, and socialize other musically oriented teens.

Live Animal Show (Ages 2 & up): Saturday, April 28th, 12:00pm-2:00pm Fee: \$2 per child. Observe, touch, and learn about the live animals through hands-on experiences.
SMARTLink# 722264

FY 2013 Budget Schedule

| DATE | EVENT |
|---------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, April 5, 2012 | Notice in Port Towns Gazette about Public Hearing on proposed FY 2013 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate scheduled for April 17, 2012. |
| Thursdays, April 10, 2012 | Mayor and Council Meeting; special work session on FY 2013 Budget. |
| Tuesday, April 17, 2012 | Public hearing and public comment on proposed FY 2013 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on FY 2013 Budget. |
| Tuesday, May 1, 2012 | Mayor and Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on FY 2013 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate. |

Community Happenings

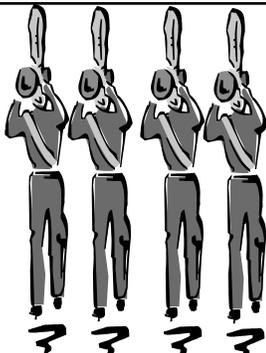
Artwork Valuation Workshops, April 24 & 25, 7-9 PM, Advanced Registration Required
Brentwood Arts Exchange @ Gateway Arts Center, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue
Brentwood, MD 20722, To register go to arts.pgpark.com or call (301) 277-2863 * TTY (301) 446-6802 * All ages welcome * Free

April 24: Setting the Price – Presented by Lauren Gentile: A participatory workshop where artists can sign up to have their work appraised by Contemporary Wing founder and independent appraiser, Lauren Gentile. Lauren will discuss the proper pricing of artworks, giving insight into the factors that affect pricing from the perspective of a gallerist and appraiser.

Day 2, April 25: Protecting the Value – Moderated by Lisa Gold: This panel discussion focusing on understanding the risks that can affect the value of an artist's work, both before and after a sale, will offer a diverse range of perspectives from experts in the areas of insurance, valuation, and conservation.

Workshops are sponsored by the WPA & are a part of the Washington Project for the Arts' No Artist Left Behind Series. The Business of Art, a Workshop Series for Visual Artists, is presented by the Brentwood Arts Exchange and the Gateway Community Development Corporation with support from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council. The workshops are designed to provide skills and answers for artists seeking to earn more from their work. Topics include tips on marketing, copyright issues, pricing, and improving your portfolio presentations.

Mount Rainier Day Festival
Saturday May 19, 2012
11 am—6 pm



Forest of the Mind: Laura G. Thorne and Marcia Wolfson-Ray, April 9 – June 2, 2012, Opening Reception: Saturday, April 21. 5-8pm, Free, All Ages Welcome, Brentwood Arts Exchange @ Gateway Arts Center, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722, (301) 277-2863 * TTY (301) 446-6802

The Brentwood Arts Exchange presents a captivating exploration of disparate materials and natural forms in this show of sculptures by Laura G. Thorne and Marcia Wolfson-Ray.

Thorne combines steel, aluminum, glass, ceramic, and found, natural materials to create objects that are deeply imbued with mystery, at once familiar and alien. Baltimore-based Marcia Wolfson-Ray builds three dimensional rhythms and patterns from grasses, reeds, bamboo, and other dried plants collected from marshes, fields, and vacant city-lots.

Each working in her own way and own directions, their work comes together in an irresistible harmony in their embrace of mystery and improvisation and their surprising ability to fascinate us through forms that we may have seen elsewhere under different contexts, but never quite like this.

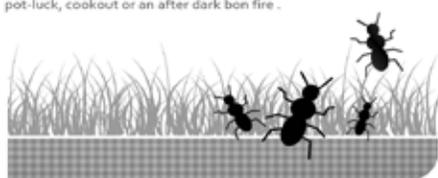


Better Block "Block By Block"

Mount Rainier's Neighborhood Watch encourages you to help maintain our community, "Block by Block". In keeping with our goal of fostering community and making our community more 'walkable'. We invite you to join in with the efforts of the Better Block Project. We encourage you to elect a "Block Captain" and organize a clean up of your block: paying special attention to lots, sidewalks and tree boxes.

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012

Coordinate with your neighbors on the block cleanup to organize a plant swap, pot-luck, cookout or an after dark bon fire.



Route 1 Bus Wrap

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\$500.00 honorarium for their designs. The final selected artist/s / designer/s receive a \$4,000.00 honorarium for their design.

The project is generously sponsored by The Route 1 Ride Collaborative and its Municipal members in celebration of the role that the arts play in the Gateway Arts District and the revitalization of Prince George's County.

The deadline for submission is Friday, May 4, 2012. For additional information on the Route 1 Wrap Call for Artists or to download an application, please visit www.Route1Ride.com.

VENDORS WANTED
Mount Rainier Day
Saturday May 19, 2012
11 am—6 pm
Contact Ms. Lomax at
301-985-6585

APRIL 28, 2012
12-5 PM
BETTER BLOCK PROJECT
MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND

Transforming vacancy to vibrancy, Design by Valerie Theberge

ACTIVITIES

- Citizen Paint Project
- Shop Local Initiative
- Artist and Business Partnerships
- Pop-up Gallery
- Food
- Youth Activities
- Local Vendors
- Live Music
- Workshops on Green Living

SPECIALTY RECYCLING

Bring Your:

- drink pouches
- electronics
- ink cartridges
- batteries
- documents for shredding
- cork

PARTNERS

Gateway Community Development Corporation
 Mount Rainier Business Association
 Mount Rainier City Public Works
 Neighborhood Design Center
 Joe's Movement Emporium
 Many artists and community members

Sweeping the AVENUE

Mt. Rainier Elementary Book Swap & Ice Cream Social

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012
 Place: First Baptist Church of Mt. Rainier's Parking Lot
 Time: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 BRING ICE CREAM FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

- FYI**
- For every book you bring to the book swap, you will receive one ticket to trade for a "new" book.
 - You may send in books for the book swap anytime during the months of April and May. Please send books to school in a bag with your child's first and last name and his/her teacher's name.
 - If you choose to send in your books prior to the book swap, your swap tickets will be waiting for you at the door the day of the swap. (This option is encouraged and will help with swap preparations.) Send in your books before the day of the book swap and receive **ONE FREE** ticket!
 - Please try to R.S.V.P so that we can order enough ice cream for all to enjoy. Return the slip to school as soon as possible.

Yes, the _____ family will be attending the _____ (Family's name) Mt. Rainier Elementary Book Swap & Ice Cream Social.

Number of people who will be attending: _____

I am willing to volunteer the day of the swap.

The best time for me to work would be: ___ 11:00-11:30 ___ 12:00-12:30
 ___ 1:00 - 1:30 ___ 2:00- 2:30

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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- ✓ NON-EMERGENCY (301) 352-1200

JUST TAKE IT WITH YOU BEFORE THE THIEVES DO!

CHIEF'S BLOG

MRPD Officers CPTED Certified

The Mount Rainier Police Department is one of many law enforcement agencies to participate in intense three day training sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, better known as CPTED.

CPTED, a concept which started over twenty years ago, is a vastly growing practice through the United States and in some cases, the world. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design is based on a premise that "The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime and incidents of crime, and to an improvement in the quality of life".

CPTED strategies are ideal for law enforcement officers, city planners, architects, security consultants, educators and anyone involved in designing neighborhoods, schools, down town districts, commercial and industrial building, or revitalization efforts.

CPTED is an effective way of fighting crime and promoting a better way of life for all involved. The goal is to promote and influence positive human behavior. CPTED is firmly based on four principals: Natural Access Control, Natural Surveillance, Territoriality, and Maintenance.

During the three day course hosted by CPTED Senior Instructor Chuck Sczuroski of the National Crime Prevention Council and Bill Welsh of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), PFC Tuk Carpenter of the Mount Rainier Police Department learned how to implement the CPTED principals into his regular routines as a law enforcement officer. During his training, he completed and

passed two in-depth projects which included; applying all the principals into a practical format and then giving a classroom presentation to his peers. PFC Carpenter, who was one of 14 students including two Bladensburg police officers, learned how to give an in depth security and safety survey on properties to include residential, commercial, education and parking garages.

During the Train-the-Trainer course, PFC Carpenter learned about human behavior and CPTED; barriers – real versus symbolic to include fencing, landscaping, and interior walls; the importance of lighting for safety; planning and zoning; city ordinances and CPTED; report writing; neighborhood reviews; and traffic calming.

The Mount Rainier Police Department is happy to announce that PFC Carpenter is now CPTED certified through the National Crime Prevention Council and is available to your home or business to complete an in-depth security and safety survey at your convenience. Contact the MRPD at 301-985-6565 to schedule an appointment.

Learn more about CPTED and how it can positively affect our community online at: <http://www.ncpc.org/training/training-topics/crime-prevention-through-environmental-design-cpted-/benefits-of-cpted>.



12th Annual SWEEPING THE AVENUE April 1 to May 12



Join us at Joe's Movement Emporium as we utilize creative strategies for recycling and waste reduction. Neighbors, please save specialty recycling materials for our unique collections this year. Save your corks or cork products; household batteries; drink pouches; electronics; and ink cartridges. Stay tuned for requests for other items! For a full schedule of events visit www.joesmovement.org. And be sure to follow the trash strategies at @SweepingTheAve.

Farmers Market



Opening Day, Saturday, May 5, 2012 City Hall Plaza, 10 am—2 pm

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! You will not see cantaloupes at our market in June or pineapples at any table!

Each week, vendors will offer seasonal produce and goods -fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, honey 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.

We encourage you to talk with the farmers and other vendors. Many have great recipes for their products as well as tips on growing your own garden. Get to know the person that helps keep you and your family healthy. We hope to see you there!

Market Volunteers Needed

The Mount Rainier Farmers Market needs community volunteers on Saturdays, May 5th through October 27th, 2012 to help staff the City table. The Market hours are 10 am to 2 pm. Please contact Ivy Thompson at friendsforivy@gmail.com to help.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

| DATE | PARTICULARS |
|----------|--|
| April 2 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up |
| April 4 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 6 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| April 9 | Yard Waste Pick Up |
| April 11 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 13 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| April 16 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up |
| April 18 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 20 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| April 23 | Yard Waste Pick Up |
| April 25 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| April 27 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| April 30 | Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 2 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 4 | Recyclables Pick Up |
| May 7 | Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up |
| May 9 | Regular Trash Pick Up |
| May 11 | Recyclables 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
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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