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ISSUE 341

# The Message

MOUNT RAINIER, A CITY ON THE MOVE!

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## MUNICIPAL OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY ■ DECEMBER 7th

### YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY FUN!

MEET YOUR CITY STAFF AND LEARN WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

**FOOD ■ SPEAKERS ■ INFORMATION**

Wednesday, December 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

3 Locations

#### City Hall

1 Municipal Place

#### Police Department

3249 Rhode Island Ave

#### Public Works

3715 Wells Avenue

**VISIT ALL 3 LOCATIONS AND RECEIVE A PRIZE**

# GET TO KNOW **YOUR** CITY STAFF



## **MIRANDA BRAATZ** City Manager

This issue of *The Message* showcases some new and some familiar faces at City Hall. The staff and I are excited to invite you to our open house on December 7th, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, at City Hall, Public Works, and the Police Department. We hope you will come and join us for great conversation and wonderful food. The City has two new Departments created to provide responsive services to our residents. Director Watkins of the Code Enforcement Department is here to serve you with proactive code enforcement. Mr. Unsolo Holley is our new Director of Administrative Service. We are here for you! Feel free to provide comments, questions, and feedback to Mount Rainier City Staff at City Hall anytime. My email is [Mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:Mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org) and my phone number is 301-985-6585. Mount Rainier is an incredibly vibrant community which I enjoy serving everyday!

**I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT THE OPEN HOUSE!**

## **UNSOLO HOLLEY** Director of Administrative Services

Unsolo Holley, II is the Director of Administrative Services for the City of Mount Rainier. In this capacity, he is responsible for all aspects of human resources, procurement, and civic engagement. Mr. Holley earned his Bachelors in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and his Masters in City and Regional Planning from Morgan State University.

Mr. Holley has experience facilitating In-service training for federal workforce development grantees and has successfully managed an occupational training program for seven years. He has over five years in program/human resource management. Mr. Holley is currently appointed to the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services Advisory Board.

Mr. Holley is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and a die-hard Ravens fan. He is passionate about youth engagement and looks forward to cultivating relationships with civic organizations. Mr. Holley is accessible to residents who have questions, concerns, and ideas as to how we can improve our city. Please contact him at 301-985-6585 or by email at [uholley@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:uholley@mountrainiermd.org).

## **RAMON WATKINS** Director of Code Enforcement

We at the City of Mount Rainier Code Enforcement Department

welcome the city's citizens, visitors, businesses and contractors. The City of Mount Rainier Code Enforcement Department is located in City Hall. Ramon Watkins is the Director of Code Enforcement and Ruth Sandy is the city's Property Maintenance Inspector.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of the City's Code of Ordinances. Applications for building permits, dumpster permits, noise permits and vacant property and vacant lot registration are available through our office. We pride ourselves in customer service.

Please feel free to stop by, call or email. Ramon Watkins can be reached at 240-508-2253 or [rwatkins@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:rwatkins@mountrainiermd.org).

## **SAMANTHA OLATUNJI** Director of Economic Development

Samantha Olatunji is the city's Director of Economic Development. Samantha was hired in August 2014 and came to the city with 11 years experience in Community and Economic Development in Prince George's County. She holds a Bachelors in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!), and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and (Go Hokies!). Samantha is a Certified Planner with the American Planning Association (APA) and a member of the International Economic Development



OPPOSITE: Miranda Braatz, Mount Rainier City Manager; ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Unsolo Holley, Director of Administrative Services; Vijay Manjani, City Treasurer; Kimberly Simpson, Accounting Assistant; Samantha Olantunji, Director of Economic Development. "We all look forward to meeting you at the Open House!"

Council (IEDC). She is responsible for performing a variety of administrative, technical and professional work in preparation and implementation of economic development plans, programs, and services. Samantha will also be working on strengthening the city's marketing and promotion strategy. Some of you may have seen her on Facebook, out in the community taking photos, or visiting local businesses.

Samantha is a native of the U.S. Virgin Islands. She enjoys spending quality time with family; running; traveling; good food, music and dancing. She is intrigued by people, cool places, and old architecture. Contact Samantha at [solatunji@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:solatunji@mountrainiermd.org) if you have ideas for improving our commercial areas; if you are interested in opening a business or applying for a building improvement grant; developing a site; or if you are a local artist and/or sculptor interested in public art.

### **VIJAY MANJANI** City Treasurer

The Department of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, preparation of the operating and capital budgets, accounts payable, accounts receivable, managing investments, payroll services, purchasing supplies and equipment, grant financial reporting and arranging for debt financing.

Further, the department is responsible for management of the City's cash flow and ensuring that there are enough funds available to meet day to day payments. The City Treasurer engages in financial analysis in areas such as forecasting, budgeting, cost reduction analysis, reviewing operational performance and checks & balances in control structure.

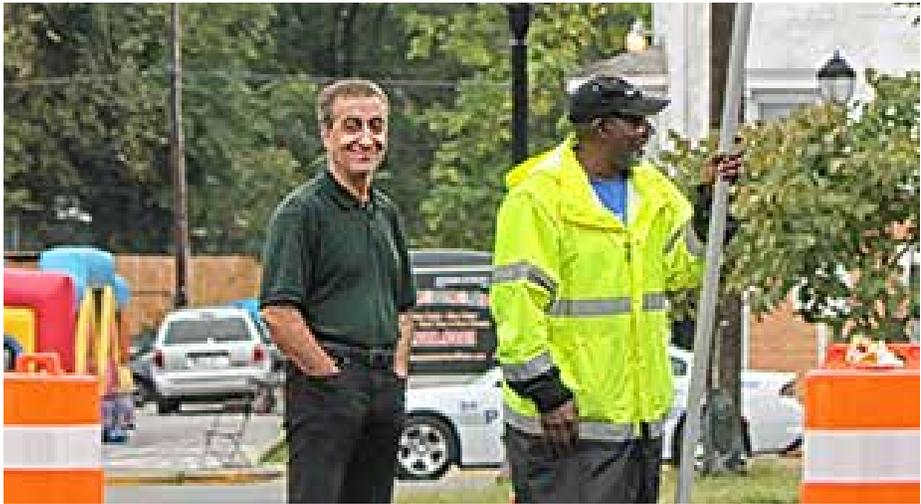
The finance department coordinates the annual independent certified audit, and prepares the Uniform Financial Report for

filing with the Department of Legislative Services, State of Maryland.

The Department of Finance consists of two employees: Mr. Vijay Manjani, City Treasurer and Mrs. Kimberly Simpson, Accounting Assistant. The office is located in the main lobby of City Hall. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, except City holidays.

Mr. Manjani can be reached at 301-985-6586, ext. 23 or [vmanjani@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:vmanjani@mountrainiermd.org).

Can't make the Open House, but have an idea? Email City Manager Miranda Braatz, [mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org) your new idea, thought, comment, question or concern!



ABOVE, LEFT: Director of Public Works, Mr. Kamali pictured here with former Director of Public Works Luther Smith (retired). To the right, employee Noah Dickson gives the thumbs up for a job well done!

The mission of the Mount Rainier Public Works Department is to deliver services in a responsive, cost efficient and effective manner to residents of the City of Mount Rainier in support of the Mayor and Council’s strategic plan, by a workforce that is diverse, committed, motivated and empowered. The Public Works department is responsible for maintaining City streets, parks, and municipal buildings, as well as working with the Tree Commission to care for the City’s trees. The Public Works Department provides waste management services including recycling, yard waste, trash, bulk trash, and electronic recycling. Additionally, the Public Works Department operates the Call A Bus paratransit service in our community.

The Department welcomed Kourosh Kamali as the Public Works Director in July. The team is comprised of a group of dedi-

cated and hard-working drivers and laborers lead by Assistant Director Michael Barnes. Jessica Love has joined the department as the Administrative Assistant and Tree Commission and Green Team Liaison after completing her Chesapeake Conservation Corps fellowship with the City.

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**SHOP, DINE, PLAY**

Keep it Local for the Holidays!

Visit MRBA business association at:  
[www.mountrainierbusiness.com](http://www.mountrainierbusiness.com)

And the City Events website for Calendar of local events and information at:  
[www.themountrainierexperience.com](http://www.themountrainierexperience.com)

# A NOTE FROM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL SCOTT

For this month's edition of *The Message*, I was asked to write a couple of paragraphs describing what the police do. I have struggled to come up with something since I'm sure that everyone in our community has a good idea of what the police do here in Mount Rainier - which is pretty much what police departments do in every town across America. *However, our approach is maybe just a little bit different.* We believe that our mission is not just writing tickets, arresting criminal offenders, directing traffic at our elementary schools and special events like Mount Rainier Day, or cooking hot dogs at Public Safety Night. While we do all of these things, and hundreds more, they are just a part of our core philosophy; *to care for our community.* Not simply to serve as city employees, but to actually become the thread that binds all of us into a vibrant community. A community where we can be trusted to care for the well-being of all residents, business persons and visitors.

You will see this philosophy, mission and goal written on each of our marked police vehicles. "Caring for our Community." This is not simply a slogan or catch phrase, rather it's a reminder to our officers and to those we serve that we are committed to insuring that our efforts consistently place the members of our community above all else; and that we strive every day to earn your trust.

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# MAYOR'S NOTE

Our City is small, unique, and is host to our homes whether we live in apartments, single family residences, or other multi-family dwellings. It is where we live, and often where we work and play. Each of us moved here for various reasons, but we have stayed here for pretty much the same reasons - that sense of community; that sense of belonging; that sense of purpose, and of course our special brand of politics!

## Allison Street Levee

Allison Street Levee construction/reconstruction by the County (DER) is still on the list for 2017. For the past several months, there has been some ongoing work on the levee that may not be obvious to many, but 2017 is expected to be the beginning of the major construction. Much of the recent work has been testing the soil, evaluating the existing levee, and making final decisions on the direction that is best for the County to go to meet the new Federal standard for levees. (The project was to be completed by the end of 2015.)

There is a new FEMA requirement for homeowners in the area to buy flood insurance. That is different from what was reported out before. I am seeking additional information and will provide these details in my next report.

## Halloween Party

The Halloween Party was a booming success. Thank you to everyone that helped to make it possible and to all the parents who came by and brought their children. Based on your request, I believe we can repeat it again next year. So, mark your calendars. **Note: DOUBLE thanks to Family Dollar for their candy donation.** This generous donation kept us from running completely out before 7:30 PM. If you have ideas and/or suggestions or would just like to help with this next year, please let me know. Reminder to parents: Always check your children's Halloween Candy. Safety First!

## Emergency Preparedness Committee

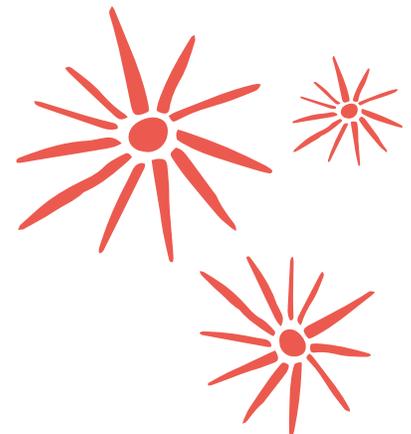
The Emergency Preparedness Committee is off to a good start and is still accepting participants. The next meeting of the committee is January 24, 2017. Please contact me at [mayormiles@gmail.com](mailto:mayormiles@gmail.com) for more information.

## ACCS

The ACCS (Associated Churches for Community Service) is meeting regularly at Greater Rock Creek Baptist Church. ACCS is the group that helped our residents last year by providing the following:



Last winter, thanks to the dedicated members of the ACCS (Associated Churches for Community Service), a total of \$5,450 was used to help residents in need in our community.



- \$450 to turn on lights and water
- \$400 to stop one eviction
- \$450 to stop another eviction
- \$700 to help family move because home was condemned
- \$700 to pay for lights, water, and phone for single mother
- \$2,500 to catch-up back rent for a senior being evicted
- \$300 for young mother with child in need of rental assistance

Last winter, thanks to the dedicated members of the ACCS, a total of \$5,450 was used to help residents in need in Mount Rainier, as well as a family in neighboring Brentwood where a small child was at risk.

The holiday season is here. We all need to be very diligent and mindful that there are those amongst us who have much less than we do.



In the spirit of the season and those who would be politically correct, I hereby declare the rest of 2016 as *Mount Rainier's Season of Love, Caring, and Giving*; and wish that neighbors will help one another not only during the remainder of December 2016, but throughout 2017.

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Kwanza

And peace and blessings to all including those who celebrate nothing!

- Mayor Malinda Miles

## LEGISLATION SUMMARY

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution 10-2016**

A Resolution which approves the financing terms and authorizing the execution and delivery of financing documents with Branch Banking and Trust Company for the purpose of financing the acquisition of three police vehicles and two public works trucks with snow removal packages.

#### **Resolution 09-2016**

A Resolution appointing Nichole Logan as the Supervisor of Elections and Maxine Drakeford as an Election Judge.

### ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinance 05-2016 Marking Parking Spaces**

An Ordinance which allows the Mayor and Council to direct the City Manager to have parking spaced designated in any street block immediately adjacent to the Mixed-Use Town Center Zone.

# GREEN LIVING: How to Stop Phone Book Deliveries

By The Mount Rainier Green Team

A few months ago I came home to a soggy phone book in a plastic bag thrown into the bushes near my porch steps. I was surprised to receive a phone book since I don't even have a landline. I threw the book straight into the recycling bin. Most of us remember a time before the internet when phone books were extremely useful. It was how we found phone numbers of friends and businesses. But today most of us look up numbers online or we have numbers saved in our phones.

So why do we still get phone books? Apparently companies have fought regulations to phase out phone books, specifically the yellow pages, because they contain ads that make these companies money.

According to the nonprofit [www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.org](http://www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.org), in order to print the over 500 million phone books every year distributed in the United States, companies use over:

19 million trees;  
1.6 billion pounds of paper;  
7.2 million barrels of oil; and  
3.2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity.

Yuck! That's a lot of resources to make something that often just gets thrown out.

Additionally, municipalities pay millions of dollars to trash or recycle stacks of discarded phone-books. Many municipalities and states are fighting phone book deliveries but currently almost every household receives a phone book each year.

There is good news though. You can opt out by visiting <https://www.yellowpagesoptout.com/> It is simple to do and will help the environment.

In the meantime, if you get an unwanted phone book delivered to your house, please remember to remove the plastic bag and then put your phone book in the recycling bin. Plastic bags cannot be recycled in Mount Rainier's curbside recycling.



Volunteer to opt out of wasteful phone book distributions.

Visit:

[www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com)



## LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Several Committees and Boards have vacancies. Please email City Manager Miranda Braatz at [Mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:Mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org), for more information.

### Board of Elections

Oversees all aspects of City Elections and runs the Election. 1 Vacancy

### Design Review Board

Reviews variance requests-regarding topics such as lot coverage and home additions. Makes recommendations to Mayor and Council. 1 Vacancy

### Green Team

Meets to discuss green topics such as; green living, recycling, composting, etc. Makes recommendations to City Manager and Mayor and Council on ways to incorporate green policy. Open to residents to join at any time.

### Tree Commission

Responsible for oversight of City Trees and Tree Policy. Makes recommendations to City Manager and Mayor and Council. 1 Vacancy.

### Youth and Recreation Committee

Responsible for engaging youth and recreation in the community. Multiple vacancies.

## A Note from Ward 1 Councilmember Tracy Loh

After almost two wonderful years serving you on the Mount Rainier City Council, my family has decided to relocate to New York City in January of next year in support of a career change for my amazing hero of a husband, Josh Loh. I could never have served this community, with all the evening meetings and extra work, without his unwavering support since I first began campaigning. Now the time has come for Josh's career in service to take priority.



By the terms of our city charter, a nomination to fill my Ward 1 seat on council will be made by my colleague Jesse Christopherson and affirmed by council vote. If you are interested in serving the remaining four months of my term from January until the May 2017 election (at which point a special election for a two-year Ward 1 term will be held), please send a note expressing your interest and qualifications to [tloh@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:tloh@mountrainiermd.org) and [jesseformountrainier@gmail.com](mailto:jesseformountrainier@gmail.com) by December 15. Jesse and I will work together to identify a new representative for Ward 1 to provide a seamless transition upon my anticipated resignation in January of 2017.

*(Committees continued)*

### Tool Shed

The Committee responsible for maintaining and running the community toolshed. Open to residents to join at any time.

### Emergency Preparedness

Responsible for preparing for emergencies and public outreach in case of emergency. Open to residents to join at any time.

## DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT JOE'S

### 22nd annual Mount Rainier Craft Fair

**Saturday, December 3**

**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Our 22nd annual craft fair will once again bring together dozens of local artists and artisans offering hand-crafted gifts and decor, baked goods, and home-cooked lunch!

**Free admission!**

Crafts, food & drink available for purchase.

### NextLOOK: Afro House presents Ebon Kojo: The Last Tribe

**December 9, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

What if a man, struggling against being mechanical, could not accept his son as anything but a machine? Sent from a dying earth, General Ebon Kojo and Ra, 7 have been ordered to "recolored" the distant and barren planet Beta-5. Upon their arrival to Beta-5, Ebon and Ra are confronted with unprecedented realities that transform them both.

**Pay-what-you-wish**

(cash-only at the door)

### A Christmas Carol

Proudly presented by Wolf Pack Theatre Company, Community Crisis Services Inc. and Joe's Movement Emporium

Original adaptation by William Leary.

**Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM**

**Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 17, 2:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 17, 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 18, 3:00 PM**

Based on the Charles Dickens classic tale, this unique and moving musical theatre adaptation is like nothing you've seen in the hundreds of film, television or stage adaptations available.

**Tickets:** Adults \$20; Military, Senior, Student \$15; Student (16 & under) \$10



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Welcome!

We welcomed several new leaders to our local schools this fall. **Jennifer Till** is the new principal of Mount Rainier Elementary School. She comes with 20 years of teaching and leadership experience in Montgomery County. **Dr. Ashanti Foster** is the new principal at Thomas S. Stone Elementary School. She was awarded Assistant Principal of the Year in Prince George's County last year. Dr. Foster is joined by Patricia Crosson as Assistant Principal, and Marquita Kennedy as the Comprehensive Special Education Program (CSEP) Coordinator.

## Love our murals?

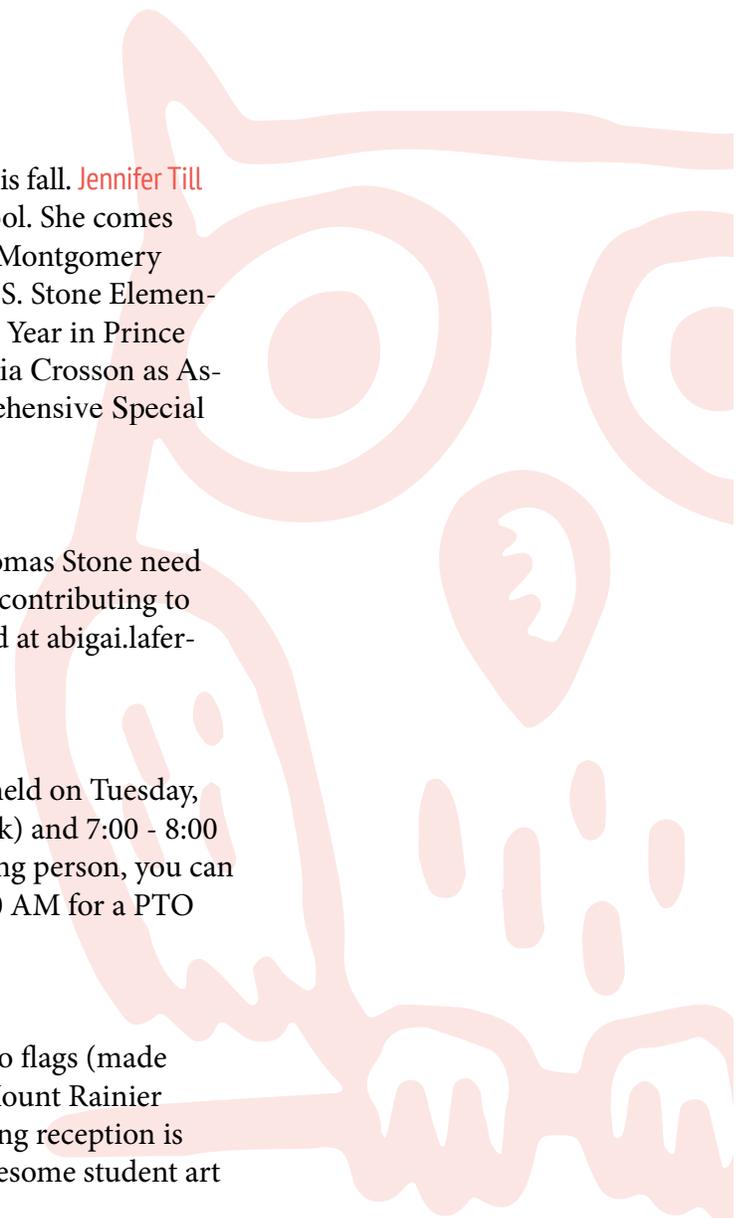
The beautiful murals on the modular classrooms at Thomas Stone need regular upkeep. If you are interested in helping with or contributing to the costly restoration, please contact Abigail Hazelwood at [abigai.laferette@pgcps.org](mailto:abigai.laferette@pgcps.org).

## PTO Meetings

The Mount Rainier Elementary PTO meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 6 and Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 PM (potluck) and 7:00 - 8:00 PM (business meeting). All welcome! If you're a morning person, you can join us on the first Friday morning of the month at 8:00 AM for a PTO check-in and chat with the Principal.

## Art Show at Shortcake

We also have a joint art exhibit showing off papel picado flags (made by Thomas Stone students) and peace flags (made by Mount Rainier students) at the Shortcake Bakery in Hyattsville. Opening reception is tentatively set for Dec 3. Come out and enjoy some awesome student art and some delicious baked goods!



## STORY IDEAS FOR THE MESSAGE?



Let us know if you have ideas for a story, business news, free event or neighborhood star to feature in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Contact **Miranda Braatz**  
[mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org](mailto:mbraatz@mountrainiermd.org)

## LET'S CONNECT!



[City of Mount Rainier](#)



[@MtRainierMD, @MRPDChief](#)



[@OfficialMountRainierMD](#)

Verizon Fios, Channel 21  
Comcast, Channel 71

# WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER

Friday, 12/2	Recycling
Monday, 12/5	Bulk trash*
Wednesday, 12/7	Trash
Friday, 12/9	Recycling
Monday, 12/12	Yard waste**
Wednesday, 12/14	Trash
Friday, 12/16	Recycling
Monday, 12/19	Bulk trash*
Wednesday, 12/21	Trash
Friday, 12/23	Recycling
Wednesday, 12/28	Trash
Friday, 12/30	Recycling

## JANUARY

Tuesday, 1/3	Bulk trash*
Wednesday, 1/4	Trash
Friday, 1/6	Recycling
Monday, 1/9	Yard waste**
Wednesday, 1/11	Trash
Friday, 1/13	Recycling
Tuesday, 1/17	Bulk trash*
Wednesday, 1/18	Trash
Friday, 1/20	Recycling
Wednesday, 1/25	Trash
Friday, 1/27	Recycling

## LEAF COLLECTION

### AREA 1

Pick-up 2: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 11/27 for collection 11/28 - 12/9.

#### BLOCKS:

28th St. 4000 - 4200	Perry St. 3400 - 3700
29th St. 4000 - 4500	Shepherd St. 2800 - 3300
30th St. 3800 - 4600	Taylor St. 2800 - 3200
32nd St. 3800 - 4500	Wells Ave.
34th St. 3700	Newton St.
35th St. 3700	Oak Ln.
36th St. 3700	
37th St. 3500 - 3800	
Eastern Ave. 3400 - 3600	

### AREA 2

Pick-up 2: Rake leaves to curb by Sunday, 12/11 for collection 12/12 - 12/23.

#### BLOCKS:

32nd St. 3800 - 4500	Rainier Ave.
33rd St. 3800 - 4100	Shepherd St. 3400 - 3700
34th St. 3800 - 4500	Taylor St. 3400
35th St. 3800 - 4000	Tilden St. 3400
36th St. 4000	Upshur St. 2800 - 3200
37th St. 4000	Varnum St. 3100 - 3200
Arundel Rd. 3100 - 3200	Webster St. 3100
Bunker Hill Rd. 2900 - 3700	Windom Rd. 3100
Perry St. 3100 - 3300	

### Holiday Schedules

If a holiday falls on a Friday waste collection will be moved to the following Monday. If a holiday falls on a Monday waste collection will be moved to Tuesday.

### Bulk Trash

\*Bulk trash collection is by appointment only on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month and **must be scheduled in advance**. Please call 301-985-6558 or the Department of Public Works at 301-985-6583 by 12:00 noon on the Friday before scheduled collection date.

### Yard Waste

\*\*December through February yard waste is collected the 2nd Monday by appointment only and **must be scheduled in advance**. Please call 301-985-6558 option 2 to schedule a pick-up by 12:00 noon on the Friday before the scheduled collection date.

# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## CITY COUNCIL

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Jesse Christopherson  
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Shivali Shah  
Shivali@ShivaliShah.com  
Contact Council 301-985-6585

### Legislative 47th District

Diana Fennell 301-858-3478  
Delegate Jimmy Tarlau 301-335-6099  
Senator Victor Ramirez 301-858-3745

### District 2

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Rep. Donna Edwards 301-516-7601

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All emergencies 911

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301-985-6565 (non-emergency)  
301-985-6590 (administrative)

Fire 911 Emergency  
301-985-5406 (mon-emergency)

Water - WSSC  
301.206.4002 (emergency)  
301.206.8000 (main)

Washington Gas  
703-750-1000

Electric - PEPSCO 1-877-737-2662  
Live wire 202-872-3432

## CITY RESOURCES

Mount Rainier Library  
301-864-8937  
Monday-Thursday  
11:00AM - 7:00PM (closed 2:00-2:30 PM)  
Closed Fridays  
Mount Rainier Nature Center 301-927-2163  
Mount Rainier Post Office 301-699-8856  
Mount Rainier Bike Co-op 301-277-2110  
Mount Rainier Community Toolshed 301-660-7433  
Call a Bus 240-832-6559 (9:00AM - 2:00PM)  
Tax Assistance/Tax Sale 301-952-4030

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Foreclosure Assistance 877-462-7555  
240.391.6413 www.mdhope.org  
Landlord/Tenant Commission 800-487-6007  
Maryland Home Tax Credit  
Contact City Hall, Finance Department  
Statewide Housing Counseling Services  
800-642-2227  
MD Energy Assistance (MEAP)  
Provides Energy Assistance Limited Funding  
for Free Furnaces 301-909-6330  
Mortgage Assistance  
301-429-7400 www.mmpmaryland.gov  
Public Defender 301-699-2760  
State's Attorney 301-952-3500  
Health Department 301-583-5920  
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