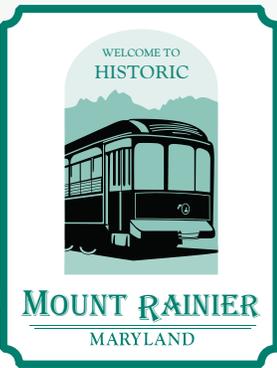


# THE MESSAGE

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1990 City Council



2004 City Council



2005 City Council



2010 City Council

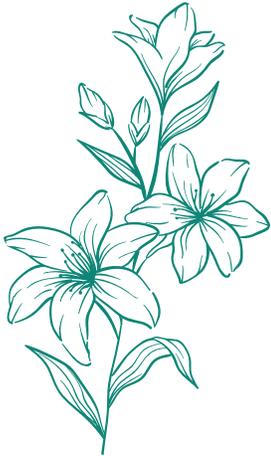
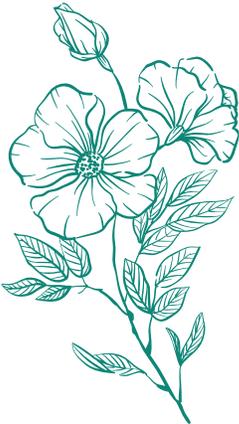


2017 City Council



2019 City Council

## A LIFETIME OF SERVICE: A TRIBUTE TO MAYOR MALINDA MILES



**Mayor Malinda Miles** has been a tireless advocate for the City of Mount Rainier since becoming the first black woman elected to City Council in 1987 and leading the City as Mayor since 2005.

**As Mayor Miles' career comes to a close,** we celebrate her lifetime of service and pay tribute to all the ways she has helped Mount Rainier live up to its reputation as "A City on the Move."

### 1987

First Black Woman  
Elected to City Council

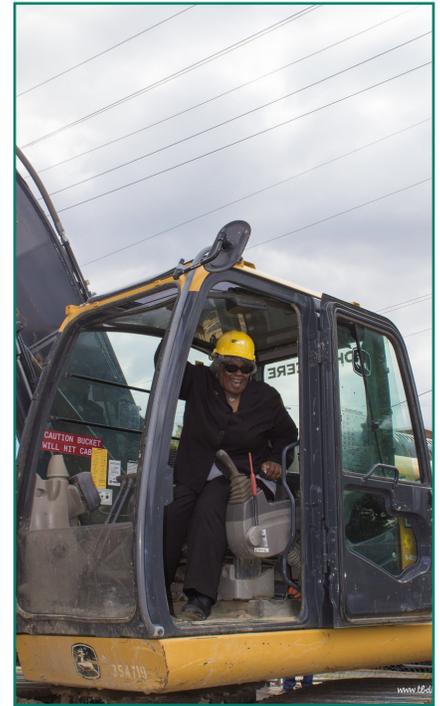
### 4x

Elected to City Council  
and as Mayor 4 times

### 2005

Has led the City  
as Mayor since 2005

# MAYOR MILES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Revitalizing the City's Downtown Core



1996

Helped oversee the purchase & renovation of the building that became the **new Mount Rainier Police Department Headquarters**

2005

Cut the ribbon at the opening of the **Artspace multi-unit building**, the first arts-oriented new construction on Rhode Island Avenue

2008-  
2010

Oversaw purchase & consolidation of **properties on Rhode Island Ave** to create a larger and more development-friendly parcel the City **sold for \$1.5 million**

2010

Successfully lobbied then **Congressman Chris Van Hollen** for federal funds to purchase the property next to the Mount Rainier City Hall building

2010

Has been greatly involved in plans to connect the two municipal buildings into a Civic Center and **successfully lobbied the State of Maryland for over \$150,000** to be used for the project

2021

Completed a **years-long negotiation** to acquire 3503 Perry St. and the adjacent office building at 3505 Perry St.



# MAYOR MILES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Greening the City of Mount Rainier



*Mayor Miles breaking ground for a Net-Zero home in Mount Rainier*

Led the **City effort** to become one of the first municipalities to become Sustainable Maryland Certified through a UMD program that recognizes environmental projects & initiatives

Led City participation in a state-funded effort to **install solar panels on municipal buildings**, which not only reduce the City's electric bill but also **generate extra revenue**

Led the effort to lease an under-utilized **MNCPPC-owned pocket park** on 31st Street that is now a vibrant hub of activity

Became a state-certified **Roadside Tree Care Expert** which allows her to **evaluate the health of trees** in the public right-of-way and promote planting of new trees

Successfully applied for grant funding to establish the **Mount Rainier Tool Lending Library**

Served as a zealous advocate of the **Mount Rainier Bike Co-Op** which is housed in a city-owned property

Settled a dispute with the county school board over ownership of a vacant property that was then developed into a **community vegetable garden**



# Memories of the Mayor

Vote for a LEADER —

Vote for MALINDA MILES



MAYOR



Malinda Miles

Greetings! I am seeking your support and vote for my candidacy to represent you the residents of Ward 2. I have been a resident of Mount Rainier since 1968. I have always been active and have exhibited community spirit and leadership. I have experience as: A concerned citizen and resident of Mount Rainier, a City Councilwoman in the City of Mount Rainier, the owner of a full service human resource corporation, a manager for the National Education Association, president and vice president of several civic organizations, a representative to local, county, and state governments, a single parent and grandmother, a home owner and landlord, a neighbor, and an activist.

My educational background includes labor relations and equal employment, student personnel administration, management, human resources, budget development and history and government.

A vote for Malinda Miles on May 3, 1993, is a vote for . . .  
Leadership  
Education  
Action  
Dedication  
Experience and  
Reaffirmation for Mount Rainier

Our family, The Parks, moved to Mt. Rainier in 1988 and **fell in love with the spirit, the feel, the vibe, and activities in Mt. Rainier.**

We began getting involved in the city with different groups including Recreation Council and the Neighbors United for Justice and Peace and other neighbors groups. When Malinda became Mayor we started going to meetings and got to know her through working on committees. Also Malinda is our neighbor living around the corner.

**Malinda brings a big heart full of love, care, compassion, and generosity. She embodies the values of Dr. Martin Luther King and wants everyone to feel welcomed and part of the circle.**

I remember her support for the children and Peace Camp, Bike Coop to name a few. **She brings determination, commitment, and lots of passion to her work. Malinda is a leader and likes to bring lots of energy and spirit to her projects.**

We want to thank Mayor Miles for all the hours, energy and spirit she has given to the City of Mt. Rainier and helping make it be **a City of wonderful values, including care for others, earth and the world.**

Mayor Miles worked with our organization, Little Friends For Peace, in bringing a Peace Park to Mt. Rainier and helping to establish May as a Month of Peace in Mt. Rainier. Also Mayor Miles was very supportive of the Peace Camps.

**We send our gratitude for all you have done, Mayor Miles, and we wish you well. May you have some special peace time for yourself and family as you follow new paths.**

Peace on the journey and lots of gratitude,

**-MJ and Jerry Park  
Little Friends For Peace**

# Memories of the Mayor

To my good friend Mayor Malinda Miles, congratulations on your decades of leadership in Prince George's County.

Starting on the school board, then turning your attention to the Mount Rainier City Council, **you have passionately led the charge to break down barriers, diversify the City of Mount Rainier, and provide voices to those who may not have had one.**

**You leave the city as a vibrant mixture of diverse culture and economic opportunity.** Mayor Miles, your presence has not only been felt in this great City of yours but across our entire state.

**You have mentored, led, supported, and encouraged younger municipal mayors and council members across the state of Maryland.** You have provided leadership to the Maryland Black Mayors and helped anyone in need.

I am so proud that I've been here to watch your work. I appreciate the decades long relationship built on the foundation of service and commitment to others.

Mayor Miles, we are indebted to you for your service. Thank you, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

**-Ben Cardin  
U.S. Senator for Maryland**



# Memories of the Mayor



Over the course of many years, I've gotten to know Malinda Miles as a colleague and as a dear friend and was proud to partner with her on key issues when I represented Mount Rainier in the United States House of Representatives.

Mayor Miles' story begins long before either of us met. Her career stretches back to 1987 **when she successfully ran for a seat on the City Council and made Mount Rainier history as the first black woman to represent Ward 2.**

Throughout the transformation this City has experienced, a City that continues to evolve and grow, one thing has never changed: **Malinda's steadfast commitment to this community. She tackles each of the fresh challenges that come her way with wisdom and resolve.**

**Her passion for people has never waned. She is a pillar of this community.** Somebody who knows and respects the people she serves and someone who fights each and every day to ensure the government serves the needs of our fellow Marylanders.

Her retirement marks the close of a storied chapter, but I know she will continue to serve all of our communities and maintain that same commitment she has shown for decades. **I know that because service is in Melinda's soul,** and her lifetime of dedication to Mount Rainier does not end simply because her time as mayor has come to a close.

**I want to congratulate my friend, Mayor Miles, on her lifetime of service,** salute her for all she has done for the good people of Mount Rainier, and wish her a very happy retirement. **We love you, Malinda. Take care,**

**-Chris Van Hollen  
U.S. Senator for Maryland**



# 2019 Hall of Fame Maryland Municipal League



## Mayor Malinda Miles



*Thank you, Malinda Miles!*

**Mayor:  
2005 - 2021**

**Councilmember  
Ward 2:**

**1987-1989**

**1993-1997**

**2003-2005**



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