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Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan, September 2

The Maryland Dept. of Planning has been working with a committee of citizens and businessowners over the past two years to develop a proposed vision statement, goals, and plans for the city's main business district and neighboring areas. An open house was held in February to present the plan to the public. The urban renewal plan is a guide for future revitalization. Copies of the proposed plan and maps are available at City Hall. The Council will hold a public hearing on the plan, Tuesday Sept. 2, 7 p.m., City Hall.

In addition to serving as a guide for future development and revitalization of the Town Center, the Plan also fulfills a requirement of the city charter that Mt. Rainier have an Urban Renewal Plan in order to use its condemnation authority. The centerpiece of the Plan is a map that identifies sites for possible redevelopment, opportunities for new and upgraded parking lots, and locations suitable for public space, including parks and plazas. The Plan is designed to address four aspects of a vision for the Town Center, identified after months

of public input garnered through individual interviews and public meetings:

- The Town Center projects an attractive, vibrant, and unique image that reflects its historic, small town character and charm.
- The Town Center shall serve as a civic, commercial, and residential center for Mt. Rainier and surrounding communities.
- The vitality of Mt. Rainier and its Town Center is built upon strong and supportive relationships and partnerships among businesses, property owners, residents, civic associations, government officials, government staff, houses of worship, schools, and the arts community.
- The Town Center provides a variety of safe and convenient transportation alternatives, including walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving.

The boundaries of the Plan extend along Rhode Island Avenue from the District of Columbia to the Town of Brentwood, and along 34th Street from just west of Bunker Hill Road to just east of Rhode Island Avenue.

City departments will be closed to observe Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 1. Yard waste and bulk trash (by appt.) will be picked up on Tues., Sept. 2

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National Night Out

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. The event will take place at City Hall Plaza. Join us for an evening of food, music, and fun. Come see the Redskin Cheerleaders, clowns, play on the moon-bounce. After the event, we will walk through our City (or at least a few blocks). Contact Officers Herriott, Ferencin or Williams for additional information.

Mayor's Report

by Mayor Bryan Knedler

Mount Rainier Day

Mount Rainier Day is back and what a great success! The volunteer committee did a brilliant job and demonstrated how a small determined group can organize a successful event. I admit that when the City Manager asked for volunteers to bring Mount Rainier Day back, I was dubious. Could it really be done by volunteers? With virtually no city money involved? But their dedication paid off for all of us. Several businesses donated money and/or services to the effort. The long dormant Community Preservation League donated about \$800 to the event. \$500 of that amount was from a grant given to the League by the Port Towns Gazette several years ago for a community event, but the League was never able to organize another House Tour, so the money finally was put to good use.

HIP Artist Apartments Open!

Utilizing the arts as a revitalization tool has been happening for some time now (Joe's Movement Emporium, Latin American Folk Institute, artists in the warehouses on Otis St., public art at the roundabout, etc.), but the grand opening of the Artist Apartments at Perry/33rd is a milestone. The formerly derelict brick-box building has been transformed into a vibrant home for artists who will be required to donate time to the community in teaching, producing public art, etc. Congratulations and thank you to the HIP staff and many programs that helped fund the project.

Van Hollen Tours Area

Our new Congressman, Chris Van Hollen, toured the Gateway Arts District and Port Towns in July to familiarize himself with the major projects of the area. Van Hollen (D-Dist. 8) said the tour gave him the opportunity to meet key players in the Route 1 corridor and provided ideas on how to assist their efforts. Port Towns

Gazette coverage: www.gazette.net/200329/porttowns/news/168544-1.html.

City Web Site

Our volunteer webmaster, Sandra Joseph, continues to improve and update the website. Visit at www.mountrainiermd.org.

Demolition Bill

The Port Towns Gazette ran an article about Council Bill-41, aka the Demolition Bill. Public hearings on the bill will be held in the future. The Demolition Bill would allow the county to tear down a building deemed dangerous and unsafe by building code officials within 30 days of public notice of intent to demolish, circumventing the process that currently takes 12 to 18 months. The bill also would allow the county to demolish an unsafe building without going to court. A lien would be placed on the property after the county razes the building to recoup the county's demolition costs and the costs to remove the debris and eradicate rats. The county's demolition bill closely resembles Chicago's Fast Track Demolition program. For entire Port Towns Gazette coverage: www.gazette.net/200329/porttowns/news/168543-1.html.

Verlette Simon Sings

Mount Rainier acoustic singer Verlette Simon released her first solo CD, "Elements," in Dec. 2002. She awed the Mount Rainier Day crowd with her stunning voice. She sang late in the day and I was already walking home when I heard her voice and I had to go back and listen. Simon's music combines different music genres, ranging from gospel and rock 'n' roll to country and R&B. She also teaches voice lessons. For information on upcoming performances or to purchase the CD, visit www.verlettes.com. To read Jeffrey Lyles' Port Towns Gazette interview with Simon, go to: www.gazette.net/200307/porttowns/news/144049-1.html.

Recycling Bins

If your recycling bin has finally fallen apart, call Public Works 301-985-6583 and request a "free" new bin (and recycle the old one!).

Mulch/Compost Available

City of College Park offers delivery of mulch (unscreened compost) for \$20 delivery fee. Call CP Public Works at 301-474-4194. They also sell the SmartLeaf compost made from the leaves and grass clippings of several local towns.

Neighborhood Disputes

The county provides free mediation services for neighbor-to-neighbor disputes. Call 301-883-6170.

Street Lights

Have a nonworking street light on your block? Please get the number off the pole and call Pepco at 1-877-737-2662. Repairs are usually done in 72 hours.

Small Business Financing

The Prince George's Financial Services Corporation may be of help for startup businesses. Loans and advice are available. Call 301-883-6900, or visit www.pgpsc.com.

Storm Drain Retrofit Project

The State Highway Administration will be constructing experimental storm drain systems on Rhode Island Avenue. The project will involve a trench drain with special filtering on one side and three inlets each with special filtering on the other side of Rhode Island Avenue. The filtering is expected to produce cleaner discharge water to the Anacostia River.

Tree Planting Grant

The City received grant money from the state with matching county funds to plant 34 trees at several locations this fall.

From the Police Chief

How to Reach Us

For police service calls
(24 hours a day) 301-985-6565 / 66
For information/
admin offices 301-985-6580

Let's Get Serious About Auto Theft

Our City has been plagued by the crime of auto theft for sometime. Aggressive patrols, decoy cars, extra personnel on the street all help towards reducing the number of cars stolen in our City. The most important component in reducing auto theft is the car owner. If owners would follow a few of these suggestions, our auto theft rate would decline. In order to reduce the chance that your car will be stolen, please follow these tips.

- LOCK YOUR CAR AND TAKE THE KEYS, and
- Do not leave valuables in the car, or
- Packages in plain sight, and
- Park your car in a well lighted area, and
- Use an anti-theft device.

To learn more about auto theft preventions go on line to www.mdautotheft.org or contact the Department at 301-985-6565 / 66 and ask an officer to visit you for further information.

Reported Crime Continues to Drop

Part I crime in the City reported to the Department decreased by nine (9) percent during the first two quarters (January-June) of this year (2003). This most recent decrease follows a decrease in crime of five-percent experienced during the all of year 2002.

Crimes that experienced a decrease include: assault (-21%),

2002	TOTALS	2003	TOTALS	%CHANGE
HOMICIDE	1	HOMICIDE	1	0
RAPE	2	RAPE	2	0
ROBBERY	30	ROBBERY	33	10
ASSAULT	28	ASSAULT	22	-21
BURGLARY	30	BURGLARY	39	30
THEFT	81	LARCENY	75	-7
AUTO THEFT	100	AUTO THEFT	75	-25
TOTAL	272	TOTAL	247	-9

larceny/theft (-7 %) and auto theft (-25%). The crimes of burglary (30%) and robberies (10%) increased over the same six-month period as last year. Although all the crime numbers are relatively small, auto theft saw the most significant drop of twenty-

five (25) reported crimes from one hundred (100) to seventy-five (75). During the first half of this year, we averaged 41 reported crimes, that is down from a reported 45 per month a year ago.

Assault
3200 block of Queenstown Drive
3700 block of Shepard Street
3300 block of Chillum Road
3100 block of Queens Chapel road
3100 block of Queens Chapel Road
3200 block Rhode Island Avenue

Burglary
4200 block of 31st Street
3400 block of Perry Street
3500 block of Rhode Island Avenue
3100 block of Queens Chapel Road
3200 block Queens Chapel Road
3700 block 37th Street

Stolen Vehicle
3200 block of Perry Street
4600 block of 29th Street
4200 block of 31st Street

3300 block of Chillum Road
4300 block of Kaywood Drive
2100 block of Queens Chapel Road
3200 block of Perry Street
3500 block of Newton Street
3100 block of Webster Street
3200 block Upshur Street
3200 Upshur Street
3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue
3200 block Arundel Road
2500 block Allison Street
3000 block of Queens Chapel Road

Robbery
4200 block of Russell Avenue
4300 block of Kaywood Drive
4100 block Russell
3800 block of 34th Street
4600 block of 29th Street

City Manager Report

The Fiscal Year 2002 audit is finally completed. Copies of this report have been submitted to the Office of Legislative Services in Annapolis, Maryland, Community Development Administration in Crownsville, Maryland, Bank of America Government Banking Group in Baltimore, Maryland, and Maryland State Police in Baltimore, Maryland.

Of significant importance is the fact that the City of Mount Rainier experienced a deficit at June 30, 2002, totaling \$38,380. This combined with the deficit at June 30, 2001 of \$81,772 brings the two-year deficit total to \$120,152.

An analysis of this deficit is as follows:

- FY 2002 budget over estimated revenues by \$145,195
- Expenditures exceeded estimates by \$26,452
- Turnover in key personnel
- Internal problems with accounting software

Management intentions with regard to turning this deficit around and to ensure the general fund balance is restored includes:

- Conservative estimates of revenue
- Reduction of nonrevenue producing community organizations until the City's financial health improves
- Establishing an annual reserve capital of \$25,000
- Analysis of City owned/maintained streets to determine capital improvement needs
- Development of 2, 5, and 10 year strategic plans for the purchase and replacement of equipment and vehicle fleet
- Determine the City's infrastructure requirements
- Establish a budget for the cost estimates of implementing GASB 34 requirements

Council Highlights

- June 3—WSSC Presentation; Vote to approve Hiring Freeze; Vote to Delay 2nd reading and approval of FY 2004 Budget and Tax Rate to June 17, 2003
- June 10—Work Session—on Budget Amendments for FY 03
- June 17—Ordinance 7-2003—approving the FY 04 Budget Ordinance 8—2003 Emergency Ordinance to approve budget transfers for FY 03
- July 1—Ordinance 9-2003 to approve increase in fines charges for unpaid parking citations 1st reading and Ordinance 10- to approve FY 2004 Trash collection fees
- July 5—Special meeting of the council to discuss position description for Assistant City Manager, Bookkeeper, and Finance Director
- July 15—Public Hearing on Emergency Ordinance 8-2003 Budget Transfers, Resolution 15-2003 to surplus a Public Works vehicle; Resolution 16-2003 to Sponsor Mount Rainier Day

Annual Mt. Rainier Yard Sale

The annual Mt. Rainier Yard Sale Day is Saturday, September 6. Set up your wares in your front yard or garage from about 10:00–3:00. The standard \$5.00 yard sale permit is waived for this event. Clear out your closets and meet your neighbors at the same time!

Mount Rainier Day Returns

After a three-year hiatus, several community residents came together to form a committee to make it all possible. They are Barbara Goliday, Ophelia Baxter, Robert Taylor, Terence Hill, Gregory Sobers, Michelle Sust, Andre Williams, Jeannelle Wallace, Joan Avents and former Mayor Fred Sissine. This committee worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was successful.

Local talent performed, including vocalist Verlette Simon, comedian Brian Higgins who played acoustic guitar, and the Buffalo Baptist Church gospel choir. Councilmember Brooke Kidd and an instructor, from Joe's Movement Emporium, performed a traditional Thai dance. The morning performances were emceed by Dr. Lena Adams and by C/Musik in the afternoon.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) provided canopies, chairs, performance stage and trash receptacles. Festival sponsors included business owner Robert Taylor, Community-Vision Consultants, Nisey's Boutique and the Mount Rainier Business District Revitalization Association, Inc. Patrons included the Odd-Even Thrift and Antique Shop, W.F. Harper, Jr. & Son, Inc., Party Time Liquors, Giant Food, Inc., Shoppers Food Warehouse, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and the Washington Redskins Leadership Council. John Whitman Photography captured the event in photos.

Kudos to the Henson Valley Montessori School Steppers, the Jubilee Gospel Band, Phaze Band, Jett & L.O.C., and violinist Adina Williams for their performances. Thank you to Congressman Chris Van Hollen, State Senator Gwendolyn Britt, Delegates Doyle Niemann, Rosetta Parker and Victor Ramirez, PG County Executive Jack Johnson, PG County Council Chair Peter Shapiro, and PG County State's Attorney Glen Ivey for supporting the event.

Thank yous to Dr. Suresh Gupta, Abacus Corporation, GPS Glass, Inc., Mount Rainier Flowers, the King Family, and all the residents and businesses, along 34th Street, 35th St., Perry St., Rhode Island Ave., and Shepherd St., who were very supportive in allowing the committee to use their property for the festivities.

Last, but not least, special recognition must be given to the Mt. Rainier Police and Public Works departments for ensuring the safety of the parade participants, providing security during the day, setup and cleanup for the event. Officer Andre Williams was diligent in

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Ward 2 Report

By Councilwoman Malinda Miles

Apologies for the failed Meet and Greet, it rained ALL day. I am trying to get the monthly meetings scheduled. Until then, keep those emails and phone calls coming.

1. Toured the City with Mr. Gabay to visualize concerns in Ward 2—untagged vehicles in yards; trees overhanging sidewalks—streets, gutters and sidewalks in disrepair—uncut grass in public areas—bulk trash on sidewalks and in yards. (NOTE: *John Hines and his father-in-law cut the grass in the public spaces on 30th Street and Allison; Mary Jean Hayes gets Kudos for working on the tree box in front of her house.*) Inspector Tulip is assigned to Ward 2. Report violations to him at 301-985-6551.
2. Attended the photo shoot with Congressman Chris Van Hollen and had an opportunity to see the status of the renovation at old City Hall.
3. Attended the Police Community Forum. The meeting was informative. The City has been divided into four teams along Ward lines. Get to know your teams.
4. Citizens' Watch Groups are forming. E-mail me, if you wish to be the block captain for your block. Bob Huber on 30th Street has volunteered to be block captain in his block, and Sharon Marshall on 28th Street has volunteered to get involved in this effort.
5. Renovation at Queens Manor is underway. Lots of complaints from former residents. Mr. Gabay and I met with one of the supervisors regarding construction trash being improperly disposed. We were assured that their workers were disposing of their trash correctly. PLEASE

DISPOSE OF YOUR TRASH CORRECTLY. Check the *Message* or call Public Works (301-985-6558) with bulk trash questions.

6. Illegal parking at 30th and Allison contributes to the dangerous driving situation at that location. Public works knows the problem (unpainted curbs for no stopping or parking). Citizens should not park on or around the curbs, or near stop signs.
7. The City Treasurer resigned. If you or someone you know is a CPA, and looking for employment contact our City Manager at 301-985-6585, ext. 22 for more information.
8. The 47th Delegation has agreed to locate their headquarters in Mt. Rainier, and is waiting on a lease from the City. Congressman Chris Van Hollen and his team will move in soon.
9. Kudos to Regina Wardwell for volunteering to serve on a City committee. Citizen participation is the way to improve our City. Want to see change in the City? Volunteer your talents and services.
10. The Tree Commission needs volunteers— call City Hall, if this is an area of your expertise or one that you wish to acquire.
11. A big thank you to the Mt. Rainier Day Committee, especially, Robert, Ophelia, Barbara, Michelle and Fred for all of their hard work and effort. The Day was delightful, and well attended by the community. I, especially, enjoyed the entertainment, the information tables, and the FOOD!
12. Thank you to Senator Britt and Mr. Britt; Delegates Niemann and Parker; and all other officials and/or their representatives for participating in Mount Rainier Day.

13. Richardson Park is almost a DONE DEAL. The park is ready to come alive again with little people and their parents.
14. You've said that a Volunteer Mayor and Council Secretary was a good idea, and a small stipend is available. If interested and willing to give a minimum of four hours a week at Council meetings and work sessions, e-mail me at ward2@malindamiles.com or call Jeannelle Wallace 301-985-6585, ext. 22.

Home Repair Loans

The Special Targeted Applicant Rehabilitation Program (STAR) is a loan program offered by the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development. The purpose is to preserve owner-occupied single-family homes by bringing them up to applicable building standards. Loans have a zero percent interest rate and the loan is secured by a mortgage on the property. The program is aimed at very-low income residents. A single person household annual income range is \$11,500 to \$28,100. Two-person range is \$13,150 to \$32,120. Households with bad credit may qualify at higher income levels. For more information, contact Sylvia Brown at Councilman Peter Shapiro's office, 301-952-4436.

Inflammatory Breast Cancer: Know The Symptoms—It Could Save A Life

by Terri Mangel

www.ibcresearch.org/1-877-stop-ibc

This is a story of love, dedication, and a promise to help spread the word about a horrific form of breast cancer that took the life of my beautiful sister-in-law, Michaelene J. Deavers.

The horror for Michaelene started in May 2002 while on vacation visiting her son. On June 11, 2002, she was diagnosed with Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC). While none of her family knew just what IBC was, Michaelene did research on the internet and got involved with the IBC support group. Inflammatory Breast Cancer is the most aggressive and advanced form of breast cancer. IBC is frequently misdiagnosed, resulting in the delay of proper treatment and wasted precious time. Immediate treatment is critical. You don't have to have a lump to have breast cancer (something I always believed you did until I went to the IBC website to read up on this cancer that had invaded my sister-in-law). On Nov. 5, 2002, Michaelene passed away. Although she lived a very short time with this cancer, I believe that she had accepted her fate. Michaelene always believed that there was a reason for everything and the IBC was just another challenge for her soul, the spirit in her was very uplifting...

In honor of Michaelene's memory, I have decided to reach out to all my neighbors to let you know about IBC. For more information on Inflammatory Breast Cancer and its symptoms, please visit the website or call them and they will be happy to send you a brochure on IBC.

Thank you to the Mount Rainier *Message* for your help in getting the word out about IBC, and to the residents for taking the time to read my story.

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acquiring the support of police departments from various jurisdictions throughout PG County, designing the parade route and organizing the parade participants. Party Time Liquors and Thrifty Car Rental also deserve special mention for donating vehicles for the parade. Thanks to the Mayor and City Council for sponsoring and supporting this festive occasion.

The event organizers are committed to hosting an even bigger and greater event next year. We look forward to upcoming details and fundraisers throughout the year.

The Mt. Rainier Day Committee would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who helped make Mt. Rainier Day 2003 a tremendous success:

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Abacus Corporation
Avondale Citizens Association (Christopher Pohlhaus, Board Member and Former President)
Dr. Lena Adams
Africare
American Red Cross of Prince George's County
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
Anacostia Watershed Society
John Barringer
Baskin & Barnes
Berwyn Heights Police Department
Bethesda International Church
Bladensburg Police Department
State Senator Gwendolyn Britt
Buffalo Baptist Church
Brydson Variety
Casa de Maryland
Kim Chheng
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Christian Family Montessori School
Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts, University of Maryland
Community-Vision Consultants
District of Columbia, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5-A (Margaret Thompson)
Edmonston Police Department
Face Painting with Alex and Parcy
First Baptist Church of Mt. Rainier
Forest Heights Police Department
Flex Car (WMATA)
Friends of the Mount Rainier Library
Friends of the Mount Rainier Library "Cat" volunteer
G&A Discount Store
Gateway Community Devel. Corp.
Giant Food, Inc.
Catherine Giles
Glut Food Coop
Go-Kart Steve
Good Food Service
GPS Glass, Inc.
Greater Rock Creek Baptist Church
Suresh C. Gupta, M.D.
W.F. Harper, Jr. & Sons
Henson Valley Montessori Steppers
Brian Higgins, guitarist
Jett & L.O.C.
Joe's Movement Emporium
Sandra Joseph
Jubilee Gospel Band
Terry Kelly (Message)
King Family
Latin American Folk Institute
Latino Youth Center (Lou Vivas)
Little Friends for Peace
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
Maryland State Police (College Park)
Meridian Dance D.I.V.A.S.
Metropolitan Branch Trail
Charmin Miner
Mount Rainier Business Association
Mount Rainier City Government
Mount Rainier Flowers
Mount Rainier Green Party

Mount Rainier Police Department
Mount Rainier Volunteer Fire Department
Mr. Flavor
Mr. Soft
Musical Thirds Records
C/Musik (Forsightttt INC.)
Nette's Designs
Delegate Doyle Niemann
Neighbors United for Justice and Peace
Nisey's Boutique
Odd-Even Thrift Antique Shop
Oni Computer Tech & Career Training Center
"Out of Chaos"/Nature Notes
Delegate Rosetta Parker
Party Time Liquors
Perfect Sound
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company
Phaze Band
Prince George's County Council Chair Peter Shapiro (Nora Eidelman, representative)
Prince George's County Stream Teams (Department of Environmental Resources)
Prince George's County District Police
Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson (Will Campos, representative)
Prince George's County Health Department Food Protection Program
Prince George's County Memorial Library System
Prince George's County State's Attorney Glen Ivey (Greg Shaffer, representative)
Prince George's Hospital Center
Stanley Prusch, former Mayor of Mount Rainier (1983-1989)
Delegate Victor Ramirez (Cris Mendosa, representative)
Retta's Hot Dog Cart
Residents and business owners on 34th Street, 35th Street, Perry Street,
Rhode Island Avenue, and Shepherd Street
Riverdale Park Police Department
Baltimore Rodriguez
Seat Pleasant Police Department
Shoppers Food Warehouse
Verlette Simon
Six Amigos (Robert Taylor)
Spice Island Sounds Production, Int.
Suburban Signs
Tawna's Thai Restaurant
Teresa's Treasure Trove (Anthony Hall)
Thrifty Car Rental
University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service (Prince George's County Master Gardeners)
Congressman Chris Van Hollen (Marcus Jackson, representative)
Bob and Regina Wardwell
Warren and the other gentleman who helped us weed and clean the festival area (Hope your pot roast didn't burn.)
Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis (WB&A) Trail
Washington Redskins Leadership Council
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
We the People
John Whitman Photography
Adina Williams
Nick Williams ("Man on Stilts")
Woodridge Citizens Association (Martha Pappano, representative)
Thank you, God! Thank you all!

Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm
City Hall lower level

Town Center Design Review

Committee—2nd Weds., 6:15 pm
MRBA—2nd Weds., 6:30 pm

Gateway Municipalities CDC—2nd
Thurs., 7:00–9:00 pm,
4102 Webster St.

Friends of Library
(mtrainierfol.org)—Monday,
7:30 pm, Community Vision, 34th St.
Yard Waste

In Dec., Jan., and Feb., yard waste
collections will occur on the second
Mon., by prior appointment only. Call
301-985-6558 to make an appt.

August–September calendar

- Aug. 1 Recycling Collection
- Aug. 4 Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
- Aug. 5 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 6 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Aug. 8 Recycling Collection
- Aug. 11 Yard Waste
- Aug. 12 Council Worksession, 7 pm
- Aug. 13 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)

Town Center Design Review Committee Meeting, 6:15 pm
- Aug. 15 Recycling Collection
- Aug. 18 Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
- Aug. 20 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)

Town Center Design Review Committee Meeting, 6:15 pm
- Aug. 22 Recycling Collection
- Aug. 25 Yard Waste
- Aug. 27 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Aug. 29 Recycling Collection
- Sept. 1 LABOR DAY, CITY HALL CLOSED

- Sept. 2 Council meeting and public hearing on urban renewal plan, 7 pm

Yard Waste and Bulk Trash by appointment
- Sept. 3 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Sept. 5 Recycling Collection
- Sept. 6 Annual Mt. Rainier Yard Sale, 10–3
- Sept. 8 Yard Waste
- Sept. 9 Council worksession, 7 pm
- Sept. 10 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Sept. 12 Recycling Collection
- Sept. 15 Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
- Sept. 17 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Sept. 19 Recycling Collection
- Sept. 22 Yard Waste
- Sept. 24 Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
- Sept. 26 Recycling Collection
- Sept. 29 Yard Waste

Note
The City Council will not hold regular meetings in August.

Recycling Saves Money

Help keep City expenses down, and benefit the environment by recycling on Fridays. The City saves on the fee charged for dumping regular trash (charge per ton) when we divert items to the recycling bins. The fee for recycled materials is much less.

Use your yellow bins for mixed glass, plastic, and metals (no need to separate them). Bundle newspapers or put them in boxes or paper bags. Also recycle “junk” mail, cardboard, cereal boxes, magazines, and those heavy telephone books. If Friday is a holiday, save it for the next Friday. If you need a new bin, call Public Works, 301-985-6583.

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**Deadline for the
September Message
is August 18.**

Important Numbers

City Hall open: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Police Department admin. offices open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Public Works open 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

47th District Reps
301-858-3745
Sen. Gwendolyn Britt
301-858-3326
Del. Doyle Niemann
Del. Rosetta Parker
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's e-mail:
MRPDChief@covad.net
301-985-6565 (emergency calls)
301-985-6566 (nonemergency calls)
301-985-6591 TIPS/COPS line
301-985-6590 (administrative)

City Public Works 301-985-6583,
Bulk Trash Appts. 301-985-6558

Child Abuse
and Neglect Hotline
301-699-8605

Consumer Affairs
301-470-7534

County Animal Control
301-499-8301

County Building Permits
301-883-5784

County Council
301-952-3700

County Councilman
Peter Shapiro
301-952-4436

County Executive
Jack Johnson
301-952-4131

Energy Assistance
301-422-5110

Family Services
301-699-2680

Fire Department
301-927-8657 (non-emergency)
911 (emergency)

Gazette Circulation
301-670-7350

Health Department
301-386-0300

Library 301-864-8937
Hours: M-W 10-7 (closed 2-3)
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
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Live Wire, Other Emergency
202-872-3432

Post Office
301-864-5168

Public Defender
301-699-2760

Public Schools
301-952-6000

State's Attorney
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Washington Gas Light
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