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Appointment of New Ward Two Councilmember, Forum Scheduled for Saturday, October 11

The City Charter provides that in the event of a council seat vacancy, the remaining council member of that ward will put a list of up to three names on a list from which the Council will appoint a replacement. The recent resignation of Brooke Kidd gives Ward Two Councilmember Miles the responsibility of producing the list. The appointment will take place on Tues., Oct. 21 at the regular council meeting.

Councilmember Miles has received a number of resumes of Ward Two residents interested in filling the vacancy. The forum will be Sat., Oct. 11, 3

to 5 p.m. at the Mount Rainier Nature Center, 31st and Arundel Road. The forum will be held in the morning at either City Hall or the Nature Center. Mayor Denney will moderate the forum. Please contact City Hall or a Councilmember to get the exact details.

Notices will be placed on the cable public-access channel and the city website. The plan is to have the candidates themselves choose the top three candidates from the result of the forum. Those names will then be submitted to the Council on Oct. 21. The person appointed will serve until May 2005.

Halloween 2003

"Weather permitting" this year Halloween is celebrated on October 31 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Our officers will be available to escort trick-or-treaters during this time. Parents must bring their children to either Thomas Stone Elementary or City Hall to be teamed up with an officer who will take them on a planned route. Parent chaperons are encour-

aged to walk with us. Parents are responsible for their children during the escort. If you plan to use the escort service you and your child must be at either location by 6:45 p.m., officers will leave promptly at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 301-985-6580.

City departments will be closed to observe Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 13. Yard waste will be picked up on Tues., Oct. 14.

Leaf Vacuuming Schedule, See Page 4

Mayor's Report

by Mayor Bryan Knedler

Hurricane Isabel

Hopefully by the time you read this, PEPCO will have gotten all the lights back on! Thankyou to all who were patient and realized the enormity of the job. Isabel was a huge storm even if the rain and winds were not as severe here as predicted. We did experience a number of downed trees and wires. While some areas did not experience any outage, and most of the city was up and running on the evening of Sun. Sept. 21, there were areas that suffered a secondary outage caused when the power surge started fires in trees. In addition to calls that I made, I know that State Sen. Gwendolyn Britt, Del. Doyle Niemann, and County Council Chair Shapiro's office made phone calls to Pepco in attempts to hurry the repairs.

Special thanks to the city staff and fire department personnel. The police officers continued to patrol through the dark streets and public works had extraordinary chores with all the downed trees.

The seniors at Rainier Manor were the focus of a Red Cross operation on Sun. Sept. 21st. I was called that morning and informed that there were seniors who had not been able to leave the 2nd and 3rd floors because of the power outages and some may have been without food. The Red Cross asked me to find volunteers to deliver meals to these shut-ins. Within an hour, over 25 people had assembled to help! It was gratifying to see the quick response from city residents in a short time. Several residents with medical backgrounds also assessed the medical needs of the residents. I am not going to attempt to provide all the volunteers' names for fear of forgetting someone, but I do know that the several members of the Neighbors United for Justice and

Peace responded. Elected officials included myself, Delegates Niemann and Ramirez, and Councilmember Gandee. The Riverdale IHOP provided the breakfasts for 100 seniors on Sun. morning. The Giant Pharmacy across from Rainier Manor was very cooperative and helped Councilmember Gandee get insulin supplied to several diabetics. And special thanks to Annie Williams of the Prince George's Chapter of the Red Cross for her intervention.

City Finances

According to the FY 2002 audit results, the City had a general fund deficit of about \$125,000. Since that time, city staff discovered that about \$60,000 in a special projects bank account was never transferred to the general fund. This has now been done to reduce the carryover deficit for FY 2003.

We have borrowed on our line of credit to keep afloat and our line of credit is nearly exhausted. We have zero money in the bank as reserves. We will begin to receive the property tax revenues in October, but that does not really pay off the deficit—all current tax revenue will be needed to pay for this year's expenses. This deficit goes back several years and it is time the Council addresses the issue head on. We knew from the auditors that a new deficit of around \$30,000 was likely for FY02—in fact, the FY04 budget approval was delayed so we would know that number. We do not yet know whether just-ended FY03 (July 02 to June 03) will also end in deficit—if so, that amount will be added to the existing amount.

Councilmember Gandee has asserted in a Port Towns Gazette letter that the overall deficit is actually over \$200,000. She bases this on a deficit noted in the capital

projects fund of approximately \$120,000. This is an amount that has been expended but not reimbursed from the state grant funds for the police station project. The audit also notes that about \$130,000 remains in that account for us. The state has confirmed this and our auditors have told us that once those funds are claimed, the capital projects deficit will be reduced. The city staff is working on sorting out why this money remains unclaimed.

The City Manager is making valiant progress in cutting costs, consolidating dozens of vendor contracts so they can be better monitored, and being hard-nosed about approving purchases.

Many of you have asked, "Where does all the money go?" Three problems have hit us. First, the county and state have decreased our revenues significantly. Secondly, expenses like insurance premiums have soared. Thirdly, our infrastructure can no longer wait for repairs. We had to buy a new truck with snow plow, a police car, and a new trash truck (last year). In past years, the Council has been overly optimistic in revenue projections that were not met. So, it is not so much a matter of where the money was spent, but rather a problem of never collecting it to begin with. While our city departments regularly under spend their budgets, the insufficient revenues do not cover even those tightened budgets.

Meanwhile, we now need (but can't afford) more police officers for a city our size, more help at public works, more help in the finance office (the auditors tell us this), and a dozen other things. We must offer competitive salaries and health insurance plans to recruit good employees—but we compete with

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The Art of Compromise

by Mayor Bryan Knedler

The Gateway Arts District is the engine of a revitalized Mount Rainier. County and state officials have provided funding. The City Council has supported the arts as the key to attracting restaurants, coffeeshops, and thriving small businesses. Beyond that, a fundamental art form—the art of compromise—is necessary if the art district is to succeed.

I recognize that not everyone is solidly behind the concept of the arts district. Some residents may feel left out, have no interest in revitalization, or resent the proposed changes to the neighborhood. Their public officials, however, should recognize that the economic survival of our city depends on homebuyers and entrepreneurs who after all will be investing their life savings and then living with the results for the next few decades. I have heard no other viable ideas for how to revitalize the city. Mount Rainier is competing for these special people with enough vision to put their dollars into our economy rather than with outside-the-beltway suburbs. Our surrounding sister cities like Hyattsville are also attempting to attract young homebuyers and new business-people.

Our business district is narrow and residents' homes are always within a block of commercial enterprise. Conflicts over noise, aesthetics, and parking are inevitable. But if we dig in our heels and refuse to compromise, or at least consider a compromise, the revitalization dollars will go elsewhere.

We are in danger of seeing this happen with the loss of Joe's Movement Emporium, one of our success stories and a business that has generated positive media attention numerous times. A business that provides children's afterschool programming and summer camps (something I have heard that residents desperately desire and that the city can not afford to provide). A business that has attracted other businesses and new residents. A keystone to the Gateway Arts District.

Joe's currently leases space. To survive increasing rental rates and rising real estate prices, Joe's must buy a permanent home very soon. Being committed to our city, Joe's put a contract on the Direct Mail warehouse on Bunker Hill Road. Joe's

would be able to expand its programs, help more children, and create more foot traffic for other small businesses. And, clean up a major eyesore! (a suggestion that Joe's move to the old Kaywood Theater on Varnum St. is a nonstarter since the theater is only for lease, and that would put Joe's no closer to owning a home).

To help with the purchase of the site, the Gateway Community Development Corporation was preparing an application to the state Community Legacy Program for a \$100,000 grant and \$150,000 low-interest loan. The state requires that the city provide a letter of support. The Council failed to do this in September (Knedler/Miles voted yes; Haamid, no; Gandee, abstained). Now Joe's may need to look for a new home outside Mount Rainier.

Opponents cited concerns about parking. While Direct Mail could provide 16 spaces, adequate for most classes, Joe's might have occasionally attracted 150 people to its proposed theater. Nearly everyone acknowledges this would create a need for street parking or creation of a nearby public parking lot. This is where compromise could have allowed the city to support the bid for a quarter of a million dollars (at no cost to the city) and protected the parking of nearby residents. Even if Joe's were lucky enough to receive the state funds for the site purchase, it would be several years before enough money could be raised to renovate the space. Plenty of time to ask the state and county to help us build a municipal parking lot. In fact, the county Revenue Authority is already looking at potential sites for parking. The county did not designate an arts district and overlook the need to provide parking. In addition, a residential parking zone could have been created to protect the residents' spaces on 33rd St. and Bunker Hill Rd. All of this was known to the Council prior to the vote. In fact, I offered a compromise to insert language into the letter acknowledging the problem and promising to find solutions. This was rejected with little discussion (Miles/Knedler, yes; Haamid/Gandee, no).

We also heard that evening from a Maryland-National Capital Park and

Planning official that zoning rules would require that Joe's provide enough parking to support the new facility. County approval would not occur without this.

A petition of opposition was presented to the Council. More than 80 signatures (several from 33rd St., although I note that many of the signers live many blocks away from the proposed site and at least two did not live in the city at all). Some signers noted they supported Joe's but wanted parking issues resolved. That is the type of compromise approach that should have prevailed.

Complaints were also raised that Joe's had not informed its potential new neighbors about the facility. While Joe's can be faulted for a lack of communication (a community meeting was held once this complaint was raised), refusing to support an otherwise workable project on these grounds not only punishes Joe's but also the city's children and small businesses that would have reaped benefits.

Rejecting a bid for hard to find state funding in this economic climate sends the wrong message to the state and county. There are plenty of other towns looking for those dollars. Del. Doyle Niemann warned of this prior to the vote.

Parking will continue to be a problem until we find a solution, and what we need is a solution-oriented approach to our economic development. Some residents will be inconvenienced by a successful arts district. They will also benefit by lower residential taxes, less crime, creation of jobs, children's programming, and occupied storefronts. We need to find ways to lessen those negative impacts. I have faith in our community to accomplish that task.

I will be asking the Council to establish a parking task force of residents and businessowners to work with the county and state on developing adequate parking to support the future restaurants and entertainment venues. The signers of the petition opposing the letter of support for Joe's can be part of the discussion to find solutions to the parking problem, but Joe's will not get a second chance. We end up with a vacant warehouse. Artful compromise could have prevented this tragedy.

Peace Rode Into the Gateway Cities On a “Train”

by Jerry Park

Little Friends for Peace partnered with Gateway Community Development Corporation, Glut Food Co-op and Shoppers Food Warehouse to conduct two weeks of Summer Peace Camps for 4–11 year old children. The themes this year were, “Hop on the Peace Train” and “Plant Peace.”

The first week of camp happened at Cora B. Wood Senior Center in Brentwood. Through their windows to the center’s back yard, seniors observed the campers construct a cardboard Peace Train and play cooperative games. Then they joined the campers in assembling a quilt that depicted their hopes for peace. These hopes surfaced during interviews conducted by the older campers. Mary Ann Welter of Mount Rainier led the process. Her neighbors, Mary Best and Sayuri, helped the younger campers show their hopes for peace by making “Dreamcatchers” and “Peace Cranes” respectively.

Teen and adult counselors from the Gateway cities of Brentwood, Mount Rainier and beyond led the campers in learning peace songs and dramatizing peacemaking heroes.

Then they learned and practiced step by step the method for resolving a conflict that they painted on the

outside of each car in their Peace Train.

The second week took place at Mount Rainier Nature/Recreation Center where campers identified their peak experiences of peace and the contributions their families, their “roots,” bring to our community. They, too, practiced the Peace Train approach to Loving Your Enemy—and winning together!

Mount Rainier gardener, Kathy Shollenberger, demonstrated the cooperation needed between a seed, the soil, water, sun and air that the plants need in order to live and grow. Then they planted two butterfly bushes to start a Peace Garden on a knoll at 30th Street and Arundel Road. A little Peace Garden Club is watching over it and looking for new members. Call Little Friends for Peace Director, Mary Joan or Jerry Park, with questions: 301-927-5474.

On September 21, the larger community paraded with them from Thomas Stone Elementary School to dedicate the gift of their garden - by planting a Peace Pole that says, “May Peace Be in our Homes and Communities.” Photos of the camp, the parade and the dedication can be found on Little Friends for Peace website, www.Lffp.org.

Mount Rainier VFD Name Change

It is with great pleasure that the Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Rainier, Maryland, Inc. announces, that with our consolidation and imminent move into the new Bunker Hill Fire Station, the Officers and members of the Volunteer Fire Department have unanimously decided, to better reflect/ identify our new home and expanded service coverage area, to change the name of our corporation. Effective immediately, The Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Rainier, Maryland, Inc. will be known as: THE BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, Inc.

Public Works News

October–December 2003 Leaf Schedule

Full leaf vacuuming is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The schedule below will be followed weather permitting. In order to have your leaves vacuumed, please follow the schedule and rake your leaves to the curb. Here are a few reminders:

- Rake your leaves at least 24 hours before the crew is expected to begin your block.
- Rake your leaves to the curb without blocking the roadway.
- Please keep rocks, bricks, branches, brush, metal, or any other objects away from raked leaves.
- If leaves are in bags, they will not be vacuumed.

The Public Works Department will make an effort to stay on schedule and you can help us by following the reminders above.

AREA 3

October 28 & 30

3800–4600 30th St.
3800–4500 31st St.
3000–3100 Perry St.
2900–3100 Bunker Hill Rd.
3000–3100 Shepherd St.
3000–3200 Taylor St.
3000 Upshur St.

AREA 2

November 4 & 6

4000–4200 28th St.
4000–4500 29th St.
2800–2900 Shepherd St.
2800–2900 Taylor St.
2800–2900 Upshur
2800 Webster St.

The rest of the November schedule and the full December schedule will be published in the November issue of the *Message*.

FEMA Assistance for Storm Drainage

by City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace

Prince George's County is still in recovery status according to Baltimore Gas and Electric (BG&E) and PEPSCO. Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Office of Emergency Preparedness of PG County have informed us that there is possible relief available to victims of Hurricane Isabel. First and foremost, all individual property owners should contact their respective homeowners insurance to determine if they are eligible for assistance. Once this has been done and the insurance provider informs the owner that the policy does not cover the specific problem, the property owner should then contact FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA to file an application. Please be patient when making the call. The approximate wait time for a live voice response is one (1) minute. Keep in mind that this call center is responding to call for the states of NC, VA, and MD. FEMA has informed us that homeowners should document all problems associated with this disaster that have affected you, including water damage, destruction of property, etc. Save all receipts for repairs, etc. Once a representative has answered your call, a 20 minute interview will be conducted to ascertain a property owner's eligibility for assistance. Homeowners applying for individual assistance have 60 days from the date of the declaration of a State Emergency call for assistance. This 6-day window began on Friday, Sept. 19, 2003. This means that you have until Dec. 19, 2003 to file an application. FEMA states that their primary eligibility category for individual assistance is to ensure that homeowners have a safe, secure, and sanitary place to live.

The City of Mount Rainier in conjunction with other municipalities in PG County will be applying for

Public Disaster Recovery Assistance. FEMA representatives were here on Wed., Sept. 24, 2003 to review the storm damage in the City with the City Manager and members of Public Works Department. Representatives will return in approximately two weeks to hand out flyers and other pertinent information for disaster relief.

The City is taking other measures as well. Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Senator Gwendolyn Britt, and members of the 47th Delegation have been contacted and are working diligently to assist the City with getting power restored to the entire City. The City Council and manage-

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DC, the counties, and wealthier nearby towns.

Cuts will be proposed to cover the deficit, but we should not over-react. We should wait until the FY 2003 audit provides us with a more reliable financial picture before making drastic cuts. The audit should be completed in November. Meanwhile, smaller budget adjustments are prudent.

Update on Some Vacant Properties

Public Works Director, Ed Gabay, has informed the Council that the following two properties have been condemned, the owners notified, and preparations are being made to raze the buildings: 3210 Perry St. and 3502 37th St. This process will include getting approvals from the various utilities and other requirements, but the process is underway. The city will bill the owners for the cost of demolition and if not paid, a lien will be placed on the properties to assure that we recoup the money.

Christmas in April

Application deadline for the April 2004 Christmas in April projects is

ment staff will be working on updating the City's Emergency Plan to better assist residents in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the departments of public safety and public works for their efforts during this trying time. The City was open operational during the storm on Thurs. and Fri. when most other governments and jurisdictions were closed. I thank the citizens for their patience and understanding during this difficult time. I have been in daily contact with the PEPSCO supervisors concerning the dilemma on 35th and 36th Streets. Please feel free to contact me at 301-985-6585.

Nov. 1, 2003. Applicants must be elderly or disabled, of low to moderate income and own and live in the home to be repaired. Scope of work can include yard work, interior painting, installation of smoke detectors, replacing old appliances. Repairs must be completed in 6 to 8 hours. Contact a councilmember for the application form, or call 301-868-0937.

Peace Garden Planted

I attended the dedication of a Peace Garden at the corner of Arundel and 30th St. on Sept. 21st. A "peace" pole was planted by a group of children and adults led by M.J. and Jerry Park. Let's hope that garden grows. MNCPP provided the space. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Thomas Stone Playground Cleanup

A group of volunteers will spruce up the Thomas Stone E.S. playground on Sat., Oct. 25. They hope to repaint the old play equipment. Contact Angela Blocker at the Gateway CDC for details and time. 301-864-3860.

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

Crime Drops

In the second quarter of this year (2003), we experienced a nine (9) percent decrease in overall crime. This is still a significant decrease but is also significantly less than the thirty-five (35) percent decrease in the first quarter. Burglary and robbery continue to experience increases of thirty (30) and ten (10) percent respectively. Although the percentages are large, the overall increase in robberies is three (3) and burglary nine (9).

Crimes that experienced a decrease include: assault (-21%), larceny/theft (-7%) and auto theft (-21%). The continued decrease in crime is directly related to the efforts of our officers and staff through "Team Policing." Officers are highly visible during patrol, are stopping suspicious persons and recording their information, doing knock and talk and using crime statistics to direct their efforts. The officer's efforts in follow up of crimes also show ownership of crime issues.

Our most recent crime figures through August indicate that our margin of crime reduction is slipping but we are still four (-4%) where we were last year.

Knock and Talk Leads to Drug Seizure

We recently served a search warrant in the 3700 block of 36th street. The target was a suspected methamphetamine laboratory operating on the top floor. We worked with the County Police, Fire Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration when serving this warrant. Seized during the raid were guns, chemicals, methamphetamine base product and methamphetamine valued at up to \$5,600. An over the counter product used in production this drug is cold or sinus tablets that are cooked down to a paste to excrete ephedrine. Since the chemicals used to make the drug are extremely volatile, the house was treated as a hazardous material site and agents wore chemical suits to dismantle the laboratory. Information regarding the lab was received directly as a result of our "knock and talk" efforts in that community. Knock and talk is part of our "Team Policing" that sends officers door-to-door and speak directly to residents and people on the street.

Officer of the Month

Since January, we have recognized officer's performance directly related to the number of arrests they make monthly. Winners have included POFC John Hosinski, POFC Mark Ferencin, POFC Jefferson Herriott and Officer Christine Fekete.

August 2003 Statistics

Assault-(4)
3700 block of Wells Ave.
4700 block of 31st St.
3200 block of Otis St.
3200 block of Chillum Rd.
Breaking and Entering-3
3300 block of Chauncey Place
4700 block of 31st Place
4200 block of Russell Ave.
Robberies-(8)
3300 block of Chauncey Place(2)
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.(2)
2300 block of Varnum St.
3400 block of Newton St.
4000 block of 36th St.
4600 block of 27th St.
Stolen Autos-(21)
3400 block of Shepard St.
2900 block of Allison St.(2)
4000 block of 30th St.
4100 block of Rainier Ave.
3300 block of Buchanan St.
4200 block of 28th St.
4200 block of Russell Ave.(2)
3800 block of 34th St.
4600 block of 25th St.
3200 block of Queenstown Dr.(2)
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave(2).
2700 block of Allison St.
4200 block of 32nd St.
4200 block of 31st St.
4400 block of 28th Pl.
3100 block of Queens Chapel Rd.
3700 block of 35th St.
Thefts-(33)
3500 block of Newton Pl.
2300 block of Varnum St.(2)
3200 block of Chillum Rd.(2)
3200 block of Queenstown Dr.(3)
2700 block of Allison St.(3)
3300 block of Chauncey Pl.
3100 block of Queens Chapel Rd.(4)
4200 block of Russell Ave. (2)
4200 block of Kaywood Dr.
4300 block of Eastern Ave.
3300 block of Chillum Rd.
3700 block of 34th St.
3700 block of 37th St.
3700 block of Wells Ave.
4100 block of Russell Ave.(2)
3500 block of Rhode Island Ave.
4700 block of 30th St.
3700 block of 36th St.
4000 block of 34th St.
3200 block of Queens Chapel Rd.
3200 block of Rhode Island Ave.(2)
Arrests-(20)

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.

October–November calendar

Oct. 1	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)	Nov. 3	Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
Oct. 3	Recycling Collection	Nov. 5	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
Oct. 6	Bulk Trash and Yard Waste	Nov. 7	Recycling Collection
Oct. 8	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)	Nov. 10	Yard Waste
Oct. 10	Recycling Collection	Nov. 12	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
Oct. 11	FORUM, Ward Two Councilmember, call City Hall for more information, 301-985-6585	Nov. 14	Recycling Collection
Oct. 13	COLUMBUS DAY, CITY HALL CLOSED	Nov. 17	Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
Oct. 14	Yard Waste	Nov. 19	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
Oct. 15	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)	Nov. 21	Recycling Collection
Oct. 17	Recycling Collection	Nov. 24	Yard Waste
Oct. 20	Bulk Trash and Yard Waste	Nov. 26	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)
Oct. 21	Ward Two Councilmember Appointment, 7 pm, City Hall	Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING, CITY HALL CLOSED
Oct. 22	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)	Nov. 28	Recycling Collection
Oct. 24	Recycling Collection		
Oct. 25	Thomas Stone E.S. playground cleanup, 301-864-3860		
Oct. 27	Yard Waste		
Oct. 29	Regular Trash Collection (all items in cans with tight-fitting lids required)		
Oct. 31	Recycling Collection		

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
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is October 20.**

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
(you must give the 10-digit phone
number or 10-digit account number
for location of outage)
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
301-952-3500
Washington Gas Light
703-750-2500
WSSC
301-206-8000
301-206-4002 (emergency)

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